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■ Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal, accompanied by chief parliamentary secretary Virsa Singh Valtoha (centre), honouring the representative of a village water supply and sanitation committee in Chandigarh on Thursday.

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## Village committees honoured

**CHANDIGARH:** Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal honoured representatives of 22 village water supply and sanitation committees at a function held here on Thursday.

The function was jointly organised by the water supply and sanitation depart-

ment, Punjab, and the World Bank.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister urged the village committees to continue their efforts to provide potable water in rural areas in order to check water-borne diseases.

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## Act on Chinese intrusion: Badal



Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal gives a memento to a member of a village committee in Chandigarh on Thursday. A Tribune photograph

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 25

Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal today asked the Centre to act swiftly to prevent any further movement of Chinese troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Badal spoke on the sidelines of a function jointly organised by the State Water Supply and Sanitation Department and the World Bank to honour 22 Village Water Supply and Sanitation Committees at Kisan Bhawan here. He said the Centre should not be complacent on the issue of safeguarding the nation's territorial integrity. He

claimed the Congress-led UPA government had miserably failed in checking the growing cult of internal as well as external aggression.

Citing the problem of naxalism and incidents of terrorism in different parts of the country, the CM said the country's sovereignty was in peril. Badal slammed the Centre for imposing wealth tax on agricultural land within the jurisdiction of municipal limits. He termed it as a retrograde step.

On the proposed investments by the Tata group in the state, the Chief Minister said Cyrus P Mistry, chairperson of Tata Sons, had

evinced keen interest in infrastructure, tourism, IT and agriculture sectors.

Badal said a joint committee of senior officers of the state government and representatives of the Tata group would work out modalities in this regard in due course of time.

He said out of 15,170 villages and Dhanis, 14,313 had been covered under various drinking water schemes and the remainder 857 would be covered this year. In his address, Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary, Water Supply and Sanitation, said the department was committed to providing quality safe drinking water in every part of the state.