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## 11 corporators of Cong 'resign' from Ahmedabad civic body due to differences over appointment of opposition leader

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AHMEDABAD: A total of 11 corporators of Congress resigned from the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) in Gujarat due to the disagreement over the appointment of the opposition leader, a corporator, who had staked claim to the post, said on Sunday.  
However, a Gujarat Congress spokesperson said that these corporators have not resigned but only presented their views on the issue.  
The Congress had 24 corporators in the 192-member AMC, which is ruled by the B.J.P. Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM had won seven seats of corporators in February last year.  
"Eleven corporators, including myself, have resigned from the party and have given our letters to the state president expressing

our disagreement over the name of the leader of the opposition. We are not happy with the decision to appoint Shehzad Pathan as the leader of the opposition in the AMC," said Kamla Chavda.  
She claimed to enjoy the support of many corporators for the post of LoP.  
The 11 corporators, who submitted their resignations to state Congress president Jagdish Thakor, are not happy with the proposal to appoint Shehzad Pathan as the leader of the opposition, Chavda said.  
Pathan is the national secretary of the Youth Congress. He had been arrested in connection with CAA/NCR protests in the Muslim-dominated Shah-e-Alam locality of Ahmedabad in 2020.  
However, Gujarat Congress spokesperson Manish Doshi said that these corporators have not resigned but pre-

sented their views over the names of the leader of the opposition before the state president. He said the name of the LoP is not finalised yet.  
Doshi said that Congress had undertaken a "consultation exercise" for the appointment of Leader of Opposition in the AMC.  
He said Congress leader Naresh Rawal and MLA CJ Chavda, appointed as observers for the purpose, have discussed the matter with all the corporators, Ahmedabad MLAs, and the state president.  
"The consultation process is over but the name of the LoP is not yet finalised. It can be decided at any time. Congress corporators are united against the government's failure to provide basic amenities like drinking water and roads in many areas of Ahmedabad," he said.

## 41 pc people support ban on political rallies during assembly polls: Survey

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: A day after the Election Commission announced poll schedule for five states, a survey claimed that 41 per cent of people supported a ban on all political rallies.  
According to the survey, held after the announcement by the EC, 31 per cent of citizens favoured postponing elections in

Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, Punjab and Manipur altogether.  
In an unprecedented step, the commission on Saturday banned public rallies, roadshows and corner meetings till January 15 in the five states, citing the fresh surge in Covid cases, and issued stringent safety guidelines.  
In the survey, conducted

by digital community based platform LocalCircles, 24 per cent respondents said that Covid compliance should be imposed on all political rallies, but they must continue.  
Four per cent of the respondents said that no action is needed as risk of Covid spread due to elections is low.

**NOTICE**

I, Sumit Kapoor S/o Late Sh. Barij Mohan Kapoor R/o 151/1 Shivalikpuram Janipur have applied for transfer the lease hold rights of plot No. 111 Sec. No. 9 measuring 30'x60' situated at Roop Nagar, Jammu before the office of Jammu Development Authority, if any body is having any objection with reference to transfer of lease hold rights of said plot he/she may approached JDA Office within 7 days.

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## IIM Indore student offered Rs 49 lakh annual package to work in India

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
INDORE: A student from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Indore has been offered the annual package of Rs 49 lakh by a company to work in India during the placement process, an official said on Sunday.  
This is the highest annual package offered during this session's final placement at this institute which has seen an 18 per cent rise compared

to the last time.  
The institute has successfully completed the final placements of 572 participating candidates from the two-year flagship Post Graduate Program (PGP) and the five-year Integrated Program in Management (IPM), an official release said.  
Over 180 recruiters, including more than 30 new ones, offered prestigious roles to students of IIM Indore's 2022

batch.  
The average package stood at a record-breaking Rs 25.01 lakh, witnessing an increase of 6% as compared to the previous year, the release said.  
The top 100 students bagged packages averaging Rs 37.95 lakh and this average for the top 200 students' compensation stands at Rs 32.75 lakh, it said.  
The institute's median package also increased by 6.6% to

reach a record Rs 24.09 lakh.  
The highest package (during the final placement of this session at IIM Indore) offered on the campus was Rs 49 lakh.  
At IIM Indore, our endeavour is to be a contextually-relevant business school with world-class academic standards.. The exceptional placement drive we witnessed this year is a result of our constant efforts and hard work, said

Prof Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore.  
During the placement, the employers who offered the highest 31 per cent job offers to students are from the counselling sector. Besides, 20 per cent of job offers are given in the finance sector, 18 per cent in sales and marketing, 16 per cent in general management and 15 per cent in the information technology and analytics sector.

