Family background does not determine who can govern: Bihar Guv

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Bihar Governor Arif Mohammad Khan on Wednesday confirmed that all preparations are in place for the first phase of voting in the state assembly polls, calling the elections a celebration of democracy.

"Tomorrow is polling day, and preparations have already been finalised. I am confident that democracy in our country has become very strong," Khan told reporters here after attending an event at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC).

Calling the polls a celebration of democracy, Khan said that one's family background does not determine who can govern.

"The person who runs the government is chosen through the ballot box. They receive a mandate from the people of India and the states for a specific period. They are not sovereign; the people of this country are sovereign," the governor remarked.

Khan highlighted the examples of President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noting that their ascension to the highest offices in the country sends a powerful message: there are no limits to what anyone can achieve.

"What message does this send to the common man, especially to the youth? It demonstrates that we have a system where there are no restrictions on how high you can aspire to go. However, you must earn the people's trust. After that, the sky is the limit," he added.

When asked about the dual power system in Jammu and Kashmir under the Union Territory setup and the lack of restored statehood, Khan acknowledged that it is unfortunate for Kashmir to have endured such painful situations.

He referenced the partition of 1947, stating that while many have suffered, the people of Kashmir have paid the highest price.

The governor expressed that everyone, including the prime minister, desires peace in Jammu and Kashmir and wishes for the restoration of statehood.

"We cannot be complacent in thinking that trouble only arises in Kashmir. We are all concerned and desire normal conditions. As you pointed out (regarding statehood), this is the desire of everyone in India. The prime minister wants Kashmir to have the autonomy to decide for itself," he said.

However, he added that normalcy must be established, "so that the situation here can also return to normal."

"It is a collective effort between you and us to create conditions where the rule of law is upheld in the same manner in Kashmir as it is elsewhere," he added.

Modi correcting all structural deficiencies: Chandrababu Naidu in London

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LONDON: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong leadership is among the key advantages India has to offer as an attractive investment destination which is set to become the world's leading economy by 2047, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said in London.

In his chief guest address at the annual London Global Convention organised by the Institute of Directors (IoD) on Tuesday night, Naidu pitched his vision for the "speed of doing business" through a "public, private, people's partnership" model for his state.

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief also presented his wife Nara Bhuvaneswari, Vice-President and Managing Director of Heritage Foods Ltd, with the prestigious IoD Distinguished Fellowship and the Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance.

"We have some advantages in India: One is economic reforms, second is around first mover advantages of IT, and third, we have a very strong leader Narendra Modi as prime minister," said Naidu.

"Recently, you have seen our GST reforms; what all structural deficiencies, he (Modi) is correcting now. We are having an additional advantage of demographic dividend… India is moving very fast. It is on autopilot now. It is unstoppable. India as of today is the fourth largest economy; by 2047, India will be the number one economy of the world," he said.

Following the awards presentation ceremony, Naidu praised his wife's remarkable contribution to public service, business leadership and society.

"Bhuvaneswari is not just an entrepreneur and philanthropist, but a proud representative of Telugu culture, upholding the best of Indian and Telugu heritage through her values, compassion, and leadership. Her journey continues to inspire everyone around her, and these recognitions beautifully reflect her vision, dedication, and heart," he said.

In her acceptance speech, Bhuvaneswari highlighted the social impact vision of her work through both Heritage Foods and NTR Memorial Trust.

"I believe that commerce is meaningful only when it uplifts the society, making social impact in multiplier effect. So, Heritage Foods stood for commerce with a purpose and NTR Memorial Trust stood for charity with its social impact," said Bhuvaneswari.

"Heritage nourished the society for over three decades and the Trust, over two decades, made social impact with service to mankind which truly means service to god through free education to the orphans, under-privileged children by offering scholarships and healthcare drives," she said.

Naidu concluded his address by extending an invitation to the gathering of entrepreneurs, business leaders and investors in the UK to join the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit 2025 being held in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15.

