

# ADGP Jammu reviews security preparedness for upcoming Assembly Elections

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**JAMMU:** In view of the upcoming Assembly elections, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, conducted a comprehensive review of the security and law and order arrangements in Jammu district on Saturday.

The meeting was held at the Conference Hall of District Police Lines of Jammu, which was attended by DIG JSK Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh, besides all territorial SSPs, all SDPO, SHOs, ICs & IC BPPs of Jammu district.

During the meeting, Anand



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain chairing a meeting on Saturday.

Jain emphasized the importance of maintaining peace and security throughout the electoral process.

He directed all participants to remain vigilant and proactive in ensuring that the elections are conducted in a free,

fair, and peaceful manner. The ADGP highlighted the need for robust coordination between different security agencies to address any potential challenges that may arise during the election period.

Anand Jain reviewed the deployment plans and directed that additional forces be mobilized in sensitive and vulnerable areas to prevent any untoward incidents. He also stressed the significance of intelligence gathering and timely sharing of information to preempt any security threats.

The ADGP took stock of the district overall law and order situation and reviewed the readiness of the police force in terms of manpower, logistics, and resources. He instructed the officers to maintain high visibility in their respective

jurisdictions and ensure that security checks and patrols are intensified.

Anand Jain also underscored the importance of community engagement and building trust between the police and the public. He urged officers to engage with communities and ensure their cooperation in maintaining law and order during the election period.

The meeting focused on the security arrangements put in place for the smooth conduct of the forthcoming elections. The ADGP sought inputs from the officers and planning to ensure safe and secure Assembly elections.

A detailed presentation on the current crime statistics, Security and Election Preparedness was given by SSP Jammu Joginder Singh, highlighting trends in various types of criminal activities, Security and various aspects pertaining to the Assembly election preparedness.

The Chairman urged the

# Army Public School Akhnoor leads green initiative as part of golden jubilee celebrations

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**AKHNOOR:** In a significant stride towards environmental conservation, Army Public School, Akhnoor, organised a two-day plantation drive as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations. The event, which also aligned with the Prime Minister-led, ongoing "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, was conducted across ten locations, including the School Campus, Akhnoor Fort, various government schools and the Jiya Pota Ghat on the bank of Chenab River. The drive, wherein 1200 saplings were planted, saw the enthusiastic participation of students, teachers and prominent local figures. The event was graced by the Chairman of Army Public School, Akhnoor and other notable attendees from the region, including Lekhranj, SDM Akhnoor, Tariq, SHO Akhnoor and Mrs Suman Bala, ZEO, Akhnoor.

The Chairman urged the



students to continue their efforts in safeguarding the environment and emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering a greener future. Ms Geeta Devi, the Principal commended the efforts of the students, teachers and all participants who wholeheartedly engaged in the plantation drive. She highlighted that collective enthusiasm and dedication to planting trees reflect the school's strong commitment to environmental conservation and a sustainable future. Students were also encouraged to extend the

initiative to their homes and neighbourhoods, inspiring others to plant trees and actively contribute to saving the environment.

The school's efforts in nurturing environmentally conscious citizens while celebrating its 50 years of excellence underscore its commitment to holistic education and community welfare. The plantation drive not only honoured the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign but also reflected the school's enduring legacy of service and environmental stewardship.

# DEO Poonch reinforces vigilance and preparedness for upcoming elections



DEO Poonch chairing a meeting.

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**POONCH:** To further bolster the preparedness and operational efficiency of the Static Surveillance Teams (SST), Flying Surveillance Teams (FST), Video Surveillance Teams (VST) and Excise and Taxation Teams in the lead-up to the forthcoming elections, District Election Officer Poonch Vikas Kundal chaired a comprehensive meeting in the office of District Development Commissioner. The primary objective of the session was to reinforce the Election Commission of India's (ECI) stringent guidelines regarding the monitoring of election activities and the strict enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

During the meeting DEO Poonch articulated the critical importance of the SST's role in ensuring a

free and fair electoral process. He emphasized that the SST functions as the frontline defence, tasked with preventing any financial or material irregularities that could potentially jeopardize the integrity of the elections. Highlighting the significance of their responsibilities he instructed the team to conduct exhaustive inspections of all vehicles without exception, stressing the necessity of meticulous scrutiny. The District Election Officer made it clear that any suspicious cash, illegal distribution of alcohol and other excise-controlled substance and unaccounted/illicit materials found must be promptly seized to prevent undue influence on the election process.