## 95 out of 403 UP assembly segments sensitive: Addl DGP (Law & Order)

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LUCKNOW: As many as 95 out of 403 assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh have been marked as sensitive, state's Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said on Sunday.  
Speaking to reporters here, Kumar said in the seven-phase assembly elections in the state, as many as 92,821 polling centres comprising 1,74,351 polling booths have been set up.  
Compared to the 2017 UP assembly polls, the number of polling centres has increased

by over 2 per cent and that of polling booths by 18.45 per cent.  
He said all polling centres have been physically verified by police.  
Asked what makes an assembly segment sensitive, Kumar said there are many parameters on the basis of which an assembly segment is declared sensitive.  
Kumar, however, did not elaborate on the parameters.  
Another official said the parameters for declaring an assembly constituency "sensitive" in general include factors like highly-pronounced

rivalry between political parties or pronounced presence of criminals, communal and caste tension or Left-wing extremism, among others'.  
Kumar said a separate register has been opened up in all police stations of the state to register all poll-related information.  
On curbing the misuse of illicit liquor during the elections, he said the Excise Department and police have set up 31 posts on the international and inter-state borders, where excise officials along with the police force will be deployed.

He also said to keep an eye on the criminals lodged in jails, as many as 2,676 CCTV cameras and 71 static jammers have been installed in various prisons of the state.  
The officer said 275 criminals in various districts and 869 lodged in jails have been identified, who can indirectly impact the poll process, while staying in jails, and added that strict vigil is being maintained on them.  
The ADG (Law and Order) said seven districts of Uttar Pradesh -- Pilibhit, M a h a r a j g a n j , Siddharathnagar, Bahraich,

Balrampur, Shravasti and Lakhimpur Kheri -- border eight districts of Nepal and 14 of the assembly constituencies in these seven districts border Nepal.  
Apart from this, there are 74 assembly constituencies in 30 districts of UP, which share their borders with nine states.  
He added that barriers have been put up at 107 international and 469 inter-state borders.  
Police have been deployed there, CCTVs have also been installed and checking will be done, he said.  
Delhi on Saturday, recorded

## 4 judges, 5 per cent of Supreme Court staff test positive for COVID

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Four Supreme Court judges and almost five per cent of its staff have tested positive for COVID-19, official sources said on Sunday, as the national capital witnesses a sharp spike in coronavirus cases.  
An apex court official told PTI that out of the 32 judges in the apex court, at least four judges, and 150 out of the nearly 3,000 staff members, are currently infected with the virus.  
Delhi on Saturday, recorded

seven fatalities due to Covid and 20,181 cases as the positivity rate rose to 19.60 per cent, while the country, according to Union health ministry data updated on Sunday, reported a single day rise of 1,59,632 cases and 327 fatalities.  
A COVID-19 testing facility has been set up on the top court's premises and it is open from Monday to Saturday.  
In view to contain the spread of the highly contagious coronavirus infection and sudden upsurge in the cases of Omicron variant of the coron-

avirus, it is reiterated that the entrants to the Supreme Court premises, i.e. the registry staff, staff of the coordinate agencies, advocates and their staff etc., particularly those who may be showing any symptom(s) similar to those notified for COVID-19 infection(s), may kindly get themselves tested at such facility..., a circular read.  
The top court on January 2 had decided to conduct all hearings in virtual mode for two weeks starting from January 3, in view of rising number of cases.

## Cong has no minimum respect towards democracy: Sonowal on PM security lapse

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GUWAHATI: Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal Sunday slammed the Congress over the security lapse during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Punjab and said it does not have the "minimum respect" towards democracy.  
Sonowal asserted that conspiracies hatched by the Congress will not impact the popularity of Modi, who is a global leader.  
In a "massive security breach" on Wednesday, the prime minister's convoy was stranded on a flyover due to a blockade by pro-

testers in Ferozepur, after which he returned from poll-bound Punjab without attending the planned events, including a rally.  
"Congress stooped to a low level of politicking and the people of India have unanimously condemned it. The party did not show even the minimum respect towards democracy.  
"Whatever conspiracies the Congress hatch, Modi is not only India's but the world's favourite leader. Nobody can affect the popularity of such a great leader. The party should know this," the Union Shipping, Ports and Waterways Minister said.

