

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: DEO Rajouri briefs political representatives about MCC

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RAJOURI: District Election Officer (DEO), Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat convened an important meeting with representatives from different political parties to brief them about Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

The objective of the meeting was to underscore the importance of adhering to highest ethical standards outlined in the MCC to be observed by all in Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

The meeting served as a platform to sensitize political parties about the imperative nature of upholding integrity, fairness, and transparency throughout the electoral process.

The discussions held during the meeting underscored the collective commitment of all political stakeholders



DEO Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat chairing a meeting.

towards fostering an environment characterized by ethical conduct, accountability, and respect for democratic principles as per ECI guidelines.

The DEO urged all political parties to refrain from criticizing any party based on unverified facts and cautioned against making personal comments or engaging in caste and communal politics.

Furthermore, the DEO also

urged all political parties to intimate the venue and time of their meetings and rallies to the police and administration in advance. Additionally, the DEO asked the party representatives that polling agents should strictly adhere to the guidelines and refrain from entering the polling stations.

The District Election Officer reiterated the pivotal role of political parties in

upholding the democratic ethos of the nation and emphasized the need for cooperation and adherence to the guidelines set forth in MCC. He urged all parties to conduct themselves with utmost integrity and responsibility, thereby setting a positive precedent for a free, fair, and peaceful electoral process.

The DEO expressed confidence in the cooperation in

conduct of political parties to the guidelines outlined, thereby fostering conducive environment for the smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha Elections.

A detailed briefing was given regarding mandatory pre-certification as per MCC norms as required by all political parties/ candidates for all issues of advertisements and paid news. The political representatives were asked to ensure that with MCC certification no advertisement is allowed.

Officers who attended the meeting were ADC Rajeev Kumar Khajuria; ACR, Mohammad Jhangir Khan; Dy DEO, Shakeel Ahmed; DPO, Mohammad Nawaz Choudhary and DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt besides representatives of political parties were also present.

GDC Mahanpur organises Workshop on 'Yoga & Meditation'



Dignitaries being honoured during the workshop.

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MAHANPUR: GDC Mahanpur organised one day camp / workshop on "Yoga and Meditation" at Mansar. It was organized under the supervision and able guidance of Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College. The main motive of the Camp / Workshop was to enlighten students about the value and importance of yoga and meditation in their lives.

Dr. Balbinder Singh, Physical Director, GDC Mahanpur was the Keynote Speaker of the Camp / Workshop. In his address, Dr. Balbinder not only shared his expertise on the subject but also described the importance of yoga and meditation in one's day to day life. Sh. Raman Kumar, District President of Patanjali Yog peeth and Supervisory Pharmacist, SPMR College of Commerce, was the Resource Person of the Camp/Workshop. He practically taught various

asanas, which is the physical practice of yoga poses. Both the experts were honoured with a Memento and Certificate of Appreciation by the Principal of the College, Dr. Sangeeta Sudan. Students activity participated in the Workshop. The faculty members present in the Camp / Workshop at Mansar were Dr. Mohinder, Nisha, Dr. Nishu, Dr. Ajay, Dr. Anil, Dr. Suman and Dr. Sardar Bhatti. Refreshment was given to all the participants.

GDC Udhampur organises 'Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye' Promise Campaign

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UDHAMPUR: Under the ablest guidance of Principal Prof. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta and in Supervision of NSS PO'S Dr. Gurpreet Kaur and Prof. Sanjeet Singh, NSS Units of GDC Udhampur conducts the Promise campaign under the theme "Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye".

As the lok sabha elections 2024 are around the corner and they will act as catalyst to build and strengthen the pillars of democracy hence each and every stakeholder who is eligible to participate must ensure his contribution to this important national festival hence G.D.C. Udhampur organized a massive awareness campaign among the students to

make them aware and train as well to be the messengers of democracy and spread the message of the theme to the relatives, friends and the rest of the community about the importance of vote and its valuable contribution in nation building.

The event started with an eloquent message from the worthy principal of the college in which he said to the students and the staff about the importance of vote.

He elaborated that the voice of youth should clearly outline the priorities of young people and the nation to build a strong foundation which can accommodate all the classes of society to march to progress. He added that a vote to an intelligent, honest and

rationale person can uplift the overall health of the nation and bring prosperity among the masses.

The faculty members also expressed their views and exhorted upon the students to create a path of progress for the nation by choosing and appropriate and genuine candidate for the betterment of the nation.

