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Final electoral roll...

Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on the registration of young voters as well as the marginalized sections of society, including persons with disabilities, third gender, women, etc., has yielded positive results.

Claims and objections were accepted from September 15 to October 25, i.e. for a period of 40 days. This was followed by a period of 15 days till November 10 for the disposal of all claims and objections.

After the completion of Delimitation exercise in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Election Commission of India had ordered Pre-Revision activities in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir on 10th June 2022, which primarily included the task of mapping the existing Electoral Rolls of 83 pre-delimitation constituencies to the post-delimitation 90 Constituencies, in accordance with the Delimitation Commission's Order, rationalization of polling stations and integrations of the electoral rolls. On completion of post delimitation follow-up and pre-revision activities, the Commission ordered Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, with reference to October 1, 2022 as the qualifying date, an official handout stated.

Govt announces winter...

will be observed from December 1 to February 28."

It also stated, "For 6th to 8th standard, the closure of schools for winter vacations will be observed December 12 to February 28."

It further stated that in case of secondary and senior secondary level students, vacation will be observed from December 19 to February 28.

Vipan posted as...

has been transferred and posted as Assistant Chief Executive Officer (Asst CEO), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), with immediate effect.

India rectifying past...

relations and did not hesitate to punish his close relative.

"Lachit Barphukan's life inspires us to rise above the dynasty and think about the country. He had said that no relationship is bigger than the country," he said.

Barphukan was the famous General of the Royal Army of the Ahom Kingdom of Assam who defeated the Mughals and successfully halted the ever-expanding ambitions of the Mughals under Aurangzeb, Modi said.

The prime minister said the unmatched bravery of the land of Assam and the northeast was evident as they had repulsed the invasions of Turks, Afghans and Mughals.

"Even though the Mughals had captured Guwahati, it was bravehearts like Barphukan who won independence from the clutches of tyrannical rulers of the Mughal empire. Barphukan's bravery and fearlessness is the identity of Assam," he said.

Modi said in the history of human existence numerous civilisations that walked the earth seemed imperishable, but the wheel of time brought them down to their knees. India which faced unexpected adversities in history and withstood unimaginable terror of foreign invaders still stood immortal with the same energy and consciousness, he said.

"This happened because of the fact that whenever there was a crisis, some personality emerged to tackle that. In every epoch, saints and scholars came to protect the spiritual and cultural identity of India," Modi said.

He said bravehearts such as Barphukan showed that forces of fanaticism and terror perish but the immortal light of Indian life remained eternal.

The prime minister also suggested creating a grand play on Barphukan on the lines of the 'Jaanata Raja' based on the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and enact it in every corner of the country. "This will give a great boost to the resolve of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' (one India, united India)," he said.

Assam Governor Jagadish Mukhi, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sharma, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi were among the many who attended the concluding ceremony of the two-day birth anniversary celebrations of Barphukan.

During the event, Sarna said, "It is a humble request to historians-India isn't just the story of Aurangzeb, Babar, Jahangir or Humayun." India is of Lachit Barphukan, Chhatrapati Shivaji, Guru Gobind Singh, Durgadas Rathore, he said.

"We should make an effort to see in a new light. It'll fulfil our dream to be vishwaguru," he said.

25th National Conference...

Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on November 27. The chief minister

of Haryana will be attending the valedictory session which will witness the launch of digital J&K initiatives and signing of MoUs by the Union territory government.

The national awards for e-governance will be presented under five categories to 18 e-governance initiatives at central, state and district levels, academic and research institutions and public sector undertaking, the DARPG secretary said.

He said digital innovation will play an important part in governance in the next decade to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

"This will necessitate conversations around topics and technologies which would shape digital governance in the future to enhance the delivery of government services to citizens," he said.

This conference will be a platform for discussion on some of these technologies by inviting distinguished speakers to share their knowledge and insights on the subject, the secretary said.

He further said the conference would provide considerable momentum to the e-governance initiatives across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir.

No institution in...

lawyer makes at the end of one day," the CJI said adding that people become judges for a sense of commitment to public services.

He also said becoming a judge is a call of conscience.

"Getting good people to become judges is first and foremost about inculcating upon minds of young members of bar about the limitless ability which lies in the power of every judge to give good society."

"Good judging is about being compassionate. Good judging is about understanding problems of people, not being judgemental about people whose lives you may not agree with. Good judging is about understanding why a criminal becomes criminal. When we need to have good people within the system, the answer lies somewhere else. That answer lies in mentoring young people by giving them the ability to become judges," he said.

Stressing on the need to make judicial offices appealable to young lawyers, he said we have to ensure that young lawyers are mentored by judges.

The CJI said the Constitution was constantly evolving to meet the new social realities of the time.

He said that the judiciary and the bar were equal stakeholders in the mission of providing justice to common citizens.

"The confidence of our citizens in the judicial process is also determined by how efficient we are, in the way we organise our work in our judicial institutions, not just in terms of the important judgements that we deliver and for the citizens, it ultimately matters whether their case is heard by the court," Justice Chandrachud said.

