Samba Petrol Pump owners asked for strict MCC compliance during elections

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SAMBA: District Election Officer Samba convened a crucial meeting on Tuesday to discuss the adherence of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) by petrol pump owners during the ongoing election period. The meeting was attended by representatives of all 38 petrol pumps in the district, along with key officials from various depart-District Election

Officer emphasized the necessity of maintaining an apolitical stance during the enforcement of the MCC. To this end, several directives were issued to petrol pump owners to ensure a fair and



District Election Officer Samba chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

transparent election process. Prohibition on Free Fuel: Petrol pumps have been strictly prohibited from pro-

viding free fuel to vehicles on the election process and associated with any political ensure a level playing field for all parties. party. This measure aims to Conduct: All petrol pumps prevent any undue influence must operate without displaying any political party

> Adequate Fuel Supply: Petrol pump owners were instructed to ensure a sufficient supply of fuel for vehicles designated for election duties, including those used by polling parties, to facilitate the smooth and uninterrupted conduct of election activ-

materials on their premises.

The ARTO was directed to set up checkpoints and conduct random checks to enforce traffic rules, including ensuring that two-wheeler riders wear helmets. Furthermore, petrol Apolitical pumps were instructed not to dispense fuel to two-wheeler riders who are not wearing helposters, flags, or promotional mets, reinforcing the commit-

> election period. These directives reflect the commitment of the District Election Office, Samba, to uphold the principles of a free and fair election process while promoting voter awareness and road safety.

ment to road safety during the

Voter Awareness Initiatives

Petrol pump owners were encouraged to actively collabo-

rate with the Systematic Voters'

Regional Transport Officer

(ARTO) in voter awareness

campaigns. This includes dis-

playing voter awareness posters

and playing jingles to encour-

Traffic Rule Enforcement:

age voter participation.

DEO flags off cyclethon rally to promote voter awareness under SVEEP in Udhampur



District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai flagging off a cyclothon rally on Tuesday.

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UDHAMPUR: To raise voter awareness among the common masses ahead of the upcoming General Assembly Elections 2024, District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai, flagged off a cyclothon rally from the DC Office Complex, here on Tuesday.

The cyclothon rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from a diverse group, including students, officers, and local residents. Participants cycled through different parts of the city, carrying banners and placards emphasizing the significance of voting and urging every eligible citizen to exercise their franchise in the forthcoming elections.

Comprehensive SVEEP awareness programs organised across

Rajouri to promote voter participation

The rally commenced from the DC Office Complex and covered several key locations, including Slathia Chowk, Court Road, Salian Talab, Gole Market etc and culminated back at the DC Office Udhampur.

While addressing the participants, the DEO highlighted the pivotal role that each vote plays in shaping the future of the nation. She encouraged the youth to take the lead in fostering a culture of informed and responsible voting. The DEO further informed that this initiative is part of a series of activities under the Systematic Education Electoral Participation the

Commission of India. The program aims to boost voter turnout and ensure an inclusive and participative electoral process.

The event witnessed the participation Additional Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Chief Executive Officer PDA, Devendra Singh Bhau, Commissioner Assistant Development Dr. Ranjit Singh Kotwal, SDM Ramnagar Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, Nodal Officer SVEEP Dr. Preeti Sharma, District Information Officer Rajinder Digra along with other officers, staff members, students and stakeholders

DEO Poonch chairs security review meeting



DEO Poonch Vikas Kundal chairing a high-level security review meeting on Tuesday

STATE TIMES NEWS POONCH: District Election Officer (DEO) Poonch Vikas Kundal on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting with senior officials from the Army and police to review security measures taken for the upcoming Assembly elections. The meeting was attended by the Senior Superintendent of Police, officials from the BSF, Army, and Additional Commissioner: The focus was on ensuring incident-free elections in this sensitive border district. SSP Mumtaz Ahmed delivered a detailed presentation on the current security environment, law enforcement readiness, and election preparedness in anticipation of the Assembly elections.

