

Dr Karwani convenes meeting to sensitise Kashmiri migrants about LS elections

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JAMMU: To sensitize people about the current General Lok Sabha Elections-2024 and the various arrangements made by the Relief Organization for the facilitation of the Kashmiri migrant voters, Dr Arvind Karwani, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) J&K convened a meeting of the representatives of different political parties in his office Chamber, here on Wednesday.

The representatives of political parties raised demand for the simplification of the process of M-forms and conveyed that due to multiple formalities a large number of voters are getting discouraged.



Dr Arvind Karwani, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) J&K chairing a meeting at Jammu on Wednesday.

A patient hearing was given to the party representatives and the various grievances highlighted by them were also taken note of.

The political parties also raised issues of public importance and it was conveyed to them that in this regard a schedule of special

weekly camp has already been notified for facilitation of the public and on spot redressal of the grievances, in terms of which Deputy Commissioner (R) Vijay Kumar, will visit every Wednesday the Jagti Camp, Assistant Commissioner (R) Ritika Arora, will visit every Thursday Muthi Camp,

Assistant Commissioner(R) Dr Riyaz Ahmed, will visit every Friday Nagrota Camp and Assistant Commissioner (R) Sanjeev Kumar Goswami, will visit Purkhoo Camp to redress the grievances of migrants at their door step, besides the officers will randomly check two Zones every week.

It was also highlighted in the meeting that all the officers have already been directed to dispose of the pending matters in a time-bound manner and it was appealed to Kashmiri migrants to apply for the requisite certificates well in time to avoid last minute rush.

Dr Karwani appealed to all the migrant voters to come out in large numbers to cast the vote and also threw light on the Special Scheme under which 21 Special Polling Stations have been set up at Jammu, 1 in Udhampur and 4 in Delhi for the facilitation of Kashmiri Migrant Voters. "For any further detailed enquiry, they can visit the Website www.jkmigrants.nic.in.," Dr Karwani said.

Tarun inaugurates Unity Cup U-17 Cricket Tournament



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JAMMU: Tarun Uppal, Chairman of the Nirbhay Bharat Foundation, inaugurated a 2-day under-17 cricket tournament at Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji Mini Stadium in Gole Gujral, Jammu, organised by the Academy of Unity.

The slogan of the tournament is "Say no to drugs, yes to sports".

Speaking on the occasion, Uppal said that the event is being organised with an objective to serve a twin purpose of promoting sports in

the Union Territory and involving more and more youth in sporting activities to save them from falling prey to drugs and other allied social evils.

The sports enthusiasts should adopt sports field for better career progression and work with more zeal and dedication in this field besides terming sports activities vital for maintaining physical and mental well being.

The tournament features teams like Ravi Das Cricket Club vs. Night Bash

Masters, The Dominators vs. Tiny Tots School, Ram Rangers vs. Team Worrier, Jammu Deccan Gladiators vs. Gole Gujral Lions, JKMS vs. Pooja Public High School, Smash Kings XI vs. The Sky Star Warriors, Elite Public High School vs. Kalka 11, and K.S Public School vs. One Team One Dream.

The matches are officiated by Kajal Devi, Sangeeta, Pooja Rana, Amit Sahu, and Raghav Mehra, under the supervision of chief organiser Sunil Kumar.

Diamond Club Simbal Camp enters final of Cricket Tournament



Winner Diamond Cricket Club team after the match.

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JAMMU: Diamond Cricket Club Simbal Camp entered the final of J&K Police Cricket Tournament 2024, organized under Civic Action Programme, at University Ground Jammu, here.

In the semifinal match played on Wednesday, Diamond Cricket Club Simbal Camp outplayed ACC.

batting first after winning the toss, ACC scored 130 runs for the loss of nine wickets in 20

overs. Sunil was the top scorer with 24 runs while Nitin and Raj Kumar added 22 and 19 runs respectively to the total. For Diamond Cricket Club, Janveer Singh, Jashan Singh, Navdeep and Preet grabbed two wickets each.

In reply, Diamond Cricket Club Simbal Camp easily chased the target making 131 runs for the loss of three wickets in 16 overs. Janveer Singh played a brilliant knock of 89 runs while Navdeep Singh made 15 runs. For ACC, Sunil claimed two wickets.

For his match winning performance, Janveer Singh was declared as Man of the Match.

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SRINAGAR: In view of General Elections to Lok Sabha-2024 scheduled to be held on May 13, 2024 for 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency, the District Election Officer (DEO), Srinagar Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Wednesday chaired a meeting with representatives from various Political Parties at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

The meeting was followed by orientation program to sensitize the representatives of various Recognized Registered, Unrecognized Registered Political Parties and other stakeholders about the process of Nomination filling for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections as per the instruc-



tions of the Election Commission of India.

