

Congress rejects exit polls, INDIA bloc will get majority: JKPCC chief

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JAMMU: Congress has rejected the exit polls of various survey agencies and said that the most of the poll surveys don't match the real ground situation, claiming the results would be in favour of INDIA.

Asserting that the real results would be totally different after counting of the votes on June 4, JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani said that most exit polls are contrary to the ground reality and the mood of the people

witnessed during the election campaign and on the polling day.

Flanked by working president Raman Bhalla, Sr Vice President and Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma and General Secretary PCC (org) Narinder Gupta, JKPCC chief said that the exit polls are aimed at creating confusion amongst people and our party cadres before the actual counting.

Pointing out several factually incorrect figures in different surveys

where the no. of seats being given to the BJP in poll surveys is more than the total no of assembly seats in the particular state or total seats being contested by BJP and its allies. He cited in one survey the no of seats shown to BJP is 33 where as the total seats in that state is 25 as in Rajasthan.

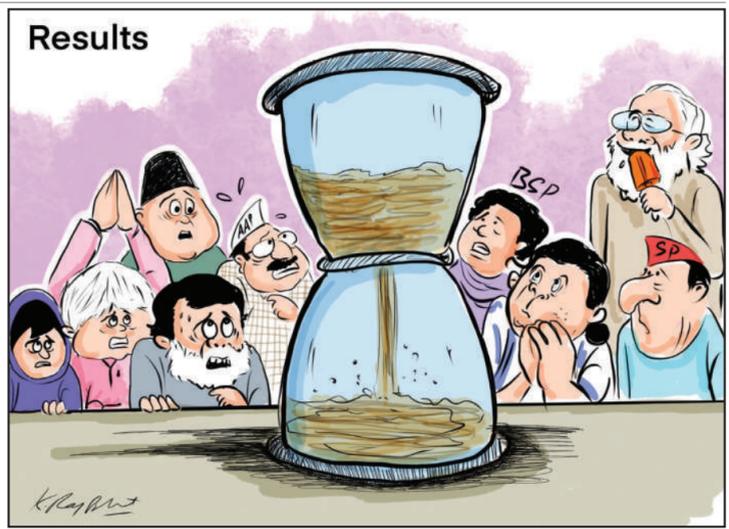
Questioning further JKPCC chief said that similarly the BJP ally LJP is contesting 5 seats only while it is being shown to winning 4-6

seats, i.e probability of winning one seat more than it is actually contesting. Even in one case the congress is being show to be winning 12-13 in Tamil Nadu, while Congress is contesting only 9 seats there.

Terming so called surveys as incorrect and influenced by Modi govt. & BJP to demoralize the public who have voted for the change, Wani said that INDIA bloc will get comfortable majority to form the govt. and also claimed that it will win all

5 seats in J&K, asserting that Congress will win both seats of Jammu and Udhampur.

Urging people not to trust such surveys and exit polls, JKPCC chief said that the people should wait the actual results of counting on 4th June when INDIA bloc will get clear majority and form the next govt. Our cadres especially our counting agents should be on guard till the counting process is fully completed, he added.



After decades of bans, we are now celebrating Urs with devotion at our Sufi shrines: Darakhshan



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi speaking at a programme.

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GANDERBAL: Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, the Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board on Sunday toured Ganderbal and attended the Annual Urs of Peer Akbar Dhah Naqshbandi (RA) at Wali War. Dr Andrabi paid obeisance at the shrine and prayed for the peace and prosper-

ity of the country.

Andrabi here met cross section of people and interacted with many public delegations.

Dr Darakhshan later addressed a huge public gathering here in which she expressed her pleasure on the improved law and order situation in Kashmir, after 2019 which helped in creating the

suitable and conducive atmosphere for the revival of Sufism in J&K.

"For decades annual Urs celebrations at Sufi shrines were barred and banned by the separatists and their preachers lobby and J&K was deprived of the tradition of spirituality for years. We are fortunate enough to witness the return of the peaceful days where we are freely celebrating our spiritual traditions", said Darakhshan.

