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STATE TIMES

Director Agriculture Kashmir kick-starts onion seedling

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Kashmir; Sartaj Ahmad Shah today kick started sale of onion seedling at Kitchen Garden Lalmandi, Srinagar.

During interaction with the farmers and kitchen garden lovers Director Agriculture said that Department is vigorously enduring to attract more and more farmers and kitchen garden lovers towards the vegetable sector.

He further said that department is producing seedlings of different vegetable crops in hi-tech poly houses under con-

trolled conditions in all the districts of Kashmir division and the seedlings would be distributed among the farming community of the region in a phased manner so that the produce reaches market in a way where it could fetch the farmer maximum possible returns.

He expressed satisfaction and said that Department has already met with the target of providing seedlings of different vegetable crops to the farming community of the region.

Highlighting the ongoing Rabi season activities, the Director said the depart-

ment is working to bring maximum area under cultivation of different crops, while also linking agricultural produce with the market chain through a well-devised strategy to safeguard farmers' interests.

"The Department is committed to producing and providing quality vegetable seedlings, as quality planting material plays a pivotal role in the overall success of agricultural enterprises," he added.

On the occasion, Joint Director agriculture extension kashmir; seed production officer kashmir and some senior officers of the department were also present.

DC Ramban reviews progress of developmental works across key sectors



DC Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan chairing meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today directed the executing agencies and stakeholder departments to resolve public grievances on priority, especially those related to basic amenities and developmental works. He also reviewed the progress of the projects being implemented under the District Capex Budget and other developmental schemes.

The Deputy Commissioner issued the directions while reviewing the action taken by the departments on issues raised during his recent public

outreach programmes held across the Subdivisions Gool, Banihal, Ramsoo and other tehsils of the district.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Shokat Hayat Mattoo; Assistant Commissioner Development Sheraz Ahmed; Executive Engineers, AEEs and other officers from PWD, PMGSY, REW and allied departments.

Referring to the limited working season and approaching winters, the DC instructed departments, particularly the Rural Engineering Wing (REW) and PWD R&B, to

expedite allotment and initiation of allotted works to ensure their timely completion. He emphasized strict adherence to quality standards particularly in roads and other infrastructure projects.

The DC further directed REW to ensure early retendering of remaining works and start of allotted works. He also reviewed the status of developmental projects of Urban Local Bodies, Youth Services & Sports, Education and Revenue departments.

Underlining the importance of effective utilization of funds, the Deputy Commissioner directed the executing agencies to achieve their financial and physical targets within the stipulated time frame.

Providing feedback, the officers highlighted the bottlenecks impeding progress on certain projects. The DC addressed most of these issues on the spot by issuing necessary directions to the concerned officers for immediate redressal, ensuring smooth implementation of developmental initiatives across the district.

CBC organises mega outreach Programme on Viksit Bharat at Tyakshi, Leh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
LEH: The Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Field Office Srinagar, organised a Mega Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme cum Photo Exhibition on Viksit Bharat, Swachhata, Mission LiFE, New Criminal Laws, and Vigilance Awareness at the Army Goodwill School, Tyakshi, Turtuk, Leh.



The programme aimed to raise awareness about India's developmental journey under Viksit Bharat, promote environmental protection, encourage adoption of sustainable lifestyle practices, and spread awareness on the New Criminal Laws and Vigilance Awareness.

Resource persons from various departments including District Administration Leh, Education, Forest, Rural Development, Municipality, Army, and Police addressed the programme,

highlighting the importance of sustainability, education, environmental protection, waste management, and law-abiding civic behaviour. They also elaborated on key welfare schemes of the Government of India aimed at inclusive development.

Speaking on the occasion, Ghulam Abbas, Director, CBC J&K & Ladakh Region, underlined the pivotal role of CBC in disseminating information about government initiatives. He said that CBC, as the nodal

agency for field outreach, regularly organises such programmes in remote and border areas to ensure that government welfare schemes reach the grass-roots level.

