

# DEO Rajouri reviews arrangements for counting day

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RAJOURI: In preparation for the upcoming Legislative Assembly election results, District Election Officer (DEO) Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma chaired a comprehensive review meeting regarding the arrangements for the counting of votes and the management of law and order on the day of counting.



DEO stressed the importance of ensuring a smooth counting process, directing all ROs to convene meetings with election candidates and their representatives ahead of the counting day. These meetings will focus on establishing clear guidelines and ensuring

that all participants understand the process, thereby avoiding confusion or disruptions on the day. To avoid traffic disruptions, especially on the National Highway, the DEO instructed officials to ensure no traffic issues occur on the counting day. Designated parking locations for candidates, election staff, and media personnel were discussed, and these locations will be marked well in advance to avoid any confusion. In addition, officials were directed to maintain a secure inner perimeter around the counting venue to ensure the safety and smooth flow of the process. The DEO outlined the proper procedures for sharing counting information, stressing transparency and timely updates. Officials were directed to use the links provided by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for checking and verifying results and these links will be shared with the public and media for accurate and real-time

information. With the increasing role of social media in disseminating information, DEO emphasized the need for robust monitoring of social media platforms to prevent the spread of misinformation and ensure that the election results are reported accurately. A dedicated team will monitor social media activity closely, and any attempts to spread false information will be dealt with promptly. The DEO also reviewed the status of postal ballots, directing the Nodal Officer for Postal Ballots and other concerned officials to ensure that all postal ballots are delivered to the

counting centers on time. The DEO, in coordination with the Additional SP, discussed measures to maintain peace and prevent any untoward incidents during the counting process. All enforcement agencies have been directed to remain vigilant, and adequate security personnel will be deployed at sensitive locations throughout the district to maintain law and order. The meeting was attended by ADDC, Raj Kumar Thapa, ADC, Rajiv Khajuria, Returning Officers, Dy. DEO, Additional Superintendent of Police, Assistant Returning Officers and other concerned officials.

# Awareness programme on Gender Sensitization and Career Guidance held

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KISHTWAR: A mega event was organized by Paddar team of Gender Sensitization and Career Guidance component at HSS Thumb Ishtiari Paddar which is the remotest area and last village of Jammu and Kashmir. The Paddar team has focused on all the components of girls education, gender issues and especially one law, i.e. POCSO & Cyber crime, as Cyber criminals are targeting innocent people in order to defame the dignity of respected people, through blackmailing trend. All the students



and school staff members listened the valuable things in a cordial atmosphere and also shared their views with the visiting team. The program remained successful and fruitful to the students and staff. Paddar team in their address thanked State Coordinator NCERT Rakesh Shavan and District Coordinator Mansoor Mustafa for giving opportunity to Teacher's across Jammu division to fight such menaces like gender inequality, Child labour, early marriages & drug abuses.

# DEO Kathua presides over training program for Counting Supervisors, Assistants



DEO Dr. Rakesh Minhas chairing a meeting.

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KATHUA: A one-day training program for Counting Supervisors and Counting Assistants was conducted under the supervision of District Election Officer Dr. Rakesh Minhas at the

Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Kathua. The session aimed at equipping the staff with in-depth knowledge of the protocols to be strictly followed during the vote-counting process, with spe-

cial focus on the counting of Postal Ballots. DEO emphasized the importance of accurate accounting procedures, especially while handling Postal Ballots, and provided clear guidelines on valid reasons for ballot rejection. Key aspects of the vote-counting process were clarified during the training, addressing any doubts the participants had. Participants were thoroughly briefed on their specific roles and responsibilities, ensuring they are well-prepared for a smooth and efficient counting process.

# Hindi Pakhwada Samapan, prize distribution ceremony held at SMVDU

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KATRA: The Hindi Pakhwada Samapan and Prize Distribution Ceremony was held with great enthusiasm at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University at Matrika Auditorium. The event celebrated the spirit of Hindi as the official language, promoting its use in administrative and academic spheres. The ceremony was graced by dignitaries, with Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, serving as the Chief Guest. Swami Yagyadharanand, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu was present as the Special Guest, offering his blessings and thoughts on the importance of language in cultural and spiritual unity. The Guest of Honor, Shri Sanjiv Verma, highlighted the



Dignitary being honoured during the event.

significance of Hindi in governance and administration, encouraging the youth to actively contribute to its promotion. The event commenced with a warm welcome address

by Dr. Anurag Kumar, Nodal Officer and I/c Hindi Cell, who emphasized the role of Hindi as a medium of communication in

diverse fields and the importance of Hindi Pakhwada in reinforcing its usage. In attendance were various faculty members, staff, and students, with special presence of Prof. A.K. Das, Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences. A cultural program was held as part of the event, showcasing the talents of students through songs, poetry recitations, and bhajan, all aimed at celebrating the richness and beauty of the Hindi language. The performances captivated the audience, reflecting the creativity and cultural pride of the participants. The ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Madhumangal Chaturvedi, who

expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, participants, and organizers for making the event a grand success, highlighting the special role of student volunteers, particularly Mr. Dheeraj Kumar and his team. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions held during the Hindi Pakhwada, recognizing their excellence in essay writing, poetry, debates, and more. The efforts of the participants were applauded, with encouragement to continue nurturing the love for Hindi. The event was a resounding success, strengthening the collective commitment to promoting Hindi in academic and administrative spaces.

