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Around 25 lakh new voters including outsiders likely to be enrolled in J&K: CEO



J&K Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar briefing media in Jammu on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar on Wednesday said around 25 lakh new voters are expected to be enrolled in the Union Territory as the special summary revision of electoral rolls is being held for the first time after abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

He also described the ongoing exercise to complete the special summary revision of electoral rolls by November 25 as a "challenging task".

The massive exercise to complete the

process in time is going on to ensure that all the eligible voters including those who have attained the age of 18 years on October 1, 2022 or earlier are enrolled to provide an "error-free" final list, Kumar said.

According to the rescheduled timeline issued by the Election Commission recently, an integrated draft electoral roll will be published on September 15, while the period for filing claims and objections was set between September 15 to October 25 followed by disposal of claims and objections on November 10.

Checking of health parameters and obtaining commission's permission for final publication and updating database and printing of supplements was fixed for November 19 before the publication of final electoral rolls on November 25.

"The special summary revision of electoral rolls is taking place for the first time after January 1, 2019 and so we are expecting massive changes in the voter list given the fact that a large number of youngsters have attained the age of 18 or 18 plus over the past three years.

"After the abrogation of Article 370, many people who were not enlisted as voters in the erstwhile state of J&K are now eligible to vote and in addition anyone who is living ordinarily can also avail the opportunity to get enlisted as a voter in J&K in accordance with the provisions of representation of the Peoples Act," Kumar told reporters here.

He said the projected population of J&K who are 18 plus are around 98 lakhs, while the number of enlisted voters are 76 lakh according to the last voter list.

"We are expecting an addition of 20 to 25 lakh new voters in the final list," Kumar said, **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

20 DySPs promoted as SPs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: the government on Wednesday promoted 20 Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) as Superintendent of Police (SP) on officiating basis.

"Sanction is accorded to the promotion of following Deputy Superintendents of Police (Selection Grade) as Superintendent of Police in their own pay and grade, with immediate effect," reads an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department.

As per order, the DySPs who have been promoted as SPs include Mohd Afzal, Jeetan Ji Matoo, Mushtaq Ahmad, Gurmeet Singh, Mohd Shafi, Jagdev Singh, Rajinder Kumar, Rajinder Kumar, Rajesh Sandal, Masood Ahmad, Mohd Ayoub Zargar, Sheikh Zafarulla, Farahat Jeelani, Pawan Kumar, Shabir Ahmad, Altaf Hussain, Fayaz Ahmad, Mohd Farooq Khan, Mohammad Aslam and Shabir Ahmad Khan.

LG pays tributes to martyred ITBP personnel, says nation won't forget their sacrifice

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday paid tributes to the bravehearts of ITBP, who had lost their lives in a bus accident near Chandanwari Yesterday.

Attending the Ceremonial Honours for the ITBP bravehearts at DPL Srinagar, the Lt Governor said "The nation will never forget their courage, valour and supreme sacrifice".

The mortal remains of the bravehearts were sent to their respective native places for their last rites with full military honours.

Among others who paid their tributes were Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Lt General Amardeep Singh Aujla, GOC 15 Corps; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home department, besides senior officers from Police, Army, ITBP and other security forces.



LG Manoj Sinha and DGP Dilbag Singh carrying the coffin of a martyr ITBP Jawan who lost his life in bus accident.

Make sporting activities more inclusive; promote women athletes: Sinha

SRINAGAR: Underlining the need for making sporting activities more inclusive, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday also called for accelerating efforts to promote women athletes.

"We must promote equal participation of girls and it should be ensured they have ample opportunities to develop teamwork, self-reliance, resilience and confidence", the Lieutenant Governor said while chairing a high level meeting at Civil Secretariat, to review the sports activities across Jammu and Kashmir.

He took a detailed assessment of the efforts for engagement of 35 lakh youth in sports activities **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

SFs on high alert in Jammu after terrorists escape during encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Security forces and police have intensified operation to track down terrorists, who managed to escape from the cordon after a brief gunfire encounter in Rajouri district, sources said.

Security forces had on Sunday located a group of 2-3 terrorists in Sojan forest area of Samote in Rajouri and laid a siege to neutralise them, they said.

Terrorists fired on the security forces during cordon and search operation (CASO) but managed to escape using heavy rains and bad weather conditions as cover, they said.

