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61.11 pc turnout in Phase-1 J&K assembly polls, voting peaceful: CEO

Polling across 24 ACs in 7 districts incident free

Ahead of polls over Rs124 Cr worth of seizures recorded; firm crackdown on drugs



CEO J&K P K Pole briefing media in Jammu while jubilant voters in queue to exercise their franchise at a polling station on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A turnout of about 61.11 per cent -- the highest in the past seven elections -- was recorded in the first phase of assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday.

Chief Electoral Officer P K Pole said that the polling passed off peacefully. However, he said the fig-

ures are tentative and there might be a fractional increase after the final reports are received from the remote pockets and postal ballots.

The first phase of polls covered 24 seats across seven districts.

Briefing mediapersons here after polling ended at 6 pm, Pole said the elections ended

peacefully without any untoward incident.

There are reports of some minor incidents of scuffle or argument from a few polling stations but "no serious incident" occurred that could have forced a repoll, he said.

"The polling percentage is highest in the past seven elections -- four Lok Sabha

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District-Wise Approximate Voter Turnout in Phase - 1

Sl. No.	Districts	No. ACs	Approx Voter Turnout %
1	Anantnag	7	57.84
2	Doda	3	71.34
3	Kishtwar	3	80.14
4	Kulgam	3	62.46
5	Pulwama	4	46.65
6	Ramban	2	70.55
7	Shopian	2	55.96
Above 7 Districts		24	61.11

Dr Shahid posted as Admn Secy Planning; Aijaz as Admn Secy Rural Dev

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Wednesday transferred two senior IAS officers.

According to order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, has been transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department and Mohammad Aijaz, Administrative Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, holding additional charge of the posts of Administrative Secretary, Civil Aviation Department and Civil Aviation Commissioner, Public Grievances and Chief Executive Officer, J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency, has been transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development

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BJP suspends Pawan Khajuria, 2 other rebel leaders

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Three senior BJP leaders were suspended on Wednesday for contesting assembly elections against the party's official candidates in Jammu and Kashmir, a party spokesman said.

J&K BJP Vice President Pawan Khajuria along with senior party leaders, Balwan Singh and Narinder Singh Bhau, were suspended from the membership of the party on the recommendation of a disciplinary committee

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.9°C Min: 25.0°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 62

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 30.0°C Min: 12.3°C

Humidity
Max: 69 Min: 48

Sunset : 18:33 Hours
Sunrise : 06:16 Hours

LG congratulates voters on record turnout in Ph-I elections



STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended hearty congratulations to the voters of first

Double-murder case solved, police arrest man who helped couple in household chores

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A man was arrested here for allegedly murdering an elderly couple four days ago, a senior police officer said on Wednesday.

He said the accused had no criminal record and had been acquainted with the family for about eight years.

Deepak Singh alias "Sonu" was in need of money and planned the murder to rob the family, Senior Superintendent of Police, Jammu, Joginder Singh said.

Sanjay Chandel, a retired principal, and his wife Veena Devi were found dead at

phase of Assembly Election for the record turnout. In a social media post, the Lieutenant Governor

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SSP Jammu Joginder Singh briefing media on Wednesday.

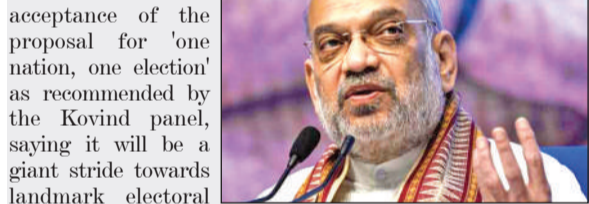
their Patta Chungi Udheywala residence in the Bohri area on the outskirts of the city on September 14.

"The blind murder case was solved with the arrest of

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Giant stride towards electoral reforms: Shah

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday hailed the Union Cabinet's acceptance of the proposal for 'one nation, one election' as recommended by the Kovind panel, saying it will be a giant stride towards landmark electoral reforms in the country.



A meeting of the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accepted the high-level Ram Nath Kovind panel's recommendations for holding simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies in a phased manner after a countrywide consensus-building exercise. "Under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi ji, Bharat has

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Cong expels Srinagar DP for entering poll fray as Independent

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Congress in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday expelled a District President (DP) and some other leaders from the basic membership of the party for going against the spirit of its alliance with the National Conference (NC) and contesting as Independents in the assembly polls. "Breach of alliance unity shall not be tolerated," a spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) said. He said party has expelled Srinagar District President Intiyaz Ahmad Khan and two others from the basic membership of the party.

