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Disturbing reports from Gadhanjipora Bijbehara: 80 women allegedly being transported in 8 vehicles for bogus voting in North Kashmir, orchestrated by @jkpdp workers. Democracy must be safeguarded. @ECISVEEP @JKNC_ @OmarAbdullah @nasirsogami @CEOJK #Kashmir #ElectionIntegrity

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Apple growers across Kashmir esp Dachnipora Bijbehara are under considerable financial duress because of the worrying downturn & subsequent decline in the apple market. Horticulture is the backbone of J&Ks economy & also provides a steady source of livelihood. Request @manojsinha @AmitShah @nsitharaman to ensure better infrastructural facilities & government support.

GANDHI JAYANTI

On October 2 in 1869, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi revelry known as Mahatma Gandhi was born in Porbandar, India.

915

VILLAGES:
In the entire Jammu district, 915 are total villages.

COMPULSORY TURN RIGHT

This sign directs the driver to turn right only, there could be any reason for it but obeying this signal would lead to safety and hassle free drive.

Record polling resounds message for change; Cong-NC coalition to get majority: Sharma

JAMMU: Congratulating people for their overwhelming participation in the third and final phase of the polling, Congress on Tuesday said that the coalition is going to form a government comfortably with the support of the masses.

Replying to media queries, senior vice president and chief spokesperson of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Ravinder Sharma extended heartfelt congratulations to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their overwhelming and enthusiastic participation in the polling process. He praised the voters for their unwavering commitment to democracy and their determination to shape the future of the region through peaceful and democratic means.

“Today’s record-breaking turnout is not just a display of civic duty, but a resounding message that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are ready for change. It is a clear reflection of their desire to reclaim their rights and restore the democratic fabric of the state,” Sharma said.

He continued by expressing confidence in the Congress Party’s prospects, noting that the high voter turnout was a strong signal of the people’s dissatisfaction with the ruling BJP government, which kept them deprived of democracy for more than six years.

“Out of the 24 assembly seats in Jammu region that went to polls today, we are confident that Congress will emerge victorious in the majority of these constituencies. The people have spoken loud and clear, and their vote is a mandate for change, a mandate against the divisive and anti-democratic policies of the BJP. The overwhelming support for the National Conference-Congress alliance demonstrates that the people trust our vision for the future,” Sharma added.

The high voter turnout is an answer to BJP that people always believed in democracy & not in negative agenda but were deliberately kept away from exercising this right by the BJP government, just to run proxy government here.

Now people will get their own elected government to govern but the struggle for the full rights to deliver and achieve statehood, is still ahead for which INDIA alliance led by Congress is fully committed.

Sharma raised questions over the role of police administration at number of places including in parts of Kathua district where no action was taken against ruling party activists indulging in corrupt practices. There numerous complaints of Bjp supporters resorting to illegal practices and in violence and nin action of police against them in Basi-hli, Billawar & other areas.

LG Manoj Sinha greets people on Gandhi Jayanti

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, which will be celebrated tomorrow.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor has said, “On the occasion of the 155th birth anniversary of our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, I extend my greetings to the people and pay my hum-



ble tributes to him.

Gandhi Jayanti is an occasion for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the

ideals and values of Pujiya Babu on peace, truth, sacrifice and non-violence.

Mahatma Gandhi had said that non-violence is a power which can be wielded equally by all-children, young men and women or grown-up people, provided they have a living faith in the God of Love and have therefore equal love for all mankind. Through his message and work on cleanliness, Gandhi Ji guided the nation towards swachhta and na-

tion building. Taking inspiration from Babu, our students in every school in J&K are adopting a local water body, local park or a local heritage site to undertake cleanliness drive twice every month.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti let us take a pledge to follow the path of truth, sacrifice, non-violence, selfless service and cooperation and dedicate ourselves towards promoting peace and harmony in the society.”



Displaced Kashmiri Pandits vote with hope of return to homeland

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JAMMU: Thousands of displaced Kashmiri Pandits on Tuesday once again cast their vote with the hope that the new government in Jammu and Kashmir will facilitate their return to the Kashmir valley.

Mufti-BJP in 2014 failed to address the rehabilitation issue.” He added that successive Congress and BJP governments at the Centre also made minimal efforts to fulfil their demands.

