REPORT

PATIALA RURAL
POLITICAL CONSTITUENCY SURVEY & STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENT REPORT

Patiala Rural Assembly Constituency (AC No. 110)
District Patiala, Punjab
Patiala Parliamentary Constituency (PB-13)

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To:
Shri Nitin Nabin
National President
Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Subject: Submission of Political Constituency Survey & Stakeholder Assessment Report for Patiala Rural Assembly Constituency (AC-110), District Patiala.

Sir / Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am submitting the Political Constituency Survey & Stakeholder Assessment Report for Patiala Rural Assembly Constituency (AC-110) for your kind perusal and further necessary action.

The report covers the constituency profile, demographic and voter profile, results of the Lok Sabha (2014–2024), Vidhan Sabha (2012–2022) and Municipal Corporation (2024) elections, a directory of elected representatives, party office-bearers and administrative officers, local development issues, and a review of local media and public social media activity.

All figures are taken from official or published sources, which are cited under each table and listed in Annexure A.

Yours faithfully,

Ministry of Home Affairs

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Patiala Rural (AC-110) is one of the nine Assembly segments of the Patiala Parliamentary Constituency (PB-13). It covers 26 of the 60 wards of the Patiala Municipal Corporation and 53 villages (Census 2011 basis). In the 2024 roll it had 2,20,255 electors.

1.2 The sitting MLA is **Dr Balbir Singh (Aam Aadmi Party)**, Cabinet Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education & Research. The Member of Parliament for Patiala is **Dr Dharamvira Gandhi (Indian National Congress)**, elected in 2024.

1.3 In the 2022 Assembly election, Dr Balbir Singh polled 77,155 votes (52.05%) and won by 53,474 votes over Shri Mohit Mohindra (INC). This ended the Congress's hold on the seat, which it had won in 2012 and 2017.

1.4 In the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the INC won the Patiala seat by 14,831 votes. Within the Patiala Rural segment, however, the AAP candidate led with 37,446 votes against 34,985 (INC) and 30,320 (BJP). The lead of 2,461 votes is much smaller than the 2022 Assembly margin.

1.5 In the Municipal Corporation election of 21.12.2024, the AAP won 43 of the 53 wards that went to polls (INC 4, BJP 4, SAD 2; 7 wards deferred by the High Court). Shri Kundan Gogia (AAP) has been Mayor since 10.01.2025.

1.6 Female electors rose from 907 to 936 per 1,000 male electors between 2012 and 2024. Total electors grew 23.8% over the same period, but fell by 5,786 between the 2022 and 2024 rolls.

1.7 The main civic issues documented are the legacy garbage dump at Sanauri Adda, sewage in Chhoti Nadi and flooding near Badi Nadi, the condition of village link roads, drug abuse, and interruptions to sanitation services.

2. Introduction, Scope and Methodology

2.1 **Objective.** To prepare a fact-based profile of the political landscape, electoral history, demography, elected and administrative stakeholders, and development issues of Patiala Rural Assembly Constituency.

2.2 **Period.** The main research period is 2022 to 18.11.2026. Earlier elections (2012–2019) are included for comparison.

2.3 **Sources.** In order of priority: Election Commission of India results; Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab and State Election Commission reporting; Census of India 2011 and the District Administration website (patiala.nic.in); Government transfer and appointment orders as reported; official party releases; established newspapers (chiefly The Tribune); and public Facebook pages.

2.4 **Social media.** Only publicly visible Facebook pages and posts were reviewed, on 18.11.2026. No private messages, private profiles or personal data were accessed. Instagram could not be reviewed. Social media engagement does not represent voter opinion.

2.5 **Verification labels.** *Data Not Available*: no reliable source found. *Verification Required*: reported but not confirmed from an official source. *Historical Information – Current Status Unconfirmed*: verified for an earlier date only.

3. Constituency Profile

3.1 The following table distinguishes the administrative and electoral units that are often confused with one another.

Table 1: Geographical units relevant to Patiala Rural

Unit	Description	Relation to Patiala Rural (AC-110)
Patiala district	Revenue district; 8 Assembly constituencies; 3,325 sq km; 912 villages (Census 2011)	AC-110 is one of the 8
Patiala Parliamentary Constituency (PB-13)	9 segments: Nabha, Patiala Rural, Rajpura, Dera Bassi, Ghanaur, Sanaur, Patiala, Samana, Shutrana	One of 9 segments
Patiala Municipal Corporation	60 wards (notified 30.08.2023)	26 wards in Patiala Rural; 32 in Patiala (Urban); 2 in Sanaur
Patiala city	Municipal Corporation with outgrowth; 4,46,246 persons (Census 2011)	Divided mainly between Patiala Urban and Patiala Rural
Patiala Rural block (Panchayat Samiti)	Rural development block; boundary differs from the AC	60 gram panchayats, 75,570 voters (Dec 2025 poll)

Source: Tribune (ward map, 01.09.2023; block samiti zones, Dec 2025); Census 2011; ECI.

3.2 **Localities.** Urban localities named in published reports on Patiala Rural include Urban Estate (Phases I–II), Tripuri, Old Bishan Nagar, Ranjit Nagar, Factory Area, Sanauri Adda, Sanaur Road and the colonies along Jalalpur Road. The official polling-station list for AC-110 should be used to confirm the exact boundary (*Verification Required*).

