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EC to publish finalised J&K voters' list on Oct 31

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission will publish the finalised electoral rolls of Jammu and Kashmir on October 31, the Union Territory's first voters' list after the boundaries of assembly seats were redrawn in the delimitation exercise.

In a letter to the Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir, the poll panel has given a timeline to complete various activities before the final publication of the electoral rolls on October 31.

Officials said the voters' list will keep getting updated as there are four cut-off dates in a year now when those turning 18 can enroll themselves as voters.

Earlier, those turning 18 on or before the first day of the year could apply to become voters on January 1. Now, those turning 18 on or before January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 can apply to become voters.

As per existing policy, the



revision of electoral rolls with reference to January 1 of the coming year as the qualifying date is carried out in later part of each year in all states and union territories so that the final publication of the electoral rolls could be made in the first week of January of the succeeding year.

However, due to various reasons, the annual revision of electoral rolls could not be undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir after special summary revision, 2019.

In the meantime, an exercise to redraw the boundaries

of constituencies in the UT was in progress and the finally delimited segments were notified by the Delimitation Commission on May 5 this year.

As the revision of electoral rolls was not conducted for the last three years in Jammu and Kashmir, new eligible electors could not get themselves registered in the electoral rolls, the letter noted.

"... in order to update electoral roll on the basis of newly delimited constituencies, so that all newly eligible

young electors can have the opportunity to get themselves enrolled, the exercise of Special Summary Revision with reference to the next qualifying date is required to be undertaken without further delay," the letter said.

The electoral roll revision needs to be carried out before the first assembly election is conducted in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Setting in motion the process of holding assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, the Election Commission had earlier this month initiated the revision of electoral rolls following the delimitation exercise in the union territory and the draft rolls will be prepared by August 31.

According to the timeline, integrated draft electoral roll will be published on September 1. The entire month of September has been kept for filing claims and objections which are to be disposed of by October 15.

43-days Amarnath Yatra begins

LG performs Puja of Baba Barfani, prays for peace

Pilgrimage flagged-off from Baltal, Pahalgam, Helipad Humhama

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: To mark the auspicious beginning of 43-days long celebration of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday performed the Puja of Baba Barfani and prayed for peace, happiness and prosperity of all.

I have full faith that the devotees traveling from all over the country to seek the divine blessings of Shri Amarnathji will have a safe and memorable pilgrimage, the Lt Governor said.

Expecting a heavy footfall of yatrins, the UT government and SASB have made extensive arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra this year.

The devotees can have 'Darshan' of the Holy Ice Lingam at the Holy Cave Shrine through live telecast of Morning and Evening Arti through Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board's website link: <http://www.shriamarnathjishrine.com/AartiLive.h>



LG Manoj Sinha virtually performing Puja of Baba Barfani on Thursday.

2nd batch of 5,700 pilgrims leave for Amarnath from Jammu

JAMMU: Second batch of 5,700 pilgrims left from here in a secured convoy to perform pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath in south of Himalayas amid tight security arrangements.

Chanting 'Bam Bam Bhole', the pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in a cavalcade of 230 vehicles early Thursday morning.

The 43-day pilgrimage to the cave shrine will conclude on August 11 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

With the 2nd batch, the total number of pilgrims, who have left for the Amarnath cave shrine from Jammu goes up to 10,700, officials said. Over 5,000 to 6,000 fresh pilgrims have arrived in Jammu from various places across the country for their onward

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tm1 or through Shrine Board's Android based Application which may be

downloaded through the link: <http://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.neog.sh>

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IAF receives 2.72 lakh applications under Agnipath scheme in 7 days

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Indian Air Force (IAF) has received 2.72 lakh applications under the Agnipath recruitment scheme within a week of launch of the registration process, the defence ministry said on Thursday.

The registration process that began on June 24 had seen filing of 94,281 by Monday.

After the scheme was unveiled on June 14, violent protests against it rocked several states for nearly a week, and various opposition parties demanded its roll-back.

Defence Ministry

J&K records 83 fresh COVID cases, Ladakh 22

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 83 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, taking the infection tally in the Union territory to 4,55,089, officials said here.

No fresh death due to the infection was reported in the region, they said.

While 59 cases were reported from Jammu division, 24 cases were reported from Kashmir valley, officials said. The COVID-19 death toll has reached 4,756, they said. There are 493 active cases of the disease, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,49,840, they said.

The officials added that there are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus).

Meanwhile, Ladakh reported 22 fresh coronavirus cases, pushing the over tally to 28,411, while 11 patients recovered from the disease, officials said. All positive cases were reported

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 31.7°C Min: 26.2°C

Humidity

Max: 86 Min: 84

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 34.2°C Min: 22.4°C

Humidity

Max: 71 Min: 46

Sunset : 19:43 Hours

Sunrise : 05:28 Hours

ACB nabs Range Officer, Forest Guard for accepting bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has nabbed two officials of Forest Department namely Sohail Unis Shikari, Range officer and Ghulam Mohd Naikoo, Forest Guard, Kokernag, Anantnag for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 10,000 allotment of timber.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB received a complaint alleging therein that one Sohail Unis Shikari, Range officer, Kokernag, Anantnag is demanding bribe of Rs 22,000 through Forest Guard,

ACB arrests Naib Tehsildar for taking bribe

JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) team arrested Naib Tehsildar on spot while taking bribe of Rs 1.50 lakh.

ACB team headed by DySP Sanjeev Singh Slathia conducted a raid at Green Chili Bar at Paloura Jammu and arrested Naib Tehsildar identified as Ashok Kumar Sharma, son of Chajju Ram, resident of Sunail, Akhnour presently posted at Niabat Gharota on spot while taking bribe Rs 1.50 lakh. The teams of ACB has raided at three places in Akhnour sector. Large number of revenue papers have been seized during the raids connection with the arrest of Naib Tehsildar.

