

Give tough time to anti-national, anti-social elements: SSP Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: Senior Superintendent of Police Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom held a follow up of previous meetings and general crime review meeting of district Kishtwar at DPO Kishtwar. The meeting was attended by the Addl. SP Kishtwar, all supervisory officers, SHOs, and IC PPs. During the meeting, law & order scenario, follow up of previous meetings and various security measures were discussed for ensuring peace and stability in the district. Various aspects of policing including quality investigation of cases, crime disposal, verifications, disposal of NDPS, UAPA cases, inquest proceedings, absconded, missing persons and other issues related to accountable policing were also discussed. SSP Kishtwar emphasized upon the participating officers to ensure quantitative and qualitative disposal of



SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom chairing a meeting.

under investigation cases of various nature and to take stringent action against those who are involved in various social crimes. In addition to the comprehensive crime and security review meeting chaired by the SSP Kishtwar, Sh. Abdul Qayoom, also reviewed the preparedness for the forthcoming Parliamentary Election-2024. Key aspects examined during the meeting included deployment and coordination of security personnel to

safeguard polling stations, election officials, and voters; implementation of stringent security protocols to prevent any untoward incidents or disruptions during the election period; collaboration with relevant authorities and stakeholders to address any emerging security challenges or threats; Maintenance of law and order to facilitate the democratic exercise of voting rights by the citizens of Kishtwar and Vigilance against any attempts of

electoral malpractice or illegal activities that could compromise the integrity of the electoral process. SSP Kishtwar emphasized the paramount importance of ensuring a conducive and secure environment for voters to exercise their democratic rights without fear or intimidation. He reaffirmed the commitment of the Kishtwar Police to uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and impartiality throughout the electoral process. The review of

preparedness for the Parliamentary Election-2024 underscores the dedication of the District Police Kishtwar to uphold the democratic values and principles of governance, ensuring the integrity and credibility of the electoral process. SSP Kishtwar also advised the police officers posted in the district in various capacities to provide a good policing to the general public and give a tough time to anti-national and antisocial elements. He directed that there is zero tolerance to corruption, burking of crime and indiscipline at any level. He said that the efficiency of police can be gauged from the time it takes to respond to the day to day situations. He asserted that alongwith quickness in response, the polite behavior and sympathy at heart are required while dealing with the problems of general public.

Forests Deptt conducts fire drill



Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Rajouri, Sandeep Kumar and others during the mock drill.

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SUNDERBANI: The Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Rajouri, Sandeep Kumar, spearheaded a comprehensive fire drill at Sunderbani. The event showcased the latest advancements in firefighting techniques and the utilization of state-of-the-art equipment. Kumar also emphasized the importance of controlled burning, first aid protocols, and the safe disposal

of chir pine needles in forest management practices. Divisional Forest Officer, Shweta Deonia, lauded the initiative and stressed the significance of such drills in enhancing forest fire preparedness and response. Dr. Rakesh Verma, Range Forest Officer Sunderbani, along with the dedicated staff of Sunderbani Range, actively participated in the event, demonstrating their commitment to safeguarding

the region's precious forest resources. The exercise not only served as a platform for skill enhancement but also fostered collaborative efforts among forest personnel in mitigating the risks posed by wildfires. Such proactive measures underscore the Forest Department's unwavering dedication to preserving biodiversity and ensuring the sustainability of forest ecosystems.

Saroori pledges advocating public issues in Parliament



Vice Chairman DPAP GM Saroori addressing a gathering.

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BANIHAL: Vice Chairman DPAP GM Saroori, also candidate for Lok Sabha seat Udhampur-Doda, chaired office bearers meetings in Banihal, Ramban, Kishtwar, and Doda focusing on gearing up for the upcoming election campaign. Saroori emphasized unity among office bearers and urged commencement of campaign activities on the ground. He expressed confidence in winning, citing anti-incumben-

cy sentiments toward the BJP candidate and people's desire for change. Saroori noted the absence of the BJP MP's visits to the areas since winning. He mentioned the public's trust in Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad, noting that Azad was the only leader from J&K who spoke on issues like Article 370, Statehood, and others while others remained silent. Saroori stated, "Only Ghulam Nabi Azad spoke like a warrior; all others were

silent," he said. Saroori promised to raise public issues and work towards their resolution. He also cautioned against hate and religious politics, emphasizing that their focus would solely be on the welfare of the people. He stated, "Other parties may play the religious card, but division only damages communities. We must focus on development as people are suffering without electricity, water, schools, and jobs. It's imperative that we undertake this work." The office bearers pledged full support to Saroori, expressing confidence in his leadership for victory. Accompanying Saroori were Chief Spokesperson DPAP Salman Nizami, Zonal President P.R. Manhas, Distt President Ramban Thakur Dharam Chand, VP Province Javid Malik, Distt President Doda Asif Gattu, and Distt President Kishtwar Shabir Lone and others.