4. Demographic & Voter Profile

4.1 Census data is not tabulated by Assembly constituency. This section therefore uses (a) electoral roll data for AC-110, (b) Census 2011 data for the 53 villages of the AC, and (c) Census 2011 data for Patiala city and Patiala district as reference figures.

4.A Electors of Patiala Rural (AC-110)

Table 2: Registered electors by gender, Patiala Rural (AC-110)

Year / election	Male	Female	Third gender	Total	Female per 1,000 male	Female share
2024 (Lok Sabha)	1,13,736	1,06,513	6	2,20,255	936	48.4%
2022 (Vidhan Sabha)	1,16,900	1,09,133	8	2,26,041	934	48.3%
2019 (Lok Sabha)	1,13,257	1,04,992	8	2,18,257	927	48.1%
2017 (Vidhan Sabha)	1,07,361	98,215	8	2,05,584	915	47.8%
2014 (Lok Sabha)	1,02,776	94,535	0	1,97,311	920	47.9%
2012 (Vidhan Sabha)	93,255	84,614	0	1,77,869	907	47.6%

Source: Indiastat Assembly Factbook, Patiala Rural (compiled from ECI/CEO Punjab). Ratios and shares computed for this report. Wikipedia gives 2,25,639 electors for 2017, so that year needs checking against the CEO Punjab roll.

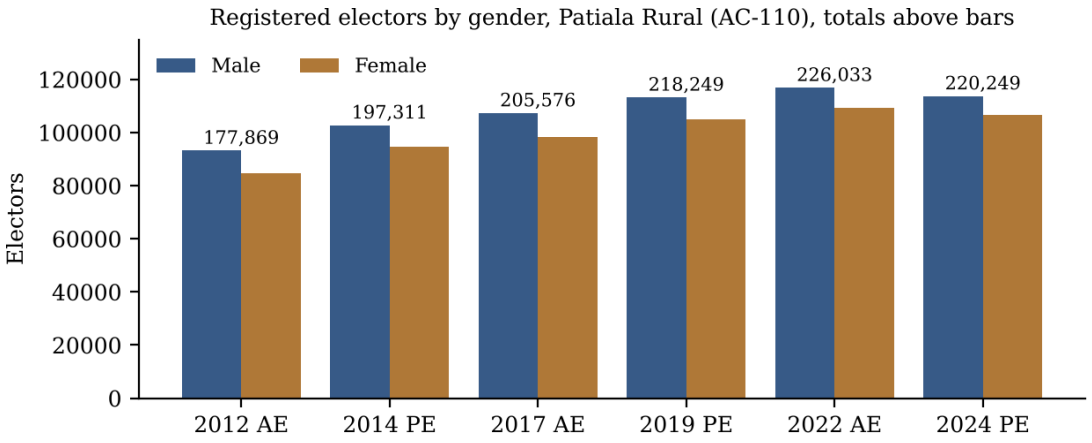


Figure 1: Registered electors by gender, Patiala Rural (AC-110)

Table 3: Turnout, Patiala Rural (AC-110)

Election	Electors	Votes polled	Turnout
Vidhan Sabha 2022	2,26,041	1,48,243	65.6%
Vidhan Sabha 2017	2,05,584 / 2,25,639 (sources differ)	1,46,170	71.37% (as reported)
Lok Sabha 2024 (segment)	2,20,255	Data Not Available	Data Not Available (PC-wide turnout 63.63%)

Source: ECI via Wikipedia; punjabdata.com; Indiastat. Segment-wise 2024 turnout to be taken from ECI Form-20.

4.2 **Observations.** (i) The gender ratio of the roll has improved steadily, from 907 to 936 female electors per 1,000 male electors. (ii) The roll fell by 5,786 electors between 2022 and 2024, which suggests deletions during roll revision. (iii) The 2017 turnout reported by secondary sources needs confirming, because the elector totals for 2017 differ between sources.

4.B Rural component: villages of AC-110

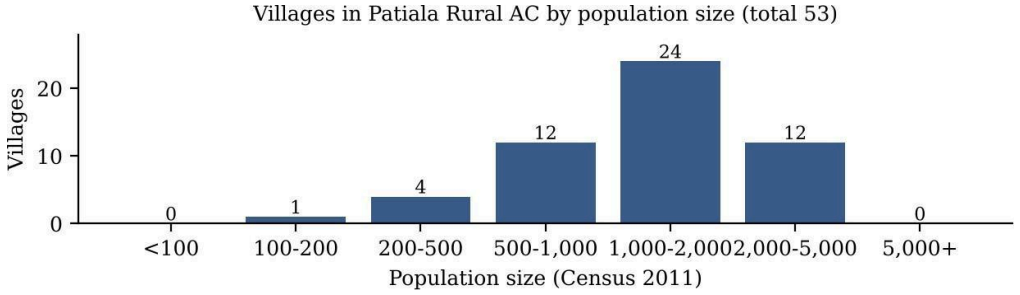


Figure 2: Villages in Patiala Rural AC by population size, Census 2011 (total 53)

4.3 Most villages are mid-sized: 36 of the 53 have between 500 and 2,000 inhabitants, and none exceeds 5,000. Villages listed in the published extract (partial list, 30 of 53) include: Ajnauda Kalan, Ajnauda Khurd, Allowal, Amampura, Baran, Chalela, Dandrala Kharaur, Daulatpur, Dayagarh, Dhanaura, Dhanauri, Dhangera, Faridpur, Ghamrouda, Hardaspur, Hiana Kalan, Hiana Khurd, Hirdapur, Ichhewal, Jassowal, Kaidupur, Kalwa, Kansuha Kalan, Kasiana, Kath Mathi, Kishangarh, Kishanpur urf Bakhshiwala and Labana Karmoo. The remaining village names are *Data Not Available* and are to be obtained from the District Census Handbook.

