

**Notification issued for...**  
place during the 2nd phase of the electoral process.The election notification specifies the timeline and procedures for candidates wishing to contest in the parliamentary elections.  
As per the notification, nomination papers can be filed by candidates or their proposers at the Returning Officer's office (Deputy Commissioner), Jammu or Assistant Returning Officer 76- Jammu East (Joint Commissioner (A) Jammu Municipal Corporation) at Deputy Commissioner's office, Wazarat Road Jammu between 11:00 am to 03:00 pm on any day (other than public holiday) not later than 04 April, 2024.  
The nomination forms can be obtained from the office of the Returning Officer, located at the Deputy Commissioner's office in Jammu.Scrutiny of the nomination papers will take place on 06 April, 2024 at 11:00 am at Deputy Commissioner's Office Jammu.The candidates have the option to withdraw their candidature on April 08, 2024 until 03:00 pm.The polling day for the constituency has been scheduled for April 26, 2024, and the polling will be conducted from 07:00 am to 06:00 pm.

**Man detained under...**  
trial for up to two years in some cases."Mir Mohd Choudhary, a resident of village Gohlad, has been identified as a habitual trouble creator posing a significant threat to the peaceful existence of society. He has demonstrated a pattern of behaviour characterised by the adoption of various tactics to spread terror and fear within the community," police said in a statement.  
"To prevent further criminal activities detrimental to public order, the district police, Poonch, acting upon a detention order obtained from the District Magistrate, Poonch, has taken the necessary steps to detain Choudhary under the PSA," police said.The accused has been implicated in several criminal cases, notably involving criminal intimidation within the jurisdiction of Mendhar Police Station, they said.

**Police attaches illegal...**  
Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act, Police said.  
Police said, "properties (land measuring 6 marlas under survey No. 875 & plinth of under construction poultry farm worth lacs) belonging to the notorious drug peddler has been attached".The action was taken under sections 68-E read with 68-F (1) of the NDPS Act of 1985."The property was identified as illegally acquired property during an investigation/inquiry conducted by Police. The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in Narcotic drug and Psychotropic substances by the drug peddler", Police added.

**India's borders totally...**  
series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in 2021 on the north and south banks of the Pangong lake and in the Gogra area.  
Singh defended the Aginveer scheme, saying recruiting youths would result in an increased risk-taking spirit and more tech-savvy armed forces."Everyone will accept the fact that there should be youthfulness in the armed forces. Normally, 30-50 years has been the age range of our jawans. But when jawans aged 18-20 will join as Agniveers, then the risk-taking spirit will be a bit higher," he said.Senior jawans are discharging their responsibilities well, there is no two ways about it, he said.

Today is the age of technology and the Indian youth should also be tech-savvy. Such youths are being recruited under this scheme as Agniveers, he added. The future of these youths will not be impacted by the scheme. Steps have been taken to secure their future, including making provisions for reservation for Agniveers in paramilitary forces, Singh said."And if we see any drawbacks, then we are ready to rectify them," he said.  
In June 2022, the Centre rolled out the Agnipath recruitment scheme for short-term induction of personnel into the armed forces with an aim to bring down the age profile of the three services.The scheme provides for recruiting youngsters in the age bracket of 17 years and a half to 21 years for a four-year period with a provision to retain 25 per cent of them for 15 more years.

**Transporters strike call...**  
as there was no commercial vehicle plying on the road.Transport union president Vijay Chib said that they had reached an agreement with administration to run e-buses in areas which are least connected."But now e-buses are plying on busy routes as well which is putting risk to our livelihood. Administration must think about our earning as well," he said.

**Lok Sabha Elections...**  
Code of Conduct.The vigilant enforcement teams have demonstrated infallible commitment to uphold the sanctity of electoral process;" stated District Election Officer Kathua, who is also the Returning Officer for the 4-Udhampur PC. "We are determined to prevent any violation of the model code of conduct promptly and decisively," he added.As the Lok Sabha elections progress, the administration has urged the citizens to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activities or violation of the poll code to the concerned authorities.