Rahul alleges impurities in past polls but opposes SIR to clean up rolls: EC officials hit back

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Rahul Gandhi flags impurities in past polls but opposes special intensive revision aimed at cleaning up electoral rolls, Election Commission officials said Wednesday hitting back at the Congress leader who alleged voter manipulation in Haryana assembly polls held last year.

They said it is now clear that Gandhi is supporting the special intensive revision exercise despite opposing it in the beginning.

They asserted that Gandhi's vote manipulation charge is "unfounded" as neither any appeals were filed against the electoral rolls in Haryana nor was any multiple voting flagged when it happened.

The poll body officials were reacting to Gandhi's claim that 25 lakh entries were "fake" and that the Haryana assembly polls were "stolen."

They also questioned why Congress's booth agents did not flag voters who had allegedly cast multiple votes in the election in October 2024.

"Why were no claims and objections raised by INC's booth-level agents during revision to avoid multiple names," an official asked, countering Gandhi's allegation.

Booth-level agents or BLAs are appointed by political parties to flag irregularities, if any, in electoral rolls.

The EC officials underlined that "zero appeals" were filed against electoral rolls and only 22 election petitions are currently pending in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

As many as 23 election petitions were filed, and one was later withdrawn. The officials said Gandhi has raised the issue of the Rai and Hodal assembly seats in Haryana.

"Since election petitions have been filed in both the constituencies among the 23 filed for Haryana assembly elections, Mr Gandhi may be advised to use all his evidence there," an official suggested.

An election petition can be filed within 45 days of the announcement of the results in the high court of that state.

"What were the polling agents of INC doing in the polling stations? They are supposed to object if the elector has already voted or if the polling agents doubt the identity of the elector," the official said.

Referring to EC's efforts to clean up the voter lists across states, officials wondered whether Gandhi supports the special intensive revision (SIR), which removes duplicate, dead, and shifted voters along with verification of citizenship.

"Or is he opposing SIR," an official asked.

"Why were no claims and objections raised by INC's BLAs during revision to avoid multiple names in Bihar? Why were no claims and objections raised by INC's BLAs during revision to avoid multiple names in Haryana," the official further asked. The BJP won 48 seats in the 2024 Haryana polls, while the Congress, which was predicted to win by many exit polls, bagged 37 seats. The INLD won two seats while independent candidates bagged three in the 90-member Assembly.

On the issue of zero house numbers, the EC officials said 'House Number Zero' is also for houses where the panchayat and municipalities have not given house numbers.

House Number 'zero' has been given by booth-level officers, where no house number is allotted by municipalities or panchayats.

VP Radhakrishnan appeals to Naxalites to lay down their arms

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAVA RAIPUR: Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on Wednesday appealed to all Naxalites to surrender, noting that Naxalism is on the wane due to the combined efforts of security forces and the government in Chhattisgarh.

Addressing the closing ceremony of Chhattisgarh Rajat Mahotsav in Nava Raipur, the Vice President hailed Chhattisgarh's "extraordinary" journey from being one of the youngest states in India to one of the most promising and progressing states.

"Chhattisgarh is proud as we are now ending Naxalism, which has long hindered the state's growth. Peace is a must. Without peace, there can be no development," he said.

"I appeal to all Naxalites to give up arms and surrender before the state administration", he said.

He said peace and stability have been restored in the regions once affected by terrorist violence due to the tireless efforts of Central security forces and state police forces, and commitment of Central and state governments, supported by an active cooperation of local communities.

Highlighting Chhattisgarh's achievements since its formation on November 1, 2000, Radhakrishnan said that over the last 25 years, the state has undertaken a remarkable journey of development socially, economically, culturally, and administratively.

India consistently protects interests of vulnerable sectors in FTAs: Goyal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AUCKLAND: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said India consistently protects the interests of vulnerable sectors like dairy and MSMEs in free trade agreements.

He also said that significant progress has been made in the negotiations of the proposed trade agreement with New Zealand.

The fourth round of negotiations is underway here for a pact between senior officials of India and New Zealand.

"India never compromises on the interests of dairy, farmers and MSMEs. We consistently protect the interests of vulnerable sectors," Goyal told reporters.