## Punjab: Sidhu launches digital campaign for Assembly polls

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
CHANDIGARH: Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu on Sunday launched his party's digital campaign for the Assembly polls, a day after the Election Commission declared the schedule for it and banned public rallies till January 15 amid a surge in coronavirus cases.  
Sidhu said his party has already been emphasising on the importance of digitisation and maintaining a virtual interaction with the electorate, and asserted that the Punjab Congress has the highest digital footprint amongst the political parties.  
"Till January 15, directions are very clear that you will

have to campaign digitally, through WhatsApp whatever it is," Sidhu said, adding that he had addressed 40 to 50 rallies before the poll code came into the being.  
"We hope that things will change after January 15 and in case, if things go worse, then what cannot be cured has to be endured. We will have to pass through this litmus test. Life has to be given importance," he said.  
"In Bengal, we saw big rallies, we were repenting and we were repairing rather than preventing and preparing. I think the Congress Party has taken the first initiative of preparing and with that preparedness we will be preventing," he said.

Asked when his party will announced candidates, Sidhu said this will be done very soon.  
"We are at it. Even today, the screening committee meeting is going on. We will take our decisions after careful thinking," he said.  
On his "Punjab model", Sidhu said it is not a personal or self-serving model.  
"It is the model of the people of Punjab. It is a tailor-made solution for the issues prevalent in Punjab which are created after intensive research conducted on the state and its functioning. This model brings the power back in the hands of people of Punjab for their own prosperity and growth," he said in a state-

ment.  
"The real stakeholders of the Punjab model are its people and the PPCC is soon going to pave the way for the people of Punjab through a WhatsApp App service to provide their inputs for the Punjab model and seek clarifications," he said.  
He said the "Punjab model" will not only bring the constitutional powers back to panchayats and urban local bodies, it will also aim at creating a "digital Punjab" where over 150 government services, permits and approvals will be made available to people on their doorstep.  
He said building a capable and accountable state is the key to reducing poverty.

## UP polls: SP, AAP seek removal of Govt officials

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LUCKNOW: The Samajwadi Party on Sunday urged the Election Commission to remove some top UP government officials, alleging that they are functioning like "workers" of the ruling BJP.  
Separately, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) too sought the removal of some officials, who according to it are working as "agents of the BJP".  
In a statement issued here, Samajwadi Party chief spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said a memorandum was submitted to the poll panel in this regard.  
According to the memoran-

dum, the SP alleged that Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Kumar Awasthi, Additional Chief Secretary (Information) Navneet Sehgal and Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar are working like "workers of the BJP".  
"They should be removed with immediate effect. Without removing them, conducting free and fair polls will not be possible," the memorandum said.  
In the letter, Awanish Kumar Awasthi was referred to as the deputy chief secretary, the post which does not exist.

## UK records 'terrible toll' of 150,000 COVID-19 pandemic deaths

■ **AGENCY**  
LONDON: The UK crossed another grim COVID-19 milestone after recording 150,000 deaths since the pandemic hit the country in 2020, even as the Omicron variant surge continues with a further 146,390 daily infections and 313 deaths on Saturday.  
British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the coronavirus pandemic has "taken a terrible toll on our country" as he renewed his appeal for people to get vaccinated and thanked the National Health Service (NHS) for its life-saving efforts.  
"Each and every one of those is a profound loss to the families, friends, and communities and my thoughts and condolences are with them," said Johnson.  
"Our way out of this pandemic is for everyone to get their booster or their first or second dose if they haven't yet. I want to thank everyone in the NHS and all the volun-

teers who have come forward to help with our country's vaccine programme," he said.  
Opposition Labour Leader Sir Keir Starmer described the figure as a "dark milestone" for the UK.  
"Our thoughts are with all those who have lost someone and we thank everyone for supporting the vaccination effort," he said.  
He also reiterated calls for a public inquiry to take place to "provide answers" and ensure "lessons are learned".  
It comes as the UK's Education Secretary, Nadhim Zahawi, became the first Cabinet minister to suggest further cutting down the seven-day self-isolation period for mild COVID cases to five days as the country was on the road from pandemic to endemic.  
The US recently shortened the self-isolation period to five days, but Zahawi pointed out that it was important to remember that in the UK isolation begins when you get symptoms while in the US it

