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Ph-1 J&K Polls: 279 candidates file nomination papers

Highest 16 candidates each at Pampore, Bhandarwah, Doda ACs

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As many as 279 candidates have filed their nomination papers across 24 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) of seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir which are going to polling in the first phase of J&K Assembly Election 2024. Tuesday was the last day of filing nomination papers for the first phase of Assembly Election scheduled to be held on September 18, 2024. A statement from the office of Chief Electoral Officer detailed the candidates who have filed their nominations. A total of 72 candidates have filed their nominations in Anantnag district, followed by 55 in Pulwama district, 41 in Doda district, 32 in Kishtwar district, 28 in Shopian district, 28 in Kulgam district, while 23 candidates have filed nominations in Ramban district. In Jammu division, for the three ACs in Kishtwar district, a total of 13 candi-

dates have filed nomination from 48-Inderwal AC; 11 candidates have filed nomination from 49-Kishtwar AC; while 8 candidates have filed nomination from 50-Padder-Nagseni AC. In the three ACs in Doda district, 16 candidates have filed nomination from 51-Bhandarwah AC; 16 candidates have filed nomination from 52-Doda AC; while 9 candidates have filed nomination from 53-Doda West AC. For the two ACs in Ramban district, a total of 13 candidates have filed nomination from 54-Ramban AC; while 10 candidates have filed nomination from 55-Banihal AC. In Kashmir division, for the four ACs in Pulwama district, 16 candidates have filed nomination from 32-Pampore AC; 13 candidates have filed nomination from 33-Tral AC; 14 candidates have filed nomination from 34-Pulwama AC; while 12 candidates have filed nomination from 35-Rajpora

AC. A total of 15 candidates have filed nomination from 36-Zainapora AC; while 13 candidates have filed nomination from 37-Shopian AC in Shopian district. In the three ACs in Kulgam district, 6 candidates have filed nomination from 38-DH Pora AC; 11 candidates have filed nomination from 39-Kulgam AC; while 11 candidates have filed nomination from 40-Devsar AC. For the seven ACs in Anantnag district, a total of 12 candidates have filed nomination from 41-Dooru AC; 11 candidates have filed nomination from 42-Kokernag (ST) AC; 14 candidates have filed nomination from 43-Anantnag West AC; 13 candidates have filed nomination from 44-Anantnag AC; 3 candidates have filed nomination from 45-Srigrufwara-Bijbehara AC; 13 candidates have filed nomination from 46-Shangus-Anantnag East AC; while 6 candidates have

filed nomination from 47-Pahalgam AC. It may be mentioned that more than 23.27 lakh voters which include 11.76 lakh male voters and 11.51 lakh female voters and 60 Third Gender Electors are eligible to exercise their electoral franchise during the Phase-I of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Election, scheduled to be held on 18 September 2024. 5.66 lakh youth voters are also eligible for voting. The notification for the Phase-I was issued on 20 August, 2024 and the last date for filing the nominations for Phase-I was 27 August, 2024 till 3:00 pm. The nomination papers will be scrutinised by the respective Returning Officers on 28 August, 2024, while the candidates can withdraw their nomination paper by or before 30 August, 2024 upto 3:00 pm in the office of Returning Officer. Thereafter, validly nominated candidates will be in the electoral fray.

Jay Shah elected unopposed, becomes youngest ever ICC Chairman



STATE TIMES NEWS
DUBAI: BCCI secretary Jay Shah was elected unopposed as the next ICC chairman here on Tuesday, making him the youngest ever to reach the pinnacle of global cricket administration. The 35-year-old Shah, who has been the BCCI secretary since 2019, will take over from 62-year-old incumbent Greg Barclay on December 1 after the New

ACB registers disproportionate assets case against ex-DMO, searches conducted

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday registered a Disproportionate Assets case against the then District Mining Officer (DMO) Kathua while the searches were also conducted at seven locations including his residence. "Based on a specific input, a secret verification was conducted by Anti Corruption Bureau into the allegations of possession of huge disproportionate assets by Bodh Raj, son of Chuni Lal, resident of Nater Kothian, Muthi, Jammu, the then District Mining Officer (DMO), Kathua," ACB official said. "The verification revealed

huge assets in the shape of plots, houses, business partnerships including Benami properties, partnership in crushers, bank accounts etc in his name as well as in the name of his close relatives and associates/friends, which were found highly disproportionate to his known sources of income. Besides these properties he was also having high value transactions in his bank accounts," official said. On the basis of the verification conducted, a prima facie case of criminal misconduct was found made out against the accused DMO Bodh Raj, under offences punishable under Section 13(1)(b) r/w section 13 (2) of PC Act 1988, as such, a formal case FIR No. 08/2024 was regis-

tered at PS ACB Central for investigation, official added. During the course of investigation, official said, searches were conducted at the business premises and residential houses of the accused and his relatives and associates at Jammu, Kathua and Gurdaspur (Punjab) after obtaining warrants for conducting searches from the court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Jammu. The ACB teams conducted searches at seven different locations including his Residential house at Muthi, Jammu, M/s Magnum Stone Crusher at Pandori, Kathua, M/s Satguru Stone Crusher at Madheen, Kathua and also at the residence

