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ECI sets process for Assembly elections in J&K in motion, draft rolls by Aug 31

given for the appointment of officials for the work on updating voter list.

Re-serialisation, mapping and renaming of Polling Stations post the delimitation will be done by June 30, in addition to the identification of polling stations for those villages where new booths need to be created.

After the delimitation, some of the earlier Polling Stations may come under more than one new constituency or may be completely shifted to another constituency.

The Polling Stations will be mapped accordingly.

The appointment of booth level officers and their proper training will be done by July 5.

Verification and rationalisation of polling booths will be done by July 25.

Finally, the draft rolls need to be prepared by August 31, sources said.

During the revision exercise, citizens would be given opportunities to enrol, delete and change their particulars in the electoral rolls.

Last month, the Central Government had issued a notification saying that the orders of the Delimitation Commission which redrew electoral constituencies would

come into effect from May 20.

According to the orders of the Delimitation Commission, set up under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act of 2019, the Union Territory will have 90 assembly constituencies – 43 in Jammu Division and 47 in Kashmir – with nine of them being reserved for the Scheduled Tribes and seven for Scheduled Castes.

The erstwhile Legislative Assembly had 87 seats – 46 in Kashmir, 37 in Jammu and four in Ladakh. In the reorganisation of the erstwhile State, Ladakh was declared as a separate Union Territory without a Legislature.

The three-member Delimitation Panel was headed by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, a retired judge of the Supreme Court. Then Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra (now retired) and Jammu and Kashmir Election Commissioner K K Sharma were its two ex-officio members.

Five Jammu and Kashmir Lok Sabha members – three from the National Congress and two from the BJP – were Associate Members of the Commission.

The Panel submitted its final report on May 5, just a day before its two-year tenure was to end.

Mamata mentions names of Gandhi, Farooq for Prez election

At the next meeting, the parties are expected to come up with names of leaders who could be widely acceptable, they said.

While Banerjee mentioned the names of National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah and Gopalkrishna Gandhi as other alternatives, senior opposition leaders said that the remark was made in "passing" and "not seriously".

Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi was the consensus opposition candidate for the post of Vice President of India in 2017 but had lost to M Venkaiah Naidu in the election.

He is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and C Rajagopalachari.

Leaders of several opposition parties at the Wednesday meeting urged NCP supremo Sharad Pawar to be the joint opposition candidate for the Presidential election, but the veteran leader declined the offer.

As many as 17 opposition parties attended the crucial meeting of opposition parties to build consensus on fielding a joint candidate against the BJP-led NDA in the Presidential election.

Leaders of the Congress, Samajwadi Party, NCP, DMK, RJD and the Left parties attended the over two-hour-long meeting called by the Trinamool Congress supremo, while the AAP, SAD, AIMIM, Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and Odisha's ruling BJD skipped it.

Leaders of Shiv Sena, CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML), National Conference, PDP, JD(S), RSP, IUML, RLD and the JMM were among those present.

The nomination process for the July 18 Presidential election began today.

RJD's Manoj Jha, however, said the leaders would convince Pawar to reconsider the offer as he was the right candidate.

CPI's Binoy Viswam said, "There was consensus in the meeting that there should be only one candidate who is acceptable to all".

He said that only Sharad Pawar's name came up during the meeting.

The leaders who attended the meeting included Sharad Pawar and Praful Patel of the NCP, Mallikarjun Kharge, Jairam Ramesh and Randeep Surjewala of the Congress, H D Deve Gowda and H D Kumaraswamy of the

JD(S), Akhlesh Yadav of the SP, Mehbooba Mufti of the PDP and Omar Abdullah of the National Conference.

The meeting which began at 3 pm ended a little after 5 pm.

Banerjee last week invited leaders of 19 political parties, including seven chief ministers, for the meeting in the national capital to produce a "confluence of opposition voices" for the July 18 election.

A day ahead of the meeting, Banerjee and Left party leaders had met Pawar at his residence separately to try and convince him to be the common opposition candidate for the top Constitutional post.

With the ruling NDA having about half the votes of the electoral college and the possible support of fence-sitters like the BJD, AIADMK and YSR, its candidate is likely to sail through the contest.

Meanwhile, as the ruling BJP reached out to several parties across the political spectrum to build a consensus choice for the top constitutional post with senior party leader Rajnath Singh speaking to Sharad Pawar, Mallikarjun Kharge, Mamata Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav and Naveen Patnaik, sources said today.

Singh also talked to BJP ally and JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati and YSR Congress leader Jagan Reddy.

Singh made the calls to leaders from opposition parties Congress, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Trinamool Congress (TMC), Samajwadi Party (SP), Biju Janata Dal (BJD) among others and enquired from them about their preference for the next President.

Singh has also called Janata Dal (United) leader and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and BJD supremo and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to deliberate upon the Presidential polls, the sources said.

