

Neelha
Multispeciality Institute
Dr. Shitiz Gupta
M.S., M.Ch.(Plastic Surgery)
Consultant Plastic & Aesthetic Surgeon
Dr. Shikha Dhawan
M.S.(Obs. & Gynae.), D.N.B.(Obs. & Gynae.)
Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist
24-A, Shastril Nagar
(at Dr. Bharat Bhushan Gupta's Clinic), Jammu.
9419114877

STATE TIMES

THE BOLD VOICE OF J&K

J.K. PUBLIC SCHOOL
KUNJWANI, JAMMU
The School with a Difference
30
SOWING SKILLS
SHAPING INDIA

RNI No. : 66908/96
Regd. No. L-29/JK-346/22-24
Vol. 29 Issue 133 • Jammu • Tuesday • May 14, 2024 • Pages 12 • ₹ 5.00
Air surcharge 50 paise for Leh

03 Opposition ruled States denying people benefit of Modi's schemes: Dr Jitendra

07 Land dispute: Tehsildar Marh invokes CrPC Sections to preserve public peace, tranquility

10 JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Mother's Day

Website : www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com

Srinagar PC records highest poll percentage of 37.99 pc in many decades, Kangan tops with 58.80 pc

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The fourth phase of voting for General Elections to 18th Lok Sabha concluded peacefully here on Monday with a remarkable 37.99 per cent voting in the districts of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Pulwama and Budgam and Shopian party. "The corresponding percentage for last Lok Sabha election in 2019 was 14.43 percent. This time, there was no boycott and no polling station recorded zero percent or nil voting which speaks of people's firm trust in the democratic system as imperative for their overall welfare", maintained Chief Election Officer, Pandurang K Pole while presenting the details on today's polling in the fourth phase of ongoing Lok Sabha Polls. After two hours of polling, 5.16 per cent voting was recorded in the constituency at 09:00 am, 15.05 per cent at 11:00 am, 23.80 per cent at 01:00 pm and 30.23 per cent voting was recorded at 3:00 pm. By 5:00 pm, 36.10 per cent polling was recorded

in the constituency. Assembly segment wise highest poll percentage was observed in Kangan with 58.80 per cent while Habbakadal registered lowest polling of 14.05 per cent. The gross voter turnout recorded in past few elections in the Srinagar PC, as given by the CEO office, was 14.43 per cent in 2019, 25.86 per cent in 2019, 25.55 per cent in 2009, 18.57 per cent in 2004, 11.93 per cent in 1999, 30.06 per cent in 1998, 40.94 per cent in 1996, no election was held in 1991 due to turmoil and 1989 remained uncontested. At the time of culmination of polling, Assembly Segment wise tentative voter turnout in 2-Srinagar PC was Kangan 58.80 per cent, Ganderbal 49.48 per cent, Hazarathal 28.28 per cent, Khanyar 24.24 per cent, Habbakadal 14.05 per cent, Lal Chowk 27.33 per cent, Channapora 22.97 per cent, Zadibal 29.41 per cent, Eidgah 26.81 per cent, Central Shalteng 26.43 per cent, Khansahib 50.35 per



Phase-IV of Lok Sabha Elections: Glimpses of polling for Srinagar PC at several polling stations on Monday.

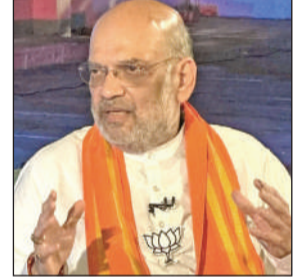
GROSS VOTER TURNOUT IN PAST FEW ELECTIONS							
YEAR	2019	2014	2009	2004	1999	1998	1996
Srinagar PC	14.43%	25.86%	25.55%	18.57%	11.93%	30.06%	40.94 %

LG congratulates people, stakeholders on high voter turnout in Srinagar PC
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated the people and all the stakeholders on the high voter turnout in Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency on Monday. In a tweet, the Lt Governor said: "Today, people came out in large numbers to cast their votes in Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency and reaffirmed their faith in democracy and the constitution. I commend the hard work by all the stakeholders for free, fair, peaceful and smooth conduct of the polling. It is heartening to see the huge surge in voting percentage in the biggest festival of democracy. I truly appreciate the enthusiasm of electors and hopeful to see historic turnout in the next two phases. I appeal to all to vote without fear and vote with responsibility and pride".



