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Jammu West, Jammu North, Marh (SC), Akhnoor (SC) and Chhamb will go to the polls in this phase.

According to the latest electoral rolls, 39,18,220 voters are eligible to cast their ballots in this phase, comprising 20,09,033 male voters, 19,09,130 female voters and 57 third-gender voters.

Underlining the significance of the role to be played by youth of Jammu and Kashmir in strengthening the democracy, as many as 1.94 lakh youths voters aged 18 to 19 are eligible to vote in 3rd phase of Assembly Election.

This phase will also see participation from 35,860 Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and 32,953 voters above the age of

To facilitate the voters for smooth and hassle free electoral participation, Election Commission of India (ECI) has established 5,060 polling stations with 100% webcasting across 40 Assembly Constituencies. These include 974 Urban Polling Stations and 4,086 Rural Polling Stations.

To enhance voter participation, 240 special polling stations have been established across 7 districts in this phase, including 50 polling stations managed by women, known as Pink polling stations, 43 polling stations manned by specially abled persons and 40 polling stations manned by youth. Also, there will be 45 green polling stations in order to spread message about environmental concern, 29 polling stations are established near the LOC/ IB for residents residing there and 33 Unique Polling stations.

A total of 24 special Polling Stations have been established for Migrant Voters of Kashmir Division, which includes 19 Special Polling Stations in Jammu, 4 in Delhi and 1 in Udhampur District. Special Polling Station-wise extract voter list will be with BLOs

A team of four officials, including Presiding Officer will be stationed in every polling station. In total, more than 20,000 Polling staff will be deployed on duty for 3rd phase of assem-

In this phase, 109 candidates are in fray in Jammu district, followed by 101 in Baramulla district, 59 in Kupwara district, 42 in Bandipora district, 37 in Udhampur district, 35 in Kathua district, while 32 candidates are contesting in

In Udhampur district, 12 candidates are in fray in 59-Udhampur West AC; 9 in 60-Udhampur East AC; 9 in 61-Chenani AC; while 7 candidates are contesting in 62-Ramnagar (SC) AC.

In Kathua district, 8 candidates are in fray in 63-Bani AC; 4 in 64-Billawar AC; 4 in 65-Basohli AC; 8 in 66-Jasrota AC; 5 in 67-Kathua (SC) AC; while 6 candidates are contesting in 68-Hiranagar AC.

In Samba district, 7 candidates are in fray in 69-Ramgarh (SC) AC; 14 in 70-Samba AC; while 11 candidates are contesting in 71-Vijaypur AC.

In Jammu district, 9 candidates are in fray in 72-Bishnah (SC) AC; 11 in 73-Suchetgarh (SC) AC; 14 in 74-R.S. Pura-Jammu South AC; 12 in 75-Bahu AC; 9 in 76-Jammu East AC; 8 in 77-Nagrota AC; 12 in 78-Jammu West AC; 17 in 79-Jammu North AC; 6 in 80-Marh (SC) AC; 3 in 81-Akhnoor (SC) AC; while 8 candidates are contesting in 82-

Similarly, in Kashmir Division's Kupwara district, 8 candidates are in fray in 1-Karnah AC; 10 in 2-Trehgam AC; 8 in 3-Kupwara AC; 11 in 4-Lolab AC; 7 in 5-Handwara AC; while 15 candidates are contesting in 6-Langate AC.

In Baramulla district, 20 candidates are in fray in 7-Sopore AC; 12 in 8-Rafiabad AC; 6 in 9-Uri AC; 25 in 10-Baramulla AC; 13 in 11-Gulmarg AC; 12 in 12-Wagoora-Kreeri AC; while 13 candidates are contesting in 13-Pattan AC. In Bandipora district, 18 candidates are in fray in 14-Sonawari AC; 19 in 15-Bandipora AC; while 5 candidates are contesting in 16-Gurez (ST) AC.

The Kupwara district has recorded a total of 5,42,535 regstered voters, including 2,71,601 males, 2,70,924 females, and 10 transgender across six Assembly constituencies. A total of 622 polling stations are spread across these constituencies of the district, ensuring that every registered voter has the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. The Baramulla district comprises of seven Assembly Constituencies with 7,24,335 electorates which includes 3,65,074 males, 3,59,249 females, and 12 transgender voters. A total of 908 polling stations are spread

The Bandipora District has registered a total of 2,59,893 s its three Assembly constituencies 1,32,679 male voters, 1,27,208 female voters, and 6 transgender voters. A comprehensive network of 312 polling stations has been established across the district.

