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STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: On the eve of Diwali, JK Public School, Kunjwani felicitated its supporting staff for their dedicated, invaluable and selfless services to the school.

The Member of Management, Neelam Daluja led the initiative alongwith Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore and School Coordinator Inderjeet Kaur, distributing Diwali gifts to supporting

staff of the school i.e drivers, maids, plumbers, helpers, and other essential workers. She expressed gratitude for their selfless service and wished them prosperity, happiness, and a joyous Diwali.

"We recognize the vital role, our support staff plays in maintaining the school's daily operations," said Neelam Daluja. "Their hard work and dedication are invaluable, and we are honored to acknowledge their

contributions", she added. Addressing the support staff on the occasion, Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore said, "As we approach the festive season of Diwali, I want to take a moment to express my

heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable role you play in the success of our institution. Your unsurpassed dedication, hard work, and commitment are the pillars on which our school stands strong".

"This Diwali, as we celebrate the triumph of light over darkness, I hope that each one of you is blessed with happiness, health, and prosperity. May the festival of lights bring warmth to your hearts and illuminate your lives with joy and fulfillment", he concluded. This heartfelt gesture reflects JK Public School's commitment to appreciating and rewarding its staff, fostering a sense of community and inclusiveness.

GGM Science College observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas with Unity Pledge



GGM Science College faculty and students taking pledge on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

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JAMMU: The NSS units and Department of Biotechnology of GGM Science College observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and celebrating the enduring values of unity, integrity, and national pride. This event brought together students, faculty, and staff members in a shared commitment to foster national unity and uphold India's diverse cultural heritage. Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the college presided over the event, encouraging participants to draw inspiration from Sardar Patel's vision of a united India. He emphasised that Rashtriya Ekta Diwas serves as a call for all citizens to support a harmonious, inclusive society where diversity is valued and

collective progress is prioritized. The gathering included distinguished faculty members Dr. Arti Sharma, Dr. Nisha Slathia, Prof. Kiran Bala, Dr. Anit Bali, Prof. Arvind, Prof. Bal Krishan, Prof. Brinder, Dr. Pankaj Mansotra, Prof. Reetika Rani and Dr. Sapna. They shared their insights on Sardar Patel's ideals of unity and the need for a proactive approach toward strengthening community bonds. Their messages highlighted the importance of tolerance, mutual respect and a shared vision for the nation's growth. A highlight of the ceremony was the unity pledge, led by NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma. Together, students, faculty, and staff solemnly pledged to uphold the principles of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, dedicating themselves to national integration and harmony.

QFs line up drawn in Senior Snooker

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: With Ishuk Choudhary, Ishan Sharma and Vikrant winning their respective matches today, quarterfinals position has been cleared in Senior Snooker event of the ongoing 29th Jammu District Billiards and Snooker Championship at Billiards



Hall, MA Stadium, here. In today's scheduled matches the results prolonged, the reason being close contests in all the four games.

District Rifle Association congratulates Raveena on winning bronze medal at NZ Shooting C'ship

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: The District Rifle Association of Reasi congratulated Raveena Jangid on securing a bronze medal in the Junior Women's 50m Rifle Prone event at the North Zone (NZ) Shooting Championship 2024, held at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi. Raveena, a dedicated shooter from the SMVD Sports Club in Katra and a registered player with the District Rifle Association Reasi, has demonstrated exceptional skill and determination throughout her journey. Her remarkable achievement has brought immense pride to the district and serves as an inspiration to young athletes across Jammu & Kashmir. The District President of Reasi and Joint Secretary of the Jammu & Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA), Manu Partap Singh Wazir,



Raveena Jangid securing bronze medal in shooting championship.

along with JKRA member Rahul Bakshi and Dr Sourabh Kesar (VP RRA) extended their heartfelt congratulations to Raveena. They expressed gratitude to Anshul Garg, CEO of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, and Dhruv Gupta, Director of Sports at SMVD Sports Club, for their unwavering support and for providing world-class training facilities at the SMVD range. They also appreciated the J&K Rifle Association for their efforts to promote and guide young shooting talent in the region. Special appreciation was also given to Coach Rajesh Virdhy (JKRA) and Jagdeep Kumar, Coach at SMVD Sports Complex, Katra, for their invaluable guidance and commitment in helping Raveena achieve this milestone.