Requesting the senior member of the bar to take up pro bono cases of poor litigants, he said that the process could be institutionalised and he was open to a dialogue on it.

Justice Chandrachud also said that the legal profession needs to shed its colonial underpinnings and the strict dress code for our lawyers, particularly in summer, could be reconsidered.

"I am just floating the idea of making the dress more compatible with our lives, weather and times. The strictness on attire should not lead to moral policing of woman lawyers," he said.

DB directs authorities...

not reflected in any of the projects on account of reasons stated for involving huge amount of acquisition and relocation.

DB further observed that in terms of order passed on 18.03.2021, the Court sought examination of the issues involved in this PIL with reference to being covered under the Master Plan directly or indirectly or the Smart City Project and the time frame, the issues would be dealt with under the said project. Compliance report stands filed by the respondents, perusal whereof reveals that a detailed report submitted by the Jammu Municipal Corporation to the Principal Secretary to Government Housing and Urban Development Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu, regarding the various projects under Smart City Plan (SCP).

Advocate General D C Raina submitted that Jammu Metrolite under its comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP), includes development of Bantala-Better Kailash-Bari Brahmana Corridor and all documents related to Jammu Metrolite viz DPRs approved by the Administrative Council (AC), the comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) and the alternative Analysis Report have been forwarded to Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of India for appraisal and funding of the project. The communications referred along with the projects showing future of the projects have also been enclosed with the status report. Adv Aditya Sharma appearing for the petitioners submitted that in the event the de-congestion of traffic in Jammu city is ensured in terms of the Metrolite Project, the

possession. He was arrested and FIR No.292/22 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Bahu Fort.

Also, a Naka was laid near Makhanpur, Bishnah by a team of Police Station Bishnah constituted under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Bishnah Insprik Sharma, which rounded up a suspect later identified as Sunil Kumar, son of Hind Raj, resident of Tara Chak. During search, 4 gm heroin was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 202/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bishnah.

Two missing persons traced, reunited with families

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday traced two missing persons and reunited them with their families.

As per details, information was received at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli by legal heirs of a woman stating that she went missing from her house. In this regard a missing report was registered on Nov 25, 2022 and investigation started. On this, a team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli was formed under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar led by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Inspri Samson Bhatti, which after hectic efforts, traced the missing woman.

Similarly another missing complaint was lodged at Police Station Bahu Fort by mother of a minor girl stating that she went missing from her house. After this, a team of Police Station Bahu Fort under supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari led by SHO Bahu Fort Inspri Nayat Ali, after putting in strenuous efforts, traced the minor girl. Subsequently families of both missing persons were informed and they were handed-over to their respective family members after completing all legal formalities.

Two drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Friday arrested two drug peddlers and recovered contraband substance from their possession. A specific information was received by Police Post General Bus Stand Anantnag that one Adil Ahmad Shah, son of Bashir Ahmad Shah, resident of Doni-Cheek Anzoola has indulged in drug peddling and hoarded large quantity of narcotic substance in his house. Subsequently, a party along with concerned Executive Magistrate raided specific location and recovered 5.5 Kg Bhang Bhusa. The accused was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody.

Meanwhile, a party from Police Post DK Pora at a checkpoint intercepted an Innova (DL4CNE-0285) driven by Irshad Ahmad Ganie, son of Ghulam Rasool Ganie, resident of Sheliapora, Achabal. During search, 250 gm Charas was recovered from his possession. The accused was arrested and vehicle was also seized. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered and investigations started.

Man consumes poison, dies

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man died after consuming poison in his house at Bari Brahman on Friday. As per details, locals on seeing a man lying unconscious in area informed police, which shifted him to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. It was learnt that he died of consuming poison. His body was kept in morgue for identification.

Two absconders nabbed

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Police on Friday arrested two absconders who were wanted in cases.

Police said that an absconder Mohd Yousaf son of Mohd Maqbool resident of Hayatpura Manjarkote has been arrested. Accused was evading arrest in case FIR No.94/2018 under sections 376/452/354/504/506 RPC. The accused has nabbed and now shall be produced before court for further course of action.

Another absconder namely Mohd Pervez son of Din Mohd resident of Naika Parjarian has also been arrested. The accused was evading arrest as was wanted in cases FIR No.73/2014 under sections 353/332/336/323 RPC and FIR No. 61/2014 U/S 354, 144RPC. The accused shall now be produced before court for further course of action. The arrests have been made by police team headed by SHO Manjarkote Zaffer Amin under the supervision of SDPO Manjarkote Shamsheer Singh.

petitioners shall also feel satisfied, however, the perusal of the compliance report reveals that same is dependent on the release of funds by the Government of India.

DB satisfied with stand taken by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir in consultation with the Government of India, observed, "We feel that the approach adopted by the Government of J&K and Government of India in dealing with the interests of the people shall satisfy the petitioners to the extent they have projected in this PIL and ordered that there is no further requirement to proceed in this PIL, as such, the same shall stand closed." However, DB hoped that the authorities will ensure completion of these projects for convenience of public and for de-congestion of traffic in Jammu city.

