

KVK Shopian conducts outreach programme, takes modern technology to tribal farmers

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SHOPIAN: In a stride towards agricultural empowerment of tribal communities, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Shopian conducted One day mega outreach programme in collaboration with NSP SKUAST-K under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) - AICRP on Seeds (Crops) here at Shopian on Friday.

The initiative marked the formal introduction of SKUAST-K's most novel oats variety 'Shallimar Fodder Oats-1 (SFO-1)' to the tribal farmers of Shopian District, ensuring that the benefits of latest agri-technology reached across the district.

A record 30 quintals of SFO-1 seed, coupled with the



scientific package of practices, were distributed among more than 150 tribal farmers, covering over 30 hectares (600 kanals) of land across the district. The event drew wide appreciation for bringing cutting-edge research directly to the doorstep of the most remote

farming communities.

Addressing the gathering, Director Extension SKUAST-K, Prof. Raihana Habib Kanth appreciated the role of KVK Shopian and advised the farmers to go for horizontal area expansion of this novel variety which is highly productive in terms of

seed and fodder.

She emphasized that the green fodder can be used as per the requirement and rest of the fodder can be converted into more palatable ways like Silage preparation, green fodder, green and dry etc. and the seed shall be procured at reasonable costs from the farmers if interested on buy back policy by the University.

Principal Investigator NSP (Seeds), SKUAST-Kashmir, Prof. Gowhar Ali, highlighted that Shallimar Fodder Oats-1 (SFO-1) represents the university's latest innovation, a bio-fortified, disease-resistant and high-yielding variety significantly enhancing nutritional and economic security. Speaking on the occasion,

Head KVK Shopian, Dr. Zaffar Afroz Badri reiterated SKUAST-K's commitment to preserving traditional crops while introducing University Released Varieties (URVs) to improve livelihood opportunities under natural and organic farming systems. He added that the impact assessment and monitoring of the technology adoption will continue to ensure long-term benefits for the tribal farming community.

The participating farmers expressed heartfelt gratitude to SKUAST-Kashmir and KVK Shopian for bridging the technology gap and bringing sustainable agricultural solutions to the farmers of District Shopian.

Kulgam holds 'Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0' rally to promote healthy living

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KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Amir Khan on Friday flagged off "Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0" rally, organized by Chief Medical Officer, Kulgam, under the National Tobacco Control Programme From mini secretariat Kulgam.

CMO Kulgam, Dr Showkat Ahmad and other officers were also present.

A large number of ASHA workers, paramedical staff, and doctors from various blocks of the district participated in

the rally, carrying placards raising slogans to spread awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and urged the youth to adopt a healthy and tobacco-free lifestyle.

The rally passed through several markets in Kulgam town before culminating back at the Mini Secretariat, where participants reaffirmed their commitment to making the district tobacco-free.

Officials on the occasion emphasized the crucial role of community participation in curbing tobacco use and protecting future generations from its harmful impacts.

JKLCMA, NaBFID sign MoU for undertaking different projects for Dal Lake development

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SRINAGAR: The J&K Lake Conservation and Management Authority (JKLCMA) on Friday signed MoU with National Bank for Financing and Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) for providing technical consultancy services by the later for undertaking different projects for Dal Lake development. Under the MoU, the NaBFID will provide technical consultancy services for the installation of Ferris Wheel, High Jet Fountain and Musical Fountain in Dal Lake, Development of Theme/Amusement Park at Shalimar, Srinagar as well as any other project envisaged by J&K Government.

DDMA & RDD organise training programmes on IRS and Disaster Management

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SHOPIAN: Training programme on Incident Response System (IRS) for disaster management capacity building and community based disaster management were on Friday conducted here at Shopian jointly by the Department of Disaster Management, Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Shopian in association with the Department of Rural Development Shopian.

Expert from the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction conducted the online session on



Incident Risk System for all IRS designated members of the district.

The training aimed to educate members about precautionary measures and response steps to be taken during natural calamities.

During the session, offi-

DC Kupwara chairs DRAC meeting, approves 18 cases

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KUPWARA: In order to finalize various Rent Assessment Cases of the buildings under utilization of different Government Departments, a meeting of the District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC) was held on Friday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Shrikant Suse here.