She said that our Sufis are our pride and we have to collectively preserve their shrines and propagate their all inclusive teachings so that we ensure continuous peace in this land of Sufis and illuminate our lives with their spiritual excellence.

"This shrine needs infrastructural boost and together we can create desired facilities here", said Dr Andrabi.

CUJ organizes lecture cum awareness dialogue on 'Climate Change and Desertification'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Under the esteemed leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, the Department of Environmental Sciences, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) in collaboration with Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (ELACP) Hub, Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing (JKDEERS), Jammu & Kashmir, organized a lecture cum awareness dialogue on "Climate Change and Desertification" in commemoration of World Environmental Day, 2024.

The theme of World Environment Day 2024 is "Land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience."

Dr. Majid Farooq, Scientist from JKDEERS delivered the lecture on the topic and expressed deep concerns



CUJ faculty members posing for a photograph with students during a programme.

regarding the increasing trend of climate change and emphasized upon the importance of collective action in combating climate change and preserving our environment. Knowledge and skill alone are inadequate to save the environment, if one has no willingness towards protecting the environment.

Prof. Richa Kothari, Head of the Department stressed on collective responsibility towards climate resilient communities. Prof. R K Srivastava from the

Division of Agricultural Engineering, SKUAST, Jammu also shared his views.

Dr. Ankit Tandon, Faculty, EVS shared that recent reports are indicating higher rates of warming of hilly region in comparison to valley part of J&K

which may ultimately translate into change in species' diversity over the higher reaches of the Himalayas. Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Faculty, EVS mentioned that the high-resolution satellite data should be used to forecast and analyse the extreme weather events over the Himalayas.

Prof. Deepak Pathania, Dean Research Studies encouraged students to look for innovative technologies and solutions to combat the challenges of climate change. Dr. Shweta Yadav, Faculty, EVS extended formal vote of thanks.

J&K Bank excels at Infosys Innovation Awards - 2024, wins Platinum

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Adding another feather to its excellence cap, J&K Bank has won the prestigious Platinum Award at Infosys Finaele Innovation Awards - 2024. The award received in the process innovation category recognizes the Bank's ground-breaking work in transforming its Business Correspondent (BC)/Khidmat Centre Channel through cutting-edge technologies as part of its core digital transformation initiatives.



Dr GM (IT & BPR) Mohd Muzaffar Wani along with Project Manager (Financial Inclusion) Shahid Ahmad Farooqi receiving platinum award.

The event was also graced by the presence of CA Sourav Pargal, Vice Chairman, CA Vikas Purdhani, Immediate Past Chairman and treasurer , and CA Nakul Saraf, Past Chairman, from the J&K Branch of ICAI. CA Khateeb Yousaf, Convenor, and CA Mujtaba, Deputy Convenor, from the Kashmir CPE chapter were also present.

The participants appreciated the insightful sessions and the hospitality of the J&K branch. The IVSB, ICAI, and J&K branch thank all the participants for making the event a success.

2024. Our technology initiatives are aimed at accelerating the digital footprint of the bank with focus on leveraging modern tech solutions and products to enhance customer journeys & optimize our business operations. Partnering with Infosys Finaele has further accelerated our efforts, enabling us to implement advanced solutions that drive customer satisfaction and business growth on the back of a robust core banking solution like Infosys Finaele."

While attributing the award to the dedication of staff and BCs towards ensuring easy and convenient digital services for a common person, he further said, "Our ESG-led approach to transforming the BC/Khidmat Centre Channel is not just about digital innova-

tion; it's more about taking essential financial services to the doorsteps of people in remote areas and make them feel empowered as well as gratified in socio-economic sense."

"By deepening financial inclusion through our BC network, we are not only supporting the economic development of rural communities but also contributing to the broader goals of sustainable and inclusive growth", he added. Notably, by integrating advanced digital solutions, the Bank has ensured that the J&K Bank BCs provide a comprehensive range of banking services, including account opening, deposits, withdrawals, and microcredit facilities, directly at the doorsteps of under-served populations.

