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POLITICAL CONSTITUENCY SURVEY & STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENT REPORT

Samana Assembly Constituency (AC-116), Patiala District, Punjab
including Demographic Profile, Election Analysis and Stakeholder Directories

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To,
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Subject: Submission of the Political Constituency Survey and Stakeholder Assessment Report for Samana Assembly Constituency (AC-116), District Patiala, Punjab.

Sir,

With reference to the above, please find enclosed the Political Constituency Survey and Stakeholder Assessment Report for Samana. The report covers the demographic and voter profile, the results of the Lok Sabha (2024), Vidhan Sabha (2022) and Municipal Council (2026) elections, directories of elected representatives, party office-bearers and administrative officials, an assessment of local development issues, and a review of public social-media discussion.

The report notes that the Samana Assembly seat has been vacant since 3 November 2026, following the resignation of the sitting MLA, and records the change in party alignments in the constituency during 2026.

The report is based on public official records (Election Commission of India, Census of India, District Administration Patiala and the Punjab State Election Commission) and on published reports in established newspapers. Each figure and name is linked to its source.

Results of the parliamentary constituency, the assembly constituency and the Municipal Council are shown separately and have not been combined. The supporting data is enclosed as an Excel workbook.

Submitted for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Ministry of Home Affairs

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ABBREVIATIONS

Table 1: Abbreviations used in this report

Abbreviation	Full form
AC	Assembly Constituency (Vidhan Sabha)
PC	Parliamentary Constituency (Lok Sabha)
ECI	Election Commission of India
CEO	Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab
SEC	State Election Commission, Punjab
SIR	Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls
M Cl / MC	Municipal Council (Nagar Council) - Samana's urban local body; not a Municipal Corporation
SC / ST	Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes
DC / SSP / SDM / DSP	Deputy Commissioner / Senior Superintendent of Police / Sub-Divisional Magistrate / Deputy Superintendent of Police
ADC / DDPO / BDPO	Additional Deputy Commissioner / District Development & Panchayat Officer / Block Development & Panchayat Officer
AAP / INC / BJP / SAD	Aam Aadmi Party / Indian National Congress / Bharatiya Janata Party / Shiromani Akali Dal
SAD(A) / PLC	Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) / Punjab Lok Congress
SKM (NP)	Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political)
IND	Independent candidate
NOTA	None of the Above
Halqa in-charge	Party's constituency in-charge (often the prospective candidate)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 **Representation.** The Samana Assembly seat is **vacant**. Chetan Singh Jouramajra (elected for AAP in 2022) joined the BJP on 2 November 2026 and resigned as MLA on 3 November 2026. The Speaker accepted the resignation and declared the seat vacant (link / link). The MP is Dr Dharamvira Gandhi (INC, 2024, Patiala). The Municipal Council has an AAP majority (13 of 21 wards), and its president is Kapoor Chand Bansal (link / link).

1.2 **Demography.** At Census 2011, Samana town had 54,072 persons, up 16.1% from 2001. The sex ratio was 910 and effective literacy was 78.85%. Scheduled Castes made up 21.99% of the town's population. Hindus were 67.88% and Sikhs 29.36%. The surrounding Samana tehsil had 1,73,970 persons, of whom 69% were rural and 29.29% Scheduled Caste (link / link / link).

1.3 **Electorate.** Assembly electors numbered 1,93,141 in 2022 (male 1,00,713; female 92,412; third gender 16). Turnout fell from 83.60% (2017) to about 76.87% (2022). The Patiala PC roll in 2024 was 18,06,424 (link / link / link).

1.4 **Election results.** Assembly 2022: AAP won by 39,713 votes (50.14% vs 23.37% for SAD). Lok Sabha 2024 (constituency-wide): INC won by 14,831 votes in a near three-way split (26.54%, 25.25%, 25.09%). Municipal Council 2026: AAP 13, SAD 3, BJP 2, INC 2, Independent 1 (link / link / link).

1.5 **Developments in 2026.** Former SAD minister Surjit Singh Rakhra joined AAP (May 2026) and was appointed AAP halqa in-charge for Samana (17 September 2026). After AAP left Samana out of its first 2027 list, the sitting MLA quit the party (link / link / link). Reports of 2027 aspirants are listed in Annexure E as claims, not party decisions.

1.6 **Priority civic issues.** The main issues are recurring floods from the Ghaggar, Tangri and Markanda rivers; sewerage and drainage in town wards; road and canal-bridge safety; canal irrigation at village tail-ends; and the long-running anti-sacrilege tower protest and related law-and-order situations (link / link / link / link).

2. SCOPE, METHODOLOGY AND UNITS OF ANALYSIS

2.1 **Objective.** To prepare a fact-based profile of Samana covering its demography, electoral history, elected and administrative stakeholders, development issues and public information channels, for reference.

2.2 **Sources.** In order of priority: Election Commission of India; Census of India 2011; District Administration, Patiala; Punjab State Election Commission; established newspapers (The Tribune, Punjabi Tribune, PTC News) and credible regional portals. Secondary compilations are used only where they reproduce official data, and they are labelled as such.

2.3 **Verification standard.** Each name, designation and figure carries a source link. Items not confirmed in an official or reliable source are marked 'Verification Required'. Items not found are marked 'Data Not Available'. Officials' postings are dated to the latest confirming report.

2.4 **Social media.** Public Facebook pages and posts were reviewed on 19 November 2026. No private messages or non-public data were accessed. Instagram could not be reviewed because the account was not signed in. Social-media engagement is not a voter survey.

Table 2: Units of analysis (not to be combined)

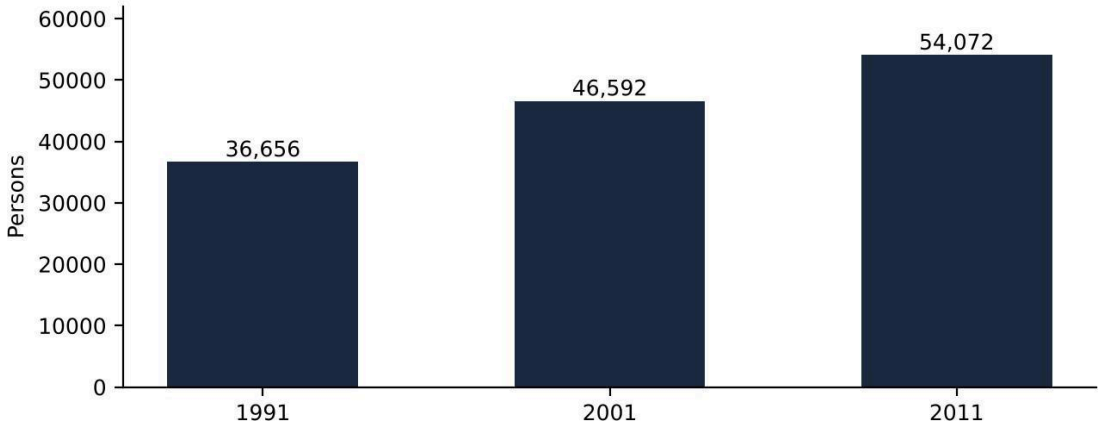
Unit	Description	Size / scale	Source
Patiala district	Revenue district, HQ Patiala; 9 assembly constituencies	18,95,686 persons (2011)	link / link
Patiala PC (No. 13)	Lok Sabha seat; 9 assembly segments including Samana	18,06,424 electors (2024)	link
Samana AC-116	Vidhan Sabha seat (general); town plus rural belt	1,93,141 electors (2022)	link
Samana tehsil	Revenue sub-division; 73 villages and 1 town	1,73,970 persons (2011)	link
Samana Municipal Council	Nagar Council; 21 wards (2026)	54,072 persons (2011, 17 wards)	link / link

3. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

3.1 Census 2011 is the latest official enumeration, because the 2021 Census was not held on schedule. The figures below are therefore 2011 values. Unofficial projections are not used in this report. The Census does not publish totals for assembly constituencies, so Samana tehsil is used as the closest rural proxy.

3A. Population size and growth

Figure 1: Samana town (M Cl) population, Census 1991-2011



Source: Census 1991-2011 town tables (link; link).

3.2 The town's population grew 27.1% in 1991-2001 and 16.1% in 2001-2011, slower than Patiala district as a whole (19.6% in 2001-2011). The district grew from 13.44 lakh (1991) to 18.96 lakh (2011) (link).

Table 3: Core population indicators, Census 2011

Indicator	Samana town (M Cl)	Samana tehsil	Patiala district	Source
Total population	54,072	1,73,970	18,95,686	link / link / link
Males	28,309 (52.35%)	91,908	10,02,522	link / link / link
Females	25,763 (47.65%)	82,062	8,93,164	link / link / link
Sex ratio (F per 1,000 M)	910 (State: 895)	893	891	link / link / link
Children 0-6 years	6,012 (11.12%)	20,242 (11.64%)	Data Not Available	link / link
Child sex ratio (0-6)	Data Not Available	Data Not Available	837	link
Households	10,853	34,200 (rural 23,347)	Data Not Available	link / link
Area / density	5.50 sq km (urban)	420 sq km; 414 per sq km	Data Not Available	link
Urban share	100%	31.08% (54,072 persons)	Data Not Available	link

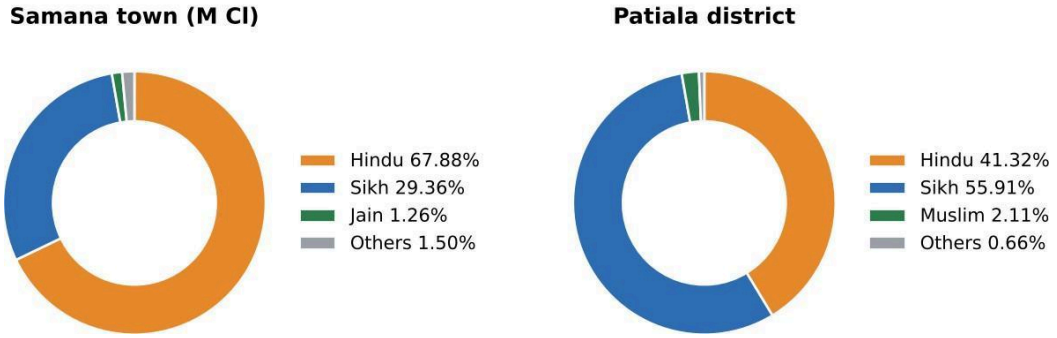
3B. Social composition

Table 4: Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Census 2011

Area	SC population	SC %	ST population	ST %	Source
Samana town (M Cl)	11,893	21.99%	0	0.00%	link
Samana tehsil	50,951	29.29%	0	0.00%	link
Samana tehsil - rural (derived)	39,058	32.58%	0	0.00%	link
Patiala district	Data Not Available	24.55%	-	-	link

Rural SC figures are derived by subtracting the town totals from the tehsil totals.

Figure 2: Religious composition, Census 2011



Source: Census 2011 town data (link); district religion table (link).

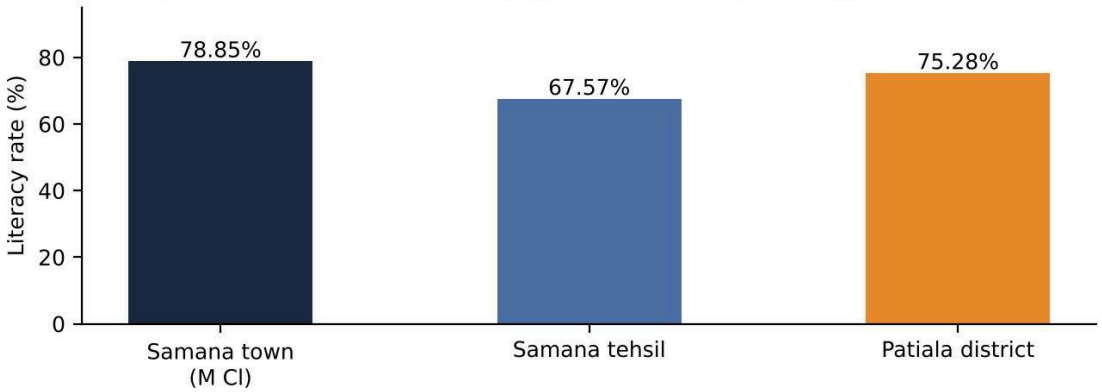
Table 5: Religion, Samana town (M Cl), Census 2011

Religion	Persons	Share
Hindu	36,702	67.88%
Sikh	15,875	29.36%
Jain	684	1.26%
Muslim	438	0.81%
Christian	294	0.54%
Not stated	57	0.11%
Other	16	0.03%
Buddhist	6	0.01%

Source: link. The district is majority Sikh (55.91%), whereas the town is majority Hindu, a typical urban-rural difference in Patiala. Mother tongue (district): Punjabi 89.61%, Hindi 7.79%. Town- and ward-level mother-tongue data were not found (Data Not Available) (link).

3C. Literacy and living conditions

Figure 3: Effective literacy (population aged 7+), Census 2011



Source: town and tehsil figures computed from Census literates ÷ population aged 7+ (link / link); district (link).