Those who expressed their views were Prof. Anil Thappa, Prof. Rajesh Singh Manhas, Dr. Sanjay Singh, Dr. Ujjwal Gupta,

More than 150 NSS Volunteers and other students of different streams and semesters joined the promise campaign near main gate. The program was held under the coordination of Dr. Jagjeet Singh.

Patnitop to Gauri Kund Spiritual Trek organised as part of SVEEP campaign

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UDHAMPUR: In a collaborative effort, Patnitop Development Authority, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, District Administration, Udhampur and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University today came together to organize Patnitop to Gauri Kund Spiritual Trek as part of the SVEEP campaign for forthcoming general elections.

The trek was flagged off by ADC Udhampur, Joginder Singh Jasrotia which traced an ancient pilgrimage route leading to Sudh Mahadev-Mantalai, prominent Shaivite centers and is steeped in natural wonders especially with the onset of spring.

Commencing from the Nag Temple, renowned for its construction using stones-a deviation from the prevalent use of Deodar wood in the



ADC Udhampur, Joginder Singh Jasrotia flagging off trekkers.

region-the trek concluded at the Gauri Kund Temple, dedicated to Bhagwan Shiv and Mata Parvati. The participants relished traditional cuisines offered year-round in the temple's bhandara.

Enthralled by picturesque vistas and enveloped in a mystical aura throughout the trek, more than fifty students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, representing various districts of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory,

expressed gratitude to the authorities for this endeavor. After the trek, the participants paid obeisance at Sudh Mahadev temple.

At Sudh Mahadev, the participants from SMVDU, who were mostly first time voters, were sensitized about the electoral process, the importance of exercising the right to vote, and rights and responsibilities of voters by Pankaj Singh Bhau, Tehsildar Chenani. Additionally, they were given

hands-on experience of voting equipment like EVM and VVPAT. Students of Government Higher Secondary School Sudh Mahadev created placards, presented skits and dance, which was followed by Sangam Theatre group's nukkad natak for voter awareness.

Devender Singh Bhau, CEO, PDA, said that beyond electoral processes, adventure, and spirituality, the event also underscored

cleanliness, environmental consciousness, and the preservation of natural beauty that attracts travelers from far and wide. He added that the PDA staff, as part of ongoing PDA initiatives like 'Clean Patnitop Green Patnitop', 'Carry the Trash Back' and 'Clean Mountains Save Future', collected waste along the trail.

The students were accompanied by their faculty including Dr. Satish Kumar Tiwari, Krishna Pandey, Keshava Pandey, Balbir Singh, Karan Singh, and officials and staff from both PDA and District Administration Udhampur.

The trek was held under the event series, 'Visit Patnitop', which was initiated by Patnitop Development Authority in September 2022 to showcase the all-encompassing beauty and the tourism potential of the Patnitop Tourism Circuit.

Jobs, livelihood, land, property rights will be protected: Ch Lal Singh

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BANI: Former MP and Ex. Minister Ch. Lal Singh conducted its canvassing for the parliamentary election 2024. Ch. Lal Singh started a bike and car which started from Challog and passed from Duggan, Baddi, Taggar, Loang, and culminated at Bani where Ch Lal Singh Addressed a huge gathering and asked for the mandate.

Ch.Lal Singh while addressing the gathering urged upon the people to vote for him en masse and promised that the loss which they suffered in the last ten years which include loss of jobs, land, property and even the livelihood of the common masses, shall be restored. He reiterated its stand of fighting for the interest of



Former MP Ch. Lal Singh addressing gathering.

the Dogra race and pledged to expose all those forces inimical to the growth of the Dogras.

While addressing the gathering, Ch. Lal Singh said that I am contesting elections for the jobs of the people of my area and state and I am struggling for the protection of the Dogra posterity and will never be demor-

alized. Ch. Lal Singh also said the local issues of the people of his constituency will remain his top priority. While addressing the gathering he said that the water pipe seam of PHE will be investigated fairly and if the congress is voted to power, all the culprits will be behind the bars. He also took up the issue of long power cuts in

the area. He said the present MP does not even know the issues of the Bani where long and long power cuts are observed and what to talk of the other issues. He called upon all his party workers and supporters to be always proactive and take his vision to every nook and corner and make every worker well versed with the malafide agenda of the present government. Ch. Lal Singh also while addressing the gathering also iterated his works as a health minister and forest minister like setting of Jambu Zoo at Nagorta. Other who accompanied Ch Lal Singh are Sh. Akash Bharat, Sh. Sanjay Rajdhani, Sh. Lekh Raj, Sh. Thakur Dass, Sh. Darshan Kumar, Sh. Suraj Padha, and Sh. Vishwal Padwal.

