

General & Police Observers for Srinagar PC visit Ganderbal

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The General Observer for O2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency (PC), Mukul Kumar along with Police Observer, Sandeep Singh Chauhan today visited Ganderbal and held a joint meeting in the V.C Room of DC Office here to take first hand appraisal of the preparedness for Lok Sabha Elections-2024 in the district.

The meeting was attended by District Election Officer, Shyambir; SSP Ganderbal, Sandeep Gupta; Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad; Dy DEO, ACR, SDM Kangan, CPO and other Nodal Officers.

At the outset, the Observers held an extensive interaction with Assistant Returning Officers (ARO) and Nodal Officers, and discussed threadbare various crucial aspects related to the conduct of Lok Sabha elections in the district.

The District Election Officer provided a detailed overview of arrangements including SVEEP, Material Management, Manpower Plan, Transport Plan, EVM Management, arrangements at polling stations and Distribution cum Receipt Centres (DCRC), and other measures undertaken for smooth and peaceful conduct of the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections in the district.

Interacting with the Nodal Officers, the Observers stressed to work

with utmost coordination to ensure incident free and smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha Elections in the district.

It was informed that as many as 2,05,029 registered electorates are exercising their franchise in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024 in the twin Assembly Constituencies of the district.

The District Election Officer assured the Observers of the administration's full preparedness to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections. Measures such as providing facilities for voters including ramps for persons with disabilities were highlighted to enhance the voting experience.

While reviewing the status of polling stations, the DEO informed that a total 260 polling stations are established in 213 designated locations in the district, besides 24 Special Polling stations are also established in different locations of the district.

While reviewing the AMF in polling stations, the General Observer emphasized that sufficient space shall be ensured in such polling stations which are adjacent to each other so that voters may not face any inconvenience while casting their vote.

Furthermore, the Observers also supervised the 2nd Randomization of Polling Staff and training session being imparted to the Presiding Officers, and enjoined upon the Officers to work with added zeal and unwavering dedication to uphold sanctity of the election process and safeguarding the democratic spirit.

Meanwhile, they inspected the functioning of Media Monitoring teams during which Nodal Officer MCMC /DIO briefed them about their operations which are well-equipped and prepared to handle their responsibilities effectively. He further informed that no case of Paid News has been identified as on

date in the district.

Later, the Observers inspected the readiness of the Polling Stations during which the General Observer gave necessary instructions and stressed for close coordination among concerned officials to ensure that facilities at all polling stations meet the highest standards of accessibility and efficiency.

The Observers also thoroughly reviewed the arrangements at the Dispatch cum Receipt Centres (DCRC) established in Green Campus CUK for 18-Ganderbal Assembly Constituency and PTS Manigam for 17-Kangan constituency. Both the AROs briefed the Observers about the arrangements and action plan for dispatching poll parties and election materials to the polling stations.

They stressed on proactive approach and cooperation from all the stakeholders in preserving the sanctity of our democratic institutions.

6 more candidates file Nomination Papers for Baramulla PC

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Six more candidates filed their nomination papers today at the office of the Returning Officer (RO), 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, Minga Sherpa, to contest the General Lok Sabha Elections-2024 from 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency.

Sajad Ahmad Lone from Jammu & Kashmir People's Conference Party, Imran Raza Ansari from Jammu & Kashmir People's Conference Party and Suhail Ahmad Khan, an Independent Candidate

filed their nomination papers before the RO for 1-

Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency.

Similarly, Peerzada Mudasir Rashid Shah from Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party (BHIM), Nazir Ahmad Sofi, Independent Candidate, and Mustaq Ahmad Mir from National Loktantrik Party submitted their nomination papers at the office of the RO, 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency.

With filling of 06 Nominations today the total number of Candidates who have filed their Candidature for 01-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency goes to ten, as four Candidates have already filed their Nominations papers.

DEO Shopian inspects polling stations of AC Zainapora

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The District Election Officer (DEO) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today undertook an extensive visit to several polling stations of the Zainapora Assembly Constituency of the district (part of the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency), in order to inspect and review on-ground preparation for the smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha Elections.

DEO inspected polling stations located at Dangam, Baaskuchan, Cheermarg and Babapora vil-

lages of the constituency with the aim to assess and review the status of assured minimum facilities at these polling stations.

The inspection encompassed a thorough examination of various facilities

put in place for the smooth conduct of the elections.

During the inspection, the DEO engaged with stakeholders to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place to facilitate a smooth and ef-

ficient voting process. Basic amenities such as electricity, water supply, sanitation, accessibility for differently-abled voters was assessed at these polling stations besides logistical support for polling staff was also taken stock of.

Expressing satisfaction with the overall preparedness observed during the visit, the DEO said that facilitating free, fair and transparent elections is the utmost priority of the district administration.

The DEO was accompanied by AEROs, BDOs, BLOs and other concerned officers and officials.

Plantation drive brings life to 364 Kulgam polling stations under SVEEP

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In a concerted effort towards environmental sustainability and community engagement, the District Election Office Kulgam executed plantation drives at all 364 polling stations of the district under SVEEP.

With the General elections to Lok Sabha scheduled on 25th May 2024, the Kulgam Administration took proactive measures to not only enhance voter awareness but also contribute to the welfare of the environment.