Army and paramilitary forces officials briefed the DEO on the security scenario within the district and along the Line of Control (LoC). The DEO stressed the importance of robust security arrangements on key roads connecting Poonch district, such as Mughal Road and BG-Rajouri Road, ensuring high-level checking with minimal inconvenience to commuters. He also emphasized the need for additional security at polling stations along the LoC and throughout the district. Additionally, DEO Vikas Kundal highlighted the readiness of bunkers constructed along the LoC as alternative polling stations in case of untofrom the Army and paramilitary forces provided the DEO with an overview of their action plans for the upcoming elections. The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Poonch was instructed to coordinate closely with security agencies to provide ambulances and other necessary medical services in emer-The discussions gencies. emphasized coordinated strategies for maintaining law and order, with a particular focus on intensifying anti-terror operations, disrupting Over Ground Worker (OGW) networks, and strengthening the anti-infiltration grid. The officials underscored the importance of synergy among security forces to ensure the smooth conduct of

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RAJOURI: On the directions of District Election Officer Abhishek Sharma, a series of voter awareness programs were organised by District Nodal Officers, Bishamber Dass across district Rajouri to enhance voter participation in the upcoming Assembly Election.

As part of these initia-Nodal Officer tives, SVEEP AC-85 Rakesh Kumar Sharma, along with his team, on Tuesday organized an awareness program at Government High School Palam Rajouri and surrounding areas of Palam village. About 200

pated, learning about the voting process and the significance of every vote. Participants also pledged to mobilize their communities, ensuring no voter is

The day's events included a voter awareness rally, sports activities, and a door-to-door campaign. At BHSS Rajouri, an outreach session for young and first-time voters attracted about 150 participants, who committed to engaging in the electoral

Simultaneously, an EVM Awareness and Training

Budhal under the supervi-Dil Mir (ADC sion of Koteranka), Returning Assembly Officer for Constituency 86-Budhal (ST). The camp, organized in collaboration with the Electoral Literacy Club and led by Prof. Tahir Nadeem, aimed to improve electoral literacy through hands-on training on Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), provided by Assembly Level Master Trainer (ALMT) Abdul Razaq.

To further engage the youth, a volleyball tournament was organized at Government High School Badhal, led by Headmaster the SVEEP Cell.

Similarly, a volleyball match at Govt. High School Dharamsal and cultural activities at GMS Badhanoo involved students and staff, highlighting the importance of voting.

A signature campaign and an awareness rally were also organised at Girls High School Kalakote and GHSS Channi Prat, under the guidance of Nodal Officer SVEEP AC-83 Kalakote Babu Singh.

SVEEP activities were also held in different parts of AC 87-Thannamandi, and electoral literacy. Notable events included a Quiz Competition at Boys Middle School Darhal, led by SVEEP team member Dr. Toseef Ahmed Malik, and a Skit at Higher Secondary Manjakot, both designed to instill democratic values and emphasize the impor-

tance of voting. These initiatives, conducted under the guidance of Nodal Officer SVEEP AC 87-Thannamandi Dr Ather Aziz Raina, demonstrates the SVEEP team's commitment to fostering a culture of democratic par-

DEO Ganderbal reviews preparations for AMF at polling stations



DEO Ganderbal, Shyambir chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

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GANDERBAL: As part of facilities are in place well the preparations for the before polling day and bly Elections 2024. District Election Officer (DEO) Ganderbal, Shyambir on Tuesday chaired a meeting to assess the status of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) at all polling stations within the

district. At the outset, the DEO reviewed the current status of AMF at polling stations including seating arrangements considering weather conditions and overall infrastructure readiness

Key issues discussed and actions planned during the meeting included ensuring Assured Minimum Facilities at all polling stations like ramps, electricity, toilet facility, water supply, wheelchairs, furniture and sanitation to be kept in place to facilitate accessible and inclusive elections.

The Nodal Officer for AMF was directed to

ensure that all necessary Polling stations should prominently display basic information to assist voters. Additionally, special polling stations will be set up, including Women, PwD, Youth Manned, Green, Unique and Model Polling Stations, each manned and supervised by designated officers. He emphasized the need for polling stations to be accessible, particularly for women, elderly voters, and persons with special abilities, ensuring that no one is left behind in the electoral process. The DEO urged all involved officials to prioritize these preparations, ensuring that the electoral process is conducted smoothly and efficiently in the district. The meeting was attend-

ed by DyDEŌ, Abid Iqbal Malik; Assistant C o m m i s s i o n e r Development, Dr. Bashir Ahmad: Executive Engineer KDPCL, CEO and other officials.

