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Municipal Corporation Chandigarh
MC adopts Zero Tolerance approach on Corruption

Launches initiative in which city residents can record demand for bribe by MC employee to do official work and mail it to MC Chief

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has adopted “Zero tolerance approach” against corruption.

The MC Commissioner Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS launched an initiative on August 19, wherein city residents can record the audio/video in their mobile phone of those MC employees, who demand bribe from them for doing official work. Further, residents can mail the recording to the Commissioner at vigilancemcc@gmail.com and the MC Commissioner will take action against the erring employee.

The Commissioner released a poster regarding Zero tolerance against Corruption and circular has been issued in this regard to all the departments of the MC.

Now make complaint about encroachment through website and at Toll free No.

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has cracked down on the encroachers in city and started concurrent anti encroachment drives throughout the city to remove all type of unauthorized encroachments from the Municipal land.

Smt. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, MC said that strict legal action will be initiated against the regular encroachers. She said that the encroachments create hazardous to the public. She further said that the citizens now can register their complaints regarding encroachments through official website of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh at www.mcchandigarh.gov.in-online complaints.

She further said that complaints regarding encroachments can also be registered on Toll free number at 155304 from 8 am to 8 pm daily and from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays & Sundays. In addition to that a mobile app called “Smart Chandigarh” has been launched to register complaints and can be downloaded from Google playstore for android.

Encroachment infront of shops will be responsibility of shopkeepers: MC will penalize legally

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has decided to legally penalize the shopkeepers, who permit any kind of encroachment infront of their shops in market corridors. The shopkeepers will be held responsible for encroachments violating the public safety openly in the markets.

The Assistant Commissioner of MC Sh. Bhupesh Chaudhary, IAS held a meeting with representatives of market associations of city on August 26 and made it clear that nobody will be spared if illegal encroachments found infront of their shops, showrooms. He said that keeping in view the public safety, the Municipal Corporation will take stern legal action against the shopkeepers, who permit encroachments infront of their shops.
The MC also directed the field staff of enforcement department, MC, Chandigarh to take strict action against them if found involved any kind of support to the encroachments in the city. The general public can complaint about the illegal activities of the MC employee on the mail id of Commissioner, MC, Chandigarh i.e. vigilancemcc@gmail.com.

Mega Event of “Smart City Mission” organised at Tagore Theatre

As an imitative to enlighten and inform the citizens of Chandigarh regarding the “Smart City Mission”, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh on behalf of the Chandigarh Administration has organised “Smart City Mega Event” on August 24th at Tagore Theatre, Chandigarh.

The first of its kind initiative undertaken by any city in the country under the “Smart City Mission”, the mega event was inaugurated by Sh. Vijay Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh in presence of Smt. Kirron Kher, Hon’ble Member Parliament, Chandigarh and Mrs. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh.

The event began with a welcome note delivered by Sh. Anurag Aggarwal, IAS, Home Secretary, Chandigarh who is also the State Mission Director for Smart City Mission, through which he welcomed all and expressed his gratitude towards the citizens for being a part of this initiative.

This was followed by a brief presentation delivered by Sh. Danish Ashraf, IAS, SDM (E) who is the Nodal Officer (Smart City) to educate the gathering on the concept of “Smart City”, Models of Development and how can the citizens contribute their smart ideas/suggestions on “Smart City”. He also shared how through different mediums of communication, the citizens can comfortably and at their own convenience share their viewpoint on any topic with the officials.

While addressing the gathering, Smt. Kirron Kher, Member Parliament, Chandigarh said that the need of the hour is to walk together as the administration and citizens to make this vision of the “Smart City Mission” come true. She said that just by playing the blame game and finding faults in each other, we cannot achieve the higher goal of Nation’s growth and development. Only if we keep aside personal and political grudges and benefits, can we unitedly work towards a smart city and a smarter country.

Sh. Vijay Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh applauded the audience for coming in such a large number to attend the event. He further added that it is highly commendable to see people from all walks of life and age groups come together at this platform to help in making their city smart. He shared that today’s event is solely focused on educating people about the “Smart City Mission” and how people can become a part of this mission by pouring in their suggestions and ideas through various mediums. The Adviser said that he is proud of the fact that Chandigarh is the first city in the entire country to hold such a revolutionary event, which would also be telecasted live on www.my.gov.in.

The Adviser further told that there has been a huge change in the outlook of the officers of the Administration and they are putting in their best efforts to provide maximum ease and facilities to the citizens. But this solely would not make the city smart, if the citizens do not
participate in it actively. He stated that the only expectation that the Administration has from the people is that they play the role of good citizens. The society is a reflection of the outlook of its people and to make a society smart the people need to think smart. He concluded by saying that he is proud of the team of officials that is presently in the Administration as they are not leaving any stone unturned to make Chandigarh become a Smart City, which is equipped with all facilities and services for the citizens.