About the initiatives taken by the District administration, the District Election Officer Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan said that through collaborative efforts with locals, youth and

volunteers each polling station has become a beacon of greenery and ecological consciousness.

The plantation drives serve as a testament to the district's commitment to fostering a culture of civic

responsibility and environmental stewardship.

The DEO said that Drive not only aims to enhance voter awareness but also to contribute to environmental sustainability.

He also appealed to the

people to use their right to vote on 25th May 2024.

Pertinent to mention that such concerted efforts not only enriches the local ecosystem but also underscores the pivotal role of communities in shaping a greener and more participatory democracy.

Meanwhile, SVEEP Team under the supervision of DEO Kulgam has also planted thousands of plants including Deodar, conifer and other plants.

The District has started plantation drives from day of the announcement of Elections GELS-2024 in the Country under the theme 'VOTE AND PLANT FOR FUTURE' and DEO Kulgam along with his Team is taking personal efforts to take this message to every Voter of the District and the Country.

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An impactful awareness programme under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative was conducted at Village Rahamoo, Pulwama.

The event witnessed active participation from various segments of society, including the general public, women, new voters, imams and youth.

The programme aimed to educate and engage the community in the electoral process, emphasizing the



importance of voter participation and democratic values.

Through interactive ses-

sions and informative materials, attendees were empowered with knowledge about voter registration

procedures, electoral rights, and the significance of exercising their franchise.

The inclusive nature of the event, with representation from diverse demographics such as women, youth, and religious leaders, underscored the commitment towards fostering inclusive and participatory democracy.

The success of the awareness programme reflected the collaborative efforts of the Election Commission and local stakeholders in promoting electoral literacy and enhancing voter turnout.

DLSA Shopian, Labour Department celebrate 'International Labour Day'

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The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Shopian in collaboration with Labour Department Shopian today celebrated 'International Labour Day,' at Transport Yard Mega Fruit Mandi Aglar, here.

The programme was held under the guidance of Chairman DLSA Shopian and was attended by Labour Inspector Shopian,

President Bar Association Shopian, Deputy Chief LADC Shopian, Panel Lawyers, PLVs and officials of Labour Department Shopian.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief LADC Rafie Ahmad Ganie said that 1st May is celebrated as International Labour Day all over the world. This is a day that marks the importance of labour and assures the dignity of work for every profession.

The day recognizes the

labourer's contribution and impresses upon us the need to respect and honour them. He also emphasized the role of the Legal services Authority.

President Bar Association Shopian, Advocate Gowher Hussain Wani also spoke about the Labour laws and said that it is concerned with the establishment of a labour-relations framework that provides peaceful industrial relations between labourers and organized workers. He

enunciated the participants about different acts and schemes under Building and Construction Workers Act. Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Nasir-Ul-Islam also threw light on the provisions of labour laws.

Advocate Abdul Basit Bhat held a candid interaction with the laborers present. He said the objective of celebrating this day is to spread awareness about the rights and opportunities of every laborer.

DLSA Srinagar, SMC commemorate 'International Labour Day'

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The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with Srinagar Municipal Corporation today observed 'International Labour Day,' marking the significance of the global event, with great enthusiasm and fervor at ADR Centre, District Court Complex Srinagar.

The event, celebrated globally on May 1st every year, was held to mark the importance of labour rights and to create awareness about the significance of the day. The event was held under the guidance of Jawad Ahmed, Chairman of DLSA Srinagar (PDJ, Srinagar).

The programme witnessed the presence of Jahangir Ahmed Bakshi Secretary DLSA, Srinagar; Syed Zeenat Ul Islam, Sr. Journalist, from Asian Mail; officials and Legal Aid Defense Counsels of DLSA Srinagar, officials of Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar emphasized the

importance of the day to the participants. He highlighted the need to promote and protect the rights of workers, and to ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect.

Iram Aziz, Official DLSA Srinagar emphasized the participants about the Labour laws. She said these laws are essential for protecting the rights of workers and promoting a fair and equitable work environment.

Sehar Nazir, Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsel, DLSA Srinagar threw light on the objectives of International Labour Day. She empha-

sized the need to promote fair labour practices, improve working conditions, and provide social security to workers.

The main aim of observing International Labour Day was to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the rights of workers, and to promote a culture of fair labour practices in the region. The event was an opportunity to reiterate the commitment to promoting the welfare of workers and to ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect.

DM Reasi chairs district level NCORD meet

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A meeting of the District Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) was convened today under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan at DC Office Complex here.

The primary agenda of meeting was to devise a comprehensive strategy to counter the menace of drug abuse in the district.

During the meeting, the DM reviewed the enforcement of measures taken to eliminate drug abuse and its peddling throughout the district.

He emphasized on the



importance of keeping regular check on poppy cultivation areas in the district and removing Cannabis sativa from roadside and other places.

One of the key decisions taken during the meeting was to use drug kits in schools and colleges to identify individuals trapped in drug abuse. He stressed the need for coordinated efforts by all stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, educational institutions and the community, to effectively combat drug abuse in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Chief Education Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, DFO, Dy. SP HQ, Tehsildar Bhomag and other officers.