Udhampur District is divided into four Assembly constituencies, with a total of 4,22,802 registered voters, including 2,21,457 male and 2,01,345 female voters. To facilitate the voting process, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has established 654 polling stations across the

The Kathua district has registered a total of 5,06,679 voters, including 2,65,420 male, 2,41,256 female, and 03 transgender voters across its six assembly constituencies. A comprehensive network of 704 polling stations has been established by the ECI for free, fair and transparent elections. The Samba district comprises three Assembly constituencies, with 2,60,999 registered voters, including 1,33,736 male, 1,27,261 female and 02 transgender voters. ECI has established 366 polling stations throughout the district. The Jammu district, with eleven Assembly Segments, has 12,009,77 electors, including 6,19,066 male, 5,81,887 female, and 24 transgender voters. To facilitate the voting process, t ECI has established 1494 polling stations across the District. The voting will take place from 7.00 am to 6.00

Exit polls of... with the law. This measure aims to maintain the integrity of the electoral process and ensure free and fair election environment, and to ensure that voters make their decisions uninfluenced by premature predictions or analysis of electoral outcomes. All concerned parties, including media houses, social media platforms, and polling agencies, are urged to adhere to these instructions and refrain from publishing or sharing any exit poll results before the stipulated time.

Tammu to decide...

as the most confused politician saying he used to say he would not contest elections but he is contesting from two assembly constituencies.

The pro-Pakistan forces, secretly supported by Abdullahs and Muftis, would be decisively defeated, he said.

Referring to grant of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Chugh said: "The Prime Minister and the Home Minster have already announced on the statehood, so there is nothing for Abdullahs to hold on to this topic. They actually lack agenda and are telling Congress is not doing anything in these elections, by this it is clear that the Congress and NC alliance is failed. By saying there will be a hung assembly, they are for sure showing their fear and finding safe root for their loss. I am saying with confidence that Omar Abdullah will lose from both the constituencies and Mufti and her family will also lose the elections. People of J&K don't like separatists and people who create conflicts in the region and who deprived the region of the development do not like anymore. That's why this corrupt Gupkaar Gang will lose the

Nalin Prabhat takes...

Territories cadre (AGMUT) for an initial period of three

Prabhat's extensive experience in J&K positions him well to navigate the Union territory's complex security challenges, which include ongoing threats from terrorism and

His previous assignments have given him a deep understanding of the local security landscape, and observers believe his expertise will be crucial in addressing the region's pressing security needs during this politically sensitive time

Experts note that Prabhat's career is characterised by exceptional bravery and a steadfast commitment to public service, as evidenced by his multiple awards, including the Police Medal for Gallantry with two bars.

His appointment is expected to bring a strategic approach to law enforcement in Jammu and Kashmir, with hopes that his leadership will significantly contribute to maintaining peace and stability in one of India's most challenging

Citing poll code...
and urgency of posting of an Army officer as SSP in the civil side during the period of the operation of MCC, the commission directed that the appointment order be kept in abevance with immediate effect.

If the order has already been implemented, the status quo prior to its issuance must be restored immediately, the EC said. The Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary has been instructed to submit a compliance report by 11:00 am on October 1, along with a detailed explanation on the rationale for issuing the order without obtaining the required clearance from the Election Commission.

Colonel, Vikrant Prasher, belongs to the Indian Army's Para, High Altitude Warfare School, Gulmarg.

BJP will do...

Q: How does the BJP view the contribution of Jammu in integrating diverse communities, and how has the region contributed?

A: Jammu has always been a nationalist region that has embraced all communities, including Kashmiri Pandits, PoJK refugees, and others who sought refuge. Jammu is a symbol of unity and hospitality, and under the BJP, it will continue to be a place where diversity is celebrated. We will make Jammu and Kashmir a tourism capital of the world, welcoming visitors from all corners with pride.

Q: Why has there never been a Chief Minister from

A: The reason there has never been a Chief Minister from Jammu is due to the dominance of the Abdullah, Mufti, and Gandhi families, who have manipulated the political landscape for decades. These families were more concerned with their interests than the fair representation of Jammu. They consistently discriminated against Jammu in terms of governance and development, but the BJP will set it right.

Q: What are the key infrastructural, educational, and tourism developments in Jammu under the Modi government, and how will they impact the people?

