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PMC collects ₹48-cr property tax in Q1; ₹3 crore on rebate deadline day

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Patna: The last-minute rush by city residents to avail of the 5% rebate on lump-sum payment of property tax helped Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) register a record single-day collection of more than Rs3 crore on June 30.

June 30 was the last day to avail 5% discount on payment of property tax.

A total of 3,927 taxpayers deposited their taxes on Tuesday, prompting the civic body to keep all property tax collection counters open till midnight to accommodate the surge.

The strict deadline helped PMC collect nearly Rs48 crore in property tax during the April-June quarter of the current financial year. According to figures released by the civic body, 1,24,641 taxpayers paid property tax during the first quarter, generating a total revenue of nearly Rs48 crore. The collection was over Rs5 crore higher than the corresponding period of FY 2025-26, when the corporation had collected more than Rs42 crore from 1,25,658 taxpayers.

Among the six circles, Patliputra circle contributed the highest revenue, collecting about Rs12 crore from 35,532 taxpayers. It was followed by New Capital circle, which collected over Rs11 crore from 23,973 taxpayers. Kankarbagh circle recorded collections of nearly Rs9 crore from 22,362 taxpayers, while Bankipur circle collected more than Rs7 crore from 18,378 taxpayers.

Azimabad circle generated over Rs4 crore from 16,650 taxpayers, while Patna City circle collected nearly Rs 3 crore from 7,746 taxpayers.

Owing to the June 30 deadline for the discount, there was heavy footfall at tax counters as residents sought to take advantage of the rebate offered by PMC for advance payment of property tax for FY 2026-27.

PMC officials said the growth in collections reflects improved taxpayer participation and greater compliance in addition to the property tax rates increase. The first-quarter performance marks one of PMC's strongest starts to a financial year, with collections rising by more than 12% compared to the same period last year.

REVENUE BOOM

- **June 30 collection** | Over ₹3 crore
- **Taxpayers who paid on June 30** | 3,927
- **Rebate offered till June 30** | 5% on lump-sum payment

APRIL-JUNE (Q1 FY 2026-27)

- **Total property tax collected** | Nearly ₹48 crore
- **Total taxpayers** | 1,24,641

APRIL-JUNE (Q1 FY 2025-26)

- **Total property tax collected** | Over ₹42 crore
- **Total taxpayers** | 1,25,658

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE

- **Revenue increase** | Over ₹5 crore
- **Growth in collection** | More than 12%

CIRCLE-WISE COLLECTION

Place	Tax (₹/cr)	Taxpayers
Patliputra	12	35,532
New Capital	11	23,973
Kankarbagh	9	22,362
Bankipur	7	18,378
Azimabad	4	16,650
Patna City	3	7,746

Civic body activates 19 quick response teams

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Patna: Ahead of monsoon, Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) has activated 19 Quick Response Teams (QRTs) across the city to ensure swift action against waterlogging and drainage-related issues during heavy rainfall.

Reviewing monsoon preparedness at a meeting held here on Wednesday, municipal commissioner Yashpal Meena directed all QRTs to maintain continuous surveillance over identified vulnerable locations and respond immediately once rainfall begins. Officials were instructed to regularly inspect manholes, catch pits and slabs in their respective areas and promptly report any damage, blockage or obstruction to the authorities concerned.

Meena stressed that the teams must be deployed in the field without delay during rainfall to ensure smooth drainage and prevent water accumulation. To improve mobility and response time, each QRT will be provided a dedicated vehicle, enabling members to patrol assigned zones, monitor drainage operations and take corrective measures wherever required.

The PMC has divided its 75 wards into 19 zones, with each zone assigned a QRT comprising one zonal inspector and two sanitation workers. The teams have been equipped with raincoats, torches, gloves and other safety gear for round-the-clock operations during adverse weather conditions.

The civic body has also directed coordination among QRTs and drainage pumping stations, major drains, pump sets and operating staff to ensure uninterrupted water discharge during rainfall.

According to the zone-wise deployment plan, four QRT zones have been created in New Capital circle, four in Patliputra circle, three each in Kankarbagh and Bankipur circles, and two in Patna City circle, along with three in Azimabad circle.

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PMC officials at a meeting

MONSOON PREPS

Prohibition raid team attacked near Paliganj

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Patna: Unidentified assailants opened fire at a prohibition enforcement team's vehicle late Tuesday night near Akhtiyarpur bridge in Paliganj subdivision of Patna district. No personnel were injured in the attack.

The team was conducting raids in Musahari areas. Several people were arrested from Maharajganj Musahari for allegedly consuming liquor. The team was returning with the detainees when the firing occurred near Akhtiyarpur bridge.

Excise officer Baidyanath Yadav of Paliganj subdivision said one shot was fired at the vehicle. "The shot was aimed at the vehicle, but no staff was injured," he said.

Home guard jawan Prince Kumar, who was travelling in the vehicle, said, "We had arrested people for drinking and were taking them to the police station when there was sudden firing on the vehicle. Everyone is safe."

On receiving information, the local police rushed to the spot, but the assailants had already fled. Paliganj SHO Santosh Kumar Singh said the incident occurred late at night near Akhtiyarpur bridge.

NONE INJURED

CM to flag off metro service on Malahi Pakri stretch today

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Metro operations will begin from ISBT to Malahi Pakri

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Patna: CM Samrat Choudhary will inaugurate metro services between the Bhootnath and Malahi Pakri stations on Thursday. All preparations for the inauguration have been completed, an official said.

"After the inauguration, metro operations will begin from ISBT to Malahi Pakri," Vinay Kumar, principal secretary, urban development and housing department (UDHD), said on Wednesday.