Table 4: Patiala Rural Block: rural local body electorate (Zila Parishad / Block Samiti poll, 14.12.2025)

Item	Value
Zila Parishad zones / Block Samiti zones	2 / 15
Gram panchayats / polling booths	60 / 98
Voters (male / female / third gender)	75,570 (39,303 / 36,365 / 2)

Source: The Tribune, 'Over 8.88 lakh voters to cast vote in dist rural poll', Dec 2025. The block boundary is not identical to the AC.

4.C Census 2011 reference profile: Patiala city and Patiala district

Table 5: Census 2011 indicators

Indicator	Patiala district	Patiala city (M.Corp. + OG)
Population	18,95,686	4,46,246 (city proper 4,06,192)
Male / Female	10,02,522 / 8,93,164	2,36,198 / 2,10,048
Sex ratio (females per 1,000 males)	891 (NFHS-5, 2019–21: 922)	889
Child sex ratio (0–6 years)	837 (urban 852, rural 827)	864 (city proper)
Rural / Urban population	11,32,406 (59.7%) / 7,63,280 (40.3%)	Wholly urban
Households	3,72,293	Data Not Available
Literacy rate	75.28% (M 80.2%, F 69.8%); rural 69.0%, urban 84.4%	85.78% (city proper)
Scheduled Castes	24.55% (4,65,359)	61,869 persons (13.9%)
Scheduled Tribes	Nil	Nil
Religion	Sikh 55.91%, Hindu 41.32%, Muslim 2.11%, Christian 0.30%, others 0.36%	Hindu 57.22%, Sikh 39.96%, Muslim 1.87%
Mother tongue	Punjabi 89.61%, Hindi 7.79%, Bahawalpuri 1.24%	Data Not Available
Area / density	3,325 sq km; 570 persons per sq km	Data Not Available
Workers	Main 6,60,267; marginal 89,876 (34.8% of population)	Data Not Available
Slum population	-	7,029 (1.58%)

Source: Census of India 2011 as published by patiala.nic.in (Demography), census2011.co.in, citypopulation.de and indiastatdistricts (NFHS-5). City SC share computed (61,869 / 4,46,246). Rural/urban split from Census PCA; patiala.nic.in gives 60.44% rural.

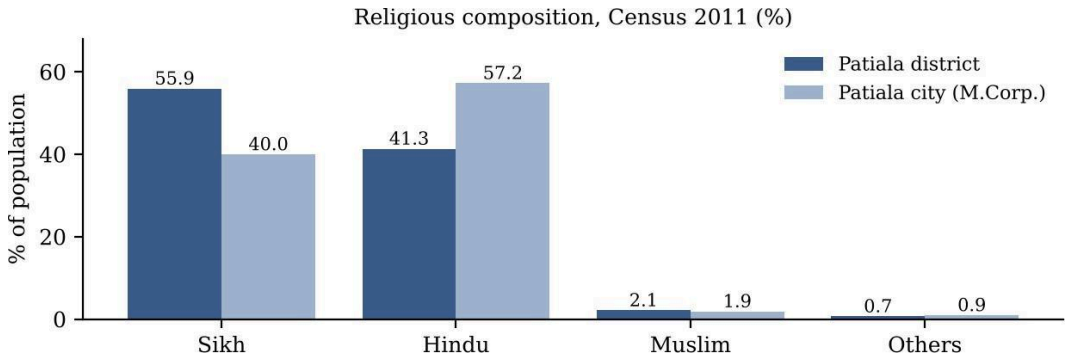


Figure 3: Religious composition, Patiala district and Patiala city, Census 2011 (%)

4.4 **Interpretation.** Patiala Rural combines a Hindu-majority, highly literate urban population (as in Patiala city) with a Sikh-majority rural belt (as in the district's rural areas), where literacy is lower (69.0%) and the Scheduled Caste share is higher. AC-specific religion and caste

shares are *Data Not Available*. These district and city figures are indicators only, not AC estimates.

4.5 **Institutions.** Public institutions in or near the constituency include Government Medical College and Rajindra Hospital, Patiala; the Khushdeva Singh Chest & TB Hospital; and government schools in Patiala Rural that received upgrades in 2025–26. Whether each lies inside the AC boundary is *Verification Required*.

