

DC oversees implementation of COVID SOPs in Srinagar markets

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In wake of recent rise in Covid-19 positive case in some particular areas of Srinagar district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, on Saturday conducted a surprise inspection of various areas of City to inspect the implementation of Covid-19 related SOPs in markets to prevent further spread of infection in the district.



DC Srinagar, Mohd Aijaz Asad inspecting the implementation of COVID-19 related SOPs in City.

During the visit, the DC who is also the Chairman District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) inspected various markets of Srinagar City including Polo-View, Residency Road, Regal Chowk, Abi Guzar Lane, Ghanta Ghar, Court Road, Amira Kadal, Hari Singh High Street, Jehangir Chowk and other adjoining Markets.

The inspection was carried out to take stock of implementation of various Covid-19 related advisories and guidelines particularly use of face masks at business establishments and by transporters and passengers.

During the inspection, on the Spot Covid-19 rapid Tests of over 100 persons including Shopkeepers, Transporters, Passengers and Pedestrians not wearing Masks was conducted. Besides, an amount of Rs. 40000 of fine was imposed on the violators of Covid-19 Guidelines.

On the occasion, the DC interacted with the Traders, Transporters, Passengers and urged them to exhibit compliance to the Government directions for larger public safety and health.

Secretary Tribal Affairs inspects transit accommodation site on Mughal Road



Secretary Tribal Affairs, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary inspecting ongoing works on Transit Accommodation site.

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SHOPIAN: Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary on Saturday inspected ongoing works on Transit Accommodation Site for Tribal Population being constructed by Wild Life Warden near Lal Gulam Bridge on Mughal Road here.

District Development Commissioner, Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) and Wildlife Warden, Intesar Suhail and other Senior officers of forest and other allied departments accompanied the Secretary during the visit.

During the inspection, the Secretary took a comprehensive review of construction work of Transit Accommodation Site for Tribal Population, protection works, repairing of potholes at various locations including the site near Lal Gulam Bridge.

While inspecting the site, Secretary Tribal Affairs directed the concerned executing agencies to speed up the pace of work on the project and also gear up men and machinery for completing the project in stipulated time frame. He asked them to ensure productive and fruitful utilization of the available resources for the area.

The Secretary expressed satisfaction at the level of improvement of Mughal Road and said that condition of Mughal Road has improved significantly causing great relief to common masses especially tribal population. The Secretary also paid obeisance at Aastan-i-Aaliya Peer Ki Gali in Shopian district and appealed the visitors there to contribute in preserving the fragile ecology of Peer ki Gali.

He issued instructions to the concerned for making a comprehensive plan for beautification and face lifting of Pir ki Gali including Ziaar Sharief.

GC CRPF Jammu celebrates Bhai Dooj

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The festival of Bhai Dooj was celebrated on Saturday in Group Centre CRPF Campus, Jammu.

In CRPF the holy festival of brother and sister was celebrated as "Bharat Raksha Parv".

Members of General Zorawar Singh Memorial Educational and Charitable Trust including Chairman Devinder Singh Kaluria, Trustee Diksha Kaluria, Riya Kaluria, Sushma Rani, Shalnam Jamwal and Mohan Singh Jamwal also participated. Tilak put on the heads of officers and jawans of Group Centre CRPF, Jammu and wished for their safe keeping and long life.

Just as sister on the occasion of Bhai Dooj festival apply Tilak of hope to their brothers and wish for their happiness and prosperity and trust on them for her safety, in the same way in "Bharat Raksha Parv" the members of the above trust express faith and trust on Officers and Jawans of Group Centre CRPF Jammu for maintaining law and order alongwith the security of general public so that India can move ahead on the path of progress.



GC CRPF officers during Bhai Dooj celebration.

Farewell accorded to Tehsildar Jammu West



Prominent persons according farewell to Tehsildar Jammu West, Rajesh Baru.