Metro operations commenced on a 3.2-km stretch between ISBT and Bhootnath on Oct 6, 2025, along the first corridor of Phase I of the Patna Metro Rail Project. Eight months later, on July 2, the CM will extend the service from Bhootnath to Malahi Pakri. "After this, residents of Patna will be able to avail metro services on an approximately 6-km stretch from ISBT to Malahi Pakri. This will make commuting easier," a UDHD official said.

He added that construction work at Khemnichak metro station has almost been completed and preparations are underway to commence metro operations from the station within a fortnight.

MU speeds up pension disbursement process

Abdul Qadir | TNN

Gaya: Magadh University has decided to fast track disbursement of retirement benefits to its teaching and non-teaching employees.

According to MU registrar Binod Kumar Mangalam, to begin with two teachers who got superannuated on Tuesday (June 30) were given their pension related documents including orders for the payment of PF, gratuity and leave encashment. The teachers are PG physics department head Vijay Kumar Verma and Jagjivan College, Gaya, principal Satendra Kumar Parjapati. They will start getting pension from July itself, said the registrar. The pension related documents were handed over to the superannuated teachers by the officiating vice-chancellor Dilip Kumar Kesari.

The post-retirement claims of the superannuated employees will be settled on a first-come-first-serve basis, said the registrar. In the past there have been complaints of partisanship in the disbursement of post retirement benefits.

Non-payment of post retirement benefits particularly gratuity and leave encashment has been a major source of litigation in the university and if honestly implemented, the decision to fast track post retirement benefit dispersal is likely to significantly reduce the scope of litigation.

According to estimates, less than 50% of the existing about 450 teachers are eligible under the regular pension scheme. The remaining teachers appointed by the BPSC and State University Commission after 2005 are covered by a contributory new pension scheme.

WELCOME STEP

SC judge opens research unit at law varsity

B K Mishra | TNN

Patna: Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), in collaboration with GIGA Innovations Technologies on Wednesday launched a cyber security and data protection compliance research unit (CS-DPCRU), on its campus.

Formally inaugurating the research unit in the presence of legal luminaries, Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah of Supreme Court emphasised the growing need for robust legal, technological and governance frameworks to address evolving cyber threats and protect digital rights.

Patna HC chief justice and CNLU chancellor Meenakshi Madan Rai, Justice Nani Tagia, Justice Rajesh Kumar Verma, advocate general Satya Darshi Sanjay, CNLU vice-chancellor Faizan Mustafa also spoke on the occasion.

New academic session begins, but classes stay empty across colleges

B K Mishra | TNN

Patna: Even as higher education institutions across the state formally began the 2026–27 academic session on Wednesday, not a single class was held on the opening day. Most colleges in Patna wore a deserted look, with classrooms remaining locked due to the absence of students.

Admissions to four-year undergraduate programmes are still underway at all colleges affiliated to Patna University (PU) and Patliputra University (PPU), and classes for newly admitted students have yet to begin.

PU dean of students' welfare Kameshwar Pandit said students whose names appeared in the second merit list were currently being admitted to their allotted colleges and subject combinations. Admissions under the second list will continue till July 3.

He said induction programmes for newly admitted students in PU constituent colleges would be held on July 6, while regular classes would begin on July 7.

For postgraduate courses, online applications for MA, MSc and MCom programmes in different faculties of PU are still being accepted, with July 10 being the last date for submission. Counselling-cum-admission for selected candidates is expected in the last week of July, and classes are likely to commence in the first week of August.

PPU registrar Abu Bakar Rizwi said admissions were still in progress in affiliated colleges and classes were expected to start by the end of this week. He added that classes in the newly established degree colleges at the block level would also begin around the same time, as arrangements for infrastructure and staff had already been made.

Sources said classes could not commence in any of the 211 newly created degree colleges because the admission process was still under way. Some colleges are also making arrangements for subject teachers and basic infrastructure.

Samastipur district magistrate Roshan Kushwaha on Wednesday visited the Govt Degree College at Kalyanpur block to inspect preparations for the commencement of classes. Deputy development commissioner and district education officer accompanied him and offered suggestions to principal Sanjay Jha.

The principal of Government Degree College, Bithan, in Samastipur district said classes in the new degree colleges would begin after their formal inauguration by the chief minister.

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Samastipur DM Roshan Kushwaha inspects the Govt Degree College on Wednesday

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5 injured as 'baraatis' and locals clash during dinner

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Patna: Five people were injured after a violent clash broke out between a wedding party and local residents during the dinner at a hotel near Umanath Temple under the Barh police station area of Patna district on Tuesday night. The exact cause of the dispute is yet to be ascertained, police said.

According to the police, one of the injured, who sustained serious injuries, is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Biharsharif. The others received first aid at Barh sub-divisional hospital and were later discharged.

A wedding party from Harnaut in Nalanda district was staying at Kundan Hotel near Umanath Temple. Dinner had been arranged for the guests and most of them were eating when an argument broke out between some local youths and members of the baraat.

According to eyewitnesses, what began as a verbal altercation quickly escalated into a violent clash. It is alleged that the hotel operator also joined the locals in the dispute. The group then attacked members of the wedding party with kitchen utensils being used by cooks at the hotel.

The sudden assault triggered panic among the guests. Many abandoned their meals and ran for safety.

Barh SHO Brajesh Singh said, "Five people were injured in the clash. Shashi sustained serious injuries and was admitted to a private hospital in Biharsharif, where he is undergoing treatment."

BARH INCIDENT

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