5. Lok Sabha Election Analysis: Patiala (PB-13)

Table 6: Patiala Parliamentary Constituency: results 2014–2024 (whole constituency)

Year	Winner	Votes (%)	Runner-up	Votes (%)	Margin
2024	Dr Dharamvira Gandhi (INC)	3,05,616 (26.54)	Dr Balbir Singh (AAP)	2,90,785 (25.25)	14,831
2024	3rd: Preneet Kaur (BJP)	2,88,998 (25.09)	4th: N.K. Sharma (SAD)	1,53,978	-
2019	Preneet Kaur (INC)	5,32,027 (45.17)	Surjit Singh Rakhra (SAD)	3,69,309 (31.33)	1,62,718
2014	Dr Dharamvira Gandhi (AAP)	3,65,671 (32.62)	Preneet Kaur (INC)	3,44,729 (30.75)	20,942

Source: ECI results (via Wikipedia); The Tribune, 05.06.2024; India TV. 2024: electors 18,06,424, turnout 63.63%.

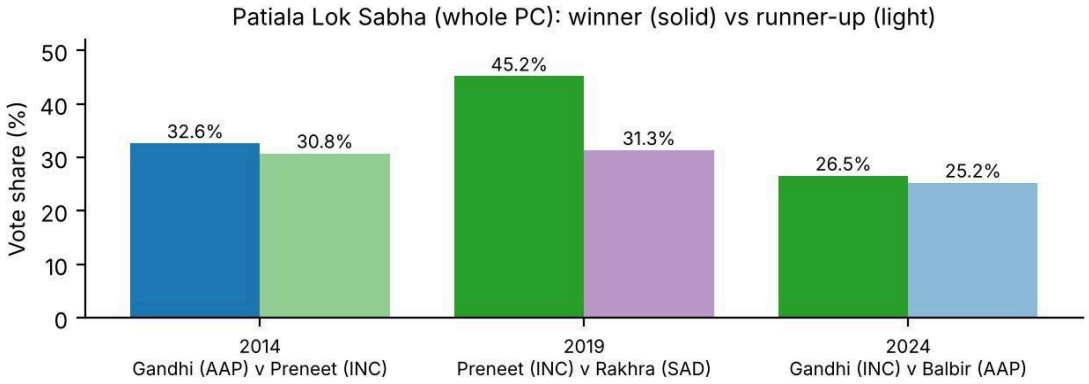


Figure 4: Patiala Lok Sabha: winner and runner-up vote share, 2014–2024

Table 7: Lok Sabha 2024: Patiala Rural Assembly segment only

Candidate	Party	Votes in segment	Share of segment electors
Dr Balbir Singh	AAP	37,446	17.0%
Dr Dharamvira Gandhi	INC	34,985	15.9%
Preneet Kaur	BJP	30,320	13.8%
N.K. Sharma	SAD	15,182	6.9%

Source: The Tribune, 'Despite established cadre, Akali Dal put up poor show', 05.06.2024. Shares are of 2,20,255 electors and are computed for this report. Other candidates and NOTA: Data Not Available (ECI Form-20 required).

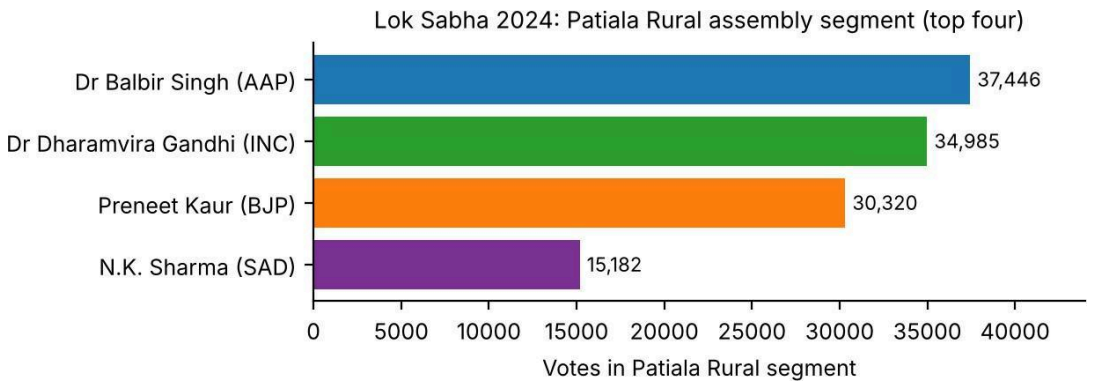


Figure 5: Lok Sabha 2024: votes in Patiala Rural segment

5.1 The INC candidate led in only two of the nine segments (Ghanaur and Nabha) yet won the seat because the vote split three ways. The AAP retained Patiala Rural, but by 2,461 votes.

6. Vidhan Sabha Election Analysis: Patiala Rural (AC-110)

Table 8: Patiala Rural Assembly results, 2012–2022

Year	Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Result / margin
2022	Dr Balbir Singh	AAP	77,155	52.05%	Won by 53,474
2022	Mohit Mohindra	INC	23,681	15.97%	Runner-up
2022	Jaspal Singh Bittu Chatha	SAD	19,996	13.49%	Third
2022	Sanjeev Sharma Bittu	PLC	11,887	8.02%	Fourth
2017	Brahm Mohindra	INC	68,891	46.97%	Won by 27,229
2017	Karanvir Singh Tiwana	AAP	41,662	28.41%	Runner-up
2017	Satbir Singh Khatra	SAD	30,784	20.99%	Third
2012	Brahm Mohindra	INC	62,077	48.52%	Won by 27,602
2012	Kuldeep Kaur Tohra	SAD	34,475	26.95%	Runner-up

Source: ECI results page for AC-110 (2022); Indiastat Assembly Factbook; OneIndia (ECI data).

