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483 candidates file ...

AC; 14 from 11-Gulmarg AC; 13 from 12-Wagoora- Kreeri AC; while 14 candidates have filed nomination from 13-Pattan AC.
In Bandipora district, 22 candidates have filed nomination from 14-Sonawari AC; 23 from 15-Bandipora AC; while 5 candidates have filed nomination from 16-Gurez (ST) AC.
The notification for the 3rd Phase was issued on 5 September, 2024 and the last date for filing the nominations was today, i.e. 12 September, 2024 till 3:00 pm.
The nomination papers will be scrutinized by the respective Returning Officers on 13 September, 2024, while the candidates can withdraw their nomination paper by or before 17 September, 2024 upto 3:00 pm in the office of Returning Officer. Thereafter, validly nominated candidates will be in the electoral fray.
The polling day for these 40 Assembly constituencies in 3rd Phase is scheduled for October 01, 2024, and the voting will be conducted from 07:00 AM to 06:00 PM.

ECI team take...

any last minute confusion amongst voters about their polling stations.
Reiterating the commission's commitment to establish a solid foundation for Assembly Elections, the ECI officials took stock of the J&K Election Department's efforts towards enhancing participation of voters and candidate, campaigning and election festivities.
The ECI team reinforced the other directions of the Commission given from time to time in the past.
Concluding their visit on Thursday, the ECI team expressed satisfaction with the preparedness for the upcoming elections and exhorted the officers to continue their efforts to ensure a historic voter turnout in the polls.

Properties of drug...

his son Abdul Majeed alias Bhallu resident of Lower Ragoora (Dawara) Jammu were attached under Section 68(E)(F) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the officer said.
During the course of investigation and enquiry conducted by Jammu police, it has been established that the property above has been acquired through the proceeds of narcotics trade, he added. Three cases have been registered against the accused, the officer said.

Chugh questions Abdullah...

370 and those supporting Narendra Modi's development agenda for J&K."
Chugh urged the people of Samba to vote for the BJP and ensure the victory of their candidate, Surjit Singh Salathia.

This is 1st assembly...

National Spokesperson, Prem Shukla, J&K BJP Chief Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi, Election Media Center Incharge and BJP Spokesperson, Arun Gupta and BJP Spokesperson, Abhijeet Jasrotia were also present in the press conference.
"After 42nd amendment in the Indian Constitution, government here in J&K adopted the 6 year term for Assembly but did not add the word secular in its constitution," Sudhanshu said.
At that time, J&K had its own Constitution but after abrogation of Article 370, there is one Constitution, he said.
"This is first election after J&K became secular, first election under one flag and also first election with no stone pelting, no ISIS and Pak flags and no hartals," he said, adding, "This is also the first election in J&K after OBCs got reservation".
This election will also be the first election when the Assembly term would be of 5 years, he said.
The NC and Cong want to revive terrorism and separatism, he said and questioned, "Cong must tell who would be released from jails, is it Yasin Malik, Asiya Andrabi or Shabir Shah?".
Sudhanshu Trivedi also slammed Rahul Gandhi for meeting and talking to those who don't consider PoJK as part of India but part of Pakistan.
"Rahul recently met some people in USA who do not consider PoJK as part of India but consider it as part of Pakistan," he said and added, "Indian Parliament had passed a resolution saying that PoJK is an integral part of India and Rahul by meeting such people has insulted the Indian Parliament".
He said the Home Minister in the Congress government, Sushil Kumar Shinde had recently said that he was afraid of going to Kashmir, adding, "PM Modi has restored peace in Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370 and record number of over 2 crore tourists visited the Valley".
After 33 years, Muharram procession was taken out in Kashmir, he said adding that J&K is the only state having 2 AIIMS and other prestigious professional and technical educational institutions.

India successfully flight...

vertical launcher, aiming at a high-speed aerial target flying at a low altitude.
The missile system successfully "tracked and engaged the target", they said.
The flight test aimed at validating multiple updated elements of the weapon system, the defence officials said.
The performance of the system was "meticulously tracked and confirmed by various instruments" such as telemetry deployed at ITR Chandipur.
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh praised the teams from DRDO and the Indian Navy for their achievement, stating that this test reaffirms the reliability and effectiveness of the VL-SRSAM weapon system.
DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat congratulated the teams and said that the system will significantly enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Navy and serve as a force multiplier.
Before the test, around 3,100 people residing within a radius of 2.5 kilometres of the launch pad were shifted to temporary shelters, a Balasore district official said.
The district administration also informed these people that they would need to be shifted again to temporary camps on Friday.
The people have been requested to start shifting from 5 am to temporary shelters and return to their respective villages after the administration gives them a green signal, the revenue officer.
These are the measures taken in consultation with the ITR authority at Chandipur for safety, he added.

