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Class:- 4th
D.O.B:- 24-09-2015
JKPS Panjtirthi

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Class:- 9th 'B'
D.O.B:- 24-09-2009
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NOTICE
I, Joginder Kaur W/o Harmohinder Singh Anand R/o 22/11, Channi Himmat, Jammu am running a clinic and Pharmacy under the name & Style of Dr. Amandeep K Anand OBGYN Clinic at 37D B/C Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Now I applying for NOC. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority with in 15 days.

NOTICE
I, Army No. JC 250629L NB Ris Brahmaanda Das S/o Dayanidhi Das R/o Gram Khandiabandha Chaulia Dhenkanal Odisha 759013 presently posted at Ratnu Chak Jammu do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that correct name of my wife is Sandhya Rani Das whereas in my army service documents it has been wrongly recorded as Sandhya Rani both names Sandhya Rani Das and Sandhya Rani is the name of one and same person.

NOTICE
I, Salam Din S/o Kaka Hussain R/o Jeora Chakroi Jora, Jammu have lost RC of Vehicle MotorCycle bearing Registration No: JK-02CT-0641. Now I applying for the duplicate of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority with in 7 days.

J&K polls about 'karm', not 'dharm': Farooq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SURANKOTE: NC chief Farooq Abdullah on Monday made a strong appeal to the people urging them to unite and support its alliance with the Congress in the ongoing J&K polls, which he said is not about religion but action.

The former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir emphasised the fight against the "forces" spreading hatred across the country, which he claimed are trying to weaken the nation to stay in power.

Addressing a rally in Surankote, Abdullah took a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, criticising his remarks about the 'mangalsutra', which he said were made to incite hatred among the masses.

Campaigning during the Lok Sabha polls, Modi had alluded to Muslims to allege that the Congress plans to give people's hard-earned money and valuables to "infiltrators" and "those who have more children" and would steal the "gold of mothers and sisters" if voted to power.

"Aaj yah dharm ki baat nahin hai, yah karm ki baat hai kyunki yah badi jung hai nafrat ke khilaf (Today, it is not about religion but it is about action, because this is a big fight against hatred). It is a fight against those hate-spreading parties who want to divide India. Can we bury those parties that are spreading hatred in India?" Abdullah said.

Abdullah was accompanied by Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha (LoP) Rahul Gandhi while hitting campaign trail in support of the Congress-National Conference (NC) alliance candidate Mohammad Shahnavaz contesting the elections from Surankote assembly segment in the border district of Poonch.

"If today you want to end that hatred and bury those forces, then vote for the symbol of the hand and strengthen India, which belongs to all of us," Abdullah said.

He further stressed the importance of the alliance's success.

"This fight is against the hatred that the BJP and RSS are spreading throughout the country. They have tried to create conflicts between Hindus and Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs, and Hindus and Christians just to hold onto power. But they are failing and their strategy is not working," he said.

In a direct attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his 'mangalsutra' remarks, Abdullah said, "He says Muslims have more children. Does he mean that if there are two houses, one should be given to a Muslim?"

"He says they will snatch your mangalsutra and distribute it among themselves. These are the same people who cannot live without spreading hatred. If we want to end this hatred, we must unite and only then will it be possible," he said.

Taking a pot-shot on BJP, Abdullah called on the need for unity.

"If we want to end this hatred, we must come together. This is why the National Conference and the Congress united. We realised that to oust these hate-filled parties, we must join hands and make sacrifices," Abdullah said.

He also appealed for communal harmony, stating, "We all must unite and fight this battle together - Hindus, Muslims, Gujjars, Kashmiris, Shias and Sunnis. Today, it is not about religion. It is about action because this is a big fight against hatred."

Abdullah quoted Gandhi, who said he intends to "shut down the shop of hatred and open a shop of love".

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir want to crush the vehicle of hatred and drive the vehicle of love throughout India. This is our action, and this is our belief," he said.

Abdullah urged public to vote for the alliance and bring its government to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Press the button on the symbol of the hand, make this alliance successful and bring its government to Jammu and Kashmir. This election will relieve you of your difficulties. This is our promise to you," he assured the crowd.

Abdullah referred to Choudhary Mohammad Akram, who is rebel candidate contesting against the Congress candidate in the constituency, and asked him to withdraw for "greater good" of the alliance.

"Akram Sahab, your continued stance strengthens those forces that do not want us to live peacefully. Step down and make this alliance a success," he urged.

Will be your voice in Parliament, pressure govt to restore statehood: Rahul to people of J-K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SURANKOTE/SRINAGAR: Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday said the Congress wants Jammu and Kashmir to be run by locals rather than from Delhi, and promised the party would pressure the Centre to restore J-K's statehood after the ongoing assembly polls.

Addressing back-to-back rallies at Surankote and Srinagar on the last date of campaigning for the second phase of polling on September 25, Gandhi launched a broadside against the BJP and RSS, and also attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying the INDIA bloc has "broken his psychology" after the Lok Sabha elections.

"He used to boast about a 56-inch chest but he is not the same person anymore," Gandhi said.