**DC Kulgam reviews implementation of COTPA-2003**  
*Instructs concerned to formulate a detailed IEC activity calendar to disseminate awareness campaigns effectively*

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS KULGAM, MAR 28:**  
The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today chaired a review meeting of District Level Coordination Committee for implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, COTPA-2003 under National Tobacco Control Program, at mini-secretariat Kulgam.  
During the meeting, Divisional Nodal Officer NTCP DHS Kashmir, Dr.Mir Mushtaq through a PowerPoint presentation enumerated the role and responsibilities of various departments/stakeholders in tobacco control.  
The DC instructed CEO and other concerned to ensure that no sale of Tobacco products is permitted within 100 yards of institutional premises.  
Moreover, he emphasized the necessity of formulating a detailed Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activity calendar to disseminate awareness campaigns effectively.  
In addition to these directives, officers and heads of institutions were tasked with ensuring that all offices maintain tobacco-free environments.  
The DC urged all stakeholders present to collectively ensure the rigorous implementation of COTPA-2003, which is aimed at combating the tobacco menace within society.  
The meeting was attended by ADDC, Bashir Ahmad Wani; ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri; ACP, Nazia Hassan, SDM, Tehsildars and other officers.

**PM Modi arriving...**  
2024, Modi addressed rallies held in Jammu and Srinagar.Sources told that in anticipation of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has unveiled an extensive campaign strategy, enlisting the support of 40 leaders, including prominent national figures and local stalwarts.  
Among the high-profile leaders slated to participate in the campaign are Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, and Home Minister Amit Shah. Additionally, the lineup includes other notable personalities such as National Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Minister Anurag Thakur, among others.  
The BJP's campaign roster features a mix of seasoned politicians and emerging leaders, aiming to resonate with diverse segments of the electorate. Notable inclusions are Jairam Thakur, Sunil Jakhar, Smriti Irani, Bhajan Lal Sharma, Pushkar Singh Dhami, and Tarun Chugh, among others, highlighting the party's concerted effort to leverage both national and local appeal.The comprehensive list also encompasses several regional leaders. Individuals such as Ravindra Raina, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Jugal Kishore Sharma, and Abdul Ghani Kohli feature prominently.  
Reports inform that this comprehensive campaign strategy has been formally communicated to the Election Commission of India by Arun Singh, the party's National General Secretary and in-charge of Headquarters. With BJP fielding candidates like Dr. Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma, who have previously represented the party, the stage is set for a fiercely contested electoral battle in April, when elections are scheduled to take place in Udhampur and Jammu parliamentary constituencies

**JKBOSE issues revised...**  
Soft Zone areas has now been rescheduled from 02-04-2024 at 1.00 pm while 11th class examination of Hard Zone areas shall commence from 22-04-2024 at 10.00 am.  
The revised schedule has been notified vide notification number F (Acad-C)/Rev/DT/AR/XI-SZ/X-XI-XII-HZ/2024 dated 28-03-2024 which is available on the official website of JKBOSE www.jkbose.nic.in.As per the notification, the change has been necessitated because of a communique received from Joint Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Jammu, regarding the schedule for conduct of Lok Sabha Election 2024. There has also been a communication from National Testing Agency regarding conduct of Joint Entrance Examination (Main) 2024, session w.e.f. 04 April to 15 April 2024 in addition to scores of representations from the students for rescheduling of JKBOSE exams. The date sheets for the examinations of said classes/zones issued earlier be treated as cancelled, read the notification.  
All the stakeholders including Principals, Overall Incharges, Superintendents, exam staff, students and parents have been asked to carefully adhere to the revised schedule. The teachers should appropriately inform their students about the revised dates particularly revised time so that there is no confusion and the examinees reach the examination centers on the right day and time.  
The overall Incharges shall ensure that the right question paper is opened at the right centre and on the right day/time. The Sub/ Branch officers of JKBOSE shall be specially responsible for dissemination of revised schedule of examination of Hard zone areas. In case of any confusion or query, the stakeholders can contact nearest JKBOSE office or at JKBOSE helpline number 0191-2953195, 0194-3113091 or Joint Secretary Exam JD on mobile number 9419144203 and Joint Secretary Kashmir on mobile number 8493831545.

**CS reviews development...**  
this portal. He enquired from the developers about the utility and significance of this portal for the people besides the novel initiatives to be made part of it.  
He further asked about the courses to be offered over this portal for skilling and the kind of alerts, information to be provided to applicants. He suggested for making it multilingual for ease of diverse population living here. He also asked for inclusion of motivational videos giving details of schemes offered in each sector of self employment besides adding those on Daksh Kisan portal.  
The Secretary, SDD, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan threw light on different aspects and avenues to be onboarded over it. He gave out that the portal under development is going to host a number of online courses beneficial for the people in need of skilling themselves under different sectors or areas of interest like Agriculture, automotive, BFSI, construction, beauty & wellness etc.

