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ECI issues notification for Ph-II J&K assembly elections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday issued election notification for the 2nd phase of the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir.

26 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in the districts of Ganderbal, Srinagar, Budgam, Reasi, Rajouri and Poonch shall go to polls in the second phase.

In Kashmir Division 15 Assembly Constituencies, comprising 17-Kangan (ST); 18-Ganderbal; 19-Hazratbal; 20-Khanyar; 21-Habbakadal; 22-Lal Chowk; 23-Channapora; 24-Zadibal; 25-Bidigh; 26-Central Shalteng; 27-Budgam; 28-Berwah; 29-Khansahib; 30-Chrar-I-Sharief; 31-Chadoora; and in Jammu Division 11 Assembly Constituencies comprising 56-Gulabgarh (ST);

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Over 300 additional paramilitary companies to be deployed for J&K polls

JAMMU: Over 300 additional companies of paramilitary forces will be deployed in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the three-phase assembly elections commencing from September 18 in the union territory, officials said on Thursday.

According to the officials, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of the Jammu-Kathua range, Shiv Kumar Sharma arrived at the Police Reception Centre (PRC) at Bari Brahmna Railway Station on Wednesday night to welcome the arriving forces.

DIG Sharma assessed the accommodation facilities for the paramilitary forces and briefed the officers on the sensitivity and importance of their duties, emphasising full cooperation with local police forces, the officials said. Accompanied by senior officers, the DIG also addressed concerns raised by the security personnel, assuring them of prompt resolution, they added. These paramilitary forces will be stationed across Jammu, Kathua and Samba districts to maintain security during the assembly elections in the union territory.

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Draft Electoral Roll Extract for Kashmiri Migrants published

JAMMU: Taking further the ECI's proactive approach to accommodate the needs of Kashmiri migrants and enhancing their electoral participation, the Jammu and Kashmir Election Department has published the draft electoral roll extracts of Kashmiri Migrants. Additionally, it has mapped the 19 Special Polling Stations in Jammu to the camps and zones individually, ensuring that every zone has at least one special polling station.

"Draft electoral roll extracts have been generated from actual Voter lists and published for information of Kashmiri Migrants to submit any claims of omission of names, or opting to vote at their original polling station in Kashmir valley or

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Northern Army commander visits Sunderbani sector

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General M V Suchindra Kumar visited the troops along the Line of Control (LoC) and hinterland in Rajouri sector on Thursday and asked them to maintain comprehensive operational readiness.

The Army commander is undertaking visits to the border areas to review the security measures in place ahead of the three-phase assembly elections in the Union territory commencing on September 18.

"Lt Gen M V SuchindraKumar, Army Commander Northern Command accompanied by WhiteKnight Corps Commander visited forward areas along the line of control in Sunderbani Sector to review the prevalent security situation," the Army's Northern Command said on X. It said he was briefed on the synergy between security forces and operational

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Three terrorists killed in ops along LoC in Kupwara: Army

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Three terrorists have been killed in two separate anti-infiltration operations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district, the army said on Thursday.

Operations in the Machhal and Tangdhar areas were launched on Wednesday following intelligence inputs, it said.

In a post on X, the army's Srinagar-based Chinarcops said, "Based on intelligence inputs with respect to likely infiltration bids, a joint operation was launched by the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police on the intervening night of August 28 and 29 in the general area Machhal, Kupwara."

"Suspicious movement was observed in bad weather and was engaged with effective firing by troops; two terrorists are likely to have

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Army Officer Brig H K Dhinkar briefing media at Kupwara.

Encounter breaks out following search ops in Rajouri Distt

RAJOURI/JAMMU: An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday in Rajouri district after troops launched a cordon and search operation in response to suspected militant movement, officials said.

"A search operation was launched by security forces in the general area of village Kheri Mohra Lathi and Dantahl in Rajouri district at 2130 hours on Wednesday night (following suspected terrorist movement)," a police spokesperson said.

During the search operation, at around 2345 hours, a contact was established with terrorists, leading to an exchange of fire between the militants and security forces near Kheri Mohra area, the spokesperson added.

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Cash, drugs, liquor worth Rs 5.71 Cr seized in first 12 days of enforcement of MCC

Committed to uphold sanctity of electoral process: J&K CEO

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In its mission to uphold the sanctity of electoral process and to accomplish the mission of Election Commission of India (ECI) to provide an equitable field to all the contestants in the forthcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Election 2024, the enforcement agencies across the J&K Union Territory seized Rs 5.71 crore worth of cash and other material including drugs and liquor in first 12 days of enforcement of Model Code of Conduct.

The cash and other freebies seized were meant for influ-

encing the voters during the J&K Assembly Election which are scheduled to commence from 18 September, 2024 in 3 phases across the Union Territory wherein above 88 lakh voters are eligible to exercise their electoral franchise.

"From the date of announcement of General Election to Legislative Assembly of J&K by Election Commission of India, Rs 5.71 crores worth drugs, cash and liquor have been seized by various enforcement agencies in J&K UT in first 12 days of

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LG Sinha attends Monsoon Music Fest 'Boondan Phuhar' at New Delhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday attended Monsoon Music festival 'Boondan Phuhar', organised by Girija Darshan Trust, at New Delhi.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the organisers for the musical evening of Ragas dedicated to rainy season.

The Lt Governor also lauded the significant contribution of Vidushi Sunanda Sharma, a distinguished disciple of Girija Devi & Pt. Sudarshan Sharma, for preserving

and promoting the rich musical and artistic heritage of Banaras.

Vidushi Sunanda Sharma, an Indian

Classical Vocalist from Banaras Gharana, enthralled the audience, through her soulful rendition of classical ragas. She

was accompanied by Ghulam Ali on Sarangi, Mithilesh Jha on Tabla and Vinay Mishra on harmonium.

