

Ensure peaceful atmosphere in crucial period of time of Assembly polls: SSP to cops

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ARNIA/BISHNAH: In order to take first hand review of Crime, Security, election preparedness and the overall working of the Police Stations, Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu Joginder Singh visited Police Stations of Arnia & Bishnah. He was accompanied by SP headquarters Jammu during the visit.

At the outset, both the officers were received by SDPO RS Pura, thereafter he took a round of the Police Stations & took firsthand knowledge regarding the working of the crime scenario, Security and election preparedness of both the Police Stations.

SHO RS Pura and SHO Miran Sahab, I/C SHO Arnia were also present in the meeting and threadbare discussions were held regarding the



SSP Jammu Joginder Singh being welcomed at Bishnah.

overall Crime/security scenario as well as preparedness of elections. He directed all officers to be careful while dealing public during elections to avoid any unwanted scene. He directed to ensure peaceful atmosphere in this crucial period of time of Assembly Elections & have a proper security check at crucial spots of their jurisdictions.

SSP Jammu imparted directions to all the officers/officials to remain alert and active and discharge their duties, with utmost sincerity and dedication. He laid emphasis on preventive policing and using the preventive laws to curb activities of anti/social elements.

Further he laid emphasis on the conduct of the police officials and imparted directions to remain impartial to ensure smooth and free & fair elections. He further added that proper vigil need to be maintained on all the suspicious persons and their activities in view of the upcoming Assembly Elections-2024. He further impressed upon all the officers to visit various Polling Stations/locations in their areas and keep a close liaison with the Election Staff, BLOs, Numberdars, Chowkidars and confirm total number of voters in each Polling Stations, identify suitable routes, parking places, management of queues on polling day for smooth conduct of elections. In the end, all the officers were told to brief all the manpower of their respective units with regard to directions and instructions issued from time to time by the Senior formations. He also stressed upon all the officers to take proper care of welfare of jawans working under their command.

National Sports Day celebrated at HSS Jhulass

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POONCH: HSS Jhulass celebrated National Sports Day with great enthusiasm. The highlight of the event was a thrilling volleyball match played by the boys of HSS Jhulass. The match was conducted under the supervision of the school's Principal, Ramesh Chander Sharma.

At the conclusion of the event, prizes were distributed to the players, recognizing their excellent performance and sportsmanship. Additionally, refreshments were provided to all participants, adding to the celebratory atmosphere.

The entire event was meticulously organized by RS Toofan, the school's Physical Education Teacher (PET), who ensured that everything



Dignitaries honouring players.

ran smoothly and that the students enjoyed the day's activities.

The celebration of National Sports Day at HSS Jhulass was a memorable event that highlighted the importance of sports in promoting physical fitness and camaraderie among students. On this occasion Harish Kumar, teacher HSS Jhulass, shared the memories of Major Dayan Chand and Uged upon the students to participate in atleast one game or sport.

VC BGSBU releases 6th edition of E- magazine



VC BGSBU, Prof. Akbar Masood and others releasing E-magazine.

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University released the 6th edition of the Quarterly E-magazine 'Campus Buzz' of University. The release function was held in the office chamber of the Vice Chancellor.

Speaking on the occasion the Vice Chancellor commended the efforts of the editorial team for their dedication in producing

the 6th edition of the magazine. This edition features the various events organised by the University to commemorate the 78th Independence Day, achievements made by the faculty and students and various other academic events organised by the University during the last quarter. Prof. Akbar said that the release of 6th edition of the magazine showcases the commitment of the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University to achieve academic excellence as enshrined in the NEP-2020.

Those present during the release function included Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza Registrar, Dr. A A Shah Associate Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Shams Kamal Anjum Associate Dean School of Languages, Dr. Titi Xavier Associate Dean School of Nursing and Dr. Danish Iqbal Raina, Executive Editor of the magazine.

SVEEP Cell Rajouri organizes Voter Awareness Programme across fence in Nowshera Assembly Constituency

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NOWSHERA : Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme was successfully conducted at Government High School Sehara near Indo-Pak Border in Nowshera. Organized by the Nodal Officer SVEEP AC-84 Nowshera Sh. J. P. Singh (Dy. CEO Nowshera), the event aimed to raise voter awareness and encourage active participation in the electoral process among the residents of the Nowshera Assembly Constituency.

The Nodal Officer SVEEP AC-84, opened the event by emphasizing the significance of informed voting. He urged all eligible voters to exercise their democratic rights and participate actively in the upcoming elections, highlighting that each vote contributes to the strength of our democratic system.