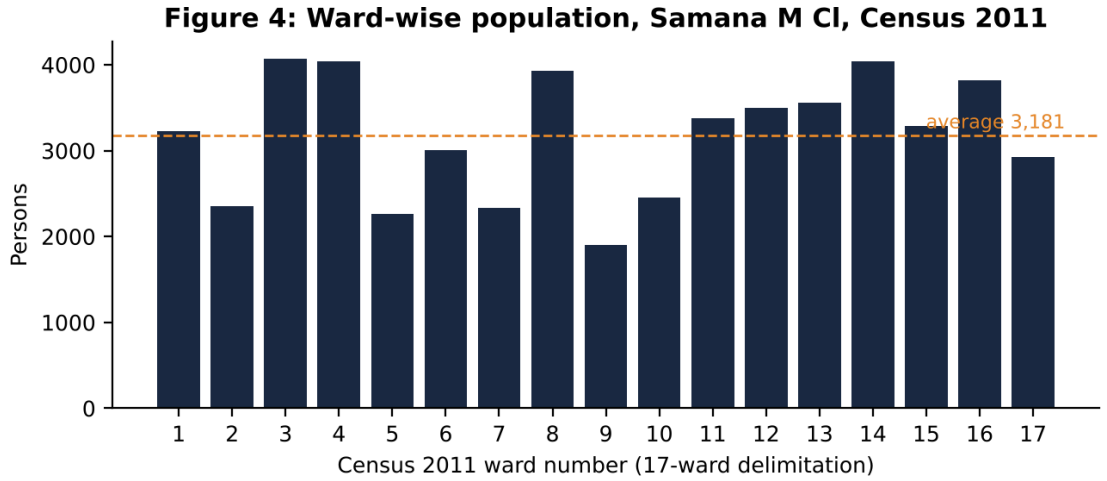
Table 6: Literacy indicators, Census 2011

Indicator	Value	Area	Source
Literates (town)	37,897 of 48,060 persons aged 7+	Town (M Cl)	link
Effective literacy (7+), town	78.85% (computed)	Town (M Cl)	link
Crude literacy (literates ÷ total population), town	70.09% (M 74.07% / F 65.71%); gender gap 8.4 points	Town (M Cl)	link
Effective literacy (7+), tehsil	67.57% (103,869 of 153,728; computed)	Samana tehsil	link
Effective literacy, district	75.28% (M 80.20% / F 69.80%)	Patiala district	link

Indicator	Value	Area	Source
Slum population	Data Not Available	Town	-
Sewerage coverage	Data Not Available (2011); see Chapter 8 for current complaints	Town	-

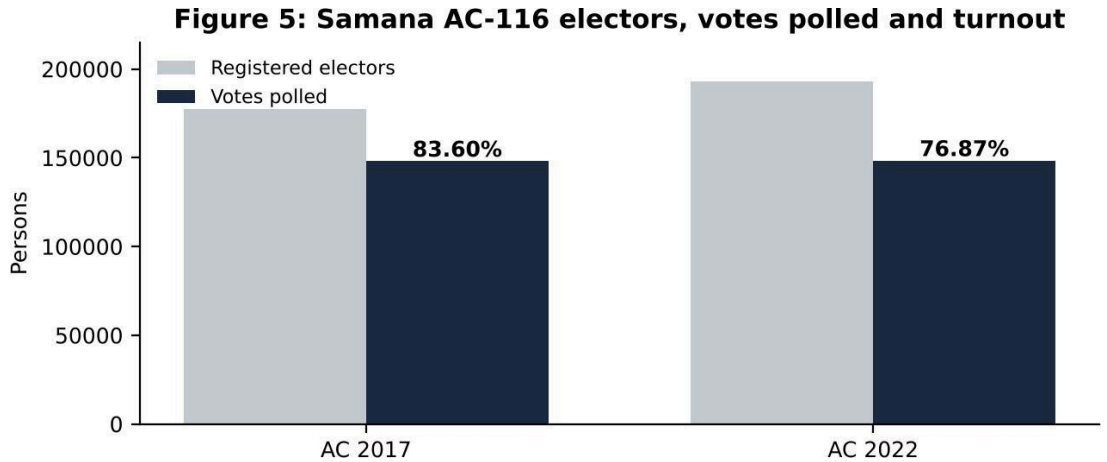
3.3 **Implications.** Literacy in the tehsil is about 11 points below the town, and the rural SC share is about one-third. Service and welfare demand is therefore concentrated in the villages, while the town's main pressures are drainage and sanitation (Chapter 8).

3D. Ward-level distribution (Samana M Cl)



Source: Census 2011 ward tables (link). Ward boundaries changed when the council expanded from 17 wards (2011) to 21 wards (2026), so the 2011 ward numbers do not match the 2026 wards.

3E. Voter profile



Source: ECI-based results (link). 2017 electors are derived from votes polled and turnout. Assembly and municipal electorates are different units.

Table 7: Electoral rolls and turnout

Unit	Year	Electors	Votes polled	Turnout	Source
Samana AC-116 (Vidhan Sabha)	2017	≈1,77,242 (derived; sources report 1.77-1.79 lakh)	1,48,174	83.60%	link
Samana AC-116 (Vidhan Sabha)	2022	1,93,141	1,48,473	76.87%	link
Samana AC-116 gender split	2022	Male 1,00,713; Female 92,412; Third gender 16 (ratio 918 F per 1,000 M)	-	-	link
Patiala PC-13 (Lok Sabha)	2024	18,06,424	11,51,743	63.76%	link

Unit	Year	Electors	Votes polled	Turnout	Source
Samana Municipal Council (21 wards)	2026	Data Not Available	-	Data Not Available	-
Polling stations (parts), AC-116	-	232 (secondary source; confirm with CEO Punjab)	-	-	link

3.4 Assembly electors rose about 9% between 2017 and 2022 while turnout fell 6.7 points. The ECI's Special Intensive Revision before the 2027 election should be checked against these figures once CEO Punjab publishes part-wise rolls.

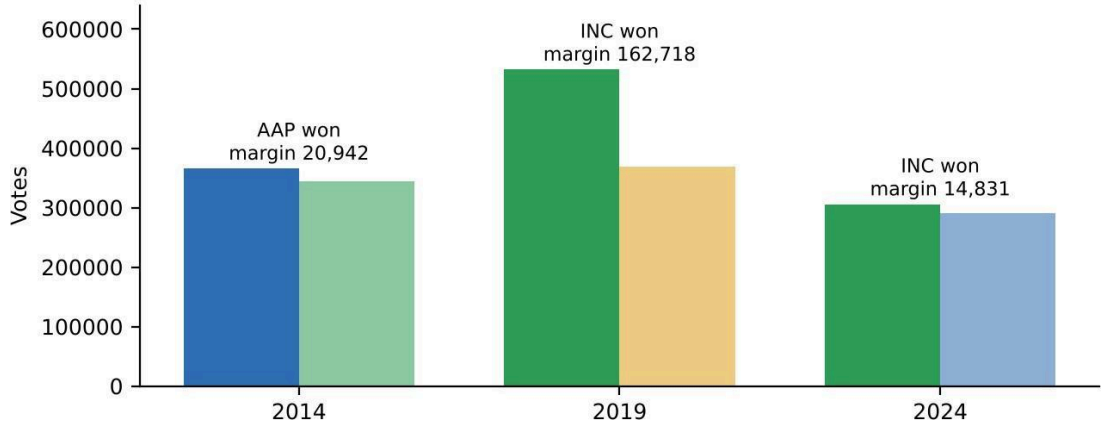
4. LOK SABHA ELECTION ANALYSIS (PATIALA PC)

Table 8: Lok Sabha 2024 result, constituency-wide

Candidate	Party	Votes	Vote %	Result
Dr Dharamvira Gandhi	INC	305,616	26.54%	Won
Dr Balbir Singh	AAP	290,785	25.25%	Runner-up
Preneet Kaur	BJP	288,998	25.09%	Third
N.K. Sharma	SAD	153,978	Data Not Available	Fourth
Winning margin		14,831	1.29 points	

Source: link / link; ECI results portal.