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LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering at Monsoon Music festival 'Boondan Phuhar' being organised by Girija Darshan Trust at New Delhi.

ACB registers 2nd case of criminal misconduct against then DMO Kathua, others

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday registered second case of criminal misconduct against the then District Mineral Officer (DMO) Kathua and others.

"A joint surprise check was conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau in the office of District Mineral Officer (DMO), Kathua to look into the allegations that Bodh Raj, the then DMO Kathua, by abuse of his official position and in connivance with some private persons (Lessee owners) manipulated official record

and allowed stone crusher owners for illegal mining of areas without any legal permission/clearance", a statement issued by the ACB stated, adding that it was also alleged that private persons were operating in his office, involved in collecting huge amounts within the office premises etc. .

"On the basis of the joint surprise check, a prima facie case of criminal misconduct was found made out against the accused the then DMO Kathua Bodh Raj and others under offences punishable U/s 7, 13(1)(a) r/w section 13 (2) of PC Act 1988,

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SCO meeting in Islamabad: Pakistan invites PM Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Council of Heads of Government meeting to be held here in October.

Pakistan holds the rotating chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government (CHG) and in that capacity, will be hosting the two-day in-person SCO Heads of Governments Meeting in October.

"Invitations have been sent to the heads of countries to participate in the meeting which will take place on October 15-16. An invitation has also been sent to the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi (too)," Foreign Office Spokesperson Muntaz Zahra Baloch told the weekly press briefing.

Some countries have already confirmed participation (for the meeting), which will be informed

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J&K has moved from stones to laptop: Chugh 'Challenge Abdullah, Mufti's for debate'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also party in charge for Jammu and Kashmir, on Thursday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought about a historic transition in the Union Territory.

He said a new era had set in for the people where J&K had transformed from stones to laptops.

Addressing a press conference here, Chugh dared Abdullah's, Mufti's and Gandhi's to have an open debate with BJP on the situation J&K witnessed post August 5, 2019.

"I am ready for an open debate with Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti and those from the Gandhi family. Let the media decide time and venue," Chugh said.

He said: "Let Omar and Mehbooba debate with us on

what has changed post abrogation of article 370. We have the official figures on terror incidents, civilian killings, security forces' deaths and stone pelting incidents before August 5, 2019

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BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh briefing media in Jammu on Thursday.

One killed, 8 injured as vehicle falls into gorge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: One person was killed and eight others were injured when their vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Poonch district on Thursday, officials said.

The incident took place on the Mughal road at Chandimarah area, they said.

Nine people were injured in the incident. Upon receiving information, the police reached the spot and rushed the injured to the hospital, they said.

One person, identified as Yasir, among the injured, died on the way to the hospital. Others are undergoing treatment, they added.

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Modi meets IFS trainees, says India engages with world on equal footing

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday met officer trainees of the 2023 batch of the Indian Foreign Service and asserted that India engages with the world on an

"equal footing, with mutual respect and dignity".

During the meeting, the trainees praised the success of the foreign policy under Modi's leadership and sought guidance from him on their upcoming new assignments.

Modi suggested to the Officer Trainees to expand their engagement with the Indian diaspora when posted abroad, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office said.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with officer trainees of 2023 batch of IFS.

Major reshuffle in judiciary; 102 Prpl Session Judges, CJMs/Sub-Judges transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a full Court meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan, 57 District & Sessions Judges and 45 Chief Judicial Magistrates/Sub-Judges including promotees have been transferred.

According to the order issued by Registrar General J&K Shahzad Azeem, Sanjay Parihar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Member J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu on deputation; Yash Paul Bourney, Director, J&K Judicial Academy as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu; Jaffer Hussain Beg, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Anantnag as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar; Ashok Kumar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kathua as Member, J&K

Special Tribunal, Srinagar on deputation; Ravinder Nath Watal, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Rajouri as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Samba; Jawad Ahmad, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Baramulla; Haq Nawaz Zargar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur as Special Judge, Anti Corruption, Jammu; Tahir Khurshid Raina, Special Judge, Anti Corruption,

Jammu as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Anantnag; Sonia Gupta, Principal District & Sessions Judge Reasi has been transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of the Chief Justice (A) for her appointment as Director, J&K Judicial Academy; S.C Kattal, Special Judge, Anti Corruption (CBI Cases), Srinagar as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Reasi; Jatinder Singh Janwal, 3rd Additional District and Sessions Judge, Udhampur; Khalil Ahmad Choudhary, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Budgam as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Bandipora; Rajeev Gupta, Member, J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu is repatriated from deputation and posted as Principal

District & Sessions Judge, Rajouri; Chain Lal Bavoria, 2nd Additional District and Sessions Judge, Jammu as Presiding Officer, MACT, Jammu on deputation; Ritesh Kumar Dubey, charge on retirement of present incumbent Mirza Riyaz Ul Haq, Ranbir Singh Jasrotia, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Ramban as 1st Additional District and Sessions Judge, Jammu; Masarat Roohi, Principal Judge, Family Court, Srinagar as Additional District and Sessions Judge, Anantnag; Balbir Lal, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Anantnag as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Bhandarwah; Kusoom Lata Pandita, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Kathua as Additional District Judge, Bank Cases (Commercial Court), Srinagar; Aijaz Ahmad Khan, Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court, Budgam as Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kulgam; Deepak Sethi, Additional

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WEATHER
Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 28.2°C Min: 24.1°C
Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 93
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.5°C Min: 17.7°C
Humidity
Max: 99 Min: 90
Sunset : 18:59 Hours
Sunrise : 06:03 Hours