84 Bn CRPF organises free medical camp

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RAMBAN: 84 Bn CRPF today organized a day long Free Medical Camp at Sanasar of district Ramban. The camp was inaugurated by Commandant 84 Bn CRPF N Ranbir Singh, Second in Command Vikram Singh, SMO 84 Bn Dr Anu Gorke, MO 84 Bn Dr Biranmol Singh, officers and personnel of 84 Bn, Ex PRIs Tulsi Ram, Krishan Chand and Parveen Kumar, besides large number of locals participated in the camp.

Considering this issue, 84 Bn CRPF, under the aegis of Jammu Sector, CRPF, organized a day long Free Medical Camp, catering to the local population of Upper Sanasar, Lower Sanasar and Sana.

The camp was attended by nearly 200 needy locals of all age groups, including women and children. The locals were



Commandant 84 Bn CRPF N Ranbir Singh inaugurating camp.

provided free Medical Treatment and medicines during the camp.

While speaking during the function, Commandant 84 Bn CRPF spoke about glorious history of CRPF and its paramount contribution in nation building. He also highlighted about the various initiatives taken up by the CRPF and reiterated

CRPF's unflinching commitment towards the welfare and well-being of the local people. Light refreshments were served to the local participants during the camp.

Locals participants profusely thanked 84 Bn CRPF for the noble initiative.

Entrusted with the responsibilities of Internal Security of the large and diverse country, India, CRPF is deployed across the length and breadth of the country. 84 Bn CRPF is deployed in J&K, with all of its Coys in Ramban and Udhampur. The Unit is securing a stretch of more than 40 km of NH 44, which is the major lifeline to the Kashmir valley.

Besides rendering its services of securing the Nation, CRPF also carries out social outreach program to augment its connect with the local populace.

SMVDU Engineering student presents research paper in International Conference

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KATRA: Milind Shukla, Final Year Student, School of Mechanical Engineering presented a full length paper on Electric Vehicles (EVs) under the category of Energy Applications and Management in International Conference on Materials and Energy Science (ICMES-2024) organized by Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Aditya Engineering College (affiliated with Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh). The aim of ICMES was to bring together industrialists, academicians, and researchers to exchange and share their



experiences and hard-earned technological advancements and applications in modern industries. Growing concerns about materials, energy security, and climate change have sparked interest in harnessing new and renewable energy sources to address critical issues in engineering applications. Milind Shukla's successful participation in ICMES 24 is a notable milestone in his academic journey, setting an example for future students and highlighting the University's commitment to promoting research and scholarly endeavours. This achievement not only highlights Milind Shukla's commitment but also emphasizes the high academic standards upheld by the School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU. This achievement reflects his dedication and the quality of his research, and serves as a testament to the rigorous academic standards and opportunities provided by the School of Mechanical Engineering at SMVDU.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: SVEEP awareness programme held

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THANAMANDI: An awareness program under the aegis of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program was held here at Madra-Tut-touheed Thanamandi.

Led by Nodal Officer SVEEP Prof. Iqbal. Raina, the event was attended by Prof Manzoor Ahmed Dar, Prof. Khalid Rayaz and Mohammad Ayaz Raina, lecturer. The



SVEEP team along with locals and children.

team visited Madrasa-Tut-touheed

Thanamandi to enlighten students and teachers

about the importance of voting.

The attendees were provided insights into the election process. The event was organized as part of the SVEEP's door-to-door campaign.

Later, the team engaged with the public at Jamia Masjid Thannamandi, underscoring the significance of adult franchise in democracy and urging maximum participation in the electoral process.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: General, Police Observer interact with AROs, Nodal officers of Kathua district

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KATHUA: General Observer, Dheeraj Kumar and Police Observer, Daljeet Singh for General Elections, today held a maiden meeting with Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) and Election Nodal Officers of district Kathua here.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the election preparedness for the upcoming polls scheduled to be held in the constituency on April 19. During the meeting,



Returning Officer for 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, Dr. Rakesh Minhas (District Election Officer Kathua), briefed the Observers about the status of election-related processes

being followed in the parliamentary constituency.

The General Observer and Police Observer interacted with AROs and Nodal Officers, sought updates on progress made in election-

related duties. They also inquired about the measures being implemented to ensure smooth, fair and transparent election process in the constituency.

The meeting emphasized the importance of efficient coordination among all stakeholders involved in the election process to uphold the integrity of democratic exercise and ensure that voters can exercise their rights freely and without any hindrances.

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