



Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Election

Why in News?

The **first phase** of the **Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Election 2024** is set to take place on 18 September 2024, with extensive preparations and heightened security measures in place to ensure a smooth and fair voting process.

Key Details:

- **Polling Constituencies:**
 - Voting will occur in **24 constituencies** during this first phase.
 - **16 constituencies** are located in **southern Kashmir**, and **8 constituencies** are in the **Jammu division**.
- **Security Arrangements:**
 - **Multi-tier security arrangements** have been implemented to maintain order and safety during the elections.
 - This includes **increased deployment of security personnel** at polling booths and strategic locations.
- **Election Phases:**
 - The election will be conducted in three phases: **September 18, September 25, and October 12**.
 - The second phase will cover **26 constituencies**, including districts like **Srinagar, Poonch, and Rajouri**.
 - The **final phase** will involve **40 constituencies**, including **Bandipora, Baramulla, and Jammu**.

What is Delimitation?

- **About:**
 - Delimitation means the act or process of fixing limits or boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country or a province having a legislative body.
 - The **Delimitation Commission Act** was enacted in **1952**.
 - The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the **President of India** and works in collaboration with the **Election Commission of India (ECI)**.
 - Delimitation Commissions have been set up four times **1952, 1963, 1973** and **2002** under the Acts of **1952, 1962, 1972** and **2002**.
 - The first delimitation exercise was carried out by the President (with the help of the Election Commission) in **1950-51**.