

'JOURNALISM MUST QUESTION POWER, GIVE VOICE TO SOCIETY'

KANPUR: Journalism's duty is to question those in power and give voice to society, senior journalist and MP Rajeev Shukla said on Wednesday. He stressed that freedom has little meaning unless citizens can express their views, ask questions and disagree without fear.

Speaking at the Tilak Memorial Lecture, book launch and journalism awards ceremony at Shastri Bhavan, Shukla said journalism was an important pillar of democracy. He said journalists must bring public issues before society while remaining grounded in facts.

The event, organised by the Kanpur Journalists and Activists' Forum and Tilak Foundation, focused on 'Azadi Aur Uski Sarhad'. Prof Anand Shukla, delivering the keynote address, said the freedom struggle was also a struggle for ideas, expression and social consciousness.

A book, Syahi Se Shahadat Tak, edited by senior journalist Mahesh Sharma, was released on the occasion. It examines the role of Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi and Pratap in building national consciousness.

Journalist Praveen Moha was presented the Tilak Memorial Excellence in Journalism Award 2026 for his journalism. Mohit Pandey, Ganesh Tiwari, Anoop Bajpai, Kumar Tripathi, Satya Prakash Tripathi, Kailash Agarwal, Dr Ramesh Chintak and many other distinguished personalities were present on the occasion. **HTC**

Vehicle breakdowns choke roads; buses biggest hurdle across Delhi

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NEW DELHI: Vehicle breakdowns have remained a perennial problem on Delhi's major roads in the past few years, bringing traffic to a crawl for hours, traffic police officials familiar with the department's data said. The problem is particularly acute when buses and large commercial vehicles break down, as their removal requires specialised cranes and a different recovery procedure from that used for ordinary vehicles, they added.

Delhi Traffic Police data showed 468 vehicle breakdowns have been reported as of September 17. Police receive alerts about breakdowns on major roads almost every day, with Ring Road, Outer Ring Road and Mathura Road among stretches frequently affected. Most breakdowns involving prolonged traffic disruption are of buses, officials said.

A total of 845 breakdowns were reported in 2025 and 1,190 in 2024, according to the data.

Traffic police officers posted on the field said breakdowns of large commercial vehicles, particularly buses, pose the biggest challenge. Specialised cranes have to be brought from the nearest Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) depot, and buses generally have to be lifted from the rear rather than the front.

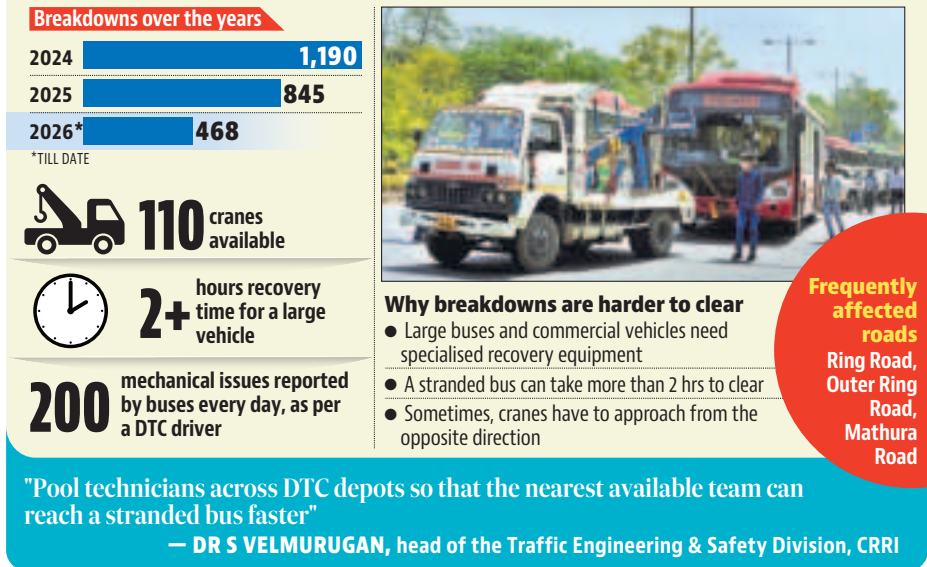
The recovery process can take more than two hours, during which traffic continues to build up behind the stranded vehicle, a traffic official said.

The problem is compounded by the age and condition of parts of the DTC fleet. A CAG performance audit of DTC for the period between 2015-16 and 2021-22 tabled in the Delhi Assembly in March last year found the bus service had one of the highest bus breakdown rates in the country attributing the problem in part to an ageing fleet and maintenance deficiencies. As per the CAG report, vehicle productivity per day per bus ranged from 180km to 201km as against the target ranging of 189km to 200km per bus per day during 2015-22, due to frequent breakdowns and existence of 656 overaged buses in its fleet as on March 31, 2022.