He further underscored the imperative that all SST members be thoroughly acquainted with the moni-

toring and enforcement mechanisms in place. He insisted on the necessity for strict and unwavering adherence to the MCC stressing that such compliance is essential for maintaining the credibility and fairness of the electoral process. The District Election Officer also drew attention to the broader responsibilities of the SST, which not only include vehicle inspections but also encompass a wider range of surveillance activities aimed at identifying and mitigating any potential violations of the MCC.

During conclusion of the meeting, he reiterated the crucial importance of professionalism, vigilance and diligence among the team members. He assured them that the district administration would provide full support and resources throughout the election period addressing any queries or concerns that might arise.

The District Election Officer's emphasis on collaboration and adherence to ECI guidelines underscores the administration's commitment to conducting elections in Poonch that are not only free and fair but also transparent and reflective of democratic values.

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**UDHAMPUR:** To generate awareness among the students, an awareness programme on "Protection of Children's Rights Against the Production, Distribution and Consumption of Child Sexual Abuse Material" was organized by Internal Complaint Committee against Sexual Harassment (CASH) in the College premises.

Principal Government College for Women, Udhampur Prof.(Dr.) Nalini Pathaina was the chief guest on the occasion. Prof.(Dr.) Nalini Pathaina in her address appreciated and applauded the efforts of the organizers to organize such awareness programs as it will help the students to enhance their knowledge about their rights and responsibilities in educational institutions and also to use them in right direction.

The resource person on the occasion was Dr. Syeda



Resource persons expressing views during the programme.

Shazia Bhukhari, Assistant Professor, School in Business, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra. In the very beginning, Dr. Syeda Shazia Bhukhari briefed about the meaning of sexual harassment and its various types which a woman may face. She further discussed the various rights of a woman and legal remedies under law related to sexual harassment. Dr Syeda highlighted that the digital environment has become a substantial part of young people's daily lives. Furthermore, online spaces can provide tremendous benefits in promoting socialization, learning

opportunities, and creative outlets. However, the Internet also presents serious risks, which many young people who use the Internet may not be aware of. She added that online platforms have the power to create a safe digital environment for young people and establish the conditions necessary to ensure a positive online experience for their users.

She provided an outline of best practices for online platforms Parental guidance from NGOs: Readily available tips on how parents can protect their children on the platform, plus it is mandatory for parents to

be a part of the registration process.

She further stated that education in schools and media: Children in schools should be educated about child sexual abuse (CSA) and child sexual abuse material (CSAM) so they can recognize the danger signs. Dr Syeda emphasized the students safety by design such as Create platforms with inbuilt safeguards and prioritise a child-centred approach, establish varying types of access for users of different ages and Ensure that people contacting (young) users from anonymous accounts are automatically

blocked instead of automatically approved. She motivated the students to strongly say, "NO" to unwelcome behavior/gestures/sexual abuse material. She also encouraged the students to report and stand firmly against any act of sexual harassment. The session ended with healthy discussion. Earlier, Dr. Geetanjali Rajput, Member CASH presented a formal welcome address. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Mool Raj HoD Urdu, while the vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Seema Sharma, Convener CASH.

Around 160 Students attended the programme. Dr. Indu Khajuria, Co-Convener CASH Dr. Sanjeet Kour, Dr. Neha Gupta, Prof. Meenakshi Jamwal, Prof. Parvinder Kour, Dr. Shalu Jasrotia and Prof. Yash Kumar graced the occasion with their benign presence.

# General Observer inspects Polling Stations at Kastigarh

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**DODA:** General Observer Aditya Negi, overseeing Assembly Constituency (AC) 52-Doda and 53-Doda West, on Saturday conducted an inspection of polling stations in the Kastigarh area of the District. The visit was part of the preparations for the first phase of the General Assembly to Legislative Elections-2024.

The General Observer was accompanied by the Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) Dr. Subuh Ahmed Shad and ARO Pushpak Saroo, along with a team of election officials.

During the visit, the team reviewed the facilities available at the polling stations, focusing on accessibility, security, and the overall preparedness to handle the voting process efficiently.

The General Observer also interacted with the staff to discuss any challenges and ensure that all protocols are followed to facilitate a free and fair election.

General Observer Negi emphasized the importance of a transparent and fair election process, urging all Officers and officials to prioritize voter safety and accessibility.