Ghulam Mohd Naikoo for processing file of complainant for allotment of timber (Kairao Kair) for house construction. The complainant managed Rs 10,000 and approached ACB for legal action against cor-

rupt officials, said official, adding that contents of complaint prima facie disclose commission of offence punishable under section 7 of PC Act 1988 and accordingly FIR No. 10/2022 was registered at

3 arrested in Budgam for procuring SIM cards on forged documents

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The police here have busted a fake SIM card racket by arresting three persons in Budgam district, officials said Thursday.

Police registered a case after receiving specific information that a group of PoS agents were allegedly cheating people by forging their documents to procure SIM cards for their personal interests or selling such cards for criminal acts, a police spokesman said.

During the course of investigation, three persons -- identified as Iqbal Hussain Khanday, Mohammad

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Murmu, Sinha in fray for presidential poll after scrutiny of papers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu and her challenger Yashwant Sinha were the only two candidates left in the fray for the July 18 presidential election after scrutiny of nomination papers, Rajya Sabha Secretary General P C Mody said on Thursday.

Mody, the returning officer for the presidential election, said 115 nomination papers of 94 persons were received till Wednesday, of which 107 were rejected for not meeting

the required criteria. The nomination papers of Murmu and Sinha four sets



each were found to fulfil all the requirements of a valid nomination and were accepted, he said.

Mody said the list of contesting candidates will be published in the gazette on

July 2 after 3 pm, which is the last date for withdrawal of nomination.

According to the Presidential and Vice Presidential Election Act, a nomination for the presidential poll is rejected if it is not backed by 50 proposers and 50 seconders from the electoral college made up of members of Parliament and legislative assemblies.

The nomination will also be rejected if an aspirant does not pay Rs 15,000 in cash or present a receipt

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Five LeT terrorists arrested in Srinagar, Sopore

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Five terrorists linked with proscribed terror outfit Lashker-e-Toiba (LeT) in Srinagar and Sopore, police said adding that Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition have been recovered from their possession.

In Srinagar, based on specific input regarding movement of terrorists in the district, Srinagar Police laid special checkpoints at various locations. On one such checkpoint laid by Police and 50RR on Sanat Nagar Chowk-Rangreth road area, one hybrid terrorist was arrested. Incriminating materials, arms and ammu-

nition including a pistol was recovered from his possession.

On his disclosure during questioning, an anti-terrorist operation was launched in Pampore area, during which one more hybrid terrorist was arrested. During search, arms and ammunition were including three pistols were recovered from his possession.

The duo has been identified as Naveed Shafi wani, son of Mohd Shafi Wani, resident of Shar Shali Khrew Pampore and Faizan Rashid Teli, son of Abdul Rashid Teli, resident of Kadlabal Pampore.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the arrested

duo was involved in transportation of terrorists, arms, explosive material and providing logistic support to the terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT in district Srinagar before as well.

Moreover, six Pistol magazines, 11 Pistol rounds and other ammunition was recovered from their possession.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 71/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Saddar and further investigation is in progress.

Meanwhile in Sopore, on a specific input regarding movement of terrorists

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36 officers transferred in RD&PR Deptt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government of Thursday ordered transfer of 36 officers in Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

As per order issued by Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Pardeep Kumar, who was looking after the charge of Block Development Officer (BDO), Duggain, Kathua has been transferred and shall look after the charge of BDO Marheen, Kathua. Romesh Chander, I/c BDO (Hq) Kathua has been transferred and posted as I/c BDO, Block Duggain, Kathua; Rajesh Kumar, who was looking after the charge of

BDO Rajgarh, Ramban has been transferred and shall look after the charge of BDO Maira Mandrian, Jammu.

Raman Sharma, BDO Nagrota, Jammu shall report to Director Rural Development Jammu for further duties. The Director Rural Development Jammu shall identify the post against which the salary of the officer shall be drawn.

Shalini Raina, BDO Samba has been transferred and posted as BDO BDO Nagrota, Jammu; Ajay Kumar, who was looking after the charge of BDO Soibagh, Budgam has been transferred and shall look after the charge of BDO Samba. Snober Jameel, Field Officer,

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JKBOSE declares Class 12th result: 70 pc students qualify exam; girls outshine boys again

■ SANJAY SHARMA

JAMMU: Girls outshined boys by securing scoring a pass percentage of 75 % against 65 pass % of boys in 12th class, results of which was declared by Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education on Thursday after successfully concluded the evaluation process.

JKBOSE had given a concession of 30% in the syllabi to the students who had to attempt only 70% marks from the question paper which was treated as 100% for result computation.

A total of 53,939 candidates appeared in the aforesaid examination out of which 37,536 have been declared qualified constituting 70 per cent of the total examinees. Out of total 53,939 examinees, 30010 were boys and 23929 were girls.

In Science stream the first position has been shared by Bhargav Gupta

TOPPERS OF CLASS 12TH JKBOSE



from Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Bakshi Nagar, Deepti from Little Angels Higher Secondary School, Kathua, Manpreet Kour from Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Shivam Sharma from Infant Jesus Higher Secondary School,

Hiranagar, Shiveet Raina from Kotwal National Instt. of Teaching HSS, Talab Tilloo, Simran Gupta from Little Angels Higher Secondary School, Kathua and Tamana Gupta from Carmel Convent HSS, Kunjwani with 498 (99.6 per cent) marks each while second position was

shared by Ankit Sharma from Sir Abraham Lincoln Embark Garrison Sr. Sec. School, Bishnah, Harshit Sharma from Panorma Public Higher Secondary School, Rajouri, Pratyaksha Gupta from MHS DAV Public Higher Secondary School, Udhampur,

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