

# SVEEP awareness program organized at Patnitop to encourage voter participation

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UDHAMPUR: A mega SVEEP awareness program was held on Sunday at Patnitop, featuring series of events including Nukkad Natak, rap songs, folk dances, a music concert and a signature campaign aimed at igniting awareness and encouraging active participation in the upcoming general Assembly Election 2024.

The event was organized in collaboration with the Patnitop Development Authority to spread the message of the importance of voting.

District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai, graced the event as the chief guest.



DEO Udhampur, Saloni Rai with others at SVEEP awareness programme.

In her address, she emphasized the power of every single vote in strengthening democracy and urged all citizens to come forward and exercise their democratic right. She lauded the efforts of the organizers in using cultural activities to engage the masses and foster electoral awareness.

The program saw enthusiastic participation from various stakeholders and was attended by ADDC Udhampur Rajinder Singh, PO Poshian, Subash Dogra, CPO Mohammad Iqbal, CEO PDA, Devendra Singh Bhau, SDM Chenani, Gurdev Kumar, DPO Dr. Preeti Sharma alongwith large number of prominent citizens, adding to the festive atmosphere

aimed at promoting electoral engagement.

The performances, which focused on the importance of voting and the power of each citizen's voice, were well-received by the audience, igniting a spirit of participation and responsibility.

The event concluded with a signature campaign, where attendees pledged to vote and encourage others to do the same.

# GO chairs meeting with Micro Observers, inspects Polling Station in Jasrota AC to assess facilities

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KATHUA: As part of the ongoing preparations for the upcoming Assembly Elections-2024, General Observer (GO) Sunil Kumar Yadav on Sunday conducted a meeting with Micro Observers in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex followed by a visit to polling stations across Assembly Constituency (AC)

66-Jasrota.

In the meeting, the General Observer emphasized the crucial role of Micro Observers in ensuring the integrity and smooth conduct of the electoral process. He directed the Micro Observers to stay vigilant and report any anomalies or discrepancies to the authorities promptly.

The meeting was also

attended by ACD Kathua Akhil Sadhotra who is also the Returning Officer for the 66-Jasrota Assembly Constituency.

During his visit to polling stations, the General Observer assessed the Assured Minimum facilities in polling stations. He also interacted with local officials and stakeholders to address any concerns.

## Assembly Elections-2024

# Walkathon-cum-rally held at Kulwanta to promote voter awareness

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RAMNAGAR: As part of the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation initiative, the Sub-Divisional Administration Ramnagar organized a walkathon-cum-rally on Sunday to motivate citizens, especially the youth, to actively participate in the upcoming Assembly elections scheduled for October 1, 2024.

The event aimed to achieve a 100% voter turnout by raising awareness about electoral rights and responsibilities.

The programme, with a special focus on educating first-time voters, highlighted the importance of participating in the democratic process.

The rally was flagged off



Dogri artists engaging the audience through performances at Kulwanta.

from Main Chowk, Kulwanta by Naib Tehsildar Prithavi Pal and passed through the main market before concluding at Government High School, Kulwanta.

The event featured cultural performances, skits,

awareness speeches, a signature campaign and a voters' pledge to promote inclusive and ethical voting practices.

Rakesh Kumar, Nodal Officer SVEEP for Assembly Constituency 62-Ramnagar, conveyed the message of District

Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai, urging all voters to participate in large numbers while being mindful of the environment by minimizing plastic use during the election campaigns. Kumar also conveyed the Returning Officer Ramnagar's call to

honor the administration's outreach efforts by ensuring maximum voter participation on Election Day.

The rally saw the active participation of over 500 people, including students and local voters. Youth icon and Dogri artist Subash Brahamanu, alongside Daleep Singh, a fellow Dogri artist, engaged the audience through performances emphasizing the importance of voting.

In his motivational speech, Subash Brahamanu underscored the significance of each vote in shaping the nation's future and urged all eligible citizens to cast their ballots. He also highlighted the critical role of the SVEEP programme in promoting ethical and informed voting practices.

# DEO Poonch inspects assured minimum facilities in Polling Stations ahead of elections



DEO Poonch, Vikas Kundal inspecting polling station.

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POONCH: District Election Officer (DEO) Poonch, Vikas Kundal on Sunday conducted a thorough inspection of several polling stations, including those at High School Bandi Chechian, Shah Pur, Islamabad, and various locations in the interior villages, to assess preparations for the Assembly elections scheduled on September 25.

During the visit, DEO Kundal reviewed critical

aspects essential for a smooth electoral process. He assessed the installation of CCTV cameras to enhance security and monitoring at the polling stations. Additionally, he evaluated the adequacy of water and power supply to ensure that voters have access to essential services on Election Day.

Kundal placed particular emphasis on the importance of ramps and other accessibility features, striving to create a voter-friendly atmosphere for individuals with disabilities. He noted the significant efforts made to ensure that all polling stations are equipped with the necessary facilities to support a seamless voting experience.

