Inter-school best of e-waste competition organised at Kartar Public School

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KATHUA: Sahodaya school complex Jammu organised Inter -School Best of E-wate competition at R60 auditorium, Kartar Public School Barnoti.

Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn Advisor Kartar Education Trust Barnoti and Retd. Add.Secr. JKAACL was the Chief Guest while Vivek Arora Principal Delhi public school and Seema Sambyal Principal Holy Presentation Convent School Rajbagh were invited as special guests. Er. Nirmaljit Singh Chairman, Kartar Education Trust, Harpreet Kaur Principal, Neeraj Thakur Vice Principal, Upender Bandral Administrative Officer of KartarPublic School Barnoti were also present presidium.

Winner students recieving trophy.

While giving his remarks Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn first of all congratulated all the participants who participated in today's event Best Of E-waste Competition by presenting models using the waste of electronics, gadgets and said that such activity as a joint venture of sahodaya school complex Jammu has proven to be one of the finest platform to polish the hidden talents of the youth. He further said that Kartar Public School as usual willingly put forward the mindset of arranging such important and much required activities selflessly not participating directly in the same competition but providing all the logistic support in a very impressive manner.

Vivek Arora Principal DPS Rajbagh, while speaking on the occasion complimented Mrs Harpreet Kaur Principal Kartar Public School, teaching faculty, management and students fraternity for arranging this beautiful event in

R60 Auditorium which is fully equipped keeping in view the modern available facilities. He also congratulated the winning schools along with the other participating schools for their active participation .

Earlier while delivering her welcome address Neeraj Thakur Rice Principal Kartar Public School elaborated in detail the purpose of organising search activities like Best Of E Waste competition organised by Sahodaya School Complex, Jammu and said that such activities will help the student community to inculcate the creative instincts among them. In this competition MV International School samba declared first, Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua second, Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu third respectively and 3 consolation prizes were also awarded to first Army Public School Samba Second Tiny Scholars Logate Morh Kathua Third Army Public School Jammu Cantt. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Kanika and Jasdeep Kaur of class 9th in a befitting manner and vote of thanks was presented by Dhamanpreet Kour.

Amandeep Kaur from Jammu, a nationally renowned Art&CraftArtist and Art &Craft event organiser and Muskan Mahajan were the jury members of the event.

The participating schools wereArmy Public School Samba, DAV College Kathua, Tiny Scholars School logate MorhKathua ,ArmyPublic School Jammu Cantt, Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu, ST. Peters Jammu, Army Public School Damana Holy Presentation Convent School Rajbagh, Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua, MV International School Samba, Indian Public School Kidzee Kathua, DelhiPublic School Rajbagh&Mount LiteraZee School Kathua.

The memento and trophies were presented by Sahodaya SchoolComplex, Jammu to the winners and distinguished guests.

GDC Khour organises poster making and slogan writing for SVEEP

Students participating in competition.

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KHOUR: Under the aegis of SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation) Electoral Literacy Club & in collaboration with NSS and NCC wings of GDC Khour organized a poster making and slogan writing activity as a part of 'Democracy Wall' initiative on voter's education and electoral participation. The activity was organized with the aim to promote democratic values and increase voter's participation in the forthcoming Assembly election 2024.

The NCC Cadets and NSS Volunteers along with the students from the various departments of the College participated with great enthusiasm.

The students showcased their artistic talents and creativity through poster making and slogan writing, emphasizing the importance of democracy and voting. Dr. Rashmi Sharma, Convener Electoral Literacy Club encouraged the participants by highlighting the importance of voting as a responsibility and privilege.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of GDC Khour played a pivotal role in organizing the event, ensuring quality and effectiveness.

The whole event was coordinated by Lt. Shivani Sharma, ANO Boys Senior Division and Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, NSS Programme Officer under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) T.K. Sharma, who is also the Nodal Officer of SVEEP, Assembly Constituency 82-Chhamb.

SVEEP Campaign held in different parts of District Kishtwar

Locals participating in campaign at Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: To enhance voter awareness and encourage maximum participation in the upcoming General Assembly Elections 2024, massive electoral awareness programs were held today in the Sarthal and Marwah areas of district Kishtwar under the aegis of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign. In the Sarthal area, an Electoral Awareness program coincided with the Mega Traditional Dangal/Kud, where the locals from adjacent areas thronged the venue to witness the said Festive event. The SVEEP campaign was led by Nodal Officer SVEEP 49-Kishtwar Assembly Constituency, Masood Qazi and his team members. The Nodal Officer highlighted the significance of voting and encouraged the local population to ensure a high turnout in the forthcoming elections. A voting pledge was also administered to the participants, reaffirming their commitment to exercising their right to vote.

