

## Election Dept conducts awareness programme under SVEEP



Nodal officer SVEEP, Akther Hussain Qazi posing with students and faculty.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a spirited effort to boost awareness among the electorate and the participation of youth in forthcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024, the Election Department on Friday organised an awareness programme at Government MAM PG College, Jammu under the Systematic Voters' Education

and Electoral Participation (SVEEP). Akther Hussain Qazi, Nodal officer of SVEEP was the Chief Guest and Sapna Kotwal, Nodal Officer for Media was the Guest of Honour at the program. Both the officers imparted awareness which aims to strengthen the visibility, outreach, and effectiveness of SVEEP activities across the J&K Union Territory.

The program also focused around the critical importance of voter participation, especially the First Time Voters among the youth.

Both the officers expressed confidence that this initiative would significantly improve the voter awareness, particularly among First Time Voters, mar-

ginalized communities, and rural areas, fostering greater inclusivity and positively contributing to the democratic process.

During the program, the Booth Level Officer (BLOs) shared and discussed the innovative ideas and strategic plans which will significantly increase the voter participation in the upcoming Assembly elections which are scheduled to be held across the UT in 3 phases commencing on 18 September, 2024.

The BLOs also assured to take actionable steps to engage and motivate the electorates for maximum participation in the biggest democratic exercise in J&K.

Among others present on the occasion were Prof. Dr. B B Anand, Principal Government MAM PG College, Jammu, Prof. Lukesha Dubgotra, Dr. Jeevan Dhar, Dr. Kailash Sharma, Dr. Sanjay Samyal and others.

## DM Reasi chairs NCORD meeting



District Magistrate Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: A meeting of the District Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) was convened under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan at DC Office Complex, here on Friday. During the meeting, the DM emphasised to follow "Prevent First, Eradicate Next" approach. The meeting focused on assessing ongoing initiatives and enhancing collaborative endeavours to combat the menace of drug abuse. Every department provided an overview of action taken under NCORD meeting decisions in Reasi.

The DM also directed departments to ensure safety of female staff working in Rehabilitation and de-addiction centers. Recognizing the pivotal role of education in prevention, he instructed the institutions to organise mass awareness programs in schools and colleges. He highlighted the important role of forming youth clubs at panchayat level.

SSP Reasi Gaurav Sikarwar, ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal, ADC Kulbhushan Khajuria, PO (ICDS) Mohd Anwar Banday, Addl. SP Iftkhar Ahmed, ACD Pradeep Kumar, DSWO, Principals, CEO, DIO (info), Tehsildars and other concerned officers were present.

## DDMA Shopian issues weather advisory in view of increment weather

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SHOPIAN: In light of the ongoing inclement weather conditions and continuous rainfall across Kashmir, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Shopian on Friday issued a weather advisory stating that there are rising concerns of flash floods, potential cloudbursts at isolated locations, and the temporary suspension of surface transportation in the district.

These conditions may lead to a significant increase in water levels in the Nallah Rambhara and its adjacent tributaries. Given the current weather forecast by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), line departments of the district have been directed to take precautionary measures to mitigate any untoward incidents.

The Flood Control Room shall be activated immediately, and all resources must be kept in a state of readiness. Control Rooms of PWD (R&B) Circle, KPCCDL and Hydraulic Circle Shopian have been directed to be activated, and men and machinery in full readiness to respond swiftly to any emergencies.

Additionally, all Tehsildars in the Shopian district were instructed to maintain vigilance and advise the public, especially school children, within their respective jurisdictions to refrain from venturing nearby to rivers and streams due to the potential for sudden rises in water levels.

For assistance and reporting any emergency, the public has been asked to reach the DDMA Helpline at the following numbers: - 8825081928 - 7006040589 - 9149675857. The advisory has been issued by ADM Shopian, CEO, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Shopian.

## GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur celebrates Int'l Youth Day, National Sports Day



A tug of war match in progress at Udhampur.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Under the aegis of International Youth Day, Red Ribbon Club Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur in collaboration with J&K Aids Control Society on Friday flagged off a rally from the college premises followed by a Tug of War to mark and celebrate "National Sports Day".

The event was conducted under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Seema Arora, Principal of the college.

As many as 50 students

participated in the rally carrying the banner and spreading awareness on HIV/AIDS and fighting stigma and discrimination against people living with this infection. The purpose of the program was to create awareness among the students about this deadly disease. The rally was followed by a tug of war between Team A and Team B of the college where Team B was victorious.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal emphasized the students to show support for the people living

with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS. She also encouraged the students to lead a healthy life through sports.

The Principal appreciated the efforts of the participants and congratulated the staff and the students for organizing such an event. Dr. Sunil Tanoch (HOD Sociology) was the Convener of the event. Others present in the event were Dr. Maansi Sharma, Prof. Rekha Sharma, Prof. Shaista Yasmeen, Rajeshwar Singh Jamwal.