India doesn't believe...

collective security" to a level of shared interests and shared security.

"India believes in a multi-aligned policy which is realised through diverse engagements through multiple stakeholders so that views and concerns of all can be discussed and addressed for prosperity for all," Singh said.

To talk of the security paradigm, national security should not be considered a zero-sum game and "we should strive to create a win-win situation for all," he said, adding, "we should be guided by enlightened self-interest which is sustainable and resilient to shocks".

The defence minister also asserted that "a strong, prosperous India wouldn't be built at cost of others. Rather, India is here to help other nations realise their full potential".

"India doesn't believe in a world order where a few are considered superior to others. India's actions are guided by the essence of human equality and dignity, part of our ancient ethos and its strong moral foundation," Singh said at the IPRD 2022.

"Realpolitik cannot be the fig leaf for being immoral or amoral. Rather, enlightened self-interest of nations can be promoted within the framework of strategic morality, which is predicated on the understanding and respect for the legitimate strategic imperative of all the civilised nations," he said.

It is for this reason that when India partners any nation, it is on the basis of sovereign equality and mutual respect, Singh said.

"Forging relations comes naturally to India as we work towards mutual economic development. It is thus apt that we all explore solutions to the problems such as terrorism and climate change that transcend national boundaries," he added.

Singh also emphasised that dialogue is the only civilised mechanism for resolving disputes and disagreements and creating regional or global order.

He cited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolute message during the G-20 summit in Bali recently that "the era of war is over".

It was echoed by world leaders, with the G-20 communique mentioning that "now is not the time for war".

"In the times when humanity is facing problems like climate change, COVID-19 pandemic and widespread deprivation, it is essential that we all work together to surmount these mammoth challenges, without being distracted by the destructive seduction of wars and conflicts," he said.

The fourth edition of the IPRD, an apex-level international annual conference of the Indian Navy, began here on Wednesday. It seeks to foster an exchange of ideas and promote deliberations on regionally relevant maritime issues.

Singh asserted that India stands for a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific as it is important for the economic development of not only the region but also the wider global community.

He described enhancing trade and connectivity, capacity building and infrastructure initiatives as time-tested ways of working together, which can act as bridges of friendship and ensure mutual benefit.

The defence minister stressed on the need to leverage them collectively for the common good.

Singh also touched upon the initiatives he announced during the India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting held in Cambodia earlier this week.

In the special session on the culminating day of the three-day IPRD, which was aptly termed as the 'Margdarshan' session, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar spoke about the threats and challenges to India's holistic maritime security and reaffirmed the Indian Navy's committed resolve in preserving the nation's maritime interests. He added that India is well positioned to be in the vanguard of the several providers of net security within the Indo-Pacific and is increasingly being viewed as the preferred security-partner, especially in the western segment of the region, namely the Indian Ocean.

Kumar also reiterated the Navy's commitment towards achieving 'Atmanirbhartha' in the defence sector. On the occasion, Singh also released a book, published by the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) titled 'Coastal Security Dimensions of Maritime Security'.

Director RDD visits Kathua to review implementation of PMAY scheme

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Director Rural Development (RDD) Jammu Mohammad Mumtaz Ali on Friday conducted surprise visit to Nagrota, Gujroo, Mandi and Billawar blocks of District Kathua to check the verification of the beneficiaries under PMAY G/Aawas plus being done by department on a mission mode by holding special PMAY G Camps.

The Director also inspected a capacity building cum training programme organized under RGSA scheme of RDD at Panchayat Lakri of Nagrota Gujroo. He also visited panchayat Gurah Kalyal of block Mandi and panchayat Dher of block Billawar. The Director impressed upon all the officials and PRI members to adopt an honest approach while effecting the additions and deletions under PMAY/Aawas plus which is underway across the District w.e.f 20.11.22 and shall conclude on 27.11.22.

The Director asked the concerned officers to work in a mission mode for the successful implementation of the scheme and ensure that the beneficiaries complete constructions in a time bound manner.

The Director was accompanied by BDC Chairperson Billawar Ashok Kumar, ACD Kathua Kishore Singh Katroch, BDO Billawar and BDO Mandi during his visit to the area.



Director RDD Mohammad Mumtaz Ali during visit to Kathua.

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JAMMU: The Director also reviewed the overall progress of the District with regard to PMAY G and Aawas plus at Billawar.

He enquired from the PRI Members and general public regarding the ongoing verification process under Aawas plus which is underway across the District w.e.f 20.11.22 and shall conclude on 27.11.22.

The Director asked the concerned officers to work in a mission mode for the successful implementation of the scheme and ensure that the beneficiaries complete constructions in a time bound manner.

Speaking on the occasion Sanjay Kumar Baru said that Bharatiya Janata Party led by the principles of Good Governance and people benefiting policies embedded by developmental vision is set to streamline all the primary requirements of the common