He addressed the first rally of the day at the Surankote assembly segment of Poonch district, where he accused the BJP and RSS of spreading "hatred and violence" and dividing people on the lines of caste, creed, religion, region and language.

His second rally was in Srinagar, which a party leader termed "a new dawn" for the Congress in Kashmir as it was "the first major gathering for the party in Srinagar in the past three decades".

At the Surankote assembly, Gandhi said there are numerous examples of union territories being upgraded to states but never ever in the history of India a state was downgraded to a union territory.

"For the first time, a full-fledged state (J&K) was turned into a UT and your democratic rights were snatched," he told the rally, also attended by Congress ally and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah.

"We will put pressure on them (government) and we will ensure that it (restoration of statehood) is done. If they don't do it we will," Gandhi said.

Seeking support for Congress-National Conference alliance candidates, he said his party wanted the restoration of statehood before the ongoing polls.

"We were of the view that statehood should be restored first followed by elections but they did not do it. We will put pressure on them and you will get back your statehood after elections," the former Congress president said.

Lashing out at the BJP-led government for "taking away" the rights of the people, he said earlier governments in J-K were run by locals and their decisions were meant for "your better future and in your interest".

"Today, outsiders are making decisions for you and your voice is not there in your government. Your government is run from Delhi, orders are coming from Delhi. We want your government to be run from J&K," he told the gathering. He asked people to feel free to reach out to him to raise any issue in Parliament.

"I am always available for you, just give me an order and I am there to help you."

"Farooq sahib talked about hatred in the country. The BJP and RSS are spreading hatred in J-K and other states 24-hours a day. Wherever they go, they pit one brother against another. They have spread hatred in J-K, UP, Bihar, Manipur and across the nation. They only know this thing and nothing else. Their politics is based on hatred," Gandhi said.

Hatred cannot be conquered by hatred but love, Gandhi said.

"We are engaged in ideological fighting -- on one side there is hatred and on the other we want to open the 'shops of love'. We conducted Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir then followed it by another march from Manipur to Maharashtra with only one message that hatred is of no benefit to anyone. We opened the shops of love in the markets of hate in every state."

Targeting the prime minister, he said Modi used to boast about a 56-inch chest but "he is not the same person anymore".

"Today, the opposition does whatever it wants. They (the government) bring bills but we stand in front of them and they don't pass the law and instead bring another bill. The confidence they had is finished because we have broken his (Modi's) ideology which is visible on his face."

Referring to Modi's speech from Lok Sabha election campaign, he said, "When pressure increased on him, he said his birth is not biological and has direct connection with God. The psychological

Training organized for Micro Observers in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Under the supervision of General Observer, Assembly Constituencies 59-Udhampur West & 60-Udhampur East, S A Raman and General Observer, Assembly Constituencies, 61-Chenani & 62-Ramnagar, B C Sateesha, a comprehensive training of staff to be deployed as Micro Observers for smooth and transparent conduct of General Elections for Legislative Assembly 2024 was conducted in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur.

District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai extended warm welcome to the General Observers and briefed about the importance of deploying Micro observers at the critical polling stations and ensure that all micro observers involved in the election process are well prepared and confident to handle their responsibilities effectively for conduct of free, fair and transparent elections.

The DLMTs imparted extensive training to Micro observers through PPTs, Hands-on practice of Electronic Voting Machines and regarding their role and responsibilities and discussed reporting format in detail.

The General observers instructed the trainees to perform their duty efficiently and strictly adhere to the guidelines of ECI.

Among others, Devinder Singh Bhanu, Nodal Officer Postal Ballot CEO PDA and Darshan Kumar, Nodal Officer Training DSEO Udhampur were also present on the occasion.

DEO Kathua holds meeting with Sector, Police Magistrates in Basohli

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: District Election Officer Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas conducted an important meeting today with sector magistrates and police magistrates in Basohli to review the preparations for the upcoming elections.

The Returning Officer, 65-Basohli AC Anil Kumar Thakur was also present in the meeting.

The meeting focused on ensuring strict enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, maintaining law and order, and establishing effective communication between election and law enforcement teams.

Dr. Minhas underscored the need for timely response mechanisms and coordination to address any emerging challenges, urging officials to prioritize voter facilitation and security.

The District Election Officer also provided instructions for ensuring the proper management of polling stations, transportation of EVMs (Electronic Voting Machines), and the deployment of adequate security measures to safeguard the democratic process. The meeting also addressed training requirements and the logistics for handling sensitive polling stations.

He further advised the team to maintain transparency and fairness throughout the election process, reiterating the responsibility each officer holds in delivering an election free of discrepancies or undue influence.

General Observer convenes meeting with Micro Observers, Zonal, Sector Magistrates for Gulabgarh Constituency

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: The General Observer Saroj Kumar Sethi for AC-56 Gulabgarh (ST) today convened a crucial meeting with Zonal and Sector Magistrates, along with Micro-Observers, in the office chamber of the Returning Officer for the 56-Gulabgarh (ST) constituency.

The meeting was convened to enhance coordination and readiness ahead of the upcoming elections, ensuring that all stakeholders are aligned in their commitment to a free and fair electoral process.

