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EC notifies 3rd phase of J&K **Assembly elections**Last date for filing nominations Sept 12, polling on Oct 1

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday issued election notification for the 3rd phase of the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir.

A total of 40 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in the districts of Kupwara, Bandipora, Baramulla, Udhampur, Kathua, Samba and Jammu shall go to polls in the third and final phase of Assembly Elections-2024.

In Kashmir Division 16 Constituencies comprising 01- Karnah; 02-Trehgam; 03-Kupwara; 04-Lolab; 05-Handwara; 06-Langate; 07- Sopore; 08-Rafiabad; 09-Uri; 10-Baramulla; 11-Gulmarg; 12-Wagoora -Kreeri;13-Pattan; 14-Sonawari; 15-Bandipora; 16- Gurez (ST) and in Division 24 Jammu Assembly Constituencies comprising 59- Udhampur 310 candidates file nominations for Phase 2 of J&K Assembly Elections

Highest 20 candidates in Habbakadal AC, lowest 6 in Kangan JAMMU: As many as 310 candidates have filed their nomination papers across 26 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) of six districts of Jammu and Kashmir which are going to polling in the econd phase of J&K Assembly Election 2024.

Thursday was the last day of filing nomination papers for the second phase of the Assembly Election scheduled to be held on September 25, 2024. A total of 310 candidates have filed 329 nomination papers for the second phase of the forth-

coming Assembly Election 2024, a statement from the office of Chief Electoral Officer

A total of 112 candidates have filed their nominations in Srinagar district, followed by 68 in Budgam district, 47 in Rajouri district, 35 in Poonch district, while 24 candidates each have filed nominations in Reasi and Ganderbal districts.

In Jammu division, for the three ACs in Reasi district, a total of 7 candidates have filed nomnation from 56-Gulabgarh (ST) AC; 10 candidates have filed nomination from 57-Reasi AC; while 7 candidates have filed nomination from 58-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi AC

In the five ACs in Rajouri district, 11 candidates have filed nomination from 83-Kalakote Sunderbani AC; 7 from 84-Nowshera AC; 14 from 85-Rajouri

West; 60- Udhampur East; 61-Chenani: Ramnagar(SC); 63-Bani; 64-Billawar; 65-Basohli; 66-Jasrota; 67-Kathua(SC); 68-

Hiranagar; Ramgarh(SC);70-Samba; 71-Vijaypur;

He said the BJP will

emerge as the single largest

party in the elections in

Marh(SC); 81-Akhnoor (SC) and 82-Chhamb are sched-

Bishnah(SC); Suchetgarh(SC); 74-R.S.Pura-Jammu South; 75-Bahu;76- Jammu East; 77-Nagrota;78- Jammu West; 79-Jammu North; 80-

uled to go to polls in the 3rd phase of the electoral

As per the Notification, the last date for filing nominations is September 12, 2024 (Thursday). Scrutiny

Direct train started from Prayagraj to Vaishno Devi Katra **STATE TIMES NEWS**

PRAYAGRAJ: The North Railway Central Thursday started a direct service Subedarganj station in Prayagraj to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra in Jammu and Kashmir, in line with a long-standing demand of devotees, officials said. The Katra Jammu Mail will depart

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Armed forces need to be prepared for war to preserve peace: Rainath STATE TIMES NEWS

LUCKNOW: The armed forces need to be prepared for war in order to preserve peace, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday while addressing the top commanders of the Army, Navy and the Air

In his remarks at the maiden joint commanders conference here, Singh, touching upon the ongoing conflicts

Amit Shah to launch BJP campaign in Jammu today, release manifesto

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will launch the BJP's poll campaign and release the party's manifesto during his two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir

Shah's visit comes at a critical time for the BJP in J&K as the party faces growing challenges ahead of the assembly elections with several leaders and workers protesting and some of them leaving the saffron party after being denied tickets.

beginning Friday.

"Amit Shah ji arriving in Jammu for a twoday visit starting tomorrow. He will be arriving in the late afternoon from Delhi," a senior leader told PTI.