Kundal highlighted the necessity of creating an inviting environment for voters, stating that a well-prepared polling station not only facilitates the voting process but also bolsters public confidence in the electoral system.

# Police Observer Srinagar visits MCMC, ICR, reviews functioning

## Expresses satisfaction regarding monitoring of media content; redressal of grievances

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SRINAGAR: The Police Observer for Srinagar, Raghuvendra Suhas on Sunday visited Media Certification & Monitoring Centre, Srinagar and Integrated Election Control Room set up at DC Office Srinagar and reviewed the functioning of two pivotal offices for ensuring Free, Fair and Transparent elections in the District.

On the occasion, the Observer inspected the



Police Observer for Srinagar, Raghuvendra Suhas visiting Media Certification & Monitoring Centre.

documentation of MCMC and MCC violations & complaints in the mainstream media & social

media by the staff and the action taken report of the Violations.

He was informed that

the teams of MCMC Srinagar during their scanning of various streams of media identified various cases of violations since the announcement of elections to the J&K Legislative Assembly which were processed for redressal.

Besides, he was briefed regarding the other functions performed by the MCMC including of Advertisements, and preparation of daily and weekly reports on Paid News and Political Advertisements in Media.

While interacting with the staff, Suhas expressed satisfaction with the over-

all functioning of centre and directed to remain more vigilant in view of the approaching poll day and report any content immediately that has the potential of creating Law & Order issue during the election.

While reviewing the functioning of Integrated Control Room, Raghuvendra Suhas inspected the number of grievances registered by the electorate of the district and the measures taken for redressal of the complaints & grievances.

He was informed that the ICR has received 227 grievances so far, all of which stand resolved.

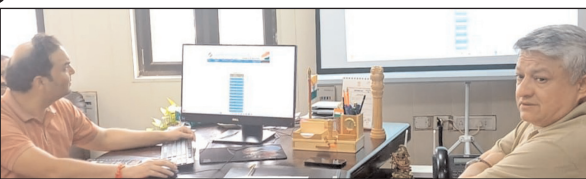
# Third & final randomization of polling staff held in Reasi

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REASI: The final/third randomization of the polling staff for deployment across 436 polling stations in AC 56-Gulabgarh (ST), AC-57 Reasi, and AC-58 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi was held here on Sunday in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex.

The process of staff development was conducted under the supervision of General Observer AC-56 Gulabgarh (ST) Saroj Kumar Sethi and General Observer for AC-57 & AC-58 Aji Prasad in the presence of District Election Officer (DEO), Vishesh Mahajan.

During the third randomization, as many as 2140 employees were assigned their final polling stations in Respective



DEO Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan inspecting randomization of the polling staff.

Assembly constituencies.

The randomization process was conducted through dedicated software as per the prescribed guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI), ensuring fairness and impartiality in the deployment of polling staff to three Assembly constituencies of District Reasi.

The whole process was video recorded as per the laid guidelines of the Election

Commission of India.

The third randomization involved a computerized process that ensures polling officials are placed randomly, reinforcing the credibility of the electoral process and preventing any bias.

Dy. DEO Reasi Rakesh Kumar, RO-57 Anshumali Sharama, Nodal Officer IT/ETPBS Ashesh, and others concerned were present during the randomization process.

# Sobat Ali continues campaign in Bahu Constituency, seeks votes from Govindpura, adjoining areas

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JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) candidate from Bahu-Gandhi Nagar Assembly Constituency, Sobat Ali on Sunday continued his election campaign at Govindpura and adjoining areas near the Jammu Airport.

While campaigning, senior DPAP leader and former JMC Councillor, Sobat Ali Choudhary visited door-to-door to directly interact with the people of the area to know their issues.

The locals of Govindpura and adjoining

areas raised the issues of poor water supply, frequent power cuts, poor road condition, hefty power bills, drug addiction, unemployment and many more issues.

While interacting with them Sobat Ali assured to talk to the concerned authorities for appropriate solution to the issues raised by the public.

He said that the previous regimes paid no heed to the burning issues of the public due to which miseries of the people increased.

"Now the time has come for a change," Sobat Ali

maintained asking the people of Bahu-Gandhi Nagar Constituency for support so that he may win with a good margin to work hard for public welfare.

He further said that DPAP under the leadership of Ghulam Nabi Azad is determined to ensure public welfare and developments in Jammu and Kashmir at any cost.

"Election symbol of DPAP is bucket and I request you all to press the button on EVM in front of bucket so that welfare of all is ensured," he maintained.

# Modeve announces major expansion plans, bringing global fashion trends to local markets

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JAMMU: Modeve, a fashion brand renowned for its trendy and affordable designs, is excited to announce its expansion into the rapidly growing Indian market. This strategic move is part of the brand's long-term vision to establish a strong foothold in one of the most vibrant fashion hubs. With an ambitious goal of presence across more than 1000 MBO's across key metropolitan cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad along with significant presence across Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities by the end of 2025, Modeve aims to make high-quality, trend-forward fashion accessible to the Indian consumer.

