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ECI notifies scheme for Kashmir Migrants to vote during LS elections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing the past practice of facilitating the Kashmiri Migrant to vote through Postal ballots and Special Polling Stations set at Jammu, Udhampur, and New Delhi, the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Saturday announced a comprehensive scheme for the Kashmiri Migrants. The scheme is meant for all those electors of 1-Baramulla, 2-Srinagar, and 3-Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency in the Kashmir valley of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir who had migrated because of compelling circumstances and have been temporarily residing in various places outside their place of ordinary residence.

The Election Commission has issued two notifications categorizing the Kashmiri Migrants as the 'specified' and 'notified' elector. The first notification has been

issued under the powers vested in the Commission under Article 324 of the Constitution read along with Section 25 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which specifies the migrant electors of Kashmir Valley who are

Physical voting at 26 Special Polling Stations, Online submission of M-Form, 12C from anywhere in country, 4 AROs (Migrants) notified

enrolled in any of the Parliamentary Constituencies of 1-Baramulla, 2-Srinagar and 3-Anantnag-Rajouri, but residing outside their place of ordinary residence, (other than those who opt for a postal ballot under clause (c) of Section 60 the Representation of the People Act, 1951) as the class of persons for whom special polling stations shall be provided outside the territorial limits of the Parliamentary Constituencies mentioned above during the General

Election to the House of the People for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, to be held in 2024.

The other Notification similarly has been issued under Section 60(c) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, notifying the

aforsaid migrant electors of Kashmir valley enrolled in any of the Parliamentary Constituencies of 1-Baramulla, 2-Srinagar, and 3-Anantnag-Rajouri, who are residing outside their place of ordinary residence, (other than those who opt to vote in person at special polling stations), as the class of persons to give their votes by postal ballots.

Additionally, the Commission has also notified four Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) to assist the

Returning Officers of these three Parliamentary Constituencies in the work concerning the 'Specified' and 'Notified' class of electors. These four AROs are (1) Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu, (2) Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur (3) Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Delhi and (4) Deputy Secretary, in the office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi.

Functionally, the Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu in the Office of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, Jammu is made responsible for the receipt of applications from the electors who wish to vote at the special polling stations at Jammu. He shall also be the ARO responsible for the issuance of a Postal Ballot to all those who opt for the same.

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Tulip garden in Srinagar, Asia's largest, thrown open for public

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Ensnconed between the Dal Lake and the Zabarwan Hills, Asia's largest tulip garden was thrown open to the public on Saturday, officials said.

The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, earlier known as Siraj Bagh, was opened for the public as tulips of different colours have started to bloom, Floriculture department officials said.

"The tulip garden has been thrown open to the public," the department's Commissioner Secretary Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad told



PTI. The department plants the tulip bulbs in a phased manner so that the flowers remain in the garden for a month or more.

"When the garden blooms fully, there will be a rainbow

of tulips," department officials said.

The department added that five new varieties of tulips have been added to the existing 68 this year. It has

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Death toll from attack on Moscow concert hall reaches 133

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MOSCOW: The death toll in the Moscow concert hall attack has risen to 133, Russia's top state investigative agency said Saturday.

The update from the Investigative Committee comes as authorities are combing the charred wreckage of the Crocus City Hall on Moscow's western edge for more victims. Officials previously put the death toll from Friday's raid at 115.

The attack also left many wounded.

The Islamic State group's Afghanistan branch claimed responsibility for the

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Jaish-e-Mohammad module busted in Srinagar, 4 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Saturday busted a Jaish-e-Mohammad module by arresting four militant associates in Srinagar, police said.

Police along with security forces in Srinagar today busted a major terror module linked with proscribed terror outfit JeM by arresting four terrorist associates, a police spokesperson said.

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JKSCERT postpones MSE exam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir State Council of Educational Research and Training (JKSCERT) postponed examination of MSE 2023-24.

