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# Three-phase J&K elections from Sep 18; counting on Oct 4



Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar addressing press conference at New Delhi on Friday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Assembly elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir after nearly a decade in three phases from September 18, setting the stage for the people of the union territory to elect a government after the scrapping of Article 370 in 2019.

The Election Commission also announced that elections

to the 90-member Haryana assembly will be held on October 1 and results for both the polls will be declared on October 4.

The three-phase elections to the 90-member Jammu and Kashmir assembly will be held on September 18, September 25 and October 1, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar told a press conference in the presence of

Schedule General Election to Legislative Assembly of J&K 2024			
Poll Events	Phase-I (24 ACs)	Phase-II (26 ACs)	Phase-III (40 ACs)
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	20.08.2024 (Tuesday)	29.08.2024 (Thursday)	05.09.2024 (Thursday)
Last Date of Making Nominations	27.08.2024 (Tuesday)	05.09.2024 (Thursday)	12.09.2024 (Thursday)
Date for Scrutiny of nominations	28.08.2024 (Wednesday)	06.09.2024 (Friday)	13.09.2024 (Friday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of Candidatures	30.08.2024 (Friday)	09.09.2024 (Tuesday)	17.09.2024 (Tuesday)
Date of Poll	18.09.2024 (Wednesday)	25.09.2024 (Wednesday)	01.10.2024 (Tuesday)
Date of Counting	04.10.2024 (Friday)		
Date before which election shall be completed	06.10.2024 (Sunday)		

Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu.

While 24 seats will go to the polls in the first phase in Jammu and Kashmir, elections will be held in 26 seats and 40 seats in the second and third phases respectively.

Kumar said assembly elections in Maharashtra, which were held along with Haryana in 2019, will be announced later due to security requirements for Jammu and Kashmir.

He said four elections are due this year and by early

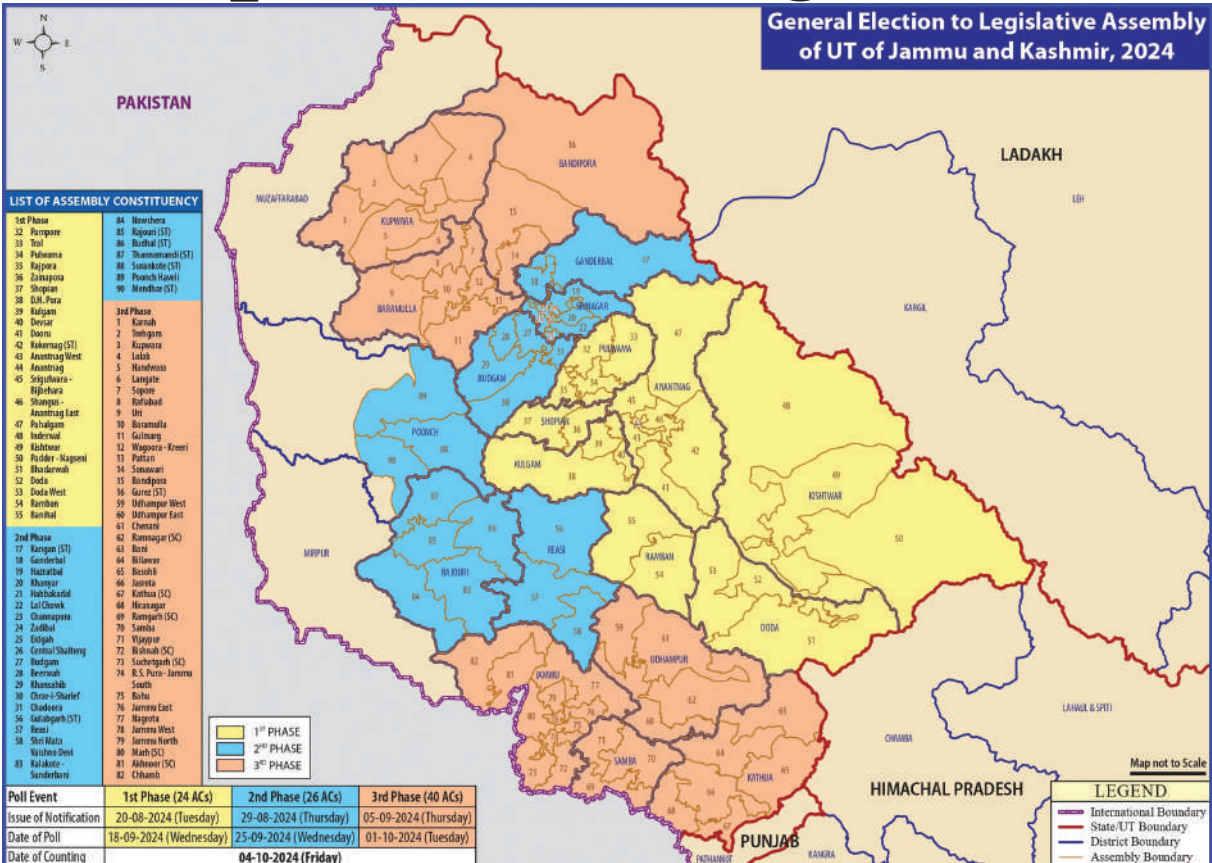
next year and since Jammu and Kashmir was not in the picture last time (2019-20) the Commission decided to group two assembly elections together.