Police Observer Dharamvir inspects Polling Stations in Sub Division Gandoh

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DODA: Dharamvir, the Police Observer for Assembly Constituency (AC) 51-Bhaderwah, 52- Doda and 53- Doda west conducted a thorough inspection of Polling Stations and facilities in the region on Tuesday.

The visit aimed to ensure the implementation of Assured Minimum Facil (AMF) and to assess the security measures in place ahead of the upcoming elec-

During his visit, Police Observer Dharamvir inspected the Polling station at Govt. Higher Secondary School Kilhotran in Sub Division Gandoh. The Police Observer also evaluated the AMF provisions at different polling Stations and examined the intermediate Strong room to ensure the security of election material.



Police Observer Dharamvir iinteracting with Polling officials in Sub Division Gandoh.

The Police Observer also visited polling stations in Thaloran and several other locations, including the flying squad teams stationed at Trithloo and surrounding areas in Gandoh, to ensure that all security protocols are being rigorously followed.

The Police Observer was accompanied by Nodal Officer Postal Ballot (SDM) Arun Kumar Badyal, SDPO Gandoh Raj Kumar, AROs, and other concerned Officers and officials who are collectively working to ensure a fair and transparent election process in the region.

The Police Observer Dharamvir expressed satisfaction over the arrangements and emphasized the importance of maintaining the highest standards of security and efficiency throughout the election

DEO reviews preparations ahead of election notification for Kathua District

Election Officer, Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas, on Tuesday chaired a meet-Returning Officers (ROs) and Returning Assistant Officers (AROs) to discuss various critical aspects related to the ssembly elections-2024 in the District.

Dr. Minhas engaged in detailed deliberations on essential election procedures, beginning with the issuance of the Election cers the necessity of Notification, followed by

the processes of nomination, scrutiny, withdrawal of candidatures, and the allotment of symbols. He emphasized the importance of strictly adhering to the guidelines set forth the Election Commission of India (ECI) and following the procedures outlined in the RO handbook along with the regular advisories issued by the Election Department.

The DEO impressed upon the designated offiensuring all required measures are in place, including the security of the RO and ARO offices. He further stressed the importance of maintaining the decorum and integrity of the election process in both letter and

To enhance understanding of the election procedures, a mock drill of the complete nomination process was conducted, providing officers with hands-on experience and reinforcing their preparedness for the upcoming elections.

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DM Baramulla chairs District Level NCORD meeting



District Magistrate Baramulla chairing 14th District Level NCORD Committee meeting.

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Level Narco Coordination (NCORD) Committee to strengthen inter-departmental coordination drug menace.

During the meeting, the DM stressed the need

Additionally, the DM directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and AD Drug Controller to ensure that all pharmacies in the district adopt computerized billing systems to improve transparency and compliance with drug-related regu-

The DM also directed the Chief Medical Officer to ensure the operational status of the drug deaddiction center at Sopore. He emphasized the need for the center to be fully functional and accessible, providing critical services to those bat-

To spread public awareness, the ARTO was tasked with placing stickers on all commercial vehicles, promoting the message of drug prevention and raising awareness among the general public.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Baramulla, Syed Qamar Sajad; Principal GMC, Prof Ruby Reshi; Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, S A.Raina; Additional Superintendent of Police Sopore, Mir Murtaza; SDM Gulmarg, Syed Altaf Musvi; DSWO, Chief Medical Officer Baramulla, ARTO, Dy SP HQ Baramulla and other concerned officers.

participation organised at Chandgam Pulwama **STATE TIMES NEWS** PULWAMA: A vibrant Systematic Voters' Education and

SVEEP: Awareness programme to boost electoral

Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program was held on Tuesday at High School Chandgam in Pulwama. The event featured a variety of cultural activities, including singing, skits, drama and awareness sessions

aimed at promoting electoral participation. The program saw enthusiastic participation from various sections of the community especially women and

The cultural performances were designed to engage the audience and convey important messages about the significance of voting and active participation in the democratic process.

The SVEEP initiative continues to play a crucial role in enhancing voter awareness and encouraging informed and responsible participation in elections across the dis-

BARAMULLA: The District Magistrate (DM) Baramulla on Tuesday chaired 14th District meeting at Dakbanglow Baramulla to discuss strategies aimed at combating drug abuse in the district. The primary objective of the meeting was and implement effective measures to curb the

for a collaborative approach to tackle the issue, with an emphasis on youth engagement.

tling substance abuse in the region.