The event also saw the launch of e-payment for Property Tax to further facilitate the citizens of Chandigarh to pay Property Tax at ease. Sh. Vijay Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator inaugurated the online payment of Property Tax facility on that occasion.

**Municipal Corporation initiates upgradation in 39 Water works**

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has initiated the upgradation work to increase the raw water storage capacity at Water Works, sector 39, Chandigarh.

Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh formally initiated the upgradation work on August 14 in presence of Smt. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh.

Sh. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Senior Deputy Mayor, Smt. Gurbax Rawat, Deputy Mayor & area councilor, Sh. Anurag Aggarwal, IAS, Home Secretary, Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, Maj. D.S. Sandhu, Chairman, Water Supply & Sewerage Disposal Committee, MC, other councilors and officers of MC were present on the occasion.

With the additional 40 MGD water supply from the 5th and 6th phase of Water supply pipe lines from the main canal to Jandpur area, the City will have sufficient water before the next summers. This project of 5th and 6th Phase water supply pipe lines was long pending work and made possible only with the collective efforts of Chandigarh, Punjab & Haryana governments.

The Municipal Corporation efficiently strengthening and upgrading the infrastructure in the benefit of the general public of the city. With the increase of 7 MG raw water storage by providing additional storage tank having 12321 Sq. Mt. size, the Municipal Corporation will have total storage of 43 MG raw water capacity in the 39 Water works.

The upgradation work includes repair & strengthening the defective tank to increase the raw water storage capacity and increasing the height of tank from 3 meter to 3.45 meter by raising concrete wall; removing of grown weeds, bushes plants and clearing surface area of raw water tank; providing PCC to fill the dismantled portion and making grooves on both ways and filling the grooves with sealant i.e. polysulfide with an estimated cost of Rs. 149 lacs.
Adviser inaugurates afternoon water supply to Industrial area phase-II

The Municipal Corporation has started the augmentation of afternoon water supply to the Industrial area phase-II, Chandigarh on August 14. Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh formally inaugurated the work in presence of City Mayor Smt. Poonam Sharma, Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, Sh. Davesh Moudgil, area councilor, other councilors and industrialists of the area.

The timings of the afternoon water supply will be from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm daily to the industrial area phase-II. The water supply will be released from three tubewells in addition to morning and evening water supply from canal water supply. The Adviser also assured industrialists to resolve their other demands in near future.

MC provides foot bridge over Choe at village Faidan

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has constructed new foot bridge over choe in village Faidan, Chandigarh. Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh formally inaugurated the foot bridge on August 28 in presence of Mrs. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh, Smt. Jannat Jahan Ul-Haq (Naina), area councillor, other councilors and officers, senior residents of the area and prominent citizens from Chandigarh.

Made with MS iron structure having length of 70 feet width 6 feet, the foot bridge has been provided on war footing basis at a cost of Rs. 8 lacs with the ward development fund of the area councillor.

The Adviser visited village Faidan in July, during which he noticed that a choe flowing between main road & village Faidan and there was no proper resource of crossing the choe. People of village had put up temporary pipes in the choe bed to cross it.

During rainy seasons the level of water rises in choe due to which the people living across the choe were disconnected from main road and during emergency, they had to cross the choe with great difficulty and endangering their life. To resolve the plight of people the Adviser directed the engineering department of MC to construct temporary foot bridge.

While speaking on the occasion, the Adviser said that to provide basic amenities for the citizens of Chandigarh is prime duty of Administration. He said that with the provision of this
foot bridge, people of the area will now cross the choe even during rain without any kind of risk and harm. He said that need based services will be improved in villages and colonies at par with the sectors. He also appreciated the work of engineering department of MC saying that officers and officials of the department are now working more efficiently and connecting with people to resolve their need based difficulties.

**MC & Estate Office conducted joint drive to remove encroachments from city**

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh and Estate Office, UT, carried out an anti encroachment drive in various parts of Chandigarh and challaned 44 encroachers on August 5.

The Assistant Commissioner of MC Sh. Bhupesh Chaudhary, IAS assisted by the Enforcement Inspectors, Inspectors from Estate Office, officials from Medical Officer of Health, MC and sufficient police force cracked down on the encroachers in the evening, who encroached upon public land.

The team removed unauthorized meat shops from village Maloya and village Kajehri including 15 empty chicken cages and the Medical Officer of Health department challaned 12 violators for carrying unhygienic trade. The team found that the violators supply chicken to the public in unhygienic conditions.

In addition to that the team removed encroachments from Patel Market, Sector 15. During the course of drive the team challaned 25 encroachers and seized items such as tables, chairs, cylinders, plastic material, readymade garments, shoes etc. After that the team removed rehri pharies of fruit, ice creams and juice etc. from adjoining the gate of PGI and challaned 7 encroachers.

**Karimnagar (Telangana) team visits Chandigarh**

A delegation of 50 councilors from Karimnagar Municipal Corporation, Telangana led by Sh. Ravinder Singh, Mayor visited Chandigarh on August 9. The delegation was welcomed by Smt. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh.

