

## Exciting SVEEP events hosted across Rajouri to promote voter awareness

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RAJOURI: A series of Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation events were organized on Saturday in five constituencies of Rajouri District here under the directions of District Election Officer Abhishek Sharma and the guidance of District Nodal Officer SVEEP, Bishamber Dass (CEO Rajouri), today.

The SVEEP team of Assembly Constituency 85-Rajouri, along with the District SVEEP team, organized a Mega Awareness Programme in the vicinity of village Dalhori and GHSS Dalhori.

The programme featured a variety of activities such as a plantation drive, door to door campaign, pledge ceremony, a signature campaign, sports events, and a Mega Rally across the village.

Around 350 students, staff members, and locals participated in the program, all committed to supporting



Officials along with others during the programme at Rajouri.

voter mobilization, motivation, and sensitization efforts.

District SVEEP Team Member and Lecturer Mohammad Ayaz Raina and SVEEP Nodal Officer AC-85 Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Principal GHSS Dalhori Raj Kumar delivered motivational lectures to inspire the local community for participating in the electoral process.

Meanwhile, in Assembly Constituency 83 Kalakote-Sunderbani, the SVEEP team, under the supervision of Nodal Officer Babu Singh, organized a Voter

Awareness Programme at the Anganwadi Centre in Pind Tallian (Pvt. Channi-B). The event, which was attended by local residents and Anganwadi staff including Salma Yasmeen (AWW) and Shashi Bala (AWH), featured a motivational speech by Muddasir Mughal.

The staff and students of GHSS Qila Darhal in Nowshera organized a rally under the guidance of Nodal Officer AC-84 J.P. Singh to raise awareness about voting.

Similarly, GMHSS Lamberi held an inter-class

football match under the banner of SVEEP, where students actively participated to spread electoral awareness among the community.

Nodal Officer Assembly Constituency 86 Budhal, Prof. Tahir Nadeem and the SVEEP team inspected polling stations Jamola-A and Jamola-D, where voter turnout in the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 was below 60%. The team engaged with members of Booth Level Awareness Groups (BAGs) and local residents to understand the reasons for low voter turnout. The

BAG members were instructed to intensify voter awareness efforts ahead of the J&K Legislative Assembly elections. A pledge-taking ceremony was also held at GHS Larkutti.

The students and staff vowed to participate in upcoming elections without intimidation or inducement.

In Draj area, BLOs Mohd Azam (Part No. 64-Draj-B) and Abdul Hamid (Part No. 66-Draj-C), along with students from GMS Naka Gabber and GMS Palwar, demonstrated a creative thermocol dummy EVM to promote voter education through hands-on experience.

A general Voter awareness program was organized at Government Middle School Budhkhaniari falling in Assembly Constituency 87 Thanamandi. The event included a pledge ceremony and a quiz competition, involving around 80 students and staff members.

## Sustained SVEEP campaign steers up electoral awareness in AC Kathua



CEO Mangat Ram Sharma along with students and faculty during the event.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: The electoral landscape of AC 67-Kathua (SC) is vibrant with a series of dynamic events organized under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program to encourage active voter participation in the Assembly Elections.

A highly impactful event held on Saturday at GHS Parliwand saw a huge turnout of students, staff, local citizens and Government functionaries,

including Chief Education Officer Mangat Ram Sharma, Principal GHSS Boys, Tara Chand Sharma, and Sector Magistrate Anil Sharma.

Students, guided by Kamlesh Kumari, performed a Nukkad Natak emphasizing the importance of voter participation, followed by cultural programs and a hands-on demonstration of the voting process using a handmade EVM.

The event concluded with a voter pledge and rally,

reinforcing the commitment to ensuring maximum turnout.

A voter awareness event at Lakhampur, led by students of Government High School Lakhampur and guided by Teacher Vivek Sharma, featured a Nukkad Natak and speeches, drawing over 200 locals.

Prominent figures encouraged the public to exercise their democratic right, with the event culminating with a group song and a pledge to vote.

## Poonch: SVEEP cultural show organised near LOC to spread voter awareness



General Election Observer, Solai Bharathi Dasan and others during plantation drive.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: The District Election Authority Poonch organized a mega Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program, here on Saturday at GHSS Jhullas near the Line of Control (LoC).

The programme began with the singing of the National Anthem.

General Election Observer, Solai Bharathi Dasan was the chief guest at the event featuring a scintillating Cultural Show. District Election Officer (DEO) Vikas Kunal presided over the function. The General Election Observer, Solai Bharathi Dasan administered the voting pledge to the gathering, emphasizing the importance of

electoral participation. The event showcased a vibrant cultural programme presented by students, including a Nukkad Natak, Folk dance, Group songs, and speeches by first time voters on power of Vote in a democracy. The performances highlighted the significance of voting, electoral participation, and the importance of exercising franchise.

