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Amit Shah slams...

The former BJP president claimed that the Modi government ended years of discrimination against Dalits, tribes, Pahadis and backward communities by granting them reservations after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A.

"Does Rahul Gandhi support the JKNC manifesto, which calls for abolishing reservations for Dalits, Gujjars, Bakerwals and Pahadis? After allying with the National Conference, he should now clarify the Congress Party's stand on reservation policy," he said.

Restoration of Article 370 and Jammu and Kashmir's statehood as well as implementation of the autonomy resolution passed by the erstwhile assembly in 2000 are among the National Conference's 12 guarantees announced in its manifesto for the upcoming polls. The 90-member assembly of the Union Territory is going to the polls in three phases on September 18 and 25 and October 1. The counting of votes is scheduled for October 4.

CS chairs session..

I&C; Secretary, SDD the session was too graced by the Vice Chancellors of all the Universities; MD, JK Bank; Representatives from SBI, NABARB, SIDBI and other concerned officers.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary had a detailed discussion with all these stakeholders to get their inputs about the ways and means to implement this Mission for generation of entrepreneurship opportunities here across the UT.

He enjoined upon all to have better synergy and coordination with each other with pooling of infrastructure and other human resource requirements for smooth execution of this mission across all the districts of J&K.

Dullool also advised for constituting a team of Nodal Officers across all the concerned Departments, Universities with representatives from financial institutions like J&K Bank, SBI, NABARB, SIDBI and other players from the Industrial sector.

The Chief Secretary also asked for having clarity about roles of each institution constituting the framework for implementation of this large scale entrepreneurship development programme here.

He urged the Institutional heads to extend their full cooperation in sharing their resources to ensure that the all the aspirants can be provided best of training and guidance across all the sectors identified under this Mission.

The other stakeholders including the Vice-Chancellors and heads of Financial institutions gave their inputs for smooth and successful implementation of this mission here with achievement of set objectives in a time-bound manner.

They also assured of extending their full cooperation with tweaking of policies and sharing of resources necessary for advancement of this programme here in the UT.

Regarding the mission it was elucidated that it aims at creating an enabling culture of entrepreneurship here with easy access to capital together with building of capacity and enhancing connectivity through market linkages to ensure ease of doing business here in the UT.

24 special polling...

School Barnai, Jammu; Agriculture University Complex, Udhaiywala, Jammu; J&K Board of School Education, Rehari, Jammu; Govt Middle School (Migrants), Jagti, Jammu; Kendriya Vidyalaya Ban Talab, Jammu; Sant Mela Singh College of Education, Near Digiana Ashram, Jammu; Sarvodya Public School, By Pass Santra Morh, Jammu; Govt Girls Higher Secondary School, Miran Sahib, Jammu; Birla Open Minds International School, Channi Himmat Jammu; and NSM College Anand Nagar, Bohri, Jammu.

Similarly, one such polling station has been set up at Government ITI, Udhampur.

To facilitate the Kashmiri Migrants residing in New Delhi to cast their votes in person on the polling days during Assembly Election on the seats across Jammu and Kashmir, four special polling booths have been established at J&K House, 5, Prithviraj Road, New Delhi; Office of the Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi; Arwachin International School, F Block, Dilshad Garden, Delhi; and Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Paprawat, Delhi.

Continuing with the historic decision taken by the ECI in Lok Sabha Election 2024, the earlier practice of filling of Form-M for migrant electors of Jammu and Udhampur has been done away with. The electors staying in zones and camps will be mapped to their respective polling stations by the respective AERO Migrants at Jammu and Udhampur.

The draft roll extracts mapping Migrants Electors residing in various zones in Jammu and Udhampur to the respective Special Polling Stations shall be published soon by the concerned AEROs and any addition, deletion and corrections shall be allowed for a period of 7 days.

Consequent to this, the final photo electoral roll extracts shall be published for each polling station, based on which the Migrants Electors shall be allowed to vote at these Special Polling Stations like any other voter by producing the EPIC or any of the 12 alternate photo identity documents notified by the Commission in this regard.

Similarly, for migrants residing outside Jammu and Udhampur, they can now self-certify Form-M, instead of getting it attested by a Gazetted officer or other authorities.