Chief Guest, Col. Lakshay Baniyal, Sena Medal, Commanding Officer, 3 Kumaon Rifles, Tyakshi, appreciated CBC for conducting an awareness programme in a remote border region of Ladakh. He emphasised that such initiatives play a vital role in informing and educating people about government schemes and urged participants to adopt healthy and sustainable lifestyle practices to contribute to nation-building.

Field Publicity Officer, CBC Srinagar, and Nodal Officer of the Exhibition, Naseer Ahmad Rather, said that CBC's outreach activi-

ties are aimed at sensitising the younger generation about India's progress under Viksit Bharat and inspiring citizens to embrace sustainable living. He reiterated CBC's commitment to effective information dissemination to ensure that the benefits of government programmes reach every citizen.

ZEPO Nubra, Sonam Tsephhel, stressed the need for community engagement and judicious use of natural resources for sustainable development, while Mohammad Hassan from the Rural Development Department highlighted various government schemes for rural upliftment, emphasising public participation in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Mohammad Ali from the Police Department spoke on the New Criminal Laws, explaining their citizen-centric approach focused on welfare and timely justice delivery. Resource persons from the Forest and Education Departments discussed environmental conservation and Mission LiFE, urging students to adopt eco-friendly habits and protect natural resources.

As part of the event, an open quiz, painting, drawing, and debate competition were organised, and winners were felicitated with mementoes and certificates. A Shramdaan drive was also conducted to reinforce the message of cleanliness.

The programme concluded with participants taking a Swachhata Pledge, committing themselves to sustainable living and contributing to the peace and prosperity of the nation.

Ajatshatru condemns removal of Maharaja Pratap Singh's name from JMC website; Asks Govt to rectify mistake

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former minister; Ajatshatru Singh, has strongly condemned the removal of the name of Maharaja Pratap Singh-the visionary Dogra ruler-from the official website of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC).

Expressing deep anguish over the development, the former minister said that such an act is not merely a clerical error but a disrespect to the glorious Dogra history and a direct insult to the Maharaja who gave Jammu its civic identity.

"Flood Ke Baad Paani Nahi, Barish Ke Baad Bijli Nahi-Ye Sab Toh Sab Jaayenge, but this deliberate erasure of our heritage is unacceptable," he remarked.

In a press release issued here today, Ajatshatru Singh reminded that the Jammu Municipal Committee (now Corporation) was founded in 1886 by Maharaja Pratap Singh, whose visionary leadership laid the foundation of modern civic administration in Jammu.

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Maharaja Pratap Singh's name and rightful acknowledgment on all official platforms and records.

He further said that the Dogra legacy must be preserved and respected, as it represents centuries of sacrifice, service, and state-building that shaped Jammu and Kashmir. "It is unfortunate that even in Jammu, where the Dogra rulers are revered, their contributions are being sidelined. This is not acceptable to any self-respecting Dogra," he said.

Ajatshatru Singh said, "The present government must ensure that the historical truth is upheld and the credit of founding the Jammu Municipal Committee remains forever with Maharaja Pratap Singh-the great Dogra ruler who gave Jammu its civic soul."

NC intensifies campaign in Nagrota, give tough and befitting reply to BJP: Sadhotra

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Leaders of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) held a series of public meetings at Jandiylal in Mathwar Block and Baran in Bhalwal Block in the Nagrota constituency, seeking support for the party's candidate, Shamim Begum, in the upcoming Nagrota by-elections.

Addressing the gatherings, NC Additional General Secretary Ajay Sadhotra urged party workers to give a tough fight to the "divisive forces" attempting to polarize people on the basis of caste, creed, religion, and region.

He appealed to the electorate to support and vote the party's candidate,

Shamim Begum, lauding her previous tenure as DDC Dhansal as "impeccable and inclusive." "She is a respected leader who works for everyone, irrespective of caste, creed, region, or religion."

Her work speaks for itself. I am confident that if she is given a chance, she will take Nagrota to new heights of development," Sadhotra said.

In her address, Shameem Begum expressed gratitude to the party leadership for their trust and assured that, if elected, she would work to translate Omar Abdullah's vision and mission into reality on the ground.

