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September 18. The third phase will go to polls on October 1. The votes will be counted on October 8.

During this phase, 93 candidates are in the fray in Srinagar district, followed by 46 in Budgam district, 34 in Rajouri district, 25 in Poonch district, 21 in Ganderbal district and 20 in Reasi district.

The constituencies in Srinagar district are Hazratbal, Khanyar, Habbakadal, Lal Chowk, Channapora, Zadibal, Central Shalteng and Eidgah.

The segments in Budgam district are Budgam, Beerwah, Khansahib, Chrar-I-Sharief and Chadoora while there are two constituencies in Ganderbal district -- Kangan (ST) and Ganderbal.

The seats going to polls in Jammu division are Gulabgarh (ST), Reasi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (in Reasi district), Kalakote-Sunderbani, Nowshera, Rajouri (ST) (in Rajouri district), Budhal (ST), Thannamandi (ST), Surankote (ST), Poonch Haveli and Mendhar (ST) (Poonch district).

Reddy hits out...

Gandhi said at a rally in Poonch district's Surankote assembly segment on Monday.

Reddy, the BJP's election in-charge for Jammu and Kashmir, was here to review the arrangements for the prime minister's upcoming rally on September 28 at the M A Stadium.

"If Rahul Gandhi wishes to understand Modi's self-confidence, he should ask the farmers of the country, the soldiers, the scientists, the youth, and the women, they will tell him everything. Because it is on their strength that Modi has become the prime minister of India for a third time," the Union minister said.

He also emphasized that retaliatory measures against Pakistan have significantly reduced terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sharpening his attack against the Congress leader, Reddy said, "Rahul Gandhi derives confidence to break India from anti-national forces, believing they have diminished PM Modi's confidence."

"But let me clarify, PM Modi's confidence stems from the support of India's 140 crore people," he said.

"Modji resides not only in the hearts of Indians but also in the global arena," Reddy added.

Taking a swipe at the Congress, he said, "The BJP and PM Modi do not require Rahul Gandhi's endorsement as the people have already certified their leadership through elections."

Reddy also accused Gandhi and the Congress of promoting hate campaigns and dividing people along caste, religious, and regional lines since the Independence.

"Rahul Gandhi's clear intent is to sow discord within the nation, as evidenced by his statements abroad," the BJP leader said.

He accused the National Conference and the Congress of fostering terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, and said the BJP's policies have helped curb it.

"Every terrorist is neutralised within days of joining ranks. Incidents of violence and casualties among security forces and civilians have drastically declined under the BJP," Reddy said.

The Union minister also mocked the Congress over its electoral setbacks.

The total number of seats Rahul Gandhi's party won in the last three Lok Sabha elections taken together does not even cross the BJP's 2024 general election tally, he said.

"The Congress and Rahul Gandhi should feel ashamed of their performance, but they persist in spreading falsehoods," Reddy added. He also claimed that Rahul Gandhi lacked credibility even within his own party.

Two dead as...

near remote TUKSON-Angadi village in Mahore area around 3 pm, the officials said.

They said rescuers retrieved the bodies of constable Aijaz Khan (31) of Budhal Rajouri and driver Javed Ahmad (30) of Khor Gulabgarh from the scene.

Kumar was on his way to Gulabgarh to review the polling arrangements in the Shadole polling station area, the officials added.

On September 20, three BSF troopers were killed and 32 others injured when a bus carrying the forces' personnel for election duty fell into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district.

The second phase of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls will be held on Wednesday.

Rotary Club Jammu Elite participates in cervical cancer awareness, vaccination drive

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JAMMU: Rotary Club Jammu Elite members attended a presentation on Cervical Cancer and Cervical Vaccination at MMM Trikuta Nagar, organized in collaboration with other Rotary Clubs by Rtn Adeep Mehta and Gurpreet Kour of RC Jammu Bahu. The informative session, delivered by Dr. Paras, aimed to raise awareness about cervical cancer and the importance of vaccination.

Following the presentation, girls from Balgrain were administered the cervical vaccination at MMM Hospital. The members of Rotary Club Jammu Elite who were present include Rtn Paramjeet Kour, Treasurer; Rtn Jyoti Vaid, Immediate Past President and Dr. Davinder Kour, President This joint initiative



Elite members during the programme.

demonstrates the commitment of Rotary Clubs in Jammu towards promoting healthcare and well-being in the community."

On the other side blood donation

camp was organised by Club Rotarian at MAM College .No of Students of GCOE Jammu and other Colleges were present. Project Director was Rtn Dr. Shubhra Jamwal.

Notorious thief arrested, stolen items worth in lakhs recovered 2 two-wheelers stolen in broad day light

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JAMMU: Police on Tuesday nabbed a thief and recovered stolen items worth lakhs from his possession.

On September 23, 2024 one Mohd Akbar, son of Late Bhag Ali, resident of Kot Badhani, Tehsil Bhalwal, District Jammu, lodged a written complaint at police station Gharota regarding the theft of his HP laptop along with some accessories from his house by unknown thieves.