"Those voters who are required to fill Form-M i.e. those residing outside Jammu and Udhampur, who wish to exercise their franchise in person should intimate details of the electors in their families to the Assistant Commissioner, Relief (Migrant), Jammu; Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat, Udhampur; Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, Delhi; and Deputy Secretary, office of Resident Commissioner, New Delhi in prescribed Form-M.

Besides, all migrant voters other than those who opted to vote in person have the option to vote through postal ballot papers. They may apply for the postal ballot paper in the prescribed Form 12C appended to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 available in the offices of the Assistant returning Officers.

In addition, the Migrant electors residing at various places other than Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi can also download Form-M and Form 12C from the ECI website and after filling such Forms can be got verified from the Electoral Registration Officer of the areas where he/she is residing.

The voting in Assembly Election 2024 will be held in all 90 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) of Jammu and Kashmir in three phases including 47 ACs in Kashmir region.

In the first phase, 16 ACs in Kashmir including 32-Pampore, 33-Tral, 34-Pulwama, 35-Rajpora, 36- Zainapora, 37-Shopian, 38- D.H.Pora, 39-Kulgam, 40-Devsar, 41-Doora, 42-Kokernag(ST), 43-Anantnag West, 44-Anantnag, 45-Srigufwara-Bijbehara, 46-Shangus-Anantnag East, and 47-Pahalgam will witnessing polling on September 18.

A total of 15 ACs in Kashmir including 17-Kangan(ST), 18-Ganderbal, 19-Hazratbal, 20-Khanyar, 21-Habbakadal, 22-Lal Chowk, 23-Channapora, 24-Zadibal, 25-Eidgah, 26-Central Shalteng, 27-Budgam, 28-Beerwah, 29-Khansahib, 30-Chrar-I-Sharief, and 31-Chadoora will go to polling on September 25.

In the third phase, 16 ACs of the Valley including 1-Karnah, 2-Trehgam, 3-Kupwara, 4-Lolab, 5-Handwara, 6-Langate, 7-Sopore, 8-Rafiabad, 9-Uri, 10-Baramulla, 11-Gulmarg, 12-Wagoora-Kreeri, 13-Pattan, 14-Sonawari, 15-Bandipora, and 16-Gurez(ST) will go to polling on October 01.

CEO exhorts J&K...

auto location data of the violation during the election. Any citizen can lodge a complaint through the eVIGIL mobile app following which the flying squads would investigate the matter and take action within 100 minutes.

Similarly, to strengthen accountability and to bring more transparency, the ECI has also launched the KYC (Know Your Candidate) app, through which the details and affidavits submitted by any candidate can be easily accessed. To use the KYC app, voters need to select the election type and Assembly Constituency name to view the list of nominations or they can directly search the candidate by name.

The app will then display information about the candidate's criminal antecedents, if any. This information includes the details of any criminal cases filed against the candidate, the status of those cases, and the nature of the offenses. The app is a valuable resource for voters who want to know more about the candidates who are contesting elections.

The 'Suvidha' app is a single window system for both the candidates as well as the political parties to apply for permissions before any conducting meetings or rallies. This groundbreaking platform serves as a one-stop solution, empowering candidates and political parties to apply for and obtain permissions efficiently and conveniently. With a user-friendly interface and robust features, the App simplifies the process, ensuring that all necessary permissions are acquired in a timely manner, thereby enabling seamless campaign activities. The different permissions available on Suvidha platform include Meetings, Rallies,

Vehicles, Temporary Election Office, Loudspeakers, and Helicopters & Helipads.

Finally, the 'Voter Helpline App' provides convenience to voters in finding their names in the electoral roll, submit online forms, check status of the application, file complaints and receive the reply on their mobile app. They can also access the contact details of booth level officers, electoral registration officers and district election officers, by using the Voter Helpline app, through www.nvsp.in portal or by calling 1950 helpline number.

Further, the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Shri Pandurang K Pole also urged the candidates and political parties participating in the 2024 elections to utilize these services.

For further information, candidates and political parties are requested to visit the portal at https://suvidha.eci.gov.in

Congress-NC alliance..

enjoyed an ice-cream at a Srinagar parlour, Chugh claimed, "It was more like an ice-cream trip to Lal Chowk where he (Gandhi) must have understood the pulse of the people."