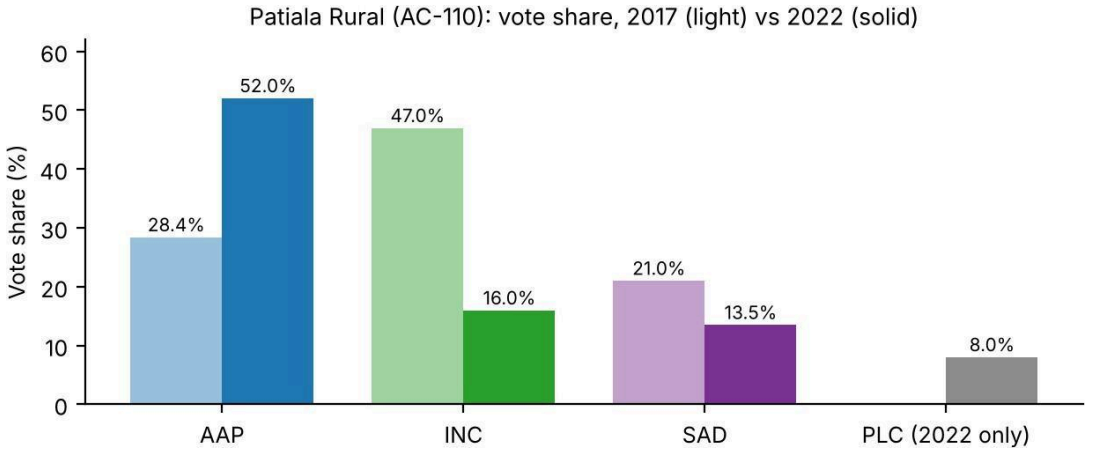


Figure 6: Patiala Rural: party vote share, 2017 and 2022

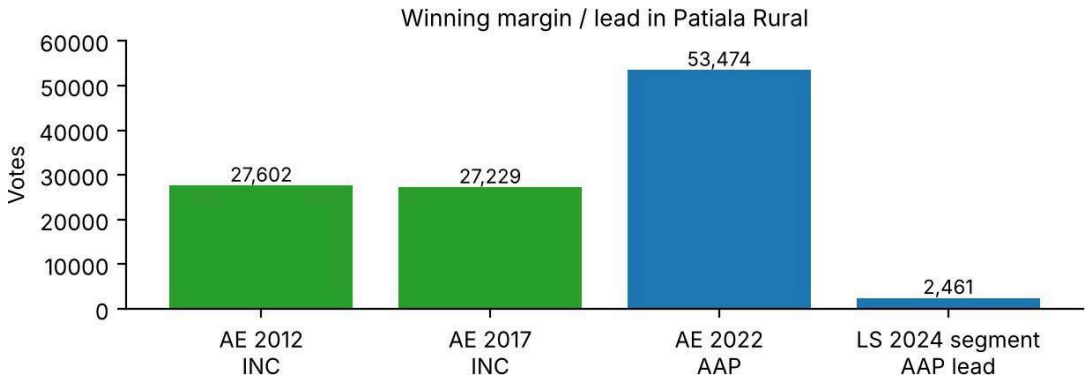


Figure 7: Patiala Rural: winning margin or lead, 2012–2024

Political developments during the research period

6.1 Dr Balbir Singh was sworn in as Cabinet Minister on 07.01.2023 (Health & Family Welfare, Medical Education & Research, Elections).

6.2 Shri Sanjeev Sharma Bittu, former Mayor and PLC candidate in 2022, joined the INC on 19.10.2025.

6.3 Deputy Mayor Shri Jagdeep Singh Jagga displayed posters projecting himself as a prospective Assembly candidate for Patiala Rural (Outlook, 26.07.2026).

6.4 The AAP's first list for the 2027 election (31.10.2026) did not include Patiala Rural. A further list was announced on 12.11.2026. *Status of the Patiala Rural nomination: Verification Required.*

6.5 SAD (Amritsar) declared Shri Mahinderpal Singh as its candidate for Patiala Rural (28.07.2026).

7. Nagar Nigam (Municipal Corporation) Election Analysis

Table 9: Patiala Municipal Corporation: 2024 election and previous House

Item	2024 election (21.12.2024)	Previous House (2017–2023)
Wards	60; polls held in 53, 7 deferred by the High Court	60
Party position	AAP 43 (8 unopposed), INC 4, BJP 4, SAD 2	Congress majority (30+ councillors)
Mayor	Kundan Gogia (AAP), from 10.01.2025	Sanjeev Sharma Bittu (elected Dec 2017)
Senior Deputy Mayor	Harinder Singh Kohli (AAP)	Yoginder Singh Yogi
Deputy Mayor	Jagdeep Singh Jagga (AAP)	Data Not Available
Ex-officio members	MLAs of Patiala, Patiala Rural and Sanaur	Same
Turnout	Data Not Available	Data Not Available

Source: The Tribune; India TV; News Arena (Dec 2024 – Jan 2025); Wikipedia (list of Mayors).

