

# Bhadarwah residents hold protest over death of woman hit by biker

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADERWAH: People from all walks of life gathered in Seri Bazar Bhaderwah to register their resentment over the death of a lady, who was hit by a biker yesterday.

It is notable that yesterday, in a hit and run case a biker hited an elderly lady near ICICI Bank Bhaderwah on Chobia Link Road. The lady was shifted to SDH Bhaderwah, where from she was further shifted to GMC Doda, but she succumbed to her injuries today afternoon while on way to



Locals staging protest over woman's death.

GMC Jammu. The deceased has been identified as Bimla Dogra W/O Joginder Pal Dogra

R/O Ganpat Bazaar Bhaderwah. After the news of her death spread, People of

Bhaderwah from all sections of the society came together to register their protest against stunt bikers and also protest against callous attitude of traffic police for not taking any action against the rash driving in Bhaderwah.

President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Bhaderwah Vrinder Razdan, Naseer Mehboob YAC President, Neeraj Manhas BJP leader, senior citizens, youths, shopkeepers and others participated in the protest and demanded stern action against the involved person.

When contacted ASP Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma about the incident, he informed that the after identification, the accused person has been arrested and the bike was also seized by the team.

"No one is above the law, and we will try to submit challan of the case in the court of law at the earliest," he added, saying that a special drive is also going to nab the stunt bikers in and around Bhadarwah, who creates nuisance and threat to their life and others as well.

# NC's win Lok Sabha Polls will mark new beginning of secularism: Bimla

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
VIJAYPUR: Bimla Luthra , Former MLA and State Vice President National Conference Women Wing on Thursday sought decisive win for alliance candidates in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, saying this will mark a new beginning of secularism further gaining strength.

Luthra said while addressing election meetings at Village Dholian in Vijaypur, adding that the people have always stood for amity, brotherhood, peace and tranquillity between various communities. The meeting was organized by Mamta



Bimla Luthra , State Vice President NC Women Wing during meeting at village Dholian.

Devi. Luthra said that victory of the alliance candidates will be peoples' vote to development, progress and peace. She said the past over years have witnessed a new era of development under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

She made a fervent appeal to the people to ensure the success of the alliance candidate with a big margin.

Among others present on the occasion included: Bharti Devi, Jyoti Devi, Savita Devi, Panch Balwant Kumar and others.

# Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Training on handling of EVMs, VVPATs for Anganwari staff organised



Training being imparted to Anganwari Staff at Ramban.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: Election Department Ramban, under the dynamic leadership of District Election Officer (DEO), Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, has taken several significant steps towards ensuring electoral transparency and efficiency in the district.

As part of preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections, a comprehensive training on handling of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper

Audit Trails (VVPAT) was organized for Anganwadi staff here today.

Acknowledging the crucial role of Anganwadi workers in community outreach, the training aimed to equip them with requisite skills and knowledge to effectively assist and aware voters during the electoral process.

Conducted under the supervision of Nodal Officer for Women Awareness and Welfare AC-55, BDO Ramban, Shalini Chandail, the sessions focused on familiarizing participants with operation, handling, and troubleshooting of EVMs and VVPAT machines.

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# Hilly, rural areas confronting development deficit under J&K Govt: Sadhotra

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BILLAWAR: J&K National Conference kicked off an intensive election campaign for the I.N.D.I Alliance, signaling a strong push towards victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

In this regard, a day-long convention was organised under the chairmanship of Th Suram Singh, senior NC leader and former minister in Billawar area of district Kathua.



Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary JKNC and oithers during public rally.

On the occasion, Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary JKNC and former minister, Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo Zonal President Chenab Valley and former Minister, Ram Pal ji Zonal President Jammu Samba Kathua and former minister, Abdul Ghani Malik, Zonal President Udhampur Reasi and former minister, Laxmi Dutta, Harshvardan, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretary and Amrishi Sharma were also present.

At the beginning of the meeting, Th Suram Singh

raised serious concern over lack of support from the incumbent government. He said that the hilly, rural and far off areas are being discriminated badly by the present government. He maintained that the present government has miserably failed to provide basic amenities to the general public.

Addressing gathering, Ajay Sadhotra observed that the ground situation in context with the development in the rural and hilly belts is pathetic as people are craving for basic amenities. He said that people are confronting development deficit but the government is busy in spreading false narrative of

colossal development in far off belts of J&K, which is a white lie as on ground people are facing multiple problems with no solution in sight. He said that neglect of hilly terrains is visible on ground but the government is trumpeting development, development and development day and night.