On the first day of his visit, Shah will release the party manifesto at 4 pm here, the

Later in the evening, he will chair a meeting with party leaders and meet delegations of party workers.

prompted the party to launch a damage control exercise, deploying several top leaders. including Union ministers, to calm the situation over the past week. Jammu district, which has 11 assembly

> constituencies, holds significant importance for the BJP. The party secured nine of these seats in the 2014 elections, contributing to its total tally of 25. Shah's launch of the campaign from Jammu

is aimed at reassuring the people of the region about the BJP's commitment to their welfare and development.

Security has been tightened in and around Jammu ahead of Shah's visit, officials said. Multi-tier security arrangements have been made at two venues, including the media centre set up by the BJP

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"Happy to see research

highlighting the impact of

efforts like the Swachh

Next Govt in J&K will be of 'nationalist people', 'not anti-nationals': Ram Madhav

NOWSHERA/JAMMU:

Madhav Thursday said the next government in Jammu and Kashmir will be of "nationalist people" and "not anti-nationals"

The BJP leader made this asser-

tion as he blamed the National Conference and the PDP for using former militants in their campaigning and the family members of separatists to plunge into the electoral battle in Kashmir.

of their land: Farooq

Jammu and Kashmir are not

slaves of the Centre but the

real owners of their land,

National Conference presi-

dent Farooq Abdullah on

"Let me tell you one thing

... we are not their slaves.

People of this state are the

owners of this place, remem-

ber it," Abdullah told

reporters at Beerwah in

The former chief minister

made the remark when he

was asked if he expected the

Centre to restore statehood

to Jammu and Kashmir

Abdullah, who accompa-

nied the party candidate

from Beerwah segment for

filing of nomination papers,

said the supporters of the

BJP in Kashmir should

come to senses as soon as

"I tell their lapdogs to get

back to their senses. There

will be a storm and they will

On some leaders leaving

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have to face it," he said.

the National Conference,

possible.

after assembly elections.

Thursday said.

Budgam district.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: People of

Jammu and Kashmir as it will bag 35 seats in the Jammu region besides registering victory in Kashmir as well. "We have scrapped Article 370 and

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CJ Tashi Rabstan holds meeting with Judges for National Lok Adalat on Sep 14

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To oversee the preparations for the upcoming National Lok Adalat scheduled for September 14, 2024, Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan convened a crucial meeting with judges from various courts across the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

The meeting was held on Thursday in presence of Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, and Executive Chairman of the Ladakh Legal Service Authority

The primary objective of the meeting was to underscore the importance of the National Lok Adalat in promoting speedy justice and alleviating the burden on the judiciary through amicable



Rabstan commended the district judiciary for successfully disposing of 1.43 lakh cases in the 1st National Lok Adalat and 1.22 lakh cases in the 2nd National Lok Adalat, held earlier this year on March9 and May11, 2024, respectively.

He urged judges to prioritize listing the maximum number of cases eligible for settlement through mutual agreement, both at the pre-litigation stage and those pending before various courts and forums.

Emphasizing the significance of Lok Adalats as a timely and cost-effective platform for resolving disputes, Chief Justice Rabstan highlighted their role in providing relief to litigants and fostering a culture of compromise and cooper-

He called upon the judiciary to collaborate with legal service authorities, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Swachh Bharat Mission game changer for public health: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Prime

Shah will officially launch

the BJP's campaign from

Jammu, where he is sched-

uled to address a rally in the

His visit to Jammu is seen

as crucial, given the resent-

ment within the BJP over its

ticket distribution in the

city on Saturday, he said.

Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said access to

proper toilets plays a crucial role in reducing infant and child mortality, as he shared research that high-

lighted the

impact of efforts like the Swachh Bharat Mission.

In a post on X, the prime minister said improved sani-

tation has become a "game-

changer" for public health in

Bharat Mission. Access to proper toilets plays a crucial role in reducing infant and

child mortality," Modi said on

X. "Clean, safe ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

People of J&K owners Rahul visited J&K as tourist wearing Italy glasses to poison people with divisive agenda: Chugh



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh along with party candidate during filing of nomination papers for Thanamandi assembly constituency

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday blasted for visiting Jammu and Kashmir as a tourist, wear-

ing Italy glasses Addressing a gathering papers for Thanamandi constituency, Chugh said Rahul Gandhi came with a divisive agenda.