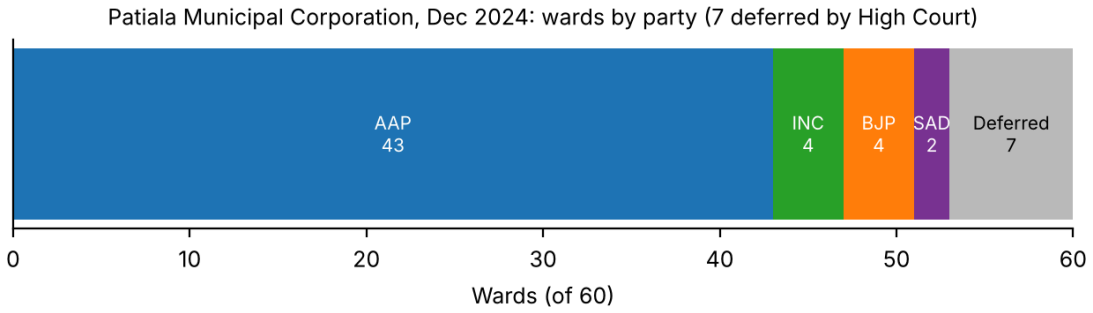


Figure 8: Patiala Municipal Corporation 2024: wards by party

8. Ward-wise Municipal Representation

8.1 Of the 60 wards, 26 lie in Patiala Rural (ward map notified 30.08.2023). The list of ward numbers falling in each AC, and a complete ward-wise result with runner-up details, were not available from public sources. As instructed, no ward has been attributed to Patiala Rural without proof. Councillors identified so far are listed below.

Table 10: Councillors identified (Assembly attribution pending)

Ward	Councillor	Party	Assembly segment	Remarks
10	Shivraj Singh Virk	AAP	Verification Required	Won, 21.12.2024
Data Not Available	Kundan Gogia (Mayor)	AAP	Verification Required	Councillor
Data Not Available	Jagdeep Singh Jagga (Deputy Mayor)	AAP	Verification Required	Seeks Patiala Rural ticket
Data Not Available	Harinder Singh Kohli (Sr Deputy Mayor)	AAP	Verification Required	Councillor
Data Not Available	Gurjeet Singh Sahni; Tajinder Mehta	AAP	Verification Required	Named winners
Data Not Available	Anuj Khosla	BJP	Verification Required	Councillor (May 2026 report)

Source: The Tribune (live results, 21.12.2024; reports of 2025–26).

9. Senior Political Leadership Directory

Table 11: Senior political leadership associated with Patiala Rural

Name	Designation	Party	Area	Status	Source
Dr Balbir Singh	MLA; Cabinet Minister (Health & Family Welfare; Medical Education & Research)	AAP	Patiala Rural	Current	ECI 2022; PTC News 07.01.2023
Dr Dharamvira Gandhi	Member of Parliament	INC	Patiala PC	Current	ECI 2024
Brahm Mohindra	Former MLA (2012, 2017); former Cabinet Minister	INC	Patiala Rural	Former	ECI; Wikipedia
Mohit Mohindra	2022 Assembly candidate	INC	Patiala Rural	Current role: Verification Required	ECI 2022
Preneet Kaur	Former MP (four terms); 2024 candidate	BJP	Patiala PC	Former MP	ECI; Tribune
Jai Inder Kaur	State President, BJP Mahila Morcha	BJP	Punjab / Patiala	Current as reported	Tribune
Sanjeev Sharma Bittu	Former Mayor; 2022 PLC candidate	INC	Patiala	Former Mayor	Tribune 19.10.2025
Ajitpal Singh Kohli	MLA, Patiala (Urban)	AAP	Adjoining AC	Current	Swarajya 31.10.2026
Kundan Gogia	Mayor, Patiala MC	AAP	Patiala MC	Current	News Arena 10.01.2025
Jagdeep Singh Jagga	Deputy Mayor	AAP	Patiala MC	Current	Outlook 26.07.2026
Mahinderpal Singh	2027 candidate, Patiala Rural	SAD (A)	Patiala Rural	Declared	PTI 28.07.2026

10. Local Political Leadership Directory

Table 12: Party office-bearers and local political representatives

Name	Designation	Party	Area	Verification	Source
Gursharan Kaur Randhawa	District President	INC	Patiala Rural	Verified (11.11.2025)	INC press release
Naresh Kumar Duggal	District President	INC	Patiala Urban	Verified (11.11.2025)	INC press release
Tejinder Mehta	Patiala (Urban) President; Chairman, District Planning Committee	AAP	Patiala	Verified	Tribune
Jarnail Singh Kartarpur	District President (Rural)	SAD	Patiala Rural	Historical – Current Status Unconfirmed	Tribune
Amit Rathi	District President (Urban)	SAD	Patiala Urban	Historical – Current Status Unconfirmed	Tribune
Jaspal Singh Bittu Chatha	2022 Assembly candidate	SAD	Patiala Rural	Current role: Verification Required	ECI 2022
Rydhm Sharma	President, Youth Congress, Patiala Rural	INC (YC)	Patiala Rural	Verification Required (social media only)	Public Facebook post, 31.07.2026
Names not confirmed	District Presidents, Patiala Rural North / South (list dated 18.07.2026)	BJP	Patiala Rural	Verification Required	BJP Punjab (via The Statesman)
Gurtej Singh Dhillon	Active at BJP events in Patiala Rural	BJP	Patiala Rural	Designation: Verification Required	Public Facebook posts
Gurvinder Kansal	Led BJP protest, Factory Area	BJP	Factory Area	Designation: Verification Required	Press clippings, 16.05.2026

10.1 Block, mandal and ward presidents, and youth-wing and women-wing office-bearers, are not published officially by the parties and are *Data Not Available*. They should be obtained in writing from the district units of each party (Annexure C).

