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244 nominations found...

In Kulgam district, nomination papers of 6 candidates were accepted in 38-DH Pora AC; 10 candidates in 39-Kulgam AC; and 10 candidates in 40-Devsar AC. Finally, in Anantnag district, a total of 12 nomination papers were found valid and accepted in 41-Dooru AC; 10 candidates in 42-Kokernag (ST) AC; 10 candidates in 43-Anantnag West AC; 13 candidates in 44-Anantnag AC; 3 candidates in 45-Srignfvara-Bijbehara AC; 13 candidates in 46-Shangus-Anantnag East AC; while nomination papers of 6 candidates have been accepted in 47-Pahalgam AC. As per the Election notification, the candidates can withdraw their nomination by 30 August, 2024 (Friday) before 03:00 pm in the office of the respective Returning Officers. It may be mentioned that more than 23.27 lakh voters including 5.66 lakh youths 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, of which 11.76 lakh are male voters and 11.51 lakh female voters along with 60 Third Gender Electors.

Permissions for political...

worker, vehicle permission for within AC, application for pamphlet distribution, application for vehicle with loudspeaker, application for display banners and flags, application for display poster, hoarding and unipole, application for loudspeaker permit, application for vehicle permit and permit to hold meeting with loud speaker. It is pertinent to mention here that all the permissions have been digitized and the Political Parties/ Candidates can apply for them directly through SUVIDHA. The Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, encourages the candidates and political parties participating in the 2024 Assembly Elections to utilize these services. For further information, candidates and political parties are requested to visit the portal at <https://suvidha.eci.gov.in>.

ISM Doctor Zahoor...

the offense under Section 471 of the RPC, he received another year of simple imprisonment and a Rs 25,000 fine, with a further three months of imprisonment for non-payment. The sentences will run consecutively, meaning Dr. Tantray will serve a total of two years in Central Jail, Srinagar. The court also ordered that any time already spent in detention during the investigation and trial would be deducted from the total sentence. This landmark judgment underlines the serious nature of filing false RTI applications, misuse of important tools of transparency and the broader implications for public trust and administrative transparency.

Chugh visits BJP's...

conferences and evaluated the infrastructure installed for media communications and related tasks. During the visit, Chugh was joined by MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, Chairman of the Election Campaign Committee, Ashish Sood, Seh-Prabhari, J&K BJP, RP Singh and Shazia Ilmi, BJP National Spokespersons, Aseem Gupta, Convener of the Election Management Committee, Pawan Khajuria, Co-convener and BJP Vice President of J&K. Expressing satisfaction, Chugh observed that the election war room is well-equipped to counter the misinformation and propaganda launched by the opposition parties. He emphasized that this facility will be instrumental in highlighting the BJP's programs, policies, and the significant achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi government ensuring effective campaign planning and execution during the elections. Furthermore, Chugh appreciated the efforts made by the party's election management teams, stating that the war room would act as the nerve center of the BJP's electoral strategy in Jammu and Kashmir. From here, the party will coordinate outreach activities, monitor the opposition's tactics, and swiftly address any challenges or misinformation, he added. Chugh said the war room will streamline communication between the party and the electorate, ensuring that BJP's messaging remains consistent and its vision for J&K reaches every corner of the region. He expressed confidence that the party's strong campaign will resonate with the people, bringing them closer to the party's vision for development and progress in the Union Territory. Chugh emphasized the importance of media relations in modern campaigning, saying, "This war room will not only be a center for internal strategy but will also serve as a dedicated space for engaging with the media." Referring to BJP's powerful and impactful campaign, Chugh announced that the BJP's election manifesto will be unveiled from this very war room in the coming days, signaling the party's clear vision for the future of Jammu & Kashmir.



BJP disciplined party...

and prosperity in the coming times. All the party leaders present on the occasion, made a commitment to strive for big victory of the party in the region.

