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Phase-3 J&K elections

Candidature of 449 candidates found valid during scrutiny

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In accordance with the election schedule issued by Election Commission of India (ECI) for the conduct of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024, the scrutiny of nomination papers for 40 Assembly Constituencies which are going to polling in third and final phase was held on Friday, in the office of the respective Returning Officers across seven districts of the UT.

Commission of India. A statement from the office of the Chief Electoral Officer detailed the scrutiny process held today. Nomination papers of 113 candidates were found valid in Jammu district, followed by 107 in Baramulla district, 75 in Kupwara district, 46 in Bandipora district, 38 in Kathua district, 38 in Udhampur district, while nomination papers of 32 candidates have been found valid and accordingly accepted in Samba district. In Jammu division, for the four ACs in Udhampur district, nomination papers of 13 candidates were found valid in

59-Udhampur West AC; 9 in 60-Udhampur East AC; 9 in 61-Chenani AC; while nomination papers of 7 candidates have been accepted in 62-Ramnagar (SC) AC. In Kathua district, nomination papers of 9 candidates were found valid in 63-Bani AC; 4 in 64-Billawar AC; 5 in 65-Basohli AC; 9 in 66-Jasrota AC; 5 in 67-Kathua (SC) AC; while nomination papers of 6 candidates have been accepted in 68-Hiranagar AC. In Samba district, nomination papers of 7 candidates were found valid in 69-Ramgarh (SC) AC; 14 in 70-Samba AC; while nomination

papers of 11 candidates have been accepted in 71-Vijaypur AC. For the eleven ACs in Jammu district, nomination papers of 11 candidates were found valid in 72-Bishnah (SC) AC; 13 in 73-Suchetgarh (SC) AC; 14 in 74-R.S. Pura - Jammu South AC; 12 in 75-Bahu AC; 9 in 76-Jammu East AC; 8 in 77-Nagrota AC; 12 in 78-Jammu West AC; 17 in 79-Jammu North AC; 6 in 80-Marh (SC) AC; 3 in 81-Akhnoor (SC) AC; while nomination papers of 8 candidates have been accepted in 82-Chhamb AC. Similarly, in Kashmir Division, for the six

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Kishtwar encounter: JCO among two soldiers martyred, 2 injured

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Two Army personnel, including a junior commissioned officer (JCO), were martyred and an equal number injured in an encounter with terrorists in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, security officials said on Friday. The gunfight broke out when a joint security party of the Army and police, acting on a tip-off, launched a cor-



don-and-search operation in Chhatroo belt, they added. The officials said there was

an exchange of fire between the search team of the security forces and the terrorists hiding in the Pingnal Dugadda forest area in the upper reaches of Naidgham village located within the Chhatroo police station limits. Four Army personnel were injured in the gunbattle and two of them -- JCO Naib Subedar Vipan Kumar and Sepoy Arvind Singh --

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Time for J&K to throw separatist forces led by Abdullah, Mufti out of window: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday launched a scathing attack on National Conference's Abdullahs, PDP's Mufti, Congress's Gandhi Nehru family, and Engineer Rashid, accusing them of conspiring against Jammu and Kashmir's development, peace, and progress. "They all are hand in glove with disruptive and separatist forces, out to promote terrorism in J&K", said Chugh, asking Farooq Abdullah how come he was

holidaying in England when jammu Kashmir was burning. Addressing the media, Chugh said that these leaders are working together to

create a big divide in J&K and to spread violence to suit the interests of forces across the border. "They have been fostering terrorism in J&K", Chugh said while explaining the BJP's zero tolerance policy against terrorism, stating that his party was committed to peace in Jammu and Kashmir. "These leaders have never



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We made some progress: Jaishankar on India-China talks on eastern Ladakh row

STATE TIMES NEWS
GENEVA: Roughly 75 per cent of the "disengagement problems" with China are sorted out but the bigger issue has been the increasing militarisation of the frontier, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on the lingering border row in eastern Ladakh. In an interactive session at a think-tank in this Swiss city, Jaishankar said the Galwan Valley clashes of June 2020 affected the "entirety" of India-China ties, asserting that one cannot have violence at the border and then say the

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BJP must talk on its strong points without losing sight of its larger goal in J&K- forming the government