11. Administrative & High-Authority Stakeholder Directory

11.1 This section lists government officials only. Postings in Patiala changed frequently during 2026, so incumbency should be reconfirmed with the office of the Deputy Commissioner before official correspondence.

Table 13: Administrative officers relevant to Patiala Rural

Name	Designation	Department	Jurisdiction	Status	Source
Himanshu Jain, IAS (2017)	Deputy Commissioner	Revenue & District Administration	District Patiala	Posting ordered 10.11.2026; joining Verification Required	PTI / ThePrint; Indian Masterminds
Varun Sharma, IPS (2014)	Senior Superintendent of Police	Punjab Police	Police District Patiala	Posted May 2025; on leave Dec 2025; current status Verification Required	Tribune; PTC News
Dr Nanak Singh, IPS (2011)	DIG, Patiala Range	Punjab Police	Patiala Range	From May 2025; Verification Required	Tribune
Pooja Sayal, PCS (2012)	Commissioner, Municipal Corporation	Local Government	MC Patiala	Joined 17.06.2026	Tribune; Indian Masterminds
Sunil, IAS (2023)	ADC (Rural Development)	Rural Development & Panchayats	District Patiala	Ordered Nov 2026	Indian Masterminds

Table 13: Administrative officers relevant to Patiala Rural

Name	Designation	Department	Jurisdiction	Status	Source
Aparna M.B., IAS (2021)	Chief Administrator, PDA	Housing & Urban Development	Patiala Development Authority	Posted Jan 2026; Verification Required	eGov (Elets)
Data Not Available	SDM Patiala; Tehsildar Patiala	Revenue	Sub-division / Tehsil	-	patiala.nic.in
Data Not Available	Civil Surgeon; DEO (Elementary / Secondary); XEN PWD	Health; Education; PWD	District	-	patiala.nic.in
Data Not Available	Electoral Registration Officer, AC-110	Election	AC-110	-	ceopunjab.gov.in

Source: Office address: Mini Secretariat, Nabha Road, Patiala (offices of DC and SSP). Telephone numbers are not reproduced because none were confirmed from an official source.

12. Local Issues & Development Assessment

Table 14: Major local issues

Issue	Locality	Department	Evidence	Current status	Category
Legacy garbage dump; fires	Sanauri Adda / Patiala–Sanaur Road; Factory Area	MC Patiala; PPCB	Tribune reports; NGT OA No. 213/2025 (PPCB reply)	Ongoing; DC-led inspections	Verified issue
Sanitation workers' strike	City-wide	MC Patiala	Tribune, May 2026 (11+ days)	Verification Required	Verified event
Chhoti Nadi pollution	About 35 colonies incl. Old Bishan Nagar, Sanjay Colony	MC; Drainage	Tribune constituency profile	Work incomplete (as reported)	Verified issue
Flooding near Badi Nadi	Urban Estate and adjoining areas	Drainage; MC	Minister's review, May 2026: embankments Daulatpur–Dakala Road	Works announced	Verified issue
Village link roads	Villages off Patiala–Patran road	PWD / Mandi Board	'Road Sangharsh Committee' protests (Tribune)	Pending (as reported)	Public complaint
Roads dug for water / sewer projects	City colonies; Jalalpur Road	MC; Water Supply	Tribune; local blog	Partly restored	Public complaint
Drinking water	Urban Estate (canal water demand)	Water Supply; MC	Tribune; canal-based project	Under execution	Verified demand
Drug abuse	Villages across the AC	Police; Health	Awareness e-rickshaws (May 2026); party yatras	Ongoing	Verified concern
Health services	Rural dispensaries; GMC Patiala	Health	Mobile medical vans; cashless scheme (Jan 2026)	Expanding	Government claim
Proposed waste / CBG plant	Location: Verification Required	MC; PEDA	Anti-Dump Morcha memorandum (Jul 2026)	Opposed	Public complaint

Source: The Tribune (2022–2026); National Green Tribunal records; Bioenergy Times; 5 Dariya News. 'Government claim' = official statement, outcome not independently checked.

13. Instagram & Facebook Analysis

13.1 **Scope.** Public Facebook pages and posts were reviewed on 18.11.2026. Instagram could not be reviewed because no account was signed in. Follower counts are as displayed (rounded) by Facebook. They indicate online reach and are not representative of voter opinion.

