

Nomination filing process commences for Baramulla PC

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In accordance with the Election schedule announced by Election Commission of India (ECI) for the conduct of Lok Sabha Elections-2024, the Returning Officer (RO), 01-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, Minga Sherpa today issued Election Notification for the upcoming Parliamentary Elections-2024 in the Baramulla Constituency. The RO, 01-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency held a press conference in this regard at his office chamber, here. During the briefing, the RO said that the Form-1 has been issued from the RO Office Baramulla and all the interested candidates who want to contest



Lok Sabha Election from 01-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency can file the nomination papers at the Deputy Commissioner's Office Baramulla. Minga Sherpa informed that the nomination filing period for Parliamentary Constituency commenced at 11:00 AM on April 26th and the window will remain open until 3:00 PM on 3rd May, allowing interested candidates to sub-

mit their nomination papers to contest the Lok Sabha Election. He said that the nomination forms would be scrutinized on 4th May here at the Office of the RO Baramulla, while the last date for the withdrawal of the nomination is set for 6th of May upto 3 pm. The Constituency is slated to go to the polls on 20th of May. Providing information on Parliamentary Con-

stituency, the RO stated that it comprises 2103 polling stations spread across 16 assembly constituencies of Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora districts and two assembly segments within Budgam District.

Minga Sherpa reassured that the administration has implemented comprehensive measures and followed guidelines of Election Commission of India at every step to ensure the conduct of elections in a free, fair, and transparent manner.

RO further said that arrangements have been meticulously put in place to ensure the availability of Assured Minimum Facilities (AMFs) at all the polling stations with special provisions for the voters with physical disabilities.

SVEEP programs held at Govt institutions in several Pulwama villages

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The Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiatives were today conducted with great enthusiasm and participation at two venues viz. HSS Panzgam and HSS Chakura, here.

The programs showcased a diverse array of activities aimed at fostering voter education and participation. Highlights included captivating cultural performances, energetic rallies, enchanting Kashmiri Chakri performances



by girl groups, and comprehensive voter awareness sessions.

The programmes witnessed participation of all stakeholders like local bodies, BLO, Aasha workers, lumberdars, Young voters, PWDs and Senior Citizens.

A painting competition and plantation drive were also carried out under the banners of SVEEP.

These events exemplify the District Administration's commitment to empowering citizens with the knowledge and resources necessary to exercise their democratic rights effectively.

DEO Gbl inspects arrangements at DCRC, visits several polling stations of Ganderbal AC

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In preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections, the District Election Officer (DEO) Ganderbal, Shyambir made a comprehensive field visit today to assess the readiness of the polling infrastructure within the Ganderbal Assembly Constituency (AC).

The inspection covered the Dispatch cum Receipt Centre (DCRC) at Government Degree College Ganderbal as well as several other polling stations across the constituency.

The DEO's visit focused on ensuring that all polling stations are equipped with Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) to ensure a smooth and accessible voting process for all electorate members.

He inspected the key facilities including the availability of ramps for wheelchair access, adequate drinking water facilities, proper electricity, toilet facility, and specialized facilities to Persons with Disabilities (PwD).



Shyambir emphasized the need for meticulous preparations to facilitate a transparent and hassle-free voting experience.

The DEO stated that our focus is to ensure that every voter has a fair and equitable voting experience. He gave necessary instructions and exhorted close coordination among concerned officials to ensure that facil-

ities at all polling stations meet the highest standards of accessibility and efficiency.

He thoroughly reviewed the arrangements at the Dispatch cum Receipt Centre, which plays a crucial role as the hub for dispatching poll parties and election materials to the polling stations within the 18-Ganderbal Assembly Segment.

The visit was part of a broader initiative to safeguard the integrity and efficiency of the electoral process. The DEO was accompanied by SSP Ganderbal, Sandeep Gupta, ACR/ARO of Ganderbal Assembly Constituency, Chief Education Officer and other officials, ensuring a coordinated approach towards a successful electoral exercise.

DLSA conducts OSC Bemina, DHEW Mission Shakti Srinagar

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The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, under the aegis of the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority and as per the plan of action for the month of April 2024, visited One Stop Centre (OSC) Bemina and District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Mission Shakti Srinagar, today under the guidance of Jawad Ahmed, Chairman (PDJ) DLSA Srinagar.

Jahangir Ahmed Bakshi, Secretary DLSA Srinagar along with Mukhtar Ahmed, District Social Welfare Srinagar, visited One Stop Centre (OSC) Bemina and District Hub for Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti Srinagar to assess the functioning and effectiveness of these facilities.



During the inspection, Adv. Asiya Farooq, In-charge OSC, Ruqaya, District Mission Coordinator of District Hub for Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti Srinagar, Adv. Zainab Amin Para Legal Lawyer, Rubina Shafi and Sabira Bashir, Case workers, Sehar Qureshi, counselor and other staff of OSC and other staff were present.

During the inspection, the team reviewed the functioning of the One Stop Centre and District Hub for Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti Srinagar. It also assessed the facilities and services provided by them and ensured compliance with legal provisions and standards and identified areas for improvement. During the inspection, it

was revealed that from December 2022 to April 2024, the OSC and DHEW have provided various services and facilities to 324 women who have been Survivors of violence in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Srinagar.