"The NC's vision of development is inclusive, unlike the BJP, which lacks even

a coherent development agenda. The BJP thrives on division and misinformation. People have witnessed how their leaders went missing during recent calamities-it was the NC leadership, our provincial leaders, and our ministers who stood with the people," she said.

She further asserted that the National Conference restored Jammu's pride by reinstating the Darbar Move, which had been discontinued by the BJP.

"The NC is committed to undoing the injustices inflicted during the BJP's eleven years of misrule. We are dedicated to empowering small traders, generating employment, restoring people's rights, and preserving Jammu's rich cul-

tural heritage," she added.

Among those who were present in the meeting included: Babu Rampal former minister and Central Zone President, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Raghbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Joginder Singh Kaku DDC Nagrota, Vijay Laxami Datta senior leader, Dilshad Malik Vice President Central Zone, Ch. Rehmat Ali former BDC Chairman, Thoru Ram Block President, Balwant Singh Block President, Ashok Singh, Devinder Singh, Ajay Singh and others.

Mandhana, Rawal help India outgun NZ by 53 runs; qualify for Women's World Cup semifinals

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NAVI MUMBAI: Smriti Mandhana (105) and Pratika Rawal (122) struck regal hundreds as a reinvigorated India outclassed New Zealand by a sumptuous 53-run margin to power-walk into the Women's World Cup semi-finals here on Thursday.

Under pressure after losing three successive games, India regained its batting mojo at the perfect juncture to join reigning champions Australia, England and South Africa in the last four. Centurions Mandhana and Rawal received splendid support from Jemimah Rodrigues' brisk 76 not out, as the hosts piled up 340 for three in 49 overs during a rain-affected contest.

New Zealand was asked to chase 325 in 44 overs under the DLS method, but they could only make 271 for eight. Brooke Halliday top-scored for them with 81 (84 balls, 9x4s, 1x6s).

Chasing the mammoth target, New Zealand needed their off-colour opening pair of Suzie Bates (1) and Georgia Plimmer (30) to come good but another forgettable outing for the former gave India an early breakthrough.

Kranti Goud's delivery skidded off the surface and caught Bates by surprise. Her almighty swing lobbed it towards Rawal and she made a simple grab at covers.

Plimmer and Amelia Kerr (45) put on 50 runs for the second wicket but could not provide the impetus New Zealand needed to put pressure back on India. Renuka Singh (2/25) returned for the second spell and did not take long in putting New Zealand in disarray.

After having Plimmer drag one onto her wickets, she produced her trademark in-swinger which beat an in-form Sophie Devine's (6) defence to crash into middle and leg stumps, reducing the visitors to 59 for three.



Halliday fought hard as she forged vital stands with Amelia Kerr (45), Maddy Green (18) and Isabella Gaze (65 not out, 51 balls, 10x4s), but the asking rate kept moving beyond New Zealand's reach.

Earlier, imperious hundreds by Mandhana and Rawal along with Rodrigues' rapid knock fired India to a daunting total.

India's progression was affected by a rain break which caused a 90 minutes delay, and the contest was truncated to 49 overs per side.

But this time India set aside their iffy batting form, and cashed in on a benign track to register the highest score of the tournament.

Rawal made it count with her first World Cup hundred, which was made in a conventional manner, while forging two big partnerships -- a record 212 runs with Mandhana for the first wicket and 76 runs with Rodrigues for the second.

Rodrigues, who was dropped from the last match as India favoured a sixth bowler, unleashed a flurry of fours to make the fastest fifty of this World Cup from 39 balls, eventually finishing with a 55-ball 76 with 11 fours. Mandhana (109 off 95 balls,

10x4s, 4x6s) looked to be peaking at the right time with her third World Cup ton, first of this edition, with a spectacular six over cover off spinner Eden Carson, giving early indications of her prime form.

In hot and humid conditions, Mandhana and Rawal did not take too long to make New Zealand realise that perhaps it wasn't the right call to ask India bat first.

While New Zealand began well with tidy spells, it all unravelled soon for the White Ferns who were sent on a leather hunt.