A: Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu has undergone a remarkable transformation in infrastructure, education, and tourism Projects like the Chenab Railway Bridge and the Delhi-Katra Greenfield Expressway have enhanced connectivity, making travel faster and more efficient. These projects not only contributed to tourism but also enhanced economic growth by improving access to trade and business, creating new opportunities for the people of Jammu.

The establishment of IIM and IIT in Jammu is a gamechanger for the region. These world-class institutes are nurturing local talent, allowing youth to compete on a national and global platform. This is in alignment with PM Modi's vision to empower Jammu youth through quality education and skill development.

The government is focused on promoting tourism with projects like the development of the Tawi Riverfront and initiatives in Doda, the Avurvedic Park in Kishtwar, and the Pharmaceutical Park in Udhampur. These will transform Jammu into a vibrant tourism hub, attracting visitors from across India and the world. The resulting growth in tourism will create jobs, uplift local businesses, and generate signifihelping Jammu become a major pl India's tourism economy.

Q: What does the BJP have to say about the Congress party's alliance with the National Conference (NC)? Do you consider them as threats to the BJP?

A: The Congress party has completely surrendered its manifesto, agenda, and ideology to the NC. The Congress now fully backs NC's dangerous agenda, such as releasing jailed terrorists and stone-pelters, attempting to bring back Article 370 and removing the PSA Act. However, I want to make it clear that, even if the Abdullahs were to be born ten more times, and even after a hundred years, Article 370 would never return. The BJP stands firm on this, and we will protect the integrity of the nation.

The Abdullhs are cooking the stale dish on the topic of Statehood; it is already announced by our PM and Home Minister of our country. In what capacity are these Abdullahs trying to fool the people of Jammu and Kashmir? They have no vision for themselves and no agenda for their manifesto; they are just blinded by the support of Pakistan and China's vested interests and lost in the game of elections. Hence, this repeated drama. BJP will form the government without these dynastic parties.

Q: How is the Modi government improving urban mobility, connectivity, and technology infrastructure in Jammu, and how will it benefit the people?

A: The Modi government is taking milestone steps to mod ernize Jammu's infrastructure, focusing on both urban mobility and technological advancements. The Jammu Metrolite Project, set to be completed by 2026, will transform public transport, reducing traffic congestion and making commuting more efficient. Projects like the Sadhna Pass Tunnel and Katra-Banihal Railway Tunnel will drastically cut travel times, enhancing connectivity for residents and tourists alike. The government is establishing an IT hub in Jammu as a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), which will attract IT companies, create thousands of jobs, and train the youth with essential digital skills. These developments will improve accessibility and urban mobility and also position Jammu as a growing tech hub, offering opportunities for economic growth and improved quality of life for its cit-

Q: In Jammu, the Congress is saying that people are upset

with BJP. What is your response to this? A: The Gupkar parties have repeatedly made the same claims, but the people have consistently rejected them. Whether in Panchayat, BDC, DDC, or Lok Sabha elections, support for these parties has significantly declined. Voter turnout has increased in these elections, and the people of J&K have overwhelmingly rejected dynastic and boycott politics. In the current assembly elections, voter participation has increased, and the BJP continues to gain strong ground

support for our candidates.

J&K youth highly aspirational, BJP promises opportunities: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh and senior BJP leader Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that the youth of Jammu & Kashmir are highly aspirational and BJP promises opportunities for their bright future. He emphasised that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are eager to bring the BJP back to power, having experienced equitable development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

In an Interview with "PTI VIDEO" Dr Jitendra Singh targeted Congress, National Conference and PDP leadership saying that In the guise of Article 370, its benefits were enjoyed by a handful few. People saw the work in the last 10 years. The youth are aspirational and they don't want to lose this opportunity. Union Minister Jitendra Singh said, "voters are enthused. The BJP has tried to create a new culture here in the last 10 years, where religion, caste are being left behind. When people saw welfare schemes, a faith was instilled in people. The confidence of voters has increased in Jammu. There is a level-playing field. People want BJP,"

He said that In the past ten vears, both Jammu and Kashmir have seen equal progress. Prior to 2014, agitations were common, but today, peace and develop-