My politics centered...

his recent illness and said, "I was unwell, but with the blessings and prayers of my well-wishers, I am recovering. Now, I have come to stand with my candidates, whose only aim is to help people and become their voice."
Azad said that the leaders in his party are not driven by a hunger for power but are focused on bringing meaningful change to their constituencies.
"This is the only mission I have," he said while expressing his disappointment with the way other parties use false slogans to mislead the people, questioning why they cannot be truthful and focus on real development issues. "For how long will they continue to exploit the people?" Azad asked.
"I cannot leave my people in the hands of those who will only further exploit them," he said and reaffirmed his commitment to stand by his people and work for their betterment, challenging other parties to speak the truth and address genuine development needs. He slammed the parties that seek to defame independent candidates stating, "Everyone has the freedom to participate in elections; no one is the custodian of Jammu & Kashmir."
Azad emphasized the importance of democratic participation, especially for the youth, whether they belong to his party or others. He added, "If people, especially the youth, want to participate in elections, even those who have left my party, I will not speak against them. Instead, we must support them." He stressed the need to encourage and welcome those who wish to join the mainstream and contribute to the political process.
Azad stated, "I left national politics to bring change in J&K. I have to complete the pending works which were my dream because I was not able to complete my term as Chief Minister."
Azad highlighted his developmental achievements both as the Chief Minister and as the Union Health Minister, asserting, "The development which I have done as CM and Union Health Minister is in the public domain."
He challenged other political parties to present their accomplishments, saying, "Now I challenge the other parties to show me their work. They will only exploit people."
Azad, reflecting on his tenure as Chief Minister, stated, "As Chief Minister, I established 8 districts and secretariats where all officers are available in one building. We set up 41 degree colleges, developed the Tulip Garden, introduced a double and triple shift work culture, and built several hospitals, schools, roads, flyovers, Hajj House, and Yatri Niwas. We have to push this development further."

Unauthorized absentee cannot...

called for: The petitioner was not holding any civil post under the State on substantive basis and, therefore, Article 311 of the Constitution of India or for that matter the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules,

1956 were not attracted or applicable.
The petitioner Shabir Ahmad Ahanger in this petition filed under Section 226 of the Constitution of India seeks to challenge the judgment dated 17th February 2021 passed by Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench, Jammu (the Tribunal) in TA No. 6317/2020 (SWP No. 1042/2005) titled Shabir Ahmad Ahanger vs. State of JK & Ors. whereby the Tribunal has dismissed the petition filed by the petitioner to throw challenge to order No. 631 of 2002 dated 18.10.2002 passed by Senior Superintendent of Police, District Pulwama. The impugned judgment is assailed on multiple grounds. However, before we advert to the grounds of challenge urged by counsel for the petitioner, we deem it appropriate to refer to the material facts which are germane to the disposal of this petition.
The petitioner came to be appointed as Constable in the J&K Police in the year 2000 and was put on probation. On 28th February 2002, the petitioner was deputed to undergo basic recruitment training course at Manigam. The petitioner absented from training w.e.f 4th March 2002 and was thus reverted to his parent district by PTS Manigam vide order issued under Endorsement No. 1222-24 dated 29th March 2002. The petitioner reported to the District Superintendent of Police concerned on 21st July 2002 for duties and was permitted. However, on 18th August 2002, he again absented unauthorisedly and reported back on 22nd August 2002. Finally, on 25th August 2002, the petitioner again absented from duty unauthorisedly and did not report. The Dy. SP (DAR) Pulwama conducted a departmental enquiry against the petitioner and recommended his discharge from service w.e.f. 25th August 2002. Taking note of frequent unauthorized absence of the petitioner during probation, the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Pulwama vide order No. 631 of 2002 dated 18th October 2002 discharged the petitioner from service w.e.f 25th August 2002 on the ground that the petitioner had failed to prove himself a good police official during his probation. It is this order of the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Pulwama which was called in question by the petitioner before the Tribunal. The Tribunal considered the rival contentions and the material on record and arrived at the conclusion that the discharge of the petitioner during probation which was not in any manner stigmatic in nature and, therefore, perfectly legal. The petitioner was, thus, dismissed vide order and judgment impugned passed by the Tribunal.