Forces have now intensified

the operation to track down the terrorists, who may be trying to find new targets in the area, they said.

Security forces and police have been put on high alert in view of movement of two suspected persons around Rajouri city, particularly around security forces area on Tuesday, they said.

Agencies also spotted two suspected persons, including one carrying a bag, in CCTV footage, they said.

On August 11, two terrorists had attacked an Army camp in Rajouri, killing four soldiers in a pre-dawn suicide strike that marked **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

LeT operative was taken to border to recover drone dropped weapons Jailed Pak terrorist snatches police weapon near IB, killed in retaliation; cop injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A jailed Pakistani terrorist, who snatched police weapon, in a bid to flee from border area in Jammu where he was taken to identify the drone weapon dropping sites in Arnia and Phallian Mandal, was killed in retaliation firing while a police constable got injured on Wednesday. The Pakistani prisoner Mohd Ali Hussain was instrumental in drone droppings and main operative of LeT and Al Badr.

FIR 12/2022 dated February 24, 2022 was registered at Arnia (case of weapons dropping through drone from Pakistan and subsequent recoveries of arms and ammunitions).

One of the accused had revealed that a Pakistani prisoner Mohd Ali Hussain

alias Qasim Jehangir, resident of Pakistan, has been instrumental in drone droppings and is main operative of LeT and Al Badr.

Recoveries from drone dropped packet

1. AK RIFLE - 1
2. MAGZINES AK- 1
3. ROUNDS AK -40
4. PISTOL STAR - 1
5. MAGAZINES PISTOL -2.
6. PISTOL ROUNDS 9MM - 10
7. GRENADES CHINESE SMALL - 2

During sustained questioning, Pakistani terrorist Mohd Ali Hussain admitted his role in Arnia weapon-drop case and also disclosed two locations where the arms and ammunition

were dropped by drones and later concealed.

In order to recover the weapons, a police team along with concerned magistrate went to the spots. Though no recovery was made at the first place in Arnia but at the second place near Toph village (near International Border) in Phallian Mandal area packet of arms, ammunitions and explosives was recovered.

When the packet was being opened, Mohd Ali Hussain attacked one of the Police official and snatched his service rifle. He fired at the police party and tried to flee from the spot. In retaliation Pakistani terrorist Mohd Ali Hussain got injured and was shifted to GMC Jammu along **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Congress got raw deal in Bihar, should have had at least 4 ministerial berths: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday raised questions over the distribution of ministerial berths in Bihar and said while the government formation was a welcome step, his party has got a raw deal.

"Every constituent in the coalition had walked away with a good share of ministerial berths except for the Congress," he said.

"You see RJD has 79 MLAs and has secured 17 berths, Janata Dal (United) has 46 MLAs (including Independent Sumit Kumar Singh) and has 13 ministers,



including the chief minister, and Hindustani Awam Moreha (HAM) has four MLAs and one minister. Congress with 19 MLAs has only two ministers," Azad told PTI.

Because the Congress got a raw deal, it could not adjust any minister from the **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

70-ft high mast national flag comes up at Trishul War Memorial in Leh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A 70-feet high mast national flag has come up at the Trishul War Memorial in Leh, the capital city of the Union Territory of Ladakh, officials said on Wednesday.

The Trishul division, which was raised in October 1962 in Ladakh, has been active in Operation snow leopard **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Five of family among 6 found dead in Jammu; SIT set up for probe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Six people, including five members of a family, were found dead under mysterious circumstances in Jammu on Wednesday, prompting police to set up a special investigation team to probe the turn of events.

The bodies of the victims, including three women, were recovered from two adjoining houses in the posh Tawi Vihar in Sidhra area around 1:00 am, police said, adding that prima facie, it appears that they were poisoned.

Noor-ul-Habib, Sakina Begum, her daughter Naseema Akhter and grand-



Police and locals at a house where family members were found dead.

son Sajad Ahmad Magrey were found dead inside Habib's house. The bodies of Sakina's other daughter Rubina Bano and son Zafar Salim were recovered from the nearby house, the official said. "A four-member Special Investigation Team **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

COVID: 418 new cases in J&K, 18 in Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 418 fresh Covid cases on Wednesday that took the infection tally to 4,74,690, officials said.

Of the new cases, 90 were reported from Jammu division and 328 from the Kashmir valley, they said.

The death toll stands at 4,779 as no fresh fatality was reported, officials said.