As many as 21 rent cases of buildings presently used by various Government Departments in the district were put forth before the Committee for fixing of monthly rent. The Committee deliberated on



all the rent assessment cases in detail and each case was examined thoroughly keeping in view various administrative and other requirements and approved 18 cases.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner impressed upon the Officers to ensure that

vacant government buildings are occupied for official purposes and rented accommodation remains the last option.

The meeting was attended by CPO Kupwara, CEO, Principal GPC, AD Food, CAHO, Executive Engineers of PWD and other concerned officers.

World Statistics Day 2025 celebrated at SKUAST-K

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SRINAGAR: The Division of Agricultural Statistics, Faculty of Horticulture, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), organized a special event to commemorate the 4th World Statistics Day 2025, observed globally under the theme "Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone."

The event was graced by Director Education, SKUAST-Kashmir, Prof. Muhammad Altaf Bhat as the Chief Guest. In his address, Prof. Altaf Bhat



emphasized the growing importance of statistics in evidence-based decision-making, research, and agricultural innovation.

He highlighted that modern agricultural sciences increasingly rely on robust statistical methodologies to

interpret complex data, generate reliable insights, and design sustainable development strategies. Speaking on the occasion, Head, Division of Agricultural Statistics, Prof. Imran Khan, underscored the global relevance of statistics in

advancing scientific knowledge and promoting data-driven agricultural development.

Distinguished speakers including Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, former Director General, Directorate of Economics & Statistics,

Controller of Examinations, Cluster University Srinagar; and Assistant Director, National Statistical Office (NSO), Government of India, shared insightful perspectives on the evolution and significance of statistics. They reflected on the discipline's vital role in transforming governance, economics, and research across diverse sectors.

The celebration served as a vibrant platform to acknowledge the indispensable role of statistics in shaping informed policies, supporting scientific research, and fostering sustainable agricultural and societal development.

Inter-Dist UT Level Boys Netball Tournament begins in Samba



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SAMBA: The District Youth Services and Sports Office Samba, under the aegis of Director General Anuradha Gupta, on Friday inaugurated the Inter-District UT Level Boys (AAG) Netball Tournament here at the prestigious Rani Suchet Singh Sports Stadium.

The tournament, meticulously organized under the supervision of DYSSO Dhamvir Singh, was declared open by Chief Education Officer Kewal Krishan-the Chief Guest.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 63 talented players representing six districts across Jammu & Kashmir UT, transforming the stadium into a vibrant arena of athletic excellence and competitive spirit.

The inaugural ceremony was marked by a pledge-taking ceremony where participants vowed their dedication towards sports, while remaining steadfast against the menace of drugs, thus reinforcing the administration's commitment to building a healthy and drug-free society.

The tournament provided an exceptional platform to young athletes to showcase their skills, fostering not merely physical fitness but also cultivating invaluable life skills including teamwork, discipline, resilience and sportsmanship.

The initiative underscores the department's unwavering dedication to nurturing sporting talent and providing youth with opportunities to excel in competitive environments.

Meenal to make a comeback soon in Chess

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JAMMU: Commonwealth gold winner and top ranked chess player of J&K, Meenal Gupta shall make a comeback soon at the UT and National stage.

Meenal, who was out of active chess to prioritise her higher studies and also on focus on building career to settle in life, shall soon be playing with her youngsters, as an active player.

Having distinctive achievements of holding present women world champion, Divya Deshmukh to a draws in 2018 Commonwealth final to contain with a silver, Meenal has also played draw twice against Gukesh, another world champion.

Meenal hints at her possible comeback during an interaction with her coach, Vivek



Gupta and young trainees at the Vivek Chess Academy, here. Sharing her experience with young trainees at the Academy, Meenal, daughter of former J&K champion, Atul Gupta said, "Since everyone in my family play chess, I have learned the basics of the game from within the family; however, it was my father, who instilled a passion in me and pursued me to achieve something in

Chess." She credited her lost list of achievements to her coach, Vivek Bharti and a former J&K champion. "No doubt, I learned Chess from within the family, but it was Vivek Bharti, my first coach out of the home, who taught me competitive chess and transformed my game to become National champion," added Meenal.

Like most of the athletes,

Meenal was once almost decided of quitting the Chess to focus on her studies, but, against her father encouraged her to maintain a balance to excel both in Academics and sports.

