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## Stage set for first phase J&K polls in 24 ACs today

219 candidates in fray; over 23.27 lakh electors eligible to vote

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: With the stage set for the first phase of the 2024 General Elections to the Legislative Assembly, scheduled for September 18, the fate of 219 candidates will be determined by over 23.27 lakh voters.

The first phase of the Legislative Assembly Elections 2024 will cover 24 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) across seven districts of Jammu & Kashmir.

These include Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian, and Kulgam in the Kashmir Division, Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar in the Jammu Division.

In the Kashmir Division, 16 ACs are up for election: Pampore, Tral, Pulwama, Rajpora, Zainapora, Shopian, DH Pora, Kulgam, Devsar, Doorn, Kokernag (ST), Anantnag West, Anantnag, Srignufvara-

Bijbehara, Shangun-Anantnag East, and Pahalgam. Meanwhile, in the Jammu Division, 8 ACs-Inderwal, Kishtwar, Padder-Nagseni, Bhadarwah, Doda, Doda West, Ramban, and Banihal-will also go to the polls.

According to the latest electoral rolls, 23,27,580 lakh voters are eligible to cast their ballots in this phase, comprising 11,76,462 lakh male voters, 11,51,058 lakh female voters, and 60 third-gender voters.

Underlining the significance of the role to be played by the youth of Jammu and Kashmir in strengthening the democracy, as many as 5.66 lakh youths are eligible to vote in phase-1 of the Assembly Election.

Youth voters are a significant demographic, with 5.66 lakh eligible voters between the ages of 18 and 29, includ-

ing 1,23,960 lakh voters aged 18 to 19. Among these, 10,261 are male and 9,329 are female are first-time voters.

This phase will also see participation from 28,309 Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and 15,774 voters above the age of 85.

With this, 64 candidates are fray in Anantnag district, followed by 45 in Pulwama district, 27 in Doda district, 25 in Kulgam district, 22 in Kishtwar district, 21 in Shopian district, while 15 are contesting in Ramban district.

In Kishtwar district, 9 candidates are fray in 48-Inderwal AC; 7 candidates in 49-Kishtwar AC; while 6 are contesting in 50-Padder-Nagseni AC.

In Doda district, 10 candidates are in fray 51-Bhadarwah AC; 9 candidates in 52-Doda AC; and 8 candi-

dates are contesting in 53-Doda West AC.

In Ramban district, 8 candidates are contesting in 54-Ramban AC; while 7 candidates will contest in 55-Banihal AC.

Similarly, in Pulwama district, 14 candidates are fray in 32-Pampore AC; 9 candidates in 33-Tral AC; 12 candidates in 34-Pulwama AC; and 10 candidates are contesting in 35-Rajpora AC.

In Shopian district, 10 candidates are fray in 36-Zainapora AC and 11 candidates are contesting in 37-Shopian AC.

In Kulgam district, 6 candidates are fray in 38-DH Pora AC; 10 candidates in 39-Kulgam AC; and 9 candidates are contesting in 40-Devsar AC.

Finally, in Anantnag district, 10 candidates are fray in 41-Doorn AC; 10

## Security beefed up in Srinagar ahead of PM's election rally

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The area around the Sher-e-Kashmir park here has been put under a multi-layer security blanket ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election rally scheduled for Thursday, a senior police official said.

This will be Modi's first rally for BJP candidates in Kashmir before the assembly elections in the Union territory later this month.

"We have made a multi-tier security arrangement for the VVIP visit as per the Standard Operating Procedure laid down for such events," Inspector General of Police (IGP) V K Birdi said on Tuesday.

The venue is within a kilometre from the iconic Lal Chowk clock tower.

Birdi said police have made adequate arrangements.

"We will be issuing regular travel advisories in order to ensure that the event is smooth and people face the least inconvenience."

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- Cross border firing has stopped
- Stone pelting has come to an end
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**Srinagar: 10AM**  
**Katra: 1PM**

## Centre extends LTC facility by 2 more years for employees to visit J&K, northeast

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Centre on Tuesday extended by two more years, till September 25, 2026, the scheme to allow its employees to visit Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the northeast region on leave travel concession (LTC). The eligible central government employees get reimbursement of tickets for to and fro journeys, besides paid leave, when they avail LTC.