Figure 6: Patiala PC, winner vs runner-up (constituency-wide)



Source: link (2014, 2019); link (2024).

Table 9: Previous Lok Sabha results, constituency-wide

Year	Winner	Party	Votes	Runner-up	Party	Votes	Margin
2014	Dr Dharamvira Gandhi	AAP	365,671	Preneet Kaur	INC	344,729	20,942
2019	Preneet Kaur	INC	532,027	Surjit Singh Rakhra	SAD	369,309	162,718
2024	Dr Dharamvira Gandhi	INC	305,616	Dr Balbir Singh	AAP	290,785	14,831

Source: link / link.

4.1 **Samana segment.** The official ECI Form-20 segment-wise figures for AC-116 were not available for this report. A compiled source lists AAP as leading in the Samana segment in 2024 (link). Status: Verification Required; confirm from CEO Punjab Form-20. INC led in only two of the nine segments (link).

Table 10: Segment-wise votes, 2024 (partial, as reported)

Segment	INC	AAP	BJP	SAD
Patiala Rural	34,985	37,446	30,320	-
Derabassi	46,621	36,390	65,742	33,748
Rajpura	32,032	22,336	37,430	-

Segment	INC	AAP	BJP	SAD
Shutrana	27,353	32,499	24,501	14,118
Sanaur	37,846	43,048	25,670	19,497
Nabha	36,230	32,577	22,198	18,345
Samana	Verification Required	Led (compiled source)	Verification Required	Verification Required

Source: link.

5. VIDHAN SABHA ELECTION ANALYSIS (SAMANA AC-116)

Table 11: Assembly election 2022, Samana AC-116

Candidate	Party	Votes	Vote %	Change vs 2017 (points)
Chetan Singh Jouramajra	AAP	74,375	50.14%	Data Not Available
Surjit Singh Rakhra	SAD	34,662	23.37%	-11.93
Rajinder Singh	INC	23,576	15.89%	-26.01
Surinder Singh Kherki	PLC	5,084	3.43%	New
Hardeep Singh	SAD(A)	3,833	2.58%	+1.33
Winning margin		39,713	26.77 points	
Votes polled / turnout		1,48,473	76.87%	Electors 1,93,141

Source: ECI (link); link / link.

Figure 7: Samana AC-116, Assembly election 2022

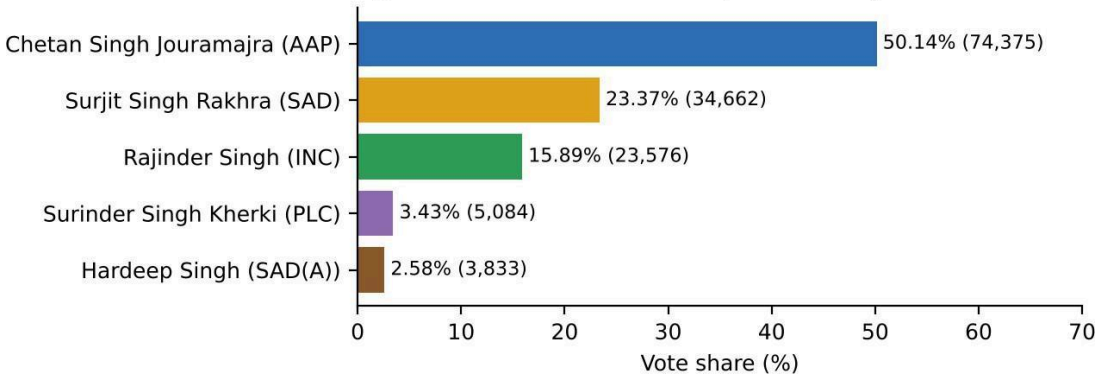


Figure 8: Samana AC-116, party vote share 2017 vs 2022

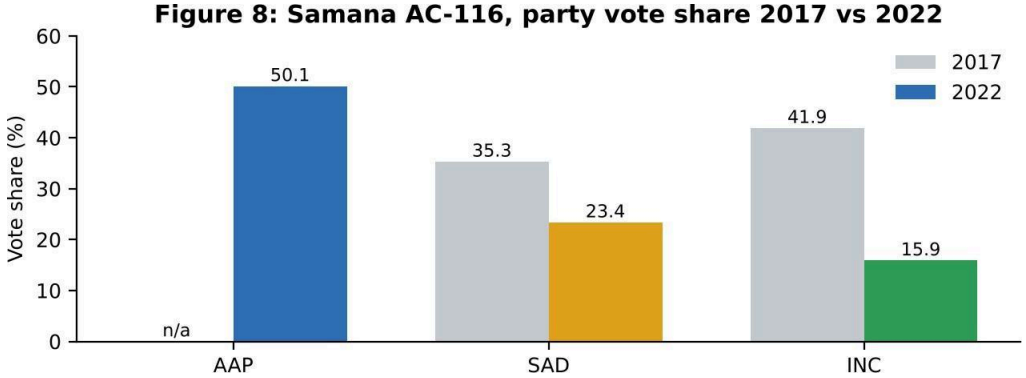


Table 12: Samana AC results, 1997-2022

Year	Winner	Party	Runner-up	Party	Margin	Turnout	Source
2022	Chetan Singh Jouramajra	AAP	Surjit Singh Rakhra	SAD	39,713	76.87%	link / link
2017	Rajinder Singh	INC	Surjit Singh Rakhra	SAD	9,849	83.60%	link
2012	Surjit Singh Rakhra	SAD	Raninder Singh	INC	Data Not Available	-	link
2007	Brahm Mohindra	INC	Surjit Singh Rakhra	SAD	2,576	-	link

Year	Winner	Party	Runner-up	Party	Margin	Turnout	Source
2002	Surjit Singh Rakhra	SAD	Brahm Mohindra	INC	10,772	-	link
1997	Jagtar Singh Rajla	SAD	Brij Lal	INC	40,296	-	link

Margins for 1997-2007 are computed from the reported vote totals.

5.1 Samana alternated between SAD (1997, 2002, 2012) and INC (2007, 2017) until AAP won with an absolute majority of votes in 2022. In 2022 the INC share fell by 26 points and SAD's by 12 points compared with 2017.

