



Press Release
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Today i.e. 17.7.2020, the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh has digitally inaugurated the state-of-the-art e-Challan System from Punjab Raj Bhawan, Sector 6, Chandigarh. It is a comprehensive digital solution for enforcement of Traffic rules delivered through an Android based mobile application. E-Challan is a Pan-India project of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) developed by NIC that provides a number of user friendly features, covering all major functionalities of Traffic Enforcement System i.e. issuance of Traffic e-Challan, on spot cashless payment, real time excess of Vahan and Sarathi Database, access to previous records, integration with DigiLocker and M-parivahan apps using Hand Held device. With e-Challan, motorists will be able to pay fine at-the-spot using cashless means and from their homes using online payment gateway. This project has been implemented in Chandigarh with zero cost to the Department in association with NIC, SPIC and Axis Bank.

e-Sampark payment gateway is being used for online and on-the-spot cashless payment. For this project, Axis Bank has provided 200 handheld e-Challan devices, free of cost, to Chandigarh Police. Axis Bank will also provide on-the-spot field support to Chandigarh Traffic Police for the project.

Chandigarh is one of the first few States and UTs in the country that have introduced this modern traffic enforcement system. Chandigarh Traffic Police has made certain unique additions

that have added immense value to this System. These add-ons have made the System more robust by keeping a tab on habitual offenders, initiating online process for suspension of license of erring drivers and digitally linking the courts.

On this eve, Chandigarh Traffic Police has sent bulk SMS to over 60,000 motorists informing them about online payment gateway for payment against their pending Postal Challans. An MOU has been recently signed between Chandigarh Traffic Police and Indian Postal Service for delivery of postal challans through speed post.

The Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh has also inaugurated the Website of Chandigarh Traffic Police i.e. <https://chandigarhtrafficpolice>, which is the first official website to be hosted on NIC's Chandigarh State Cloud. This Website provides citizen friendly online services such as Payment of Postal Challans, Driving History Record and No Entry Permission. The Website also has informative and educative material related to safe and responsible driving.

Further, the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh has released the 10th edition of Annual Report on "Road Safety in Chandigarh-2019", which is a systematic compilation of information about road accidents that have occurred in U.T Chandigarh in the year 2019. It presents infographics and comparative analyses across years, police stations and traffic zones. This publication is a far improved version as compared to its previous editions. This report also presents various traffic management initiatives taken by Chandigarh Traffic Police to mitigate traffic congestion in the city.

Hon'ble Governor Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh has appreciated the efforts put in by Chandigarh Traffic

Police for introducing e-Challan System in UT Chandigarh. He was pleased to note that road accidents in Chandigarh in 2019 declined to the lowest ever in the previous decade.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Governor Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh stated that Chandigarh Traffic Police will now be in a position to honor digital transport documents such as Registration Certificate and Driving License through authorized apps such as DigiLocker and mParivahan, which will obviate the requirement for citizens of carrying these documents in physical form. The Hon'ble Governor Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh also stated that the e-Challan System has the capability of forward integration with the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS), which will soon be introduced under the Smart City Project. This will truly make Chandigarh a model city with end-to-end automation in traffic rules enforcement.

During this online inauguration, Sh. Manoj Kumar Parida, IAS, Advisor to the Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home, UT Chandigarh, Sh. Sanjay Baniwal, IPS, DGP/Chandigarh, Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Finance Secretary, UT Chandigarh, Sh. J.M. Balamurugan, Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, Sh. Shashank Anand, IPS, DIG/Traffic & Security, UT Chandigarh were present. Further, Mr. Gautam Ghosh, Deputy Director General, NIC and Mr. Vivek Bimbrahw, Group Head, Govt. Business, Axis Bank attended this event through video conferencing from Delhi and Gurugram respectively.

On this occasion, Mr. D.K. Das, Executive VP and Head of Government Business Group, Axis Bank has conveyed that "Axis Bank is proud to partner with Chandigarh Traffic Police to provide an e-governance solution that makes the payment process quick

and easy. The e-challan facility will aid the traffic police in discharging their duties more effectively and also enable citizens to make hassle-free payments. The Government's focus on making the country embrace digital payments has been relentless and it is our constant endeavour to create a robust digital ecosystem for the convenience of all citizens and help them adopt innovative digital channels across the nation."

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