**Rains lash plains...**  
Intermittent light rain or snow in a few places is also expected on March 31. The weather will generally remain dry from April 1 to 5.The erratic weather may also cause disruption of surface transport over important passes, the MeT office said and advised travellers and tourists to plan their trip accordingly, particularly during March 30.It has also advised farmers to suspend farm operations from March 27 to March 31.  
There is a possibility of landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones during the above period. Thunderstorms and lighting activity, with the possibility of hailstorms and gusty winds, can also occur during March 27-30.Srinagar received 0.1mm of

rainfall, Qazigund 1.6mm, Pahalgam 4.4mm, Kupwara 2.0mm, Kokernag 0.6mm, and Gulmarg 3.4mm during the past 24 hours until 0830 hours on Thursday.  
Amid cloud cover, the night temperature in Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir Valley further improved, recorded at 3-5 degrees Celsius above normal, while the day temperature also remained 5-6 degrees Celsius above normal on the previous day.Srinagar had a low of 9.8 degree Celsius against the 9.5 degree Celsius recorded during the intervening nights of Wednesday and Thursday. It was 3.7 degree Celsius above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season.  
The tourist hot spot of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded a low of 5.0 degree Celsius against the 1.6 degree Celsius the previous night, while the famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district settled at 2.0 degree Celsius against the 3.0 degree Celsius recorded a day ago, the MeT office said.

**Congress leaders grabbed...**  
MPs had made it a norm to threaten the poor and encroach their properties. Under Congress rule, this culture became a countrywide phenomena and did not spare even this region of Kathua, where people are innocent and dignified.  
Soon after taking over as Prime Minister, Narendra Modi said, "Na Khaunga Na Khane Doonga" and all the wealth and land looted from the poor by the Congress leaders and their families will be recovered and deposited in State exchequer to be utilised for the benefit of the needy. At the same time, Prime Minister Modi said, those who are trying to escape from action by law will also be brought to book, he added.  
Accordingly, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, one after the other, all the criminals, encroachers and land grabbers in the Congress Party are on their way to jail and periodically coming out on bail. He said, as a Member of Prime Minister Modi's team, each of the BJP Karyakarta has taken the vow to bring these looters to the book and restore their looted property to the genuine claimants.As far Kathua, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the entire region was neglected by its Congress representatives because they were keen to appease their Kashmir-centric masters. As a result, this region suffered from continuous neglect and discrimination.  
In the last 10 years, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, under Prime Minister Modi, Kathua witnessed maximum development among all the districts of Jammu & Kashmir. Kathua got centrally funded Government Medical College, centrally funded Engineering College under RUSA, Passport Office, Vande Bharat Train, North India's first Industrial Biotech Park, North India's first Homeopathic College, first Seed Processing Plant, 4% reservation for youth along International border, border bunkers, Express Road Corridor from Delhi, network of roads, dozens of bridges including the important Keerian-Gandaly bridge, Juthana bridge and Atal Setu, several degree colleges and Kendriya Vidyalayas, Bamboo clusters, which gave employment to hundreds of peoples including Women Self-Help Groups, new industrial complex and much more.  
Dr. Jitendra Singh said, today Kathua is emerging as the central nodal point of education , health and trade from all across North India. This has been possible only because of personal indulgence of Prime Minister Modi and the third term of Prime Minister Modi is also going to be "Modi Ki Guarantee" for Kathua emerging as a favourite destination in North India.  
During his tour, Dr. Jitendra Singh was accompanied by former MLA and Minister, Rajiv Jasrotia, DDC Vice Chairperson Raghunandan Singh Babloo, BJP President Gopal Mahajan, senior leader Janak Bharati,Prem Nath Dogra, Councillors, BDC members and PRIs. Wherever he went, he was received with extraordinary enthusiasm by people chanting the slogan, "Abki Baar 400 Paar".

