

Baramulla ready for Poll Day: Over 7.24 Lakh Electors set to cast their Votes

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BARAMULLA: As Baramulla district prepares for polls under phase 3rd of the Assembly Elections 2024 on 1st October 2024, the District Election Officer (DEO), Minga Sherpa on Monday said that 7,24,335 electors are eligible in the district to participate in this democratic process.



District Election Officer Baramulla, Minga Sherpa at a programme.

With a robust electoral framework in place, the administration is committed to facilitating a smooth and transparent voting experience for all citizens. A total of 908 polling stations have been established, including 35 special polling stations designed to enhance voter experience and accessibility. Notably, 40 polling stations have been strategically set up in

border areas to ensure that every eligible voter gets the opportunity to cast their vote. In preparation for this significant day, 4,479 election personnel in addition to election Observers, micro-observers and magistrates accompanied by Security

personnel have been deployed across the district. These dedicated teams will ensure the integrity and transparency of the electoral process, reinforcing the administration's commitment to free and fair elections. Ahead of poll day, the

DEO conducted a thorough review of logistics and security arrangements. His visit to various dispatch centres affirmed that all necessary measures are in place for the effective deployment of polling parties to their designated stations. "We are dedicated to

ensuring a transparent, orderly, and efficient election in Baramulla. Our comprehensive preparations reflect our commitment to upholding the democratic process," the DEO stated.

Meanwhile, DEO conducted an inspection of the web-casting control room, where teams are actively monitoring live webcasting from every polling station across all seven Assembly Constituencies. This initiative aims to enhance transparency and accountability during the election process by allowing real-time observation of polling activities.

The DEO urges all eligible voters in Baramulla to participate actively in the elections, as every vote counts in shaping the future of the community.

DC Kulgam chairs monthly NCORD meeting



DC Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan chairing a meeting.

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KULGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan on Monday chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee under the Narcotics Coordination Centre (NCORD) to discuss various measures aimed at curbing drug abuse and narcotic trade in the district. A thorough discussion was held on several issues related to drug addiction, areas of concern, hotspots of drug use, and the actions taken by the concerned departments to combat the menace of drugs. The meeting also focused on the efforts of enforcement agencies in addressing drug abuse and narcotic trafficking within the district. The DC directed the officers to put in efforts to make more Panchayats drug free, and it was informed

that 38 Panchayats comprising 62 villages in the district have been declared drug-free till date. It was also shared that 18 drug peddlers were arrested, and 13 FIRs were registered in the months of August and September. The DC instructed the concerned officials to convene regular meetings of Tehsil and Gram Panchayat level committees and involve local youth and other stakeholders in meeting for better outcome. It was also shared that the district has achieved 100% target in the installation of CCTV cameras, and were directed to achieve 100% target in CBS. The meeting was attended by ADC, Vigar Ahmad Giri; ACR, ACP, SDM, CMO, DSWO, Tehsiladars, Dy:SP and other NCORD Committee members.

General Observer conducts late evening visit to Polling Stations of Gurez AC



GO 16-Gurez AC, Ramniwas Yadav visiting polling station.

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BANDIPORA: The General Observer (GO) for 16-Gurez AC, Ramniwas Yadav conducted a late evening visit to the polling stations in Achoora and

Chorwan of Gurez Assembly Constituency. The visit was aimed to ensure the preparedness and smooth functioning of the polling process ahead of the elections scheduled to

be conducted on 01 Oct. During the visit, the Observer interacted with polling staff and micro-observers, assessing the availability of assured minimum facilities and other essential measures in place. The feedback gathered will be instrumental in reinforcing the commitment to a fair and efficient electoral process. The General Observer emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of electoral integrity and urged all involved to ensure that voters experience a seamless voting process.

DEO Kupwara, Election Observers supervise dispatch of Poll parties, election material



DEO Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan visiting polling station.

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KUPWARA: In a significant progress towards ensuring the smooth conduct of the Assembly Elections in all six assembly constituencies (ACs) of Kupwara, all the poll parties along with election material have reached the respective polling stations successfully on Monday afternoon.

Earlier, under the meticulous supervision of District Election Officer (DEO) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan and Election Observers, the process of dispatching Poll Parties along with material from Dispatch cum Receipt Centers (DCRCs) were conducted successfully.