Rattan Lal Gupta, in his address, criticised the present government for its failure to stand on the expectations of people of Billawar, Bani Basholi area of Kathua district. He emphasized that only National Conference can bail out people from this misery as castles of development

made by J&K Government in air are distant apart from reality. He called upon party workers to gear up for the upcoming polls.

Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo said the present government has miserably failed to address the problems being faced by youth of hilly and remote areas due to highest ever employment in J&K. He said that only the National Conference can give a tough fight in the ensuing polls and stressed upon the need of unity and dedication to overcome obstacles and ensure the success of the party.

Babu Rampal, in a rally-

ing call to action, urged workers to exhibit unwavering dedication and unwavering devotion in their efforts to secure victory for the Alliance candidates. Emphasizing the critical role of every individual in shaping the electoral outcome, he stressed the importance of tireless commitment and united action in realizing the alliance's goals.

Encouraging a spirit of determination and perseverance, Abdul Ghani Malik asked the workers to channel their energies towards mobilizing support, spreading awareness, and actively participating in the democratic process to ensure a resounding victory for the Alliance candidates.

Laxmi Dutta, senior NC woman leader, appealed to the women of the area to throw their full support behind Alliance candidates, emphasizing that only the NC possesses the vision and commitment needed to empower women and uplift their status in society.

# BJP's Social Media Deptt holds strategy meeting for Lok Sabha polls with Ramban office bearers

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: Ankit Gupta, In-charge of Social Media Department, held a crucial meeting today with all office bearers of District Ramban in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The meeting aimed to galvanize the party cadre and develop an effective social media strategy to ensure success in the upcoming polls.

In the meeting, Pawan Khajuria, State Vice President BJP and Prabhari Ramban, Rajeshwar Kumar, District President Ramban, Satish Jandial, and Nitish Mahajan, Co-incharges of Social Media Department, J&K.

Ankit Gupta emphasized the pivotal role of the Social



BJP leaders during meeting at Ramban.

Media Department in shaping public opinion and setting trends during the elections. He emphasized the need for a robust social media strategy that leverages various platforms to effectively communicate the party's vision, initiatives, and achievements to the electorate. He stressed the importance of timely and

engaging content creation, strategic targeting of key demographics, and proactive management of online interactions to build a strong digital presence and foster positive engagement with voters.

Ankit also reviewed the assignments given to the local social media team thoroughly and encouraged them to work diligently towards

the party's objectives. He urged them to actively contribute to the social media efforts and collaborate closely to ensure a unified and impactful digital campaign that resonates with the aspirations of the people of District Ramban.

Pawan Khajuria commended the efforts of the Social Media Department and highlighted the significant development activities carried out under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Ramban district. He called upon both party members and the general public to lend their support to Dr. Jitendra Singh, the party's candidate in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Rajeshwar Kumar, District President Ramban, assured the visiting Party leaders that the local social media team would intensify their efforts to secure victory for Dr. Jitendra Singh in the upcoming elections.

Nitish Mahajan said that people have high hopes from BJP, and it is our collective responsibility to work tirelessly and deliver on their expectations. By actively engaging with the community, understanding their needs, and implementing effective policies, we can further strengthen the trust and confidence placed in the BJP. Together, we will strive to build a prosperous and inclusive society that benefits all sections of the population, he added.

# Reasi Police organises Thana Diwas

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: As a part of public outreach programme, Thana Diwas an initiative of Government of J&K UT to bridge the gap between Police and Public and also to listen and redress the grievances of common masses organised at Dera Baba, PP Talwara, Moori, Dharmari and P/S Chassana by District Police Reasi.

The programme was chaired by Ifthkar Ahmed, Additional Superintendent of Police Reasi at Dera Baba, Neeraj Padyar, Dy.SP Hqrs. Reasi at PP Talwara, Surinder Singh SDPO Katra at Moori, SDPO Arnas Mohd Irfan Khan, JKPS at Dharmari and SDPO Mahore Ajaz Choudhary, JKPS at P/S Chassana.

Civil Society members and



Locals participating in Thana Diwas.

respectable persons of the areas remained present on the occasions.

