

Lok Sabha Elections 2024

Training on handling of EVMs, VVPATs for Anganwari staff organised at Ramban



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Election Department Ramban, under the dynamic leadership of District Election Officer (DEO), Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, has taken several significant steps towards ensuring electoral transparency and efficiency in the district.

As part of preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections, a comprehensive training on handling of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPAT) was organized for Anganwadi staff here today.

Acknowledging the crucial role of Anganwadi workers in community outreach, the training aimed to equip them with requisite skills and knowledge to effectively assist and aware voters during the electoral process.

Conducted under the supervision of Nodal Officer for Women Awareness and Welfare AC-54, (CDPO) Ramban, Ravinder Kour, and Nodal Officer for Women Awareness and Welfare AC-55, BDO Ramban, Shalini Chandail, the sessions focused on familiarizing participants with operation, handling, and troubleshooting of EVMs and VVPAT machines.

By providing Anganwadi staff with this essential handholding of EVMs and VVPAT, the Election department Ramban reaffirms its dedication to upholding the integrity of election process.

Through such initiatives, the department endeavours to ensure a seamless, transparent, and inclusive electoral experience for all citizens. As the General Election Lok Sabha scheduled to be held on April 19, 2024 for 04-Udhampur, the Election department Ramban remains steadfast in fostering a culture of electoral awareness and participation within the community.

PCCF chairs 8th UT Level Monitoring Committee on Forest Fire Prevention and Management

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Roshan Jaggi today chaired the 8th meeting of the UT Level Monitoring Committee on Forest Fire Prevention and Management.

The meeting was attended by APCCF Kashmir, CCF Jammu, Environmental experts Dr. C M Seth and Nadeem Qadri, and other senior officers from the Forest Department.

During the meeting, the preparedness of Forest Department to combat the ensuing fire season in summer months was reviewed.

The PCCF & HoFF, instructed the field officers of the Social Forestry Department, Wildlife Protection Department and Forest Protection Force to be on

high alert and in full readiness and respond to fire incidents immediately.

The DFOs were instructed to publicize toll free numbers of the department to receive firsthand information on any forest fire occurrence. He further instructed that the fire alerts issued by the Forest Survey of India shall be responded on priority and action taken to control the fire be reported by 11 A.M. every day.

The PCCF reviewed the budgetary provisions to take care of mobility of men and resources to combat forest fires.

Chief Wildlife Warden, Sarvesh Rai stressed upon the smooth functioning of joint control rooms so that the protected areas are also kept fire-incidence free. He suggested fortnightly meetings by the Block Forest Of-

ficers at the local level to sensitize all the stakeholders and take stock of the situation.

Dr. C M Seth, (Retd. IFS & Environmental Activist Jammu), suggested raising awareness amongst both rural and urban population through panel discussions and catchy jingles on radio and other outreach programs for the next three months of forthcoming fire season.

Nadeem Qadri, (Environmental Lawyer, Srinagar) stressed upon the importance of coordination between the departments to prevent forest fires in the protected areas, especially Dachigam National Park.

The PCCF emphasized on the importance of immediate response to forest fire incidents during the golden hour which remains crucial

to counter forest fires and prevent loss to human life as well as forest resources.

The preparedness of the forest department to prevent forest fires in the Trikuta Hills especially along the Yatra track to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine was also reviewed and necessary directions were passed on to DFO Reasi to coordinate with Shrine Board and pool the resources and ensure the yatra is free from any unforeseen eventualities.

The PCCF stressed upon coordination with the State Disaster Response Force in all vulnerable areas.

It was decided that services of State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) & Fire Services department shall also be utilized wherever feasible to control the fires.

BJP works to strengthen nation, empower masses: Koul

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Harbans Bral, senior Congress leader along with hundreds of other eminent persons and supporters joined Bharatiya Janata Party in presence of J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul and former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta at BJP Headquarters, Jammu.

Senior leader of BJP Satish Sharma, Kulbir Charak, MM Sharma, Charanjit Raina, Vijay Singh and other party leaders were also present on the occasion.

Darshan Singh, Pankaj Sharma, DK Sharma, Vikas, Ram Lal, Sukhdev Raj, Sushil Kumar, Krishan Kumar and others were among the prominent to join the



BJP on the occasion.