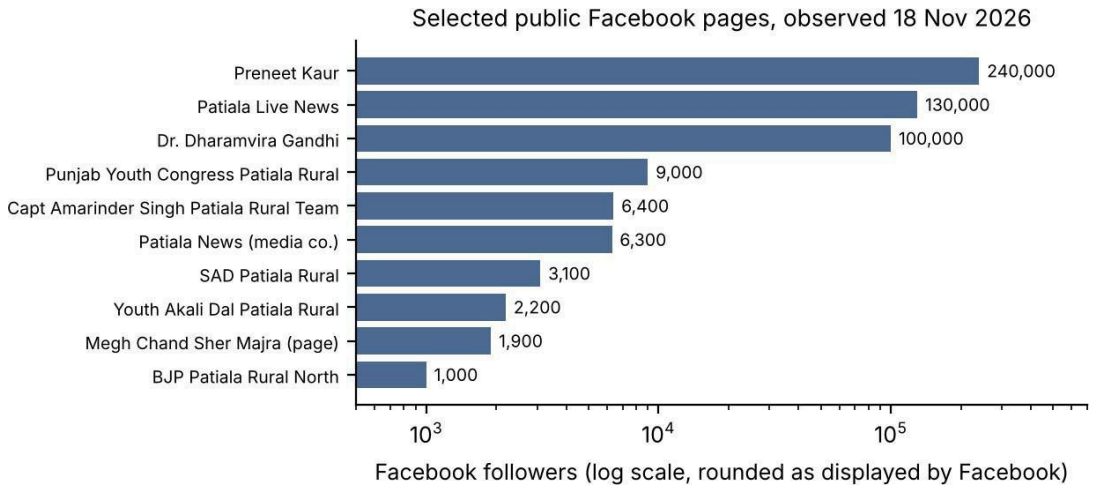


Figure 9: Followers of selected public Facebook pages, 18.11.2026

13.2 The largest pages belong to Smt. Preneet Kaur (about 2.4 lakh followers) and Dr Dharamvira Gandhi (about 1 lakh). No clearly official page of the sitting MLA appeared in the page search (*Verification Required*).

13.3 Among local organisational pages, Congress youth units are the most followed (Punjab Youth Congress Patiala Rural, about 9,000), followed by SAD Patiala Rural (about 3,100) and BJP Patiala Rural North (about 1,000).

13.4 Recurring themes in public posts: religious and community events, inaugurations of school and road works, anti-drug campaigns, and garbage and sanitation protests. Sampled posts drew modest engagement (about 30–65 reactions each).

14. Local Media & Political Influence

Table 15: Local media relevant to Patiala Rural

Outlet	Platform	Content	Relevance	Indicator
The Tribune (Patiala)	Newspaper / website	Civic, political and administrative news	High	Regional daily
royalpatiala.in	News portal	District administration and politics	High	Data Not Available
Babushahi.com	News portal	Punjab politics, postings	Medium	Data Not Available
5 Dariya News	News portal	Government releases	Medium	Data Not Available
PTC News	TV / web	Punjab politics	Medium	Data Not Available
Patiala Live News	Facebook page	Daily press clippings	High	About 1.3 lakh followers
Patiala News; Patiala Top News	Facebook pages	Local news	Medium	About 6,300; 3,700 followers
Ajit; Dainik Bhaskar; Dainik Savera; Amar Ujala	Punjabi / Hindi dailies	Local editions	Medium	-

15. Overall Political Landscape Assessment

15.1 **Representation.** The AAP holds the Assembly seat (with a Cabinet Minister) and the Municipal Corporation. The INC holds the Lok Sabha seat.

15.2 **Trend.** The AAP's lead in the segment fell from 53,474 votes (2022 Assembly) to 2,461 (2024 Lok Sabha) in a three-way contest. Lok Sabha and Assembly results are not strictly comparable.

15.3 **Party organisation.** The INC has a new district president (Nov 2025) and gained a former Mayor. The BJP has two rural organisational districts. The SAD's vote fell to 15,182 in the segment in 2024. Within the AAP, a local leader's public projection for the seat has been reported.

15.4 **Issues.** Waste management, drainage and flooding, rural roads and drug abuse are the most frequently documented concerns.

15.5 This assessment is based only on the published evidence cited and does not forecast any election outcome.

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Annexure B: Abbreviations

Table 16: Abbreviations used

Abbreviation	Full form
AC	Assembly Constituency
AE / PE	Assembly Election / Assembly segment of Parliamentary Election
AAP	Aam Aadmi Party
INC	Indian National Congress
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
SAD	Shiromani Akali Dal
SAD (A)	Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar)
PLC	Punjab Lok Congress
MC	Municipal Corporation
PC	Parliamentary Constituency
DC / SSP	Deputy Commissioner / Senior Superintendent of Police
ADC	Additional Deputy Commissioner
PDA	Patiala Development Authority
PPCB	Punjab Pollution Control Board
NFHS	National Family Health Survey
OG	Outgrowth

Annexure C: Data Verification Checklist

Table 17: Pending items and the office from which they are to be obtained

S. No.	Item pending	To be obtained from
1	Final electoral roll 2026 (gender-wise) and polling-station list, AC-110	Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab / ERO AC-110
2	Form-20 (booth-wise results) for VS 2022 and LS 2024, AC-110	CEO Punjab / ECI
3	List of MC wards falling in AC-110 and ward-wise 2024 results (winner, runner-up, turnout)	Department of Local Government; State Election Commission, Punjab
4	Full list of 53 villages with Census 2011 population, SC share and literacy	District Census Handbook, Patiala (Census 2011)
5	Current SDM, Tehsildar, Civil Surgeon, DEOs and XEN PWD with official contacts	Office of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala
6	Joining of DC and current SSP Patiala	Office of DC / SSP Patiala
7	Block, mandal, ward, youth-wing and women-wing office-bearers	District offices of AAP, INC, BJP, SAD
8	AAP and other parties' 2027 nominee for Patiala Rural	Official party announcements