Govt to set...

and up to three million indirect jobs being created through these planned areas. These projects will create an investment potential of about Rs 1.52 lakh crore. The decision followed the announcement by the government in the Budget for the development of 'plug and play' industrial parks in or near 100 cities in partnership with states and the private sector to boost manufacturing. Eight such cities are already under different stages of implementation. Trunk infrastructure has been created in four cities -- Dholera (Gujarat), Auric (Maharashtra), Vikram Udyogpuri (Madhya Pradesh) and Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and allotment of land plots is underway for the industry. Similarly, in the other four -- Tumakuru in Karnataka, Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, Nangal Chaudhary in Haryana, and Dadri, Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh, the government's special purpose vehicle (SPV) is in the process of constructing the basic infrastructure like road connectivity, water and power supply. With eight already under the development stage and the announcement of 12 new in the Budget, the total count of these cities in the country will reach 20. Briefing reporters on the decision, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said the projects are expected to complete in the next three years by 2027. "For these areas, land has been acquired to create world class infrastructure. They will be developed as greenfield smart cities of global standards," Goyal told reporters here. The cities, he said, will be developed as greenfield smart cities of global standards, built 'ahead of demand' on the 'plug-n-play' and 'walk-to-work' concepts. This approach ensures that the cities are equipped with advanced infrastructure that supports sustainable and efficient industrial operations. He said the projects will feature multi-modal connectivity infrastructure, ensuring seamless movement of people, goods, and services. By positioning India as a strong player in the global value chains (GVC), the NICDP will provide developed land parcels ready for immediate allotment, making it easier for domestic and international investors to set up manufacturing units in India. "Investors will get land easily in these areas. We already have taken basic environmental clearance. Anchor investors will get discounts," Goyal added. Hailing the move, Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on X, "The Cabinet has taken a very important decision of building 12 Industrial nodes/cities under National Industrial Corridor Development Programme. Apart from the significant infrastructure boost, it will enhance growth and create employment for many people." The ministry said India will soon wear a "grand necklace" of industrial smart cities now. The Rs 28,602-crore investments include land cost, which is about Rs 11,000 crore. Goyal added that countries like Singapore and Switzerland, too, have shown interest to collaborate in these townships. "Switzerland has showed interest and they are keen for a dedicated area for them. Similarly, Singapore has also showed interest," the minister said. The salient features of these greenfield industrial smart cities include potable and recycled water supply, power, effluent treatment plants, multi-modal connectivity, gas pipeline, e-land management system, online application processing, telecom network and modular sizing of plots.

Over 1,000 acres will be developed in Khurpia in Uttarakhand with an investment of Rs 1,265 crore. The focus sectors for this area will be auto and engineering. In Rajpura Patiala (Punjab), 1,099 acres will be developed with Rs 1,367 crore. The main sectors that can come up in this city include electronics, food and beverages, machinery, textiles, and pharma. On this, Goyal said the state has assured him of full cooperation for the project. Further, on special request of Uttar Pradesh, an industrial area at only 352 acres will be set in Prayagraj with an investment of Rs 658 crore. National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) normally develops these projects on land parcels of 1,000 acres and above. Dighi Port Industrial Area in Maharashtra with 6,056 acres will be the second largest city after Dholera in Gujarat. This area will be developed with an investment of Rs 5,469 crore and the focus segments will be engineering, pharma, textiles, and chemicals. Similarly, Zaheerabad in Telangana will be set up on 3,245 acres with an investment of Rs 2,361 crore. In this area, the minister said Hyundai has decided to take 450 acres for the auto hub.