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JAMMU: A felicitation programme was organized by the local prominent including Pankaj Bakshi, Parveen Sharma & local Corporators & Sarpanches of Tehsil Jammu West, in which the outgoing Tehsildar Rajesh Kumar Baru was felicitated for his excellent work during his tenure of nearly 3 years in Tehsil Jammu West and also welcomed Satish Kumar as new Tehsildar Jammu West. Locals bid farewell thanking & extending their gratitude to former Tehsildar for his contributions done in all assignments especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, making Tehsil Jammu West the first Tehsil in distribution of 100% domicile certificates among the residents, vacating prime state land worth Rs 102 crore amongst other routine works for which State Government has awarded him appreciation on Independence Day 2020. People of Panchayat

Gole Gujral appreciated Rajesh Baru for his special contributions for making a land measuring 50 Kanals where a mini sports stadium is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.53 Crores and for all the other major works done by him in the past 3 years. Rajesh Baru speaking on the occasion thanked all the respected personalities for showing their good gesture. Currently Rajesh Baru has been posted as Tehsildar in Revenue Training Institute, Jammu.

Prominent personalities present were Corporators Sat Pal Karlupia, Sucha Singh, Neelam Nargotra, Sanjay Kumar, Mohinder Kumar and Sarpanch Prithpal Singh, Sarpanch Gurnam Singh, Ex Sarpanch Babbi Sharma besides Lambardar & Chowkidars of Tehsil Jammu West.

ing and adherence to Covid-19 SOPs by the people and initiating strict legal action against the violators for public safety.

The DC said that Srinagar Administration is mulling for localised Lock-down in some specific areas of City, if the number of positive cases do not decrease.

He further said that Srinagar has witnessed a spike in Covid cases in the past one week, prompting the administration to declare some areas in the City as Containment Zones.

The DC said out of total active Covid-19 positive cases in J&K, about half of them come from Srinagar district only. He further said if people don't follow Covid-19 Safety Protocols, then Srinagar could be the reason behind the start of the third wave in J&K.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Dr Syed Hanief Balkhi, SDM East, Owais Mushtaq, Tehsildar South, Moyeen Ahmad Kakroo and other senior Civil and Police authorities accompanied the DC during the visit.

Faculty of Department of Botany earned three research projects of JKST&IC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Three faculty members of the Department of Botany, University of Jammu have been awarded research projects by the Jammu and Kashmir Science & Technology and Innovation Council (JKST&IC) of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

These projects have been sanctioned under Capex budget scheme "Sponsor Research & Extension Programme".

The funded projects have a wide scope in conservation and management of bioresources like microbes, mushrooms and medicinal plants. The three faculty members who have received the research grant include Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Dr Harish Chander Dutt and Dr Skarma Nonzom (Assistant Professors in Department of Botany).

According to Principal Investigators of the projects, the research projects are envisaged in such a way that the results shall be of direct benefits to the society.

The database generation, ethnomycology, edibility of the mushroom, enzymology, IUCN status and ecological niche modelling are some of the objectives of the sanctioned projects which are of direct relevance to the Nagoya Protocol and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It is the need of the hour that the scientific research must travel to the local communities so that the objectives of CBD like conservation of biological resources and equal sharing of benefits can be achieved.

Sanctioning of such research projects by the funding agency is a recognition and reflection of the high standard of scientific research done at the University.



Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Dr. Harish Chander Dutt, Dr. Skarma Nonzom

They also wished Officers and Jawans for their success to perform their dedicated duty towards nation.

On conclusion of function the Memento was presented to the Chairman and all members of above Trust by P.C. Gupta, Commandant of Group Centre CRPF Jammu.

Above programme was organized under the leadership of Rajendra Prasad, DIGP, of Group Centre CRPF Jammu. In the programme P.C. Gupta, Sumit Verma, Dy Comdt., Rajesh Kumar, Asst. Comdt., Jaswinder Singh, AC/M and other Officers and Jawans were also present.