To further emphasize the importance of ethical voting, drum beating to spread the SVEEP message was incorporated into the event, symbolizing the community's unity in promoting voter participation.

In another event, a SVEEP Seminar was organized at Higher Secondary School (HSS) Marwah.

The event focused on educating students and staff about the importance of voting and encouraging active electoral participation. Officials emphasized the significance of informed voting and highlighted the role of youth in strengthening democracy. The seminar was part of ongoing efforts under the SVEEP initiative to ensure greater voter turnout, particularly in remote areas like Marwah.

Dr. Beena Jad delivers expert talk on drug abuse at SMVDU

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KATRA: As part of the ongoing student induction program for first-year students at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Dr. BeenaJad, Senior Consultant and Head of the Department of Lab Medicine, delivered an insightful lecture on the critical issue of drug abuse. This expert talk, a crucial component of the induction program, was warmly welcomed by Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs at SMVDU, who emphasized its importance for the youth.

Dr. Beena's presentation highlighted the severe consequences of drug abuse, including its impact on mental and physical health. Her talk aimed to equip students with knowledge and strategies to avoid substance abuse and understand its broader societal effects. The session followed an earlier presentation by Dr. Varun Dutta, Nodal Officer for the NashaMukt Bharat Abhiyan

at SMVDU. He showcased various videos demonstrating the harmful effects of drug abuse.

The session ended with Q&A session. Earlier, before this session, Sumant S. Sharma, Asst. Prof., SMVDU, delivered an engaging talk on "Harmony in Relationships," further enriching the students' orientation experience. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar emphasis on holistic development of students through active participation in academic and extra-curricular activities. The student induction program is being jointly coordinated by a team of dedicated faculty members: Dr. Pooja Sharma, Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, Dr. MadhuMangalChaturvedi, Dr. Varun Dutta, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Dr. Amit Sinha, and Dr. Kamaldeep. The program aims to provide new students with valuable insights and guidance as they embark on their academic journey.

SVEEP Awareness Programme held at Government High School Chhatriari

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RAMNAGAR: A vibrant Awareness Programme under the SVEEP initiative was organized today at Government High School Chhatriari in AC 62-Ramnagar, under the guidance of District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai and supervision of the Returning Officer (SDM) Ramnagar, Rafiq Ahmad Jaral. The programme featured a variety of engaging activities, including cultural performances, a street play (Nukkad Natak), and informative speeches, all aimed at promoting the importance of electoral participation.

A total of 280 people, including students and local residents, took part in the event, actively engaging in these activities to spread awareness.

In his address, Joginder Paul, Headmaster of Government High School Chhatriari, highlighted the critical role of voting in a democracy.

He emphasized that every vote holds equal value, regardless of a voter's caste, color, creed, gender, or economic status.

Paul urged everyone to exercise their right to vote and to encourage others to do the same.

As part of the event, an awareness rally was held, commencing from High School Chhatriari and after passing through the village culminating back at the school, further emphasizing the message of electoral participation and inclusivity.

Pawan leads nomination rally in Udhampur West

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Udhampur: In a remarkable display of public support, Pawan Kumar Gupta, BJP's candidate for Udhampur West, organized a massive nomination rally that attracted thousands of enthusiastic supporters. The rally started at Gupta's residence and passed through key local areas such as Gole Market and Mukherjee Bazaar, culminating in a grand event at Subash Stadium.

The rally saw active participation from BJP supporters, eager to back Gupta's candidature in the upcoming elections. Prominent leaders including Ram Madhav, BJP's Election In-Charge for Jammu and Kashmir, and Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister and Member of Parliament for Udhampur-Doda, also graced the event.

Pawan Kumar Gupta, BJP's candidate for Udhampur West during public rally.

Pawan Kumar Gupta addressed the gathering, highlighting the major developmental projects accomplished during his tenure as MLA. He praised the socio-economic initiatives undertaken by the BJP-led government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, emphasizing the positive changes brought to Jammu and Kashmir. He urged the people to vote for the BJP in overwhelming numbers, assuring them that continued support would further accelerate development. He also warned against voting for parties that had previously set J&K back by decades.

In his speech, Ram Madhav confidently projected that BJP would secure 35 seats in the upcoming assembly elections and form the next government with a BJP Chief Minister at the helm. He called for the rejection of dynasty-based politics, which he said had stalled progress in the region. Madhav also revealed plans for the central government to establish Udhampur as a pharmaceutical manufacturing hub, a move expected to create numerous employment opportunities for the local youth.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh delivered a compelling closing address, urging voters to support Pawan Kumar Gupta and help BJP realize the aspirations of the people of Jammu.

He criticized past Kashmiri leaders for misleading the people while ensuring a comfortable future for their own children abroad. Dr. Singh reassured the crowd that Udhampur district would greatly benefit from BJP's governance, stating that Prime Minister Modi has a grand vision for the development of the area.