The remarks are important as New Zealand is a major dairy player in the world, and it may seek greater market access in the sector.

The minister said that both countries have agreed to respect each other's sensitivities.

India has never given any duty concessions in any of its previous trade agreements. Dairy and agriculture are politically sensitive areas.

"We respect each other's sensitivities...we will not touch such issues," he said, adding that "a trade deal is clearly on the table".

He, however, said that India can look at increasing cooperation in farming technologies, like dairy machinery.

Goyal is here on a four-day official visit. He is leading a business delegation.

When asked if more rounds of negotiations would happen, the minister said, "We may not need many more rounds as significant progress has been made".

He also said that various sectors hold huge potential between India and New Zealand to enhance cooperation, including in defence, agriculture, space, education and tourism sectors.

When asked about the movement of skilled professionals in the FTA, Goyal said it is part of the services chapter.

"Services also get included in FTAs. We can compete in services and business, and in that, automatically, service providers have to come. To that extent, the FTA will benefit from that (movement of professionals). But we never discuss immigration in FTAs."

Mobility is more for service provision, or student mobility, or internship, or training for 2-3 years, he said, adding that one should be cautious about fraudulent agents, who make false promises for admission and jobs in foreign countries.

When asked whether the trade deal between India and New Zealand is going to happen before the pact with the US, Goyal said: "I don't think we ever discuss deadlines when we finalise, or discuss, or negotiate a treaty. Every agreement stands on its own legs, and every agreement is important. Every agreement is tailored based on the situation in each country, and every agreement will happen at the right time".

Goyal also met New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and addressed the media jointly on trade and other issues.

In a social media post, Luxon said both countries are working on the trade pact that would create massive opportunities for Kiwi businesses in the Indian market.

Luxon held about 15 minutes of intense talks with Goyal and New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay, even as his cavalcade was waiting.

"We will have a good deal which will protect the mutual interest of both countries. This deal will be finalised after taking into account all the sensitive things in which we do not have to make any kind of compromise; we have agreed that we will not choose those things in which we have difficulty," Goyal said.

He added that one should not conclude a deal in a hurry, as it may lead to mistakes.

Briefing the media with the prime minister and Goyal, Todd said the bilateral trade is growing, and now it is the job of the two ministers to ensure that businesses of both sides form strong relationships.

"...there are always challenges in a trade negotiation. What Minister Goyal and I have agreed is that rather than our negotiators arguing, we will find solutions together. And so far, I think we've made great, great progress," Todd said when asked if the exclusion of the dairy sector from the pact would be a deal breaker.

Talking about sensitivities involved in these trade pact talks with different nations, Goyal said: "What I do with the EU, for example, a USD 20 trillion economy, or what I do with the 10-nation Asean group, collectively a very large population and economy, can not become a benchmark for what I will be able to do with New Zealand".

The size and scale of a country will have to be taken into consideration while negotiating these trade deals, he said, adding that India's market size is huge.

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE, RAJOURI

Present: Rajinder Sapru

Balbir Kumar Sharma S/o Inder Lal Sharma R/o Dassal Gujjran Tehsil and District Rajouri. (Petitioner)

Versus

1. Public al large, 2. Sunita Sharma W/o Balbir Kumar Sharma, 3. Harish Sharma, 4. Rahul Sharma Sons of Balbir Kumar R/o Dassal Gujjran Tehsil and District Rajouri. (Respondent)

In the matter of:

Petition for grant of probate under section 62 of probate and letter of Administration Act 1977 of Will Deed executed on 05.05.2011 and rrp stored on 06.05.201 I by Sub Registrar Rajouri executed by Banti Devi W/o Late Inder Lal & Soma Devi D/O Inder Lal Caste Brahmin R/o Dassal Gujjran Tehsil and District Rajouri of the land under Khsara No 12 measuring 07 Marlas 03 Sarsai, Khasra No 15 Measuring 10 Marlas and Khasra No 16 Measuring 05 Marlas 03 Sarsai and Khasra No 41 situated in village Dassal Gujjran in favour of petitioner namely Balbir Kumar Sharma S/o Inder Lal Sharma R/o Dassal Gujjran Tehsil and District Rajouri.