The event was honored by the presence of the District Nodal Officer SVEEP Sh.



SVEEP team during the programme.

Bishamber Dass (CEO Rajouri), who attended as the chief guest. In his keynote address, the DNO SVEEP Rajouri underscored the vital role of informed voting in a democratic society. He emphasized that every vote counts and that informed, active participation is essential for a healthy democracy.

Following the speeches, a rally was organized to further promote voter awareness and encourage community engagement. The rally featured enthusiastic participation from students, educators, and local residents, reinforcing the importance of voting and the responsibilities that come with it. The event served as a powerful reminder of the community's role in upholding democratic values and electoral responsibility.

Vinod, the District Ieon for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), was also present at the event. He passionately urged community members to come out in large numbers

and exercise their right to vote, a fundamental right granted by the Constitution. His message highlighted the inclusivity of the electoral process and encouraged all eligible voters, regardless of their circumstances, to participate fully.

In closing, the Headmaster of Government High School Sehara extended his heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the school to the DNO SVEEP Rajouri and the Nodal Officer SVEEP 84-AC, Nowshera for their invaluable presence and contributions to the SVEEP programme. He also expressed special thanks to all the students, teachers, and community members who participated enthusiastically, making the event a resounding success.

A pledge was also taken on the occasion.

The SVEEP Team for AC-84 Nowshera, including Ashish Kumar, Shakti Sharma, Rakesh Kumar, and Madan Lal, assisted in the successful launch of the SVEEP program.

Dr. Dushyant Pradeep, a member of the District SVEEP team, effectively managed the stage for the program, ensuring smooth proceedings and effective communication of the event's key messages.

The District SVEEP Cell remains dedicated to fostering voter education and empowerment across the region, promoting a well-informed and actively engaged electorate.

Total 3,10,586 eligible voters for 3 seats of Doda - DEO

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BHADERWAH: In an exclusive interview with State Times Reporter Raja Rehber Jamal, District Election Officer (DEO) Doda Harvinder Singh said all arrangements are in place to ensure the conduct of foolproof, free, fair, and transparent elections, providing a level playing field for all candidates of 3 assembly constituencies of District Doda in the upcoming General Elections to the Legislative Assembly (GELA) 2024.

DEO said that all necessary protocols are being followed for a smooth electoral process.

"The focus is on familiarizing the officers with the operation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) systems, which are crucial for maintaining the integrity and transparency of the electoral process," he added.

He said that a total of 534



Polling stations have been established with all required staff across District Doda for 3 seats. For the ease of elderly voters, persons with disabilities and women, special modern booths have been established at all vulnerable locations.

Harvinder Singh praised the efforts of the officials and the Electoral Literacy Club in fostering a culture of informed voting and encouraged continued efforts to maximise the voter turnout. He reiterated the commitment of district administration to conduct free, fair and transparent elections.

The DEO informed that elections in the three Assembly constituencies of Doda District including Bhaderwah, Doda and Doda West will take place in the 1st phase, with voting

scheduled on September 18, 2024. The DEO informed that the 3 seats of district comprises 534 polling stations. "All polling stations across the district have been equipped with 100 per cent assured minimum facilities. Additionally, model polling stations have been established to further enhance the voting experience of voters," he informed.

The DEO revealed that the district has recorded a total of 3,10,586 registered voters, including 1,60,057 males, 1,50,521 females, and 8 transgender across three Assembly constituencies of Bhaderwah, Doda and Doda West.

A total of 534 polling stations are spread across the three Assembly constituencies, ensuring that every registered voter has the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. The Assembly constituency (AC) 52-Doda, representing a balanced voter distribution, recorded a total of 98,582 voters. This figure includes 50,546 male voters, 48,034 female voters, and 2

transgender voters.

A total of 171 polling stations have been allocated to serve this constituency, emphasizing its significance within the district's electoral framework.

AC 51-Bhaderwah emerged as the largest constituency within the district, with a total of 1,24,568 registered voters. The official revealed 63,944 male voters, 60,618 female voters, and 6 transgenders with 196 polling stations, Bhaderwah is poised to facilitate comprehensive electoral coverage. AC 53-Doda West, with 87,436 voters, features 45,567 male voters and 41,869 female voters, with no transgender voters registered. To ensure efficient electoral management, 167 polling stations have been designated for this constituency.

Overall, Doda District is prepared to manage the voting process with precision and accessibility.

The detailed voter registration figures highlight the district's commitment to a fair and transparent election.