During the meeting, the General Observer emphasized the importance of each participant's role in monitoring the elections.

Key discussions also focused on public engagement, highlighting the need to educate voters about their rights and the mechanisms available for reporting irregularities.

The General Observer reiterated that the collaborative efforts discussed will be instrumental in ensuring that the electoral process in the 56-Gulabgarh (ST) constituency reflects the true will of the people.

Police conducts route march in Poonch town

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: In a proactive measure to ensure peace and security during the upcoming Assembly Elections, the Poonch Police today conducted a Route March in Poonch Town.

The march aimed at boosting public confidence and deterring any potential law and order disruptions during the election period.

The Route March was jointly flagged off by DC Poonch and SSP Poonch from Parade Chowk Poonch in which officers and jawans of J&K Police Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), CISE, BSE, and RPF participated.

The march covered key areas, including markets, residential neighborhoods, and sensitive polling stations, ensuring visibility and preparedness ahead of the elections which finally culminated at DPL Poonch.

DEO Rajouri chairs meeting of ROs, Nodal Officers, Zonal & Sectoral Magistrates

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: The District Election Officer Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, today chaired a comprehensive meeting at the Conference Hall of Government Degree College (GDC), Rajouri, to review election preparedness which was attended by Returning Officers (ROs), Nodal Officers, Zonal and Sectoral Magistrates along with various other officials involved in the conduct of the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024.

During the meeting, a detailed question and answer session was held to address minor queries raised by officials regarding poll day procedures.

One of the highlights of the meeting was an interaction with Engineers from the Election Commission of India (ECI), who provided insights into the process for the replacement of Ballot Units (BUs) and Control Units (CUs) of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). This technical session was crucial for ensuring a seamless voting process on the day of the election.

The DEO gave directives to Zonal and Sectoral Magistrates to thoroughly check the stickers on all vehicles before their departure to polling stations. These stickers are crucial for identifying the authorized election vehicles and ensuring their smooth movement during the election process.

DEO instructed the officials to ensure the proper marring of polling parties before they are dispatched to their respective polling stations. He stressed that accurate and timely sharing of data related to law and order, the status of EVMs and voter turnout should be a top priority for all election officials. Monitoring the electoral lists to prevent discrepancies was also highlighted as an important task during the polling process.

In addition, the DEO directed all officials to thoroughly review the Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines and ensure they are followed in letter and spirit on poll day. He emphasized that strict adherence to these guidelines is essential for maintaining the credibility and transparency of the election process.

The DEO urged all officials to maintain the highest level of coordination and preparedness to ensure the smooth conduct of the Assembly Elections. He also directed that any issues arising on the poll day must be promptly addressed to uphold the integrity of the election process.

SSP Rajouri, Randeep Kumar briefed the meeting on the security arrangements for the elections. He provided detailed instructions on adhering to the earmarked routes for the dispatch of polling parties, especially for those heading to critical polling stations and far-flung areas.

Training programme on home voting, postal ballot services held in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: To ensure the smooth conduct of the upcoming General Elections for Legislative Assembly 2024, the District Election Cell Udhampur today organized a comprehensive training programme for polling staff for managing home voting and postal ballot services. The training was conducted under the chairmanship of District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai, here at Conference Hall, DC Office Complex,

Nodal Officer CAPF Welfare reviews facilities at multiple locations in Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Acting on the directions of District Election Officer (DEO) Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, the Nodal Officer for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) Welfare, Issar Mir, conducted an extensive visit to various key locations in Rajouri district to review the welfare arrangements for the deployed CAPF personnel ahead of the upcoming Assembly Elections 2024.

The welfare review covered crucial locations where CAPF personnel are stationed or will be stationed for election duties. Mir inspected the facilities at Dangri Ashram, Pahari Hostel Rajouri, Handa Building in Jawahar Nagar, Honda Palace and Indoor Stadium among several other places.

During his visits, the Nodal Officer emphasized the importance of providing a conducive environment and adequate amenities for the CAPF personnel, who play a pivotal role in maintaining law and order during the electoral process.

He assessed the living conditions, availability of drinking water, sanitation and medical facilities at all the locations, ensuring that the personnel are well-supported throughout their deployment.

DEO Poonch reviews poll preparations for Assembly Elections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: District Election Officer (DEO) Poonch, Vikas Kundal today convened a crucial meeting to review preparations for the Assembly Elections scheduled for September 25, 2024.

During the meeting, the Returning Officers (ROs) apprised the DEO about the preparations, emphasizing the importance of strong coordination among election teams. The DEO urged officials to ensure seamless operations on polling day and instructed the ROs and Sector Magistrates to conduct final inspections of polling stations. He stressed the need for essential facilities, such as ramps for differently-abled voters, adequate water supply and CCTV installations.

The DEO also reviewed the security arrangements, which include heightened surveillance at sensitive polling stations and the deployment of additional security forces to prevent disturbances and voter intimidation. He highlighted the importance of accountability and real-time reporting from Sector Magistrates during the election to promptly address any irregularities.

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