.Notice to the Public at Large

Whereas the above named petitioner has applied for the grant of probate and Letter of Administration in respect of WILL dated 05.05.2011 executed by Late Banti Devi W/O Late Inder Lal & Soma Devi D/O Inder Lal Caste Brahmin R/o Dassal Gujjran Tehsil and District Rajouri.

Whereas through this publication the public in general is informed that if any person'persons has/have any objection in grant of probate and letter of administration in favour of the above mentioned petitioner, he/they shall file his/their objections personally or through any authorized agent in this court on or before 19.11.2025, the next date fixed in the case, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed.

Take note that if the next date fixed is declared holiday, the case shall be taken up on the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today the 31st Day of October 2025 at Rajouri.

Sd/-
Pr. District Judge
Rajouri

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE JAMMU

PRESENT: Y.P.BOURNEY

ELLAQUAI DEHATI BANK, a body corporate constituted under Regional Rural Bank Act. 1976, having its Head office at Sirsyed Market, Amar Singh College Road, Wazir Bagh. Srinagar Kashmir and a Regional Office at Kunjwani chowk Bye pass Road. Kunjwani. Jammu and a Branch of the Bank among other Branches is situated at Tali Morh. R.S.Pura. Jammu through its Branch Manager Sh. Devinder Saini. **(Plaintiff Bank)**

VERSUS

1. Sh Sheetal Singh, S/o Sh Darshan Singh, R/o Village. Rattian, Teh. R.S.Pura. Distt., Jammu, 2. Sh. Bhupinder Singh, S/o Sh. Darshan Singh, R/o Village. Rattian, Teh. R.S Pura. Distt. Jammu, 3. M/S Amar Automobiles Through Prop Sh. Mohan Angral, S/o Sh Amar Nath, R/o Bari Brahmana, Distt. Samba. **(Defendants)**

IN THE MATTER OF: - Suit for the recovery of Rs.1,38,729/- (Rupees One Lac Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine only)

NOTICE

WHEREAS THE PLAINTIFF HAS FILED THE ABOVE TITLED SUIT AGAINST DEFENDANTS BEFORE THIS COURT & IN WHICH THE SUMMONS COULD NOT BE SERVED UPON DEFENDANT NO.3 IN ORDINARY MODE OF SERVICE. THIS PROCLAMATION IS THEREFORE ISSUED REQUIRING RESPONDENTS TO ATTEND THIS COURT IN PERSON OR THROUGH ADVOCATE DULY AUTHORIZED BY RESPONDENTS TO CONTEST THE CASE ON 24-12-2025 AT 10 AM FAILING WHICH THE CASE SHALL BE HEARD IN THEIR ABSENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW. IN CASE THE DATE FIXED IS DECLARED PUBLIC HOLIDAY, THE CASE SHALL BE TAKEN UP ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT ON 14-10-2025.

Sd/-
Principal District Judge Jammu

IN THE COURT OF MUNSIFF SAMBA

1. Koshlaya Devi W/o late Bharat Singh 2. Darshana Devi D/o Bharat Singh W/o Balwant Singh Both residents of Mandi Thalora Tehsil and District Samba. (Plaintiffs)

Versus

1. Goutam Singh S/o Late Harnam Singh 2. Sukhdev Singh 3. Sudesh Singh 4. Vijay Singh 5. Ashok Singh all sons of late Ajab Singh 6. Soma Devi 7. Sneh Lata both Daughters of Ajab Singh 8. Vinod Singh 9. Hem Singh both sons of late Govid Singh I0. Babita 11. Anita both daughters of late Govid Singh All residents of Mandi Thalora Tehsit and district Samba. (Defendants)

In the matter of:- Civil original suit for declaration to the effect that plaintiffs and defendants are joint owners and in joint possession of the land bearing Khasra No. 171/ 82 measuring 103 Kanal 8 Marias situated at Mandi Thalora Tehsil and District Samba within the Municipal Committee Samba and plaintiffs are entitled to half share in the suit land, to be declared as such with consequential relief of partition of the land as mentioned above and put the parties into separate possession in accordance with their share by meets and bounds with a further relief of injunction restraining the defendants by themselves, through their agents, servants and representatives or any other persons on their behalf from raising any type of construction or changing the nature of the suit land and also not to create third party interests in favour of any other persons till the same is partitioned among the parties.

