

Election Supervisor 60- Udhampur East organises awareness camp under SVEEP

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: At Panchayat Tikri which falls under Assembly Segment 60-East Udhampur, an awareness Camp has been organised by the Election Supervisor Rashpal Singh Sr lecturer Along with all the Concerned BLOs. Whole Program covered under SVEEP-2024. In this awareness Camp as many as 57 People across the Periphery of PYT Tikri have participated. Election Supervisor Mr Rashpal Singh highlighted



Officials imparting awareness among people at Udhampur.

the importance of Voters and their participation in the process of Voting. This Program was organised

for 100% Turnover in the Coming Assembly Elections on 1st October 2024. Supervision also laid emphasis on young volunteers for making out

all helps for Sr Citizens at Polling Stations. Singh appreciate the efforts of District Development Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai for her tireless efforts for the convenience of all the voters in District Udhampur. BLOs present in the camp also highlighted the importance of SVEEP activities like Plantation Drive and Pledges like my vote my pride etc. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Ganesh Kumar, Majfer Iqbal, Mohd Farooq , Joginder Singh, Ravi Sharma, Chiman Lal, Ankush Taker, Tilak Raj were present at the occasion.

SVEEP: Nukkad Natak promotes electoral awareness in Kishtwar



Artists performing Nukkad Natak.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KISHTWAR: As part of the preparations for the upcoming General Election to the Legislative Assembly 2024, a series of Nukkad Natak (street plays) were organized at prominent places of Kishtwar under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) awareness campaign. The events, held at prominent locations such as General Bus Stand and Chowgan Ground in

Kishtwar, were conducted under the leadership of District Election Officer, Rajesh Kumar Shavan. The street performances were expertly coordinated by Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, District Nodal Officer SVEEP, with enthusiastic participation from the Sangam Theatre Group. Through captivating street performances, the Sangam group artists effectively communicated the significance of ethical voting to the local populace, stressing the prin-

ciples of responsible and informed voting. The messages resonated with audiences, encouraging active and fair participation in the upcoming elections. This initiative is part of a broader SVEEP campaign being conducted throughout the district to ensure maximum voter engagement. The District Administration of Kishtwar is steadfast in its efforts to uphold electoral integrity and promote active civic participation.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: District Election Office Doda, under the leadership of District Election Officer (DEO) Harvinder Singh, organized a grand SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) Festival at picturesque Gatha resort Park Bhaderwah aimed at raising public awareness for the upcoming General Assembly Elections 2024. The event commenced with a SVEEP awareness balloon release and screening of a short documentary on the Lok Sabha elections at the DC Office Complex Doda. District officers, officials, and members of civil society gathered to witness the inspiring speech delivered by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda, who motivated participants to work diligently for the smooth conduct of the upcoming elections. SSP Mohd Aslam also highlighted the importance of collective efforts



DEO Harvinder Singh participating in bike rally.

in ensuring a successful election process. A similar SVEEP logo balloon was released in the sky at Khellani and Bhaderwah to create awareness among voters and encourage them to participate in the election campaign. A bike rally, flagged off by DEO Harvinder Singh, was a key attraction of the event. Singh himself led the rally on a motorbike, accompanied by SSP and

General Observer reviews enforcement of MCC in AC Bhaderwah



General Observer Bhaderwah Mallikarjun chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BHADERWAH: General Observer for Assembly Constituency Bhaderwah Mallikarjun convened a meeting with the political leaders and representatives of various political parties to discuss the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and other

guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India for the upcoming Assembly Election 2024. Returning Officer (RO) Sunil Kumar and other government functionaries associated with Election process were also present. The discussion focused on logistical arrangements,

voter education initiatives, and measures to enhance transparency and prevent electoral malpractices. Party representatives projected their concerns and suggestions, which were thoroughly discussed in the meeting. They also appreciated the administration's efforts, especially the cooperation during the last Lok Sabha Election, particularly regarding the timely issuance of permissions to political parties. The meeting was attended by ARO Bhaderwah, Tehsildar Bhalla, Liaison Officer SDPO Wasim Hamdani, SHO Sandeep Parihar, and other officials, along with representatives from various political parties.