State Taxes Enforcement Wing intensifies crackdown on GST violations in High Tax-Prone Commodity Tobacco; imposes penalty exceeding Rs 37 lakh

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: The State Taxes Department's Enforcement Wing has launched a rigorous enforcement drive in Samba aimed at curbing GST violations, focusing specifically on the high tax-prone commodity of tobacco. Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner of State Taxes (Enforcement), Samba, Sanjay Gupta and the dedicated efforts of STO Raj Kumar Badgal, STO Kanchan Bala, Inspectors Jagandeep Singh and Sami Ullah, Sub-Inspector Ashish Bruno Khokhar, the department has imposed substantial penalties totaling Rs 37,37,358 against defaulters involved in GST violations in the month of October. This intensified crackdown comes under the strategic oversight and guidance of Commissioner of State Taxes P.K. Bhat and Additional Commissioner (Enforcement and Administration) Namrata Dogra. Focus on High-Risk Commodity, Tobacco: The enforcement team targeted the



tobacco sector, recognized as a high-risk commodity for GST evasion due to its high tax rate and widespread market demand. One notable penalty of Rs 9,13,200 was levied in a significant case involving GST violations on tobacco, reinforcing the department's focus on curbing tax evasion within this sector. In the month of October, the Enforcement Wing verified over 36,000 e-way bills, conducting thorough checks to prevent discrepancies and irregularities. This large-scale operation demonstrates the department's commitment to ensuring that goods transported across the region comply with GST regulations. The Enforcement Wing has established 24/7 checkpoints (Nakas) across strategic locations in Samba. These checkpoints enable the team to conduct regular inspections, improving the department's ability to detect and deter non-compliance in real-time. The department is leveraging data analytics and intelligence reports to prioritize high-risk routes and commodities, ensuring targeted and efficient enforcement. Commending the efforts of the officers and personnel involved, Commissioner of State Taxes, expressed his appreciation for the team's dedication and vigilance. He noted, "This enforcement drive high-

lights the State Taxes Department's commitment to eliminating tax evasion, particularly in high-risk commodities like tobacco. These actions are essential to maintaining a transparent and compliant tax environment." Additional Commissioner (Enforcement and Administration), Namrata Dogra, also praised the comprehensive enforcement measures. She emphasized that the proactive use of analytics and on-ground inspections plays a vital role in ensuring compliance. "The success of this operation underscores the importance of coordinated and data-driven approaches to enforcement. Our commitment to combating GST violations is unwavering, and we are prepared to take all necessary steps to safeguard the state's revenue." The department is confident that such stringent measures will not only ensure greater revenue collection but also contribute significantly to maintaining fair market practices across the region.

Satish Sharma calls for making PDS more transparent, people friendly

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Satish Sharma on Wednesday took maiden review of the Department. Minister for Rural Development, Javid Ahmad Dar was also present in the meeting. At the outset, Commissioner Secretary Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Zubair Ahmad presented an overview of the functioning of the Department with stress on reforms and new initiatives. While apprising the Minister about various schemes presently in vogue in J&K for beneficiaries, he informed that there are 25.11 lakh ration card holders in J&K covering 99 lakh beneficiaries with 100 percent Aadhaar Seeding. He added that in order to ensure that no eligible beneficiary remains out of PDS coverage, the Department has brought nearly 8.66 lakh beneficiaries under PDS network during last two years including left out JK Registrants on e-shram portal. He further apprised that the department



Minister for FCS&CA, Satish Sharma chairing a meeting.

has emphasized for inclusion of children borne during 2011 to 2016, under PDS and for convenience of beneficiaries, the department has identified locations for opening of new FPS and further action as per policy in being initiated shortly in consultation with NIC for opening of these FPSs. The Minister was also apprised that the Public Distribution System in J&K is built around a strong and widespread network of 6630 ration shops and ePoS devices have been installed in all the sale outlets across J&K and the distribution process is fully automated with Aadhaar authentication rate of 95% in transactions. Of these PoS machines, 6366 are working in an online mode. The Minister was further

made by the department to make the Public Distribution System more transparent and people friendly, Satish Sharma stressed to take all possible steps in coordination with GoI for further augmenting food requirements of people, particularly the vulnerable sections and make the system more convenient and hassle-free for the beneficiaries. The Minister further impressed that the department shall take every possible step for ensuring that every deserving beneficiary shall be covered under the PDS. Satish Sharma said the present government is committed to ensure that all citizen of J&K get all benefits under the Public Distribution System and no deserving soul is left out. The meeting was attended by Anuradha Gupta, Controller Legal Metrology, Abdul Rashid War, Director, FCS&CA, Kashmir, Rifat Kohli, Director, FCS&CA, Jammu, Anjani Kumar, State Level Coordinator Oil Industry, J&K, State Informatics Officer NIC J&K and other senior officers of the concerned Department.