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JAMMU: BJP is stronger in its discourse as it aims at forming the government after the ongoing Assembly elections are over. The first phase is set to begin in less than a week's time. That is September 18 when 24 Assembly constituencies out of a total of 90 will go to polls. A lot has happened since the elections were announced by Election Commission of India in deference to the directions of the Supreme Court. The party leadership, guided by the ever-shining star on the India's political firmament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has made its intentions clear that it would form the Government in Jammu and Kashmir on its own, without any ally or pre-poll alliance. That has proved correct as the party has not had any handshake with any of the parties in the political arena. It has gone solo, in Jammu region which is where its strong bastions beacon it to the finish line of crossing 50 seats in the House of 90. The foundation for this goal was laid out by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on September 6 and 7 when he unveiled 25-point manifesto of the party and addressed the workers, declaring that Jammu would determine the course of the elections leading to the victory at the end of the day, that is October 8 when votes will be counted. BJP's political discourse in this point in time is based on some of the fundamentals - the changes that have taken

place in Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, the work on which had started long ago, and the future of the Union Territory in its physical, psychological and social perspectives. It was natural for BJP to talk about the revocation of Article 370 with a lot of emphasis as it was under its rule with Narendra Modi as Prime Minister that a historical wrong was corrected. If nothing else this Article gave a feeling to the people in J&K that they were different from the rest of the country. Their idea of India was diluted by parallel symbols. This irritated the whole of the nation as it felt a part of the country that had legally and constitutionally acceded to India in 1947 continued to exist as a separate entity. The nation had two kinds of logics; why should J&K consider itself separate from the Indian union when for all practical purposes, it sat on the map of the country and drew more than due benefits. Second, the irritation was also due to the fact that there were voices challenging the Indian system and the very idea of the Indian nationhood. The terrorism that targeted Indians and who represented the country was too much to bear for the countrymen. The governments in the past were ignoring the nation's sentiment for their political expediencies. As Modi has done what the nation was looking for decades, he deserves credit in respecting the nation's sentiments, and also that of the nationalistic people of J&K. Therefore, it is important that party goes to the people with this achievement. Party is looking for political gains in the elections, but in reality,

it is more than that; it is furthering the cause of nationalism and the basic founding principle of "one nation, one constitution and one flag." This has given a sense of participation to the people in Jammu and Kashmir and those who had other ideas or promoted terrorism and its infrastructure, have also fallen in line, they know that their options have been closed. Any attempt to reopen the options would have consequences because Modi government has shown it time and again, there would be no compromise on the national security and country's integrity in whispers even. Non-BJP parties have their own drums to beat, but the people are conscious that there is nothing that can be done with the Article 370. The jailed leader, Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, in his press conference in Srinagar on Thursday- a day after his release on interim bail to campaign for his party AIP candidates in Kashmir, said that those showing dreams of restoration of Article 370 while sitting in their luxury homes were misleading the people. "How something that Parliament has passed could be undone without either entering into dialogue with the Government or mobilizing the public opinion," he asked. There is a catch, the people may hear slogans but they are intelligent and sane enough not to put peace of the day to risk. The BJP is the protagonist of peace in Kashmir, so it has all the right to claim that it brought normalcy to J&K. BJP should use these strong points to secure what it is aiming at- forming the government.

WHAT IF... ARTICLE 370 RETURNS

- The constitution and laws will change
- The symbol of the tricolor will be altered
- There will be cries and tears once again
- Sounds of bomb blasts will echo all around
- Crimes against women will rise
- Daughters will lose their right to inherit
- Forced compromises will need to be made
- Terrorists will return to power
- Homes will be plundered one after another
- Jobs will be handed to a chosen few
- Merit will lose to favouritism and bribes
- Sanatan dharma will be disrespected
- Martyr's sacrifice will be tainted
- The rights of the poor will be stolen once again
- The rights of the Paharis to the Gujjars-Bakarwals will be taken away
- Destruction will rise once more and the progress made so far will be stalled
- Maharaja Hari Singh's holiday will be revoked
- The chants of ancient scriptures will go silent
- Temples and Shiva shrines will be locked again

THINK AGAIN AND LISTEN TO...

The Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi ji
at grand rally in Sports Stadium, Doda
Date: 14th September 2024
Time: 10:00 AM



SHANTI, STHIRTA AUR VIKAS, JAMMU-KASHMIR KO MODI PAR VISHWAS