

Lok Sabha Elections 2024

Mega SVEEP Campaign witnesses over 8,000 Events, mobilize 560,000 Participants in Single Day

JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS
JAMMU, APR 24:

In an unprecedented mobilization effort, the District Election Office Jammu today concluded a comprehensive voter awareness campaign featuring over 8,000 events, and a participation of over 560,000 individuals, all within a single day. Held under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program ahead of polling in PC Jammu and spearheaded by Sachin Kumar Vaishya, District Election Officer (DEO) and Returning Officer for Jammu Parliamentary constituency, the initiative marked one of the largest electoral awareness campaigns in the region. The events, organised across the district at all district offices, sectoral offices, sub-offices, polling stations, and in all the educational institutions including University of Jammu, Colleges, and schools, were strategically designed to educate, encourage and empower the electorate, focusing especially on new voters, ensuring they understand the importance of their participation in the democratic process. Some of the notable departments/offices that organised these events included Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Social Welfare Department, which conducted 2654 events, engaging 66,350 participants; Rural



Development Department conducted 2450 events, engaging 52,000 participants; Revenue Department held 1600 events, engaging 32,500 participants; Health Department conducted 500 events, engaging 12,500 participants; Education Department conducted 980 events, engaging 84,540 participants. One of the highlights of the campaign was the administration of the Voters' Pledge by The DEO at District Collector's office complex. It was attended by all district and sectoral officers and officials, who collectively vowed to uphold the democratic values and actively participate in the electoral process. Voters' pledge was also

administered at all the departments/offices. Emphasizing the critical role of young electorate, a special event was organized in the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu, which witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 2,000 young voters. Rahul Ranjan Mahiwal, General Observer, Jammu Lok Sabha Constituency, Dr Gajarao Bhupal, Police Observer also participated in the event. The first-time voters were urged to not only vote but also to ask their families and peers to participate actively in the festival of democracy. EPICs were also distributed amongst the attendees. The event concluded with

enthraling cultural performance by the celebrity singer Sangram Hanjram who also appealed the voters to vote in large numbers on 26th April, 2024.

The extensive SVEEP campaign utilized a variety of innovative methods to maximize outreach and impact. These included street plays, puppet shows, debates, quizzes, and workshops reaching every corner of the district. Each program was tailored to cater to the local audience, ensuring that the message of electoral participation was clear and comprehensible. Additionally, the campaign harnessed the power of modern technology, utilizing social media platforms and other digital means to reach out to the tech-savvy population, with crucial information about voter rights, election dates and process. The success of the SVEEP initiative in Jammu was a result of collaborative efforts between government officials and employees, NGOs, and civil society groups, which facilitated a wider reach of the campaign. As the district gears up for the upcoming election on April 26, 2024, the DEO Jammu expressed confidence that the overwhelming participation and enthusiasm witnessed during the SVEEP campaign will translate into a significant increase in voter turnout and reaffirm the commitment of the region to vibrant democratic ethos.

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Jammu city traffic wing hosts voters' awareness program under SVEEP

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SSP Traffic City Jammu today chaired a Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program attended by officers/officials of the city wing of the Traffic Department here. The attendees were briefed about the

guidelines set by the Election commission of India. The participants were educated regarding their right to vote and stress was laid to ensure maximum electoral participation during the forthcoming General Parliament Elections. SSP Traffic City Jammu, while amplifying

public information among the members of the traffic wing, highlighted the theory of "Greater participation for a stronger democracy and also directed the officer/officials to garner public cooperation for the smooth conduct of the Parliamentary Election-2024.

'Mera Pehle Vote Desh Ke Liye'

GDC Ramgarh organises pledge taking ceremony



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ly organized this pledge taking ceremony to raise awareness about promoting democracy and voter participation. The program was organized under the guidance and supervision of the College Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra. The Principal, in her address, asserted that voting in a

democracy is of utmost importance as it lets citizens choose their representatives for forming the government. She further stated that voting and taking part in the electoral process is more than a right and encouraged all the students and faculty members of the college to go for voting in the upcoming elections.

Secretary H&ME visits Indira Gandhi Government Dental College; assesses healthcare facilities



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Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, today visited Indira Gandhi Government Dental College and assessed working of all departments of the hospital taking stock of healthcare facilities being made available there to the patients. The Secretary, on the sidelines of the visit, also chaired a meeting with the administration of IGGDC to review progress on various works being executed on major projects. He issued direction for testing of all mechanical works of the additional block before 4th June 2024 and also issued on spot directions to all the Executing Engineers, present on the site, to complete the pending works at the earliest. He assessed the status of healthcare infrastructure and services at IGGDC Jammu, focusing on patient care, infrastructure, equipment and overall operational efficiency of the hospital.

During the meeting, the Secretary also interacted with the hospital faculty enquiring them about their issues and concerns regarding their services. Interacting with the doctors and other staff on the occasion, Dr. Abid Rasheed underlined that the goal is to ensure that the healthcare facilities meet the highest standards and should reach to the community in the easiest way. He emphasized upon the doctors to commit themselves towards

enhancing the quality of health services in the hospital and called upon the professionals for efficient management of patients, acknowledging their role in providing vital health services to the people of the region. Secretary conducted extensive round of different wings of the hospital assessing facilities, infrastructure and related utilities there. He also interacted with the patients as well as attendants and took detailed feedback from them about the healthcare facilities being provided in the hospital. The secretary also took stock of newly installed CBCT in the UT of J&K which will take the patient diagnosis and treatment planning to the next level.