Comprehensive arrangements were made for departure of polling parties, encompassing vehicles, seating arrangements, and security measures. Election Observers accompanied by DEO interacted with

polling parties, urging them to adhere to Election Commission's guidelines diligently and execute their assigned tasks with dedication and integrity. Pertinently, the poll parties

carrying EVMs traversed through the thick forests and toughest terrains and reached the polling stations located close to LoC, which included Seemari, Keran, Kunkadi, Hardring Bala (Machil),

Hangnikoot, Mankal, Amrohee, Sudhpura and Jabdi.

As the poll parties including security personnel reached their respective polling stations, they were warmly welcomed by officials at polling stations.

The deployment of polling parties marks a crucial step in the electoral process, ensuring that democratic exercise proceeds smoothly and efficiently.

All the Six assembly constituencies of Kupwara district are going to polls on Oct 1, tomorrow. All necessary arrangements have been made to ensure free, fair, and smooth polling in the district.

Ahead of Counting: DEO Srinagar chairs meeting to finalise arrangements

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SRINAGAR: Ahead of Counting of votes of Eight 8 Assembly Constituencies of Srinagar District for General Elections to Legislative Assembly-2024, the District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Monday chaired a meeting here at DC Office Complex to review the preparedness regarding arrangements put in place for Counting of Votes at designated Counting Centres at SKICC-Centaur.



DEO Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat chairing a meeting.

staff, ARO staff, Micro Observers, Counting Agents and Media persons, besides transporting and handling of EVMs, establishment of Media Centre, Control Room, Media Gallery, installation of Public Address System, issuance of ID cards.

Similarly, the Security Plan and parking of vehicles in and around the SKICC-Centaur were also meticulously deliberated in detail. In addition, barricading and parking management, with special emphasis on security access through proper security passes were also discussed.

On the occasion, the District Election Officer directed all concerned Officers to ensure error free and seamless arrangements for the smooth counting process in the District. He also asked the Nodal Officer Media Centre to take all requisite measures for timely announcement of round wise results on the counting day,

besides for Media management at the venue.

The DEO informed that the Counting of votes will begin with postal ballots, followed by the counting of votes in EVMs as per the guidelines of Election Commission of India.

Pertinent to mention that Counting of votes for General Elections to Legislative Assembly-2024 is scheduled on (Tuesday) October 08, 2024 at designated Counting Halls at SKICC-Centaur.

Among others the meeting was attended by Returning Officers of all Eight Assembly Constituencies of Srinagar District, Nodal Officers, Deputy District Election Officer Srinagar and other concerned.

DEO Bandipora visits Special Polling Stations



DEO Bandipora, M.A Qadri conducting visit to special polling stations.

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BANDIPORA: The District Election Officer (DEO) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri on Monday conducted a comprehensive visit to several special polling stations in the district, as part of the preparations for elections scheduled to be held on Oct 01.

The visit was aimed to evaluate the readiness of polling facilities and ensure a smooth electoral process for all voters.

During the visit, the DEO inspected the accessibility and arrangements at each polling station, including Red and Pink polling stations of Bandipora and Sonawari AC, emphasizing the importance of providing a welcoming and efficient environment for voters.

In addition to assessing the infrastructure, the DEO engaged with polling officials and gathered feedback to

improve the overall electoral experience.

He said election authorities are committed to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections, and will continue to monitor preparations across all polling stations.

Following the inspection of special polling stations, the DEO visited the control room established for reporting and monitoring on poll day. The DEO reviewed the oper-

ational readiness of the control room, for real-time monitoring and addressing any issues that may arise during the elections.

The facility is equipped with the latest technology to facilitate prompt communication and coordination among election officials.

Among others, the DEO was accompanied by ADC Zaffar Husson Shawal, DIO Aadil Manzoor Wani and other concerned.

GDC Paloura hosts Gandhi Jayanti celebration with valedictory seminar



GDC Paloura students and faculty posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: GDC Paloura concluded its weeklong Gandhi Jayanti celebration with valedictory seminar on the theme "Life and Time of Mahatma Gandhi". GDC Paloura organized a series of activities to mark the celebration of 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji. The aim of the programme was to popularise and to spread awareness regarding Gandhian philosophy among the students. Students of various departments participated in various activities with great enthusiasm and zeal the various activities were organized by IQAC, Literally, Cultural Committee, NCC, NSS and different departments of college. Essay writing, Poster Making Competition, Reel Making, Cleanliness Drive, Plantation Drive and rally against drug abuse were organized under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Kulvinder Kour.