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RAJOURI: Under the Labharthi Samparak Abhiyan, BJP J&K Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta, along with Sarpanch Shazia Tabassum visited village Mehari Gujran and interacted with the beneficiaries of various schemes of the Modi government. "It was delightful to interact with beneficiaries of various schemes of the GOI. An elderly person shared how Ayushman Bharat helped in treating a heart ailment, and a woman farmer's life changed due to PM-KISAN. Others talked about free ration, benefits for Divyangs, PM-AWAS, Kisan Credit Cards, Ujjwala Yojana, and more. It is indeed satisfying to see the fruits of development reach a cross-section of people, even in the more remote areas," said Vibodh while



BJP J&K Secretary Vibodh Gupta along with new entrants of party.

addressing the gathering of beneficiaries. Later, in a joining program, hundreds of tribal people, including prominent Gujjars and Bakarwals, joined BJP and expressed their gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Home Minister Amit Shah, and LG Manoj Sinha for fulfilling their long pending

demands. "While addressing the newcomers, Vibodh highlighted the Modi government's achievement of providing dedicated 10% reservation for the Pahari Tribe and three other tribes, while also reaffirming the commitment to the Gujjars and Bakarwals and strengthening Gujjar-Bakerwal-Pahari cultural heritages. This significant

step not only ends the divisive tactics of the NC and PDP but also showcases the BJP's unwavering dedication to inclusive development." Speaking on the Modi government's initiative for Empowering Scheduled Tribes in J&K, and restoring their dignity Vibodh underscored, "Scheduled Tribes have ensured increased representation in the legislative assembly as nine seats have been reserved for them for the first time. Significant investments have been made by setting up eight new tribal hostels, 200 smart schools, and 6 Eklavya Model Residential Schools. Tribals have also been supported with skill development initiatives. He firmly asserted that the Rajouri-Anantnag

Parliamentary Seat will witness a historic victory for the BJP, as tribal communities have pledged their votes and support to their charismatic Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. Sarpanch Shazia Tabassum, during the interaction with the beneficiaries in village Meari Gujran, emphasized the transformative impact of government schemes on the lives of the local populace. She highlighted anecdotes of individuals benefiting from initiatives like Ayushman Bharat and PM-KISAN, illustrating how these schemes have improved healthcare access and livelihoods, particularly for marginalized groups. She also expressed gratitude towards the Modi government, reiterating the significance of inclusive policies and the strengthening of tribal culture.

Police imparts awareness among students under Operation Pathshala

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MIRANSAHIB: Under operation Pathshala Jammu police on Saturday conducted several programs in the district whereby police officers visited education institutions and interact, educate students on various trending topics like drug abuse, social media, cyber crime, economic offences, traffic violations & laws and other range of topics. One such programme was conducted by SHO Police Station Miran Sahib, Inspector Bhopinder Singh & SHO Police Station Bishnah Inspector Abid Bukhari, went to Government Higher secondary School for girls Miran Sahib and Government Boys Higher secondary School Bishnah respectively &



Police officials along with locals during the programme.

interact, educate students on various trending topics. On the occasion Director School education, Jammu was also present along with respective principals of these schools. SHO Pacea Danga Inspector Rakesh conducted program under Operation Paathshala in JK Public

School at Panjirthi and delivered lecture on Drug abuse, traffic rules and abuse of social media. SHO Domana conducted program under Operation Pathshala at Govt Degree College Marh and interacted with students/staff and aware them regarding drug abuses, Cyber Crime and

prevalent social evils. SHO Gandhinagar inspector Sudhir Sadhotra under Operation Pathshala visited Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Satwari and interacted with students/staff and made them aware about Drug Abuse and Cyber Crime. Such programs were also conducted in the jurisdictions of several other police stations in the Jammu District. The students & staff of educational institutions enthusiastically participated and patiently heard police officers regarding the crucial and trending topics. The students and faculty of the schools appreciated the efforts of the Jammu Police, which eventually lead to decrease in the gap between Police and community as well as helps in strengthening the confidence building measures.

Media fraternity sensitised of MCC, MCMC, paid news, other guidelines of ECI

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POONCH: In a bid to ensure smooth conduct of upcoming Lok Sabha elections 2024 in the district, the District Information Officer, Vishaldeep Chandan, who is also Member Secretary of MCMC Poonch on Saturday held a comprehensive meeting of Media Persons of the district regarding MCC, MCMC, Paid News and Social Media. At the onset of the meeting, the District Information Officer highlighted the role of Media in order to create an environment for peaceful conduct of election as well as to use different forms of media to spread voter awareness among the general public. The aim of the meeting was to highlight the guidelines, particularly do's and



DIO Vishaldeep Chandan along with media persons after the meeting at Poonch.

don'ts prescribed for the elections regarding media coverage, paid news, exit polls, opinion polls etc. The DIO emphasised that media outlets must avoid reporting on election campaigns that incite hatred based on religion, race, caste, community or language and refrain from publishing false or defamatory statements about candidates. He urged media personnel managing online platforms and

WhatsApp groups to vigilantly monitor content. Additionally, any advertisements must be pre-certified by the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee at the district level to ensure compliance with laws and the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). Violations such as exit polls or premature coverage before 48 hours of polling were cautioned against. The DIO outlined

the establishment of a district-level media monitoring cell to oversee print, television, social media and paid news, emphasising the importance of maintaining communal harmony and respecting all religions and individuals. He stressed the role of journalists as gatekeepers and watchdogs of society, highlighting their responsibility in promoting voter awareness and ensuring free and fair elections.