"Rahul Gandhi's fun trip is a clear indication of the improved security situation in Jammu and Kashmir. This feat has been achieved under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has brought about a transformative change in the region," Chugh further said.

The BJP's strong presence and popularity in Jammu and Kashmir are a testament to Modi's leadership and the party's commitment to the region's development, he added.

The Congress' attempt to seek alliances with parties "rejected" by the people of Jammu and Kashmir in the Lok Sabha elections is a clear indication of its desperation, the BJP leader claimed.

"In contrast, Modi's policies have made it possible for Rahul Gandhi to enjoy a peaceful outing in Lal Chowk, a far cry from the tense atmosphere that earlier prevailed in the region," Chugh said.

Gandhi on Thursday sought to strike an emotional chord with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and assured that the restoration of statehood was a priority for the Congress as well as the opposition INDIA bloc.

The former Congress president also said it was his party's aim that the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh got their democratic rights back.

As Gandhi concluded the Srinagar leg of his visit, he stitched up an alliance with Jammu and Kashmir's oldest regional party -- the National Conference -- after holding consultations with its president Farooq Abdullah and vice-president Omar Abdullah.

After the discussions, Farooq Abdullah announced his party's alliance with the Congress.

Omar Abdullah on Friday said the seat-share arrangement with the Congress had been finalised for a majority of constituencies and that parleys were underway to reach a consensus over the remainder.

During the visit, Gandhi also met a delegation of students, relished the traditional Kashmiri cuisine 'wazwan' at a famous restaurant, and had an ice-cream at a popular local parlour.

Assembly polls to the 90-member Jammu and Kashmir Assembly will be held in three phases -- September 18, September 25 and October 1. The counting of votes will be held on October 4.

Gangster arrested with...

Basantar bridge in a suspicious circumstance. He was stopped and checked. One pistol and five live cartridges were recovered from his possession," police said.

A case has been registered against the accused and further investigation is underway, the police said.

NCB Jammu arrests....

has freezed various movable and immovable illegally acquired properties of accused amounting to Rs 3.65 Crores.

The NCB has geared up its preparation to tackle the drug menace and its possible misuse in the election scenario. Being the national nodal agency for drug law enforcement, it has committed itself to stop the supply of drugs in the region and further investigation is on.

Seven candidates file...

and 40-Devsar in Kulgam district, two assembly constituencies of Ramban and Banihal and one assembly constituency of 44-Anantnag.

Among these candidates, Sakeena Itoo from JKNC and Abdul Majeed Padder from J&K Apni party submitted their nomination papers for AC 38-D.H.Pora in the office of Returning Officer.

In 39-Kulgam Assembly Constituency, Nazir Ahmad Laway from JKPC filed his nomination papers in the office of Returning Officer.

In AC 40-Devsar, Mohammad Sartaj Madni from JKPDP submitted his nomination papers in the office of Returning Officer.

Candidates can submit their nominations till August 27, 2024 up to 3PM.

Dr Mehboob Beg from JKPDP submitted his nomination papers in the office of Returning Officer 44-Anantnag AC. This was the first nomination filed so far in the district Anantnag.

The district comprises of seven Assembly Constituencies, nominations for which can be filed till 27th August.

Meanwhile, two candidates on filed their nomination papers in Ramban District for the upcoming Assembly Elections-2024.

According to Returning Officers for Assembly Constituencies AC 54-Ramban and AC 55-Banihal two candidates, one each filed their nomination papers.

The candidates, Intiaz Ahmed Shan from PDP, filed his nomination papers in AC 55-Banihal and Suteesh Kumar filed his nomination papers as Independent candidate form AC 54-Ramban.

The last day for filing of nomination papers is August 27, 2024 upto 3:00 pm.

These Assembly Constituencies are scheduled to go for polls in the 1st phase of Assembly Elections to be held in Jammu and Kashmir on September 18, 2024.

J&K Govt declares...

holidays shall be observed as per the election dates in all assembly constituencies across Jammu and Kashmir. In first phase, to be held on September 18, 2024 (Wednesday), the paid holiday shall be observed in 24 Assembly segments. In the second phase of elections, the paid holiday shall be observed in 26 Assembly Constituencies on September 25, 2024 (Wednesday).