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JAMMU: Special Judge CBI

Bala Joyti today rejected the

bail application of one Anil

Kumar Yadav who was

arrested by Enforcement

Directorate in SI Paper

Special Judge CBI Bala

Joyti after hearing Adv

Asheesh Singh Kotwal for

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Ashwani

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Khajuria for the ED,

observed that after consider-

ation of entire material on

record it is held that for the

foregoing reasons, I am, not

inclined to grant bail to the

applicant/accused at this

stage who is accused of seri-

ous offence caught by ED on

basis of ECIR No.

ment have taken centre

On the question of statehood, He said, " As far as statehood is concerned, it has already been announced by the BJP. PM Modi has been reiterating itat every public meeting. It is an old trick of Congress, they are manufacturing a narrative so that when it happens, they may claim that they were putting pressure. People won't be

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "Actually, the people who are on the streets in Srinagar are happy with the abrogation of Article 370. They are grate-He said, "Because in the

guise of it, its benefits were

directly enjoyed by the few

family-based parties. People

saw the work in the last 10 years. The youth are aspirational and they don't want to lose this opportunity.' Dr Jitendra Singh said that if this is being made the agenda, then it is because of the parties there and the Congress party. The situa-

Article 370. He said, " I want to challenge them to promise Article 370 again in J&K, they would never say it,"

tion of Congress is delicate.

They are unsure about

On a question related to Election in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said, "First of all, I want to thank PM Modi, there is a celebratory

Court rejects bail of one in SI

Exam in ED case

dated March 31, 2024, hence

to my mind keeping in view

the aforementioned facts and

circumstances, it appears

that on the strength of docu-

ments, it is not proper to

admit the applicant/accused

to bail at this stage as till

date he has failed to carve

out a case in his favour as

this Court is not satisfied

that there are reasonable

grounds for believing that he

is not guilty of such offence

and further he is not likely to

commit any offence while on

bail. Moreover there is plenty

of incriminatory material

Suffice it to say that appli-

cant/accused is unable to

make out a case for bail in

terms of section 45 of

against him on record.

mood there. Everyone is celebrating the festival of democracy. It is happening for the first time. Mainstreaming of democracy in J&K has happened now. People will be

grateful to PM Modi." He said that there was a long period of time in J&K after independence, when in the disguise of democracy, the spirit of democracy was not there. In the first 2-3 decades, returning officers used to be instructed to reject nomination papers and the ruling party candidate used to be declared winner.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Then came a time when 8-10 pc voting used to happen. It would be influenced by Pakistan. Voters would not come out. It has changed for the first time. Aspirant candidates have increased. Voters are enthused.'

He said, "The BJP has tried to create a new culture here in the last 10 years, where religion, caste are being left behind. When people saw welfare schemes, a faith was instilled in people. The confidence of voters has increased in Jammu. There is a level-playing field. People

On a question of Rahul Gandhi's comments on PM Modi, He said that he should understand that Narendra Modi is not only the PM of BJP but also the PM of Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi.

He said that Rahul Gandhi

offence constitute a class

apart & need to be visited with a different approach,

besides there is every likeli-

hood that he will severely

hamper the ends of justice as

there is every likelihood of his

flight risk, tampering with

the evidence as there is no

manner of doubt that once he

comes out on bail, he will

influence the witnesses pur-

posed to be examined by the

prosecution as he wields con-

siderable influence due to his

Therefore, in this case prin-

ciple that "Bail is Rule and

Jail is an exception", is not

attracted in the case in hand.

Thus in view of above said,

prayer made herein is

declined and application for

responsible for managing a

section of the Electoral Roll,

ensuring its accuracy

rules. Jaswant Singh will

remain attached to the office

of the Chief Education

Officer, Udhampur, during

financial clout

had broken the healthy practice of democracy by criticising the PM on Foreign soil. About Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge comments on PM Modi, he said that it is his wishful thinking,

but it is the people who will Car plunges into gorge in Kishtwar,

two dead STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two women were killed and three people were injured when a car skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Kishtwar district on Monday, officials

The victims were identified as Mehru Nissa (25) and her relative Rehana, officials

The accident took place at Pathshala in the Bonjwa area of the hilly district, the officials said.

Tariq Hussain (28) along with his wife Nissa (25) and some guests were coming from Doda to visit his inlaw's house in Kishtwar when the accident occurred, they said.

The rescuers immediately swung into action and evacuated the five injured to nearby sub-district hospital Thathri where Nissa and her relative Rehana were declared dead. Hussain and Nissa were newly married. cousin Hussain (28) and another relative Bareera Bano (18) were referred to Government Medical College Hospital Doda for specialized treatment, the officials said.

