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I, Rahul Kumar Chanda F/o Ridhim Chanda, Mother's Name Rajani Bala state that my wife's name has wrongly been written as Rajni Chanda instead of Rajani Bala in school record of my son namely Ridhim Chanda under Roll No: 25, Class 5th studying in Pm Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Sunjuwan. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days.

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I, Smt. Veena Devi W/o Sh. Saroop Krishan Zutshi R/O 433/C, Amphalla Near Shiv Mandir, Jammu J&K want to transfer the electricity connection bearing ID No. 0101030019823 in my favour which is in the name of Lt. Smt. Vaishno Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Trilok Chand R/O 433/C, Amphalla Near Shiv Mandir, Jammu J&K. Now I am applying for transfer of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to PDD Sub Division Prade, Jammu within seven days.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Raj Kumar Abrol S/o Sh. Baisakhi Ram Abrol, R/o 97/6, Channi Himmat Housing Colony, Jammu do hereby confirm that I am the transferee of House No. 97, Sector 6 Channi Himmat, Jammu and have applied for conversion of leasehold rights to freehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.
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Final randomization of polling staff held in Kathua



G.Os Chhering Dorje Negi and A.N Khanum at randomization of the polling staff.

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KATHUA: The final/third randomization of the polling staff for deployment across 704 polling stations in 63-Bani, 64-Billawar, 65-Basohli, 66-Jasrota, 68-Kathua (SC) and 68 Hiranagar ACs was held, here today in the VC Room of DC Office Complex. The process of staff deployment was conducted under the supervision of General Observer (GO) Chhering Dorje Negi and General Observer A.N Khanum (joined virtually) in the presence of District Election Officer (DEO), Dr Rakesh Minhas.

During the third randomiza-

tion, as many as 2816 employees were assigned their final polling stations in respective Assembly constituencies.

The randomization process was conducted through dedicated software as per the prescribed guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI), ensuring fairness and impartiality in the deployment of polling staff to six Assembly constituencies of District Kathua.

The whole process was video recorded as per the laid guidelines of the Election Commission of India.

The third randomization involved a computerized process that ensures polling officials are placed randomly,

reinforcing the credibility of the electoral process and preventing any bias.

Returning Officers of 66-Jasrota, Akhil Sadotra, 67-Kathua (SC) Vishav Partap Singh, 68-Hiranagar Rakesh Kumar were present. While Returning Officers of 63-Bani, Giasul Haq, 64-Billawar Vinay Khosla and 65-Basohli Anil Kumar Thakur joined virtually.

Among others, Dy. DEO Nagesh Singh, Nodal Officer Election Trainings Ranjit Thakur, Nodal Officer IT & Use of Technology Vevek Sharma (DIO NIC) and other concerned were present during the randomization process.

Cocoon Artist Rubia Bukhari urges youth to cast vote in Assembly Election under SVEEP initiative

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Under the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) initiative, renowned cocoon artist Dr. Rubia Bukhari, through her "Cocoon Artistry Initiative," has called on the people especially youth of Jammu and Kashmir to actively participate in the ongoing three-phase assembly elections. The final phase of polling is scheduled to be held on October 1st, 2024.

In a video posted by the Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir on official social media platforms, including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, Dr. Rubia Bukhari was seen encouraging the people of Jammu and Kashmir to recognize the power of their vote. Using her unique cocoon artistry, Dr. Bukhari illustrated the importance of voting through her intricate cocoon flakes artwork. The post by the Chief Electoral Officer read:JKAssemblyPolls2024: Cocoon artist from Poonch, Dr. Rubia Bukhari, creates art through cocoon flakes to promote voter awareness for #PHASEIII of polling tomorrow. Do cast your vote and make your voice heard."

Following this, the Election Commission of India also shared the video on their official Twitter and other social networking sites, amplifying the message of voter participation.

Dr. Rubia Bukhari, through her initiative "Dr. Rubia Bukhari's Cocoon Artistry Initiative," has been actively conducting awareness programs in collaboration with the Indian Army. Her efforts aim to empower the youth and women in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, while simultaneously promoting civic responsibility and participation in the democratic process.

Her ongoing work serves as an inspiration, motivating the people of Jammu and Kashmir to contribute to shaping the future by exercising their right to vote in the upcoming final phase of the assembly elections.

Assembly elections 2024: To cast their votes, Nomadic families start their annual migration from Bhaderwah hills 20 days earlier

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BHADERWAH: In view of 3rd phase of Assembly elections scheduled on 1st October, Nomadic families scattered in Bhaderwah hills started their annual migration before 15-20 days to reach their respective polling stations on October 1.