Senior traffic police officers said they have verbally asked DTC to train drivers to release the buses' wheel-lock mechanism — which prevents the wheels from turning when a bus is immobilised — so that stranded vehicles can be moved more easily. DTC employees said the actual number of mechanical problems could be higher than those formally recorded as breakdowns.

A DTC driver, requesting anonymity, claimed that over 200 buses report some form of issue daily, with monsoon conditions,

One breakdown, long jams



potholes and waterlogging adding to the problem.

Officials explained that large buses and loaded commercial vehicles cannot simply be attached to an ordinary tow truck and pulled away.

Their size and weight require recovery equipment capable of lifting or securing them, while the position of the vehicle on a busy road can determine how the crane approaches it. In some cases, the recovery vehicle has to

approach from the opposite direction (wrong way) to manoeuvre into position before the stranded vehicle can be removed, traffic officials said.

Traffic police officers and experts said vehicle breakdowns have a direct impact on road capacity, slowing traffic and creating queues, longer travel times and secondary congestion on adjoining roads. They can also increase fuel consumption and vehicular emissions.

"Even a single vehicle breakdown can significantly affect traffic movement, particularly on busy roads and during peak hours. When a vehicle becomes immobile, it reduces the effective road or lane capacity, slows down traffic and can lead to long queues behind the stranded vehicle."

This not only increases the travel time of commuters but also results in higher fuel consumption because of prolonged idling and repeated acceleration," said a senior traffic police officer. The officer said congestion could also spill over to adjoining roads, intersections and alternative routes, creating secondary bottlenecks. "Slow-moving and stationary vehicles contribute to increased vehicu-

lar emissions and air pollution. More importantly, such obstructions can affect the movement of emergency vehicles, including ambulances and fire tenders," the officer said. "Clearing a breakdown, therefore, is not merely about removing one vehicle from the road. Depending on the location and extent of congestion, traffic personnel, recovery cranes and diversion measures may have to be deployed to restore normal movement."

The impact is particularly pronounced during peak hours," said additional commissioner of police (traffic) Dinesh Kumar Gupta. The traffic police have 110 cranes for removing such vehicles. Traffic police officers said enforcement drives against improper parking and other violations had helped improve compliance, but breakdowns remained more difficult to address. Dr S Velmurugan, former chief scientist and head of the traffic engineering and safety division at the Central Road Research Institute, said the design of DTC buses also made their removal difficult because of the location of the engine and distribution of weight.



Polling was held at the Kiccha and Sirauli Kalan municipalities in Udham Singh Nagar district on September 22. HT PHOTO

{ CIVIC ELECTIONS } 3-WEEK DEADLINE GIVEN

HC orders vote count at Kiccha, Sirauli Kalan

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HALDWANI: The Uttarakhand high court on Wednesday directed authorities to conduct the counting of votes for the recently held municipal elections in Kichha and Sirauli Kalan in Udham Singh Nagar district within three weeks.

A division bench of Chief Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta and justice Subhash Upadhyay was hearing petitions challenging orders of the State Election Commission and the state government deferring the counting. The state government had sought two more weeks to conduct the counting, citing law and order concerns following disturbances at polling booths and a strong room during the September 22 elections. It told the court that the ballot papers were sealed in ballot boxes and that arrangements to ensure peaceful counting and declaration of results were required.

The court, however, granted three weeks for the counting instead of the two weeks sought by the government.

In an earlier hearing, the court had stayed the State Election Commission's order deferring the counting and directed that the process be initiated, noting that the elections were already conducted and there was no apparent reason to halt the counting.

The matter was initiated after a petition by Kichha resident Alina Malik sought directions



The court was hearing pleas challenging orders deferring the counting of votes.

for counting of votes. During an earlier hearing before a single-judge bench, the State Election Commission informed the court that polling for both municipalities was held on September 22, but counting had been deferred until further orders. The single-judge bench had listed the matter for October 5.

Several petitions, including a PIL filed by Kichha resident Naimul Hussain, were subsequently heard by the division bench. The petitioners alleged irregularities in determining reservation for municipal chairperson posts and claimed that the reservation status of the Kichha Municipal Council chairperson post was initially omitted from the state notification inviting objections.

They also challenged the government's decision to prepare the reservation roster based on 43 municipal chairperson posts. They alleged that certain wards and villages were proposed to merge with Kichha municipality, a move that was stayed by the high court, before they were subsequently re-incorporated.