Dr Tyagi of SMVDU among top 2pc Scientists in Stanford University's Research Database

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Continuing with his research excellence journey, Dr. Vineet Veer Tyagi of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has been featured second time in the research database of Elsevier and Stanford University that ranks 2 per cent of scientists worldwide based on publications, H-index, and citations in Scopus database.

He is heading the School of Energy Management, SMVDU, Katra, the only department in JKUT which offers M. Tech (Energy System) and Ph. D. programs in the field of energy technologies. Dr. Tyagi has been actively working in the research area of Solar Thermal Energy Storage,

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu on Saturday informed that the power supply to Nagrota, Toll Post, Chakrakwal, TP Wazera, Chagan Salathia, Nagrota Bazar, KatalBattal, PanjGarain, Narayana, Sanik Colony shall remain affected on November 08 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Chakmalal, AjalMalal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 08 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Purkchoo, Domana, Mishriwala and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 08 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Kheraiyan, Sari Bdrod, Rapur Sari Jagir, MahaveerBasti, Bhodrenk, Trilokpur near Exchange, Srora, Hanuman Mandir, Puran De Kothe and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 08 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Bishnah Town, kotli, Dabbar, Deoli, Saroe and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 08 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nanan, Barnoti and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 08 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Many political representatives inducted in Congress



Vice President JKPC Raman Bhalla chairing a joining programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A function of Minority Department of JKPC was held here on Saturday at PCC HQ Shaheedi Chowk, here under the guidance of Gurdarshan Singh, Vice Chairman Minority to induct many political representatives from different political and social organization in the Congress Party.

Former Minister and Vice President JKPC Raman Bhalla presided over the function and welcomed the new entrants including Satnam Singh, Sham Lal Gill, Humayun Paul, Gurinder Singh, Vinod Sotra, Faisal Paul, Paramveer Singh Sachin Sawar, Bilal Ahmad, Amandeep Singh, Eamuel Sotra, Mohib Din, Karamjeet Singh, Kaku Gill, Amir Mir

and Ajit Singh and others in presence of Nassir Masih, Balwinder Singh Rinku, Gafoor Masih, Titus Gill and Gurmeet Singh.

Bhalla said that due to wrong policies of BJP led Govt. at the Centre the people of all walks of life are facing great hardships in every sphere of life and that's why they shown mirror to the BJP.

The Rahul Gandhi's rock-hard commitment and consistency protests by Congress and others opposition parties across the Country compelled the Modi Govt. to cut excise duty on petrol and diesel but it is just the beginning.

He said the recent by-elections in Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and other parts of the Country has given befit-

ting reply to the most adamant Modi led Govt at the Centre who has ignored the aspirations of common masses including farmers, labours, small and middle class businessmen.

Gurdarshan Singh in his address highlighted the problems of minority in J&K. He said that the development of the minority communities could not be possible without the implementation of minority commission in JK UT.

He urged upon the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and the Centre Govt. to implement the Minority Commission as soon as possible.

Michael Wazir State Coordinator while speaking said that Minority Dept. of JKPC is continuously serving the minority communities of J&K with great zeal and strong dedication. He accused saffron party of misguiding the innocent youth of J&K and appealed the people of Jammu and Kashmir not to fall the prey of BJP and its hollow 'Jumallas'.

He requested the minorities of J&K to come forward and strengthen the hands of PCC President G.A Mir; Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

Painting competition on wildlife organised

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Wildlife Department (WLD) in collaboration with NGO-"Himalayan Avian" on Saturday organized a Painting Competition for children.

Theme of the painting competition was "Birds of My River". The children of different age groups participated in the event. The Children draw 287 paintings depicting their understanding about Wetlands, Water birds, Nature, Pollution showing various aspects and issues. The participant children represented different districts of UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The objective of the event was to raise awareness among the children about wildlife conservation with particular reference to conservation of wetlands and water birds.

Speaking on the occasion, Suresh Kumar Gupta, Chief Wildlife Warden of Jammu and Kashmir, highlighted the importance of water birds in wetland ecosystems. He mentioned that wildlife areas of Jammu and Kashmir are rich in biodiversity and involve-



Chief Guest presenting prize to a winner.

ment of students and children in various awareness programmes is key to the future conservation prospects. He lauded the role of Himalayan Avian in supporting the department in organizing such events.

