

## Lt Governor reviews functioning of Cooperative Department

**SRINAGAR, MAY 07 :** Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Cooperative Department.

The Lt Governor took appraisal of the interventions and Schemes in Cooperative Sector including the progress achieved in establishing Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). He reviewed the functioning of Cooperative Banks, Cooperative Training & Educational Institutions, Societies and Cooperative Super Bazaars.

The Lt Governor appraised measures taken for modernization and upgradation of existing Super Bazaars, with a focus on devising a comprehensive roadmap to strengthen these essential retail hubs. He called for exploring avenues for enhancing the infrastructure, services, and market reach of Super Bazaars to better serve the consumers and promote economic growth. He said the dedica-

tion, determination, faith and collective efforts of cooperatives will pave the way to prosperity.

The meeting also reviewed the functioning of

ment to citizen-centric governance.

He directed the officials to take effective steps to address the issues pertaining to pesticide distribution and

the cooperative sector, the Lt Governor said.

Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Sh. Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; Sh B.



Common Service Centers (CSCs). The Lt Governor directed for ensuring CSCs compliance with regulatory standards.

He emphasized the importance of enhancing transparency and accountability in the delivery of services through CSCs, reaffirming the administration's commit-

underlined the need for stringent quality control measures to safeguard farmers' interests.

Collaborative efforts between the government, cooperatives, and other stakeholders are must to streamline processes, enhance service delivery, and promote inclusive growth in

Sridhar, CGM NABARD; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Sh Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Ms. Babila Rakwal, Secretary to Government, Cooperative Department, representatives of RBI and other senior officials attended the meeting.

## SSP Traffic RP Singh Conducts Special Drive to Address Traffic Violations In Sumbal Bandipora

**Bandipora, 07 May :** In a proactive move to tackle traffic violations, the Traffic Police, led by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic Rural Kashmir Ravinder Pal Singh Besides him DySP Traffic Gulzar Ahamd and other officials conducted a specialized enforcement drive in the Sumbal town area of North Kashmir's Bandipora district on Tuesday.

SSP Traffic Rural Kashmir Ravinder Pal Singh while speaking to reporters said that a special routine drive was conducted today in Sumbal Bandipora to raise awareness among the public and deter traffic violators.

He further said the drive focused on curbing overloading, speeding, lack of helmets, absence of seat

belts, and non-possession of valid documents.



The focus on these violations comes amid a recent

rise in fatal accidents caused by speeding and over-

motorists violating traffic rules. SSP Traffic urged the public to adhere to traffic laws, especially regarding overloading, speeding, helmet usage, and proper documentation.

Singh also warned school bus drivers and owners to adhere to traffic guidelines, he also said that private vehicles operating as school buses will be strictly dealt with.

He also said our efforts are aimed at reducing traffic accidents and ensuring smooth traffic flow in both urban and rural areas.

SSP RP Singh requested parents not allow their children to drive and warned of strict action against the parents whose children would be found involved in any traffic violations.

## India Alliance will be formed Govt. on 4 June , Wave of change across the country

### BJP breathless in Kashmir & Maharashtra :- Sahni

**Mumbai, May 07 :** In the first three phases of the Lok Sabha elections, a wave of saving democracy, constitution and getting rid of the politics of hatred and arrogance has been seen among the people, there are signs of it being at its peak in Maharashtra. It is certain that the India Alliance government will be formed on 4 June, stated by Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni, under whose leadership a team of the party Jammu-Kashmir unit has been engaged in campaigning in favour of India Alliance , Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders for the last three days.

Sahni said that BJP could not muster the courage to field even a single candidate in Kashmir, in the name of which it has been baking its political bread in the entire

country, which proves that BJP has been completely rejected in Kashmir. Sahni said that during the door-to-door campaign in Mumbai,

the lies being spread by BJP about Jammu and Kashmir.

Both the states have fallen prey to BJP's conspiracies. Jammu and Kashmir,

employment and peace have proved to be hollow. Political instability was also created in Maharashtra. Shiv Sena and NCP were divided into two parts.

Industries of Maharashtra are being shifted. Sahni further said that a lot of anger has been seen against NDA in Maharashtra. BJP which is dreaming of sailing its boat with the help of traitor groups of Shiv Sena and NCP, which are sure to be shattered.

Today, these leaders campaigned in favour of party candidate and Rajya Sabha MP Anil Desai from Mumbai South Central. Along with this, they met party candidate and Rajya Sabha MP Anil Desai at Sena Bhavan and presented him with the best wishes of victory and presented him with the prasad and chunari of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.



Maharashtra , the people have shown signs of resentment and change.