'Nod for e-auction...

and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said the private FM radio roll out in 234 new cities and towns will fulfill the unmet demand for FM radio in these areas which still remain uncovered by private FM radio broadcasting. Vaishnav also said that the government was yet to take a decision on allowing news broadcasts on private FM channels. "When those reforms take place, we will present it before you," he said to questions on allowing news broadcast on private FM channels. Vaishnav said the Union Cabinet has also approved a major simplification of the one-time non-refundable entry fee charged from FM radio channels. Some of the issues flagged by the radio industry on improving financial health of radio channels have also been approved by the cabinet. The 234 cities to be covered by FM Radio channels, include 32 in Uttar Pradesh, followed by Andhra Pradesh (22), Madhya Pradesh (20), Rajasthan (19), Bihar (18), Karnataka (16), West Bengal (13), 11 each in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, and 10 in Telangana. The new FM channels will bring local content in mother tongue to listeners in the respective regions. Many of the approved towns are in aspirational districts and the Left Wing Affected areas. Setting up of private FM radio in these areas will further strengthen the government outreach in these areas, the statement said. Vaishnav said the FM radio channels will be auctioned in a very transparent manner. "We are adopting the best practices that we have seen in the telecom sector. We will be using the same process very transparently. TRAI is the broadcast regulator and it has made some recommendations regarding the auction process, so it will be done as per that process," he said. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has invited proposals from the companies to facilitate the auction process. The ministry company will be responsible for providing all incidental services until the successful bidders are selected. This firm will also work to generate market interest and excitement about the auction in India. Currently, there are 388 FM radio stations in 113 cities across 26 states and five Union Territories.

Death toll rises...

At least four government schools and a couple of other structures also suffered damages, while three parked private vehicles were washed away by the flash floods, the officials said.

'Enough is enough...

continuing protests. The president gave the article after a detailed conversation on topical issues with a team of PTI senior editors, who called on her at Rashtrapati Bhavan to mark the 77th anniversary of the news agency's founding on August 27, 1947. "Even as students, doctors and citizens were protesting in Kolkata, criminals remained on the prowl elsewhere. The victims include even kindergarten girls," Murmu said. During the interaction, she recalled her recent meeting with a group of school-children on Raksha Bandhan. "They asked me innocently if they could be assured that there would be no recurrence of the Nirbhaya-type incident in future," the president said, referring to the brutal rape and murder of a physiotherapy intern in Delhi in December 2012. She noted that an outraged nation then made plans and devised strategies, and the initiatives did make some difference. In the 12 years since, there have been countless tragedies of similar nature though only few drew nationwide attention, Murmu said. "Did we learn our lessons? As social protests petered out, these incidents got buried into a deep and inaccessible recess of social memory, to be recalled only when another heinous crime takes place," she said. "Taking a macro view of the rights of women, she said they have had to fight for every inch of ground they have won. Social prejudices as well as some customs and practices have always opposed the expansion of women's rights, Murmu added. "This is a rather deplorable mindset... This mindset sees the female as a lesser human being, less powerful, less capable, less intelligent," she wrote. In her view, it is the objectification of women by a few that is behind the crimes against women. "It is ingrained deeply in the minds of such people," the president said, stressing that countering this mindset is a task for both the State and society. Acknowledging that there have been laws and social campaigns, she said, "Yet, there is something that continues to come in the way and to torment us." History, the president said, "often hurts" and societies scared to face history resort to "collective amnesia" to bury their heads in the sand like the proverbial ostrich. "Now the time has come not only to face history squarely but also to search within our souls and probe the pathology of crimes against women," she said in her impassioned appeal. "Let us deal with this perversion in a comprehensive manner so as to curb it right at the beginning. We can do this only if we honour the memory of the victims by cultivating a social culture of remembering them to remind us of our failures in the past and prepare us to be more vigilant in future," Murmu said. The society needs honest, unbiased self-introspection, and ask itself some difficult questions, the president said. "Where have we erred? And what can we do to remove the errors? Without finding out the answer to that question, the half of our population cannot live as freely as the other half," she said.