Ashok Koul, welcoming Harbans Bral along with his supporters and eminent persons, said that anyone who believes in the Ideology of BJP, which means works to strengthen nation and empower masses, is welcome into the party. He said that BJP is a party which works for the poor and needy and every worker of the party is engaged in the upliftment of the person

standing last in the queue. He said that people of Jammu and Kashmir are witnessing the transformation of the region, which is inching towards a better future and development and added that after the abrogation of 370 a new era of development has been initiated in the state.

He asked the new entrants to work for all the sections of society with zeal and dedication, while work-

ing at the ground level to seek the support for Modi government in Parliament election.

Kavinder Gupta, while welcoming the new entrants, said that during the rule of NC and Congress only few areas were taken care to gain the political mileage but Modi Government is working for the overall infrastructural development in every sector in Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the schemes launched by Modi Government for the farmers, Youth, womenfolk and poor have brought a drastic change in the lives of these people and with the blessings of these BJP will form the Government at the centre for third consecutive term under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

DT, SDS to organise grand Shoba Yatra on Ram Navami

JAMMU, MAR 28: Jammu & Kashmir Dharmarth Trust in collaboration with Santan Dharam Sabha, Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, and other Religious Organizations, is set to organize a Grand Rath/Shoba Yatra on the upcoming Shree Ram Navami, as per past practice.

In this regard, a joint meeting was held at the Central Office of J&K Dharmarth Trust on Shalamar Road, Jammu, to discuss the smooth conduct of the Yatra.

The meeting discussed various aspects of the smooth conduct of the Shoba Yatra. Brig RS Langeh, President of the Trust, and Ashok Kumar

Sharma, SSP Retd, Secretary of the Trust, chaired the meeting in which members of the Santan Dharam Sabha, Dharmik Yuvak Mandal, and other Religious Organizations were present.

The Trust President sought the continuous support of the organizations in ensuring the smooth conduct of the Shoba Yatra and requested people to lend their support to the event. He urged the people of Jammu to participate in the Shoba Yatra and let us all come together to celebrate this auspicious occasion with harmony and joy.

The Secretary informed that this year, the traditional route of the Shoba

Yatra would be changed due to ongoing construction works at Raghunath Bazar.

He informed that the Rath Yatra shall start from the Shree Raghunath Ji Temple Complex and pass through Residency Road, Rajinder Bazar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk, Purani Mandi, Link Road, Jain Bazar, Chowk Chabutra, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazar, Gita Bhawan, Ranbireswar Temple, Shalamar Road, Indra Chowk, Har Market, and finally culminate at Raghunath Ji Temple. He also appealed to the District Administration to provide all possible support to make this Yatra a grand success.

DEA Doda conducts extensive SVEEP campaign

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As the Lok Sabha elections draw near, District Election Authority (DEA), Doda, under the direction of District Election Officer, Harvinder Singh, is leaving no stone unturned to ensure maximum voter awareness and participation.

A comprehensive Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Program (SVEEP) was organized across different locations in the district, aiming to educate and mobilize the public for the upcoming electoral process.

SVEEP, an initiative by the Election Commission of India, is designed to engage voters and encourage their maximum participation in the democratic process.

Through a series of awareness campaigns and outreach activities, SVEEP aims to empower voters with the necessary knowledge and motivation to exercise their voting rights.



The SVEEP program was organized at various government schools in the district. Government Higher Secondary School in Koti, Bhagwah, Khellani and Trown witnessed the celebration of SVEEP activities and conducted various beautiful programs regarding SVEEP to create awareness.

Such as voter awareness rallies, street plays, poster campaigns, and door-to-door campaigns were organized to disseminate important information about the electoral process, including voter registration, polling booth locations, and voting procedures.

Speaking about the significance of the SVEEP program, various speakers emphasized, the success of democracy hinges on the active participation of citizens in the electoral process.

The program also utilized digital platforms and social media channels to reach out to tech-savvy voters, ensuring comprehensive coverage and engagement across all segments of society.

Additionally, interactive sessions and workshops were conducted in educational institutions to educate students about the importance of electoral participation and civic responsibility.

CS reviews development of skilling portal by BISAG



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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today had a detailed review of the development of Skilling portal for Skill Development Department (SDD) by Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-infor-

matics (BISAG-N) in association with the NIC and IT Department of the UT.