## Observers inspect strong rooms, election facilities in Kishtwar Dist

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: In preparation for the upcoming General Assembly Election 2024, the General Observer Doda Venkata Swamy, (49-Kishtwar and 50-Paddar Nagseni) and A Rahul Nadh, (48-Inderal) besides Police Observer Ranjeet Kumar Misra, for Kishtwar District conducted a thorough inspection of Strong Rooms and counting centres for AC-48 (Inderal), AC-49 (Kishtwar), and AC-50 (Nagseni Paddar) here the other day. The observers were accompanied by District Election Officer (DEO) Rajesh Kumar Shavan, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Abdul Qayoom, besides Returning Officers, Nodal Officers and election officials.

The inspection aimed to



General Observers inspecting strong rooms.

ensure that all arrangements are in place for the secure storage and management of election materials and to assess the preparedness of the district for the first phase of the Assembly elections 2024. General Observers emphasized the importance of robust security measures and coordination among various departments to facilitate a smooth electoral process.

The DEO Kishtwar added "The preparations are on

track, and we are dedicated to upholding the democratic process through vigilant oversight."

The inspection focused on the evaluation of security protocols, logistical arrangements and infrastructure at Strong Room. Special emphasis was placed on fortifying security measures to safeguard against potential threats.

The Police Observer was comprehensively briefed by the officers present regarding the security measures

and other arrangements in place, and it was informed that the district administration had diligently implemented all necessary measures in compliance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India.

In information to the general public of Kishtwar it was observed that the political representatives and Voters of District Kishtwar can register their grievances in the Offices of respective General Observers regarding the Election by visiting offices established at DC Office Complex from 3:30 to 4:30 PM on all days.

Also, they can contact General Observer 49-Kishtwar and 50-Paddar Nagseni, Doda Venkata Swamy, on 8082861305, General Observer 48-Inderal A. Rahul Nadh on 9149711791 and Police Observer Ranjeet K Mishra on 9431822966.

## Lecture on 'NALSA Welfare Schemes' organized



Advocate Rahul Sharma delivering lecture at GDC Ramgarh.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBA: Government Degree College (GDC) Ramgarh on Friday organized an insightful lecture on the "Welfare schemes of the National Legal Services Authority" (NALSA), in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Samba.

The event was held under the chairmanship of the Principal District Session Judge Samba, Adnan Syed and with the directions of the Secretary (Sub Judge), Rekha Nischal. The whole

program was conducted under the guidance and supervision of the Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra.

The lecture was delivered by Advocate Rahul Sharma, a distinguished panel lawyer from the District Legal Services Authority, and was assisted by Para legal volunteers of DLSA Sanjeev Padha and Mannu Rani.

Advocate Rahul Sharma provided a comprehensive overview of NALSA, SALSAs (State Legal Services Authority) and

DLSAs. He highlighted various key welfare schemes of NALSA and detailed how NALSA has been instrumental in offering legal services to disaster victims, victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation, to workers in non-organized sectors, who often lack access to legal resources, child-friendly legal services, and services to mentally ill and disabled individuals in navigating legal challenges.

Additionally, he emphasized NALSA's initiatives to raise awareness and provide

medical support to drug victims through various camps, as well as the free legal services available to senior citizens. He also addressed the support provided to victims of acid attacks, highlighting both legal assistance and awareness efforts aimed at helping survivors.

Sharma urged students to spread information about these welfare schemes within their families, relatives and among communities. His call to action emphasized the importance of spreading awareness to ensure that individuals in need can access the legal support available to them. The lecture was attended by all the faculty members and students of the college.

## Observers for Dist Kishtwar available for public hearing

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: General Observer for 49-Kishtwar and 50-Paddar Nagseni Constituency, Doda Venkata Swamy, besides GO for 48-Inderal, Assembly Constituency, A. Rahul Nadh and Expenditure Observer for District Kishtwar, Sameer Jha will be available for public hearing here at their respective Offices at Chenab Bhawan and Dul Hasti Bhawan between 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM daily. The Observers would listen to election related matters of the stakehold-

ers, including general public and political representatives.

The stakeholders can meet the Observers regarding any query or complaint related to elections during the scheduled time. They can also approach the Observers on their mobile phone number 8082861305 (Doda Venkata Swamy); 9149711791 (A. Rahul Nadh); 8082091426 (Sameer Jha). Besides, the Stakeholders can contact Police Observer, Ranjit Kumar Misra on Mobile phone no 9103968348.

## EEO emphasizes strict expenditure monitoring, reviews working of monitoring teams in Ganderbal

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GANDERBAL: Election Expenditure Observer for Ganderbal, Ashok Gautam on Friday chaired a significant meeting with the Nodal Officers here in the conference hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal.

The meeting was attended by District Election Officer (DEO) Ganderbal, Shyambir, SSP Ganderbal, Wasim Qadri; Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad; Deputy District Election Officer (Dy DEO), Abid Iqbal Malik; District Treasury Officer (DyTO), Dr. Sareer Ahmad Mir and other key officials. The primary focus of the meeting was to review and discuss the expenditure monitoring mechanism for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections 2024 in the district.

The Expenditure Observer emphasized the need for strict adherence to the Election Commission of India's guidelines regarding election expenditure. He also highlighted the importance of transparency and accountability in maintain-

ing the integrity of the electoral process. During the discussions, Election Observer provided detailed instructions to the DTO and other officials on implementing effective expenditure monitoring at the grassroots level.