These services include counseling, legal aid, medical assistance, Self help, etc.

In addition, to this the availability of the National Helpline number 181 for women, which provides 24/7 support to women in distress and NALSA Helpline number 15100, which also offers assistance to women in need.

The inspection highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts to combat violence against women and the need to create a safe and supportive environment for them to access justice and rehabilitation.

DC Ramban visits land sinking site in village Parnote to assess damage

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today visited Village Parnote to assess damage to houses due to sinking of land there. He interacted with the affected families and inquired about their needs. He assured them every possible help from district administration.

The DC was accompanied by ADC, Varunjeet Singh Charak, Tehsildar, Deep Kumar, Tehsildar S. Harvir Singh and various concerned officers.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Tehsildar to process relief cases under SDRF and provide



assistance to affected families for the damaged houses.

It was informed that of 50 houses in affected area, 30 suffered damage and the affected families were

shifted to safer places. The displaced people were given tents, blankets, utensils and other essential items as instant relief.

The DC assured locals that a team of experts from

the Geological Survey would soon visit the site to ascertain the reasons behind the sinking of land.

The Deputy Commissioner said that restoration of essential services and road connectivity, besides ensuring immediate temporary provision of accommodation and ration to affected families is the priority of District Administration.

Responding swiftly to blockade on Ramban-Gool road at Parnote, the District Administration has opened the Sumber-Digdoal link road for light vehicles.

This initiative would ensure continued road connectivity with NH-44 and essential/emergency supply to Sub Division, Gool.

Empowering Democracy: YSS Ganderbal inspires Youth engagement through cycle race under SVEEP

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The Youth Services and Sports department Ganderbal under the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program 2024 orchestrated a zonal level cycle race for boys AAG in Zone Tullamulla of the district.

The race commenced at Baroosa Crossing, winding through the Central University of Kashmir road, culminating at GHSS Tullamulla amid applause and jubilation.

The event, aimed at fostering voter awareness among the youth, reiterated the motto, 'No Voter is to be left behind,' emphasizing the crucial role of every vote in the democratic fabric of the nation.



Over 150 enthusiastic students participated, exuding zeal and fervor throughout.

Meanwhile, in Zone Kangan, a spirited interschool zonal level Chess tournament for Boys U/14 years took place at MS Kijpara, witnessing the active involvement of

numerous enthusiastic students.

Additionally, GHS Shalabugh of Zone Ganderbal conducted a Voter Awareness program in the vicinity of the school.

Forest team seizes truck loaded with illicit firewood in Kathua

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A Team of Kathua Forest Range and FPF Gamma Unit seized a truck loaded with illicit firewood from Nagri area during late night naka checking.

As per DFO Kathua, during the intervening night of 25th and 26th April at about 11:30 PM, a joint naka laid by officials of Kathua Forest Range and FPF Gamma Unit Kathua with active cooperation of J&K Police Post Nagri, intercepted a Truck bearing Registration No. JK08D/8445. On its



checking, the Vehicle was found loaded with illicit green mixed B/L firewood/logs of species Kambel, Kikar, Dhaman, plash etc weighing around 50 Qtls.

Krishan Lal of village Mela Tehsil Hiranagar failed to produce any valid documents regarding the ownership as well as the transportation permission of the forest produce loaded in the truck. Consequently, the truck

along with forest produce was seized on the spot by forest team under section 52 of Indian Forest Act, 1927. However, the driver managed to escape. A case under section 41, 42, 69 and 69A R/W section 4(a, b) of Indian Forest Act, 1927 (amended upto 2020 for J and K) was registered by Range Office Kathua in the court of Authorised Officer Kathua (DFO Kathua).

The operation was carried under the direct supervision of Range Forest Officer Kathua Narinder Verma and overall supervision of Divisional Forest Officer Kathua Dr. Rajan Singh.

DC Bandipora chairs Road Safety meeting

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The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman on Friday convened a meeting of District Road Safety Committee at Mini Secretariat Bandipora to discuss various pressing concerns of road safety in the district.

The meeting deliberated upon various points, including raising awareness about road safety, black spot identification and rectification, erection of crash barriers, road widening, etc.

Executive Engineer R&B, Bandipora, who is also Member Secretary, District Road Safety Committee, apprised the meeting about different pro-



jects undertaken. Speaking on the occasion, DC emphasized awareness initiatives to promote safe driving practices among all road users.

He stressed on the Motor Vehicle Department, Police and Urban Local Bodies to ensure joint and collaborative efforts for effective implementation

of road safety initiatives in the district.

To avoid traffic congestion in the main market, DC asked ARTO Bandipora, Traffic Police and other concerned people to devise a plan for one-way traffic in the main market and take proactive measures to avoid road side parking.

He also instructed the concerned officers to install crash barriers, signages, and traffic signals to address road safety concerns comprehensively.

Among others, the meeting was attended by ADC Umar Shafi Pandit, ARTO Anees Ahmad, Ex. Engineer R&B Asadullah Najar, Ex. Engineer PMGSY Mohammad Husain, DySP Ahmad Shaafi and other concerned.