Chenani AC records highest Postal Ballot Voting percentage in Udhampur at 98.72 pc

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UDHAMPUR: AC-61 Chenani achieved the highest voting percentage in Udhampur, with 98.72% voter participation through postal ballots.

The postal ballot process was conducted under the supervision of Returning Officer Ram Paul, with overall guidance provided by District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai.

DEO commended the tireless efforts of RO postal ballot 61- AC Chenani and the other Returning Officers across the district for their dedication, which led to the successful completion of postal ballot voting in all Assembly Constituencies

Udhampur.

The smooth conduct of postal ballot voting in AC-61 Chenani stands as a testament to the commitment of the election officials towards ensuring maximum voter participation in the electoral

Cyber Cell Jammu solves online fraud, recovers Rs 1 lakh

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Cyber cell DPO

Jammu, a dedicated unit to with cases online/offline frauds and cyber crime who has been relentlessly working day in and day out for ensuring the safety and security of masses in general has once again successfully recovered an amount of Rupees One Lakh from a fraudster who used to deceive the people by adopting different tactics and extract money from them.

In this regard the complainant approached cyber cell Jammu of being fraudulently cheated.

Taking the cognizance of matter the cyber cell Jammu took no time to start the investigations and acted swiftly while exhibiting the ultimate professional excellence through its dedicated skilled human resource which was put to task and in no time the lost amount of Rs.1,00,000/.was recovered

from the fraudster. District Police Jammu. equipped with advanced technology and human resource remains at the forefront in the fight against cybercriminals.

ECIR/JMSZO/01/2023 PMLA, moreover Economic bail is accordingly rejected. DEO Udhampur suspends 2 Govt employees for dereliction of election related duty

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UDHAMPUR: The District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai, has taken swift disciplinary action by suspending two government employees for neglecting their assigned election duties for the upcoming Assembly

Elections-2024. Kulbushan Koul, Head Assistant at the Zonal Education Office Dudu, who was appointed as a Presiding Officer for the General Elections, has been suspended for failing to attend mandatory election

training sessions. Despite multiple telephonic communications and formal intimation through his department Kulbushan Koul neglected to report for duty, obstructing critical election procedures. deemed a serious breach of conductservice rules, amounting to deliberate noncompliance.

issued by the DEO, underscores the importance of attending election training, which is a crucial responsibility for Presiding Officers. During his suspension, Koul will remain attached to the office of the Chief Education Officer, Udhampur. In another Singh, a teacher at Government Kothi, School, Chenani, and appointed Booth Level Officer for Polling Station 61 - 40(Narsoo), was suspended for failing to perform his election-related duties. As a BLO, Jaswant Singh was

through door-to-door verification, and assisting voters on election day. However, The suspension order, Jaswant Singh not only failed to fulfill these responsibilities but also went on unauthorized medical leave without obtaining proper approval. His leave expired on September 29, 2024, yet he did not report back for duty. A show-cause notice was issued to Jaswant Singh, case. Jaswant but his response was unsatis-Primary factory. The DEO's suspension order states that such Zone neglect constitutes a serious violation of service conduct

Search ops in Kathua, Rajouri extended to fresh areas

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces on Monday extended the ongoing search operations to new areas in Kathua and Rajouri districts to hunt down terrorists following recent encounters in the region. officials said.

While a policeman and a terrorist were killed and two police officers injured in a fierce gunbattle in remote Kog-Mandli forest village in Billawar tehsil of Kathua district on Saturday evening, a brief exchange of fire took place between terrorists and security forces in Manial Gali in Thanamandi area of Rajouri district on Sunday evening.

A massive search operation is going on for the third day in Kathua with cordon extending to over a dozen other villages near the scene of

Saturday's encounter, the officials said. They said at least three more foreign terrorists of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM)

are believed to be hiding in the forest belt. In Rajouri, the officials said the terrorists fled after a brief encounter with security forces at Manial Gali in Thanamandi area Sunday

The operation was called off late Sunday and resumed and extended to new areas early this morning, the officials said.

They said there was no fresh contact with the terrorists so far.

Meanwhile, slain head constable Bashir

Ahmed was laid to rest with full honours at a gravevard near his Jammu residence after a wreath laying ceremony late Sunday evening.

J-K Director General of Police, Operations and Security, Nalin Prabhat, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone, and all personnel paid homage to the fallen cop.

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