"Yes, like other athletes, deciding to quit the game happened to me many a times. As I have already told, it was my father, who this time was joined by my coach, Vivek Bharti, acted as an motivational factor. Both of them encouraged me and didn't let me quit chess until, I won the coveted Commonwealth gold and silver medals," explained the top J&K women player.

Since Meenal has not played competitive chess since long, she regretted her decision of staying away from something she loved the

most and now thinks of a possible come back soon.

"This time, nobody has persuaded me. It is me alone, who thinks, I should return to the game to achieve the higher goals. Had I been stayed in the game, the results would have been different, considering the fact that I have played a draw against present world champions, Divya Deshmukh and Gukesh in the Commonwealth events as a young player," informed Meenal, who has a career highest ranking of 2068.

Important to mention here that Meenal learned the basics, middle as well as advance level of Chess like first International Master from J&K, Soham Kamotra from Vivek Bharti as a young seven years old trainee.

Damanpreet, Nishta, Shivani bag sprint gold

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JAMMU: Damanpreet, Nishta Sharma and Shivani won sprint gold on the opening day of the two-day inter-zone Jammu district girls athletics meet, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), at University of Jammu, here today. While Shivani and Nishta emerged fastest runners in under-19 and under-17 age group respectively from Zone Jammu, Damanpreet bagged 100 meters gold in under-14 category from Zone Bishnah.

The competition is being held under the overall supervision of district (DYSS) officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma.

Earlier, around 300 girls drawn from different zones



of district Jammu turned up for participation in this two-day annual event in field and tracks.

The technical penal in today's events comprised Nirmal Singh, Chanel Singh, Sarabjeet Singh, Vijay Sharma, Harsimran Singh, Kailash Choudhary, Sukhdev Singh, Harvinder Singh, Reema Chetri, Anil Gandotra and Pawandee

Kour.

Today Results: GIRLS: Under-19: 100 mts: Shivani, Zone Jammu, gold; Sakshi, Zone Jourian, silver and Shrishri, Zone Gandhi Nagar, bronze. Discus Throw: Sweety Devi, Zone Marh, gold; Konika Chib, Zone RS Pura, silver; Renu, Zone Bishnah, bronze. 300 mts: Mehak, Zone Jammu, gold; Nasia Begum, Zone Dansal,

silver and Sonia Choudhary, Zone RS Pura, bronze. High Jump: Payal Kumari, Zone Chowki Choura, gold and Sarish Aziz, Zone Gandhi Nagar, silver.

Under-17: 100 mts: Nishta Sharma, Zone Jammu, gold; Thanya, Zone Akhnoor, silver and Bhumika Janwal, Zone Marh, bronze.

Discus Throw: Nidhi Verma, Zone Satwari, gold; Kiran Kumari, Zone Bhalwal, silver and Nirjala, Zone Bishnah, bronze. 400 mts: Nishta Sharma, Zone Jammu, gold; Bhumika Janwal, Zone Marh, silver and Bandana Devi, Zone Khour, bronze. 300 mts: Sonia Choudhary, Zone Dansal, gold; Sonali Sharma, Zone Akhnoor, silver and Viraj Kumari, Zone Jammu,

bronze. High Jump: Rohika Devi, Zone Chowki Choura, gold; Priyanka Sharma, Zone Akhnoor, silver and Rekha, Zone Marh, bronze.

Under-14: 100 mts: Damanpreet, Zone Bishnah, gold; Khushi, Zone Khour, silver and Yashmita Thakur, Zone Jammu, bronze.

Discus Throw: Subhanna, Zone Satwari, gold; Sonakshi, Zone Miran Sahib, silver and Mansi, Zone Akhnoor, bronze. 400 mts: Sahiba Choudhary, Zone Dansal, gold; Janvi, Zone Bhalwal, silver and Anjali Devi Thakur, Zone Chowki Choura, bronze. High Jump: Shriya Bhagat, Zone Chowki Choura, gold; Ritu Devi, Zone Marh, silver and Sonaksuj Verma, Zone Khour, bronze.

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Tender-I
e-NIT No. DCJ/Nazir/2025-26/656 Dated 23-10-25 and Tender ID 2025_RDPN_292990_1

Tender-II
e-NIT No. DCJ/Nazir/2025-26/657 Dated 23-10-25 and Tender ID 2025_RDPN_293003_1

Last Date of Submission of RFP: 30.10.2025 (4:30 P.M.)
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