Rahul didn't visit Ram temple for fear of losing vote bank: Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday claimed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi did not attend the consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya as he feared losing his "Bhendi Bazaar" vote bank. The mention of Bhendi Bazaar is significant given it is a Muslim-dominated area in south Mumbai. He also asserted that despite the Congress' opposition to the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), the BJP government will introduce the common law. Shah addressed election



rallies in Dhule district in north Maharashtra and Vasai, where he accused Congress of not removing Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir because of appeasement politics. "This government will not run as per Sharia Law, Shah said. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

KPs flock to booths to vote for safe return to valley, more jobs

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAGTI: Despite a hot weather; Kashmiri Pandits from the Srinagar constituency flocked to special polling stations in Jammu on Monday and voted for the rehabilitation of their community on "social, economic, and political" fronts. The community which was forced to flee from the valley in the early 90s under fear of militancy demanded their permanent return and rehabilitation with guarantee of peace and security. Kashmiri Pandits lined up in long queues amid tight security to cast their ballots in the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha



Displaced KPs waiting for their turn to cast votes at Jagti in Jammu on Monday.

elections. "I have voted for our permanent return to Kashmir valley in an atmosphere of peace and security. We have been waiting for the past 34 years to live in the valley. We hope this dream of ours will materialise now," Om Prakash, who was carried in a wheelchair from his quarters in the Jagti migrant camp, said. Forced to migrate with his

family from the Pulwama area at the age of 47, Om Prakash said a return is needed to preserve the ancient civilization of Pandits in the valley. "It is a human issue, not a political issue." Surinder Dhar, who cast his vote along with his wife at the Jagti polling station, said the community votes every time for a return to the valley but there has been no justice yet. While Joyti Bhat said, "Every time, we vote with the hope of returning to our Kashmiri homes... This time too we voted demanding justice. We want our ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Greater Kailash Murder case: Court grants 15-day judicial remand of Gola Shah, his son, 5 others

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The City Judge Jammu Pooja Raina on Monday granted 15 days Judicial remand of Ex-SSP Sheikh Mehmood IPS, Parshotam Singh alias Nikka, Ravinder Kumar Singh alias Gola Shah and his son Rajat Jandyal be lodged in Jammu District Jail, Ambphalla. FIR (39/24) under section 307/323 /447/147/1PC was registered against these accused at Gangyal police station. 39-year-old man was attacked in the presence of police over a land dispute ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

sial remand, directed Ex-SSP Sheikh Mehmood IPS be lodged in Kot Bhalwal Jail whereas Parshotam Singh alias Nikka, Suraj Singh son of Parshtom Singh, Sandeep Charak, Vikas Singh, Ravinder Kumar Gupta alias Gola Shah and his son Rajat Jandyal be lodged in Jammu District Jail, Ambphalla. FIR (39/24) under section 307/323 /447/147/1PC was registered against these accused at Gangyal police station. 39-year-old man was attacked in the presence of police over a land dispute ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Ex-Bihar Dy CM Sushil Kumar Modi passes away

STATE TIMES NEWS
PATNA: Senior BJP leader and former Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi died on Monday night, the party said. Modi, 72, was suffering from cancer. He died at AIIMS in New Delhi at 9.45 pm, hospital sources said. "The BJP family is deeply saddened by the news of the demise of former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and former Rajya Sabha MP Shri Sushil Kumar Modi," the state unit of the party said in a post on X. This is an irreparable loss for Bihar and the entire BJP family, it said. Last month, the BJP leader had taken to X to announce that he was diagnosed with cancer and will not be able to campaign in the Lok Sabha elections.

Under Modi's leadership country will win, corrupt dynastic Congress alliance will lose: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Tarun Chugh on Monday targeted the Congress for corruption and said that the BJP led NDA will win over 400 seats under PM Narendra Modi's leadership on June 4. "Under Modi's leadership, the resolution of 140 crore Indians will win", Chugh said. He said that this election is the election of the country's future. The Congress and similar parties have only made false promises to the



people for decades, but today the country is witnessing Modi's guarantee. "Modi's guarantee means development and national security; Modi's guarantee means a guarantee of fulfillment. Modi's guarantee means