To franchise their democratic right, the Nomadic Gujjar and Bakerwal tribal population started their annual migration and reached Chattargala pass in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah on Sunday with a target to reach their respective polling stations on October 1 to

cast their votes and participate in the festival of democracy.

It is notable that every year approximately 10,000 nomadic families of Bakerwals and Gujjars along with their herds of cattle reside in hundreds of high altitude meadows of Doda and Kishtwar districts during summer months.

Traditionally, by late March, thousands of nomads begin their annual tryst with thousands of sheep and goats across the Kailash mountain range of Bhaderwah to reach the twin districts of Doda and Kishtwar.

The herder families, every year, begin their journey to the alpine pastures for grazing during the summer, before returning to warmer Kathua and Samba districts of Jammu in mid October as the weather worsens but this year they started their returning journey about 15-20 days earlier to participate in festival of Democracy.

While talking to State Times Reporter Raja Rehber Jamal, a nomad, Mohd Bashir, who is on the way to Kathua, where polling is scheduled on October 1 under Phase 3, said, "it's very important

to cast votes as it's an opportunity to elect our representative who can fight for our rights."

"We have started our annual migration before 15 days from meadows to our winter destination Kathua only to participate in the festival of democracy and cast our votes," he added, saying that we will vote to change our fortunes and reduce hardships.

A Bakerwal lady Safina Bi said that "earlier, we're not aware about the value of a vote, but this time we came to know about it's importance through Administration's SVEEP

campaign, that's why we have started our return journey before 15-20 days, so that we can cast our votes and elect our leader who can represent us in a right way to reduce our hardships."

They said that we are going to vote for securing our rights.

Pertinently, the tradition is much like the Durbhar Move, in which Jammu and Kashmir government was functioning for six months each in the two capitals of the Union Territory, Srinagar and Jammu, to escape extreme weather conditions in these places.

Time to reject religion-based politics: Arvind

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the final day of campaigning for the third phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, Arvind Gupta, BJP's contesting candidate for Jammu West, strongly criticized both the National Conference (NC) and Congress for perpetuating religion-based politics, which he believes has been detrimental to the overall progress and unity of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that these parties have consistently resorted to divisive tactics, exploiting religious sentiments to secure votes rather than focusing on issues of development, employment, and governance.

The senior BJP leader was speaking to media persons while leading an energetic roadshow on the final day of campaigning. The road show was started from Om Palace in Shakti Nagar, passing through several localities, and culminating at Bohri, where he received an overwhelming response from the people. He also addressed multiple public meetings, including key gatherings in Pooni Chak, Panj Pir, and Wards 32, 40, and 41. A large public meeting was also organized opposite the Revenue Complex, where hundreds of people from the minority community pledged their support.

Expressing his gratitude, Arvind Gupta said, "I am overwhelmed by the love and support I have received from the people of Jammu West. Your commitment to change and development is evident, and I assure you that with your vote, I will work tirelessly for the next

five years to serve you with utmost dedication."

Arvind Gupta praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership, which has brought unprecedented development and progress to the region.

"Your one vote has the power to make a significant difference. It will not just elect me, but it will ensure the continuation of PM Modi's vision of a prosperous and united India," he added. He appealed to the people of West constituency to reach polling stations in large numbers and vote in favour of him and BJP in the Assembly polls with an aim to progress and a brighter future for Jammu and Kashmir.

Arvind Gupta was accompanied by prominent BJP leaders including Mandal President Keshav Chopra, Atul Bakshi, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, President Minority Morcha, Surjeet Singh, Ranjit Singh, Dharamvir Singh Jamwal, Brijesh Gupta, Amit Dutta, Ravinder Khajuria, Ex Sarpanches Rajkumar, Gurnam Singh, Pritpal Singh, Sanjay Baru (former Corporator), Jatinder Sethi, KL Sharma, and Ashok Singh Wazir; among others, who all appealed for massive support for Arvind Gupta in the upcoming polls.

Returning Officer Thanamandi refutes allegations raised by Independent Candidate

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RAJOURI: The Returning Officer Thanamandi refuted the allegations raised by Independent Candidate Muzaffar Iqbal Khan regarding booth capturing, calling them baseless and unsupported by any factual evidence. The polling process was transparent and all procedures were followed as per established norms. Polling agents were present at the start of polling and voters were properly identified by officials before casting their votes. The same complaint was raised by Independent Candidate from AC-Thanamandi, Muzaffar Iqbal Khan to the observer during the scrutiny of election documents. The Observer, Tikam Chand Bohra, thoroughly reviewed the complaint and conducted a detailed cross-checking process. This

involved examining Micro Observer reports and cross-verifying key documents, including Form 17C and the ASD (Absentee, Shifted and Dead) list. The scrutiny conducted on P+1 day, in the presence of contesting candidates and their representatives, revealed no discrepancies or adverse findings in the polling process. The ASD list and Form 17C were cross-checked, and everything was found in order.