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J&K polls: Congress announces first list of 9 candidates

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Congress on Monday issued its first list of nine candidates for the three-phase assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, fielding party general secretary Ghulam Ahmad Mir from Dooru and former state unit chief Vikar Rasool Wani from Banihal. The announcement came after the Congress clinched a seat-sharing deal with all National Conference (NC). The NC and the Congress agreed to contest 51 and 32 seats respectively for the assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir. One seat each has been allotted to the CPI(M) and the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers

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Omar Abdullah to fight assembly polls from Ganderbal seat

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah will contest the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections from the Ganderbal segment, the party said on Tuesday, in what marks a U-turn for the former chief minister who had vowed to not fight for a seat in the legislature of a union territory. The party released a list of 32 candidates which included Omar Abdullah for the Ganderbal assembly seat, a constituency that he represented from 2009 to 2014 when he was the chief minister of the NC-Congress coalition government. Omar Abdullah had dropped hints on Monday that he is likely to reconsider his decision of not contesting the polls. Speaking to media after the NC and Congress announced their seat-sharing arrange-



ment on Monday, Omar Abdullah said he does not want to send out a "wrong signal" by asking his party colleagues to contest and the people to cast their votes for an assembly "that I may be suggesting that I look down upon". "I am conscious of one thing which I had not thought over fully, which is my mistake. If I was not ready to contest an election for an assembly, how can I get the people ready to vote for that assembly?" "How can I hope that my colleagues will seek votes for an assembly which I

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Helpdesk set up to reach out to Kashmiri migrant voters across country

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As preparations for assembly elections gain momentum in Jammu and Kashmir, the relief and rehabilitation department has established a helpdesk to assist eligible voters from the displaced Kashmiri community residing across the country. This initiative aims to facilitate smooth polling at special polling stations and through postal ballots, according to officials. The department has intensified efforts to ensure free and fair elections for Kashmiri migrants, with the Election Commission (EC) setting up 24 special

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No major change in BJP's new list of 29 candidates for J&K Assembly polls

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/NEW DELHI: Despite resentment shown by some party leaders over selection of candidates for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, the BJP on Tuesday released its revised list of 29 nominees for the second and third phase, without making any major changes except replacing one contestant. With the release of the fresh list, the party has so far named the candidates for 45 assembly segments, including nine in the Kashmir Valley where it has not been able to open its account in the past assembly elections.

BJP to draft in CMs, Union ministers to spearhead its membership drive

NEW DELHI: Union ministers, chief ministers and elected representatives from sarpanch to parliamentarians will spearhead the BJP's nationwide membership drive starting from September 2, an exercise which will serve as the launch pad of the party's internal polls leading to the election of its new president. The start of the drive will be marked by BJP president J P Nadda renewing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's membership of the party before its senior leaders fan out across the country. BJP national general secretary Vinod Tawde, who is also the head of the membership drive, appealed to people to join the party in a big way. A strong BJP will lead to the making of a 'Viksit Bharat', he said. The first phase of the membership drive will go on till September

The BJP has made one change from the now-recinded list, which was

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Cong-NC alliance for J&K Assembly polls will have no bearing on BJP: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Exuding confidence of the BJP forming the next government in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said the pre-poll alliance between the Congress and National Conference for the upcoming assembly elections will have no bearing on his party. Singh was in Doda district, which is part of his

constituency, to accompany former Minister Shakti Raj



Parihar and Gajay Singh Rana who filed their nomina-

tion papers from the Doda-West and Doda assembly constituencies, respectively. Tuesday was the last day for filing of nomination papers for 24 assembly segments - 16 in south Kashmir and eight in Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts of Jammu region - which are going to polls in the first phase on September 18. Talking to reporters after the filing of

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Three terrorist associates arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS
ANANTNAG: Security forces have arrested three alleged terrorist associates in the Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Tuesday. Police, CRPF and Army in a joint operation established a checkpoint at the Wopzan Tri-junction in the Anantnag district on Monday and apprehended the suspects, a police official said. He said one pistol, two magazines, 23 rounds

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