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Municipal body to install intelligent system in Ludhiana city buses

LUDHIANA: There will be a new system in place to keep a check on movement of buses, fuel theft, footfall and safety of passengers in each city bus once the new operator takes over the service.

Ludhiana city buses had come to a complete halt two months back, but could be back on roads in a month's time. Tenders have already been floated by the municipal corporation to get operators for the city bus service.

In a bid to keep a check on the movement of city buses, municipal corporation will install intelligent transport system (ITS) on all buses as soon as a new operator comes.

Under the new system, a control room would be set up where information regarding details of buses would be displayed. Geo-fencing of routes would be done that would allow the management to keep a check on the routes from the control room.

Baljit Singh, manager, City Bus Service, said a new operator would soon be fixed to run the service.

"Intelligent transport system would be installed on every buses that would make transportation for residents of the city easy and safe," he said.

Further it has been learnt that MC would also soon install display boards at different bus stops that would help commuters know the exact timings of buses.

Installation of CCTV cameras in the buses would lead to additional safety of passengers. Sensors would also be installed on oil tanks of the buses that would check oil theft in buses.

MC is planning to start ticket counters.

Another gadget would be connected with the ticketing machine of conductors, which would help the authorities to check number of tickets sold in a particular time and also the footfall in buses.

Box:

The new system would prove beneficial especially in the following areas:

Manakwal, Dugri Phase 1 and 2, Canal bridge, Aroma market, Preet palace, bus stand, Bharat Nagar Chowk, Durga

Mata Mandir, railway station, Clock Tower, New Sabzi Mandi, Jalandhar Bypass, Alamgir Gurdwara route, Lalton village on Pakhowal road and Baddowal on Ferozepur road.