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Bypolls in Nagrota, Budgam Assemblies on Nov 11: CEC

J&K political parties welcome announcement

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The voting for assembly bypolls in eight constituencies in Odisha, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Punjab, Telangana and Rajasthan will be held on November 11, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar announced on Monday.

The counting of votes will be done on November 14.

"The assembly bypolls in Jammu and Kashmir, Odisha, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Punjab, Telangana and Rajasthan will be held on November 11; the counting of votes will be done on November 14," Kumar said at a press conference here.

Two assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir -- Budgam and Nagrota -- have been vacant since October 2024.

Budgam was rendered vacant immediately after the 2024 assembly elections when Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chose to retain the Ganderbal constituency. The seat has been vacant since October 21, 2024.

Nagrota, on the other hand, fell vacant on October 31, 2024, after the death of

MLA Devender Singh Rana. The bypoll in Rajasthan's Anta was



CEC Gyanesh Kumar addressing press conference in New Delhi on Monday.

necessitated after BJP MLA Kanwarlal was disqualified in May after being convicted in a gun threat case

In Telangana's Jubilee Hill constituency, the bypoll was necessitated following the death of BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath in June this year following a heart attack.

The Dampa assembly seat in Mizoram fell vacant after the death of incumbent MNF legislator Lalrintluanga Sailo on

The byelection to the Nuapada assem-

bly constituency in Odisha was necessitated due to the death of sitting MLA Rajendra Dholakia on September 8 due to health-related issues.

In Jharkhand's Ghatsila constituency. the bypoll is being held after the seat fell vacant following the death of Ramdas

The Tarn Taran assembly seat in Punjab also fell vacant after the death of Kashmir Singh Sohal.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir's political parties including the ruling

National Conference (NC) and the opposition BJP welcomed the Election Commission of India announcing the schedule for bypolls to Budgam and Nagrota assembly seats.

National Conference spokesman Tanvir Sadiq said although delayed, the ECI's decision to hold by elections for the two seats in the Union Territory was welcome.

"We have been seeking a bypoll for the vacant seats as soon as (Chief Minister) Omar Abdullah vacated the Budgam

Bihar polls: Voting in two phases on Nov 6, 11; Counting on Nov 14

NEW DELHI: The assembly elections in Bihar will be held in two phases, polling for which will be held on November 6 and 11 while the counting of votes will be done on November 14, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar announced on

The entire election process will be concluded by November 16.

"Bihar elections will be held in two phases on November 6 and 11. Counting of rotes will be done on November 14," Kumar said at a press conference.

"It is mandatory to complete counting of postal ballots before the last two rounds of counting of votes," he added.

While 121 assembly constituencies will go to the polls in the first phase, voting will be held in 122 assembly constituencies in the second phase.

Kumar termed the Bihar elections as "mother of all elections".

For the first phase, the last date of filing nominations is October 17 while the crutiny will be held on October 18. The last date of withdrawal of candidature for first phase elections is October 20. Similarly, for the second phase, the last date of filing nominations is October 20

while scrutiny will be held on October 21. The last date of withdrawal of candidature for the second phase elections is October 23.

The term of the current Assembly ends on November 22. Bihar has 243 constituencies, including two reserved for Scheduled Tribes and 38 for Scheduled

seat. Finally, the people of the Budgam segment will have their representative in the Assembly," Sadiq told PTI.

Sadiq said the parliamentary board of the party will take the final decision on

the candidates. "As of now, we are contesting both seats," he added.

The opposition BJP and the PDP also welcomed the bypoll schedule for ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Govt attaches CEO Baramulla

hold the charge of the post

of Chief Education Office,

Baramulla and Principal,

till further orders".

Education

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Government on Monday attached in-charge Chief Baramulla, Bashir Ahmad Shah to the office of Directorate of School Education Kashmir.

An order issued by School Education department in this regard reads, "Pending inquiry, Bashir Ahmad Shah, In-charge Chief Education officer, Baramulla hereby Directorate of SchoolEducation Kashmir with immediate effect.