# KVK Reasi organises Live Webcast Programme on PM-KISAN

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the administrative control of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised awareness programme and live webcasting on PM-KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI scheme here today at Akhali Bhutan village in Reasi distt. of J&K which was attended by number of women farmers of the area. The programme was organized under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.N. Tripathi and guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrith Vaid of SKUAST-J. During the programme Hon'ble Prime



KVK scientists along with women farmers during the programme.

Minister, Sh. Narender Modi released the 18th installment of PM-KISAN scheme from Waigul, Washim, Maharashtra and unveiled multiple developmental projects. This installment provided financial aid of Rs.20,000 crores for 9.4 crore farmers across the country through

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Earlier Chief Scientist and Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr. Banarsi Lal briefed the objective of the programme and elaborated the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme. He said that PM-KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI (PM-KISAN) is a

flagship scheme of Govt. of India launched in 2019. He added that through this scheme Rs.6000 is provided to the farmers in three installments so that they can purchase quality seeds, fertilizers and other agro-inputs to increase their crop quality and production. He also spoke on vari-

ous other agril. schemes and gave a detail view on scientific agriculture. He stressed on commercial agriculture and guided farmers on organic formulations for more profits. He also discussed on Atam Nirbar Krishi and stressed on natural farming. He elaborated the scientific farming for enhancing the farmers' income and stressed on SHGs/FPOs for more profits. He also discussed on monkeys menage management and emphasized on spices cultivation. He thanked Hon'ble PM, Sh. Narender Modi for their financial support for agricultural development. The programme was concluded by Manohar Lal with formal vote of thanks.

# DEO Kishtwar apprises Political Parties' Candidates/ Representatives regarding Counting Day Arrangements

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KISHTWAR: The District Election Officer Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan chaired a meeting of political party representatives and the contesting Candidates to brief them about the counting day preparedness and guidelines. He elaborately highlighted the activities pertaining to the venue, security and traffic arrangements, final randomization of counting personnel, procedure for opening of strong rooms, post counting shifting of sealed polled EVMs, appointment of counting agents, allotment of counting tables etc. Highlighting the security and traffic arrangements, the DEO informed that a three-tier security arrangement has been made to ensure fool proof arrangements for the peaceful counting. "Public



DEO Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting.

announcement systems will be installed at KV Semina Colony; the earmarked area for public gathering. No unauthorised persons will be allowed inside the Counting Premises," he further informed while appealing to all for cooperation. He said that entry of vehicles near the counting hall will be strictly restricted. Only those authorised and with vehicle passes will be allowed near the Kendriya vidyalaya premises wherein the counting shall take place. The DEO also apprised that all the candidates and

agents can witness randomization of counting personnel, opening of strong rooms etc to maintain the transparency. They were asked to submit form -18, which deals with the appointment of counting agents and advised them to keep I-Cards and Form 18 with them to avoid any inconvenience. The DEO further apprised all the participants about the rules and regulations applicable for the counting agent and made them aware about the process.

# DEO Poonch convenes meeting to finalize security for Counting Day



DEO Poonch, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

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POONCH: District Election Officer (DEO) Poonch, Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting on Saturday to finalize the security and logistical arrangements for the counting of votes scheduled on October 8. The meeting was attended by key officials, including SSP Mumtaz Ahmad, ADC Mustafa Malik, ACR, SDM Mendhar, Returning Officers (ROs) of Haveli, Surankote, and Mendhar, SDPO Mendhar and representatives from various security agencies. DEO empha-

sized the need for flawless coordination among all departments to ensure that the counting process is conducted in a secure and transparent manner. The counting will be held at the Dina Nath Rafiq Memorial Model Higher Secondary School (Girls), Poonch, for all three Assembly Constituencies. SSP Mumtaz Ahmad briefed the DEO on the comprehensive security plan, which includes multi-layered security at the counting centre, checkpoints at key locations, and adequate deployment of police personnel

to maintain order. Representatives from various security agencies also assured their full cooperation, pledging to keep the area under close surveillance throughout the day. Only authorized personnel will be allowed inside the centre, in accordance with strict guidelines set by the Election Commission. As part of the broader preparations, a robust three-tier security system has been arranged for the counting centre in Poonch. Authorities have completed all necessary preparations to ensure that the counting proceeds smoothly and securely. Infrastructure and safety arrangements have also been put in place, including basic amenities like washrooms and drinking water, fire safety precautions, and the presence of medical teams on standby for any emergencies on the counting day.

