

# Unrest growing in police: NGO

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**Jalandhar:** Punjab police going for a repeat of 1979 when police organizations across the country had gone on strike? Yes, if one goes by what Nishan, a Delhi-based NGO, has found. It is working on police reforms from people's perspective after undertaking a whirlwind tour of Punjab and interacting with a large number of police officers.

The NGO stated that the police force was seeing unrest over the issue of out-of-turn promotions cleared by senior police officials out of alleged favouritism. Nishan director

and former BSF officer Aridaman Jit Singh, who, along with his team, has been conducting research on Indian police system for the past few years, said people had the tendency of criticising political

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leadership for every police failure when the real culprit was the Indian Police Service leadership, responsible for developing vision for the organizational policies.

The endeavour to fathom the unrest was made by the

NGO after two sub-inspectors of Punjab Police posted in intelligence wing had sent resignation to DGP and principal secretary, home, in protest against the alleged out-of-turn promotions granted to two of their juniors. Though the two SIs, Rajinder Singh and Kanawajit Singh, had sent the resignations last month, categorically accusing the top police brass of favouritism, the latter failed to address the issue or justify promotions granted on the orders of the DGP.

"The findings of these interactions are extremely alarming and reflect upon the neck-deep corruption in IPS leader-

ship that has failed its own fraternity of front-line junior officers," Aridamanjit said.

During these interactions it was found that a large number of appointments had been made by recruiting people without following procedures and arbitrary promotions were granted to people who had not undergone training courses. Also, corruption had taken a toll on its functioning.

Police was also grappling with the issue of promotions in PPS cadre and there had been reports of disenchantment among cops as the top police brass had failed to address the issue.