"People in J&K have seen road and rail infrastructure building up", he said, adding that new jobs are being created with the induction of

Chugh said the Congress-NCP alliance is bent upon igniting anti-national feelings at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi's agenda of "Sabka saath, sabka vikas" Is becoming popular in J&K.

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Cong expels leader for going 'against spirit of alliance' with NC

SRINAGAR: The Congress on Thursday expelled a party leader in Anantnag district for filing nomination papers as an independent candidate "against the spirit of alliance" with the National

Conference (NC). $A \quad spokesman \quad of \quad J\text{-}K$ Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) said the party has expelled Chowdhary Gulzar Khatana from the primary membership of the party with immediate effect.

He said Khatana has filed nomination papers from the Kokernag (ST) assembly ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Contesting from two assembly seats not sign of weakness: Omar

STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Conference vice president Omar Abdullah Thursday said contesting from two assembly seats is not a sign of weakness, but proves the strength of his party.

Abdullah has filed nomination for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls from two seats -- Ganderbal and Budgam. "My colleagues wanted to

show that the NC is not fighting this election from a weak position, but a strong one. My contesting from two seats is not a sign of weakness, but strength, it is the



proof of the NC's strength, Abdullah told reporters here filing nomination

The former chief minister said if there was any danger of his losing from Budgam, then his party colleagues to contest from here. "Whether it is Baramulla, Srinagar or Anantnag, there is a wave in favour of the NC

and we hope that the party will be successful and the alliance candidates will also win," he added. The NC has an alliance

with the Congress for the three-phase assembly polls. Abdullah said the ground situation is in favour of his party and expressed hope the

results of the election would prove that. "We are not like those fools who talked about 400 plus

NC-Cong want to push J&K back into era of terrorism, anarchy: Anurag

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The former Union Minister and sitting BJP MP, Anurag Thakur on Thursday came down heavily on Congress and National Conference (NC), saying both these parties want to push Jammu and Kashmir towards terrorism, anarchy

"By talking of bringing back Article 370, the NC and Congress want to push J&K back in an of terrorism," Thakur said during a roadshow taken out in Kishtwar Padder-Nagseni Assembly Constituency in favour of BJP candidate Sunil Sharma, a former min-

government. Thakur said: "There is peace in J&K and develop-

ister in BJP-PDP coalition



ment here has been going on at rapid pace after abrogation of Article 370". The

are not able to digest, he said.

increasing support of the people to BJP from all across

shows that "the BJP is going to form next government in

people to vote for BJP and

reply to Congress and NC in the Assembly elections.

"After ruling country for more than 60 years, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi could not come to Kashmir to play with snow and enjoy ice-cream," Thakur said and added, "They played with snow, went around Kashmir and had icecream after Prime Minister

Modi abrogated Article 370". The people have suffered a lot due to misdeeds and follies of NC and Congress since decades and these two parties have again come together to bring back terrorism and violence in J&K, he

"There was a time when Kashmir had become synonymous to terrorism.

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(seats) and then would not have allowed him ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 RSS volunteers stationed in Manipur, working to bring normalcy: Bhagwat

STATE TIMES NEWS

PUNE: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat Thursday said the outfit's volunteers are firmly stationed in Manipur, despite the challenging situation in the conflict-stricken northeastern state and the lack of any guarantee of safety.

He was speaking at an event to mark the centenary year of Shankar Dinkar Kane (popularly known as Bhaiyyaji), who worked in Manipur, focused on children's education until 1971, brought students Maharashtra and arranged for their stay.

"The situation prevailing in Manipur is a difficult one. There is no guarantee of safety. The locals are doubtful about their security. For

those who have gone there for business or social work. the situation is even more challenging. But even in such conditions, the volunteers of the Sangh are firmly stationed, serving both factions and trying to pacify the situation," said Bhagwat.

Sangh volunteers have neither fled that state nor remained idle, and, instead, are working to normalize life, reduce anger and malice between the two groups, and ensure a sense of national unity prevails, Bhagwat said.

"NGOs cannot handle everything, but the Sangh is leaving no stone unturned in doing what it can. They are engaging in dialogue with all the parties involved in the conflict. As a result, they have gained their

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tourists are also arriving in J&K in record numbers, which the NC and Congress

Thakur said that heavy turnout in the road-show and

Thakur appealed to the

teach NC and give befitting