J&K to be...

support for the BJP to take forward Jammu and Kashmir to new scales of progress and prosperity with focus on restoration of complete normalcy and consolidation of the peace brought post abrogation of Article 370.
Thakur castigated the National Conference, the Congress and the PDP for their rhetoric on Article 370, saying this can never be brought back as long as Narendra Modi is in power. He accused these parties of pushing back Jammu and Kashmir to morass again by providing oxygen to terrorism and separatism, releasing terrorists and stone pelters, as they believe in politics of graveyards. He said the three dynastic parties' thirst for blood does not seem to have quenched after the death of over 45,000 people in terror violence, which is why they are seeking repeal of the Public Safety Act from Jammu and Kashmir; he said and asked how low they can get for lust of power. He referred to the divisive and disastrous agenda furthered from Jawaharlal Nehru to now Rahul Gandhi and said that their only agenda has been to satiate their nefarious interests.
Lauding the people in assembling such huge numbers, Thakur said this reflects that Nagrota Constituency is going to emerge as the number one constituency for the BJP getting a huge mandate on October 8.
Anurag Thakur said while the NC, Congress and the PDP were furthering their nefarious agenda of pushing J&K to a dark tunnel of violence and instability, the BJP has been working towards its development. Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing the coming up of IITs, IIMs, IICs, Medical and Nursing Colleges apart from holistic development on all the fronts.
Speaking on the occasion, Ram Madhav said that the BJP freed the people of Jammu and Kashmir from the shackles of Article 370 that retarded its growth, progress and development for nearly seven decades.
Exuding confidence that the BJP will register a massive victory in the elections, Madhav said that while the Prime Minister made 10 ministers from Jammu after the 2014 elections in J&K, this point of time all the ministers will be from Jammu.
Ram Madhav expressed the hope that sagacious voters of Jammu and Kashmir will reject the politics being pursued by the National Conference, PDP, Lone and now Er Rashid's party, as they represent the regressive mindset of 1947 that caused huge dent to J&K ethos and retarded development. On the contrary, PM Modi's vision for Naya Jammu Kashmir is inclusive and opportunities for all as per Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas.
Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma exhorted the people to ensure massive support to the BJP to enable Prime Minister Narendra Modi realize his vision about prosperous and progressive Jammu and Kashmir.

Devender Rana described these elections as historic, saying Jammu region will be deciding the next government for Jammu and Kashmir, which will be inclusive with peace, harmony, development, progress and empowerment of youth, farmers, poor and marginalized top on its agenda.
Rana said "we are Dogras and the essence of our heritage, deeply intertwined with our rich history, vibrant culture, and cherished traditions, serves as the bedrock of our identity and Jammu's honour and Dogra pride will never be compromised".
He expressed his gratitude to the people of Nagrota Constituency and the BJP leadership for reposing faith in him to represent this segment again in the Legislative Assembly.
Devender Rana said he was humbled by the love and affection being bestowed upon him by the people of Nagrota Constituency and pledged to work for their welfare, development of the area and job creation for the youth in a big way.
Earlier, Devender Rana drove to the office of Returning Officer in a rally with enthusiastic Karykarts and the people raising slogans in favour of the BJP and the party candidate for the Nagrota Assembly Constituency.
The entire constituency wore a festive look to celebrate the festival of democracy with people old and young, men and women in their traditional attire gathering at the venue of the election rally. All roads of Nagrota appeared leading to the venue to be part of the historic moment in the constituency.

Yudhvir files nomination...