Asks media to...

that does not get reflected in day to day behaviour," Murmu said, recalling Rabindranath Tagore's famous poem "Where The Mind Is Without Fear". She stated that the image of the media should not be tarnished. "Apni chhavi bhi kharab na ho (the image of media shouldnt get blemished). Logon ka vishwas jeetna chahiye (you have to win the confidence of the people)." In her message to PTI on its 77th foundation day, the president said the Press Trust of India was established barely a few days after India won independence. "This news agency has been in the enviable position of chronicling the journey of the nation, right since its inception." PTI, she said, has been "one of the most indispensable parts of India's journalism". "It (PTI) has upheld the highest standards of news writing and reporting. As a result, it enjoys high credibility, and remains an inspiring model," she said. The role of PTI in India has been crucial as timely dissemination of news in an impartial manner is crucial to the health of democracy, she said. "I am sure that PTI will continue to raise the bar of excellence and serve the cause of democracy for decades to come. My hearty best wishes to all those associated with PTI," she added.

Ex-Srinagar Mayor...

Muhammad Altaf Bukhari Sahab and my colleagues and wish them well," Mattu said in a post on X. Mattu, who changed three parties in the past six years, did not spell out his future plans. He entered politics by joining the People's Conference led by Sajad Gani Lone in 2009. He served as the party's spokesperson before quitting it in 2013 for the National Conference. He left the NC in 2018. He rejoined the People's Conference and became the mayor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation with the help of the BJP in 2018. Mattu left the PC to join the Apni Party in 2020. "During my Hajj pilgrimage earlier this year, I had taken a solemn pledge to uphold my conviction and do a politics guided by my own principles and a sense of discerning the right from the wrong," Mattu said in the post.

He said one should not criticise the party one has been a part of but "my own convictions are no longer congruent or symmetrical with the ideology of the party and in this situation to still remain associated with the party or to contest elections as a party candidate would be outrightly disingenuous". He said the Apni party is now at liberty to field an appropriate candidate from Zaidal in his place.

Dumper plunges into...

Batote, was found critically injured by the rescuers and was taken to sub-district hospital in Banihal, the officials said. The driver succumbed to his injuries while being shifted to the Government Medical College and Hospital, Anantnag, for specialised treatment, they said.

Plantation drive held at JDA Park

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: On World Environment Day, the Prime Minister launched the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" Plant4Mother campaign, with ambitious goals to plant 50 crore trees by September and 140 crore trees by March 2025. In support of this initiative, the Regional Office of NHIDCL Jammu, in collaboration with the J&K Social Forestry Department and Jammu Development Authority, conducted a plantation drive at Lower Roopnagar, Jammu Development Authority (JDA) Park on Wednesday. Over 250 trees were planted as part of this effort. Additionally, the PMU NHIDCL Akhnoor actively participated in the campaign. Looking ahead, the NHIDCL Jammu Regional Office plans to plant between 800 and 1,000 more trees at ITI Jammu, the Regional Institute of Health & Family Welfare in Nagrota, and Khel Gaon (Cricket Stadium) Nagrota during the current monsoon season. EPC contractors involved in various road projects are also contributing by planting over 1,500 trees along medians and roadsides throughout this financial year. This collaborative effort reflects a strong commitment to environmental conservation and contributes significantly to the broader national reforestation goals.

Absconder arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: In continuation to its drive against the Absconders/Criminals, Police apprehended an absconder who was wanted in a case FIR registered at Police Station Vijaypur district Samba during the year 2017. A Police team of PS Bari Brahmana succeeded in apprehending the absconder namely Anil Sharma, son of Tilk Raj, resident of Pattli Morh Gawal Tehsil Bari Brahmana District Samba wanted in case FIR No. 56/2017 U/S 382/34 IPC Samba registered at PS Vijaypur. The said accused was evading his arrest since 2017 after the commission of the crime. Accordingly, the said absconder produced in the court of law and sent to District Jail Kathua. Thus the arrest warrant 512 CrPC issued against him got executed.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 3 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources. In an operation which was carried out at different locations in South Zone of District Jammu, PP Phallain Mandal detained 01 truck and 01 JCB machine loaded with sand seized under illegal mining. On other hand, PP Greater Kailash under PSI Wasim Bhatti seized 01 tractor trolley. In all, 02 vehicles have been seized in jurisdiction of PS Satwari and 01 vehicle in PS Gangyal of South Zone by JKP. After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Narcotic smuggling bid foiled, 1.3 kg Charas like substance recovered, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: In a major success continuing JKP's #WarOnDrugs offensive to contain the spread of narcotic drugs & psychotropic substances, District Police Udhampur recovered approx 01 Kg 315 Grams of Charas like contraband substance from 02 narcotic smugglers at Chenani nakapoint, NHW. Police party of PS Chenani led by its SHO while performing routine vehicle checking at Chenani nakapoint. During naka checking, police party stopped one vehicle (Audi Car) bearing registration no. DL8CZ - 9667 for thorough search. During search of said vehicle, approx 01kg 315 grams of charas like substance was recovered from the possession of 02 narcotic smugglers who have been arrested on the spot. The said narcotic consignment along with the involved vehicle seized. In this connection, a case under relevant sections of law stands registered in PS Chenani and further investigation of the case is taken up.