Besides Secretary, SDD the meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, IT; Secretary, Planning; DG, Planning; Director, SDD and other concerned officers of the Department.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary held de-

tailed deliberations with all the stakeholders about the extent and ingredients to be part of this portal. He enquired from the developers about the utility and significance of this portal for the people besides the novel initiatives to be made part of it.

He further asked about the courses to be offered over this portal for skilling

and the kind of alerts, information to be provided to applicants. He suggested for making it multilingual for ease of diverse population living here. He also asked for inclusion of motivational videos giving details of schemes offered in each sector of self employment besides adding those on Daksh Kisan portal.

The Secretary, SDD, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan threw light on different aspects and avenues to be on-boarded over it. He gave out that the portal under development is going to host a number of online courses beneficial for the people in need of skilling themselves under different sectors or areas of interest like Agriculture, automotive, BFSI, construction, beauty & wellness etc.

BJP leader chairs series of meetings

JAMMU, MAR 28: Ashok Koul, general secretary (organization), Jammu and Kashmir BJP chaired series of meetings of BJP District Jammu at party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

Sat Sharma, former BJP President & former Minister, Priya Sethi, BJP NEM & former Minister, Chandermohan Gupta, BJP Vice President & former Mayor, Rajeev Charak, District Prabhari, Pramod Kapahi, District President, Bodh Raj DDC Chairman, Bali Bhagat, former Minister, Rajinder Sharma, former Mayor, Purnima Sharma, former Dy Mayor, Kuldeep Kandhari and Rajesh Gupta also accompanied Ashok Koul in the meet-

ing, which was attended by State Office bearers, District Office Bearers, Mandal Presidents and their General Secretaries and District Morcha Presidents.

Ashok Koul, while chairing the meetings, asked the party workers to approach every single citizen at booth level, stressing that every vote matters. He asked them to meet with the beneficiaries of public welfare schemes initiated by the Modi government. He said that every resident of Jammu & Kashmir has been covered under Ayushman Yojana, numerous scholarship schemes to the youth from every community has enabled them to receive higher education. He further

asked the workers to work with full force to get maximum votes in this Parliamentary election and prompted them to increase party's vote share in every single booth.

Koul also shared the party's forthcoming programmes like, "BJP Foundation Day", "Birth Anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar" and asked the party workers to celebrate these events at the ground level, while carrying out their election duties in their respective areas. Sat Sharma, speaking on the occasion focused on the grass root level works to be done by party workers in view of Parliamentary elections. He asked them to highlight the development works in their ward.

Raina addresses workers in Bahu Constituency

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Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu Kashmir addressed the party workers of the Bahu Assembly Constituency in a meeting held at its party's Parliament election office of Bahu Assembly Constituency.

Ravinder Raina was also accompanied by former Dy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, BJP NEM Priya Sethi, BJP Vice-Presidents Aseem Gupta & Anuradha Charak, former MLC S. Charanjit Singh Khalsa, senior leader Rajeev Charak, District President Rekha Mahajan and other senior leaders of the party.

Mandal Presidents, Former Councillors of JMC, Ward Presidents, Morcha Presidents and other senior functionaries of party under Bahu Assembly Constituency participated in the meeting.



Addressing the meeting, BJP President Ravinder Raina said that the party has entered into the election mode now and there is no time to take rest. He said that the BJP worker sincerely works for the welfare of the people and the nation for the 365 days in a year, per year and now it is the time when he has to approach the masses and ask for their full support in favour of the party's MP candidates. He said that the

party leaders and the workers have to ensure that the people recognize the need to strengthen the hands of PM Modi by electing BJP's MPs to ensure the fast progress of the nation.

Party President Ravinder Raina, spoke in depth on the election management and shared the valuable insight into the strategies to win every single booth in this Parliament election. He said that for this one month, the party worker should de-

vote his/her 24 hours into the organizational working and ensure that the party scores the highest lead in the election.

Kavinder Gupta, on the occasion, prompted the party workers to approach every person in their vicinity to garner support for the BJP. He said that the unprecedented development has taken place in whole of the Jammu & Kashmir and particularly in the Jammu region, which felt neglected for the 70 long years of NC, Congress, and PDP rule. He said that under the Modi government, development has reached every pocket of Jammu as well as Kashmir ending the long period of socio-economic negligence to the poor and the needy in every section of Jammu & Kashmir. To further continue this march of peace and progress in J&K, the people have to give the maximum to the BJP in this Parliament election, he added.