As for the claim of bogus voting at Polling Station No. 124 Chowakian (C), the list of absentee, deceased, and out-of-state voters submitted by Muzaffar Iqbal Khan was found to be inaccurate. Individuals he listed as deceased, such as Rubina Koser (Serial No. 327) and Kulsum Begum (Serial No. 704), were confirmed to be alive, and Zahir Ahmed

(Serial No. 236) is not listed on the electoral roll.

Allegations that some voters were out of the country or state were also refuted by local sources, confirming that individuals like Mohammad Kabir (Serial No. 237), Irfan Ahmed (Serial No. 254), Aurangzeb (Serial No. 341), and Liaquat Ali (Serial No. 158) were present at their polling stations on the day of voting. Many voters, including those studying or working outside the district, state, or even country, returned home to participate in the election, which was held after a gap of several years.

Based on these examinations, it was confirmed that no irregularities, including booth capturing, took place at the polling stations. Law enforcement officials were on duty throughout polling day and maintained strict vigi-

lance to ensure smooth conduct at the polling stations.

Both Police Observer Dr. Vishnu Khant and General Observer Tikam Chand Bohra visited the majority of polling stations in Tehsil Darhal, including those where the allegations were raised, and found no signs of unlawful activities. These stations were identified as critical, and additional security measures were implemented, involving the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

In conclusion, all claims raised by Muzaffar Iqbal Khan are without merit. The polling process was conducted with transparency and fairness, and no instances of booth capturing or irregularities were found. The enquiry, observer reports and official documents all validate the integrity of the polling process.

DC Poonch chairs DLRSC meet

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: In a significant move to enhance road safety measures in the Poonch district, District Development Commissioner, Poonch and Chairman of the Road Safety Committee, Vikas Kundal today chaired District Level Road Safety Committee (DLRSC) meeting at DC Office here. The meeting witnessed participation from various departments crucial to implementing road safety measures. Addressing the officers during the meeting, the DC emphasized on the need for multi-faceted approach to road safety, directing officials to focus on identifying and rectifying accident-prone areas, intensifying measures against drunk driving, curbing instances of rash driving, overloading, over speeding and preventing dangerous stunts on public roads. The DC stressed on importance of regular road safety reviews and called for increased coordi-



DDC Poonch, Vikas Kundal chairing District Level Road Safety Committee meeting.

nation between the Traffic Police, Roads and Transport Department and other relevant agencies. He urged officials to launch awareness campaigns targeting various road user groups, including drivers, pedestrians, and students.

"Road safety is a shared responsibility," stated Vikas Kundal, adding that while we strengthen enforcement and improve infrastructure, it is

equally crucial to cultivate a culture of responsible driving among our citizens.

During the meeting, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Poonch, Tara Mani, provided a comprehensive briefing on the initiatives undertaken by the Roads and Transport Department, highlighting efforts to implement safe driving measures and improve road infrastructure.

Natrang stages Dogri play 'Gatt'

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JAMMU: Balwant Thakur's popular Dogri play 'Gatt' staged here on Sunday at Natrang Studio Theatre, Jammu under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'. Based on Krishna Chander's famous Urdu classic short story 'Khadda' the play is a hard hitting satire on the decay of human values.

The play "Gatt" shows that one and all tend to shirk their own responsibilities and work and pass it on to others. Instead they indulge in high sloganism, claiming to be the redeemers of the suffering masses. This is symbolized by a person falling into a ditch whose pleas to help him come out unanswered by one and all. Different people pass by him like surveyors, young men, religious, leaders, cops, Political leader in power and a foreigner.

The person in distress is given different excuses and pleas for their inability in extending help to him. The unemployed youth are unable to find time out of their fixed schedule of hunting for girls.

The 'Sadhu' showers blessings and prays for his peace in as and where condition. The police cop lodges an FIR and asks him to report to the



Balwant artists performing in a play.

police station knowing that he will never be able to come out of the ditch on his own. The foreigner lady enquires about his choice between India and Pakistan, which side he would like to take? The situation becomes more dramatic when a minister after a com-

plaint from the public about the worsening of the road condition, makes a round of the area.