Further, Chief Education officer, Bandipora shall will face due action

Fb page over false horse-slaughter post STATE TIMES NEWS

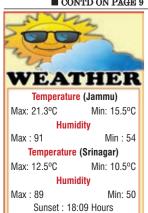
SRINAGAR: Police in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir have registered a case against the administrator of a Facebook page for allegedly spreading false and misleading information about the slaughtering of a

According to a police spokesperson, the Facebook page -- 'Kashmir Speaks' -had shared a video of a dead horse, claiming that it was slaughtered so that its meat could be sold in the market. "Budgam police have regis-

tered an FIR against the administrator of a Facebook page titled 'Kashmir Speaks' for spreading false and misleading information on social media," a police spokesper-

Police had lodged a case regarding the killing of a horse in Rakhai village of Khansahib Tehsil on August 26. A video of the dead horse was widely circulated on social media with the claim that the animal had been slaughtered so that its

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Sunrise: 06:28 Hours

CM throws open 69th National School Games in Srinagar Says, sports build bridges of unity, friendship

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister, DIET Sopore, Baramulla, Omar Abdullah on Monday officially declared open the Further, Joint Director 69th National School Games (North). at TRC Football Ground, Kashmir has been asked Srinagar, by ceremonially to conduct an inquiry in kicking a football, marking the matter and submit a the formal commencement of the national-level sporting Administrative depart-

Lawyer tries to hurl shoe at CJI in SC courtroom;

Attack has angered every Indian: PM

"reprehensible" and angered

"The attack on him earlier

today in the Supreme Court

premises has angered every

Indian. There is no place for

such reprehensible acts in

every Indian.

ment within 15 days. The opening ceremony was Government attended by Minister for remains committed to the Youth Services & Sports welfare of common masses Satish Sharma, Advisor to as well as employees and the Chief Minister Nasir anyone indulging in Aslam Wani, MLA Lal Chowk Sheikh Ahsan Ahmed affairs of government without proper authority (Pardesi), Director General Youth Services & Sports



CM Omar Abdullah kicking football to declare open 69th National School Games at Srinagar on Monday.

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demnable," Modi posted on

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CJI,

remained unfazed dur-

ing and after the inci-

dent, asked the court

officials and security

personnel present inside

the courtroom to "just

ignore" it and to let off

the errant lawyer with a

warning. Police said

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Kishore was aged 71.

"Don't get distracted by all

this. We are not distracted.

These things do not

Anuradha Gupta, Secretary Gul, and several other digni-

J&K Sports Council Nuzhat taries and officials

after long hunt, drug

peddler held with heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Police have arrestregistered

ed two persons wanted in connection with separate Udhampur and Rajouri districts between 2015 and 2020 respectively, an official said on Monday.

A drug peddler was also arrested along with six grams of heroin in Rajouri, a police spokesman said.

He said Rajinder Kumar alias 'Nittu', a resident of Sewna village, was arrested from Chenani area of Udhampur. He was wanted in a case registered at police station Chenani in

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This year's National School Games has drawn participation from 30 teams representing various States and Union Territories across the country, with matches scheduled to be played at six different venues. The events include competitions in Football, Wushu, Taekwondo, and Table Tennis.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that sports play a vital role in fostering unity, friendship and understanding among young people from diverse regions of the country. "Sports build bridges of unity and

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Budgam court sentences POCSO case rape convict to 20 years rigorous imprisonment "In case of default in pay-

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A court in Budgam district on Monday sentenced a rape convict to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment in a POCSO case, a police spokesman said.

The Budgam Principal District and Sessions Judge sentenced Zahid Ahmad Parra to 20 years of imprisonment and fined Rs 50,000 under Section 376 IPC (rape), he said.

Parra was also sentenced to 20 years imprisonment under Section 4 of the POCSO Act and five years jail term under Section 363 IPC (kidnapping a minor), the spokesperson said

ment of fine, the convict shall undergo six months of additional simple imprisonment, he added. In another case, a sessions

court in Ganderbal district sentenced a rape convict to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment.

The Ganderbal Principal and District Session Court found Ulfat Ahmad Magray guilty of charges under Sections 376 and 506 (criminal intimidation) IPC and Section 4 (punishment for penetrative sexual assault) of POCSO Act, spokesman said

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India to send multi-party delegations to UNGA

The delegation led by

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NEW DELHI: Two multiparty delegations of parliamentarians headed by BJP MPs P P Chaudhary and Daggubati Purandeswari will be representing India at the 80th United Nations General Assembly in New

The first group, headed by Chaudhary, will be in New York between October 8 and October 14, while the other group will be there from October 27.