The team was on its study tour to study local administration, various reforms undertaken in Chandigarh and major projects of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh. The visited water works, sector 39 and got information regarding water supply system in Chandigarh.

The delegation also took round of city roads and big parks including Rose Garden, Sector 16, Japanese Garden, Sector 31, Fragrance Garden, Sector 36, Terraced Garden, Sector 33 and visited Sewerage Treatment Plant at 3 BRD.

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Mayor of Karimnagar appreciated the projects under the management of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh and lauded the maintenance of Green parks, green belts and neat and clean roads of city.

He also requested the Mayor Mrs. Poonam Sharma to plan a visit to Karimnagar alongwith the other councilors of MC, Chandigarh.
MC develops new Green Belt in Sector 52

The Municipal Corporation has developed a new Green belt in sector 52, Chandigarh.

Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, UT, Chandigarh formally inaugurated the Green belt on August 21 in presence of Mrs. Poonam Sharma, Mayor, Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, MC, Smt. Sheela Phool Singh, area councillor, other councilors and officers, office bearers of Senior Citizen Association of the area and prominent citizens from Chandigarh were present on the occasion.

The Adviser appreciated the work done by the Municipal Corporation and said that this beautiful green will be beneficial for all people including young, old and children. He said that it is equal responsibility of public regarding upkeep of the park.

The Municipal Corporation has developed nearly 28 big parks, 67 green belts and 1600 neighbourhood parks and dedicated to the people of Chandigarh. In addition to providing better facilities to the citizens of Chandigarh, the Municipal Corporation is extending all kind of help for uplifting the citizens of City.

The main features of the Green Park having total area 3.25 acre. Children play equipment, walking track, benches, huts, plantation of ornamental trees, grassing and fountain etc. have been provided in the Green belt at a cost of Rs. 35 lacs. Different flower beds have been developed in this park having Zinia and Ficus flowers etc.

Property Tax on Residential lands & Buildings for the year 2015-16

The Property Tax on Residential Lands and Buildings falling within the limits of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh has been imposed commencing from the Assessment Year 2015-16 except for any residential house/flat having area less than 500 sq. ft.

The entire city of Chandigarh has been divided into three zones and the rates of property tax on residential houses/ flats are as under:-

For the purpose of calculating tax payable on plot area, only the vacant plot area outside the plinth area of ground floor shall be counted i.e. for the plot area of 500 Sq. yards and plinth area of 300 Sq.yards then the vacant plot area will be (500 Sq. yards – 300 Sq.yards = 200 Sq.yard) on which the tax shall be calculated.

All residential houses situated in colonies and villages under Municipal limits have been exempted from Property Tax.

Service charges on Govt. lands & Buildings:- The Govt. Lands & Buildings are also exempted from making payment for Tax so imposed, but such lands & buildings are liable to

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<td>1. Rs.2/- per sq. yard on the plot area plus 2. Re.1/- per sq. ft. on the total covered area of all the floors.</td>
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<td>20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 38(West), Modern Housing Complex Manimajra, Shivalk Enclave Manimajra, Industrial Area phase I &amp; phase II. All SCFs situated in the Municipal limits.</td>
<td>80% of the rates of Zone-I</td>
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<td>39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 61 &amp; 63, others.</td>
<td>60% of the rates of Zone-I</td>
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| CHB Flats, Cooperative House Building Societies & other residential flats (excluding SCFs) having total covered area of 500 sq. ft. and above falling within MC limits (irrespective of zones). | Rs. 0.75 (paisa seventy five only) per sq. ft. per annum. |
make payment of **Service Charges at the rate of 75 percent of the tax** so calculated in the respective zone.

No Tax shall be leviable on Residential Lands and Building upto 300 Sq.yards owned and self occupied (no portion is let out) by the following categories of persons:

- **a.** Persons, who had served, or are serving, in any rank, whether as combatant or a non combatant, in the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Union of India.
- **b.** Widows.
- **c.** Disabled persons, who are as if being assessee entitled for the time being to the benefits of deduction under Section 80U of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

**Self Assessment Scheme:**
For the benefit of tax payers, a Self Assessment Scheme has been introduced from **12.08.2015 to 08.02.2016 (07.02.2016 being Sunday)** wherein

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<td>The assessees who will pay the Property Tax <strong>within 60 days</strong> from the start of Self Assessment Scheme. (12.08.2015 to 10.10.2015)</td>
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<td>20% rebate on the rates specified above</td>
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Self Assessment Forms have also been kept in all the Bank branches (OBC and SBOP)/ e-Sampark Centres. The proforma can also be downloaded from the site of Municipal Corporation i.e. [www.mcchandigarh.gov.in](http://www.mcchandigarh.gov.in) The prescribed pro-forma is also available in the Tax Branch, MCC free of cost. Printed pay-in-slips for depositing the tax are available with the respective banks. A person who does not pay the above Tax within the prescribed period of 180 days from the start of self assessment scheme, he/she will have to pay 25% extra over and above the prescribed rates along with interest @ 12% PA or as amended from time to time. The amount of interest shall be payable till the end of the month in which payment is made. It is, therefore, in the interest of tax payers to opt for the Self Assessment Scheme.

**Property Tax can be deposited at any of the following locations, FREE of COST**

- **a.** All e-Sampark Centres located in Chandigarh.
- **b.** All bank branches of Oriental Bank of Commerce located in Chandigarh.
- **c.** All bank branches of State Bank of Patiala located in Chandigarh.

The tax payers are required to submit the prescribed Self Assessment form in the Bank/e-Sampark Centre.

**MC organised International Youth Day**

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has organised International Youth Day, at Girls College, sector 42, Chandigarh on August 12. Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh was the chief guest and he formally inaugurated the function. He said that the youth day could not have been better under the NULM outcome demonstrated by the enthusiastic beneficiaries came from villages, colonies and slums of the city.

He commended the efforts of the urban poverty alleviation cell, MC Chandigarh and NGOs alongwith academies in providing the skill training opportunities to the urban poor youth to enable them join the main stream and be productive assets of the society.
He said that no city can be a smart city until an inclusive approach is adopted specially through youth power. He emphasized the importance of skilling the students for creating new job opportunities in today’s competitive environment.

He further said that such programmes play a big role to promote urban poor youth’s effective inclusive civic engagement. He said that Chandigarh is the best city to implement all kind of beneficiary schemes under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) project.

Mrs. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh said that for uplifting of the BPL and the under-privileged group the Municipal Corporation has increased the budget as per requirement. She informed that many of the beneficiaries from very poor rural background were able to change the course of their career, earn a respectable livelihood and sustain their families after completing the skill training courses in various trades. She said that the future course of action includes the institutionalization of the Alumni Association.

While addressing the students, Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation shared the major outcome of the industry oriented skill trades training, challenges & Limitations apart from the suggestions for effective outcome of the future project to Sustain Livelihood linkage – Step towards poverty alleviation.

She informed that in the upcoming time, Municipal Corporation is looking to take these skill training programmes to newer heights by taking them to various others institutions. She also mentioned that the MC has planned to organize first consultation on identification of skill sets in diverse areas based on market needs and assessment of employment and entrepreneur potential in the region with support from PHD Chamber, CII and other professional associations.

She informed that over 59% of the passed out beneficiaries are employed and contribute proudly in the family income.

The celebration was organized by State Urban Poverty Alleviation (SUPA), Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh jointly with BTGT, NIIT Yuva Jyoti, RCED, RGNIYD, SWERA, SEBIZ, CDCL, Vatsal Chaya, VLCC, GITIW. Over 750 past and present beneficiaries participated in the event to celebrate the International Youth Day with the theme of Youth Civic Engagement.
1,200 Students given tool kits under Skill development studies

As many as 1,200 students were awarded by tool kits for their skill development studies under a programme launched by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports) under the Urban Livelihood Mission Program.

The programme is funded by Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh with an objective for encouraging employment opportunities for local urban youth. The kits were presented by Chandigarh Mayor Poonam Sharma and Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports at a function held on 7th August at Auditorium of Government College for Girls, Sector 42, Chandigarh.

As many as 1,200 beneficiaries are enrolled under computer education and personality development programme for the duration of eight months. Apart from the study material, the kit comprises of dictionary, cartridge, soldering kit, screwdriver, card reader and other forms of utilities helping in computer. A stipend of Rs 2,000 will also be debited to the students accounts.

This Tool Kit Award Ceremony was followed by a seminar in which the beneficiaries were made aware of how and where they can inculcate the skills in them to be a part of the workforce of the country.

The programme will play a significant role in reducing poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor youth by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, resulting in an appreciable improvement in their livelihood on a sustainable basis.

Congratulating on the start of this programme, the Mayor said, “We need genuine coalitions for change, in which all of us unite our efforts behind a common purpose for skilled India. Keeping this into consideration partnership with the RGNIYD will immensely benefit urban poor youth to become economically independent.”

MC releases Rs. 98 Cr to Punjab for Phase V & VI of Kajauli Water Works

**GMADA to spend money on laying down new pipeline from Kajauli up to water treatment plant at Jandpur**

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has released Rs. 98 Crore to the Punjab government for execution of Phase 5 and 6 of water pipeline project from Bhakra mainline at Kajauli. The cheque of Rs. 98 Crore has been handed over to GMADA’s Chief Administrator, Sh. A.K. Sinha by Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to Administrator, Chandigarh and Smt. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh on 7th August.

The Punjab and Haryana have already given their consent for additional 40 MGD water to be drawn through Phase 5 and 6. As per the sharing agreement of 1983, Chandigarh will get 29 MGD water supply
while the rest will be distributed among Mohali (5 MGD), Panchkula (3 MGD) and Chandimandir cantonment (3 MGD) once required infrastructure is laid down.

Being the largest beneficiary of additional water supply, Chandigarh will bear the maximum cost of this project. Out of this, Rs 98 crore was handed over to GMADA as part of their efforts to lay down a new pipeline from Kajauli up to the water treatment plant at Jandpur, which is near Sector 125 of Mohali.

The distance between Jandpur and Sector 39 water works is approximately 7.5 km. Work to develop infrastructure is required to be undertaken by the local administration to bring 29 MGD water to Chandigarh.

Besides laying down the pipeline, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh will need to acquire some land at Jandpur to install additional pumping equipment to pump water to Chandigarh from there.

The required budget estimate for creating such a huge infrastructure from Jandpur to Chandigarh’s Sector 39 would be somewhere between Rs 100 and Rs 125 crore approximately. All efforts are being made to prepare budget estimates of different works, and these will be allocated soon to ensure that water supply under phase 5 and 6 is resumed from summer next year.

Adviser Vijay Kumar Dev said that the Municipal Corporation and the administration would work together in a time-bound manner to ensure that by summer next year, Chandigarh could get its due water supply. The Adviser told that additional water supply would help Chandigarh to start 24-hour water supply which is one of the requirement under the smart city proposal.

**MC provides park lights in Maloya**

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has provided park lights in 16 neighborhood parks in Maloya. Mrs Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh has inaugurated the lights in presence of prominent persons of city and area residents on August 19. The park lights include high electric poles with street light fittings.

The lights have been provided in parks at an approximate expenditure of Rs. 22 lakhs. The lights in neighborhood parks are very essential to the nearby residents to avoid bad people. These type of lights will be provided in all neighborhood parks of city in near future.

**Mayor visited Manimajra to take stock of cholera patients**

Mrs. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh visited Manimajra hospital to take stoke of patients, who got infected from cholera on August 11. The Mayor said that it is very sad to have report of cholera cases in the City.

She said that she will visit New Indira Colony and other parts of Manimajra alongwith officers of MC at 9.30 a.m. She said that today team of MC officers collected samples from various places and all samples reported to have fit for human consumption.

She further instructed the water supply officers to supply water only through tankers to the affected areas in Manimajra. She said that Municipal Corporation will extend all kind of help to the patients affected by cholera.

**Mayor visited Indra Colony inspects water supply system**

Mrs. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh visited New Indra Colony and other areas of Manimajra alongwith concerned officials of MC on August 13.

She inspected the water supply system to the households in the colony and instructed the concerned officers to take necessary steps to clean all the water supply sources including storage tanks, main lines, tubewells etc. She also checked the areas where water
accumulates regularly and instructed the concerned officers to eliminate the problems. She also instructed the MOH staff for proper lime stone dusting near the garbage bins etc. She further instructed the water supply officers to supply water only through tankers to the areas in Manimajra, where cholera cases were reported recently.

MC conducts survey regarding open defecation in city

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has prepared a proposal regarding eradication of open defecation in Municipal area of Chandigarh. Accordingly, 50 teams were constituted with the directions of Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, MC comprising staff of Medical Officer of Health, Public Health, Engineering Department and NGO namely “Ek Umeed”.

These teams surveyed the city on 1st August, 3rd August and 4th August, 2015 between 5 am to 7 am and defined the pockets of open defecation in the city. This survey will be used for long term planning to eradicate the open defecation and mobilizing the society against the evil.

The joint survey was conducted by Public Health Department, Medical Officer of Health and NGO and found some cases of open defecation in the city including sectors, villages and colonies falling under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.

It is worthwhile to mention here that open defecation leads to travel of excreta to human bodies through flies and lead to diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera etc.

Municipal Corporation plans to introduce Smart Card for paid parking lots

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has planned to introduce Smart Cards for use of paid parking and e-ticketing in all paid parking lots in Chandigarh. All the paid parking lots will be turned into Automatic parking lots by enhancing parking fee from Rs. 5 to Rs. 10 for four wheelers and from Rs. 2 to Rs. 5 for two wheelers respectively.

Giving information regarding the latest development, Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, MC said that with the facility of smart cards (pre-paid or post paid) the public will not suffer to use the parkings during entry and exit. The smart cards will be provided and recharged through e-sampark centres. She said that expression of interest will be invited from the firms, individuals and organisations having expertise & experience in Smart Card solution.

Apart from day parking, night parking cards will be introduced to discourage street parking infront of houses of the citizens in order to maintain proper transport planning.

She said that MC will take strict action against any kind of violation in paid parking sites to avoid recent mismanagement done by the contractors.

She said that to make the paid parking people-friendly, the Municipal Corporation will invite the suggestions of general public to the new terms and conditions before finalizing it and will involve all the stakeholders before giving a final shape to the new paid parking policy to be placed before the coming General House meeting of MC.