Besides Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana, elections are due in Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi.

Kumar said the next set of elections will be announced after the completion of the polls in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana.

The announcement by the Election Commission

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## IGPs, DIGs among several J&K police officers transferred, ADGP Nitish Kumar new CID Chief

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In a major shakeup in the Jammu and Kashmir Police, several senior officers were transferred by the administration on Friday while the intelligence wing got a new chief.

In three separate orders, the Jammu and Kashmir administration transferred senior police officers with immediate effect.

This came a day after senior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat was appointed as Special DG of Jammu and Kashmir Police. He will assume the role of the force's chief following the retirement of R R Swain on September 30.

The developments in the Union Territory's police force as well as several transfers and posting of officials in the civil administration are seen by many as a precursor to the assembly election in the Union Territory that has to be held before September 30, a deadline set by the Supreme Court.

The Election Commission will announce the schedule for assembly elections on Friday afternoon. However, it is still not clear for which states the election schedule will be announced.

An order issued by the government said, "In the

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## AC confers ownership over evacuees' land to DPs of PoJK of 1947, 1965, 1971, WPDPs; approves cadre review of JKAS

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In a landmark decision, the Administrative Council, which met on Friday under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, on Friday approved the proposal for transfer of Evacuees' land conferring proprietary rights to the Displaced Persons (DPs) of 1947, 1965, 1971 and West Pakistan Displaced Persons.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary, Dr.Mandeep K Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant

Governor participated in the meeting.

This decision will confer absolute proprietary rights over Evacuees' land to DPs as already conferred over State Land.

As per the decision, the Custodian concerned will transfer the land in favour of the DPs in a time-bound manner. Custodian General shall ensure proper safeguards to prevent any misuse particularly unauthorized encroachments on the Evacuees' land.

The Government has issued directions for time-bound processing of applications giving proprietary rights to DPs over Evacuee land in 30

**AC approves Project Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan**  
SRINAGAR: In a significant move, the Administrative Council has approved Project YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) a groundbreaking initiative aimed at accelerating employment opportunities through entrepreneurship across the Union Territory. This initiative is part of the Government's ongoing commitment to empower youth, women, and other vulnerable groups by fostering a dynamic ecosystem for creating entrepreneurship.

The vision of the programme is to convert Jammu and Kashmir as a thriving hub of enterprises and holistic employment by fostering entrepreneurship culture, unlocking its inherent potential for transition

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Nalin Prabhat posted as Spl DGP J&K; to take over as DGP on Sep 30

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Highly decorated IPS officer Nalin Prabhat has been appointed as Special Director General of the Jammu and Kashmir Police effective immediately and will assume the role of the force's chief following the retirement of R R Swain on September 30.

The Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order confirming Prabhat's appointment, stating that he would take charge after Swain's departure.

The order said Prabhat, a 1992 IPS from Andhra Pradesh cadre, is sent

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## Lack of infrastructure at CAT Jammu: SC seeks status report

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Noting a lack of infrastructure at the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in Jammu, the Supreme Court has directed the tribunal's judicial member to file a status report on the requirements so that its day-to-day functioning is not hampered.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan noted that the functioning of the tribunal has been

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## CJ hoists National Flag at HC Srinagar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh celebrated the 78th Independence Day on Thursday here. The main function of the Independence Day was held in the High Court Wing, Srinagar where-in Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice (A) hoisted the National Flag and congratulated the participants.

The event was attended by Judges available in Srinagar wing of the High Court Justice Atul Sreedharan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi.

Advocate General of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir as well the Senior Advocates were present on the occasion. The Registrar General, judicial officers and the officials of the Registry of main wing and Srinagar wing also participated in

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Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan hoisting National Flag at HC Srinagar.