“We hope that our next voting will be in Kashmir,” Nath said. A majority of nearly three lakh members of the community reside in Jammu and Delhi, who have been living in exile for 35 years since the insurgency in Kashmir forced them to leave their homeland.

Like Nath, young entrepreneur Vikas Raina, whose father, a principal, was assassinated by Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorists along with two lecturers in 1997, voted in Sopore constituency along with his wife Jagriti, hopeful that the government would not only implement rehabilitation plans in Kashmir but also ensure employment opportunities for the youth.

“It is crucial to ensure the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits as soon as possible. Alongside job opportunities in both government and private sectors, youths should also be provided land and loans to start business in the valley,” Raina emphasized.

Icons, social media influencers play pivotal role in Assembly Elections

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JAMMU: In an era of information technology and ever growing social media impact, the Icons and Social Media Influencers have proved to be the biggest assets in the Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

The J&K Election Office appreciably utilized the social media influencers and several icons as ambassadors as a strategy for voter appeal which is a powerful approach towards increasing the voter engagement and voter turnout.

The voter awareness video appeals by the Icons with views in tens of thousands kept multiplying with every passing day, their relatability, familiarity, celebrity influence, shade identity, cultural and lingual relevance contributed a lot in motivating, educating and empowering the electors to cast their vote and strengthen the democracy. The digital reach of the icons/influencers had a strong presence in social media which increased the digital footprint of election related campaign and SVEEP activities to the tech-savvy young

generation. The role of PWD Icons received overwhelming response as they were able to strike an immediate chord with the voters through their motivating and humane voter participation appeals. Celebrity sportspersons, accomplished musicians, distinguished academicians, social media influencers and media personalities that had huge following on their respective social media handles gave the much needed impetus to the SVEEP campaign in the UT.

“Influencers are incredibly instrumental in encouraging the voter participation as it is the easiest and most effective way to reach all the voters through various Social Media Apps” opined the Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.

The Election Commission of India’s theme, ‘No Voter to be Left Behind’ and the slogans like ‘Your Vote Your Right’ became the much talked topics about election mantra and resonated on different information dissemination platforms. Apart from their personal initiatives, the Icons regularly appeared on radio shows and public events to garner support

for the SVEEP campaign.

In Jammu and Kashmir, around 62 icons at district level and 18 at UT level had been designated for mass awareness of general public. The icons had been designated for all categories like General Icon, Icons for Women, Icons for PwD and Transgender. The icons played a great role in voter education and increasing voter turnout in Jammu and Kashmir by promoting their audio/video messages on social media.

Some of the famous icons were Subedar Chain Singh, gold medalist in 7th Asian Air Gun Championship Kuwait and 2016 South Asian Games, Sherlin Seth, Miss India 2017, Sadia Tariq, 3rd Open India Taekwondo champion, Javed Ahmad Tak, Padmashree awardee, social activist, Parveen Rasool and Umran Malik, International Cricketer, Faisal Ali Dar, an Indian martial arts coach, Chandee Sudan, Indian Athlete, 2nd Time’s World Para Taekwondo champion, Kabul Bukhari, renowned singer and musician, Ankush Sabharwal, Tech Entrepreneur and AI (Artificial Intelligence) expert.

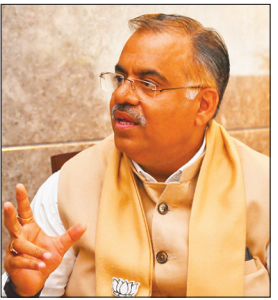
BJP to script history in J&K: Tarun Chugh

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JAMMU: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh, who monitored the Assembly election for the party, today said going by the voters’ participation there were clear indications that the Bjp will script history in J&K.

Chugh, who is also party incharge for J&K, expressed his great satisfaction over the massive turnout in the third and last phase of Assembly polls in J&K stating that huge participation of people was a slap on the face of National Conference, PDP and Congress. He said that BJP will form the government after October 8 in J&K and first priority will be to provide jobs to youth of J&K.

“I am glad to see huge voter participation across the board in the UT today. This is a slap on the face of NC, Congress, and PDP who used to win through boycott politics.



Today, people have expressed their faith in democracy by coming out in large numbers to cast ballot,” Chugh adding that “It is the BJP that will form government after October 8 in J&K and our first priority will be to provide jobs to youth.”