During the Programme, participants highlighted various issues of public importance, and they were assured that their genuine grievances pertaining to Police will be resolved on priority and that of Civil

Administration will be taken up with the concerned departments for their early redressal. While speaking on the occasion, it was reiterated that policing at grass root level in the District would be revamped to enhance proficiencies of the cops and to develop confidence among the people.

# GDC Khour, police organise awareness programme on drug abuse



Winner being given prize by the dignitaries.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KHOUR: NSS and NCC Units of GDC Khour in collaboration with the District Police Jammu organised an awareness programme on Drug Addiction with the theme "Say no to drugs, Say

Yes to health". SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal Sharma was the chief guest of the occasion while SHO Khour Neeraj Choudhary and Chowki Officer Pallanwala, Danish Qureshi were the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, SDPO motivated College students not to indulge in Drug addiction. He further added that rise in drug abuse has far reaching consequences affecting individuals, families and the communities at large. The programme was attended by more than 100 students along with faculty members namely Prof.Deepti, Prof. Sunil Kumar and Prof. Khalid Sajad Bohra. A competition was held where 15 students participated and

shared their views on drug addiction through speech and poetry. The Principal of the College Dr. T.K Sharma highlighted the negative consequences of drug abuse and encouraged students to fight against this menace. He reiterated that the students are the future of the country and strong youth of today will lead to a better tomorrow. The whole event was coordinated by Prof. Himanshu Khajuria NSS PO and Lt. Shivani Sharma ANO. The participants were adjudged by Prof. Jozafeen Afzal ,HOD Education, Dr. Seema Sudan, HOD Hindi & Dr. Tasleem, HOD Zoology.

The first position was bagged by Shagun Choudhary (awared with a cash prize of Rs. 5000), second position by Bhavana Sharma (awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 3000) & third position was bagged by Mansi Sharma (awarded with cash prize of Rs. 2000). Rest 07 participants were awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 1000 each & other 5 numbers of participants were awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 500 each. The formal vote of thanks was given by Prof. Rashmi Sharma.

# Doda's cyber crime investigation unit holds workshop for cops

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: A workshop was organized by CCIU District Police Doda in PCR Complex Doda. The programme was conducted under the supervision of SP Operation Doda Sunil Kesar and under the overall supervision of Javaid Iqbal, SSP Doda.

In this workshop a good number of Police personnel from all Police stations of District Doda participated. PSI Ankush Nagra, Incharge CCIU Doda delivered lecture



Police personnel during the workshop at Doda.

to participants and the officials were trained about the complaints on National Cyber Crime Reporting

# SVEEP team Poonch organises community mobilisation programme

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: A community mobilization programme was organized at Pahari Hostel (Girls) Kansar in which a large number of students, community members participated. The programme organized under the guidance of SVEEP Nodal Officer (Chief Education Officer Poonch).

Speaking on the occasion the member highlighted the process, procedure for enrolment of voters/ importance of vote, how larger participation strengthen our democracy, categories of absentee voters



A resource person delivering lecture.

and facilitation available for these categories of voters. Worthy Chief Education Officer Poonch and District Education Planning Officer

Poonch personally attended the programme. Chief Education officer in a very informative way encourage the young voters whom are

going to cast their vote for first time and also thrown light on responsibilities of young future prospective voters. Ravinder Singh DLMT also discussed in depth the role and responsibly of voter, process of enrollment, role SVEEP. Others who speak on the occasion include Adil Hamid ALMT, Gagandeep Kour member SVEEP teams. The other member present include Smily Sharma, Joyti Sharma (Sveep Team), Yongesh Kumar BLO, Tahira Parveen Warden and Assistant Warden.

**Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Inspection team visits examination centers**  
**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: An inspection team led by Chief Education Officer (CEO), Parkash Lal Thapa inspected examination centers of 12th class Zone here.

He visited Government Higher Secondary School Girls, GHSS Boys and Faridya Model GHSS Doda reaffirming the administration's dedication to maintain the integrity and fairness of the examination process.

During the inspection, the CEO assessed the facilities and arrangements, prioritizing optimal conditions for students. He also held interactions with examination staff, supervisors, and students and provided valuable insights and facilitated prompt issue resolution.

The CEO Doda, who is also Nodal Officer for Assured Minimum Facility (AMF), conducted the physical verification of schools where polling stations have been set in the educational zone Doda and ensured AMF are in place at polling stations for Lok Sabha Elections 2024 which are going to be held from April 19 (Phase-I).

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