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PUNJAB: HAS THE KHANGRESS MADE A GOAL FOR ITSELF OR IS NS SIDHU A HIT WICKET?

On September 20, 2021, Charanjit Singh Channi was sworn in as Chief Minister of Punjab. He is a member of the KHANGRESS, but the party takes satisfaction in referring to him as a "Dalit." 1/n

Isn't this the only qualification, and isn't this the kind of secularism that this party has imposed on the country for the past 74 years? 2/n

This leadership move, which comes just 4-5 months before the state polls, appears to be the death knell for the KHANGRESS party in Punjab. If KHANGRESS wins the polls, the way PCC president NS Sidhu has played the game, he may become a hit wicket. 3/n

Will Charanjit Singh Channi be so willing to hand over the Chief Ministership to NS Sidhu? Sidhu's "Dalit card" would end up being a Googly against his political ambitions. 4/n

It also shows that our blinkered politicians, of all stripes, are failing to grasp the rising socio-political trends in the "Globalised world of the Post-Information Era." 5/n

Individual aspirations and the emergence of the concept of "individualization," with its different versions, from individuals to groups to regions & religious factions, characterize the twenty-first century. Indians are currently the worst victims of the "me-first" syndrome. 6/n

I'm not convinced that people nowadays are ideologically devoted. People vote based on their own personal agendas and motivations. Family, community and regional relationships have all been shattered. 7/n

Nuclear families have ushered in the emergence of "islands of diversity" within religious, regional, and community structures. The new buzzwords of rising socio-political strategy are "self is supreme." 8/n

This is why all political parties use FREEBIES to entice voters. This was also visible in Punjab's new Chief Minister Charanjit Channi's post-swearing-in ceremonial press conference. He has promised farmers free energy and water. 9/n

Those who had their electricity disconnected due to non-payment of bills have been guaranteed reconnection. 10/n

Farmers get free power and water, students get free laptops, farmers get free gas cylinders, toilets are subsidized, and farmers get loan forgiveness. Isn't it a case of corruption? All state and federal governments are following this pattern. 11/n

There was, in reality, fierce competition. This is how governments waste taxpayers' money in the name of assisting " Dalits ", " ST ", and " OBC " people. 12/n

Consider the irony: on the one hand, our leaders, nay, our Constitution, talk about creating a CLASSLESS and CASTELESS society, while on the other, they talk about "Dalits" and SCs. How can a casteless society be created if such distinctions are maintained? 13/n

Isn't there a glaring contradiction between what we say and what we do? If you address a Dalit by his true caste, non-bailable warrants are issued — but these "reservations" and lofty words keep it alive. 14/n

It's surprising to hear KHANGRESS members refer to Charanjit Channi as a " Dalit." It is regarded as a significant qualification; yet, his administrative abilities are not valued. 15/n

In fact, he is accused of throwing a coin to decide on a lecturer's position when serving as technical and higher education minister under Captain Amrinder Singh. If this is how he makes decisions, God help the KHANGRESS party and Punjab. 16/n

Many aspirants have been upset by the misunderstanding caused prior to his selection. The Jat-Sikh community may be dissatisfied. The KHANGRESS High Command chose him just for the 2022 Punjab Assembly elections. Dalits r said to make up 32-33 percent of Punjab's population. 17/n

The ego of the Jat-Sikh community has been damaged by the KHANGRESS party, which is now quiet but will eventually erupt. 18/n

If KHANGRESS wins the next elections and NS Sidhu seeks to replace him as Chief Minister, things will get even worse. By endorsing Charanjit Channi as a "Night Watchman Chief Minister," KHANGRESS and NS Sidhu appear to have scored a self-goal.19/n

Bowling him out would be difficult. They all call him by his true caste in secret, and they must be insulting him as well. It is nothing more than India's double-faced politics.20/n

Please keep in mind that the POOR OF INDIA DO NOT VOTE FOR IDEOLOGY, but for MONEY. It just proves that there was a disconnect between what we said and what we did. It's no surprise that India is renowned as the "country of hypocrites." 21/n

We have a smile on our faces, but our minds are filled with curiosity. Our past bears witness to this. Only when we are slaves and dominated by outsiders are we well disciplined. That's the irony, isn't it? 22/22