The event marked a major milestone in Pawan Kumar Gupta's campaign, setting the stage for a significant BJP victory. Other notable attendees included Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat (Cabinet Minister, Uttarakhand), Lal Chand (DDC Chairman), Pawan Khajuria (BJP State Vice-President), and Ashu Sharma. Arun Gupta, BJP District President, delivered the vote of thanks.

Police Observer reviews security setup for Assembly Elections in Reasi District

Police Observer for District Reasi Pardeep Kumar Yadav chairing a meeting.

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REASI: Police Observer for District Reasi Pardeep Kumar Yadav chaired a high-level Election preparedness review meeting here today in the Conference Hall of District Police Lines (DPL) Reasi. The meeting was convened in connection with the forthcoming General Elections to the Legislative Assembly (GELA)-2024 to ensure a smooth and secure electoral process.

The meeting was held in the presence of General Observer for 56-Gulabgarh (ST) Constituency, Saroj Kumar Sethi and General Observer for 57-Reasi & 58-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Constituencies, Avi Parsad. The focus was on reviewing and enhancing security protocols, logistical arrangements and infrastructure at the strong rooms, with an emphasis on fortifying measures against potential security threats and to provide a cordial, hassle free atmosphere to the voters. SSP Reasi, Gaurav Sikarwar gave a comprehensive presentation on the current security arrangements in place for election. The PowerPoint presentation outlined the preparedness of law enforcement agencies and the strategies adopted to ensure the smooth, free and fair conduct of the elections.

The meeting was attended by Nisar Mohamad, Commanding Officer 126 Bn CRPF, Satish Kumar Singh, Commandant CISF Unit OHTPP and other officers from District Police and CAPFs. The discussions focused on ensuring robust security measures and maintaining high vigilance throughout the election period to mitigate any potential risks. The meeting underscored the commitment of all stakeholders to ensure a peaceful and orderly electoral process.

Expenditure Observers review working of monitoring teams at Rajouri

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RAJOURI: Expenditure Observers Sanjay Kumar and Sidharth Kumar reviewed election-related expenditure monitoring procedures at a meeting held here today.

Sanjay Kumar, the Expenditure Observer for AC 83-Kalakote Sunderbani, AC 84-Nowshera and AC 85-Rajouri, was joined by Sidharth Kumar, designated for AC 86-Budhal and AC 87-Thanamandi.

Expenditure Observers Sanjay Kumar and Sidharth Kumar chairing a meeting.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), Assistant Expenditure Observers (AEOs), and the heads of accounting teams. They discussed essential guidelines for monitoring election expenditure and ensuring adherence to the Model Code of Conduct.

The attendees were thoroughly briefed on their duties and the procedures to be followed during the election process. Emphasis was laid on the meticulous maintenance of the Shadow Observation Register (SOR), a critical document for tracking the campaign expenditure of individual candidates. Additionally, the meeting underscored the importance of maintaining accurate books of accounts for all contesting candidates to ensure transparent monitoring of expenses in accordance with the prescribed limits.

The Observers called for strict vigilance in tracking election-related expenses, including advertising, public meetings, and campaign materials, to prevent any violations of expenditure limits. They also urged the officers to remain proactive in identifying and addressing any discrepancies in the financial reporting by the candidates.

Expenditure Observers Sanjay Kumar and Sidharth Kumar assured the officers of their continued guidance and support throughout the election process, stressing that any violations of the expenditure guidelines would be dealt with strictly to ensure free and fair elections in the district.

DEO flags off SVEEP Van to promote voter awareness in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: District Election Officer Saloni Rai, today flagged off a SVEEP Van here from DC Office Complex Udhampur to spread voter awareness ahead of the upcoming General Assembly Elections 2024. Addressing the media, the DEO highlighted the objective of the initiative, which is to educate the public on the significance of systematic voter education and active electoral participation. She emphasized the crucial role the voters play in strengthening democracy, urging all citizens to ensure a higher voter turnout in the upcoming elections.

DEO Saloni Rai flagging off SVEEP van.

The DEO also stressed the goals of the SVEEP campaign, underscoring the need for widespread awareness. She encouraged citizens to exercise their right to vote to contribute to a robust and vibrant democracy, and called on individuals to take an active part in spreading electoral awareness within their communities.

Special emphasis was placed on the participation of Persons with Disabilities, women, first-time voters, senior citizens and youth. The DEO urged all officers to work with diligence to enhance voter turnout and to ensure the preparation of error-free electoral rolls for the forthcoming General Assembly Elections.

Others present at the flag off event included Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, IAS Probationer Swati Sheemar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal, District Panchayat Officer Dr. Preeti Sharma, Nodal Officer SVEEP and several other officers and officials.

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