**Will bring Roshni...**  
aimed to work for people's interest, adding "The DPAP will bring Roshni Act back if voted to power".  
Saroori said that the motto of DPAP formation is to provide relief to people of Jammu and Kashmir who have been trapped badly into the political tricks of anti-people parties. He said apart from doing politics on religious lines, the DPAP will focus on development and provide relief to people of Jammu and Kashmir.  
"People are very much angry with the politics of BJP and those ruled J&K before. Those filled nomination from Jammu and Udhmapur seats had already served 10 years as MP but they failed to do any measure for people. I'm a fresh candidate and hope people will give me a chance to serve as they have no option left in current times," DPAP leader GM Saroori said.  
He said DPAP will respect everyone's faith and do not fiddle with anyone's religious sentiment. "We will not make communities to fight to each other. DPAP will contest polls on developmental issues. It is our prime wish that Statehood of J&K should be restored, land should be reserved for local state subjects only," he said.  
He added during last several years the unemployment in J&K has breached all previous records that led youth into distress and indulged into drugs."We want to do our politics on development issues. DPAP will identify more tourist destinations in every constituency so that opportunities of livelihood for youth be provided hassle-free. Also Roshni Act will be brought back. Electricity will be made free to consumers, rising inflation will be contained, and people will be provided good governance so that their issues will get resolved timely," he said.

The DPAP leader added that daily wagers who serve different departments of Jammu and Kashmir will also be regularized. Further works at local level will be reserved for local youth only, and if there will be a need to accommodate outsiders the DPAP will bring Act for that for the security of local youth.  
Lashing out at Congress, the DPAP leader said that it is incompetence of Congress party which led to BJP to rule the Country. "If people of the country are in difficulties today it is because of Congress party as they failed to address people's concern in their times. Their incompetence led BJP to rule the country," he added.

**Hope govt is...**  
really serious, or is it a mere jumla (rhetoric) ?" Mufti told reporters.She was responding to questions about Home Minister Amit Shah's statement regarding the revocation of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA).  
"As far as the revocation of AFSPA and withdrawal of security forces from civilian areas and sending the Army to barracks is concerned, it has been an important demand of the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the past several years. PDP has been strongly advocating for this demand every time," she said.The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister also criticised the BJP for not keeping its previous poll promises such as providing 2 crore jobs every year and reducing the price of gas cylinder to Rs 400.  
"They talked about transferring Rs 15 lakh into the account of every poor family. Nothing like that has happened. I hope Amit Shah is serious and wants to do it. I hope this does not turn out to be a jumla," she said.The PDP chief also strongly advocated for the release of youth from jails, and said that if the government wants to heal the wounds inflicted on the children of J-K, they should at least be released.  
"How many journalists are in jails? They should release those against whom there are no charges and who are not prosecuted. We will have faith in their remarks... otherwise, it looks like a jumla," she said.Shah on Tuesday said the central government will consider revoking the AFSPA in Jammu and Kashmir.

**Ten injured as...**  
accident to brake failure, which led to the driver's futile attempts to regain control before the vehicle overturned.  
Dr. Nusrat Ul Nisar, the Medical Superintendent of Raja Sukhdev Singh District Hospital, confirmed the admission of the ten injured individuals, emphasizing the provision of immediate medical attention to address their injuries. As investigations into the cause of the accident unfold, authorities are working to ensure the well-being and recovery of the victims of this tragic incident.

**J&K Sports Council...**  
Union Territory.Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, said in a circular that while conducting the audit on the activities and accounts of the J&K Sports Council by the audit party of the Principal Accountant General Audit, observations have been raised by the audit party on the functioning of the recognised sports associations, which need to be streamlined for greater transparency and accountability in the working of the sports associations.  
The ten-point advisory issued by the Secretary has stated that various office bearers are holding multiple offices in different sports associations in violation of the Sports Council guidelines and sports code.The circular further read that some Government employees are holding offices in the sports associations without obtaining proper permission from the Competent Authority in terms of SRO-164 of 2024, and various recognised sports associations have not launched official websites, thereby violating the RTI Act.  
"Irregular conduct of trials has been noticed by the audit party for selection in national tournaments due to improper dissemination of information in print media, particularly in leading newspapers, thereby denying the chances of genuine sportspeople," it read.The circular read that for regulating transparency in the functioning of sports associations, all associations should certify that no office bearer is holding multiple offices in various sports associations, no Government employee is allowed to be a part of sports associations without prior permission from the government, and the sports associations should adhere to the RTI Act and guidelines of the Central Government with regard to the launch of their official websites.  
The Secretary, as per the circular, has directed that the sports associations should public the notice of the trials and competitions at least two weeks ahead of the trials and competitions, besides, online measures will be initiated to invite the participation of all eligible persons."Fair chance be given to a genuine and deserving person to avoid misuse or grant in aid," said Gull as per the circular, further advising the sports associations to comply with the instructions forthwith and submit a compliance report immediately.Notably, in October 2022, Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, said in a meeting that the defunct associations, for unknown reasons, have ceased to function, which shall not be tolerated.