Minister and MP Anurag Thakur, Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, J&K BJP Working President Sat Sharma, former Minister Priya Sethi, BJP District President Parmodh Kapahi, and over 10,000 enthusiastic supporters were present during the event, making it a significant political moment in the city.
The rally, which commenced from Panjirthi, passed through various key markets of Jammu, culminating at the Town Hall where Yudhvir Sethi officially submitted his nomination papers. The vibrant procession highlighted the immense public support for Yudhvir Sethi, with people from all walks of life joining in, waving flags, and chanting slogans in his favor.
Yudhvir Sethi, who has been a key figure in Jammu's political landscape, expressed his gratitude to the people of Jammu East for their unwavering support. "The love and encouragement I have received from my constituency today further strengthens my resolve to work tirelessly for the development and prosperity of Jammu East. Together, we will continue to uphold the legacy of our party and the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a 'New India' and 'New Jammu & Kashmir'." Sethi said.
Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, and Sat Sharma, J&K BJP Working President, also addressed the gathering, highlighting Sethi's dedication to public service and his commitment to addressing the needs of the people. They emphasized that with leaders like Sethi, Jammu East is poised for a new era of progress and development.
Former Minister Priya Sethi highlighted Yudhvir's dedication to public service and his unwavering commitment to the people of Jammu East. She emphasized that Yudhvir has always worked towards empowering the community and improving infrastructure, and his candidacy represents a strong voice for progress and development in the region. She urged the people of East Constituency to continue their support in the upcoming polls, ensuring that Jammu East moves forward with renewed energy and growth under his leadership.
The rally was a spectacle of unity and strength, with BJP workers and supporters brimming with energy, showcasing the party's growing influence and momentum ahead of the elections. With Yudhvir Sethi's nomination now officially filed, the stage is set for an intense and spirited campaign in Jammu East, one that promises to bring the aspirations of the people to the forefront.

CPI M leader...

Yechury's family has donated his body to AIIMS for teaching and research purposes, the hospital said in a statement.
"It is with profound grief that we announce the passing away of CPI(M) general secretary, our beloved Comrade Sitaram Yechury, at 3.03 pm today, 12th September, at the AIIMS, New Delhi. He was suffering from a respiratory tract infection which developed complications," CPI(M) said in a post on X.
"We thank the doctors, nursing staff and the Director of the Institute for the excellent treatment and care extended to Comrade Yechury. Details of public viewing and homage will be informed," the CPI(M) said.
In a statement, the CPI(M) said Yechury's body will be kept at the party headquarters here between 11 am and 3 pm on Saturday for public viewing and paying hom-

age. Subsequently, the body will be taken to AIIMS, where it will be donated for medical research, according to his wishes.
Yechury was admitted to AIIMS on August 19 for treatment of a pneumonia-like chest infection.
He was critical and on oxygen support. Sources said he had a fungal infection in his lungs.
Yechury is survived by his wife Seema Chishti, an editor with news portal The Wire. He has three children -- two sons and a daughter: One of his sons Ashish Yechury passed away due to Covid-19 in 2021.
His daughter Akhila Yechury teaches at the University of Edinburgh and University of St Andrews.
Yechury was earlier married to Indrani Mazumdar.
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condoled the passing of CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and said he was a leading light of the Left known for his ability to connect across the political spectrum.
"Saddened by the passing away of Shri Sitaram Yechury ji. He was a leading light of the Left and was known for his ability to connect across the political spectrum," Modi said in a post on X.
"He also made a mark as an effective parliamentarian. My thoughts are with his family and admirers in this sad hour. Om Shanti," the prime minister said.
Meanwhile, former Jammu and Kashmir chief ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Ghulam Nabi Azad expressed shock over the passing of veteran CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury.
"Deeply saddened and shocked to hear about the passing of my dear friend Sitaram Yechury ji. We've lost a great statesman, a dedicated parliamentarian, and a remarkable human being. His demise is a tremendous loss for national politics. My heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and colleagues," Azad said in a post on X.

General, Police Observers review election preparations in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: As part of the preparations for the upcoming Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly Elections 2024, General Observers Vishwashree Boga and C.G. Rajini Kaanthan, along with Police Observer Ajay Singh on Thursday visited the District Election Office Samba to review the district's election preparedness.
During their visit, the District Election Officer (DEO) Rajesh Sharma and SSP Vinay Kumar briefed the observers on various election-related arrangements, including security measures, polling station readiness, and other logistic plans.
The Observers also interacted with the Nodal Officers present at the meeting, discussing their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the smooth conduct of the elections.
In addition to the briefing, the Observers inspected the Strong Room located within the Complex, where election materials will be securely stored. They reviewed the security arrangements and expressed satisfaction with the preparations, urging continued vigilance and strict adherence to protocols to ensure a seamless election process.
This visit was a crucial part of the pre-election review to ensure all necessary measures are in place for conducting free, fair and transparent elections in the district.

