

## Chief Electoral Officer reviews poll preparedness in Budgam.



**BUDGAM, March 25:** Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. Shantmanu today convened a meeting here to review preparedness for Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency bye polls in the district.

District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Budgam, Mir Altaf Ahmad, briefed the gathering about preparations in the district for bye-elections.

He said that 547 polling stations at 414 locations have been set up, out of which 411 are hypersensitive and 136 are sensitive in the district. He further said that the district has 456276 general registered voters including 3897 migrant voters, 9492 SC/ST and 1043 physically challenged ones, while as EPIC Coverage is 93 percent in Budgam.

The meeting was informed that first phase of EVM training has already been completed. Besides, various AROs and nodal officers appointed for smooth conduct of the elections explained their activities in detail viz EVM Training, Communication, Transport Plan, etc.

On the occasion, the CEO commended the district administration for their proactiveness and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements put in place. The CEO reiterated employees to ensure they remain bipartisan in the entire exercise. He urged the concerned to ensure presence of representatives from various political parties in all exercises especially mock polls, randomization, etc.

Earlier, Chief Education Officer Budgam (Nodal Officer SVEEP) explained in detail the activities undertaken under SVEEP and exhorted upon the gathered students to exercise their franchise.

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Budgam.**