

*A Festival of Democracy:* **INDIA: GENERAL ELECTION 2024: Punjab State:**

### **India: General Election 2024: Interference by Khalistanis**

**PART 1.:Amritpal's entry to the Lok Sabha polls causes a big flutter in Punjab:**

The decision of the Sikh separatist radical Amritpal Singh to contest from the **Khadoor Sahib Lok Sabha seat**, as an independent candidate, is expected to revive the separatist Khalistani elements in Punjab.



*GURUDWARA SHRI DARBAR SAHIB KHADOOR SAHIB,  
Tarn Taran Distt., Punjab State, India*

Amritpal Sandhu, who along with nine of his other associates, has been in the Dibrugarh central jail in Assam for almost a year under the National Security Act.

The radical Sikh leader, who had been on the run for some time, was arrested in Moga district last year and was moved to the Dibrugarh jail on April 23, 2023.

The self-styled Khalistani preacher, of *Punjab De Waris*, had earlier lived in Dubai for several years before returning to Punjab in September 2022.

In the Dibrugarh jail, he managed to have access to the sophisticated electronic gadgets. The jail superintendent, who had facilitated the illegal provision of the gadgets to the prisoner, was arrested by the Assam police.

A senior official said “A thorough search operation within the jail premises led to the seizure of the illegal items that included smartphones, equipped with remote keypads, a spy camera, and other communication devices. Subsequent inquiries yielded compelling evidence implicating the jail superintendent.”

It is believed that in Amritpal’s absence, his parents would be campaigning in the Lok Sabha elections along with separatist elements, who had been lying low otherwise.

Simranjit Singh Mann, who is contesting from the Sangrur Lok Sabha seat, has also lent his support to Amritpal Singh. Simranjit Singh Mann has founded a party called Shiromani Akal Dal (Amritsar) or SAD(A) to compete with the moderate Shiromani Akal Dal (SAD). If Amritpal Singh should win the seat, SAD(A) will be able to brag about his support, since SAD(A) has never succeeded in winning a second seat, other than the one contested by Simranjit Singh Mann.

---- A Brief BACKGROUNDER on SAD(A) ----

In the 2007 elections to the Punjab State Assembly, Mann had contested from Dhanaula Assembly constituency and his son Emaan Singh Mann contested from Sirhind. All the 60 candidates, belonging to SAD(A) including Mann lost the election with big margins. Most candidates of SAD (A) had lost their security deposit in the election.

In June 2022, Simranjit Singh Mann had succeeded in winning the bye-election of the Sangrur constituency of Lok Sabha (the Lower House of Parliament in India).

**Bhagwant Singh Mann** had vacated the seat, after **Aam Aadami Party** (means “*Ordinary Men’s Party*” or AAP) selected him as the Chief Minister of Punjab State, after winning a majority in the State Assembly. AAP, probably, did not fight the Bye-election hard.

Indian National Congress and SAD had lost the elections two months earlier to AAP, which was a new Party. So, INC and SAD did not fight the Sangrur election well. This led to a victory for SAD(A).

The Khadoor Sahib constituency which was formerly known as the Tarn Taran constituency had earlier seen a big surge of radical elements during the 1989 Lok Sabha elections when Simranjit Singh Mann had won the seat with a record margin. But in 1989, terrorist activities by Khalistanis were going on in Punjab. India was able to bring peace to Punjab and eliminate all terrorist activities in Punjab only by the end of 1992.

Another Sikh radical leader, Atinderpal Singh, who had won the Patiala Lok Sabha seat in 1989 being part of the Simranjit Singh Mann group, has also announced his support to Amrit pal Singh. Yesterday he met his parents and offered to help them in the election campaign.

The state security agencies are apparently worried about the prospects of the radical elements to come together, since this could lead to new attempts to organize terrorist activities by Khalistanis. -- By **Ajay Bhardwaj** from **Chandigarh**

**Note 1.:** Please see "*A Festival of Democracy: India: General Election 2024: Geo-Political Considerations & Interference*" dated May 5, 2024 at

<https://diginews360.com/india-geo-political-considerations-elections-2024/> for  
Title #1: "Voices from Pakistan: The Most Vexing Test for India-Pakistan Relations"  
Title #2: China's Attempt to influence Elections through Leftist Media; "NewsClick: Arrests, Allegations, and Press Freedom"

**Note 2.:** Please see "*A Festival of Democracy: Geo-Political Considerations: India: General Election 2024: Interference by Canada*" dated May 5, 2024 at

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Title #3: Canada: Foreign Interference in the Election to the Federal Parliament – **the initial Report** by the *Honourable Marie-Josée Hogue*, the Judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal: Judge **Marie-Josée Hogue** refused to mention India, when there is no evidence whatsoever against India, in spite of the efforts by the *Khalistani Leader in Canada*

Title #4: Canada: Killing of a terrorist, living in Canada and responsible for terrorism in India: On May 3, 2024, **the worst that Canadian Government**, in spite of the efforts by the Khalistani Leader of Canada, could say was as follows:

REGARDING INDIA: *Assistant Commissioner David Teboul*, the *RCMP Commander for the Pacific region*, said he wouldn't comment on the alleged links between these men and Indian officials.

When the Canadian Government's Title #3 and Title #4 proved to be a damp squib, Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** himself chose **to smile** at the **public shouting of the slogan of Khalistan Jindabad** in **Toronto** on the soil of Canada wants to emphasize that it is a miniscule minority from the Sikhs of Canada that supports Jagmeet Singh.

He has captured the Leadership of the New Democratic Party by using a *well-organized, and, funded campaign*.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS: [www.DigiNews360.com](http://www.DigiNews360.com) notes that the slogans were shouted through a microphone, put near the stage, so that the eloquent silence of the Sikhs and Punjabis in the audience could be hidden. [www.DigiNews360.com](http://www.DigiNews360.com) calls on Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** to clearly separate his stance from that of Jagmeet Singh and to come forward with initiatives, which establish him as the Statesman, who re-established close relations with the fellow Commonwealth country of India, which is the most vibrant and the largest democracy of the world.



*May 5, 2024: Toronto, Canada: Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**  
at Celebration of the festival of **Baisakhi***