An MP said these are "non-official" delegations as they do not strictly represent the State and are more of representatives of the Indian democracy and its

united stand on a host of issues

Chaudhary includes Anil Baluni, Nishikant Dubey and Ujjwal Nikam of the BJP, Vivek Tankha and Kumari Selja of the Congress, Samajwadi Party's Rajeev Rai and RSP's Premachandran, others. It has a total of 15

MPs, officials said. The other delegation includes V D Sharma, Dilip Saikia, Rekha Sharma of the BJP, RJD's Manoj Kumar Jha, DMK's P Wilson, TMC(M)'s G K Vasan and AAP's Sandeep

Kumar Pathak, among oth-

Purandeswari said. "The UNGA is a vital platform where member nations

come together to discuss kev global issues, from peace and security to human rights, development, and international cooperation. I look forward to representing our nation and contributing to these important deliberations on the world stage.'

An MP said India has a longstanding tradition of sending parliamentary delegations to the UNGA. allowing MPs to be part of international discourse and contribute, but, he added, it

was "interrupted" in 2004. Gold price soars Rs 9,700 to storm

Showers drench north India; fresh snowfall, rains in J&K speeds ranging between 41 and 57

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unprecedented and shocking

incident, an elderly

lawyer attempted to hurl

Justice of India B R

Gavai in his courtroom in

the Supreme Court on

Monday, prompting the

Bar Council of India to

suspend his license with

As the attempt by the

lawyer Rakesh Kishore

during the court proceed-

ings sparked widespread con-

demnation, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi spoke to the

CJI and said the attack was

immediate effect.

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DELHI: In an

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NEW DELHI: Rain lashed parts of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and Rajasthan, while fresh snowfall was reported in the higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, causing the mercury to drop in several northern states on Monday.

In Jammu and Kashmir, light to moderate rainfall was witnessed in the plains of Kashmir and snowfall was reported from Sinthan Top in Anantnag district, Affarwat in Gulmarg, Zojila Pass, Bangus in Kupwara, Razdan Pass in Gurez valley, and other higher-altitude areas, officials said.

The day temperature in the valley dipped by nearly 10 degrees Celsius, with Srinagar recording a maximum of around 11 degrees Celsius on Monday, compared to 22.6 degrees recorded a day earlier. The meteorological office has forecast continued wet weather for the next 24 hours in the valley



Jammu has also been witnessing intermittent rains since wee hours. Similarly, in Himachal Pradesh, the minimum and maximum temperatures witnessed a significant drop as the state received snowfall for the second day in a row. Keylong in tribal Lahaul and Spiti recorded a low of 0.1 degree Celsius.

Intermittent showers lashed parts of the state, with Guler receiving 42 mm of rain since Sunday evening, according to officials. Thunderstorms were witnessed in Jot, Sundernagar, Bhunter, Kangra, Palampur, and Shimla, while gusty winds with

kmph swept Hamirpur, Narkanda, Kufri, Bajaura, Reckong Peo, Tabo, and Kotkhai.

Shimla MeT Office Director Kuldeep Srivastav said a strong active western disturbance would impact the state for the next two days, with the possibility of heavy rains in Kangra and Chamba districts and snow in Lahaul and Spiti

Meanwhile, rainfall provided relief to Delhi-NCR from the hot and humid conditions that had persisted over the last several days in the region. The city recorded a minimum temperature of 20.6 degrees Celsius, two notches below the season's aver-

In Punjab, places like Mohali, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Pathankot, Ferozepur, Phagwara, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Bathinda, Rupnagar, and Ludhiana received rain, while Hisar, Haryana's Panchkula, Fatehabad, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

past Rs 1.3 lakh/10 g in Delhi STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Gold prices

skyrocketed by Rs 9,700 to scale a fresh peak of Rs 1,30,300 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday, lifted by safe-haven buying in the overseas markets and depreciation in the Indian

According to the All India Sarafa Association, the yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 1,20,600 per 10 grams on Friday

In the local bullion market, gold of 99.5 per cent purity jumped by Rs 2,700 to hit a record high of Rs 1,22,700 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) on Monday. It had settled at Rs 1,20,000 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

Traders said the fall in the

rupee against the US dollar added to the rally of the precious metal

"Gold reached a new record high on Monday as investors still prefer bullion despite this record high price. They are anticipating further gains in bullion backed by favourable fundamentals and strong bullish momentum, Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

Gandhi noted that concerns about a prolonged US government shutdown potentially impacting economic performance are supporting the demand for safe-haven

So far in this year, gold prices have added Rs 51,350 or 65.04 per cent, rallying from Rs 78,950 per

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