Two-Day Residential Refresher Course concludes in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: The two-day Residential Refresher Course organized by the Insolvency and Valuation Standards Board (IVSB) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) concluded on Sunday at Batra Residencies hotel, Srinagar.



CA Durgesh Kabra, Vice Chairman, IVSB and other dignitaries at a closing ceremony.

The event was hosted by the J&K branch of ICAI and saw participation from Chartered Accountants along with their families from across India.

insolvency and its key aspects, while CA Raj Chawla, Central Council Member, spoke on insolvency.

CA Vineet Kohli, Chairman, J&K branch, welcomed the members to the "Paradise on Earth, Kashmir" and highlighted

the importance of insolvency and valuation.

The event featured esteemed guest speakers, including CA Umesh Garg, CA Sandeep Bhatnagar, CA Raghav Maheshwari, Manager IIBI, and CA S Badrinaryanan.

CA Priya Seht, Secretary J&K Branch, skillfully conducted the proceedings on both days.

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Holy Charri of Mindal Mata Yatra arrives Kishtwar



Holy Mace of Mindal Mata being accompanied by hundreds of devotees reaches at Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: The sacred Pavitra Charri (Holy Mace) of Mindal Mata, accompanied by hundreds of devotees, arrived Kishtwar the other day marking the commencement of Annual Mindal Mata Yatra 2024.

The Civil and Police administration Kishtwar, along with a large number of locals, warmly welcomed the Pavitra Charri, offering their reverence and

seeking blessings.

SSP Abdul Qayoom; Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Phulail Singh along with other Sectoral officers and officials, were also present to greet the procession.

The Pavitra Charri was ceremoniously received at the Shree Gori Shankar Mandir Sarkoot, where it will rest for the night.

The procession resumed its journey to the Mindal Mata temple in Himachal Pradesh

via Paddar today after the SSP flagged off the Yatra in presence of ACD, ASPBDO Inderwal, BDO Marwah, DySP HQ and Local Devotees and other officials.

The district administration led by Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav has extended its full support to ensure the smooth conduct of the Yatra, facilitating the devotees and ensuring all necessary arrangements are in place.

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JAMMU: With temperatures roaring high much above the expected levels this year and increasing burden of cardiovascular diseases Head Department of Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long cardiac awareness cum health Check up camp at Panchayat Gharota Lower Block Bhalwal, Jammu with main focus on the ways to reduce cardiac mortality due to heat exhaustion and adopt lifestyle measures conducive for healthy heart.

While interacting with the people Dr Sushil stated that Extreme heat affects human health, and rising temperatures will probably have adverse consequences as the climate changes. High temperature,



HoD Cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma and his team examining patients.

among the well-documented effects of climate change on human health, has been included as a risk factor in the Global Burden of Diseases. Unusually high temperatures can exacerbate existing health conditions, and cause illness and death. Although heat exposure can be a risk to all, older people and those with impaired cardiovascular health are particularly at risk of mortality and morbidity associated with heat. It is predicted that, because the background prevalence of cardiovascular disease will substantially increase due to population growth and ageing, so will the probable adverse effects associated with ambient heat exposure, especially in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs). Additionally, people living in tropical climate zones

were more vulnerable to cardiovascular disease-related mortality due to high temperatures than those in other climate zones examined, albeit with non-significant differences, and those living in LMICs were more vulnerable to cardiovascular disease-related mortality due to high temperatures than those living in high-income and upper-middle-income countries.

He elaborated that the heat effects on poor cardiovascular outcomes relate to the multiple physiological pathways that initiate human cardiovascular responses to passive heat stress and exogenous heat gain. These pathways leading to heat-induced impairment of cardiovascular health are overlapping and complex, with potential systemic effects. Increased sweating and skin blood flow can lead

to water loss and dehydration and increase the risk of stroke.

