

# PM biased against state, claims Gill

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RAJASANSI, OCTOBER 3  
"Prime Minister Manmohan Singh should not shy

away from undertaking major development projects to turn his home state into a model state," said Dr M.S. Gill, a Rajya Sabha

member, here today.

He made these remarks after flagging off the Air India Express Delhi-Amritsar-Dubai flight at the international airport here.

Expressing displeasure at the present state of the airport, Dr Gill said he would urge the Prime Minister to visit the airport and announce a grant to upgrade it.

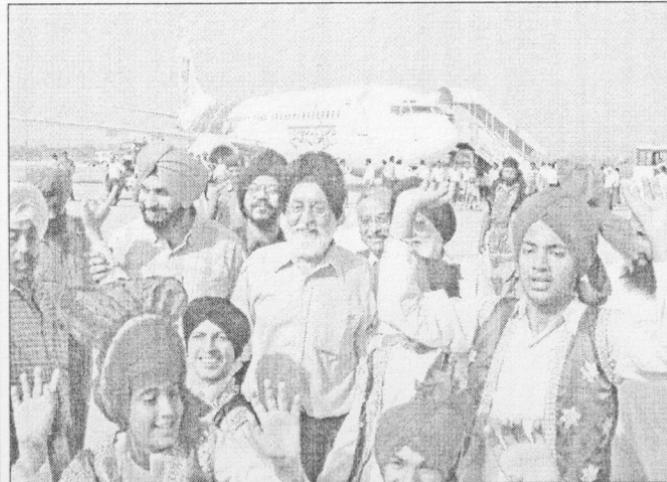
Dr Gill said the Prime Minister seemed to be biased against the state and should come out with grants for projects to usher in a new era of prosperity in the border state.

Endorsing the views of Dr Gill, Mr Navjot Singh Sidhu said the Prime Minister should take personal initiative and offer a grant for the total revamp of the airport

which should act as economic pivot for the overall development of the holy city. Quoting extensively from various study reports on airports, Mr Sidhu said the growth of an airport reflected on the prosperity of that region. He said at present more than 40 per cent of the traffic and cargo load at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, emanated from Punjab.

He alleged that the Centre was deliberately neglecting the people of this border district. He urged the Civil Aviation Minister, Mr Praful Patel, to convene a meeting of the parliamentary panel on civil aviation at Amritsar to monitor the facilities and focus on the revamp of the existing infrastructure.

## Amritsar gets new air link to the Gulf



Mr M.S. Gill and Mr Navjot Singh Sidhu, both MPs, along with a bhangra troupe at the launch of the Air-India Express Delhi-Amritsar-Dubai flight at Rajasansi in Amritsar on Tuesday. Tribune photo: Rajiv Sharma

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The Punjabi workforce employed in Gulf countries has been provided a new link with its home state with the launch of a no-frill Air-India Express Delhi-Amritsar-Dubai flight here today.

Dr M.S. Gill, a member of the Rajya Sabha, the man behind the starting of the three-days-a-week

flight, flagged off the low-budget flight as a troupe performed bhangra.

Dr Gill said it was a great moment, especially for the large Punjabi workforce in West Asia. He said with the induction of new and bigger aircraft into the Air-India fleet, more flights would start operations by next year.

Dr Gill felt that the national flag carriers Air-

India and Indian should provide more domestic and international connectivity to the state. He pointed out that the city had emerged as one of the most important religious and tourist centres in the country and he was dismayed to learn that Indian was not operating a single domestic flight.

Mr Navjot Singh Sidhu was also present on the occasion.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF VENUE - INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICERS - 5TH & 6TH OCTOBER, 2006.

It is intimated for the information of the candidates that interview for the post of Senior Medical Officer in the Health Department, Haryana shall now be held on 5th & 6th October, 2006 in the Committee Room of Haryana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Sahkarita Bhawan, Bays 21-22 (Near Petrol Pump), Sector 2, Panchkula, instead of Red Bishop, Haryana Tourism Complex, Panchkula.

For Sd/- Additional Director (Admn.)  
Director General, Health Services-  
cum-Member Secretary High  
Powered Selection Committee,  
Sector 6, Panchkula.

### DETAILED TENDER NOTICE

**Punjab State Tubewell Corporation Ltd.**  
Lining Division No. 8, Bathinda.

Tender Notice No. 03/06 Dated 3.10.2006

Sealed tenders on through rates & item rate basis are hereby invited on work order basis for construction of field channels (Lining of water courses) for following work (falling in Bathinda district) on prescribed tender from the L & C Societies.

The tender forms costing Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) will be on sale in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Lining Division No. 8, PSTC Bathinda from 5.10.06 to 24.10.06 on all working days from 10.00 a.m.

## 4 held for stealing vehicles

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BATHINDA, OCTOBER 3

The police has arrested four persons for stealing vehicles. Seven cars were also recovered from their possession.

Those arrested have been identified as Sajjan Singh,

Modha Singh, Gurdev Singh and Lehri Singh. A case has been registered against them under Sections 379, 411, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120B of the IPC. The accused confessed to have been involved in vehicle thefts in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi.