

CONGRESS MOVES HC AGAIN FOR SAME CIVIC POLL RESULTS DATE

In 2015 too, the Cong moved the SC for municipal & panchayat polls count on same day

Ahmedabad: Less than a week after the State Election Commission (SEC) announced dates for the local body polls, the Congress party has challenged in the Gujarat High Court the different counting dates for the elections to the municipal corporations and the panchayats.

The SEC had announced that the counting of votes for the 6 municipal corporations going to the polls would take place and then it would hold the elections to nagarpalikas, district and taluka panchayats.

The Opposition party, exactly like the 2015 local body polls, has this time too demanded that counting of votes for all the local self-government bodies be held together. The high court is likely to hear the matter next week.



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The SEC had on January 23 declared that the civic body polls as well as the counting of votes would be held in two phases. Accordingly, the results for the municipal corporation elections would be announced on February 23, while this date would be March 2 for the nagarpalikas, district panchayats and taluka panchayats.

According to the elections schedule, the polling for 6 municipal corporations of

'FOLLOW GUIDELINES'

GPCPC chief spokesperson Manish Doshi told First India that, "We have pointed out there are clear Supreme Court guidelines that the votes be counted on the same date." The Supreme Court had even asked the Election Commission of India to have parity in all the States to ensure that the results of one poll did not impact the polls following thereafter, he said.

Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat, Jamnagar and Bhavnagar will take place on February 21, and that for 81 nagarpalikas, 31 district panchayats and 231 taluka panchayats will be held on February 28.

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He added that the Supreme Court had asked even the Election Commission of India to have parity in all the States to ensure that the results of one poll did not impact the polls following thereafter: Doshi pointed out that similar orders were given to the State Election Commission during the 2015 local body polls also.

Only 5 allowed in door-to-door campaign for municipal polls in Guj

Gandhinagar: The State Election Commission (SEC) has issued certain guidelines for campaigning for the February civic body polls in view of the Covid-19 situation.

Accordingly, only 5 people will be allowed during the door-to-door campaign for the civic body polls.

The SEC has urged the candidates to go for digital campaigning whenever possible. The common rules of social distancing and wearing masks will also have to be followed during the campaigning.

If a candidate tests positive for the coronavirus, he or she would have to undertake only digital campaigning. Nodal officers have also been ap-



Minister of State Pradipsinh Jadeja campaigning in the civic polls. —FILE PHOTO

pointed to ensure that the guidelines are followed.

The civic body polls in Gujarat are scheduled to be held in two phases, with balloting for the municipal corporations would take place on February 21 and the results would be out on February 23. The last date for filing nominations is February 6 while that for withdrawal of candidature has been fixed

for February 8.

The second phase of polling has been scheduled for February 28 to cover the nagarpalikas, district panchayats, and taluka panchayats. The results of the same will be declared on March 2.

The local body polls, which would have normally been held in November last, were postponed in view of the Covid-19 crisis.

Kota police nab wanted criminal with reward of one lakh

Jaipur. On the day when Jaipur range police nabbed the most wanted criminal of the state, Papla Gujjar, Kota city police caught hold of Aslam Sher Khan alias Chintu, 40, who was carrying a bounty of one lakh on him. Chintu is a noted criminal of Kota city with a dozen criminal cases against him, including those involving murder, firing, abduction, and intimidation of the evidence, lodged in different police stations of the Kota city. Recently, the district administration had demolished his house.

Vikas Pathak, superintendent of police (SP), Kota city, said Chintu was convicted by a local court in a 2005 murder case but was later granted bail during which he started his illegal businesses again. "In order to

nab him, we started creating pressure on him. On Wednesday, his house in Kota was demolished after we had written to the local body that it was illegally constructed. In the meantime, six teams were formed to nab Chintu," Pathak said. The SP added that the teams raided many possible targets. His aides were questioned, teams were sent to Jaipur, Bikaner, Udaipur, Ajmer, Jhalawar, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat.

"During the investigation, the location of the accused was found in Delhi. Different teams raided locations across Delhi, Noida and Haryana. From there, Chintu fled and went towards Maharashtra and Gujarat. Fearing arrest, he kept

changing his whereabouts. On Thursday, the special team arrested him from the Dhara area of Kota Rural," said Pathak. On September 25, 2005, Tempo Union President Jamil was shot dead by Chintu and his aides. On March 30, 2009, a local court sentenced him to life imprisonment. In November 2013, Chintu appealed against the conviction and petitioned for bail in the High Court. The petitioner's bail plea was dismissed after which he took refuge in the Supreme Court. The top court then granted him conditional bail on March 9, 2014. He was out of jail since then and continued his illegal activities. On January 18, 2021, the apex court ordered the state police to arrest the accused within three-weeks.

Rajasthan law student arrested for threatening to rape a journalist on twitter

Udaipur. A 26-year-old law student from Udaipur in Rajasthan was arrested on Saturday for criminal intimidation and intention to insult the modesty of a woman after he allegedly threatened a woman journalist from Delhi on social media, said police officials. Rohini Singh, a Delhi-based journalist tweeted to inform inspector general of police (IGP) Udaipur range, Satyaveer Singh, that one of the Twitter users from Delhi had threatened on Friday to rape and kill her; she also tagged chief minister Ashok Gehlot to her tweet, demanding action. Following the complaint by Singh, Udaipur police registered a case against the holder of the Twitter account 'KViyayan'. CM Ashok Gehlot also directed Udaipur IG and SP to look into

the matter and take action. Acting upon the CM's direction, several police teams began a hunt to identify and arrest the accused, said police. Later, IG Satyaveer Singh said that the accused had been identified as one Kapil Viayan, who had been arrested and put under interrogation. "During his interrogation, the accused confessed that he had doled out a threat to the journalist in anger against her style of reporting on the ongoing farmers' agitation at the borders of Delhi," said the Udaipur IGP. He added that Viayan was a second year student of law and a resident of Semari village in Udaipur. Viayan was also associated with Akhila Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the students' wing of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Israeli embassy blast: Jaipur city on high alert

Jaipur. A high alert has been raised in Jaipur city after an IED blast took place near the Israeli embassy in the national capital of Delhi on Friday evening, according to a senior Rajasthan police official. "After the blast in Delhi, a telephonic conversation took place between the top officers of Delhi police, intelligence agencies in Delhi and Jaipur police around 8.30 pm in the evening after which an alarm was raised," said a top Rajasthan police official, who didn't wish to be named. The police officer added that security has been raised in the extra sensitive areas of the city, especially in the Walled City. However, there is no need to panic for the common people, he added.



Police officers in uniform standing in a line.

"The city police have activated their sources and checking has been carried out in the sensitive zones of the

city," the police official added. Meanwhile, the CISF has stepped up security at the Jaipur airport. An explosion took place near the Israeli embassy in New Delhi on Friday evening, prompting authorities to scale up security and sound a high alert in the national capital. The blast caused by a "very low-intensity improvised device" shattered the windscreens of three cars parked in the area. The blast

came on the anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Israel on January 29, 1992. The IED device detonated at 5:05 pm near Jindal House on APJ Abdul Kalam Road which is just 150 meters from the Israeli Embassy. Police said it has been scanning the area and have not found any battery or electronic device yet with which the explosion could have been triggered.

Govt should ensure our pension, decent wages, says coal mine worker Sambhu Ram

Ranchi, Sambhu Ram, 38, is a coal worker in a company that outsources workers to Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCL) in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district, and earns a meager ₹310 per day. Ram, a resident of Jharia in Jharkhand's Dhanbad district, is the sole bread earner for a seven-member family. He lives in thatched roof house with his parents, wife and three children. For about a month into the 68-day national lockdown imposed in March, Ram went through an acute financial crisis as he struggled to find mining jobs due to a drop in demand. "I had only a little savings that I exhausted to buy basic amenities during the period. However, things returned to normalcy after outsourcing work started again," he said.

He works as a coal loader in an opencast mine in Jharia; as a daily wage, he is dependent on the work he gets every day. "The first 20 days were very tough, as I could not

understand how to feed my family. There was no work in the market," he said. Coal mining was unaffected by the lockdown, but the demand was badly affected for the first quarter of this financial year. Jharkhand has three big coal companies-Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCL), Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL). Most of the production was hit in first quarter but later it picked up. The production is still six percent less compared to last year," said BCL director (technical) Chanchal Goswami. There is growing global pressure on India to announce a deadline for phasing out coal usage after

China in September 2020 declared that it will stop coal usage by 2050. Coal, a fossil fuel, is considered the biggest emitter of carbon dioxide that causes climate change. India has not committed to phasing out coal usage and pointed out that the country's per capita emission - the amount of energy a person uses in India -- is among the lowest in the world. Ram fears that his job can be jeopardised in the future and wants the government to continue coal mining. He hopes the Centre will provide social and job security to casual workers hired from contractors. "We want equal pay for equal work, insurance and provident fund benefits to be included in the upcoming budget," Ram said. Daily wage workers, hired on contract, do not enjoy any health insurance, provident fund, gratuity, minimum wage or pension. "Government should ensure decent wages," Ram said. Jharkhand holds some of India's biggest coal reserves and contributes 32% to the country's coal production. After agriculture, coal employs the most people in Jharkhand, and supports at least a million households, directly or indirectly.

Jharkhand High Court adjourns hearing on Lal Prasad Yadav's bail plea to Feb 12

Ranchi. The Jharkhand High Court on Friday adjourned hearing on Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lal Prasad Yadav's bail plea for February 12, even as the leader filed a supplementary affidavit to highlight the period of custody served by him and the recent developments on his health front as grounds. The former Bihar chief minister has been serving jail term since December 23, 2017, after his conviction in three fodder scam cases in quick succession. Prasad has already secured bail in two cases on the ground of completion of half of the term. He moved a bail application in the third and last case on a similar ground in the High Court last year. Filing a supplementary affidavit with the court, Prasad said that he would be completing half of the sentence (42 months) on February 7. Urging the court to grant him bail, he also stated that he was afflicted and moved to the All India Institute of medical sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, last week after his health condition deteriorated. The bench of Justice Apresh Kumar Singh, however, adjourned the matter for next hearing on February 12,

asking the opposite party, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), to file its reply, if any, in the meanwhile. "We have received Prasad's supplementary affidavit but nothing new has been disclosed in it to counter our earlier stand that the leader has to serve about eight months more to complete half of the sentence in this case," said assistant solicitor general and CBI's counsel Rajiv Sinha. He added, "According to our calculation, Prasad has only completed 34 months and some days in custody, which is still short of about eight months to complete 3.5 years. His other ground of deteriorating health has nothing to do with bail. An ailing person requires treatment and that is being given to him." However, Prasad's lawyer Prabhakar Kumar said, "On the last date of hearing in December 2020, we had sought six weeks to furnish a detailed computation of the period served by Prasad in custody."

He added, "We have now filed a supplementary affidavit with a revised chart supported by lower court's certified order sheets to show the details of custody period served by Prasad in this case.

Uttarakhand registers marginal increase in Covid-19 vaccination percentage

Dehradun. The vaccination percentage in Uttarakhand has witnessed a marginal increase from 59 per cent previously on January 21 to 65 per cent on January 28, said state health officials. While vaccination of beneficiaries was 59 per cent on January 21, it was 62 per cent on January 22, 64 per cent on January 25 and 65 per cent on January 28. Kuldeep Martoliya, officer for state extended programme for immunisation, said so far over 19,517 healthcare workers have been vaccinated. He said since January 16, a total 299 vaccination sessions have been held in the state, with 68 sessions conducted on Thursday. The vaccination target for Thursday was set for 7,403 healthcare workers of which 4,827 were vaccinated. The vaccination rates in the districts were Almora (58 per cent), Bageshwar (71 per cent), Chamoli (77 per cent), Champawat (93 per cent), Dehradun (55 per cent), Haridwar (52 per cent), Nainital (70 per cent),

Pauri Garhwal (77 per cent), Pithoragarh (49 per cent), Rudrapur (65 per cent), Tehri Garhwal (86 per cent), US Nagar (63 per cent), Uttarakashi (74 per cent). At present, has over 92,000 doses of Covishield vaccine. A second consignment was received by the state in the third week of January. The state received the first consignment of 1.13 lakh vaccines on January 13. The health official said doses will be sufficient for 46,000 health workers, covering the total healthcare workers of the state.

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The Record Date for the purpose of Interim Dividend for the financial year 2020-21, if declared, will be Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and the rate, quantum and date of payment of interim dividend, will be informed immediately after the board meeting.
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Mukesh Chaudhary
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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