Dr Sushil, while explaining about the ill effects of heat on cardiac health, told that heat exposure is an important but underappreciated risk factor contributing to cardiovascular disease. Warming temperatures might therefore pose substantial challenges to population health, especially in a rapidly aging population. To address a potential increase in the burden of cardiovascular disease, a better understanding of the effects of ambient heat on different types of cardiovascular disease and factors contributing to vulnerability is required, especially in the context of climate change.

He further added that To minimise the impact during the heat wave and to prevent seri-

ous ailment or death because of heat stroke, you can take the following measures such as Wear lightweight, light-coloured, loose, and porous cotton clothes. Use protective goggles, umbrella/hat, shoes or Chappals while going out in sun, stay hydrated, eat water rich foods and avoid outdoor activities during peak times, He said.

Prominent member of the area Santosh Kumari (Sarpanch), Rahul Singh (Panch), Nitu Verma (Panch) and Shubham Gautam appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum health check up in their area and shows their heartfelt gratitude. Bharat Bhushan (DDC Chairman Jammu) also graced the occasion.

Others who were part of this philanthropic effort included Dr. Yashwant Sharma and Dr. Dhanshwer Kapoor. Paramedics and Volunteers who were part of this endeavour included Kamal Sharma, Raghav Rajput , Ranjeet Singh , Paramveer Singh , Rahul Vaid , Rajinder Singh, Jatin Bhasin, Gourav Sharma, Vikas Kumar and Nirvair Singh Bali.

Expedite investigation, minimize crime pendency: SSP Jammu to cops

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JAMMU: SSP Jammu, Dr. Vinod Kumar on Sunday held two review meetings at SDPO office RS Pura & Gandhi Nagar(South).

At RS Pura besides SP headquarters Jammu & SDPO RS Pura, all the SHO and investigating officers of Sub-Division RS Pura attended the Crime review meeting and at SDPO office Gandhinagar besides SP South and SDPO Ghandi Nagar; all the SHO's & investigating officers of Sub-division Gandhinagar attended the said Crime review meeting.

At both the Crime review meeting, a threadbare discus-

sion was held with supervisory officers, SHOs, IC PPs and investigating officers on crime and other allied matters which includes discussion on under investigation cases of the current year along with backlog cases. While reviewing crime, SSP Jammu emphasized upon the officers to ensure quality investigation and timely production of chargesheet in the court of law so that justice is delivered to the crime victims.

SSP Jammu directed the officers to make all out efforts to expedite the investigation and minimize the crime pendency. They were also stressed upon to launch spe-

cial drive against the drug peddlers and ascertain their backward/forward channels to break the network and book main suppliers of the drugs so that drug menace is rooted out from the District. Supervisory officers /SHOs/IO's were also directed to launch special drive for the arrest of absconders, tracing out of missing, review of history sheeters, surveillance and keeping hawk eye on suspects, anti-social elements & antinational elements. SSP Jammu also emphasized upon the officers to take preventive action against miscreants, trouble creators, activate nakas besides establishing of ran-

dom nakas/MVCPs and surprise checking/frisking for effective monitoring on ground.

Officers assured SSP Jammu that they will work with full commitment & dedication to reduce the overall pendency of Crime & ensure peaceful atmosphere in the District.

Adm sleeps, forest fires make life of inhabitants hell: Ravinder

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SUNDERBANI: JKPCC Senior Vice President & Chief Spokesperson JKPCC, Ravinder Sharma has said that massive forest fires have ravaged the entire forests in Kalidhar range of Sunderbani- Akhnoor but the result-

ant huge smoke clouds have made life of people especially old, aged-ailing persons a hell, while administration sleeps. People of adjoining areas of forests in this range are having night-marish experience due to layers of thick smoke in the residential locali-

ties making life difficult for all especially Ashthama & heart patients. My own house is more than two kms away from forest but I too experienced great difficulty for two days, before I left for Jammu. Sharma has asked the Chief Secretary to immediately

direct emergency steps to relieve people of great hardships before saving forests from further damage. The culprits should be identified by constituting a joint special investigation team with a time bound for completion of investigation.