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## Over 39 lakh electors to decide fate of 415 candidates in final phase of elections today

**Baramulla AC leads with 25 candidates, Akhnoor AC race with just 3**  
**5,060 Polling Stations established, over 20,000 polling staff deployed**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 SRINAGAR: With the stage set for 3rd and final phase of General Elections to Legislative Assembly, scheduled for October 01, the fate of 415 candidates will be determined by over 39.18 lakh voters.

The third phase of the Legislative Assembly Elections 2024 will cover 40 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) across seven districts of Jammu & Kashmir. These include Kupwara, Baramulla and Bandipora in the Kashmir Division while as Jammu, Udhampur, Kathua and Samba in the Jammu Division.

Baramulla Assembly Segment of North Kashmir leads with the highest 25 candidates in poll fray, while as Akhnoor assembly con-

### Exit polls of J&K be published after 6 PM on Oct 5: ECI

JAMMU: As per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) through Press Note No. ECI/PN/132/2024, dated 31st August 2024, and under the provisions of Section 126A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, all media outlets (print, electronic, or digital), polling agencies, and individuals are hereby informed that publication or broadcast of exit poll results related to the ongoing elections in Jammu and Kashmir may be published after 6:00 PM onwards on 5th October 2024.

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The Chief Electoral Office, Jammu and Kashmir, along with the District Election Officers, Returning Officers and law enforcement agencies, will monitor compliance. Any violations will be dealt with strictly in accordance ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

stituency of Jammu district will witness contest among three candidates only during this phase.

In Kashmir Division, 16 Assembly Constituencies comprising Karnah, Trehgam, Kupwara, Lolab, Handwara, Langate, Sopore, Rafiaband, Uri, Baramulla, Gulmarg, Wagoora-Kreeri, Pattan, Sonawari, Bandipora and Gurez (ST), and in Jammu Division 24 Assembly Constituencies comprising Udhampur West, Udhampur East, Chenani, Ramnagar (SC), Bani, Billawar, Basohli, Jasrota, Kathua (SC), Hiranagar, Ramgarh (SC), Samba, Vijaypur, Bishnah (SC), Suchetgarh (SC), R.S.Pura-Jammu South, Bahu, Jammu East, Nagrota, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Nalin Prabhat takes over as DGP J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 SRINAGAR: Highly decorated IPS officer Nalin Prabhat took over as the Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday, following the retirement of R R Swain.

Prabhat, whose appointment was announced by the Ministry of Home Affairs in August, received the baton from Swain during a simple ceremony at the police headquarters here.

According to officials, Prabhat stated he would assume command from midnight.

Prabhat, a 1992-batch IPS officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, brings a



wealth of experience to his new role. His distinguished career is marked by numerous accolades, including three Police Gallantry Medals and the Parakram Padak.

At 55 years old, he is known for his extensive

background in counter-insurgency operations, having previously led the Greyhounds, an elite anti-Naxal unit in Andhra Pradesh.

In addition to his leadership in the Greyhounds, Prabhat has served significant roles within the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), including Inspector General of Operations and Additional Director General in the Kashmir region.

His recent tenure as Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG) was curtailed to facilitate his inter-cadre deputation to the Union

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## Jammu to decide J&K future, Gupkar Gang will be routed: Chugh

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Monday said that Jammu and Kashmir is marching ahead now and all the divisive forces would lick the dust in days to come.

In a statement, Chugh appealed to the Jammu region voters to support the Modi government and its vision of development.

He said Abdullahs and Muftis will be held accountable for atrocities committed on the people during the regimes.

Referring to Omar Abdullah, Chugh termed him

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## Citing poll code, EC stays appointment of army officer as SSP

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 NEW DELHI: Citing the Model Code of Conduct, the Election Commission has put in abeyance the Jammu and Kashmir administration's order to appoint an Army colonel as SSP (Training and Special Operations).

In its order to the J&K Chief Secretary, the EC said there is a ban on transfer of officers connected to elections as the Model Code of Conduct is in force in the Union Territory.

Without going into the rationale, process

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## Tashi Rabstan begins tenure as 37th CJ of J&K, Ladakh HC

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 JAMMU: Justice Tashi Rabstan, on Monday began his tenure as the 37th Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, who took Oath of Office on 27th September, 2024.

The Chief Justice was formally received by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh accompanied by M.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice and Officers and Officials of the Registry.

The Chief Justice was pre-



Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan receiving Guard of Honour in Jammu Wing of High Court on Monday.

sented with the Guard of Honor in Jammu Wing of the High Court, a time-honored tradition that symbolizes respect and allegiance. This

ceremony underscores the significance of the Chief Justice's role in upholding the rule of law and ensuring justice is served.

## BJP will do justice to Jammu region: Chugh

**White Paper needed on Abdullah's role in KP exodus**

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**Q: How do you look at the election this time?**

**A: This election is unique because there is no boycott and no violence, unlike previous elections where the Abdullahs and Muftis managed to become Chief Ministers with only six percent to eight percent polling. People have rejected three families-Abdullahas, Muftis, Gandhis-and the polling reflects that sentiment. This is the first election where the people of Jammu and Kashmir are truly and fully participating and signaling the end of the Abdullah, Mufti, and the Gandhi era.**



**Q: What role will the Jammu region play in shaping the future government in J&K ?**

**A: For decades, the Abdullah, Mufti, and Gandhi dynasties kept ignoring the Jammu region because their focus has been in the Valley only. Consequently, we see there has been haphazard development and the Jammu region remained a deprived part.**

Under BJP's leadership, Jammu is finally receiving its fair share of respect and development. It is set to play an important role in shaping the future government of Jammu and Kashmir. The people of Jammu will have a significant say in forming the J&K government that promises inclusive representation and development. Unlike the previous dynastic

parties that sidelined Jammu, the upcoming BJP led government will give equal representation and respect to all regions, especially Jammu. Today, Jammu is no longer ignored, and the balanced growth of the entire region is finally a reality.

**Q: How is the BJP addressing the imbalance in tourism between Jammu and Kashmir and what steps are being taken for Jammu's economic development?**

**A: Under previous governments, tourism was primarily focused on Kashmir, leaving Jammu overlooked. The BJP has worked hard to correct this imbalance by promoting tourism in areas like Bhadarwah, Bani, and the Pir Panjal region. We are ensuring that tourism is spread evenly across Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing the beauty of both regions while providing new economic opportunities for the people of Jammu. We have a clear vision for Jammu's future development, including the creation of new tourist centers similar to Gulmarg and Pahalgam in the Jammu region. Major projects like a world-class Ayurvedic center in Kishtwar, a new airport in Jammu, and a metro system are underway. We are also developing Udhampur into a pharmaceutical hub and have established medical colleges, AIIMS, IIM, and IIT in Jammu to boost education and healthcare infrastructure.**

**Q: How does the BJP handle the large scale corruption charges against the NC, Congress, and PDP while they were in power ?**

**A: First of all a white paper on civilian killings by whoever was the Chief Minister needs to be brought. The second, when there was an exodus of 1.60 lakh Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley, Farooq Abdullah was the Chief Minister, and he should be held accountable. The culprits of this historic genocide must be brought to book, as justice needs to be served to the people who suffered.** ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



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