Captivating SVEEP Festival promotes voter awareness in Doda, Bhaderwah

the DC Office Complex and concluded at Gatha Resort Park, Bhaderwah, adding excitement and commitment to the awareness campaign. The rally aimed to draw attention to the importance of voter participation and encourage citizens to actively engage in the electoral process. The SVEEP Festival continued at Gatha Park, Bhaderwah, where a series of events unfolded with enthusiastic participation from students, officials, and the public. Highlights included a Nukkad Natak

on voter awareness performed by students from Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Doda and a cultural presentation featuring Gojri and Sarazi dances. The festival also included a mock polling booth demonstration aimed at educating the public on the voting process. The day-long event concluded with large-scale participation, showcasing the collaborative efforts of the district administration, election officials, and local communities to spread electoral awareness.

Udhampur: Dogri SVEEP song inspires voter participation

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: District Election Officer, Saloni Rai, today released a Dogri SVEEP song "Vote Sare Pana" in presence of SDM Ramnagar Rafiq Ahmad Jaral here in Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex. The song sung by young duo Singers Printa Rajput and Tamana Rajput has been composed to inspire voters across the district to exercise democratic right by casting their votes in the Assembly Elections. The song has been conceived by Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, Returning Officer for the 62-Ramnagar Assembly Constituency and Sub-Divisional Magistrate Ramnagar. The DEO appreciated young performers, who are also first time voters, the SDM Ramnagar and the District Election Cell for reaching every segment of



DEO Saloni Rai and others releasing Dogri SVEEP song.

society through various outreach initiatives under the SVEEP program. While appreciating the lyrics and resonating message to the voters by the young singers, she said that the song will not only aware the women voters but also young voters. She emphasized the importance of such creative efforts in enhancing voter awareness and fostering a transparent and inclusive electoral process. Earlier, two SVEEP

songs for the motivation of voters have been released by PK Pole, Chief Electoral Officer J&K and DEO Udhampur Saloni Rai, which are trending and appreciated by the voters. The event marked a significant milestone in Udhampur District's ongoing voter awareness campaign, which aims to maximize voter turnout and promote an informed and participatory electoral environment.

DEO visits remote Paddal Polling Station to promote voter awareness

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBHA: To encourage voter participation, District Election Officer (DEO) Samba, Rajesh Sharma, along with a team of officials, visited Paddal Polling Station to host a Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation event. The polling station is located in a remote village across the Devika River and accessible through a challenging trek. Accompanying the DEO were SSP Vinay Kumar; ADC Jagdish Singh; SVEEP Nodal Officer Ekshu Sharma



DEO Samba, Rajesh Sharma and others during the event.

and other government functionaries. During the visit, DEO Rajesh Sharma and SSP Vinay Sharma interacted with the residents of the remote village, motivating

them to actively participate in the electoral process and exercise their right to vote in the upcoming General Assembly Elections scheduled on 1st October 2024. The DEO

stressed the importance of every vote and the role of citizens in shaping the future of the state. In addition to inspecting the polling station, the DEO visit-

ed the Middle School Paddal, where he interacted with teachers and students, emphasizing the value of education in fostering informed and responsible citizenship. He also inspected the Health and Wellness Centre in the village to take stock of the healthcare facilities being provided to the residents. This visit forms part of the larger SVEEP campaign, which is focused on raising awareness and ensuring the highest possible voter turnout, particularly in remote and far-flung areas of the district.

Significant improvement made in infrastructure upgradation across polling stations of Shopian

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SHOPIAN: In order to ensure optimal Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) across the polling stations of the district, as mandated by Election Commission of India (ECI), significant improvements in infrastructure development have been made by District Administration, Shopian. The improvements have been made at various polling stations following the visit and corresponding observations of General Observer; Shopian AC, Roohi Khan to these polling stations and upon the instructions of DEO Shopian, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar. During the inspection, the



Observer had observed the need for improvements with particular focus on the significance of maintaining hygiene and cleanliness in and around the polling stations. Upon the directions of DEO Shopian, local administration

swung into swift action and made the required upgrades in record time. Installation of permanent signages, repairs of roads and ramps, construction of pathways, shades, water points, boundary walls, at these polling

stations among other facilities was made, to improve accessibility of voters and polling staff alike with particular focus on facilitation of PwDs and old aged voters. These polling stations where improvements were made include Nazneenpora, Naghal, Zampathri, Dumaroo, Berthipora A, Batmuran, Nasarpora, Mastpora, Wanpora among others. With enhanced facilities and a commitment to voter comfort, the residents of Shopian look forward to a positive, well-organized electoral experience, further encouraging active participation in the democratic process.