In this connection case, FIR No. 89/2024 under Section 305(A) BNS was registered at Police Station Gharota, and the investigation was started.



During the investigation, designated team of the police headed by SHO Gharota*collected *CCTV footage from various locations and gathered technical signatures further upon analyzing the evidence gathered a suspect namely Sahil Kumar S/O Ganesh Lal, R/O Ghari ,Tehsil Marh, District Jammu was identified.Sahil Kumar was taken into police custody under Section 35(A) BNS for a thorough investigation in connection with FIR No. 89/2024 under Section 305(A) BNS.

During questioning, the suspect confessed his involvement in the theft. Based on his disclosure and identification, one HP laptop along with accessories was recovered from his residence .Further interrogation revealed that he had also stolen several mobile phones from different locations .Consequently, the police team recovered eight mobile phones from various places. Father investigation is going on and more recovery is expected.

Meanwhile, a scooty was stolen from Moti Bazaar in a broad daylight while a bullet motoreycle was also stolen from Talli Morh area.

Cyber Cell Kathua recovers online defrauded amount of Rs 96,000

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KATHUA: District Cyber Cell Kathua under overall supervision of SPP Kathua has once again demonstrated its commitment to combat cyber crime by recovering online defrauded amount of ₹ 96,000.

Brief facts of the case are that on 17/09/2024, an online complaint was received at Cyber Cell Kathua through NCCR portal in which a complainant namely Jivanjot Kour Puri R/o Ward No 13 Kathua reported online fraud of Rs 96,000. The fraudster who interacted with the complainant on social media platform impersonated himself as stock market broker

and motivated her to transfer the amount to invest in share market. The complainant hoping to get good returns from share market transferred an amount of Rs 96,000 to the fraudster through google pay by means of multiple transactions. When complainant came to know that she had been defrauded, she registered her complaint at Cyber Cell Kathua through NCCR portal. During the investigation, the Cyber Cell Kathua team headed by Incharge Cyber Cell acted swiftly and exhibited hectic efforts and froze the fraudster's account instantly in which the defrauded amount was transferred. Today on 24/09/2024, the defrauded amount of Rs 96,000 has been recovered and credited back to the account of victim while further investigation is in progress.

Pertinently, from the date of establishment, Cyber Cell Kathua has successfully recovered defrauded amount of Rs 28,32,161/- so far. This achievement of District Police Kathua underscores the unit's expertise, dedication and tireless efforts in safeguarding the common citizens against online fraud and cheating. District Police Kathua once again appeals to the General Public to remain extra vigilant and report promptly to Cyber Cell Kathua or the National Cyber Crime Helpline Number 1930 or visit www.cybercrime.gov.in if any suspicious call or online cheating is noticed.

Police seizes 6 vehicles for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Police has seized six vehicles across the district Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO Police Station Ramgarh, SHO Police Station Ghagwal, SHO Police Station Vijaypur, Incharge Police Post Rakh Amb Talli and Incharge Police Post Supwal falling under Police Station Samba while performing patrolling duty in their respective jurisdictional areas, have seized six vehicles including a dumper and three tractor trolleys without registration No. along with two tractor trolleys bearing registration No. JK21E-9176 & JK21K-3155 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

41 bovine smugglers arrested, 41 vehicles seized, 554 bovines rescued

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RAMBAN: Jammu and Kashmir Police Continuing its drive against the bovine smugglers and their propagators under Operation KAMDHENU, Ramban Police under the supervision of SSP Ramban Sh. Kulbir Singh- JKPS has foiled bovine smuggling attempts, registered 42 FIRs arrested 41 bovine smugglers, rescued 554 bovines and seized 41 vehicles in last four weeks. Police Station wise detail of FIRs registered at various Police Stations of District Ramban during the last four weeks is as:

Police party of Police Station Batote headed by SHO P/S Batote intercepted/seized 11 vehicles, registered 11 cases, arrested 09 accused persons and rescued 127 bovine ani-

mals.2. Police party of Police Station Chanderkote headed by SHO P/S Chanderkote intercepted/seized 10 vehicles, registered 10 cases, arrested 10 accused persons and rescued 120 bovine animals. Police party of Police Station Ramban headed by SHO P/S Ramban intercepted/seized 13 vehicles, registered 13 cases, arrested 10 accused persons and rescued 155 bovine animals. Police party of Police Station Ramssoo headed by SHO P/S Ramssoo intercepted/seized 03 vehicles, registered 03 cases, arrested 03 accused persons and rescued 21 bovine animals. Police party of Police Station Banihal headed by SHO P/S Banihal intercepted/seized 03 vehicles, registered 03 cases, arrested 03 accused persons and rescued 15 bovine animals. Police party of Police Station Gool headed by SHO P/S Gool intercepted/seized 01 vehicle, registered 01 case, arrested 01 accused person and rescued 05 bovine animals.