## Major reshuffle in J&K admn; 122 IAS, JKAS officers transferred

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) administration on Friday transferred 122 officers.

As per an order, Vikas Kundal, IAS (AGMUT:2013), Managing Director, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited, holding additional charge of the post of Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Power Corporation Limited, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner; Poonch; Shakeel UI Rehman Rather, IAS (AGMUT:2013), Deputy Commissioner, Banderpora, as Director, Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Kashmir; Majid Khalil Ahmad Drabu, IAS (AGMUT:2013), Controller, Legal Metrology, J&K, as Mission Director, ICPS, J&K; Sheikh Arshad Ayub, IAS (AGMUT:2013), Inspector General of Registration, as Director, Libraries,

J&K; Rahul Yadav, IAS (AGMUT:2014), Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, holding additional charge of the post of CEO, SPV Jammu City for implementation of Smart City Project, as Mission Director, HADP. He will also be Special Secretary to Government, Agriculture Production Department.

Ch. Mohd Yasin, IAS (AGMUT:2015), Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, has been transferred and posted as Managing Jammu Power Distribution Director, Corporation Limited. He will also hold the additional charge of the post of Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Power Corporation Limited, till further orders.

Devansh Yadav, IAS (AGMUT:2016), Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, has been transferred and posted as Commissioner, Jammu Municipal

Corporation. He will also hold the charge of the post of CEO, SPV Jammu City for implementation of Smart City Project, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Abhishek Sharma, IAS (CG:2018), Deputy Commissioner, Samba, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri; Ankita Kar, IRS, awaiting orders of posting in the General Administration Department has been posted as Chief Executive Officer, Jammu & Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA); Bashir Ahmad, IRS, Vice-Chairman, Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA), as Inspector General of Registration, J&K; Bashir Ahmad Dar, JKAS, Secretary, J&K Public Service Commission, as Managing Director, JKPC; Anil Kaul, JKAS, awaiting

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## Farooq to lead NC in J&K assembly polls

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: National Conference (NC) chief Farooq Abdullah on Friday announced he will lead the party in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, which will be held in three phases from September 18.

He told PTI that he will contest the elections while his son, Omar Abdullah, has opted to refrain from participating until Jammu

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## Hoists National Flag on 78th I-Day Roots of democracy deepened in past 5 yrs: LG

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha hoisted the National Flag and addressed the people at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar, on Thursday.

The Lt Governor posted on 'X', "Hoisted the National Flag at Bakshi Stadium, on the occasion of 78th Independence Day. As we celebrate the freedom and the spirit of unity, let us honor and remember the countless sacrifices made by our valiant freedom fighters and martyrs.

Roots of democracy have deepened in the past five years. Today I appeal to the citizens of J&K for collective resolve to ensure that the ideals of democracy should become an important part of



LG Manoj Sinha taking salute from the march past at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar on Thursday.

our consciousness and our innate nature.

Today, J&K is marching ahead with confidence towards the goal of peace, progress and prosperity. Let us take a pledge today that together we will make J&K UT synonymous with

achievements".

At the UT-level Independence Day celebration event, the Lt Governor inspected the parade and took salute at an impressive march past of the contingents comprising of J&K Police, Security forces,

Schools Students, besides Brass & Pipe bands of J&K Police and the BSF.

In his Independence Day address at Bakshi Stadium, the Lieutenant Governor said Pakistan was pushing foreign terrorists into

Jammu and Kashmir as it was frustrated by dwindling local recruitment and increasing faith of people in democracy, reflected in record turnouts during the Lok Sabha polls. Sinha said that there has been

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## J&K assembly polls to further strengthen roots of democracy: Shah

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday welcomed the announcement of assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and said the polls will further strengthen the roots of democracy and open the doors to a new period of development for the region.

Shah also appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to actively participate in the elections and vote in large numbers to form a government that will sustain peace and development, and ensure a brighter future for the youth.

"I welcome the announcement of the assembly elec-

tions in Jammu and Kashmir made by the Election Commission of India today. In the last 10 years, the Modi govt through a series of relentless initiatives, has created a new era of peace, development and strengthening democracy in J-K," he wrote on 'X'.

The home minister said the assembly elections will further strengthen the roots of democracy and open the doors to a new period of development for the region.



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 34.5°C Min: 25.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 73 Min: 68

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 31.9°C Min: 19.6°C

Humidity  
Max: 87 Min: 67

Sunset : 19:14 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:54 Hours