General Observer mobilizes Micro Observers for transparent Assemblt Elections in Ramban

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: As part of ongoing efforts to ensure free, fair, and transparent Assembly Elections in District Ramban, General Observer Himanshu Kumar Rai chaired a crucial meeting with Micro Observers here in the Conference Hall. The meeting aimed to brief them on their roles and responsibilities for the upcoming elections. Speaking at the meeting, the General Observer emphasized the critical role that Micro Observers will play on polling day. "Micro Observers will be deployed across different polling sta-



General Observer Himanshu Kumar Rai chairing meeting.

tions, and their presence will be vital in maintaining the integrity of the electoral process," he said. He stressed the importance of their duties in ensuring that voting is conducted freely, fairly, and peacefully. The Micro Observers were

informed about the procedures they must follow and were urged to act as representatives of the General Observer, reporting any discrepancies or issues in a timely and accurate manner. "You must ensure that every step is taken to uphold the

transparency and fairness of the election. Your reports will be key to this effort," he added. Dy. District Election Officer, Abdul Jabbar, also addressed the gathering, underscoring the significance of the Micro Observers' role in safeguarding the credibility of the election. He assured them of full support from the district administration and election authorities. The meeting concluded with the General Observer assuring the Micro Observers of full cooperation and guidance throughout the election process.

Police Observer inspects security arrangements in Pulwama, Pampore

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PULWAMA: Police Observer, Akhilesh Kumar visited the Pulwama and Pampore constituencies today as part of election preparedness for the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections 2024. During his visit, the Observer inspected several Static Surveillance Team (SST) checkpoints at key locations within Pulwama, ensuring that all arrangements are in place to maintain security and vigilance during the election period. Additionally, Kumar reviewed the accommodation facilities arranged for security forces



Police Observer, Akhilesh Kumar inspecting arrangements.

deployed in the area. He also held a meeting with officials from the Border Security Force (BSF) to discuss coordination and further steps to guarantee a smooth and secure electoral

process in the region. This visit underscores the ongoing commitment to ensuring a peaceful and well-organized election environment in both constituencies.

Mega SVEEP Event held at Block Headquarters Tral

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PULWAMA: In line with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the directives of the District Administration, Pulwama, a mega SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) event was successfully organized today at Block Headquarters Tral. The program saw active participation from officers and officials of the Rural Development Department (RDD), the Social Forestry Department and the Booth

Level Officers (BLOs) of the area. Local residents also took part in large numbers, contributing to the event's success. A comprehensive speech was delivered, touching upon various aspects of the SVEEP initiative. Discussions were held to ensure that all elements of voter education and awareness were covered in depth, with a focus on ensuring informed, inclusive, and ethical electoral participation. The event also featured cultural performances and other engaging pro-

grams to raise awareness about the importance of voting. Additionally, a plantation drive was conducted in collaboration with the Social Forestry Department, enhancing the green cover at the Block Headquarters. The initiative reflects the ongoing efforts of the district administration to ensure widespread electoral participation in the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections of 2024, in line with the mission of free, fair and transparent elections.

SVEEP awareness program organized in AC Rajpora, Pulwama

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PULWAMA: In an effort to encourage maximum voter participation in the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections 2024, a comprehensive SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) awareness program was conducted in the Namlan Shadimarg zone of Assembly Constituency Rajpora. The program focused on educating the public about the importance of exercising their voting rights and ensuring informed and ethical voting. A large number of locals, including youth, women and first-time voters, attended the event. Officials emphasized the significance of voter participation in strengthening democracy and highlighted the various facilities available for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) and elderly voters to ensure inclusive participation. The initiative is part of ongoing efforts under the SVEEP campaign to raise awareness and encourage greater voter turnout in Rajpora and across Pulwama district for the upcoming elections.