To seek public opinion, the new terms and condition as per the proposed policy will be shared on the official website of Municipal Corporation i.e. mechandigarh.gov.in within two days. The suggestions of paid parking contractors have already been sought for consideration for better convenience to general public at large.

The MC will ensure that the parking contractors abide by the new terms and conditions in addition to proper maintenance of infrastructure & civic amenities provided in parking sites. Further the MC intends to draft a proposal before the General House to allot parking lots for 3 years avoiding any kind of discretion with officials while extending the contract for further term.

The key clauses of the new terms and conditions for paid parking lots will be including introducing e-ticketing, all parking lots to be automatic, parking fee to go up from Rs 2 and 5 to Rs 5 and 10 for two- and four-wheelers respectively and facility to provide paid parking passes through e-sampark centres.
The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has organised two days Teej Festival in Shivalik Garden, Manimajra on 22nd August and 23rd August. The colourful function was opened on 22nd August by Mrs. Poonam Sharma, Mayor of Chandigarh in presence of Mrs. Gurbax Rawat, Deputy Mayor, Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan, Chairman, Arts, Culture & Sports committee, Mr. Gureharan Dass Kalaa, area councilor, Mr. Virender Chaudhary, HCS, Joint Commissioner, Mukesh Anand, Chief Engineer, other councilors & officers of MC and prominent personalities of area.

Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh was the chief guest during the cultural evening started at 6.00 p.m. Various famous artists including Prince, Gargi Halder, Meet, Deepak and other enthralled the audience with Punjabi folk, sufi and Haryanvi traditional numbers.

The function was marked with Punjabi, Haryanvi, Rajasthani, folk dances, songs, fusion of Giddha & Bhangra and Teeian de Geet by famous artists of various states. The audience present in the Mela could not stop themselves to dance on the foot-tapping beats of “Dhol” and popular Punjabi numbers. The Mayor stressed upon the necessity to perpetuate cultural values among the masses especially in younger generation. She also enlightened the gathering about the social, religious and historical significance of the Teej Festival.

While addressing the gathering she said that Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has made this Mela as an annual feature and decided to organize it in Shivalik Garden, Manimajra. She said that people of Chandigarh should know about their rich culture and we the Municipal Corporation are making small effort to gather the precious traditional festivals like Teej.

Earlier, Sh. Harphool Chander Kalyan welcomed the chief guest and other dignitaries and honoured the chief guest with giving traditional fulkari to her. The chief guest took a round in the Mela spread in the 20 acre of shivalik Garden.

In the cultural evening Meet Niman, Prince, Gargi Halder and many other artists enthralled the audience by his punjabi traditional numbers and sufi songs etc.
Mrs. Sonya Dev, wife of Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh was the chief guest of the cultural evening on 23rd August. Sh. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh was also present during the function.

Famous Punjabi folk singer Harbhajan Shera, Deep Dilpreet, Ginda Aujla, Surinder Mahipal and other prominent singers enthralled the audience with Punjabi folk, sufi and traditional numbers. Chief Guest, Adviser, Mayor and other councilors could not stop themselves to dance on the foot-tapping beats of the Punjabi folk songs.

The Adviser took round in the park and welcomed by various other attractions in the Mela including Jogi Been Sapera from Panipat, Madari show, Jamura Show, Puppet Show, Dholi Been Nagare and visited various stalls including Mehandi and bangles etc. The Adviser alongwith wife Mrs. Sonya Dev took traditional swings in the park.

While addressing the gathering Adviser said that it is appreciable step of the Municipal Corporation for dedicating this function to Save Girl Child. He stressed upon the necessity to perpetuate cultural values among the masses especially in younger generation.

Earlier, Mayor welcomed the chief Guest and other dignitaries and honoured the chief guest with giving traditional fulkari to her. She said that Municipal Corporation and Administration will fight against crimes towards women and girls. She said that anti drug abuse campaigns will be initiated in colonies and villages with the help of police.

Other attractions of the Mela was including camel rides, cart rides, Dholi, Madari, Gaud Group, Charkhe, Manjire, Tumbe, Jamura Show, puppet show, Magic show by famous magician Gagan, different stalls of sweets and lassi, Maal-Pua, handi crafts, designer fabrics and other domestic items etc. The stage was decorated with colourful lights and traditional “Jhandian” flags. East meets West as the streets fill with musical sounds, with everything from traditional folk, beats of Dhol and Teej diya Bolliyan to fusion of Giddha and Bhangra.

Various dance and song performances were staged today in the mela. Punjabi folk dance presented by little girls from shri Ram dance academy, Chandigarh. Gatka performance was done by Gatka dal, Manimajra, Magic show was presented by Pardeep and many more items were showcased throughout the day.
Finance & Contract Committee meeting


The commissioner, Municipal Corporation asked engineering department to inspect the paver blocks laid down during the last two years and submit detailed report within 15 days positively. She said that wherever required, repair work will be done in time bound frame. She also asked to submit report regarding current procedure adopted for laying paver blocks and its pros and cons.