5.2 **Changes in alignment since 2022 (documented).** Surjit Singh Rakhra (SAD runner-up in 2022) joined AAP on 16 May 2026 and became its halqa in-charge on 17 September 2026 (link / link). Chetan Singh Jouramajra (AAP winner in 2022) quit AAP on 1 November 2026, joined the BJP on 2 November and resigned his seat on 3 November (link / link / link). The vacancy arose with less than a year of the Assembly's term left. No by-election notice was found. No projection of future results is made in this report.

6. NAGAR COUNCIL ELECTION ANALYSIS (SAMANA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL)

6.1 Samana is governed by a Municipal Council (Nagar Council), not a Municipal Corporation. Its 21 wards went to the polls in May 2026 and were counted on 29 May 2026 (link / link). Clashes between party supporters were reported in Samana during polling (link).

Table 13: Party-wise ward results, 2026

Party	Won 2026	Share of seats	Won (previous council)	Change
AAP	13	61.9%	Data Not Available	-
SAD	3	14.3%	Data Not Available	-
BJP	2	9.5%	Data Not Available	-
INC	2	9.5%	Data Not Available	-
Independent	1	4.8%	Data Not Available	-
Total	**21**	100%	-	

Source: link / link. Contested-seat counts and turnout were not published (Data Not Available).

Figure 9: Samana Municipal Council 2026, seats by party



Table 14: Council office-bearers

Post	Name	Detail	Source
President	Kapoor Chand Bansal	Third term; elected with AAP majority; proposed by councillor Manjinder Singh Rana Sekho	link / link
Senior Vice-President	Paras Sharma	Elected unanimously	link
Vice-President	Dharampal Nahar	Elected unanimously	link
Presiding officer (election of office-bearers)	Richa Goyal, SDM Samana	Administered oath to 20 councillors present	link

Post	Name	Detail	Source
Former President (prior council)	Ashwani Gupta	Removal after no-confidence set aside by HC, Nov 2025 – Historical, current status n/a	link

6.2 The largest ward win was AAP's Gopal Krishan in Ward 4 (885 votes), followed by AAP's Kapoor Chand in Ward 6 (791 votes) (link). The ward-wise list is at Annexure A. Ward-level runner-up and turnout data are not available. The president took office promising repairs to damaged roads, sanitation, drainage in flood-prone areas and staff issues, with about Rs 2 crore of works (link).

7. STAKEHOLDER SUMMARY

7.1 Stakeholders fall into three separate categories: (i) elected representatives, (ii) party office-bearers and (iii) government officials. Full directories are at Annexures B and C.

Table 15: Key office-holders at a glance

Category	Office	Name	Status / date
Elected	MLA, Samana AC-116	Vacant (since 3 Nov 2026)	Verified
Elected	MP, Patiala PC	Dr Dharamvira Gandhi (INC)	Verified
Elected	President, Samana Municipal Council	Kapoor Chand Bansal	Verified (Jun 2026)
Party	Halqa In-charge, AAP Samana	Surjit Singh Rakhra	Verified (Sep 2026)
Party	Samana In-charge, BJP	Surinder Singh Kherki	As reported Sep 2025; Verification Required
Party	District President, BJP	Jaspal Singh Gagroli	As reported Sep 2025; Verification Required
Party	Halqa In-charge, SAD / INC (Samana)	-	Data Not Available
Official	Deputy Commissioner, Patiala	Himanshu Jain, IAS	Verified (11 Nov 2026)
Official	SSP, Patiala	Harmandeep Singh Hans, IPS	As reported (Nov 2026)
Official	SDM, Samana	Richa Goyal	Verified (Nov 2026)
Official	Executive Officer MC / Tehsildar / BDPO, Samana	-	Verification Required

8. LOCAL ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

Table 16: Major public issues

Issue	Description	Locality	Department	Current status	Src
Floods (Ghaggar, Tangri, Markanda)	Recurring inundation of farmland and homes; govt said Rs 40 lakh spent draining water in 2023	35+ villages of Samana & Shutrana (2023); Devigarh-area villages	Water Resources / Drainage; Revenue	Recurring; 2023 event (verified (news))	link
Floods 2025 – crop and house damage	Union MoS directed damage report for compensation	Dudhan Gujran, Budhmor, Mehmoodpur, Jalan Kheri, Sassi Gujran, Dharamheri (Samana & Sanaur)	Revenue; Drainage	Compensation status Verification Required (verified (news))	link
Canal irrigation restored	Fields received canal water after ~50 years; encroached channels cleared	Lallauchi, Fatehmajri, Achral Kalan, Achral Khurd	Water Resources (Irrigation)	Reported delivered (verified (news; govt claim))	link
Urban sewerage & drainage	Blocked sewers and waterlogging in several wards; MC president lists drainage in flood-prone areas as a priority	Ward 19 (near MC office) and other town wards	Local Government (Samana MC); PWSSB	Ongoing; Rs ~2 crore works announced Jul 2026 (public complaints (fb) + mc statement (news))	link / link
Roads & connectivity	Patiala–Samana–Guhla Cheeka road (13.8 km, Rs 11.60 cr) inaugurated; village road widening	Samana–Patiala corridor; Taraura Kalan	PWD (B&R); Mandi Board	Completed (as reported) (verified (news) / political claim (fb))	link / link
Bhakra canal overbridge incident	Incident at Bhakra canal overbridge on Samana–Patiala road reviewed by AAP in-charge	Samana–Patiala road	PWD / Water Resources	Details Verification Required (social media only)	link

Issue	Description	Locality	Department	Current status	Src
Law & order – anti-sacrilege tower protest	Activist Gurjeet Singh Khalsa atop ~400-ft BSNL tower since 12 Oct 2024; SKM (Non-Political) clashes with police (Feb 2026); blockade at main Samana–Patran highway crossing	Samana town	Home / Police	Ongoing as of Mar 2026; current status Verification Required (verified (news))	link / link
Civic-poll violence	Clashes between party supporters reported in Samana during May 2026 municipal polls	Samana town	Police; State Election Commissio n	Closed (election held) (verified (news))	link
Stubble burning / crop residue	SDM and DSP field visits to curb residue burning	Premgarh, Shahpur	Agriculture; Revenue; Police	Ongoing seasonal drive (verified (news))	link
Industry & employment	2022 MLA pledge to bring industry to Samana	Samana AC	Industries & Commerce	Delivery Verification Required (political promise)	link
Public healthcare	Specialist-doctor shortages at Samana Civil Hospital raised by earlier MLA	Samana town	Health & Family Welfare	Historical – Current Status Unconfirmed (historical news)	link

8.1 Data Not Available from public sources for this review: ward-level drinking-water complaints, electricity reliability, hospital and school capacity, housing-scheme coverage and industrial employment for AC-116. These may be obtained from the Department of Water Supply & Sanitation, PSPCL, the Health and School Education departments and Samana MC.