NOTICE

Notice to the Defendants :-

1. Soma Devi, 2. Sneh Lata both Daughters of Ajab Singh, 3. Hem Singh S/O Late Govid Singh All residents of Mandi Thalora, Tehsil and district, Samba.

Whereas in the above noted case, it has been proved to the entire satisfaction of this Court that the service of the defendants named above cannot be effected In any ordinary manner hence proclamation is hereby issued against the above named defendants to appear before this Court on 03-12-2025 at 11:00 A.M. or the next working day if 03.12.2025 is declared holiday in person or through some recognized agent or through counsel falling which appropriate order will be passed.

Given under my hand seal of the Court this 3rd day of November 2025 at Samba.

Sd/-
Munsiff Samba

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The detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on all working days from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and are also available on the college website: www.gdcnowshera.co.in. The tenders must reach the office of the undersigned within the seven days from the date of the publication of this notice.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders before or after opening without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Principal
GDC Nowshera

DIP/J-7582/25
Dt. 05-11-25

ZONAL HEADQUARTERS CRIME BRANCH EOW, JAMMU
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LOOK OUT NOTICE

The public in general is hereby informed through the medium of this LOOK OUT NOTICE that the present whereabouts of the below mentioned person is required for the purpose of investigation of case FIR No. 11/2023 u/s 420/IPC R/W sec.66-D IT Act registered at Police station CICE now at EOW, Crime Branch Jammu.

Name : Bhawani Prasad Kashyap
Son of : Purushtam Lal Kashyap
Address : H. No. 97/5 street type-2 locality Khamariya District Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
Age : 38 years.
Height : 5'7"
Colour : Fair

Anybody having any information about the whereabouts of above named person may contact the office of Sr. Superintendent of Police Crime Branch EOW, Jammu personally or share the information on E-mail ID. sspcrimejmu@jkpolice.gov.in Telephone No. 0191-2578901 & 0191-2570060.

DIP/J-7618/25
Dated: 05-11-2025

Sd/-
Sr. Superintend of Police,
Crime Branch EOW, Jammu

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Name : Bebi Aamna
Son of : Mohd Naseem
Address : 166/5/1, Rajeev Nagar, Anand Nagar, Sanjay Gandhi Ward Adhartal Andhuwa Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
Age : 32 years.
Height : 5'4"
Colour : Fair

DIP/J-7618/25
Dated: 05-11-2025

Sd/-
Sr. Superintend of Police,
Crime Branch EOW, Jammu

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
GOVT DEGREE COLLEGE, CHENANI, UDHAMPUR

Prof. Rajesh Kr. Gupta
Principal
No:CDC/2025/ Ph :9469406244 website: www.gdcchenani.in Date: / /2025

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR SUPPLY OF BOOKS TO GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE CHENANI LIBRARY

The Principal of Government Degree College Chenani, Udhampur invites **"Expression of interest" (EOI) for empanelment of reputed** vendors/Suppliers/distributors who are member of associate of Indian Publishers and Book Suppliers (AIPBS) or Federation of Publishers and Book Sellers Association of India (FPBAI) for Supply of books to this college for the financial year 2025-26.

Interested vendors/Suppliers/distributors having requisite experience as mentioned in "Expression of Interest" notification at college website www.gdcchenani.in are requested to submit their EOI with relevant supporting documents to this college. All necessary details including eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and applications form (Annexure-I) cal be obtained either from college campus or from college website.

EOI from eligible parties in sealed envelope clearly superscripted as **"Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for empanelment for supply of books to GDC Chenani, Udhampur College Library" accompanied by CDR of Rs 5000/-** should reach this office within 10 days of publishing of this notice in the newspaper.

DIP/J-7576/25
Dt. 05-11-25

Sd/-
Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta
Principal