We secured your rights We will do it again

Farmers stand by Modi Ji

Our Achievements

- Under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, 12.68 lakh farmers benefited with ₹3,000 crore
- Boosted farmers' income through lavender cultivation

Our Promises

- PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to be increased to ₹10,000
- Electricity for farming now at half price

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Join the grand BJP rally under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji
Morning: 10 AM Venue: Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium, Srinagar | Afternoon: 1 PM Venue: Sports Stadium, Katra.

With his hard work; PM Modi has won hearts, trust of Kashmiris: Chugh

'Tomorrow's rally to be milestone in Kashmir's history'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The BJP National General Secretary, and Incharge J&K Affairs, Tarun Chugh, on Wednesday said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has won the hearts and trust of the people of Kashmir and PM's tomorrow's rally at Kashmir will turn out to be milestone in Kashmir's history.

"People of J&K immensely love PM Modi and, whenever he comes here, people in large number come out to listen to their beloved leader," Chugh said, while talking to media persons after taking stock of the arrangements for PM Modi's rally to be held in

Kashmir tomorrow. Chugh said that PM Modi has won the hearts and trust

of the people of Kashmir by his works. "PM Modi has worked very-very hard for the development of J&K and to win the trust and hearts of the people of Kashmir," he said, while adding, "People are very happy and satisfied by the development works, be it road

connectivity or be it rail connectivity". He said several works for infrastructural development have also been undertaken by Modi government.

People from different areas of Kashmir will come to the rally to listen to their beloved leader PM Modi, Chugh said, adding, "Seeing the enthusiasm among the people of Kashmir, tomorrow's rally at Srinagar would prove to be a milestone. PM Modi's government made it sure that every house gets power, water, gas cylinder and senior most woman of every house will get Rs 18,000, he said, adding that landless will get 5 marla of land, homes to homeless will also be given.

Time for rise of Sanatan Dharma, world's attitude towards it changing: RSS Chief

STATE TIMES NEWS

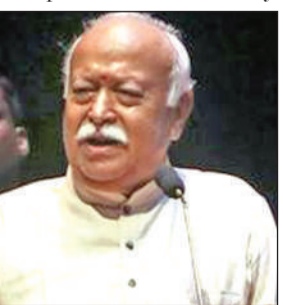
NEW DELHI: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday exhorted people to embrace a vedic life, saying the time has come for the rise of 'sanatan dharma' and the world's attitude towards it is also changing.

The RSS chief said the vedas are a treasure of knowledge and they contain life lessons for the society both in terms of material life and spiritual life.

The sages created vedas for 'visva kalyan' (welfare of the world) by seeing in a transcendental state, he said.

"That's why I said Bharat and veda are synonymous... We have 'vedanidhi' (treasure of knowledge in the

form of vedas). We should read it, apply it in our life and pass it on to as many



people as we can to enable them get the benefit of its knowledge," he added.

Bhagwat was addressing an event organised here to launch the third edition of Hindi commentary of vedas written by Shripad Damodar Satvalekar. "It is said that the time for the

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Cabinet accepts 'one nation, one election' recommendation

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Moving ahead with its "one nation, one election" plan, the government on Wednesday accepted a high-level panel's recommendations for holding simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies in a phased manner after a countrywide consensus-building exercise.

Asserting that several political parties are already on board, the government said even those parties that are opposed to it may now feel pressure from within to change their stand due to the widespread support on the issue from the people of the country.

Announcing the Union Cabinet's approval to the proposal, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said an implementation group would be formed to take forward the recommendations of the panel headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind and detailed discussions would be held on various fora across the country over the next

Approves continuation of PM-AASHA to provide better prices to farmers

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The government has approved continuation of the PM-AASHA scheme, with an outlay of Rs 35,000 crore, to provide better prices to farmers and also control price volatility of essential commodities for consumers.

"The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the continuation of schemes of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshhan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) to provide remunerative prices to farmers and to control price volatility of essential commodities for consumers," an official statement said.

The total financial outgo will be Rs 35,000 crore during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle up to 2025-26, it added.

The government has converged the Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) schemes in PM-AASHA to serve the farmers and consumers more efficiently.

"The Integrated scheme of PM-AASHA will bring in more effectiveness in the implementation which would not only help in providing remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce but also

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few months.

Asked by reporters when the recommendations could be implemented and whether a bill would be brought in the upcoming winter session of Parliament, Vaishnaw evaded a direct

reply but pointed out that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said the government would implement it in its current tenure.

After the discussions are completed, implementation would follow in steps