While speaking on the occasion, she addressed the stu-

dents about the life and teaching of Mahatma Gandhi and encouraged them to follow the path of peace, truth and non-violence. She congratulated all the students for their active participation and the faculty members for organizing such events. The valedictory function concluded with the formal vote of thanks by Prof. Vishal Magrota, Assistant Professor in History. He said that such kind of celebration served as a platform for student to honour Mahatma Gandhi's teachings and values and promote these ideas of peace, truth and non-violence in their life.

GGM Science College conducts different events to celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

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JAMMU: On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, The Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at GGM Science College, Jammu, organized a series of inspiring events to commemorate the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and his teachings on non-violence and truth. The broad theme for the activities was "Gandhian Philosophy of Non-Violence and Truth," focusing on how these principles continue to shape societal values today.

The events included a seminar, slogan writing competition, essay writing competition, bhajan singing, and reel-making activities. The



GGM Science College students and faculty during a programme.

theme for the essay writing competition was "Gandhi Ji's Vision for a Sustainable Future," encouraging participants to reflect on Gandhi's ideals of environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

In addition to the creative and intellectual events, a cleanliness drive was conducted by the students, emphasizing how education plays a pivotal role in promoting cleanliness and sustainability in society. This

initiative reflected Gandhi's belief in cleanliness as a moral responsibility and its connection to both personal and environmental well-being. The programme saw enthusiastic participation from

students, who engaged deeply with Gandhi's philosophy and its relevance in the modern world.

The entire event was organized under the patronage of the esteemed Principal, Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, and the Convener of the Centre, Dr. Seema Gandotra. Coordination for the event was led by Dr. Shalini Sharma, Prof. Sunita Kumari, and Prof. Mehnaz Bano. The series of events not only honored the Father of the Nation but also served as a platform for students to express their views on how Gandhian principles can inspire a peaceful and sustainable future.

Army organises Cricket Tournament

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REASI: The Indian Army took a significant step toward fostering community engagement by organizing friendly cricket tournament in Reasi, specifically aimed at uplifting the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities through sports. This initiative was designed to promote physical fitness, camaraderie, and sportsmanship among the local youth.

The tournament featured four enthusiastic teams that showcased

their cricketing skills. The recognition of all participants highlighted the Army's commitment to unity and collaboration within the community.

This cricket tournament is part of a broader strategy which seeks to enhance civil-military relations and address the various concerns of local communities. By promoting sports, the Army encourages youth involvement in constructive activities, fostering teamwork and mutual respect among participants.

The Army emphasized that such events contribute significantly to social cohesion, allowing young people to engage positively with their peers.

Moreover, the initiative acknowledges the critical role the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities have historically played in maintaining peace in the region.

The Army's engagement with these communities through sports reflects its dedication to building long-term relationships and addressing local

grievances. The successful turnout and positive feedback from community members demonstrates an appreciation for the Army's outreach efforts.

Local leaders expressed their gratitude for the opportunities provided by the tournament, showcasing how sports can serve as a medium for constructive engagement.

This event stands as a testament to the potential of sports in bridging gaps between military personnel and civilians, fostering collaboration and support.

BSNL celebrates its Formation Day

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JAMMU: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), India's leading state-owned telecommunications company, celebrated its 24th Formation Day on 1st October 2024. This year marks another milestone in BSNL's journey of providing reliable and affordable telecommunication services to millions of Indians. Established on 1st October 2000, BSNL has been at the forefront of India's telecommunications sector, offering a wide range of services including mobile, broadband, and enterprise solutions. The company remains dedicated to

bridging the digital divide and fostering inclusive growth.

BSNL has rolled out its much-anticipated 4G services. BSNL is rapidly expanding its network reach, ensuring that even the remotest areas of India are connected. The company aims to cover the entire state of J&K with 4G services within this financial year. This launch will mark a significant step forward in enhancing connectivity and providing high-speed internet services across the country.

The company is focused on upgrading its existing 4G infrastructure to facilitate a smooth transition to 5G. This

includes the installation of new towers and essential equipment. With major telecom players increasing their prices, BSNL continues to offer affordable plans, making high-quality telecommunication services accessible to all.

Saurabh Tayagi, CGMT, BSNL J&K Circle said: "We are thrilled to celebrate BSNL's Formation Day and are committed to continuing our legacy of innovation and service excellence. The launch of 4G services is a testament to our dedication to providing cutting-edge technology to our customers."