Mandhana's 14th ODI ton was also her fifth in this calendar year as she also moved closer to breaking Australian great Meg Lanning's record for most ODI centuries for any player (15).

With a resolute Rawal in tow, Mandhana raced to her third consecutive fifty in the 18th over and also brought up their century stand, which was their seventh overall in only 23 innings.

In fact, the partnership of 212 for the first wicket was not only the best for any wicket across the eight teams in this World Cup, but also for any wicket for India in World Cup history.

Rawal proved her credentials as a perfect foil to Mandhana, displaying commendable resolve to make her maiden World Cup ton and second three-figure knock overall.

The right-hander also displayed her intent to make it count with a big contribution even though she had 63 dot balls in her 134-ball 122, which was studded with 13 fours and two sixes. She eventually walked back in the 43rd over.

Rodrigues certainly provided the missing spark at No. 3 as her brisk knock took the flight away from New Zealand who had managed their first breakthrough in the 34th over with the wicket of Mandhana.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MUMBAI: In a significant step toward enhancing academic collaboration and research synergy, Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu, visited the ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), Mumbai. The visit aimed to strengthen collaborative research initiatives, promote the exchange of scholars and scientists, and enhance the overall quality and impact of research outcomes in fisheries and allied sciences.

During the visit, Dr. N. P. Sahu, Director (Acting), ICAR-CIFE, briefed Dr. Tripathi about the institute's facilities, activities, and its five regional centres dedicated to advancing fisheries higher education. He also outlined CIFE's ongoing efforts to address national and global challenges through cutting-edge research, technology development, and capacity-building initiatives that benefit farmers, entrepreneurs, and the fisheries industry.

Dr. Tripathi toured several state-of-the-art laboratories and research divisions, including the General Pathology, Molecular Pathology, and Algal Biotechnology laboratories under the Aquatic Environment and Animal Health Management



VC SKUAST-J, Dr. B. N. Tripathi during visit to the ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai.

Division, as well as the Nutrigenomics, Fish Biochemistry, and Fish Nutrition laboratories of the Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry, and Physiology Divisions. He lauded the advanced infrastructure and innovative research activities being undertaken at the institute.

Drawing on his extensive expertise in animal virology, vaccine development, and commercialization of biotechnological innovations, Dr. Tripathi shared valuable insights into disease diagnostics, therapeutic

interventions, and modern vaccine development strategies. He also discussed emerging trends in modern aquaculture systems, highlighting high-density aquaculture, Recirculatory Aquaculture Systems (RAS), biofloc technology, and flow-through systems as key areas for sustainable fish production and environmental management.

During an interactive session, Dr. Tripathi engaged with senior faculty members, including Dr. Debajit Sarma (Head, Division of Aquaculture),

Dr. Kedar Nath Mohanta (Head, FNBP Division), Dr. S. P. Shukla (Principal Scientist & In-charge, ABI and ITMU), Dr. Sanath Kumar (Principal Scientist), Dr. Arun Sharma (Senior Scientist), and Dr. Saurav Kumar (Senior Scientist, AEHM Division). The discussions focused on ongoing research, academic programmes, and the scope for collaborative projects aimed at fostering innovation and facilitating joint research for postgraduate and doctoral students. In the concluding meeting, Dr. Tripathi emphasized the need to formalize cooperation between SKUAST-Jammu and ICAR-CIFE through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

He said such collaboration would promote resource sharing, joint academic ventures, and stronger research linkages between the two premier institutions, contributing significantly to the advancement of fisheries science and agricultural research in India.

Power Shutdown by KPDCL

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution KPDCL, shutdown of 33 KV Bandipora Gurez line will be observed due to which Dawar receiving station shall remain off while power supply to Dawar, Wampora, Achoora, Markoot, Churwan and adjoining areas will be affected from 10.00 AM to 02.00 PM on 24, 25, 26 & 27 October, 2025.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 KV Awantipora Khiram Tap line will be observed due to which Khiram receiving station shall remain off while power supply to Khiram, Mahind and adjoining areas will be affected from 10.00 AM to 03.30 PM on 25, 27 & 29 October, 2025.