9. MEDIA AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CHANNELS

9.1 The main print and digital sources are The Tribune (Patiala edition), Punjabi Tribune, Punjabi Jagran and PTC News. Locally, news circulates mainly through Facebook pages and politicians' own pages. The main pages and the engagement observed are listed at Annexure D.

9.2 Observed themes (19 November 2026): (a) party switching and the 2027 ticket race, which drew the most engagement; (b) sewerage, waterlogging and road conditions in town wards; (c) village roads and canal-bridge safety; (d) the Samana tower protest. Some posts carry an 'AI content' label. The engagement figures are indicative only and do not represent voter opinion.

10. OVERALL ASSESSMENT

10.1 AAP leads on all three recent results (2022 Assembly, 2024 segment lead as compiled, 2026 civic poll) and controls the Municipal Council. The Assembly seat is vacant. INC holds the parliamentary seat.

10.2 Both main 2022 rivals have changed party: the 2022 winner is now in the BJP and the 2022 runner-up leads AAP locally. The 2024 regional vote split roughly 25:25:25, so the 2022 margin should not be read as a baseline for 2027.

10.3 The demographic profile is mixed: a majority-Hindu town with about 22% SC population, and a majority-rural, about one-third SC hinterland with lower literacy. Flood exposure and town drainage are the most persistent service pressures.

10.4 Points for follow-up: obtain ECI Form-20 segment data for 2024; obtain the SIR roll and polling-station list for AC-116; obtain the SEC ward-wise results with runners-up; confirm the Executive Officer, Tehsildar, BDPO and party halqa in-charges; track flood compensation and drainage works.

ANNEXURE A: WARD-WISE COUNCILLORS, SAMANA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL (2026)

Table 17: Ward-wise elected councillors

Ward No.	Councillor	Party	Margin	Runner-up	Status	Src
1	Manpreet	AAP	-	Data Not Available	Secondary (search snippet) – Verification Required	link
2	Sahib Singh	AAP	-	Data Not Available	Secondary (search snippet) – Verification Required	link
3	Jaswinder Kaur	AAP	-	Data Not Available	Secondary (search snippet) – Verification Required	link
4	Gopal Krishan	AAP	885	Data Not Available	Verified (The Tribune)	link
5	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
6	Kapoor Chand	AAP	791	Data Not Available	Verified (The Tribune)	link
7	Amandeep Kaur	Independent	-	Data Not Available	Verified (The Tribune)	link
8	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
9	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
10	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
11	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
12	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
13	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
14	Harpreet Singh	INC	-	Data Not Available	Verified (The Tribune)	link
15	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
16	Beant Singh	INC	-	Data Not Available	Verified (The Tribune)	link
17	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
18	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
19	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
20	Data Not Available	-	-	Data Not Available	Verification Required	-
21	Taranjit Kaur	AAP	-	Data Not Available	Secondary (search snippet) – Verification Required	link
Not stated	Renu Sharma	BJP	-	Data Not Available	Verified winner; ward number not reported	link
Not stated	Pooja Singla	BJP	-	Data Not Available	Verified winner; ward number not reported	link
Not stated	3 SAD winners (names not reported)	SAD	-	Data Not Available	Tally verified; names Data Not Available	link / link

Source: The Tribune (30 May 2026); compiled results. Totals: AAP 13, SAD 3, BJP 2, INC 2, IND 1. Verify against the Punjab State Election Commission result.

ANNEXURE B: DIRECTORY OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND PARTY OFFICE-BEARERS

Table 18: Senior political leadership

Name	Designation	Party	Area	Documented role	Status	Src
Vacant	MLA, Samana (AC-116)	—	Samana AC	Seat declared vacant after resignation accepted by Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan, 3 Nov 2026	Current	link
Dr Dharamvira Gandhi	Member of Parliament, Patiala	INC	Patiala PC (incl. Samana)	Won 2024 by 14,831 votes; earlier MP 2014–19 (AAP)	Current	link / link
Chetan Singh Jouramajra	Former MLA Samana (2022–Nov 2026); ex-Cabinet Minister (Jan 2023–Sep 2024)	BJP (joined 2 Nov 2026; ex-AAP)	Samana AC	Quit AAP 1 Nov 2026 after exclusion from first 2027 list; resigned seat 3 Nov 2026	Former office-holder	link / link / link
Surjit Singh Rakhra	AAP Halqa In-charge, Samana	AAP (joined May 2026; ex-SAD)	Samana AC	Appointed 17 Sep 2026; MLA 2002 & 2012; Cabinet Minister 2012–17; widely seen as likely AAP 2027 candidate (not officially announced)	Current	link / link / link / link
Rajinder Singh ('Kaka')	Former MLA Samana (2017–22)	INC	Samana AC	Son of late ex-PPCC chief Lal Singh; 2022 third place (15.89%)	Former office-holder; current party role Verification Required	link / link
Brahm Mohindra	Former MLA Samana (2007)	INC	Samana AC (historical)	Historical – Current Status Unconfirmed	Historical	link
Preneet Kaur	Former MP Patiala (1999–2014, 2019–24)	BJP	Patiala PC	2024 BJP candidate (25.09%); visited Samana flood villages Sep 2025	Former office-holder	link / link
Dr Balbir Singh	2024 AAP Lok Sabha candidate, Patiala	AAP	Patiala PC	Runner-up 2024 (25.25%)	Current designation Verification Required	link
Harchand Singh Barsat	AAP General Secretary; Chairman, Punjab Mandi Board	AAP	Samana support base	Active on Samana village works on Facebook (Taraura Kalan road, Nov 2026)	Current (as reported May 2026)	link / link

Former MLAs of Samana: Rajinder Singh (INC, 2017), Surjit Singh Rakhra (SAD, 2002 and 2012), Brahm Mohindra (INC, 2007), Jagtar Singh Rajla (SAD, 1997) (link).

Table 19: Local party leadership and councillors

Name	Designation	Party	Area	Documented role	Status	Src
Kapoor Chand Bansal	President, Samana Municipal Council	AAP-majority council	Samana town	Third term as president; took charge Jul 2026	Current	link / link
Paras Sharma	Senior Vice-President, Samana MC	Verification Required	Samana town	Elected Jun 2026	Current	link
Dharampal Nahar	Vice-President, Samana MC	Verification Required	Samana town	Elected Jun 2026	Current	link
Manjinder Singh Rana Sekho	Municipal Councillor	Verification Required	Samana town	Proposed president's name	Current	link
Surinder Singh Kherki	Samana In-charge (BJP)	BJP (2022 candidate on PLC ticket)	Samana AC	Named Samana in-charge at Union MoS flood visit, Sep 2025	As reported Sep 2025 – current status Verification Required	link / link