The F&CC passed various agenda items of development and policy. The following agenda have been discussed and approved by the F&CC:

1. Rough cost estimate for development of green belt in village Maloya at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.93 lacs.
2. Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 40mm thick bituminous concrete on phirni road in village Maloya, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 33.43 lacs.
3. Providing/replacement of street light in the inner bazaar/streets of Manimajra i.e. Mariwala town and shanty Nagar, Manimajra, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.97 lacs.
4. Procurement of aqua guards alongwith proper AMCs for various dispensaries under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 5.35 lacs.
5. Agenda regarding providing and fixing of MS flat iron railing on toe wall in various parks of sector 36, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 36.63 lacs. The committee members were of the view that the missionary work will be done through proper sketches and iron gates & railings will be measured in kilograms.
6. Rough cost estimate for procurement of safety equipments for use by sewer men during of cleaning of sewerage system at Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 27.74 lacs.
7. Agenda regarding purchase of brush cutter for use in Horticulture division, MC Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.05 lacs.
8. Agenda regarding providing and fixing of MS flat iron railing on toe wall and new MS gate in various parks of sector 29 & industrial area, Ph-I, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 28.06 lacs. The committee members were of the view that the missionary work will be done through proper sketches and iron gates & railings will be measured in kilograms.
9. The committee members accorded approval to hire sub inspectors (enforcement) and labour from PESCO or HESCO whose rates will be lower side.
10. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing 80 mm thick paver blocks on internal gullies in EWS housing board colony, Dhanas, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 31.04 lacs.
11. Estimate for the work of “Boring and installation of 12”x8”I/D deep bore tube well in Vikas Nagar at Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.75 lacs.
12. Rough cost estimate for the work of “Laying of SWD line at water stagnate points and replacement of 900 mm i/d RCC NP-2 pipe line due to shifting of Madrasi colony Bapudham colony, Sector 26, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.55 lacs.
13. While discussing the agenda item regarding permission for selling coconet in the open sites, the committee decided that permission may be given to them from 1st July to 30 November on the same sites, allotted to watermelon sellers in the city through same procedure as draw of lots.
14. Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 30mm thick bituminous concrete in front of Plot No. 802 to 843 (marla plots) in Industrial Area, Ph-II, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 29.54 lacs.
15. Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 30mm thick bituminous concrete on V-5 road in Sector 31-C & D, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.26 lacs.
16. Rough cost estimate for re-carpeting of internal roads/parking in motor market sector 48 C, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 38.15 lacs.
17. Rough cost estimate for widening of V-5 roads along with PCC tiles in Sector 38 (West) (along Green Belt, Sector 38(West)), Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 32.64 lacs.
18. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing PCC tiles on V-6 road berms in Sector 41-C and Sector 42-A, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 38.14 lacs.
20. Rough cost estimate for the work of “providing additional sewer line in Bapudham Colony & Police Colony on dividing road, Sector 26 and strengthening of existing sewerage system from House No. 1 to 160, Phase-III and near Santoshi Mata Mandir, Bapudham Colony, Sector 26, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.24 lacs.
21. Rough cost estimate for the work of “Augmentation of existing SWD system from House No. 1900 to 2331 PhaseII, Ramdarbar due to the water logging area at various locations in Ramdabar Colony, U.T., Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 48.79 lacs.
23. Estimate for the work of “providing & laying of 56” I/D RCC (NP-2) SED pipe line to shift existing 48” I/D SWD pipe line 6” & 10” water supply lines coming in the alignment of proposed retaining wall constructed by Railway Department Near Vikas Nagar Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.27 lacs.
24. Agenda regarding providing additional manpower of various categories through service provider.
25. Construction of toe wall P/F on M.S. Flat iron railing in various parks of Sector 55 & 56, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 48.55 lacs.
26. Construction of toe wall under existing railing of various parks of Sector 16 & 22, Chandigarh (under landscaping) at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.97 lacs.
27. Construction of toe wall under existing M.S. Flat iron railing in various parks of Sector 39 & 40, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 41.50 lacs.
28. Providing additional SWD 16” I/D and construction of manholes/road gullies in water logging prone area Sector 21 (A,B,C,& D), Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.71 lacs.
29. Construction of slow carriage way/cycle track from turn of sector 31-C & D to Kali Bari Light Point, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 46.05 lacs.

Roads Committee meeting

A meeting of Roads Committee, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh was held on August 10 in the committee room of MC under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Shagufta Parveen and attended by other members of the committee including Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Senior Deputy Mayor, Sh. Mukes Bassi, Smt. Sh. M.P. Kohli, Smt. Rajbala Malik, Smt. Sheela Devi and concerned officers of Municipal Corporation.