He said that people of Jammu and Kashmir have spoken and their voices have been heard loud and clear. Today, we celebrate a monumental shift in the state’s electoral landscape, as the boycott politics of the past give way to massive voter participation Chug thanked people for voting in large numbers, saying, “This is a testament to the restored faith in democracy, thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision.”

“The 1987 election riggings had left a deep scar on the people’s trust in the democratic process. However, under PM Mo-

di’s leadership, the faith of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in BR Ambedkar’s Constitution has been revitalized,” he said.

“This is not just a victory for our party, but for democracy itself.”

He said that today, the people of North Kashmir came out in large numbers to exercise their right to vote, demonstrating their faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s efforts over the past decade. This overwhelming participation is a testament to the trust reposed in the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Prime Minister’s vision for Jammu and Kashmir’s future.

He said that PM Modi’s leadership has played a pivotal role in strengthening democracy in the region.

His emphasis on grassroots democracy has brought about a significant shift, with the successful establishment of a three-tier Panchayati Raj System. This development has paved the way for more effective governance and representation, he said.

Project Beacon conducts extensive cleanliness drive



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JAMMU: Project Beacon as part of the nationwide “Swachhata Hi Sewa” campaign alongside its allied units conducted an extensive cleanliness drive across various locations in the Kashmir Valley. The initiative, aimed at promoting cleanliness and raising awareness among tourists and local communities.

Cleanliness activities were conducted at all the detachments and Road Construction Companies (RCC) locations in Gurez Valley, Kupwara, Sonmarg, Gulmarg, Pahalgam and various other locations. These Road Construction Companies in addition to own locations organised mass cleanliness drive at Zojila Pass, Rajdan Pass and Sadhna Pass.

All RCCs contributed to a large-scale drive along the roads and National Highways in the respective jurisdictions. Personnel worked diligently to clean up and maintain the cleanliness of roads that are frequented by both locals and tourists, ensuring cleaner routes and spread of awareness amongst the populace.

In an effort to instill a sense of responsibility among visitors, pamphlets promoting cleanliness were distributed to tourists across key locations in the Kashmir Valley. The initiative sought

to encourage tourists to maintain the beauty of these locations by keeping the environment clean and disposing of waste properly.

Swachhata Pledge was instituted in the Border Road Organisation (BRO) run schools, Offices & Worksites. Project Beacon also organised awareness runs & painting competitions in the schools.

A special ceremony was held to honour the Safai Karmis (sanitation workers) who play a crucial role in maintaining the cleanliness of the region. Their relentless efforts and dedication to keeping the environment clean were recognized with awards and commendations.

ECI established 240 special Polling Stations in Phase 3 of J&K Assembly Elections

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JAMMU: With an aim to ensure that every eligible voter exercise his democratic right, the Election Commission of India has established 240 special polling stations in third and final phase of Assembly Election in Jammu and Kashmir.

“To conduct free, fair and peaceful elections under the guidance of Election Commission of India amid numerous challenges, varying geographical, social and political conditions across Jammu and Kashmir, it was essential that the voters are fully conscious about their rights and obligations as electors and are made fully

ly aware of the statutory provisions under which the election machinery operates. This necessitated the establishment of these special polling booths in the UT which had really significant impact in the whole election process”, maintained the J&K Chief Electoral Officer, Pandurang K Pole.

The CEO asserted that these special polling stations are theme-based, and in some areas, efforts were made to go the extra mile to reach voters and maximize participation. The decorated booths, fundamental to the entire election process, play a significant role in making the festival of democracy a success, he added. He said that these innovative polling

stations, such as women-managed, youth-managed, Green Polling Stations, Model Polling Stations, Border and Unique Polling Stations, were designed to cater specifically to women, youth, Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), promote eco-friendly practices, ensure inclusive and accessible election and accommodate the voters of different kinds in the region.

“During all the three phases of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Election, a total of 504 special polling stations had been established”, added the CEO.

Furthermore, the ECI’s commitment towards environmental sustainability has been showcased

through the implementation of green practices at these polling stations. Every aspect is meticulously designed to minimize environmental impact and promote a greener future.

Speaking on this milestone initiative, Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Pandurang K Pole, said that establishment of these unique polling stations underscores our unwavering dedication towards fostering inclusivity and sustainability in the electoral process. He added that the ECI believes that every citizen should have equal access to exercise their democratic right, and these polling stations represent a significant step towards achieving that goal.