General, Police Observers review arrangements at Counting Center and Strong Room in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: General Observer for the Legislative Assembly Elections, S.A. Raman, along with Police Observer Ravi Ranjan Kumar today conducted an extensive inspection of the Counting Center and Strong Room located at GDC Boys and Government College for Women Udhampur.
The inspection was aimed at ensuring the smooth and secure conduct of the upcoming General Assembly Elections 2024 in Udhampur District.
Accompanied by District Election Officer Saloni Rai, along with senior civil and police officials, the observers focused on evaluating the overall preparedness and security arrangements at both the Counting Center and the Strong Room.
The visit was specifically organized to assess security protocols, logistic arrangements, and the infrastructure in place to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process.
Special attention was given to strengthening security measures to mitigate potential risks and to ensure the transparency of the vote counting process.
The team was briefed by DEO Udhampur on the existing security strategies and other arrangements made in accordance with the Election Commission of India's guidelines.

World Suicide Prevention Day observed at ANMT Doda

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: An awareness event with an interactive session was conducted in the conference hall of ANMT School Doda to observe the World Suicide Prevention Day.
The event was organised by the District Health Society and graced by Chief Medical Officer, Dr Om Kumar and attended by Principal ANMT Anusuya Bhan, Mohammad Shafi Attu, Mohd Faheem Butt, Sanjeev Rana, staff of CMO/Dy. CMO Office besides students of ANMT Doda.
The programme, themed "Changing the narrative start the conversation" was aimed to raise awareness and educate students on the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.
The CMO, while interacting with the students, emphasized stress management and had an interactive session on the subject. The target audience was the students of the ANMT School Doda. The students discussed the issues troubling them.
The interactive session encouraged students to share their thoughts and concerns, providing a safe space for discussion.
There was a unanimous opinion that the stakeholders should follow National Suicide Prevention Strategy in letter and spirit which is based on WHO recommended model.
The event marked a significant step towards promoting mental health awareness and encouraging youngsters to prioritize their well-being.

Voter awareness camp for Divyangjans, Senior citizens held at Panchayat Nagulta

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: A voter awareness camp for Persons with Disabilities was organized today by the Department of Social Welfare here at Panchayat Nagulta
Hosted on the directions of District Election Officer, Saloni Rai and under the guidance of District Social Welfare Officer, Kanika Gupta- the Nodal Officer, the camp was part of a series of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation programs focusing on Divyangjans and senior citizens.
During the event, Sarbpriya, a craft teacher, along with a team from the Social Welfare Department conducted a door-to-door awareness campaign.
They educated the public about the SAKSHAM Portal, launched by the Election Commission of India and various facilities provided by authorities, such as wheelchair accessibility at polling stations, ramps, and the provision for home voting. These initiatives ensure that every voter, whether a PwD or elderly, can participate in the voting process with ease and dignity. The team emphasized the importance of voting and encouraged the public to exercise their right to vote, urging them to motivate their family and friends to do the same.

Second Randomisation of polling staff held in Reasi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: In preparations for the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly-2024, the second Randomization of Polling Staff to be deployed at 436 Polling Stations across 3 Assembly Constituencies of Reasi District was held today in the presence of General Observer for AC-57 Reasi and AC-58 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Avi Prasad; General Observer for AC-56 Gulabgarh(ST) Saroj Kumar Sethi and DEO Vishesh Mahajan.
The personnel selected during the first randomization were assigned to different Assembly Constituencies. A database of 2140 employees was randomized and they were allotted different constituencies in the District. The Randomization process was conducted through dedicated Software as per the prescribed guidelines of the Election Commission of India ensuring fairness and impartiality in the selection of Polling Staff.
This second randomization involved a computerized process that ensures polling officials are placed randomly, reinforcing the credibility of the electoral process and preventing any bias.
Nodal officer Human Resource (ADDC) Sukhdev Sanyal; Dy. DEO Reasi Rakesh Kumar; RO-57 Anshumali Sharama; Nodal Officer IT/ ETPBS Ashesh and others were present during the Randomization process.