The DTO briefed him on various facets of District Election Management Plan and apprised that the administration is committed to maintain transparency and efficiency throughout the election period.

The DTO, who is Nodal Officer for Election Expenditure, gave a detailed overview of the proactive steps taken by the district administration to monitor election-related expenditures strictly as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India through a PowerPoint Presentation. Later, the Election Observer reviewed the functioning of Election Expenditure Monitoring Machinery including FSTs, VSTs, VVTs and Accounting Teams in a separate meeting.

While interacting with these teams the Election Observer highlighted the critical role of these teams and emphasized election

expenditure monitoring shall be strictly followed as per the guidelines of ECI.

He said that the ECI mandate is to ensure a free and fair election process, urging the team members to perform their duties by upholding highest values of integrity and professionalism which will provide a level playing field to all candidates.

The meeting concluded with directives for the officials to ensure timely submission of expenditure reports, strict vigilance on election-related expenses, and prompt action on any violations. Meanwhile, the Expenditure Observer conducted a thorough inspection of the arrangements at the Integrated District Election Control Room and interacted with the staff, providing guidance on handling election-related queries, complaints, and emergencies.

## EO for Srinagar meets ROs, staff of FSTs, SSTs, VVTs, VRTs



Election Observers for District Srinagar at a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Election Observers for District Srinagar, Capt. Pradeep Shoury Arya and Subodh Singh on Friday held a comprehensive meeting with Returning Officers (ROs) of 08 Assembly Constituencies and Flying Squad Teams (FST), Static Surveillance Teams (SST), Video Recording Teams (VRT) and Video Viewing Teams (VVT) for smooth conduct of Assembly Elections-2024 in Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by Returning Officers of 19-Hazratbal Syed Ahmad Kataria, 20-Khanayar Aijaz Ahmad Shah, 21-Haba Kadal Ghulam Jeelani Zargar, 22-Lal Chowk Amir Choudhary, 23-

Chanapora Suhail ul Islam, 24-Zadibal Khaild Hussain, 25-Eidgah Bashir Ahmad Paddar, & 26-Central Shalteng Muzamil Maqbool besides Deputy District Election Officer and other officers of various teams. The Observers on the occasion stressed on exhaustive SVEEP activities for motivation and mobilization of voters for enthusiastic participation in Assembly Elections. They underlined that each voters counts and urged Returning Officers to reach out to every voter through ground staff to build confidence through motivational techniques to encourage the electorate to come for vote.

Observers directed ROs to conduct interactive sessions with candidates & political parties to sensitize them with rate charts and media guidelines. They told the staff of various teams that their role is vital to ensure free, fair and transparent elections. The officers were informed that the district administration conducted many SVEEP activities at prime places in an endeavor to increase the participation of people in electoral process. ROs briefed Observers about the demography of their respective constituencies, number of voters, percent of male & female voters, first time voters, number of transgender voters, senior citizens, service voters, migrant voters besides model polling stations including Pink, Green, Youth & PwD and collection & distribution centres.

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E-AUCTION NOTICE	
The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division.	
Catalogue No.	EAFZR-SCANNER-3
Auction Start date/time	17/09/2024 at 11: Hrs.
<b>Name of work:</b> Allotment of Contract for the work of provision of Parcel Scanner Machine for scanning of all outgoing parcels for following clusters of stations i.e. (i) Ludhiana & Firozpur Cantt., (ii) Jalandhar Cantt. & Jalandhar City.	
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Chief Medical Supdt. Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of the President of India, invites expression of interest on the prescribed form for the following work:-	
1 Name of work	Expression of interest from reputed, registered and licensed diagnostic centres for empanelment for providing diagnostic services for patients of Divisional Hospital Firozpur and Health Unit Jammu-tawi.
2 Completion period	Two years from the Date of starting.
3 App. Cost of the work	N.A.
4 Earnest Money	N.A.
5 Cost of application form on cash/by post	N.A.
6 Date and time availability & Place of procuring application form	Any working day from office of Chief Medical Supdt., N.Rly. Firozpur and can be had from the office of Chief Medical Supdt., N.Rly. Firozpur from 02.09.2024 to 25.09.2024 up to 11.30 Hrs.
7 Place of submission of bids	Chief Medical Supdt., N.Rly. Divisional Hospital, Firozpur.
8 Date and time of submission of application form	Up to 11.00 Hrs on 25.09.2024 Opening of bids at 11.30 Hrs on 25.09.2024.
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06:30	18:10	11:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:30	21:00
			Haridwar		
Days of Run : 04676 Ex Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra on 01.09.2024 (Sunday) and 04675 Ex Haridwar on 02.09.2024 (Monday).					
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Tender No	Name of Work	App Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Completion Period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
251-Elec/T-35-2024-25	Electrical work in c/w Upgradation/Improvement of Jandiala, Butari, Patti & Bhagatwala goods shed under SSEP/ASR.	97,04,769.92/-	1,94,100.00/-	06 Months	20.09.2024 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
No. 251-Elect/T/Notice No.28-Elect/2024-25 Dated: 29.08.2024						
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