The scheme allowing government servants to

## Abdullahs promoting Jihadi agenda: Chugh

'NC manifesto blueprint of Pak ISI designs'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday strongly condemned National Conference President Farooq Abdullah for promoting 'Jihadi' agenda in Jammu and Kashmir at a time when people want peace and prosperity to return to the Union Territory.

Chugh, who is also the party incharge for J&K, while addressing an election meeting, said the Abdullah family in fact has been following the 'Jihadi' and communal agenda for the past three generations to spread a sense of insecurity and uncertainty in the region.

He said the NC election manifesto, which has announced to change the name of Shankaracharya Hill to



Takht-i-Sulaiman and that of Hari Parbat as Koh-e Maran, is a stark example of the 'Jihadi' mindset of the Abdullah family which is bent upon destroying the cultural and spiritual heritage of the region.

He said there were more than two dozen historic temples built since the times of Lalitaditya and are revered by the people not only in the Valley but across the country since they symbolise national heritage. No steps were taken during the rule of Abdullahs to protect these historical places and instead the Abdullah family is out to destroy it all, dancing to the tune of its mentors across the border, Chugh said.

Abdullah's promise to release the prisoners detained due to their subversive and disruptive activities also indicated the intention to follow the 'Jihadi' agenda.

He said while the BJP is strongly against the promise in the NC manifesto to repeal the Public Safety Act (PSA) and release political prisoners.

## Modi turns 74; Prez, VP, leaders extend wishes

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 74 on Tuesday, with President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and other dignitaries and politicians extending their best wishes to him.

Modi spent most of his day in Odisha during which he launched the state government's flagship women-centric initiative, Subhadra Yojana, besides railway and national highway projects.

Speaking at an event in Bhubaneswar, Modi recalled how he used to visit his mother on his birthday and take her blessings.

"Before coming here, I went to the home of an Adivasi family to attend their Grih Pravesh event...My sister in that family gave me khiri to eat. And when I was eating that Khiri, it was obvious for me to remember my mother.

"When my mother was alive, I always used to visit her on my birthday to seek her blessings. My

## Modi releases 1st installment of Rs 2,044 Cr to 5.11 lakh PMAY-G beneficiaries

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAIPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday virtually released the first instalment of Rs 2,044 crore to 5.11 lakh beneficiaries in Chhattisgarh for the construction of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G).

The PM attended the programme titled 'Mor Awas - Mor Adhikar' (My house, my right) held at Indoor Stadium in Budha Talab area in Raipur meant to disburse the amount under the housing scheme



Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, assembly speaker Raman Singh, Deputy CM Vijay Sharma, other state ministers, MLAs and officials were present at the event here.

The PM transferred the first instalment of Rs 2,044 crore directly into the bank accounts of 5.11 lakh beneficiaries under the PMAY-G in the state to build their own houses, an official said.

On the occasion, PM Modi asserted that bringing prosperity to the lives of the poor and weaker sections of society was his government's goal, a statement issued

## Cong appoints Charanjit Channi, Mukesh Agnihotri as observers for J&K polls

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Congress on Tuesday appointed Charanjit Singh Channi and Mukesh Agnihotri as AICC senior observers for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

While Channi is a former Punjab chief minister, Agnihotri is the Deputy Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has appointed Channi and Agnihotri as AICC senior observers for the ongoing assembly elections

## Waqf Bill; Parliament to pass it in coming days: Shah

Lists schemes initiated for middle class by Modi 3.0 Govt

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday said the Waqf (Amendment) Bill was committed to the management and preservation of Waqf properties and would be passed in Parliament in the coming days.

At a press conference held to mark 100 days of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA government's third tenure, Shah said the bill would also prevent the misuse of Waqf properties.

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha last month and referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament for further examination after opposition parties raised strong objections to certain provisions of the draft law.



A government official said the bill was aimed at reducing conflicts and disputes. It also has provisions for setting up of a digital platform for online registration and monitoring of Waqf properties.