# Rotary hospital organises free heart check-up camp

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**UDHAMPUR:** A free congenital heart disease detection camp was organized by The Udhampur Rotary Eye & General Welfare Foundation & Rotary Club Udhampur in association with Gift of Life Trust, Delhi, Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest & Partner Rotary Club Taipei Swanshie (under Global Grant No. 1531366), Fortis Escort Hospital, New Delhi. The camp was inaugurated by Chief Guest Rtn Rohit Oberoi District Governor (2025 - 2026) & Guest of Rtn H. M. P. Singh, Chairman Rotary 'Gift of Life Trust (Delhi)' in presence of Rtn D. N. Sharma, Chairman 'The Udhampur Rotary Eye & General Welfare Foundation', Rtn Purn Lal Sharma President Rotary Club Udhampur, and the team of Doctors from Fortis Escort Hospital, New Delhi Dr Himanshu Pratap Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon & Dr Amit Kumar Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon with other Club Members. The main objective of the camp was to screen the



Dignitaries during the camp at Udhampur.

patients under the age of 20 years belonging to the weaker section of society.

In the camp 77 children were examined and out of which 15 children were selected. The surgeries of selected children will be done free of cost at Fortis Escort Hospital, New Delhi by Dr Himanshu Pratap Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon & Dr Amit Kumar Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon. These patients were examined after going through their latest Echocardiography reports, ECG etc. Many patients who were not in position to undergo echocardiography due to

financial condition, were sent to various local centers for the test. It is pertinent to mention that Dr. Himanshu Pratap himself went to District Hospital Udhampur to conduct Echocardiography and District hospital extended their kind cooperation by providing their setup. All the patients screened in the camp for surgery will undergo free of cost surgeries at Fortis Escort Hospital New Delhi through Gift of Life trust.

The patients from the far flung areas were also served with tea and refreshment which was arranged by Rtn

Rajeev Gupta. The team of Doctors from Fortis Escort Hospital New Delhi were assisted through the co-ordination of team from Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest Rtn H. M. P. Singh, Rtn P. C. Gulati, Rtn Mahesh Rajdev, Rtn Praveen Agarwal, Rtn Pawan Kapoor. The Rotary Club members of Udhampur are Rtn Rajeev Gupta, Rtn RAjendra Sanson, Rtn S. S. Korni, Rtn Suresh Gupta, Rtn Kamal Gupta, Rtn Purn Lal Sharma, Rtn Surjeet Singh, Rtn D. N. Bhakri, Rtn Col. Hargovind Singh, also participated in the camp.

# Army organizes motivational talk for students

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**SUNDERBANI:** In an inspiring event aimed at empowering the youth, the Indian Army organized a motivational talk for senior school students in the Sunderbani area. The talk was delivered by Colonel Ajay K Raina, Sena Medal (Retired), a decorated veteran with an illustrious military career, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Over 275 students from six different schools attended the session, where they were exposed to powerful insights on leadership, resilience, and the importance of dedication and hard work. Col Raina, who hails from Sunderbani, shared personal experiences from his decades of service in the Indian Army. He

also narrated inspiring stories of Indian heroes who led by example, leaving a lasting impression on the young audience. In addition to his military accomplishments, Colonel Raina is the Founder-Trustee of the Military History Research Foundation (Regd) and an accomplished author, having penned 27 books on military history and related subjects. His deep understanding of leadership and perseverance serves as an inspiring example for the younger generation.

This event marks another successful effort by the Indian Army to engage with and motivate the youth, preparing them for future challenges with a sense of duty, discipline, and patriotism.

# Workshop on Design Innovation and Prototype Validation held at SMVDU

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**KATRA:** A one-day workshop on "Innovation and Prototype Validation," focused on converting innovation into a startup, was held at SMVDU under the Institute Innovation Council and Board of Professional Activities, SMVDU.

The session, designed for B. Design, B. Arch., Mechanical, and Civil Engineering students, covered critical aspects such as achieving "Value Proposition Fit" and "Business Fit." The event was coordinated jointly by Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq and Dr. Ankush Raina,



Participants along with faculty members after the workshop.

Assistant Professors at SME. The workshop featured Prof. Sumer Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Design, IIT Delhi, as the guest speaker. During the session on "Design Innovate: from Vision to Venture", Prof.

Sumer Singh shared insights into successful startups and various aspects of design, job opportunities, and the importance of a collaborative approach across disciplines. He emphasized the need for interdisciplinary

cooperation in driving innovation forward. Apart from showcasing various case studies the speaker also motivated the students to take up problems of societal benefits particularly in the areas of agriculture, horticulture and tourism. The

event ended with a Q&A. Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean Academics Affairs SMVDU, felicitated the guest speaker, while Dr. Sanjeev Anand (Associate Dean Research and Development), Dr. Sanjay Mohan (CEO, TBIC), Dr. Sanjay Sharma (Assistant professor, SoCSE) and other faculty members were present during the event. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, conveyed his best wishes to the participants and reiterated the university's commitment to nurturing startups and creating an environment conducive to design-driven innovation.

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