Sangam Theatre Group presents Nuked Natak "Vote daalna hak he sabka"



Artists performing during the Nukkad Natak.

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REASI: "Vote daalna hak he sabka" Nuked Natak organized by District Administration Reasi and presents by Sangam Theatre Group Reasi Here Bus stand

Reasi. On the occasion Sh Vishesh Paul Mahajan (JKAS), Deputy Commissioner and other officers of the District administration are also present. Hues gathering included senior citizen, general public and students witnessed the show. The Artist who performed the Nuked Natak were Nia Chouhan, Priya Kumari, Anu Devi, Sarita Bhagat, Anil Kumar, Raja Aamir Khan, Aasim Nadeem, M. Akram Khan and Aagar Khan. The play was written & directed by M. Akram Khan and was based on Young Voters electoral registration and Election promo-

tions. The characters of the play narrate the general mass "Vote Keran ge hum, Vote Keran ge sab....Vote daalna hak he sabka our hemari shan he" and stressed on new voters in the age of 18 years enrolled in the electoral, more and more participation of younger's registered themselves to cast the vote properly in fair and ethical manner in upcoming Election in district Reasi. The play depicts rights of the voter and how to elect the right candidate. This was achieved on one side through the active dissemination of information among the general public with a special focus on the knowledge about voters more participation. Vishesh Paul Mahajan DC Reasi also interacted with the artists and appreciated the efforts made by the artists of Sangam Theatre Group Reasi a renowned cultural organization Reasi for presenting such type of Nuked Natak for the awareness of young voters and enrolment of electoral registration.

KVK Reasi educates tribal farmers on natural farming

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies Jammu (SKUAST-J) organised awareness programme on natural farming under "Up scaling of Natural Farming" project here at tribal village Jadh in Reasi distt. which was attended by a number of tribal farmers of the area. The programme was organised to aware the tribal farmers on natural farming and guide them on the various practices required for natural farming. The programme was organized under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof.B.N. Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof.Amrish Vaid of SKUAST-J. Sr.Scientist and Head of KVK, Reasi, Dr.Banarsi Lal warmly welcomed the participants and briefed the significance of natural farming in present era. He discussed in detail on the negative effects of chemical farming and positive impact of natural farming. He said that natural farming is the need of the era and informed that it is beneficial for the maintenance soil health and environment. He added that Reasi district of J&K has huge potential in natural farming and the farmers can generate more income by producing the safe and healthy food through natural farming. He said that for a healthy society, quality and healthy food is required and natural farming can play a significant role for the production of

safe and healthy food. He explained the four pillars of natural farming. He further said that natural farming is a promising means of reducing the dependence of farmers on external inputs, reducing the cost of cultivation and increasing the income of the farmers. He discussed on Atom Nirbar Krishi and urged participants on the adoption of natural farming for more returns. He elaborated various banking schemes for the farmers and appreciated KVK, Reasi efforts for the welfare of the farming community. He stressed on the community based approach required for natural farming. Dr.Lal said that natural farming is agro-ecology based farming which integrates crops, trees, livestock and functional biodiversity. He discussed on the importance of farm fields as a source of organic matter and spoke on the usage of indigenous seed and bioinoculants as the catalyst required for natural farming. He guided participants on the preparation of Jeevamrit and Beejamrit and also elaborated the practices of mulching, Aechadana and various other biocontrol agents required for the natural farming. He also guided the participants on the preparation of Panchgavya, fermented butter milk, cow urine etc. Tribal farmers interacted in detail and thanked KVK, Reasi for organizing such a useful programme. The programme was concluded by Sh.Manohar Lal with the formal vote of thanks.

Lok Sabha Elections: DIC Rajouri briefs Media Persons about ECI guidelines



District Information Officer Rajouri, Mohammad Nawaz Chowdhary briefing media.

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RAJOURI: District Information Officer Rajouri, Mohammad Nawaz Chowdhary on Saturday briefed the local media persons about the ECI guidelines regarding reporting of parliamentary polls. The meeting served as a platform for discussions and strategic planning to facilitate effective media engagement during this crucial electoral period. A detailed brief was given with respect to MCMC and MCC as per guidelines of ECI. Media

representatives from Rajouri, stakeholders in the dissemination of information to the public, actively participated in the deliberations, showcasing their commitment to fostering transparent and informed communication channels in the framework of ECI guidelines. The agenda of the meeting encompassed a wide array of topics, reflecting the role of Media in contemporary democratic processes especially with respect to Media Certification and MCC.

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