He said that during his campaign, they are exposing

which is called the crown of the country, was divided into two parts and its statehood was taken away. All the claims of development,

## SDM Sumbal Flags Off Tonga Rally under Sweep to Boost Voter Engagement

**Hajin, May 07 :** Assistant Returning Officer 14-Sonawari, Amir Choudhary, in the presence of AERO, DySP Hajin, EO MC Hajin flagged off the first-of-its-kind Tonga Rally from Hajin bridge to Kathpora on Tuesday. The rally aimed at enhancing voter awareness and inspiring people to actively participate in the Lok Sabha Elections on May 20th in the Baramulla parliamentary constituency.

The unique Tonga rally, which passed through the main town of Hajin before culminating at the Kathpora,

garnered widespread participation from the local community, emphasizing the importance of maximum participation in the electoral process.

Speaking to reporters during the rally, the ARO said that the goal of organizing these events and rallies is to promote electoral literacy and spread awareness of the election process, thereby empowering the electorate, especially the first-time voters, to actively participate in the elections. "We want maximize participation in the electoral process, and the fre-



quency of such activities will only intensify as the polling day for 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency

approaches. The rally was attended by Principal GHSS Hajin, SHO Hajin, students, and other senior officers.

## One Day Awareness Programme Organized by Civil Defence, Jammu

**Jammu, May 07 :** One day awareness programme was held at Border Memorial Presentation Convent Public School Makwal, Jammu which was organized by Civil Defence, Jammu under the supervision of I/C Dy. Controller Civil Defence Jammu. Awareness about the basic knowledge of First Aid, Fire fighting especially as per the advisory from NDMA for heat wave 2024, the students/teachers were made aware about heat wave risk and reduction. Students/teachers were also made aware of all possible ways to avoid heatstroke during summer season.

The main aim of the

awareness programme was to educate students with regard to preventive measures during summer season.

On the occasion Sh. Rakesh Sharma, Chairman of the Convent School appreciated and thanked the Civil Defence team for organizing such programme.

Sh. Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Sh. R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu, Sh. Yash Paul, Vice-Principal of the School, Sh. Raj Kumar, Post Warden Civil Defence, Jammu and Sh. Sahil Sharma, representative of the DC office, Jammu present on the occasion.



## CS inaugurates 'SBI e-Corner' inside Civil Sectt campus

**SRINAGAR, MAY 7 :** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today inaugurated State Bank of India (SBI) developed e-Corner outside legislative assembly complex inside the campus housing it along with Civil Secretariat here.

The corner is a smart space housing the Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) of the bank besides having the facility to extend different products like credit cards, opening of bank accounts and others offered by this largest public sector bank of the country.

Dulloo called it a very welcome step towards provisioning financial services under one roof by the country's largest and trusted bank. He anticipated that many more features of digital bank-

ing would get added to this point of contact in future.

This point of contact des-

ignated as 'SBI e-Corner' is a compact place where thousands of employees working in the twin complexes of Civil Secretariat and Legislative Assembly besides

visitors to these offices there. On the occasion the bank authorities present gave out

clock. It was further detailed out that these facilities are syn-



## Postal Ballot Voting begins in Budgam segments under Srinagar PC

**BUDGAM, MAY 07 :** The process of postal ballot voting began today at Budgam, marking an important step in ensuring that all eligible voters, especially employees in essential services who may not be able to attend polling stations on election day, have the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights. To oversee the smooth execution of the postal ballot voting at Boys

Higher Secondary School Budgam, the District Election Officer Budgam, Akshay Labroo visited the facilitation centre for postal ballot. The DEO underscored the commitment to ensuring a free and fair voting process for all eligible voters.

He said, the facilitation centre is well-organized, providing a streamlined process for employees on essential duty to cast their votes and to

strengthen democracy. As per the guidelines of ECI, the District Administration has worked diligently to assist voters to cast their vote via postal ballot while maintaining the required guidelines of the postal ballot system, he added. He said the initiation of postal ballot voting in Budgam demonstrates inclusive participation of all in the electoral process.

The DEO said that as the voting period at the Postal Voting Centre continues for three consecutive days for the segments falling under Srinagar PC i.e., 7th, 8th and 9th of May, District Administration Budgam will maintain its efforts. Meanwhile, employees from essential service departments of the District were seen actively and enthusiastically participating in casting their vote.

## Com Secretary I&C interacts with industry stakeholders, discusses industrial sector rejuvenation measures

**SRINAGAR, MAY 7:** In a significant move to revitalize the industrial landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, the Industries and Commerce Department convened a high level interactive session on Tuesday with representatives from prominent industrial associations under the chairmanship of Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce (I&C), Vikramjeet Singh.