3 drug peddlers arrested, 9 grams heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substances abuse under Operation SANJEEVANI, R.S.Pura Police achieved success by recovering 9 grams of heroin like substance from 03 drug peddlers in the area under the jurisdiction of PS R.S.Pura. A Police team of PS R.S.Pura led by SHO PS R.S.Pura assisted by Police officials on 27.08.2024 while on routine patrolling, established a Naka at Burey De Kothey, Near Lovely Palace and rounded up 03 suspected persons on motorcycle bearing registration No. JK02AL-9025, later identified as 1. Anit Singh S/o Swaran Lal R/o Bidhipur Jattan Tehsil Suchetgarh District Jammu 2. Mohd Saleem S/o Mohd Rasheed R/o Karowa, Jaganoo Tehsil and District Udhampur 3. Vishal Kumar S/o Kewal Krishan R/o Nandpur, Miran Sahib Tehsil R.S.Pura District Jammu. During search, 9 grams of heroin like substance got recovered from their possession. In this regard, case FIR No. 189/2024 U/S 8/21/22/29/60 NDPS Act stands registered at PS R.S.Pura and accused got arrested.

2 vehicles seized; 2 arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM : Police in Kulgam arrests 02 drivers and seized 02 vehicles for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. A police party led by IC PP Mirbazar along with a team of geology and mining department Kulgam seized 2 vehicles (Dumpers) & arrested 2 drivers involved in illegal extraction/ transportation of minerals at Manigam Crossing. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No 208/2024 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Qazigund and investigation has been initiated. Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with their concerned police units.

2nd day of Sports Festival held at GDC Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: On the occasion of National Sports Day the 2nd day activity was held at GDC Udhampur. In this the long race and tug-of-war competitions in both men and women section were held. The Theme of National Sports Day 2024 in india is "Sport for the Promotion of Peaceful and Inclusive Societies". On Wednesday the Race was flagged off by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Principal GDC Udhampur. In his address, he emphasized students and staff to perform sports activity 2 hours daily for healthy lifestyle. In Long Race (10 km) Men category competition Gagandeep of BA 5th Sem stood 1st and Rakesh Singh of Sem 5th was Runner up. In Long Race (5 km) Women category competition Sonia of 3rd sem stood 1st and Sumeet of 3rd Sem was runner up. In Tug-of-War Men Competition Shivaji Team beat Tagore Team 2-1 and In Tug-of-War women Competition Shivaji Team beat Ashoka Team 2-1. Nearly 100 students participated during the 2nd day of sports festival. Shashi Kumar Sharma (Physical Director) coordinated the sports festival. During the event the faculty members present were Dr. Mohinder Pal (Convener Sports Committee), Dr. Jagjeet Singh (Staff secretary), Dr. Firdoos Ahmad Itoo (Convener Red-Ribbon Club), Dr. Revika Arora (Co-Convener Red-Ribbon Club), Prof. Vijay Kumar (NCC officer) and Sunil Kumar (Pharmacist). Refreshment was served to all the participants.