"In view of the representations received from various quarters for postponement of Examination of MSE 2023-24 in the UT of J&K, it is notified for all the concerned that the Middle Standard Examinations

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Referral Judges have huge responsibility to make mediation successful: Justice Tashi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Mediation & Conciliation Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with J&K Judicial Academy and J&K Legal Services Authority on Saturday organized one day sensitization programme for nominated Referral Judges of Jammu province of Jammu and Kashmir on the topic "Mediation and Role of Referral Judges in the Process of Mediation" at J&K Judicial Academy, Jammu.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K



Justice Tashi Rabstan speaking at an event in Jammu.

and Ladakh and Chairman, Mediation & Conciliation Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh inaugurated the event.

Vinay Kumar Gupta, Former Principal District & Session Judge, a trained Mediator from MCPC, Supreme Court of India,

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Pakistan sponsoring terrorism at 'industry level': Jaishankar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SINGAPORE: Underlining that Pakistan is sponsoring terrorism at almost an "industry level", External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday asserted that the mood in India now is not to overlook terrorists and it "will not skirt this problem anymore".

Jaishankar, who is on a three-day visit to Singapore, made these remarks during a Q&A round held post his lecture session on his authored book 'Why Bharat Matters' at Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) of National University of Singapore (NUS).

"Every country wants a sta-

ble neighbourhood...if nothing else you want at least a quiet neighbourhood," he



said in response to a question on India's ties with Pakistan.

However, unfortunately, it is not the same with India, he said.

Underlining that Pakistan has been sponsoring terrorism against India,

Jaishankar asked, "How do you deal with a neighbour who does not hide the fact that they use terrorism as an instrument of statecraft?"

"It's not a one-off happening...but very sustained, almost at an industry level...So what we have come to conclude is that we have to find a way of addressing (the menace), that dodging the problem gets us nowhere, it only invites more trouble," he said.

"I don't have a quick instantaneous fix (to this issue). But what I can tell you is that India will not skirt this problem anymore. We are

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Govt bans private practise of Dr. Ishtiyaq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Health and Medical Education Department on Thursday banned doctor from doing any private practice across J&K.

As per the order, Private Practice of Dr. Ishtiyaq Abdullah, Assistant Professor, Orthopaedics, Government Medical College, Baramulla has been banned.

"Based on the findings of State And Fraud Unit (SAFU) regarding violations of Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) of State Health Agency, J&K and other standing instructions, it is ordered that

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BSF Special DG reviews operational preparedness along LoC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Special Director General (SDG) of the BSF's Western Command, Yogesh Bahadur Khurana, concluded a five-day visit in the Kashmir valley which was aimed to assess the security situation and operational preparedness of the force along the Line of Control (LoC), an official said here on Saturday.

The SDG of Western Command Chandigarh undertook a significant five-day visit to the Kashmir Frontier from March 18 to 22, a BSF spokesman said.



SDG of BSF's Western Command, Yogesh Bahadur Khurana during visit to LoC BSF Kashmir.

The spokesman said the visit aimed to assess the security situation and operational preparedness along the LoC, reaffirming the commitment of the BSF to safeguard India's borders.

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Army Chief visits forward areas along LoC in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Army chief General Manoj Pande on Saturday visited Jammu-based White Knight Corps and the forward areas along the Line of Control here, an official statement said.

According to the Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI), the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) was briefed by commanders on the ground about the operational preparedness



Army Chief General Manoj Pande during visit to a forward area along LoC at Akhnoor.

and the prevailing situation. ranks for their unwavering "The COAS commended all

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Congress names Ch Lal Singh, Raman Bhalla as LS candidates for Udhampur, Jammu seats

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Central Election Committee of the Congress on Saturday named two candidates from Jammu and Kashmir for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in its fourth list of candidates.

According to the list, the party has named 46 candidates from 11 states including 2 candidates from Jammu and Kashmir in the fourth list. The Congress

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.3°C Min: 14.4°C

Humidity
Max: 60 Min: 33

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 19.5°C Min: 6.5°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 38

Sunset : 18:43 Hours
Sunrise : 06:30 Hours

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