The committee members discussed various developmental agenda items and accorded approval to the following works:
1. Rough cost estimate for providing and laying 30mm thick bituminous concrete at Community Centre Parking in Vikas Nagar, Mauli Jagrran Complex, Chandigarh at an estimated Cost of Rs.5.55 lac.
2. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing PCC tiles on round berm and pathway on different locations in Sector 15 A, B, C & D, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.64 lac.
3. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing PCC tiles infront of Moti Ram School along V-5 road in Sector 27 A, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 16.50 lac.
4. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing M.S. Round pipe on existing foot bridge in Hibiscus Garden in sector 36, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs.1.57 lac.
5. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing PCC tiles on V-6 road berm along Forest Area in Sector 39 C & D, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.39 lac.
6. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing PCC tiles on V-4 roads between the boundary wall (TBRL) and existing paver blocks, H.No. 2039 to 2040,2482 to 2319 and green belt Sector 27 C, H.No. 3196 outside park near SSK, Sector 28 C & D and H.No. 1237 to Namdhar Bhawan and adjoining H.No. 72 & 109, sector 30 B, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.92 lac.
7. Rough cost estimate for P/PF P.C.C. tiles over road berm in front of Congress Bhawan Sector 35 C, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs.6.97 lac.
9. Rough cost estimate for providing P.C.C. tiles foothpath around green belt in sector 45 A, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs.9.50 lac.
10. Rough cost estimate for special repair/renovation of Poly Clinic/Dispensary at Ram Darbar Colony, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.37 lac.
11. Rough cost estimate for construction of sealing walls along V-3 road at Sector 44 A & C, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.58 lac.
12. Rough cost estimate for construction of cement concrete footpath in side park near H.No. 421-430, Sector 15-A, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.34 lac.
13. Rough cost estimate for Dismantling and Re-construction of boundary wall of Community Centre in Sector 15, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs.16.86 lacs.
14. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing PCC tiles on V-5 road berms towards side Sector 42-A, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 17.10 lacs.
15. Rough cost estimate for providing and fixing PCC tiles 1’-6”x1’-0”x2” on parking berm around the parks and V-6 road berm near H.No. 3281,3282,3207,3222, Sector 41-D, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs.9.48 lacs.
16. Rough cost estimate for providing and Fixing PCC tiles around the Public toilet Block, Village-Attawa, Sector 42, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs.4.06 lacs.

Sanitation Committee meeting

A meeting of Sanitation committee of Municipal Corporation was held on August 25 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Darshan Kumar Garg and attended by Mrs. Gurbax Rawat, Deputy Mayor, Sh. Satish Kainth, Sh. H.C. Kalyan, Smt. Sheela Devi, Sh. Gurcharan Dass Kalaa, Sh. Rajiv Gupta, Joint Commissioner, Dr. P.S. Bhatti, Medical Officer of Health and concerned senior officers of Municipal Corporation.

During the meeting the councilors discussed and recommended following agenda items:

1. The Committee members decided that suitable & effective vehicles for transportation of garbage from Sehaj Safai Kendras to dumping ground may be analyzed instead of present system of tractor trolleys in sanitation wing. The members were also of the view that a tour of committee members will visit some nearby states where these effective type of vehicles are being used for sanitation system.

2. Some of the committee members suggested outsourcing areas for sanitation purposes including sector 40, 29 and industrial area.

3. The committee members were also asked for creation of post of Health Supervisor for Manimajra area keeping in view the promotion avenue of the subordinate staff working in Manimajra.
During the meeting the issue regarding horticulture waste from the green belts and road sides has been discussed and the committee members resolved to put an agenda in the General House meeting in this regard for proper co-ordination of horticulture department, B&R and sanitation department.

**MC organized programme on Independence Day**

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has honoured 18 persons among officials of MC and gave away commendation certificate to them during the Independence Day programme held at Fire Station, Sector 17, Chandigarh on August 15. Smt. Poonam Sharma, Mayor, Mrs. Bhawna Garg, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh gave away the commendation certificates to officials of MC including:

1. Sh. Jaswinder, Safakarmachari, MOH wing.
2. Sh. Mangal, Safakarmachari, MOH wing.
7. Sh. Rajinder Pal Singh, Horticulture Supervisor, MC.
11. Sh. Rikhi Ram, Motor Mate, Roads Division.
12. Ms. Sikha, Clerk, Audit wing.
15. Sh. Thakar Singh, Fire Department.
18. Sh. Sachin Sharma, President of youth innovative society (Regd.) Chandigarh.

Among others who were present on the occasion, Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Senior Deputy Mayor, Smt. Gurbax Rawat, Deputy Mayor, Sh. Rajiv Gupta, Joint Commissioner, Sh. Virender Chaudhary, Joint Commissioner, Sh. Mukesh Anand, Chief Engineer, other councilors, prominent persons of the city and officials of Municipal Corporation.