Modeve's product offerings, which range from chic casual wear to

sophisticated evening attire, will cater to India's diverse and style-conscious demographic.

The product offerings will include a full range of Modeve's collections, featuring both global and local fashion trends. In addition to physical stores, Modeve will enhance its digital presence through its own website [www.modeve.in](http://www.modeve.in) alongwith presence across all major marketplaces in India. The brand plans to launch an eco-friendly collection in collaboration with local artisans, ensuring that it remains committed to ethical sourcing and production methods. Akhil Sachdeva, Co-founder, Modeve said, "We are looking

to significantly expand our presence across more than 1000 MBO's across India. We are thrilled to expand Modeve's presence across India, a country that celebrates fashion, innovation, and creativity. Modeve is poised to become a leading fashion brand in India."

Gaurav Sachdeva, Co-founder, Modeve said, "We believe Modeve's unique blend of style, affordability, and sustainability will be a perfect fit for India's evolving fashion landscape. Our goal is to provide Indian consumers with world-class fashion while respecting the rich cultural diversity that defines this dynamic market."

# Center for Leadership Coaching Launch conference concludes

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SOLAN: The two-day Center for Leadership Coaching Launch Conference Summit concluded with impactful insights and inspiring discussions as it set the stage for future initiatives in leadership development. Chairing a panel discussion on "Leadership Excellence: Tailored Coaching for CEOs, Board Members, and Managers at All Levels", Vice Chancellor Prof. Atul Khosla said India needs to substantially increase infrastructure to prepare leaders of the future. He pointed out that 25 per cent of the world's workforce would be in India in the next one year as the country has the largest youth population in the world. He said initiatives like introduction of coaching would help India meet the challenges ahead. The panelists included Dr. Anuj Batta, Managing Director of Quanalytics and

TheHRAnalytics.com, Colonel Shailesh Pathak, Army Veteran and Board Member at Shoolini University and Mr. Natwal Kadel, HR Strategy, Human Resources, and People Strategy at Hyundai Motor India Ltd, and Professor of Practice.

In another panel discussion, Prem Singh, the President of NHRDN and Group HR Head at JK Organization spoke about Emerging Trends in Coaching in India and began by commending Shoolini University for organizing the event and setting benchmarks in various areas, including coaching. He described coaching as a practice that facilitates self-discovery. He proposed that the coaching conclave should become an annual event at Shoolini University.

Preeti D'Mello, President Designate of The Fulfillment Institute and former Global Head of Cultural Leadership and Coaching at TCS, delivered

a powerful statement: "Our ability to experience fulfillment can be cultivated." She emphasized the importance of learning from the mistakes of others, noting that "for gold to glisten, it needs to be put through fire," which she described as a beautiful metaphor for coaching. D'Mello asserted that fostering a coaching culture is imperative, expressing her belief that "when we act on culture, we can change the future."

Another panel discussion of the day was chaired by Munish Sherawat, President and Dean at Shoolini University, who posed the billion-dollar question: "Is everybody coachable?" The panelists included Dr. Bhaskar Roy, Vice President and Global Ops Leader at Genpact; Himanshu Jain, Founder and CEO of Promenable; Chandrajit Pati, Founder of CP HR Advisory; Mridu Bhandari, Journalist at CNBC Network 18 and Tarun

Gupta, Director of Operations at SCDOE, Shoolini University; Nirupama Subramanian, Co-Founder and Managing Partner at GLOW and Founder and CEO of Powerfulife, led a thought-provoking session on using the power of archetypes for leadership coaching, focusing on coaching men versus women. She began with an engaging exercise, asking the audience to close their eyes and envision typical archetypes such as a hero, a princess, a warrior; and a leader. The exercise revealed that these archetypes often carried a male lens.

Payal Khanna, Deputy Director and Head, Center for Leadership Coaching, Shoolini University, in her valedictory note, emphasized that the project was entirely pro bono, stating, "The foundation laid here at the Center for Leadership Coaching will serve generations to come."

# Kaith continues door to door campaign in Marh Constituency

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JAMMU: Independent candidate from Marh Mohan Lal Kaith on Sunday continued his election campaign with door to door outreach campaign in Marh Assembly Constituency. During his campaign, Kaith covered areas like Raj Pura, Chorpur, Manyal, Jhiir, Kalyan Pur; Burj, Simbli, Sui, Chathia Gujran, Makhyalan, Bachyal, Marh, Pallassan, Dine Chack, Snaipur, Shahzadpur; Choana Chack, Ghou-Manhassan, Tikri Rakhwalan, Kukrayan; and Kirpal Pur. Kaith's door to door campaign allowed him to connect with

people from all walks of life, understanding their daily struggles and challenges. He was warmly received by the residents, who expressed their optimism about his candidacy. Kaith assured that he will work tirelessly to address issues of the people of constituency that he will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling the promises made to them. Their trust and support are my greatest strength and I will work relentlessly to ensure their well-being, he added. Throughout the campaign, Kaith was accompanied by Ex Sarpanch Harjeet Singh and Marh Block's Leader Shakti Sharma.