Similarly, in the last phase of the assembly elections scheduled on October 01, 2024 (Tuesday), paid holiday would be observed in 40 Assembly segments.

The order also declared the poll day as paid holiday for every eligible voter in his/her respective assembly constituency employed in any business, trade, industrial undertakings or any other establishment.

The order further stated that no deduction or abatement of the wages of any such person shall be made on account of a holiday having been granted in accordance with sub-section (1) and if such person is employed on the basis that she/he would not ordinarily receive wages for such a day, she/he shall nonetheless be paid for such day the wages she/he would have drawn had not a holiday been granted to her/him on that day. The order read that if an employer contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), then such employer shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to five hundred rupees.

"This section shall not apply to any elector whose absence may cause danger or substantial loss in respect of the employment in which he is engaged," it added. The order further said that the daily wage and casual workers shall also be entitled for the holiday and wages on the poll day.

It is further ordered that the above paid holidays shall also be observed in terms of explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

District Netball Championship held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Netball Association of Jammu and Kashmir announced the successful conclusion of the Netball District Championship, which took place at the Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.

This year's championship saw enthusiastic participation from approximately 250 students representing various schools across the Jammu district.

Manjeet Singh, President of Singh 4 All Foundation, was the Chief Guest while Vikas Gupta, General Secretary of the Judo Association; Gurvinder, Secretary of the Dance Sports Council of J&K; Ritika Salathia, Manager of the J&K Sports Council; and TP Singh were the Guests of Honour on the occasion.

"We are overjoyed with the incredible response and participation in this year's Netball District Championship," said a spokesperson for the Association.

"It is inspiring to witness such enthusiasm and dedication from our young athletes, and we look forward to providing even more opportunities in the future," spokesperson added.

Organizers extended heartfelt thanks to all the participants, coaches, schools, and supporters who contributed to the success of the championship.

Five drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Jammu Police continuing its actions under Operation SAN-JEEVANI, the ongoing drive against the menace of drugs, the Jammu Police, under the jurisdiction of Police Station Nowabad, apprehended three drug peddlers in two separate cases, recovering a substantial quantity of illegal substances.

In the first incident, during routine patrolling by the Police Party of Police Post Canal Road, a suspicious individual was spotted at Javed Nagar, Nikki Tawi. Upon noticing the police presence, the individual attempted to flee, which further raised suspicion. The police intercepted and apprehended him. The suspect, identified as Manzoor Kazi, a resident of Kharian near SOS School Jammu, was found in possession of 3.88 grams of a heroin-like substance.

A case has been registered under FIR No. 127/24 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act at Police Station Nowabad.

In a separate incident, a police party from Police Post Talab Tillo, while patrolling Kabir Colony Chowk, Talab Tillo, signaled two individuals to stop for checking. Instead of complying, they attempted to flee but were swiftly apprehended by the police team. Upon searching their bags, the police recovered 166 Diazepam 2 ml injections and 120 Promethazine Hydrochloride 2 ml injections. The suspects have been identified as Aman Radha of Anand Nagar, Bohri Talab Tillo, and Rahul Bassan of Kabir Colony, Talab Tillo.

A case has been registered under FIR No. 128/24 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act at Police Station Nowabad.

Police also arrested 02 drug peddlers in Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from their possession.

A police party of Police Station Boniyar headed by SHO PS Boniyar at a check-point established near Govt. Degree College Boniyar intercepted 02 persons identified as Manzoor Ahmad Bhat son of Habibullah resident of Bagna Salamabad & Mubashir Ahmad Khan son of Atta Mohammad Khan resident of Girdnawah Nowshera. During search, 48 grams of contraband charas like substance was recovered from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to Police Station Boniyar where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Boniyar and investigation has been initiated.

Un-identified male body found

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: One unknown male person age about 20-22 years was hit by train oil load near 94.35 KM, in the jurisdiction of P/S GRP Jammu. The said injured person was shifted to GMC Jammu for further treatment and during treatment he succumbed to his injuries on 23.08.2024, at about 0630 hours. The dead body of the said deceased person shifted to mortuary room of GMC Jammu for postmortem/identification.