A plantation drive under the aegis of Green Polling Station initiative was also launched by the General Election Observer and District Election Officer (DEO) by planting saplings. The initiative aims to promote environmental awareness and encourage eco-friendly practices in polling stations.

## SVEEP: Mega Voter Awareness program in Gulmarg boosts Electoral Engagement for Assembly Elections

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: In an effort to boost voter participation in the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the District Election Office Baramulla organised a Mega Voter Awareness Programme under the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) in the heart of the world-renowned tourist destination of Gulmarg.

The event was presided over by the Election Observers appointed for Baramulla, Aparna U, Killu Siva Kumar Naidu, Kuldeep Narayan, Ujjwal Kumar, Sidlingappa Teli, Prakash Borgohain and the District Election Officer for Baramulla, Minga Sherpa.

The proceedings of the mega event were kicked off by the designated expenditure observer for Baramulla, Sidlingappa Teli and DEO, Baramulla, from the Gondola Base Station at Gulmarg. The ATV Rally witnessed huge participation from the local citizens, spreading the message for enhanced voter participation.

The program continued at Gondola Phase-II Station, the world's highest cable car



A section of dignitaries during the event.

connected peak, where the Election Observers and the DEO for Baramulla flagged-off an enthusiastic trekking group towards Afarwat Peak, standing at 14,400 feet, inspiring young and first-time voters to engage in the democratic process.

Meanwhile, a huge number of tourists and new voters captured memorable selfies at the SVEEP Selfie Stand at Phase II, Afarwat, and later gathered together to be captivated by the mystical Rabab performance by the National Bal Puraskar Awardee, Ishfaq Ahmad and others.

As part of the SVEEP activity, the Election Observers and DEO Baramulla participated in a plantation drive at

Kongdoori, under green election initiative underscoring the commitment to promote green elections.

Meanwhile, a vibrant array of cultural programs unfolded at Kongdoori, with students and new voters enthusiastically performing on election-centric themes, including folk, rouf, Qawali, Skit etc., with an aim to promote enhanced electoral literacy.

In a symbolic gesture, the Election Observers for Baramulla and DEO distributed EPIC cards among newly registered voters who will be eligible to exercise their right to franchise for the first time during Assembly Elections 2024.

During the program, the Election Observers underscored the vital importance of every eligible voter participating in the elections to

choose a candidate who will represent their interests in the assembly, thus playing a crucial role in shaping the country's future.

Minga Sherpa expressed his gratitude to all the participants and the organizers of the program for making it a resounding success and urged all the eligible citizens to cast their votes on the 1st of October, the day district Baramulla goes to polls.

## General Observer, DEO supervise election staff training at GDC Nowshera

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: To ensure smooth and transparent conduct of the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly 2024, Election Observer for Nowshera & Kalakote-Sunderbani Assembly Constituency, Mani Ram Sharma, along with District Election Officer (DEO) Abhishek Sharma, on Saturday supervised the training of the election staff held at Government Degree College (GDC) Nowshera.

The training session aimed to equip the polling staff with essential knowledge and skills to efficiently manage the polling process on Election Day.



DEO Abhishek Sharma inspecting training centre.

During the session, both the Observer and the DEO interacted with the participants, emphasizing the importance of adhering to the guidelines of the Election Commission of India to ensure free and fair elections.

Speaking on the occasion, DEO Rajouri, Abhishek

Sharma, urged the staff to perform their duties with dedication and responsibility, ensuring that all electoral procedures are followed meticulously. He stressed the importance of impartiality and transparency in managing the electoral process, stating that the role of election staff is crucial in

upholding the democratic process.

Election Observer Mani Ram Sharma, while addressing the participants, highlighted the need for a robust and foolproof arrangement for the smooth conduct of elections.

In addition to supervising the training, DEO & SSP conducted an inspection of the accommodation facilities arranged for the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) companies stationed in the area. The accommodation facilities, set up to house the CAPF personnel deployed for election security, were found to be adequate, and the Observer expressed satisfaction with the arrangements

made by the administration.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Nowshera, Babu Ram Pandan, was also present on the occasion and provided a briefing on the steps taken to ensure the welfare and logistical needs of the CAPF personnel during their stay in the district.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: As per the direction of NALSA, 3rd National Lok Adalat pertaining to all types of cases was held on Saturday at District Court Complex Rajouri and in all other Courts of the District under the Chairmanship of Rajeev Gupta Chairman District legal Service Authority Rajouri (Principal District & Sessions Judge).

Two benches were constituted with the first bench headed by Rajeev Gupta (Principal District & Sessions Judge Rajouri) and assisted by Bashir Ahmad Munshi (Additional District & Sessions Judge Rajouri) and Khilaf

Mehmood Bhat Advocate.