Name	Designation	Party	Area	Documented role	Status	Src
Jaspal Singh Gagroli	District President (BJP)	BJP	Patiala district unit	Named district president at Union MoS visit, Sep 2025	As reported Sep 2025 – Verification Required	link
Gursharan Kaur Randhawa	Claimed prospective INC candidate	INC (claimed)	Samana AC	Social-media claim only (FB post, 18 Nov 2026)	Unverified	link
Sukhi Rakhra	Son of Surjit Singh Rakhra; campaign activity	AAP (associated)	Samana town (Bhinder Colony)	Held residents' meeting (FB, 18 Nov 2026)	No formal designation found	link
Gopal Krishan	Municipal Councillor, Ward 4	AAP	Ward 4	Largest MC win (885 votes)	Current	link
Kapoor Chand	Municipal Councillor, Ward 6	AAP	Ward 6	Won by 791 votes	Current	link
Amandeep Kaur	Municipal Councillor, Ward 7	Independent	Ward 7		Current	link
Harpreet Singh	Municipal Councillor, Ward 14	INC	Ward 14		Current	link
Beant Singh	Municipal Councillor, Ward 16	INC	Ward 16		Current	link
Renu Sharma	Municipal Councillor (ward n/a)	BJP	Samana MC		Current	link
Pooja Singla	Municipal Councillor (ward n/a)	BJP	Samana MC		Current	link
SAD halqa in-charge, Samana	Post vacated by Rakhra's exit (2025–26)	SAD	Samana AC	A May 2026 FB post names 'Jagmeet Singh Hariau' as SAD halqa in-charge – not confirmed by news/official source	Data Not Available / Unverified	link
Block / mandal / ward presidents, youth & women wings (all parties)	—	AAP / INC / BJP / SAD	Samana AC	No publicly documented, verifiable lists found	Data Not Available	-

ANNEXURE C: DIRECTORY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Table 20: Government officials relevant to Samana

Name	Designation	Department	Jurisdiction	Official contact	Status	Src
Himanshu Jain, IAS (2017 batch)	Deputy Commissioner	Revenue / District Administration	Patiala district	DC Office, District Administrative Complex, Patiala; 0175-2311300; dc.ptl@punjab.gov.in (office contacts per district site)	Assumed charge 11 Nov 2026	link / link
Dr Himanshu Aggarwal, IAS	Former Deputy Commissioner	District Administration	Patiala district	—	Historical (until Nov 2026)	link
Harmandeep Singh Hans, IPS	Senior Superintendent of Police	Punjab Police	Patiala district	SSP Office, Patiala – contact Data Not Available	As reported 6 Nov 2026	link
Richa Goyal	Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Samana	Revenue / Civil Administration	Samana sub-division	SDM Office, Samana – contact Data Not Available	As reported Sep–Nov 2026	link / link / link
Fateh Singh Brar	Deputy Superintendent of Police	Punjab Police	Accompanied SDM Samana (Samana sub-division – Verification Required)	Data Not Available	As reported Nov 2026	link
Damanjit Singh Mann	Additional Deputy Commissioner	District Administration (Rural Development)	Patiala district	Data Not Available	As reported Sep 2026	link
Mahinder Singh	District Development & Panchayat Officer (DDPO)	Rural Development & Panchayats	Patiala district	Data Not Available	As reported Sep 2026	link
Amandeep Kaur	Deputy CEO (Zila Parishad)	Rural Development & Panchayats	Patiala district	Data Not Available	As reported Sep 2026	link
Vinay Bublani, IAS	Divisional Commissioner, Patiala	Revenue	Patiala division	0175-2311324	Historical Information – Current Status Unconfirmed (district site)	link
Kultar Singh Sandhwan	Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha	Legislature (not executive)	Punjab	—	Accepted Samana resignation, Nov 2026	link
Executive Officer, Samana MC	Executive Officer	Local Government	Samana Municipal Council	—	Data Not Available	-
Tehsildar, Samana	Tehsildar	Revenue	Samana tehsil	—	Data Not Available	-
BDPO, Samana block	Block Development & Panchayat Officer	Rural Development & Panchayats	Samana block	—	Data Not Available	-
Civil Surgeon / SMO Samana	Health heads	Health & Family Welfare	Patiala / Samana	—	Data Not Available	-
DEO (Elementary/Secondary)	Education heads	School Education	Patiala	—	Data Not Available	-
PWD (B&R) XEN, Samana roads	Executive Engineer	Public Works	Samana area	—	Data Not Available	-

Name	Designation	Department	Jurisdiction	Official contact	Status	Src
ERO / AERO, AC-116 Samana	Electoral Registration Officers	Election administration	Samana AC	—	Data Not Available (ERO is usually the SDM – confirm with CEO Punjab)	-

Source: District Patiala official directory (contacts); news reports for current postings. Postings change often; confirm on patiala.nic.in.

ANNEXURE D: MEDIA CHANNELS AND SOCIAL-MEDIA OBSERVATIONS

Table 21: Local media and pages

Outlet / page	Type	Relevance	Link
The Tribune (Patiala edition)	Newspaper / web	English daily; Samana reporting by Kulwinder Sandhu	open
Punjabi Tribune	Newspaper / web	Punjabi daily; Samana correspondents Subhash Chander, Ashwani Garg	open
Punjabi Jagran	Newspaper / web	Punjabi daily; district news	open
Patiala Politics	Regional portal	District administration & political news (English/Punjabi)	open
PTC News	TV / web	Punjabi news channel; protests and politics	open
Babushahi	Regional portal	Punjab politics & governance	open
The North News	Regional portal	Punjab politics; covered Rakhra appointment	open
Update Punjab	Regional portal	Punjabi political updates	open
5 Dariya News	Regional portal	Government & development announcements	open
Dr. Dharamvira Gandhi	Facebook (verified) - Politician – MP	~1 lakh (100K) followers; MP Patiala	open
Surjit Singh Rakhra	Facebook (verified) - Politician – AAP in-charge	~65K followers; AAP face in Samana	open
Surjit Singh Rakhra Fan Club	Facebook - Fan page	~12K followers; Supporter amplification	open
Chetan Singh Jouramajra	Facebook (verified) - Politician – ex-MLA (BJP)	~48K followers; Former MLA	open
Harchand Singh Barsat	Facebook (verified) - Politician – AAP / Mandi Board	Not captured followers; Village works in Samana	open
Samana Shehar De Mudde	Facebook - Civic issues blog	~4.1K followers; Town civic issues	open
Youth Akali Dal Samana	Facebook - Party wing page	~3.2K followers; SAD youth wing presence	open
BKU Krantikari, Block Samana	Facebook - Farmer union	~1.6K followers; Farm unions (Dhaithal, Samana)	open
Sirf Samana Di Gall	Facebook - Local blog	~742 followers; Local news	open
Samana Tower Morcha	Facebook - Protest page	~735 followers; Gurjeet Singh Khalsa tower protest	open
Samana Special News	Facebook - Local news	~370 followers; Local news	open
Samana Big Breaking / Samana Breaking / Samana Halka Update	Facebook - Local news pages	56–199 followers; Local news & complaints	open