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DIPR conducts a vibrant SVEEP Campaign to spread awareness among Voters

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The Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today organised a signature campaign and cultural program at Bahu Plaza to spread awareness among the voters. The event, held under the aegis of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program, aimed to enlighten and educate the electors about their voting rights and encourage them to participate in the Electoral process. The DIPR officers, including Director Information, Jatin Kishore, Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta, Joint Director Information (HQ), Veavik Puri and Deputy Director (AV), Deepak Dubey, Deputy Director (PR), Ankush Hans and other



officers actively engaged with the public and encouraged the participants to exercise their voting right on the polling day. Their presence underscored the government's commitment to foster civic engagement and informed electoral participation. The event garnered significant attention and participation from the public and

passersby, signaling a positive response to the initiative. Attendees had the opportunity to not only pledge their commitment to vote but also to enjoy the cultural festivities that accompanied the campaign. Through initiatives like these, the DIPR continues to play a pivotal role in promoting electoral literacy and civic engagement.

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Hajj orientation, training programme concludes at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, APR 24:

The orientation-cum-training programme for Hajj pilgrims concluded at Islamia Faridia College of Education here today. Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ghulam Rasool and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Abdul Qayoom- interacted with the Hajj aspirants on the occasion. The aim of this program was to provide essential information and guidance to the 66 aspirant pilgrims to ensure a safe and successful Hajj pilgrimage. Experienced trainers guided the Hajj aspirants about different stages of the Hajj journey, including the Hajj rituals, health and safety measures, travel arrangements, and other important aspects of the pilgrimage. The programme covered a range of topics, and the conclusion marked an important milestone in the government's efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of Hajj pilgrims. Additional District Development Commissioner and SSP Kishtwar extended best wishes for the upcoming pilgrimage. The training provided during the program will help the pilgrims perform the Hajj rituals with ease and comfort while also ensuring their safety and the safety of their fellow pilgrims. Training was organised by J&K Hajj Committee under the close management of District Administration and under the supervision of Hajj Incharge District Kishtwar, Haji Ayaz Ahmed.

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DEO Baramulla visits Gulmarg AC to ensure AMFs at all polling stations



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BARAMULLA, APR 24:

Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections in 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, the District Election Officer (DEO) of Baramulla, Minga Sherpa accompanied by Syed Altaf Mosavi, the ARO, 11-Gulmarg Assembly Segment, today undertook a comprehensive inspection of various polling stations of Sub-division Gulmarg to ensure the availability of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs).

The DEO conducted an inspection of multiple polling stations, conducting a comprehensive assessment of crucial aspects such as ramp availability, sanitation facilities, provision of drinking water, and electricity supply which come under the purview of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs) mandated by the ECI guidelines. Speaking during the visit, the DEO underscored that the district administration has meticulously arranged all necessary facilities to ensure a smooth and hassle-free experience for both poll parties and voters during the Lok Sabha Elections. He elaborated that special arrangements at polling stations have been implemented for voters with disabilities, including the installation of ramps at all 905 polling stations across the district. Minga Sherpa emphasized that wheelchair facilities will be provided at all polling stations mapped for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), adding that the PWDs can proactively access this service in advance through the Saksham App, a user-friendly initiative by the ECI aimed at enhancing voter convenience. During the visit, the DEO also conducted a thorough assessment of the arrangements at the Dispatch Center, Kunzer, which serves as the hub for dispatching poll parties and election materials to polling stations of the Assembly Segment 11-Gulmarg during the Lok Sabha Elections.

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General Observer reviews Election preparedness in Poonch Inspects election infrastructure, strong rooms, control room, booths

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POONCH, APR 24:

General Observer for the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency, Sanjeev Kumar Besra and Police Observer, Akhileshwar Singh today presided over a meeting of zonal and sectoral magistrates here to assess the preparedness for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the border district of Poonch. District Election Officer, (DC) Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary was also present in the meeting, held in Dak Bungalow and attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik, ACR Poonch, Qadeer Ul Rehman, Deputy Election Officer, Mohd. Saleem, Nodal officer to general observer, Mohd. Rafiq, ACD Poonch, Shafiq Mir besides nodal officers and other concerned employees were present. During the meeting, a detailed discussion took place regarding the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), complaint monitoring, communication plan, SMS monitoring, Media certification and monitoring committee (MCMC), material management, storage of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs), training and Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP), printing of ballot papers, transport plan, ran-



domization of polling parties, and the strong room, among other things. Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary, provided a brief overview of the election process in the district, highlighting its significance

and the responsibilities of the officers involved. The Observer urged the officers to carry out their duties with dedication and a profound sense of responsibility. He emphasized the importance of ensuring a smooth and transparent

electoral process and extended his best wishes in advance for the successful conduct of the elections. Prior to the meeting, the Observer conducted a thorough inspection of the election cell, strong room, control room and polling booths. During the inspection, the Observer issued necessary directions to the concerned officials to ensure free fair and transparent election. Furthermore, the Observer paid particular attention to the strong room, where Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) are securely stored. He emphasized the significance of maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of these machines, as they play a vital role in the electoral process. Meanwhile, a cultural programme and Mushaira were held under SVEEP at DKC Degree College Auditorium Poonch. During the programme, students from different educational institutions exhibited their talents through various cultural items, all centered around the theme of SVEEP. The District Administration Poonch expressed heartfelt appreciation to all the participants, including the poets, artists, and students, for their outstanding performances and their efforts in spreading awareness about the importance of electoral participation.