The Second bench was headed by Javed Rana (Chief Judicial Magistrate Rajouri) assisted by Rayaz Ahmed Choudhary (Special Mobile Magistrate Rajouri) and Sanjay Kumar Advocate. Similar benches were also constituted at Tehsil Level which were headed by the Presiding Officers of the respective Courts. A total 1004 cases both Pre-Litigation and Post-Litigation were taken up before these benches out of which 407 Cases were disposed of.

An amount of Rs.1,428,617 (Fourteen Lakh Twenty Eight

Thousand six hundred and seventeen only) was realized as compensation.

From the court of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Rajouri & Additional District & Sessions Judge Rajouri, 33 MACT Cases were taken up out of which 33 were settled and amount of Rs. 1,04,45,000 (One Crore four lakh forty five thousand only) was awarded as compensation in those cases.

Representatives of Banks, Advocates of different Insurance companies, Bar members, PLVs, Staff members, Litigants and a large number of people participated in the National Lok Adalat.

## TATA.ev launches 'Festival of Cars' with unmatched discounts on EVs

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: TATA.ev, a frontrunner in India's electric vehicle (EV) revolution, has kicked off its 'Festival of Cars' with unprecedented price cuts on its top EV models: the Tiago.ev, Punch.ev, and Nexon.ev. This limited-time offer provides substantial savings, with discounts reaching up to Rs 3 lakh on the Nexon.ev and Rs 1.20 lakh on the Punch.ev, making EVs more accessible to a broader audience.

The price reductions come as a result of TATA.ev's efforts to localize manufacturing and enhance technology, leading to significant cost savings that are now being passed on to customers. Notably, the Curv.ev model has achieved price parity with internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, and during this promotion, the Nexon.ev is competitively priced to match ICE models.



The festive offers also bring the Tiago.ev and Punch.ev closer to the price range of their petrol and diesel counterparts.

In addition to these attractive discounts, TATA.ev is offering six months of free charging at over 5,500 Tata Power charging stations across India, ensuring a cost-free and convenient driving experience.

EV owners will also benefit from low running costs, a smooth, silent driving experience, and features typically

found in higher-segment vehicles.

Vivek Srivatsa, Chief Commercial Officer at Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd., remarked, "Our aim at TATA.ev is to make electric vehicles mainstream by reducing entry barriers.

With these special prices, we address the high acquisition cost of EVs, bringing them on par with traditional vehicles. This is an ideal opportunity for customers to embrace our high-

performance, zero-emission EVs, which offer unparalleled comfort and efficiency." The Tiago.ev is now priced from Rs 7,99,000 with discounts up to Rs 40,000. The Punch.ev starts at Rs 9,99,000 with up to Rs 1,20,000 off, and the flagship Nexon.ev is available from Rs 12,49,900 with savings up to Rs 3,00,000.

These special prices are valid until October 31, 2024, offering a perfect chance for customers to transition to electric mobility.

## GHS Bhed Blore promotes Electoral awareness through painting competition



Faculty members along with others during an activity.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: As part of the ongoing voter awareness initiatives under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program, a special painting competition was organized today at Government High School Bhed Blore to promote electoral awareness. The event was held in the presence of the Principal of Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Kathua and AC

SVEEP Nodal Officer.

The theme of the painting competition revolved around the significance of electoral participation and fostering a stronger democratic process.

Students showcased their artistic skills, using vibrant colors and powerful messages to depict the importance of casting a vote, especially in the upcoming assembly elections scheduled for 1st October 2024. Their artwork conveyed themes of democracy, responsi-

ble voting, and the power of each individual's vote in shaping the future of the nation.

During the event, the Principal of GGHSS Kathua and Nodal Officer for SVEEP addressed the students and community members, highlighting the role of creative platforms like painting in spreading awareness about electoral participation. They emphasized the need for every eligible voter, especially first-time voters, to exercise their democratic right

and make informed choices during the upcoming elections.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to all participants, teachers, and officials for their active involvement in the program, which served as a unique way to strengthen the connection between the electoral process and the community. Through such initiatives, the SVEEP program continues to build momentum toward ensuring maximum voter turnout in Kathua.

## E O for Rajouri District conducts first inspection of spending by contesting candidates

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: Expenditure Observer for Rajouri, Sanjay Kumar for Rajouri has conducted the first inspection of the expenditure of contesting candidates for 83-Sunderbani Kalakote, 84-Nowshera, 85-Rajouri, 86-Budhal and 87-Thanamandi Assembly Constituencies over past two days.

The inspection aimed to scrutinize the financial records and expenditure details of the candidates contesting the ongoing Assembly Elections 2024.

Sanjay Kumar reviewed the financial documentation provided by the candidates to verify their adherence to the expenditure limits set by the Election Commission.

The scrutiny also focused on ensuring the accuracy and transparency of the records submitted by the candidates. Sanjay Kumar was assisted by Assistant Expenditure Observers (AEOs), along with expenditure monitoring and accounting teams from Rajouri Constituency. The teams provided support in verifying the records and ensuring the smooth conduct of the inspection process.