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**Press Release**

**Chandigarh, August 18:- To maintain the eco balance in the silence zone of Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh Administration has prohibited the performing of religious ceremonies and rituals, which cause noise pollution and water pollution at Sukhna Lake and its surrounding. Sukhna Lake was declared as Silence Zone by the Administration on January 19, 2005.**

**District Magistrate, Mr. Brijendra Singh issued the prohibition orders under section 144 Cr. PC, today. This prohibition would include floating of lighted earthen lamp using mustarded oil and bursting of firecrackers. The order would come into force from zero hour on August 20, 2010 and would be effective up to October 18, 2010.**