The session witnessed active engagement with representatives from prominent industrial associations, underscoring the government's commitment to addressing the pressing challenges faced by industrial units in the region.

Prominent industrial bodies, including The Federation of Industries Kashmir (FCIK), The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), seized the opportunity to articulate their concerns and submit memoranda outlining critical issues.

These issues, ranging from the situation of sick units to the need for marketing support and financial assistance, were carefully listened to. Valuable suggestions were also put forth to enhance the industrial

ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir by the representatives of Industrial associations. I&C Commissioner Secretary emphasized several

aims to empower businesses in promoting their products and services, thereby expanding their market reach and bolstering revenue

mentation of government schemes thereby contributing towards overall economic development of Jammu and Kashmir.



key initiatives undertaken by the administration to support industrial growth and address the challenges faced by industrial units in the region. He highlighted The Raising and Accelerating MSME Productivity (RAMP) program, which is a World Bank supported initiative by the Government of India to help micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) improve their productivity and competitiveness.

The Commissioner Secretary affirmed that the government is actively considering the importance of providing marketing assistance to industrial units, a matter currently under discussion with senior officials. This forthcoming support

streams, he added. He underscored the necessity of forging partnerships with additional financial institutions, such as Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), to diversify the financial support available to industrial units. This strategic collaboration with NBFCs will offer industrial units access to a spectrum of financing solutions, including loans, lines of credit, and bespoke financial products tailored to their unique requirements.

The Commissioner Secretary reiterated that the ongoing dialogue between the industrial stakeholders and the government aims to bridge communication gaps and ensure effective imple-

Among others the meeting was attended by Director JKTP, Khalid Jahangir Managing; Director, Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir, Mehmood Shah; Managing Director SICO/SIDCO, Inderjeet; Director Industries & Commerce Jammu, Arun Manhas; Director Industries & Commerce Kashmir, Khalid Majeed; Managing Director Handloom and Handicraft Corporation, Atul Sharma; Joint Director Industries & Commerce Kashmir, Zahoor Ahmad Magray; Joint Director Handicraft & Handloom Department Kashmir and Deputy Secretary, I&C and other officials of I&C Department.

## Lok Sabha Elections-2024 CEO visits Pulwama; participates in multiple activities envisaging enhanced voter turnout

**PULWAMA, MAY 7 :** Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, today participated in multiple activities during his visit to Pulwama conducted to oversee district's preparedness for the Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

The CEO conducted a comprehensive review of poll preparedness and security arrangements being put in place for the general elections. He asked the Nodal Officers to ensure meticulous execution of election plans, emphasizing the importance of strict adherence to the prescribed electoral protocols.

Reviewing the status of commissioning of EVMs and training of designated staff, the CEO stressed on ensuring comprehensive hands on training aimed at familiarizing the poll staff with the operation and maintenance of EVMs. He also asked the AROs to ensure proper uploading of data on EMS.

The CEO directed for wide publicity of election related activities including SVEEP awareness events for encouragement of general public to vote and register highest voter turnout in the district. He urged upon everyone to exercise their voting right at the nearest polling station, emphasizing

the pivotal role of every vote in shaping the democratic set up in a nation. He reiterated the significance of voter participation in strengthening democracy.

On the occasion, cultural performances including Nukkad Natak, Ladai Shah, and SVEEP song, aimed at instilling the value of voting and fostering civic responsi-

station attendance, the CEO emphasized the need for widespread publicity regarding the home voting options so that no eligible voter is deprived of his democratic right.



P K Pole also participated in the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program held at the Government Women's Degree College in Pulwama. He inaugurated various sports activities during the programme including badminton, carrom, tug of war, kho kho, chess and a signature campaign.

ability among the citizens. The CEO also reviewed the arrangements for the Dispatch Cum Receipt Centre across the district to ensure seamless logistics during the election process. Recognizing the importance of facilitating voting for individuals who may face mobility challenges or other barriers to traditional polling

The CEO took stock of arrangements in place in the designated polling stations at Pinglana, Kakapora, and Pampore, with a focus on ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for youth, women, and persons with disabilities (PwD).

Earlier, District Election Officer (DEO), Dr Basharat Qayoom, through a PowerPoint Presentation, presented the district profile and overall arrangements in place for free, fair and smooth conduct of elections in the district. He said that all ECI guidelines are being implemented in letter and spirit in the district and efforts are being made to ensure maximum participation of voters in the festival of democracy. He also briefed about the functioning of MCMC, deployment of SST, FST, VVT and teams, arrangements for senior citizens and PwDs voters in the district. SSPs of Pulwama and Awantipora, briefed about overall security arrangements being put in place for smooth conduct of elections in the district.