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Second phase of J&K assembly polls records over 57.03 pc turnout



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

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: About 57.03 per cent voters on Wednesday exercised their franchise in the second phase of polling for 26 seats in Jammu and Kashmir assembly polls.

The polling passed off peacefully, reported PTI, quoting officials.

Addressing a press conference, J&K Chief Electoral Officer P K Pole said the second phase recorded a turnout of 57.03 per cent till 11:45 PM. Pole said the percentage was tentative as polling was going on at some places like Hazratbal and Reasi.

He said the polling was peaceful and by and large smooth.

"The polling was overall peaceful. Some stray incidents like arguments, etc took place, but there is no need for re-poll anywhere," he added.

An official handout earlier stated, "Heading towards a huge voter turnout, all the 26 assembly constituencies have recorded 54 percent voting till 05:00 pm, communicated the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K".

Meanwhile, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Jammu and Kashmir, P K Pole visited Rajouri on the polling day to ensure smooth voting process across all five constituencies of the district including Nowshera, Darhal, Rajouri, Kalakote and Thanamandi.

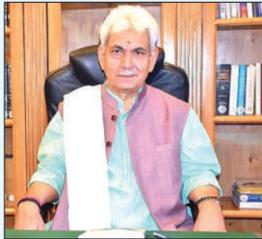
District wise voter turnout in Phase - II

S.NO	DISTRICT	NO OF ACs	VOTER TURNOUT %
1	BUDGAM	5	62.98
2	GANDERBAL	2	62.51
3	POONCH	3	73.80
4	RAJOURI	5	70.95
5	REASI	3	74.70
6	SRINAGAR	8	29.81
ABOVE 6 DISTRICTS		26	57.03

LG lauds high voter turnout

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday extended hearty congratulations to the voters of second phase of Assembly Election for turning out in large numbers to exercise their franchise. In a social media post, the Lieutenant Governor applauded the spirit of the people to strengthen the democratic values and for upholding the rich democratic traditions.

"The LG posted on X, "I would like to congratulate voters of Reasi, Poonch, Rajouri, Ganderbal, Budgam and Srinagar for turning out in large numbers to exercise their franchise. I applaud the spirit of the people to strengthen the democratic values and to uphold our rich democratic traditions. Record voter turnout is shining example of vibrant and progressive democracy. I also appreciate the remarkable contribution of the election officials, JKP, security forces for smooth, free, fair and peaceful polling in 26 Assembly Constituencies in Phase-2".



District Election Officer (DEO) Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, briefed the CEO regarding polling process in the district. He informed that high voter participation was witnessed in all the five

constituencies with no report of any major incident. Adequate arrangements were in place to ensure voters' convenience and maintain order at polling stations, he added. P K Pole inspected the dis-

trict's Control Room, which plays a vital role in coordinating polling activities and addressing any emerging issues. The CEO utilized the webcasting system to

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Foreign diplomats watching J&K polls find it 'very healthy, very democratic'

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The members of a foreign delegation who are here on Wednesday to observe the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir expressed satisfaction over the conduct of polls, with some of them saying the process looks comparable to how it happens in their own countries.

Jammu and Kashmir is voting in the second phase of assembly elections in which 26 seats in six districts are going to polls. The Ministry of External Affairs has invited a delegation of diplomats from 16 countries, including



Foreign delegates visiting a polling booth to witness polling process during the second phase of Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections in Srinagar on Wednesday.

the US, Norway and Singapore, to observe the exercise.

Mission in Delhi Jorgan K Andrews said the voting process looked healthy

The US deputy Chief of the

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PDP Distt President joins BJP

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JAMMU: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) District President Dapinder Singh Romi, along with several others, joined the BJP here on Wednesday.

The new members were welcomed by Jammu and Kashmir BJP working president Sat Sharma, along with deputy in-charge Ashish Sood.

Sharma expressed confidence that the inclusion of new members would strengthen the party further. "More people are being drawn to the policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and they are

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Chugh trashes Rahul Gandhi for raising canard of statehood on behalf of Pakistan, Abdullahs

▶▶ BJP has already promised statehood for J&K

▶▶ Rahul visits J&K like royal prince without understanding problems

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JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday assailed AICC leader Rahul Gandhi, who is also the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, for raising a narrative which is not less than a canard and falsehood.

Addressing party workers, Chugh said that the BJP was already committed to restore the status of statehood to J&K but it was ridiculous to see Rahul Gandhi harping on the subject simply because he had no vision of growth and development of J&K.

Chugh said Rahul Gandhi visits J&K like a dreamland



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh addressing public gathering in Jammu on Wednesday.

boy and fails to connect with the grassroots problems of the people.

He said Rahul should have first of all apologised for the mistakes Pt Jawaharlal

Nehru committed in J&K and the subsequent alliance that the Congress built with the Pakistan ISI to create turmoil in J&K.

Chugh strongly condemned Rahul Gandhi for dancing to the tunes of Pakistan and the Abdullah family by talking of statehood. There should have been a concern for the youth and women of J&K, but Rahul Gandhi would always fail to measure up simply because he has no idea of the problems of the people in J&K, he added.

"He (Rahul) has come here like a prince tourist and has delivered a speech written by the Abdullah family to

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Jammu-Kashmir phir se rajya banega aur BJP hi iss commitment ko poora karegi



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Grand Rallies: 26-27 September



Hon'ble National President
Shri JP Nadda Ji

27th September

Place:
 Phinter Ground,
 Billawar

Time:
 10.00 AM

Hon'ble Home Minister
Shri Amit Shah Ji

26th September

Place: K V School,
 Chenani

Time: 9.30 AM

Place: Modi Ground,
 Battal Ballian, Udhampur,

Time: 10.45 AM

Place: Mela Ground,
 Bani, Time: 12.30 PM

Place: Barnal Mod,
 Jasrota, Time: 01.45 PM

Place: Jhiri Chowk
 Ground, Marh,
 Time: 03.00 PM

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh
Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji

26th September

Place: Ghari Army Ground,
 Chhamb, Time: 10.30 AM

Place: Gudwal Ground,
 Ramgarh

Time: 12.00 Noon

Place: Bana Singh
 Stadium, R S Pura - Jammu
 South, Time: 01.30 PM

27th September

Place: Dak Bunglow,
 Ramnagar, Time: 10.30 AM

Place: Nagri-Near Excise
 Toll Plaza, Kathua,
 Time: 12.30 PM



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