At the outset, the DEO said that the orientation program provides a platform to sensitize political parties about the various aspects regarding the procedures to be followed while filing Nomination forms for contesting the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024. He

said interaction with political parties is of imperative nature to uphold integrity, fairness, and transparency throughout the electoral process.

Dr Bilal urged representatives of all the political parties to display utmost integrity and responsibility; thereby setting a positive environment for a free, fair, and peaceful elec-

North Zone 99/3 against East Zone's modest 132 South Zone scores 289 runs in 1st innings

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PUNE: North Zone were in a commanding position at 99/3 against East Zone's modest total of 132 runs in the first innings of the semi-final match of maiden Women's Inter-Zonal Multi-Day Trophy at Pune Cricket Club, Pune today.

Both the players from Jammu and Kashmir namely Chitra Singh Jamwal and Sarla Devi failed to make it to the Playing XI.

Earlier, batting first, East Zone scored 132 runs in 71.4 overs in their first innings. Monikha Das and Durga Murmu scored 29 and 28 runs respectively,



while Dharamshala Gujjar and Uma Chetry contributed 17 and 13 runs to the total respectively.

For North Zone, Amanjot Kaur, Shafali Verma and

Priyanka Sharma took 2 wickets each, while Parunika Sisodia and Nandani Sharma claimed one wicket each.

In reply, North Zone were

comfortably placed at 99/3 at the draw of stumps on day-1 today.

Shafali Verma was unbeaten on 57 runs off 83 balls with 10 boundaries, while Priya Punia scored 27 runs off 35 balls with 6 boundaries. Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur contributed 10 runs to the total.

Mamta Paswan bagged 2 wickets, while Deepti claimed one for the East Zone.

In another semifinal at DY Patil Academy ground Ambi, Pune, winning the toss and batting first, South Zone scored a decent total of 289 runs in their first

innings.

Arundathi Reddy top scored with 85 runs studded with 9 boundaries, while Sanjana S contributed 74 runs with 10 fours. Tamanna Nigam also scored 55 runs with 7 boundaries.

Radha Yadhav was the pick of the bowlers for West Zone, who took 4 wickets, while SB Pokharkar bagged 3 wickets. AA Patil and DP Vaidya claimed one wicket each. West Zone, in reply, were 9/1 at stumps today. DP Vaidya was at the crease on 8 runs, while Riyaz Chaudhari was dismissed for 1 run by Arundathi Reddy.

Dir Agriculture visits Harwan, Dara, Theed, Faqir Gujri areas



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SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal on Wednesday visited Harwan, Dara, Theed and Faqir Gujri areas of Srinagar district to take stock of the current scenario of oilseed (mustard) crop and other agriculture crops in the area.

While talking to the farmers, Director Agriculture expressed satisfaction over the crop status of different agriculture crops including Mustard. He said the scientific interventions adopted by the farmers have started bearing fruits. Director Agriculture directed the concerned officers to work in close coordination with the farmers

and guide them in all the pre and post harvest operations. He asked farmers to take all the precautionary measures during different agriculture activities.

Director Agriculture was accompanied by Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar, Manohar Lal Sharma and other officers of the department.

Kusht Ashram inmates, PwD voters sensitized about voting rights

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JAMMU: An awareness programme was conducted on Wednesday at Kusht Ashram Bhagwati Nagar as part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative. The event aimed to educate inmates and Persons with Disabilities (PwD) voters about the electoral process for Lok Sabha Elections 2024. Dr Vikas Sharma, Nodal Officer SVEEP (ACD Jammu) and Mamta Rajput, Nodal Officer for PwD Voters (District Social Welfare Officer), attended the programme.

They informed the audience about the Election Commission of India's efforts to facilitate voter participation, including the availability of various portals for voter registration and information. The resource person and the SVEEP team briefed the attendees on the facilities provided at polling booths, and the option for postal ballots for home voting.

A similar session was held at Home for the Aged and Infirm, emphasising the importance of voter participation and the commitment to ensure an inclusive electoral process.

Div Com reviews arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024

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SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Wednesday convened a meeting of Officers to make comprehensive arrangements for annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2024 to facilitate yatrees.

The meeting was attended by DCs and SSPs of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Anantnag and Bandipora besides Directors of Tourism, Health and FCS&CA, SSP Traffic Srinagar, SSP Traffic Rural and Officers of different departments including R&B, PHE, PDD, Sonmarg



Div Com Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

Development Authority, Pahalgam Development Authority, Information, RDD and ULB.