The workers of the public works department instead of taking out the man from the ditch put wooden planks over the ditch and create a stage

for minister's public speech. Here the minister lists his development revolution and lashes at his opponents for cursing their government for political gains.

The public meeting is over, the wooden planks are removed but no one pays any heed to the fallen-man in the ditch. The slogans of the upliftment of the poor fades away with the flowing dusty wind. Finally a man from the audience appears and appeals everyone to render a helping hand to this common man who is still in the ditch despite having celebrated sixty-four years of India's Independence. The play reflects the plight of the poor masses who continue to suffer for want of help from those at the helm of affairs.

Natrang actors who acted in the play included Neeraj Kant as Neta, Gopi Sharma as Aadmi, Mohd. Yaseen as Karamchhari 1, Brijesh Avtar Sharma as Karamchhari 2, Kananpreet Kaur as Foreigner, Sanket Bhagat as Aashiq-1, Kushal Bhat as Aashiq-2, Aadesh Dhar as Sadhu and Vishal Sharma as Police cop. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant whereas the presentations were done by Palshin Dutta.

Sikh Sangat of J&K calls for support of Congress-NC Alliance

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JAMMU: A meeting of the Sikh Sangat of Jammu and Kashmir, along with various Sikh organizations, was convened under the leadership of S. Mohinder Singh, Chief Organizer of Bhai Kanaya Nishkam Seva Society J&K and former member of the DGPC Jammu. During this critical assembly, participants unanimously appealed to the Sikh community and the general public to cast their votes on October 1, 2024, in favor of the Congress and National Conference alliance for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir.

The alliance has made significant commitments to address long-standing issues facing the Sikh community, including the implementation of Punjabi as an optional language in government schools, reservations for Sikhs in professional institutions, and specific quotas in government jobs and legislative assemblies. These promises highlight the alliance's focus on ensuring that the concerns of the Sikh community are prioritized and addressed. Mohinder Singh

emphasized that previous attempts to engage with the BJP government regarding these matters have been met with inaction. He called upon the community to unite in support of the Congress-National Conference alliance as a means to express their dissatisfaction with the NDA government, which he described as treating the Sikh community unfairly.

Furthermore, the meeting raised concerns about recent incidents where Sikh students were allegedly harassed and denied entry to exams while wearing their articles of faith, such as kara and kirpan. Additionally, the ongoing plight of Sikh refugees from POK, who have yet to receive the promised rehabilitation package of Rs 30 lakhs from the Manmohan Singh government, was highlighted as a pressing issue that requires urgent attention.

Participants expressed their frustrations over the NDA government's policies, which they deemed anti-people and anti-farmer, particularly in light of the tragic events during farmer protests that resulted in the

deaths of nearly 800 farmers. The collective sentiment was clear: the Sikh community should leverage their voting power to send a strong message to the current government. The meeting was attended by prominent figures from the Sikh community, including Darbinder Singh, President of Shiromani Akali Dal J&K; Rajinder Singh, General Secretary of Shiromani Akali Dal J&K; and Gajan Singh, President of the J&K Motor Transport Association, among others. Their presence underscored the unity and determination of the Sikh community in advocating for their rights and ensuring that their voices are heard.

The participants reiterated their call for the community to vote for the Congress-National Conference alliance, framing it as an opportunity to demand accountability and justice from the NDA government. As the election date approaches, the Sikh Sangat stands united, advocating for a future that respects their rights and honors their contributions to the region.

DEO Bandipora briefs media regarding Poll Preparedness

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BANDIPORA: The District Election Officer (DEO) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, on Sunday addressed a press conference to outline the comprehensive preparations for the upcoming elections scheduled for October 01 in Bandipora. During the press briefing, DEO stated that Bandipora District encompasses three Assembly Constituencies including 14-Sonawari, 15-Bandipora, and 16-Gurez.

A total of 312 polling stations have been established across 220 locations, all equipped with 100% Assured Minimum Facility (AMF). M. A. Qadri maintained that proper training has been provided to polling staff to ensure a smooth electoral process.

He said keeping in view location and topography of the Gurez constituency, polling parties were dispatched there three days prior to the elections, while those for Bandipora and Sonawari will arrive one day (p-1) in advance, in line with Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines.

To facilitate free and fair elections, 82 sector magistrates have been appointed to monitor law and order and address any poll-related violations besides PSTs and SSTs are also actively overseeing electoral activities, he added. The DEO said, Webcasting arrangements have been finalized at all polling stations, enabling live monitoring by the ECI.

Further, arrangements for He also briefed regarding Red polling station managed by PWD officials, pink polling stations managed entirely by female Staff besides other special polling stations.