Dr. Kumar MK, Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu appreciated the participants for giving shapes in colours to their thoughts and understanding about birds and wetlands. Guldev Raj from Himalayan Avian gave a brief account about various activities and awareness programmes undertaken by the NGO. All the participants of the painting competition were given certificates, trophies and study material.

The programme was conducted by Anil Atri, Wildlife Warden, Jammu and attended by officers and officials of Department of Wildlife Protection, Himalayan Avian and various children and their parents.

Agriculture Employees Association hails LG's decision

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A meeting of All J&K Agriculture Employees Association Jammu Province under the chairmanship of Uttam Sharma President of the Association held on Saturday at Agriculture Complex Talab Tillo, here.

"We express gratitude to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, Advisor to LG, Farooq Khan, Principal Secretary AP&FW, Navin K Choudhary and Director AP&FW Jammu, K.K Sharma for promotion of 439 employees of subordinate services including ministerial and executive staff." Uttam said. He also extend gratitude to Kritika Raina, under Secretary AP&FW (member DPC), for her support to solve the genuine problem of these officials.

Other who attended the meeting include Naresh Sharma General Secretary, Pawan Singh Secretary, Tarlok Singh Vice President, Zaffar Ulla Khan Chairman, Kishore Kumar Office Secretary and Surinder Kumar Organizer.

Dr Vikas of SKUAST-J conferred with Best Academician Award 2021

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dr. Vikas Sharma, son of Harbans Lal Sharma and Pushplata Sharma, resident of Channi Himmat, Jammu got Best Academician Award 2021 for his academic excellence and contributions in the field of Biochemistry.

This prestigious award contains a Certificate of Excellence, a memento along with lifetime professional membership of Agro Environmental Development Society (AEDS), a scientific organization, for the promotion of agriculture, environment and biological sciences.

He has authored four books and published 60 full length research papers in refereed journals of National and International repute.

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across the world for the welfare of human being.

Working as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Biochemistry, FBSe., SKUAST-J, Dr. Sharma has guided six Ph.D and six M Sc. students as a Major Advisor in the field of bio-prospection of medicinal

plants from Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, DNA barcoding of scab effecting different apple species and diversity analysis of apricot species in J&K.

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JKSAC reiterates demand for constitution of committee to probe violations of Agrarian Reform Act 1976

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JAMMU: Lauding efforts of Dr Raghav Langar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu to order lodging of an FIR against Revenue Officers/Officials responsible for missing of basic revenue documents of all kind of lands from record rooms of Revenue Complex, Jammu; the members of Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) has termed it as an endorsement of its repeated demand for constitution of a High-level committee of revenue experts to probe the major land scam as well as sheer violation of Agrarian Reform Act 1976, particularly in respect of DP's settlement.

Speaking during a meeting, JKSAC members urged Lt Governor Manoj K Sinha and Principal Secretary Revenue, Shaleen Kabra to take cognizance of the serious issue as it is the right and appropriate time to put a rein on such erring revenue officials, particularly Tehsildars and Patwaris involved in illegal activities.

While speaking during the meeting, President Gurdev Singh along with Dwarka Nath Khajuria, Tarlok Singh Tara, Capt Puran Singh and D N Raina said that how credible it may sound but it is a harsh fact that Revenue Department is itself a Government in itself. "Revenue officers/officials are Government employees

and get salaries from public exchequer, but they work as per desire of non-players. If proper investigation will be made, Government will be astonished to find that every Patwari has engaged two to three retired Patwaris to ease their work and are paying them salaries, which is looted from pockets of suffering common man. They violate law and change records merely for personal gains. Their unlawful activities compel DP's and other suffering people to go for unnecessary litigations and after years of such litigation, when orders are passed by Courts or tribunals, same are not implemented by many Tehsildars and Patwaris," they alleged.