Listing out the government's achievements in the first 100 days, Union Home Minister said that metro projects worth Rs 30,700 crore were approved in to enhance connectivity and reduce travel time. He said 12 industrial corridors with an investment of Rs 28,600 crore have been approved to give a boost to India's jour-

ney of becoming a global manufacturing hub.

Shah, flanked by Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, said the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act has been implemented by the government for transparency in recruitment.

The home minister said the Fast Track Immigration-Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP) was launched at Delhi's IGI Airport to ensure hassle-free travel.

Under the FTI-TTP, eligible passengers will be allowed to utilise e-gates and bypass regular immigration queues for a seamless journey.

Eligible individuals will need to apply online and sub-

## 36 Munsiffs transferred; 59 newly appointed Munsiffs adjusted

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court ordered transfers of 36 Munsiffs and adjustment of 59 newly appointed Munsiffs.

According to the order issued by Registrar General Shahzad Azeem that Maleeka Sharma Munsiff Udhampur has been transferred and posted as 2nd Additional Munsiff Jammu; Ananta Raina Munsiff/Additional Spl. Mobile Magistrate, Samba as Munsiff RS Pura; Altaf Ahmed Mir Munsiff Kupwara as Principal Magistrate JJB, Baramulla; Meera Bangotra 3rd Additional Munsiff as Munsiff Hiranagar; Assna Choudhary Munsiff Bishnah as Principal Magistrate,

Juvenile Justice Board, Rajouri; Urvashi Raina Munsiff Samba as Munsiff Udhampur; Anjeet Singh Munsiff Qazigund as Principal Magistrate, Doda with Additional Charge JJB, Kishtwar; Suhani Vasistha Munsiff Sunderbani as Munsiff Majalta; Tarun Mahajna Munsiff Jammu as Munsiff Ramban; Rohit Sharma Munsiff Budhal as 1st Additional Munsiff Forest Magistrate Jammu; Rashi Verma Munsiff RS Pura as Munsiff/Additional Spl. Mobile Magistrate, Samba; Shayesta Nazir Munsiff LRP as City Munsiff Srinagar; Shabber Ayaz Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Awantipora as Principal Magistrate JJB Budgam;

Danishta Munsiff Doorn as Munsiff Pulwama; Fakhar un Nissa Munsiff Charar-i-Sharief as Munsiff Pampore; Saloni Anand Munsiff Mendhar as Principal Magistrate JJB Poonch; Altaz Ahmed 2nd Additional Munsiff Srinagar Principal Magistrate JJB Anantnag with additional charge of JJB Kulgam; Muneer Ahmed Bhat Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Kulgam as Additional Special MM Awantipora; Cheena Sumbria Munsiff Kathua as Principal Magistrate JJB Samba with Additional Charge of JJB Kathua; Farah Bashir Munsiff Budgam as Principal Magistrate JJB Ganderbal with Addl Charge of JJB Bandipora;

## Kejriwal resigns as Delhi CM, Atishi stakes claim to form new Govt

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tendered his resignation to Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena here on Tuesday and AAP leader Atishi, chosen by the party as his successor, staked his claim to form a new government.

Kejriwal reached the LG Secretariat along with his Cabinet colleagues to resign on Tuesday afternoon, days after announcing his decision to quit from the post.

Addressing reporters after the meeting, Atishi said, "We have staked claim to form a new government. I will protect the interests of Delhi people."

Delhi minister Gopal Rai said, "We have informed the LG about his decision. Atishi has presented her claim to

form the government. We have requested the LG to decide on a date for the oath-taking ceremony so that the work of two crore people can be carried on."

Chief minister-designate Atishi alleged that Kejriwal was facing false charges and being targeted by the central government's probe agencies.

"The Supreme Court not only granted him but also made harsh remarks against the Centre and its probe agencies calling them a caged parrot," she added.

"Had it been some other leader, they would have kept the chief minister's chair but Kejriwal decided to go to the people's court. He resigned. This is a sad moment for us," Atishi said. The people have vowed to choose

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 34.5°C Min: 23.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 78 Min: 60

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 28.5°C Min: 13.0°C

Humidity  
Max: 69 Min: 49

Sunset : 18:34 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:15 Hours