3 crore homes for the poor in next five years; Modi's guarantee means free treatment for the elderly over 70 years of age. Modi's guarantee means that in the last ten years, the BJP government has sent lakhs and crores of rupees for Punjab, but that money has become an ATM of corruption. The Congress and AAP have looted it and now the AAP is also looting in the same way. AAP came to power by making many promises, but as soon as AAP came to power, it became a photocopy of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Girls outperform boys again in CBSE exams for Classes 10, 12

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Girls continued to outshine boys in the CBSE exams for Classes 10 and 12 while the pass percentage and number of students scoring above 90 and 95 per cent witnessed marginal increases from last year. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) exam results for Classes 10 and 12 were announced on Monday. The pass percentage in Class 10 stood at 93.6, a rise of 0.48 percentage points from last year. The pass

DPAP will ensure justice to all: Azad 'NC, PDP products of BJP, need no certificate from them'

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad, on Monday called out both, the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party as products of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Addressing a public meeting at Pahalgam, he reminded the NC and the PDP about their histories of forming governments in coalition with the BJP and questioned their commitment to genuine development. Azad emphasized the lack of tangible progress under



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a public meeting at Pahalgam on Monday.

the NC and PDP regimes, these parties to effectively asserting that they have little address issues of development and governance, instead focusing on ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

WEATHER
Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 36.2°C Min: 19.9°C
Humidity
Max: 37 Min: 19
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.5°C Min: 9.9°C
Humidity
Max: 81 Min: 47
Sunset: 19:20 Hours
Sunrise: 05:33 Hours

INDIA bloc leaders scared of Pakistan's nuclear power, will make that country wear bangles: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUZAFFARPUR/HAJIPUR R/SARAN: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday attacked the opposition INDIA bloc, calling its leaders "cowards" who were "scared of Pakistan's nuclear power" and asserted that India would make the neighbouring country wear bangles if it was not wearing any. Addressing three back-to-back rallies in Bihar's Hajipur, Muzaffarpur and Saran Lok Sabha constituencies, Modi made an apparent reference to a recent statement of National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah that Pakistan has atom bombs

and was not wearing bangles. "The INDIA bloc has leaders who are scared of Pakistan and have nightmares of its nuclear power...They (leaders) say that Pakistan is not wearing bangles, we will make that country wear bangles. Now they (Pakistan) need 'atta' (flour). They also don't have electricity. I didn't know that they do not even have an adequate supply of bangles," the PM asserted while taking a jibe at the opposition leaders.

"We must look carefully at the opposition that seems to be full of cowards and timid people. Some give a clean arsenal to be dismantled," he said. Modi also claimed that the INDIA bloc had worked out a formula, which would allow five of its leaders, if the coalition came to power, to enjoy a year of premiership each. "Just imagine what type of a mess we would get to see if the bloc's plan to have a different PM, every year, for five years, succeeds. However, they are a motley group that is bound to fail," he said. "The current elections are for having a government that

will give a further boost to the standing and clout enjoyed by the country," the PM said. Modi also said the money recovered in raids against politicians "belonged to the country's poor". "I will tell you why they are crying hoarse against the actions of agencies like the ED. During the previous Congress regime, the ED seized only Rs 35 lakh, which could be contained in a school bag. Ever since we took over, the agency has recovered Rs 2,200 crore, which would require 70 small trucks to be carried," said Modi. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



J&K Bank
Serving To Empower
Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd
Corporate Headquarters
M.A. Road, Srinagar
P: 0194-2713121-24
Apply For - Apprenticeship under Apprentices Act
Applications are invited for engagement of Apprentices in J&K Bank under Apprentices Act, 1961. Interested candidates can apply for Apprenticeship for a period of one (01) year, by following the below mentioned mandatory steps:
1st. Register as a candidate on <https://www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in/candidate-login> and apply for the opportunity "Business Correspondent/facilitator V4.0" created by Jammu and Kashmir Bank.
2nd. Visit careers tab on Bank's website www.jkbank.com, and complete the IBPS registration through the link titled "Engagement of Apprentices".
The detailed notification for engagement of Apprentices is available on Bank's website www.jkbank.com under careers tab. Applications for the engagement will be received from 14.05.2024 to 28.05.2024. DIP/J-204-P/24
No: JKB/HRD/Rectt/2024-267 Sd/-
Dated:-09.05.2024 General Manager-HR
Registered office: Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India
CIN: L6510JJK19385G000048; T: +91 (0)194 2481 930-35; F: +91 (0)194 248 1928;
E: info@jkbank.com; W: www.jkbank.com