Dr. Maruti Sharma conducts session on master your mind for success, happiness and Harmony at SMVDU



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Maruti Sharma, a distinguished professional in the field of mental health and wellness conducted an interactive session on Master Your Mind for Success, Happiness and Harmony for newly admitted students under the Student Induction Program-2024 at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. During the lecture, Dr. Sharma emphasized the importance of mental clarity, emotional balance, and mindfulness

as essential tools for achieving success and maintaining happiness and harmony. Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs, thanked Dr. Sharma for his valuable contribution to the SIP-2024. Dr. Sharma's lecture was not only enlightening but also empowering. It provided students with the tools they need to navigate their academic journey with a positive and proactive mindset said Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Associate Dean of

Academics (Engg.) and Coordinator of the Student Induction Program. The event was well coordinated by faculty members Dr. Varun Dutta, Dr. Kamaldeep, Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, Dr. Rajiv, and Dr. Madhu Mangal Chaturvedi. The event was concluded with a dynamic Q&A session, where Dr. Sharma answered questions from students, offering further guidance on topics such as stress management, mindfulness practices, and achieving life balance.

Rangoli making event -Colors of Democracy- held under SVEEP in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The District Election Cell Udhampur organized a Rangoli making event titled "Colors of Democracy" under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation program here in the DC Office and District Court Complex.

District Election Officer Saloni Rai was the chief guest, while Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh was the Guest of honour and Deputy District Election Officer Dr. Anirudh Rai and Nodal Officer SVEEP Dr. Preeti Sharma presided



Team members along with students.

over the event. Students showcased their creativity by designing colourful Rangoli patterns that depicted themes such as voting rights and Electoral Participation. While addressing the participants, the DEO encouraged young voters to inspire their families, friends, relatives, and neighbours to participate enthusiastically in the General Assembly Election-2024. Meanwhile, several SVEEP activities including the musical chair event were also hosted in educational institu-

Natrang's acclaimed film 'Gulab Gatha' reaches Rajouri, screened twice

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RAJOURI: Natrang Jammu in association with Himalayan Education Mission Society, Rajouri showcased two shows of Balwant Thakur's acclaimed biopic film 'Gulab Gatha' at Himalayan Degree College and Himalayan Super School, Dangri, Rajouri. In his address Neeraj Kant, Secretary Natrang dwelt in detail about the making of the film 'Gulab Gatha' and shared both the aesthetic and technical aspects of the entire process of the making of 'Gulab Gatha' film production. For him it was not just like any other feature or documentary film but a big mission of exposing generations about the sacrifices and the contributions of Dogras in the creating the largest princely state of India.

The major attraction in Rajouri about the film was the depiction of the creation of Baba Ghulam Shah shrine which was initiated by Maharaja Gulab Singh. The



film features an exclusive sequence showcasing how the Baba Ghulam Shah shrine came into being.

On the occasion he thanked Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust for giving Natrang an important opportunity to produce and direct this film. 'Gulab Gatha' is a production of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust and Natrang Jammu.

Narrating further he shared how the director of the film Balwant Thakur travelled places and it took Balwant Thakur and his team of schol-

ars, creative people, designers, and actors over three years on research and the mobilisation of resources in creating this master-piece ever produced and created in Jammu & Kashmir. This is a must-see film for one and all.

The film 'Gulab Gatha' is about the journey of a soldier who achieves great success at everything he initiated. His unquestionable obligatory obedience towards Lahore Durbar, his unconditional sacrifice and his conception of a kingdom has been regarded and given value in this. The greatness of leaders is not just in their prominent amongst others who gave remarkable performances included Arvind Anand, Madan Rangeela, Sudhir Jamwal, Suresh Kumar, Janak Khajuria, Anil Tickoo, Sanjeev Gupta, Neeraj Kant, Vijay Bhat, Subash Jamwal, Sumeet Sharma, Gaurav Jammal, Rahul Singh, Aftab Singh Chauhan, Meera Tapasvi, Aarushi Thakur Rana, Brjesh Avtaar Sharma, Lalit Kumar, Anan Sharma, Akshay Razzan, Kanav Sharma, Jatin Sharma, Brighu Sharma, Sumeet Raina, Naresh Kumar, Udit Sagar, Sushant Singh Charak, Vanshika Gupta, Sanket Bhagat, Arvin Tickoo and Shivam Sharma.

Technical crew included Maloop Singh (Technical Director) Sanjay Kumar (Cameraman), Kamal Sharma (Makeup), and Neeraj Badyal (Film Editor), Sartaj Singh (Production) Mohd Yaseen and Gaurav Jamwal (Coordination).

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