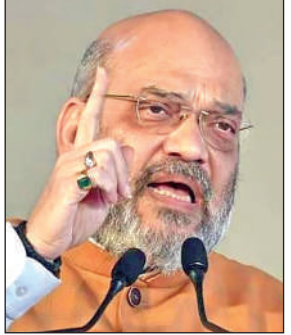
There are 3,466 active cases while the overall recoveries has reached 4,66,445, they said.

There were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus), they added. Meanwhile, **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Shah emphasises on human intelligence for counter-terror action

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday emphasised on the importance of human intelligence towards countering terrorism, especially the crucial role played by district level police officers in identifying emerging terror hotspots.

Shah said this while inaugurating the National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022, which brings a unique mix of top leadership addressing national security challenges alongside cutting edge police officers and security practi-



tioners and experts from specialised fields.

The home minister emphasised upon the importance of human intelligence towards countering terrorism, underscoring the crucial role of dis-

trict level police officers in identifying emerging terror hotspots, officials quoted Shah as saying.

Shah also said it has been the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure a safe and secure nation by strengthening all aspects of national security mechanism.

The two-day conference is being attended by the Union home secretary, deputy NSA, DGPs and IGPs of all states and Union territories and DGs of CAPFs.

The conference is being attended by 600 officers from across the **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Political parties can't be prevented from making poll promises, says SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Political parties and individuals cannot be prevented from making poll promises aimed at fulfilling the constitutional mandate and the term freebie should not be confused with genuine welfare measures, the Supreme Court said Wednesday. Observing that the voters are not looking for freebies, the top **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.2°C Min: 25.6°C

Humidity

Max: 84 Min: 68

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 26.8°C Min: 19.6°C

Humidity

Max: 78 Min: 67

Sunset : 19:15 Hours

Sunrise : 05:57 Hours

Major economic loss to farmers Irrigation supply to R S Pura cut-off as canal channel duct washed away near Dharp village

■ VIVEK SHARMA
JAMMU: As the Irrigation and Public Works departments failed to take timely preventive measures after S T A T E TIMES exclusively reported on August 14, 2022 about likely breach, the entire R S Pura sector has been deprived off the irrigation facilities as duct of the canal channel has completely washed away on Wednesday near village Dharp adjoining Miran Sahib area.

STATE TIMES had sounded alert on August 14, reporting, "Upstream protection of bridge over Billol nallah near village Dharp, adjoining



Duct of canal completely washed away depriving villagers of irrigation facility.

Miranshahib area, constructed by Public Works Department (PWD), washed away completely during the last spell of rains, thus exposing duct of the irrigation channel. In next rainfall, this duct will be fully washed away, affecting irrigation in the entire command area. Right side abutment of the bridge is also exposed. This bridge, constructed by PWD, was commissioned only three months back."

And now this morning the duct of the irrigation has completely washed away depriving the villagers from Miran Sahib to Dabler area in R S Pura sector of irrigation water. This is a major economic loss to the entire belt.

The villagers, while talking to STATE TIMES said, "without irrigation facilities we will have to face major losses." Who will come to repair this canal in the shortest way possible? Villagers lamented, adding that the engineers who made technical blunders must be booked for lapses.

The entire agricultural land will be deprived off the irrigation facilities and this will affect our economy, said another villager, adding, "We demand an independent probe into the construction of the canal channel."

KP murder: Govt moves to attach house of terrorist; protest held in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR/JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday initiated the process of attaching the house of a terrorist who killed a Kashmiri Pandit in Shopian, even as the minority community held a massive protest in Jammu against the latest killing.

Police have also arrested father and three brothers of Adil Wani, a categorised terrorist of Al-Badr outfit, for sheltering him after he killed the Kashmiri Pandit and injured his brother on Tuesday.

Police said Wani killed Sunil Kumar Bhat in an orchard in a Shopian village on Tuesday and later took shelter at his home in Kutpora.

Police identify killers of KP fatally shot in Shopian

SRINAGAR: The killers of Sunil Kumar Bhat, a Kashmiri Pandit who was shot dead by terrorists in Shopian, have been identified and they will be given stringent punishment, Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbag Singh said on Wednesday.

"We have identified the two suspects who had killed him (Bhat). Follow up action is underway and we are working on it, "the DGP told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

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The security forces launched a cordon **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**