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**Lok Sabha Elections 2024**  
**BLOs imparted Training about electoral process at different assembly segments of Kupwara**

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS KUPWARA, MAR 28:**  
Ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections, series of training sessions were conducted today at designated places of different assembly segments of Kupwara district, in order to educate the Supervisors and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) about various aspects of electoral process and proficient handling of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines.  
During the training, BLOs were emphasized to update the voter lists and make them healthy and error free besides it was stressed that Youth, women, senior citizens especially with the age of 80 plus, PwDs (Persons with disabilities), transgender and other vulnerable sections of the society are not left out.  
On the occasion, practical demonstration was given to the participant trainees regarding the functioning of EVMs and VVPAT machines to boost their understanding and proficiency in managing the voting process.  
At Town hall Handwara, the Training session was conducted under the supervision of Assistant Returning Officer (ARO), assembly segment 5-Handwara, Aziz Ahmad Rather to train the Supervisors and Booth Level Officers about the various aspects of electoral process especially making voter lists healthy and efficient operation of EVMs and VVPAT machines in the upcoming elections.  
The training was conducted by District Level Master Trainers (DLMTs) who provided full guidance to partici-

pants on various facets of the electoral process and operations of EVM/VVPAT.  
Speaking at the occasion, ARO highlighted the importance of election training to the BLOs. He said training enables the officials to understand the election system, learn handling and operation of EVMs to ensure an error-free election process.  
Emphasis was placed on the importance of active participation and adherence to the guidelines outlined by the Election commission of India to ensure smooth and transparent conduct of the elections.  
ARO Handwara also stressed to ensure AMFs at every polling station, PwD voters flagging in mother Rolls, Migrant Voters registration and strategy for their voting, provisions for absentee voters.  
Tehsildars of Handwara, Ramhall, Vilgam and Zachaldara also attended the training programme.  
Similar training was imparted to Supervisors and BLOs of assembly segment 4-Lolab at Degree College Sogam where they were directed to make healthy voter lists, more over hands on training about operation of EVMS and VVPATs was also imparted.  
Training of BLOs of Assembly Segment 6-Langate was imparted at ITI Handwara.  
Meanwhile, Special Nodal Officer Elections, Sameer Jan, has directed all BLOs of the district to form WhatsApp groups for all employees residing in their respective polling station areas for the purpose of alternate channel of communication for their election duty and filling of form 12(A).

**Lok Sabha Elections 2024**  
**SVEEP: DC Ganderbal kick-starts Chinar plantation drive at Biodiversity Park Dagapora**  
**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS GANDERBAL, MAR 28:**  
The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today kick-started a mega Chinar plantation drive at Biodiversity Park Dagapora Ganderbal under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program. Chinar plantation drive was organized by District Floriculture Officer Ganderbal in collaboration with Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of various stakeholders including DFO Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal, District Floriculture Officer, Forest department staff, students and local residents.  
The ceremonial planting of Chinar saplings by the DC marked the inauguration, symbolizing the collective commitment to fostering a greener and healthier environment.  
Over 100 Chinar plants were planted during the event, highlighting the crucial significance of preserving this iconic species.  
Underlining the District Administration Ganderbal's ambitious green agenda, the aim is to plant 3 lakh saplings of diverse species across the district's open spaces.  
Speaking at the event, the DC stressed the cultural and environmental importance of Chinars, emphasizing their status as a heritage of Kashmir. He urged everyone to actively participate in this noble cause by planting at least one sapling and engaging in the upcoming elections.  
The mega plantation drive underscores the District Administration's commitment to environmental sustainability and civic engagement, marking a significant step towards a greener and more participatory future.