The Opposition leaders asked Singh about BJP-led NDA's nominee for the Presidential election, they said.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has authorised Singh and party's chief J P Nadda to consult with other parties for building consensus on a Presidential candidate.

Party sources said Nadda will also hold interactions with leaders from across the political spectrum. (PTI)

Aiming to enhance profile of Indian Army under Agnipath scheme: Lt Gen Dwivedi

youngful profile for organizational needs by reducing the average age profile of soldiers from 32 years to 26 years over a period of time, increasing the technological threshold, and optimizing the duration of recruit training to ensure better availability of soldiers in the field Army for deployment on active duties.

"We are banking on a youthful and fitter group of soldiers being led by the specially selected, best among the best leaders, who are motivated, well trained, and technically adept, to deliver the results in a future conflict scenario."

It was informed that on the completion of the four-year period, Agniveers will go to the society as a disciplined, dynamic, motivated and skilled workforce for employment in other sectors including corporate and industry, CAPFs, and DPSUs to pursue their career in jobs of their choice.

The Armed Forces will continue to draw strength from the bonds of esprit-de-corps and team spirit generated through living, training and fighting together, irrespective of class or caste of the comrades in arms.

The Indian Army said that the scheme also aims to harness the "Skill India" initiative by enrolling candidates qualified in ITI / Diploma holders with the necessary skills for certain technical trades.

"Agniveers will carry a unique Resume which will be an asset to the Society in general and the organization and will include the issue of Agniveer Skill Certificates, award of Credits for facilitating higher education, financial package to start a new enterprise, adequately skilled to be absorbed in industry and other organizations," Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi said.

He said that Army's organizational ethos and culture will motivate the Agniveers to imbibe the military values and regimental spirit.

"This will only strengthen the "Naam, Namak, Nishan" ethos of the Army along with "Desh Seva". The Armed Forces would enhance diversity and the Agniveers will be fully assimilated and integrated into the organization, ready for deployment in our units, HQ, and other establishments, in operational as well as non-operational areas, in vari-

ous Arms & Services of the Indian Army," he said.

Lt Gen Dwivedi said that while 100% of candidates will exit from service after four years, however, based on organizational requirements and policies promulgated by the Armed Forces, 25% of Agniveers will be offered an opportunity to apply for enrolment in the permanent cadre of Armed Forces and thereafter be governed by prevailing terms and conditions while noting that all future recruitment in Armed Forces would be through the Agnipath scheme.

Giving further details, the Army said that only technical manpower of Med Services would be enrolled on a permanent basis while the notification for recruitment for the Army will

be issued by mid-July, 2022 and the rallies will commence within two months thereafter.

"It is envisaged that recruits will start reporting for training at earmarked Centres by end of the year. The training duration is being optimized without compromising on the quality and quantum of training to be imparted."

The commander said that the salary package and monetary benefits for Agniveers have been designed to keep it comparable to the existing salary of a Sepoy with a similar service.

"An existing Agniveer would also be financially sound with the Seva Nidhi Package of approximately Rs 10 lakhs which can be gainfully utilized for starting an enterprise or in any other manner," he said.

Further, the Agniveer will also

be entitled to a Non-contributory insurance scheme of Rs 48 lakhs, and in case of death or disability, an additional one-time ex gratia of Rs 44 lakhs will also be paid.

It was also said that during the implementation and stabilization of the Agnipath Scheme, Army's combat effectiveness, operational readiness and defense preparedness along with the bidders will be fully maintained.

The Northern Army Commander said that the scheme is a win-win situation for all. "In fact, we want the Agniveers to act as a bridge between the Armed Forces and the society and we will ensure that the impact of introducing the Scheme is smooth and seamless without causing any turbulence or voids along the borders."

NIA raids at multiple locations in Kashmir

17/2016/NIA/DLI at the premises of suspected cross - LoC traders and connected persons.

"The case pertains to the generation of additional profits through cross LoC trade mechanism between J&K and PoK and using funds so generated for fomenting militant activities in Jammu & Kashmir. The trade was

started in the year 2008 via two Trade Facilitation Centres (TFCs) located at Salamabad, Uri in Baramulla district and Chakan-Da-Bagh in Poonch district. The trade has been suspended since the month of April 2019. The case was registered suo-moto by NIA on 16.12.2016," the statement said.

NSA, MHA officials review J&K situation, yatra arrangements

cent in Jammu," sources said, adding that additional manpower from Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police (JKAP) and other available resources are also being deployed for yatra security.

Asserting that there have been genuine security concerns as far as pilgrimage to Shri Amarnath Ji shrine this year is concerned, sources said, all vulnerable areas in Jammu and Kashmir will remain under drone surveillance while anti-drone mechanism is being installed at selected places.

"Anti-drone mechanism will be installed at the places which are under range of drones from Pakistan's International Border," sources said, adding all such

places have been identified but their names have been kept secret.

Installation of the anti-drone mechanism is on and it will be in place well ahead of start of annual pilgrimage from June 30.

In Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts, at least seven places have been identified for installation of anti-drone mechanism.

A decision has also been taken on deployment of Army on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, base camps of Numwan in Pahalgam, Baltal, twin yatra tracks and the cave shrine, sources said.

As already reported, all yatra vehicles and yatris will be given Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags to monitor their movement.

The Government is expecting at least eight lakh pilgrims during annual yatra this year.

Curfew relaxed in Bhandarwah

under prohibitory orders were imposed in parts of Doda and Kishtwar districts on June 9 following communal tension in the wake of inflammatory speech over the remarks of former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma.

The broadband and mobile internet services, however, remained suspended for the seventh consecutive day in both Doda and Kishtwar districts.

"The curfew was relaxed in Bhandarwah town for two hours from 3.30 pm till 5.30 pm," an official said.

He said the relaxation followed a series of meetings between socio-religious organisations and the civil

administration to relax the curfew to allow people to buy essential commodities.

Shops and business establishments reopened soon after the relaxation was announced and people were seen making purchases, officials said, adding security forces are deployed in strength and are keeping a close watch on the situation.

Meanwhile, curfew was lifted from Kishtwar town early this morning.

The curfew was relaxed for one-and-a-half hours on Monday and five hours on Tuesday and there was no outward incident reported from anywhere during the relaxation period.

Govt seals Centaur, takes over its possession; employees in lurk

shall be determined by the parties by mutual undertakings and it was also agreed that for matters not covered by the agreement the laws of the J-K State will apply.

Many employees of Centaur Hotel are refusing to leave the premises of the Hotel after the Government decided to seal the building.

"The decision would render 160 employees jobless. We are not against the move, but the employees should also be owned by those who are going to take over the hotel," said Fayaz Ahmad, president of Centaur Hotel Employees Union.

He said that despite the 160 odd employees they kept the hotel operational even in the toughest times over the past few years and generated a monthly revenue of Rs 1.5 crores which is expected to go up over the next few months.

"Despite this, we are not being appreciated or acknowledged but rather the Government has come up with such decision which will have a devastating impact on the employees".

He asked Government to safeguard the interests of the employees of Centaur Hotel.

Killer of Bank Manager among 2 militants shot dead in Shopian

yesterday and the militants fled from the area but were trapped in adjacent area. An official said that firing resumed today after night long lull.

He said that one among the trapped militant was responsible for killing Rajni Bala, a school teacher. Bala, 36, wife of Raj Kumar, a resident of Samba in Jammu division, was shot dead by militants at High School Gopalpora in Kulgam on 31st May this year.

A cop was injured after militants hurled a grenade towards police party in Padshahi Bagh area of Bijbehara in South Kashmir's Anantnag district this evening.

Militants lobbed a grenade on police party, which resulted in splinter injuries to a policeman.

He has been shifted to nearby hospital for treatment, where his condition is stated to be stable, the officer added.

Meanwhile, whole area has been cordoned off, nab fleeing militants.



Shops open in Bhandarwah during curfew relaxation (left) while people take out peace rally in Kishtwar on Wednesday (right). —Excelsior/Tilak Raj

police administration during which both the communities, including representatives of Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha in Bhandarwah, Anjuman-e-Islamia and senior citizens council called for maintaining peace and brotherhood.

During the meeting, Senior Citizens Council Bhandarwah urged

"After 5-hours relaxation yesterday (Tuesday), a full day relaxation was given in curfew today and the situation in the entire district is normal," reports said.

People from both communities took out peace rally in Kishtwar from Bus Stand to Dak Bungalow.

Explosives to be used for fabricating IED seized from Jammu-bound bus

the jurisdiction of Jhajar Kotli Police Station which intercepted the bus and seized explosive material this morning.

The explosives were defused by the Bomb Disposal Squad.

The material was unassembled which indicated that target of the militants wasn't the passenger bus in which explosives were being smuggled.

"It seems someone had to take consignment at Jammu and explosives were to be used for fabricating Shri Amarnath Ji yatra vehicle," sources said, adding that a major tragedy has been averted with seizure of explosive material.

On detention of two brothers, sources said they are being questioned to ascertain who kept the explosives in the bus but preliminary investigations showed they were not aware of the material.

CCTV footage from where the bus took off in Doda is also being scrutinized to trace the suspects, sources said.

Rajnath arrives on 2-day visit today

review the preparedness of Indian Armed Forces, they said.

Senior Commanders of the Indian Army are scheduled to brief Singh about the overall security situation in the hinterland as well as along the Line of Control (LoC), they said.

A tweet by Rajnath Singh said: "Tomorrow, 16th June, I

would be in Jammu & Kashmir for a two day visit. I shall be visiting forward areas and interacting with troops during my visit.

Also, I shall attend the 200th anniversary of Mahajara Gulab Singh Ji's 'Rajyabhishek Ceremony' in Jammu on 17th June, Friday." (PTI)

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