# Clean Street Food Challenge at SPPND GDC Samba

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SAMBA: The NSS Unit Maitri of SPPND Government Degree College Samba, in collaboration with the Department of Home Science, celebrated NSS Foundation Day with 'Clean Street Food Challenge' on the theme 'Safai Ke Saath Swaad Ka Safar'. The event commenced with the auspicious lighting of the lamp by esteemed dignitaries, symbolizing knowledge, purity, and positivity. Following this, the participants were immersed in a spiritual atmosphere with the recitation of the Saraswati Vandana, invoking the blessings of the Goddess of wisdom and learning for the success of the initiative. The event was organized under



Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri visiting an exhibit.

the esteemed leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In her address, she emphasized upon the importance of participating in NSS and encouraged the students to

engage in various community service activities that lead to nation-building and personal development. She also appreciated the NSS Unit and the Department of Home Science for their efforts in organizing such

an impactful program, stressing the need to maintain hygiene and cleanliness in the preparation and serving of street food. Earlier NSS PO Prof. Kamlesh Bala welcomed the chief guest and outlined the

importance of NSS by highlighting the core ideals of unity, discipline and compassion as the hallmarks of the National Saving Scheme (NSS). This initiative aimed at creating awareness about food hygiene and cleanliness, while celebrating the flavors of Indian street food. The Clean Street Food Challenge received overwhelming support from students and faculty, with numerous stalls displayed by students offering hygienic versions of popular street food dishes. The event was followed by felicitation of best volunteers of NSS for their participation in seven day special camp at Balore. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ramandeep Kaur Head Department, Home Science.

# DEA conducts training on pre-counting of ETPBS for AROs, Supervisors and Assistants

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UDHAMPUR: The District Election Authority Udhampur conducted a training program

for Pre-Counting/scanning of ETPBS for AROs, Supervisors and Assistants under the supervision of District Election Officer Udhampur Saloni Rai, here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex, Udhampur. During the training session, participants had the opportunity to address their doubts and clarify key aspects of the scanning/pre-counting procedures of ETPBS. Emphasis was placed on the importance of adhering to a transparent, diligent and unbiased approach throughout the counting

process, ensuring that every legitimate vote is accurately accounted for. The Returning Officers also highlighted the necessity of strict compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Election Commission of India. They reiterated the importance of accuracy and vigilance in maintaining the integrity of the election process. Returning Officers briefed the participants on their specific roles and responsibilities, ensuring that all are well-prepared to carry out their tasks smoothly and efficiently.

# TRAUMACON-24 concludes at GMC Rajouri with focus on advances in Trauma Surgery and Care

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RAJOURI: The Department of General & Minimal Access Surgery at Government Medical College (GMC) and Associated Hospital Rajouri organized a two-day conference, TRAUMACON-24, on October 4th and 5th, 2024. The conference brought together distinguished faculties from both the Jammu and Kashmir divisions, as well as leading experts in trauma surgery and management, to share knowledge and advancements in the field. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, was a special guest at the event. In addition to attending the conference, the DC conducted an inspection of the various stalls set up for the occasion to review the facilities. During his visit, he interacted with students and staff of GMC Rajouri, encouraging them to stay at the fore-

front of medical innovation and patient care. In his remarks, Abhishek Sharma emphasized the potential for medical tourism in Rajouri, highlighting the need to develop the district's healthcare infrastructure to attract patients from other regions. He underscored the importance of advancing medical facilities and services in Rajouri, not only to meet local healthcare needs but also to position the district as a hub for specialized medical care. Key figures in attendance included Dr. Ajaz A Rather, Vice Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Association of Surgeons of India (JAKASI) and Dr. Harbinder Singh Bali, Secretary of JAKASI. The event also saw participation from several prominent medical professionals, including Dr. Ratnaker Sharma, Head of the Department (HOD) of Surgery,

GMC Jammu, Dr. H. Viqar Ahmed, HOD Surgery, GMC Baramulla, Dr. Nazir Wani, HOD Surgery, GMC Anantnag, Dr. Babar Rashid Zarger, HOD Surgery, GMC Doda, Dr. Abdul Rashid, HOD Pediatric Surgery, SSH Srinagar, Dr. Zafer Khanday, Patric Surgeon, Kashmir Division and Dr. Rouf A Khawaja, SKIMS Soura. These renowned experts, along with the faculty from GMC Rajouri, delivered insightful lectures on various aspects of trauma care and surgery. The conference aimed to update medical professionals on trauma management, from the point of injury to transportation, resuscitation, and advanced surgical care. Dr. Ajaz A Rather highlighted the significance of continuous learning and collaboration in trauma care. He emphasized the role of conferences like TRAUMACON-24 in keeping

healthcare providers up-to-date with the latest advancements in trauma surgery and improving patient outcomes. Dr. Harbinder Singh Bali remarked that the scientific sessions provided an excellent opportunity for medical professionals to exchange ideas and best practices in trauma management. He stressed the importance of adopting innovative surgical techniques to minimize disabilities and improve recovery times for trauma patients. Over the course of two days, the conference covered a wide range of topics, including emergency damage control surgeries, intensive care management, and strategies to limit long-term disabilities. Cutting-edge research, as well as novel surgical techniques and technologies that are shaping the future of trauma care were also discussed in depth.

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