Table 22: Public Facebook posts reviewed (visible counts, 18-19 November 2026)

Date	Page / author	Topic	Reactions	Comments	Shares
19 Nov 2026	Surjit Singh Rakhra	Review of incident at Bhakra canal overbridge, Samana-Patiala road	361	13	14
18 Nov 2026	Gurpreet Baidwan	Claims a prospective INC candidate for Samana (unverified)	235	79	11
18 Nov 2026	Harchand Singh Barsat	Road widening completed at Taraura Kalan village	57	12	6
18 Nov 2026	Surjit Singh Rakhra	Son Sukhi Rakhra meets Bhinder Colony residents on development works	40	3	4
19 Nov 2026	Purshottam Kaushik	Jouramajra attacks Congress in Samana; says Punjab needs BJP government	23	3	-
7 Aug 2026	Lakhwinder Singh Jawandha	MC president Kapoor Chand Bansal on speeding up development and sanitation	37	1	27
23 Jul 2026	Kella Sidhuz	Sewer blocked for 4 years in Ward 19 near MC office (complaint)	5	1	2
8 Jul 2025	Samana Breaking	Sewage water standing in several wards (complaint)	24	3	3

Source: public Facebook search (link / link), accessed through the client's browser. Instagram: Data Not Available (not signed in).

ANNEXURE E: MEDIA-REPORTED 2027 ASSEMBLY ASPIRANTS

Listed for completeness only. These are claims or speculation reported by news media or public social-media posts up to 19 November 2026. They are not party nominations.

Table 23: Samana aspirants as reported

S. No.	Name	Party	Basis of report	Status	Src
1	Surjit Singh Rakhra	AAP	Appointed halqa in-charge; media call him the likely candidate	Not officially announced	link / link
2	Chetan Singh Jouramajra	BJP	Joined BJP after denial of AAP ticket; listed as BJP candidate on a compiled page	Verification Required	link / link
3	Gursharan Kaur Randhawa	INC	Public Facebook post (18 Nov 2026) claims she will be the Congress candidate	Unverified social-media claim	link
4	Jagmeet Singh Hariau	SAD	Facebook post (May 2026) describes him as SAD halqa in-charge / candidate	Unverified social-media claim	link

ANNEXURE F: SOURCES, REFERENCES AND LIMITATIONS

Limitations

- The latest official census is 2011. Present-day population is not officially enumerated, and AC-wise census totals are not published.
- ECI Form-20 segment data (2024), the AC-116 SIR roll and the polling-station count were not available. They are marked accordingly.
- 2026 ward-level results: 9 of 21 wards are confirmed by name in news reports; 4 come from a search-result snippet; 8 are not available. Runners-up and ward turnout are not available.
- Officials are transferred often. Names are current as of the dates shown in Annexure C.
- Party office-bearers below district level could not be verified and are not listed.
- Instagram was not reviewed. Facebook observations depend on the platform's search ranking.

Table 24: Principal references

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2	Wikipedia – Samana Assembly constituency (results tables, 2022 electors)
3	OneIndia – Samana assembly elections (2022/2017 results)
4	The Tribune – MLA vows to bring industry to Samana (Apr 2022)
5	Wikipedia – Patiala Lok Sabha constituency (2024 result, segment leads)
6	The Tribune – Despite established cadre, Akali Dal put up poor show (Jun 2024)
7	India TV – Patiala LS 2014/2019 result summary
8	IndiaVotes – Patiala Lok Sabha 2024 (electors, polled)
9	The Tribune – AAP crosses halfway mark in Samana MC (30 May 2026)
10	India TV – Punjab municipal results live blog (Samana tally, 29 May 2026)
11	Sunday Guardian – Punjab municipal results 2026 winner list (search snippet only)
12	Punjabi Tribune – Samana council office-bearers elected (24 Jun 2026)
13	Punjabi Tribune – Kapoor Chand Bansal takes charge as Samana MC president (7 Jul 2026)
14	The Tribune – HC sets aside order removing Samana Nagar Council president (Nov 2025)
15	The Tribune – Jouramajra resigns as MLA; seat declared vacant (3 Nov 2026)
16	The Tribune – Pathanmajra, Jouramajra, Kunwar Vijay Pratap join BJP (2 Nov 2026)
17	The Tribune – AAP appoints Rakhra Samana halqa incharge (17 Sep 2026)
18	News24 – AAP MLAs quit after first list (1 Nov 2026)
19	Tribune via Newsway – Rakhra 'takes charge' in Samana (19 May 2026)
20	News Arena – Former SAD leader Surjit Singh Rakhra joins AAP (16 May 2026)
21	The Tribune – Himanshu Jain assumes charge as Patiala DC (12 Nov 2026)
22	Bright Punjab Express – DC and SSP at Sarai Banjara fire (6 Nov 2026)
23	Patiala Politics – SDM Samana Richa Goyal visits Premgarh, Shahpur (Nov 2026)
24	Patiala Politics – Swachhta Hi Sewa 2026 launch (Sep 2026)
25	District Patiala – Who's Who (official directory)
26	ANI via LatestLY – Union MoS reviews flood-hit Samana, Sanaur (Sep 2025)
27	The Tribune – 35 villages of Samana, Shutrana hit by flood (Jul 2023)
28	The Tribune – Four Patiala villages get canal water after 50 years
29	The Tribune – Ministers inaugurate road projects in Samana, Sanaur
30	The Tribune – Won't lift Samana blockade till Budget session ends (2026)
31	PTC News – Farmers' indefinite protest in Samana; clashes (24 Feb 2026)
32	NewsX – Punjab municipal results 2026; violence reported incl. Samana
33	Census 2011 – Samana (M Cl): population, religion, literacy, wards (censusindia2011.com)
34	Census 2011 – Samana tehsil via citypopulation.de

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35	voterlist.co.in – Samana AC parts / polling stations (secondary)
36	Indiastat – Samana Assembly Factbook sample (2022 electors by gender)
37	Elections.in – Samana MLAs 1962–2007
38	News Arena – Lal Singh passes away (Mar 2026)
39	Wikipedia – Chetan Singh Jauramajra
40	Wikipedia – Surjit Singh Rakhra
41	Facebook – Surjit Singh Rakhra (official page)
42	Facebook – Chetan Singh Jouramajra (verified page)
43	Facebook – page search: Dr. Dharamvira Gandhi
44	Facebook – public post search 'Samana' (Punjabi), viewed 19 Nov 2026
45	Facebook – public post search 'Samana sewerage' (Punjabi)
46	Wikipedia – Dharamvir Gandhi
47	Census 2011 – Samana tehsil (censusindia2011.com)
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49	Census 1991–2011 – Samana town series, literates 7+ (citypopulation.de)
50	villageinfo.in – Samana tehsil: area, 73 villages
51	Wikipedia – Patiala district (SC share, language, decadal population)
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Source: the complete list of sources is also in the 'Sources' sheet of the enclosed workbook.