Police party of Police Station Dharamkund headed by SHO P/S Dharamkund arrested 01 accused person, registered 01 case, and rescued 05 bovine animals which were being taken towards Kashmir on foot. As a result,a total of 554 bovine animals were rescued under operation "KAMDHENU" in last four weeks.

Police recovers 20 smartphones valuing worth 4 lakh rupees

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RAMBAN: Continuing its efforts to extend services to the general public and address their grievances, the Ramban Police Cyber Cell received various complaints about missing mobile phones. After significant efforts, the Cyber Cell of Ramban Police traced and recovered 20 lost mobile phones amounting to approx 04 lakhs.

SSP Ramban, Kulbir Singh handed over the recovered mobile phones to their legitimate owners at District Police office Ramban. He appealed to the general public to take utmost care of their mobiles as they contain personal data and there is a possibility of misuse.

Upon receiving their missing/lost mobile phones, the owners felt elated and expressed their gratitude towards the District Police Ramban , for their arduous effort in tracing their missing mobiles.

At the conclusion, SSP Ramban emphasized the importance of safeguarding mobile devices due to the sensitive information they often contain, highlighting the potential risks associated with their misuse. He urged the public to exercise utmost caution in handling their mobile phones to prevent any untoward incidents.



Congress denied reservation in J&K, BJP gave it: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: Making a scathing attack on the Congress Party for misleading the people, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said here today that the matter of fact is that Congress had denied reservation in Jammu & Kashmir whereas BJP gave it after Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister.

In an exclusive interview to a national news channel, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is for the Congress party to answer why they had not granted political reservation to Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Jammu & Kashmir. He said, it is purely on vote bank consideration that Scheduled Tribes were not granted reservation, which was available in the rest of the country because Congress Party did not consider them as a part of their vote bank in J&K.

The ongoing Assembly election in Jammu & Kashmir, said Dr Jitendra Singh, is the first-ever election being held with ST reservation and the credit for this goes entirely to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said, when Congress and National Conference say that they would reverse all these provisions if ever they come to power, this



amounts to saying that they would also take back the political reservation granted to Scheduled Tribes by the BJP government headed by Narendra Modi. What to talk of reservation, Dr Jitendra Singh alleged that the Congress governments at the Centre and in Jammu & Kashmir did not grant even the normal and usual legitimate rights to certain sections of society as an extreme act of inhuman and constitutional discrimination. In this regard, he cited the example of the Balmiki community who were denied equal rights as other communities and refugees from Pakistan who were neither given citizenship rights nor voting

rights for 70 years before the same was granted to them by the Modi government.

Dr Jitendra Singh cautioned, if ever Congress comes to power in J&K, it will not only take back reservation but will also snatch away the property rights of our daughters and citizenship rights of our refugee brethren by reviving Art 370 and 35A.

Regarding Statehood, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the opposition is asking for something which has already been granted and announced. When none less than PM Modi said this in public rallies in Doda and earlier in Srinagar that Statehood is going to be announced and the Home Minister has reiterated the same more than once in Parliament, then what is there to ask about it. He said, the opposition leaders probably believe that when the formal orders are issued they will take credit , but this old trick is not going to work in the new scenario.

Appealing for a vote in support of the BJP, Dr Jitendra Singh said, representation of BJP in the Assembly will enable the fast-track progress and development at a double engine speed.

CS reviews progress on RDSS works; asks for expeditious completion



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of Power Development Department (PDD) to assess progress on Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) tailored to achieve reduction in distribution losses. Besides Principal Secretary PDD, the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; MD JPDCL/KPDCL; Chief Engineers, representatives from PESL, NTPC and

other concerned officers of the department.

The Chief Secretary, while speaking in the meeting, asked the department to make strenuous efforts towards achieving time bound progress on implementation of this ambitious scheme. He termed it significant for substantial reduction in Actual Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses across the UT.

Dulloo asked the department to devise a proper monitoring mechanism to

ensure timely execution of works with desired outcomes. He enjoined upon the DISCOMS of both the divisions to ensure the set targets are achieved within the fixed deadline.

The Chief Secretary enquired about the status of smart metering and other loss reduction works accomplished in different districts of the UT by different executing agencies. He also asked about the physical progress registered in each package of work awarded to PIA.

In the presentation, the Principal Secretary Power, H. Rajesh Prasad, gave out a detailed description about the RDSS works being executed across different districts of the UT.

Regarding its objectives, he informed that the scheme aims at improving the quality, reliability and affordability of power supply to customers through an efficient distribution system. The meeting was further apprised that implementation of these works had resulted in sharp decline in the gap between Average Cost of Power (ACP) and Average Revenue Realised (ARR).

As far as other LR works are concerned, it was added that the scope includes LT cable replacement work, HVDS, HT Line cabling, HT Line (Conductor), Feeder segregation etc. It was also revealed that different project implementing agencies including PESL, NTPC, RECPDCL have been assigned specific works for completion in a time bound manner.