The meeting deliberated over widening of tracks, snow clearance, underground cabling, power supply to all camps and

enroute, establishment of pony sheds, disaster mitigation, pitching of tents and langars.

Besides, the meeting discussed fire safety measures, access control gates, establishment of transit camps, yatra registration, sanitat-

ion, disposal of solid waste, mobile toilets, drinking water facilities, registration of service providers, medical facility, supply of firewood, live telecast of Arti Darshan, communication services, supply of fuel, ration and issuance of

RFID cards.

Addressing the meeting, Div Com directed the concerned to initiate the process of registration of service providers besides directing all departments for augmentation of their services for SANJY.

Further, he also directed concerned for making adequate arrangements for accommodation, health facility, firewood, ration and kerosene. He laid stress on the installation of signages on both axis of SANJY and at camps to provide information to the pilgrims regarding nearby facilities, control room contact numbers etc

To ensure cleanliness and

sanitation, he exhorted concerned officers to carry continuous sanitation drives and install dustbins for proper disposal of solid waste. He issued directions to concerned officers to ensure availability of water and electricity, besides he also asked IMD to share accurate information regarding weather activity on a real time basis.

Moreover, Div Com directed BSNL and other communication service providers to augment networking to cover all the shadow areas.

He cautioned officers that activities entrusted to their departments are non-negotiable and shall be executed smoothly.

LS Polls: Kavinder convenes strategic meeting at Valmiki Colony

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JAMMU: A crucial meeting convened at Valmiki Colony, Ward No. 20 Gandhi Nagar Jammu, where senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, presided as the chief guest.

The meeting, organized in anticipation of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, served as a platform to strategize and devise effective plans to ensure success in the elections. Among the attendees were prominent party members including Bharat Bushan, Mandal President; Rikki Gupta, State

Executive Member; Rahul Kumar, former Councillor of Ward 20; as well as Satbir Singh, Vijay Verma, Divya Jain, Gharu Bhatti, Jungbahadur, Kashmiro Devi, Naresh Gupta, and others, who actively participated in the discussions.

Addressing the meeting, Kavinder emphasized the importance of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls and outlined the significance of crafting a robust strategy to secure victory for the BJP. He reiterated the party's commitment to serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir and highlighted the transformative vision of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which has paved the way for progress and development across the nation.

In his remarks, Rahul Kumar assured the senior BJP leader of unwavering support from the grassroots level, affirming the dedication of party members towards achieving success in the upcoming elections.

The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of determination and unity among the attendees, as they pledged to work tirelessly towards the common goal of securing victory for the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls.

CS reviews performance of Cooperatives in J&K

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Wednesday had a detailed review of performance of several Cooperatives including banks, societies, Super Bazaars and other institutions working under the Department here in the UT.

Secretary Cooperatives, Registrar, Cooperatives, Additional Registrar, Cooperatives Kashmir/Jammu, Deputy Registrars and other officers of the department participated in the meeting while Srinagar based officers participated in person and virtually.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary enquired about the performance of Cooperative Banks, Cooperative Super Bazaars, Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS) and other educational and training institutions working under the department. The Chief Secretary asked about the improvement made in the working of the banks after previous capital infusion.

He called for having a detailed examination of the exercise and coming up with concrete measures as envisaged under the plan.

He also took note of the absence of CBS in certain

bank branches of the department.

Regarding working of the PACS, the Chief Secretary suggested to explore the possibility of securing credit under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) of the Agriculture Production Department for long term sustainability of these societies.

He called for carrying out a study to make these societies sustainable in long run as the PACS are the real strength of the Cooperative movement.

Dulloo also asked for running business of the

Super Bazaars on modern lines as there is high potential of making them profitable assets. He made out that in association with SHGs of JKRLM the diversity of products and GI tagged items can increase the sales of such Bazaars.

He assessed initiatives like decentralized grain storage project, Cooperative education and training institutions. He called for diversifying the courses and bringing them at par with market-oriented ones in demand by public.

In her presentation, Secretary Cooperatives,

Babila Rakwal, threw light on different activities and achievements made by the department during previous financial year.

It was also informed that the department is in the process of Computerization of PACS and diversifying their roles to involve them in running Jan Aushadi Kendras, CSCs, FPOs and several other initiatives.

It was informed that the existing Super Bazaars at district headquarters of Jammu, Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam, Pulwama and Kulgam had been upgraded till February, 2024.