

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu & Kashmir

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“Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”

PRESS RELEASE

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The poll for the third phase of the 4 phase Municipal Elections 2018 will take place on 13th October 2018. The poll timings shall continue to be **6 am to 4 pm** in order to facilitate the voters. Additional poll staff will be deployed at polling stations with large number of electors.

The poll % in the first two phases has been 47.2% in the State. In the second phase polls on 10th October, the poll % has been 31.3%, with ULB wise detail as per Annexure A.

In the third phase, for 96 wards, there are 365 candidates in fray and 300 polling stations are being established for 193990 electors belonging to 8 ULBs. The details are enclosed at Annexure B.

Campaigning including public meetings, processions, etc. has to end 24 hours before the start of poll. Orders have been issued prohibiting conduct of Exit poll till half an hour after closing of the last poll which is on 16/10/18. Orders declaring dry day have also been issued.

The Government has declared public holiday on the day of poll, including under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and, therefore Government as well as Private establishments are required to comply. School Education Department and Labour Department have been specifically instructed to ensure adherence to this order. Usual facility to Central Government officials for casting their vote shall be provided.

To ensure free and fair elections, observers have been deployed, including micro-observers at hypersensitive polling stations, numbering 222 in the Kashmir Division and 19 in the Jammu Division. The model code of conduct is being enforced strictly across the State to give level playing field to all the political parties and candidates. Control Rooms have been set up in all the districts. All the standard practices are being followed including preparation of EVMs, randomization, etc. in presence of political parties/ candidates, videography of critical events and so on. Photo Voter Slips have been distributed among the voters. Necessary security arrangements have been made including deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF).

The Municipal Elections 2018 are being held in four phases, covering 79 municipal bodies with an electorate of about 17 lakhs. A total of 3372 nominations have been filed for 1145 wards with poll dates of 8th, 10th, 13th and 16th October.

The Chief Electoral Officer, J&K appeals to the electors to cast their valuable vote and express their choice.

Annexure - A to Press Release Dated 12.10.2018

(Details of Voter Turnout Phase - II)

S. No	Urban Local Body	No. of Electors	(Voter Turnout) Total Polled Votes	Poll %age
1	Anantnag Municipal Council	32283	368	1.1
2	Banihal Municipal Committee	981	677	69.0
3	Basohli Municipal Committee	4034	3092	76.6
4	Batote Municipal Committee	2806	2276	81.1
5	Bhaderwah Municipal Committee	6852	4713	68.8
6	Billawar Municipal Committee	3601	3015	83.73
7	Chenani Municipal Committee	1405	1240	88.3
8	Doda Municipal Committee	5897	4481	76.0
9	HiraNagar Municipal Committee	6263	4942	78.9
10	Kathua Municipal Council	35000	27229	77.8
11	Katra Municipal Committee	5674	4709	83.0
12	Kishtwar Municipal Committee	9125	6641	72.8
13	Lakhanpur Municipal Committee	745	690	92.6
14	Langate Municipal Committee	650	33	5.1
15	Nagri Parole Municipal Committee	5354	4704	87.86
16	Ramban Municipal Committee	1537	1281	83.3
17	Ramnagar Municipal Committee	3782	3230	85.4
18	Reasi Municipal Committee	4518	3895	86.21
19	Srinagar Municipal Corporation	177176	4144	2.34
20	Sumbal Municipal Committee	7951	2834	35.6
21	Thathri Municipal Committee	746	626	83.9
22	Udhampur Municipal Council	30166	23716	78.6
23	Wattergam Municipal Committee	270	19	7.0

Note :

1. Repoll to be held on 13th October at Polling Station No. 4, namely, New Colony, Shirpora Payeen of Ward No. 23, Anantnag Municipal Council.
2. Fresh Election Notification shall be issued for Ward No. 2 of Ramban Municipal Committee due to death of a candidate.

Annexure B to Press Release dated: 12.10.2018**Details of Phase III**

District	Municipal Body	Total Electors	Poll going wards	No. of Polling Stations	Candidates in Fray
Anantnag	Mattan	4844	7	8	14
Anantnag	Anantnag (Ward No. 23 PS No. 4)	625	1	1	3
Baramulla	Uri	3552	13	13	31
Samba	Bari Brahamna	6308	13	13	56
Samba	Ramgarh	4285	13	13	41
Samba	Samba	15795	17	18	97
Samba	Vijaypur	5490	13	13	48
Srinagar	SMC(Ward No. 6-15& 38-53)	153091	20	221	75
Phase III Total		193990	96	300	365