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Dated : 29.09.2026**Place : Varanasi****Authorised officer- Bank of India**

Bank of Baroda

SALE NOTICE

For Sale of Immovable Properties APPENDIX-IV-A (See Proviso to Rule 8(i) read with Rule 9(1))

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) read with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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The details of Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Secured Assets/Dues/Reserve Price/E-Auction Date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:-

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Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/ Legal Heir(s)/Proprietor	Description of the Immovable Properties with Known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Reserve Price EMD Bid increase Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	Borrower:- Mr. Uday Pratap Singh s/o Mr. Shivji Singh Address: 1316, Vihar No. 1, Nai Basti, Alinagar, Mughasarai, Dist. Chandauli (U.P.)-232101 and the Guarantor Mr. Ajay Tiwari s/o Mr. Vivekanand Tiwari, House No. 5, Village- Jaisa, Alinagar, Pargana Dhooos, Mughasarai, Dist. Chandauli (U.P.)-232101	All the part & parcel of immovable property at Arazi no. 132 Ka, area 3915 sq. ft. Mauja Alinagar, Pargana Dhooos, Tehsil Mugalsarai (Now P.D.D.U. Nagar), Distt. Chandauli. Property is in the name of Mr. Uday Pratap Singh s/o Shivji Singh. Bound as per Deed: East: Land of Moti & Others West: Land of Rajmali Devi North: Land of Sohan and Mohan South: 12 ft. Kachcha rasta T/A house of Rajnarayan	Rs. 35,36,285.09 + interest from date 31.01.2025 + other expenses (minus amount, if any, paid after the issuance of Demand Notice)	Rs. 74,00,000/- Rs. 7,40,000/- Rs. 25,000/-	Symbolic	Date 22.10.2026 upto 05:00 PM
2.	Borrower:- M/s Rachana Rice Mill, Registered Address: Village Tenuwal, Pargana Badhawai, Tehsil Sakaidiha, District Chandauli-232108 through its Proprietor Mr. Ravindranath Chaubey s/o Mr. Umrao Chaubey r/o Village Tenuwal, Pargana Badhawai, Tehsil Sakaidiha, District Chandauli-232108	All the part and parcel of property consisting of residential plot bearing Arazi No. 479 Area 0.287 hectare out of 1.42 acre. Half part of total land share, owned by Mr. Ravindra Nath Choubey (of which 2/3" position purchased by him vide sale deed dated 04-07-2012 & 1/3" portion legal ownership inherited). The property is situated at Mauza Tenuwal, Pargana Badhawai, Tehsil Sakaidiha, District Chandauli standing in the name of Mr. Ravindra Nath Chaubey s/o Mr. Umrao Chaubey. Property is bounded as per Sale Deed dated 04-07-2012 East: Land of Haridwar West: Land of Vandee North: Tube Well Nail T/A Land of Akhlesh and road South: Land of Binj Kishor and others	Rs. 22,99,429.16 + interest from date 19.01.2025 + other expenses (minus amount, if any, paid after the issuance of Demand Notice)	Rs. 83,60,000/- Rs. 8,36,000/- Rs. 25,000/-	Symbolic	Date 22.10.2026 upto 05:00 PM
3.	Borrower:- Mrs. Rekha Kumar W/o Mr. Mukesh and Guarantor Mr. Mukesh Kumar Yadav s/o Mr. Laljee Yadav both r/o Village Chuppur, Chakia, District Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh-232103	Equitable Mortgage of Land and Building situated at Arazi No. 40, Mauza Karamchak, Pargana Keramagaur, Tehsil Chakia, District Chandauli having plot area 270.50 Sq. mt. standing in the name of Km. Rekha Kumari W/o Mukesh. East: Land of Bachcha Mishra West: Sadak Chakia, Mugalsarai Marg North: Part land of Vendor South: Land of Gita Devi	Rs. 24,51,649.76 + interest from date 09.10.2025 + other expenses (minus amount, if any, paid after the issuance of Demand Notice)	Rs. 27,30,000/- Rs. 2,73,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Symbolic	Date 22.10.2026 upto 05:00 PM
4.	Borrower:- M/s Harish Poultry Production Proprietor Mr. Harish Chandra Prasad Singh s/o Late Shri Girja Prasad Singh r/o Village & Post Ahraura, District Mirzapur and Guarantor Mr. Vikash Kumar Gupta s/o Shri Bachau Lal r/o Village and Post Ahraura, District Mirzapur-231301	Equitable Mortgage of Land and Building having area 3290 sq. ft. situated at Mauja Mahuli, Pargana Ahraura, Tehsil Chunar, District Mirzapur standing in the name of Shri Harish Chandra Prasad Singh s/o Late Shri Girja Prasad Singh. Boundaries as per Sale Deed: East: House of Basantu & Ganga and Gali West: House of Hira, Munni Lal etc. North: House of Makkhan and Gali South: Land of Vendor & boundary	Rs. 45,17,812.22 + interest from date 22.01.2024 + other expenses (minus amount, if any, paid after the issuance of Demand Notice)	Rs. 18,90,000/- Rs. 1,89,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Symbolic	Date 22.10.2026 upto 05:00 PM

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घर-घर पर दस्तक
(12 से 31 अक्टूबर, 2026)

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