starts from when you test positive.  
He told the BBC that the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) had said that there might be a higher spike if the period was cut from seven to five days but the government would keep the measure under review as staff absences due to self-isolation continue to pile significant pressure on frontline services.  
However, Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said such a move would be an "utterly wrongheaded" approach to dealing with coronavirus.  
"Hard to imagine much that would be less helpful to trying to 'live with' COVID," she tweeted.  
Meanwhile, ministers have denied media reports that indicate an end to the current system of providing the public access to free home kits for lateral flow tests.  
"We are not calling to end free lateral flow tests," Zahawi said.

## Cordial relation between Bar & Bench necessary in courts: SC

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: A cordial relation between the Bar and the Bench is absolutely necessary for smooth running of the administration of justice in the courts, the Supreme Court has said.  
A bench comprising Justices M R Shah and B V Nagarathna made the observation while disposing of an appeal filed by a lawyer, who had made derogatory comments against a judge of the Uttarakhand High Court.  
Noting the conduct of the petitioner advocate, the high court had referred the matter to the Bar Council for taking action against him.  
The advocate had approached the top court against the judgement of the high court.  
For smooth running of the administration of justice in the courts, a cordial relation between the Bar and the Bench is sine qua non and is a must. No advocate is benefited by unruly behaviour in the Court.

Ultimately it spoils the atmosphere in the court room and ultimately may spoil the case of the litigant and the litigant may have to suffer for no fault of him, the bench said.  
The lawyer practising in the Uttarakhand High Court tendered an unconditional apology for what happened before the high court due to which the impugned order came to be passed.  
He tendered an unconditional apology and filed an affidavit undertaking before the apex court that in the future no such untoward act shall take place at his behest.  
The top court then asked the lawyer to appear before the judge of the high court and tender an unconditional apology and requested the high court to take into consideration the apology.  
We are happy to note that the learned single judge has shown the grace and has accepted the unconditional apology tendered on behalf of the petitioner.

## Snowstorm death toll in Pakistan's Murree goes up to 23, rescue operation continues

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ISLAMABAD: The death toll due to unprecedented snowfall and influx of tourists in Pakistan's popular hill station of Murree reached 23 on Sunday, even as rescuers ramped up efforts to evacuate thousands of trapped picnickers from the scenic snow-bound mountain resort in Punjab province.  
Thousands of people visited Murree after the picturesque town, about 60 kilometres from here and located at the foothills of the Himalayas in Rawalpindi, received a record-breaking snowfall, leaving the local administration helpless and freezing to death at least 22 people, including 10 children, in their stranded vehicles on Saturday.  
Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, after taking an aerial view of the area to have firsthand knowledge of the situation, announced on Sunday that the rescue work would continue until the last person was rescued.  
"Every Pakistani is sad-

dened by the tragic incident that took place in Murree. All sympathies of the Punjab government are with the families of the deceased," Buzdar said.  
He ordered an official probe to fix the responsibility for the tragedy and also announced Rs 800,000 as compensation for the people who died in the calamity.  
The death of a four-year-old girl has pushed the toll to 23. The minor girl died in Jhika Gali. She was suffering from severe cold and pneumonia, according to rescue sources, adding that she lost her life as she could not be rushed to the hospital in time.  
Rescue officials told Geo News at least 23 people have died thus far as vehicles continue to remain trapped in several feet of snow. The toll was later confirmed by Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed in a statement on Saturday night.  
The minister said that the situation can only be described as a "natural calamity" and that the area

had witnessed "extreme snowfall".  
The cars were prevented from moving on to Murree, people began proceeding there on foot, and they too were stopped, he said. The minister said that the deaths were caused due to "suffocation".  
According to officials, over 142,000 vehicles had entered Murree by Saturday but all travellers could not reach the main city and their hotels.  
An unprecedented snowstorm clogged the two roads leading to Murree from Islamabad, they said.  
In a tweet on Sunday, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Political Communication Shahbaz Gill said that all major arteries to Murree had been cleared for traffic. "Around 600 to 700 cars were evacuated from the area last night," he said, adding that Rawalpindi police, the district administration and Pakistan Army soldiers worked through the night.