Body is of about 20-22 years; Height-5' 6" Approx; Colour-Whitish and appearance-Wearing Yellow Shirt and Brown Pent.

Anybody having any clue about the identity/residential particulars of the said deceased may contact GRP Jammu on Telephone Nos.0191-2474946 and/or Mobile No. 6005784806/8492074341.



Police seeks help in tracing three missing class 9 students

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three boys who have been reportedly missing from the Sanskriti School Bishnah which include Manish Kumar, son of Sohan Lal, resident of Pindi Kudwal; Salaria, son of Devendra Kumar; resident of Kool Kalan, Arnia and Garv Bhatti, son of Rakesh Kumar, resident of Digana.

All three are students Jammu Sanskriti School, & have not reported back to their home and are reportedly missing, since today that is 23/8/2024

All the three students are 14 years old, and study in class 9th.

At the time they were last seen, they were in uniform, wearing a white shirt and blue pant.

An appeal is made to the general public to divulge information in case any whereabouts of the boys are known on the numbers SHO PS Bishmah 7006200443 and SDPO RS Pura 9419284325

Drug peddler arrested, 7.69 grams of heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its war against drug abuse District Police Udhampur arrested one drug peddler and recovered 07.69 grams of heroin (chitta) like contraband substance from his possession in the jurisdiction of Police Post Tikri.

Police Team of Police Post Tikri, while performing Patrolling/checking duty at Bansamohr (Tikri-Katra road) intercepted one suspicious person, who on seeing police party tried to escape from the spot but was apprehended by the police party.

On frisking of said apprehended person namely Satish Kumar S/O Puran Chand resident of Tagoot, Kishtwar. Police team recovered 7.69 grams of Heroin like contraband substance from the above said accused person and was arrested on spot.

In this regard, A Case FIR No. 184/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered in PS Rehambal.

Udhampur's cyber cell solves 3 financial frauds amounting to Rs 97,910

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its efforts to extend services to the general public and address their grievances, Cyber Cell DPO Udhampur recovered and successfully refunded an amount of Rs 97,910/- in 03 complaints.

Brief fact of the cases are that Cyber Cell DPO Udhampur received 03 complaints regarding the online financial fraud.

After receiving these Complaints, team of Cyber Cell DPO Udhampur led by PSI Kalbushan Singh immediately swung into the action and started the enquiry into the matter and initiated the process for reversal and recovery of the amount. As a result, till date amounting of Rs 97,910/- of total cheated amount have been recovered and credited to the victims account. SSP Udhampur reiterated in his appeal to the general public to remain extra vigilant and report promptly to the National Helpline number 1930 or Cyber Cell Udhampur helpline number 9103996429 if any suspicious call is noticed.

Reasi District Yoga Sports Championship 2024 held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: The Yoga Association of Jammu & Kashmir organized the Reasi District Yoga Sports Championship 2024 at Amba Kids School in Panthal, Reasi.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of 70 yoga players from the district. Ashwani Katoch, Chairman of Amba Kids School, graced the occasion as the Chief



Organisers along with winner students during the programme.

Guest, presenting medals and certificates to the participants.

The ceremony was attended by various local dignitaries and members of the Yoga Association.

The championship was conducted under the supervision of National Referee and Judges from the Yoga Federation, including Dayal Ram, Mukesh Sharma, and Aryaveer Singh, ensuring a high standard of competition and evaluation.

BOYS 8-10 yrs: Parth Sanmotra, 1st, Harshit Wazir; 2nd and Shaid Jamwal, 3rd. 10-12 yrs: Rahul Singh, 1st, Prince Mandla, 2nd and Ritesh Singh, 3rd. 12-14 yrs: Akshu Verma, 1st, Rohit Verma, 2nd and Monik Thakur, 3rd.

GIRLS 8-10 yrs: Urvanshi, 1st, Ragvi Sharma, 2nd and Arushi Sharma, 3rd. 10-12 yrs: Aliya Akhtar, 1st, Alisha Gupta, 2nd and Ulfat Jan, 3rd. 12-14 yrs: Shenaz Choudhary, 1st, Tanvi Sharma, 2nd and Ronika Kouser, 3rd. 14-16 yrs: Akshi Sharma, 1st and Sanchi Raina, 2nd.