

DFCO conducts drive against adulterated milk, products ahead of Deepawali

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JAMMU: The Food Safety, Drugs and Food Control Organization (DFCO) in Jammu has initiated a vigorous drive against adulteration in milk and its products, including sweets, in preparation for the festival of Deepawali.

The drive is in accordance with the directives of Shakeel-ul-Rehman, Commissioner of FDA Jammu & Kashmir.

Teams from the Food Safety, Drugs and Food Control Organization, led by the Deputy Commissioner of Food Safety Division Jammu, along with a team of Food Safety Officers and the Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety, have conducted inspections in the city of Jammu. They have also visited institutions under the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSAI) to raise awareness among Food Business Operators about proper storage conditions.

During the inspections, a M/S New Jai Maa Shakti Petha Food Products Unit located at Bhagwati Nagar was found to be in gross violation of the Act, including high contamination and unhygienic conditions.



DFCO officials inspecting an outlet in Jammu.

With the support of a local councillor, samples of Petha were collected, and the unit was closed under the Act.

The team collected samples of Khoya and Paneer from Hari Market Jammu and seized 80 kg of suspected Khoya and Paneer. One of the samples was declared to be of sub-standard quality,

and punitive action will be taken under the Act.

The team also visited M/S Pandit Paneer and Curds Shop in Peer Mitha Jammu, where a sample of paneer was collected for analysis. Additionally, 1.5 quintal of suspected paneer was seized, and 3 quintals of milk, which were in a poor condition, were destroyed on the spot. The team conducted inspections of various establishments selling milk and milk products, ensuring compliance with FSSAI rules and regulations.

The team also demonstrated the use of the Mobile Food Testing Van (MFTV) to consumers, food business operators, and milk vendors for on-the-spot testing. On-the-spot testing was carried out through the "Food Safety Magic Box."

The ongoing drive aims to address the issue of milk, milk product, and sweets adulteration, which tends to increase during festival seasons, posing health risks to consumers. The Food Safety Department in Jammu is committed to taking corrective actions to ensure safe, pure, and quality milk, milk products, and sweets for the public, with the support of FSSAI and the Commissionerate

of FDA J&K.

As part of the "Eat Right India" campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the department is emphasizing general awareness among Food Business Operators, consumers, and the public.

The owners of cold stores are encouraged to participate in F&STaC training programs, including food handlers' training, to improve food safety practices. The ongoing drive is also focusing on imparting the objectives of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and good hygienic practices to milk vendors, retailers, wholesalers, and dealers.

Efforts are being made to ensure that milk and milk product counters are located away from environmentally polluted areas, with adequate mechanical refrigeration systems, and proper personal hygiene for milk handlers.

The ongoing drives aim to achieve the department's goals and address the challenges of food adulteration. The public is requested to support the department in identifying wrongdoers to maintain consumer safety under the Act, and this information is being disseminated through newspapers and digital media.

Withdraw order banning Govt employees from holding peaceful protests in J&K: Ajaz Kazmi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Apni Trade Union President Ajaz Kazmi today urged the Govt to withdraw an order that bans Govt employees from participating in the peaceful protest demonstration in Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued to the press, Ajaz Kazmi appealed to the Govt to withdraw the order that has imposed a blanket ban on the participation of the Govt employees in the peaceful protests while warning them of strict action.

"Such orders shall not be imposed in Jammu and Kashmir and the Govt employees who are the backbone of the Govt functioning shall be provided stage to highlight their issues before the authorities and their issues like



JKAP Trade Union President Ajaz Kazmi speaking at a meeting.

implementation of minimum wage act in J&K, regularization of daily wagers, release of pending wagers of the daily wagers and restoration of Old Age Pension in favour of the permanent Govt employees/officers," he said in response to the ban

imposed by the authorities on the Govt employees.

He however condemned the Govt directions and said that such decisions snatch basic rights of the Govt employees.

Youth Congress launches campaign to engage with new voters in J-K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Youth Congress on Monday launched a campaign to spread awareness among new voters about the party's ideology.

Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress Aakash Bharat announced the launch of the "Mera pehla vote for India" poster campaign with the goal of empowering young people and encouraging their active participation in the electoral process.

"The poster campaign aims to engage with first-time voters and align them with the values and principles of the Indian National Congress," he told reporters.

With the Lok Sabha elections scheduled for early next year, Bharat emphasised the urgency of motivating and guiding new voters to select a political party committed to a brighter future.

The Jammu and Kashmir Youth Congress is dedicated to building a brighter and more promising future for India through the active involvement of its youth, he said.

JJAR celebrates 8th National Ayurveda Day



JJAR students after making dishes.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Institute of Ayurveda and Research (JJAR), Jammu started a series of events for celebration of 8th National Ayurveda Day 2023 under the theme "Ayurveda for One Health" "Har Din Har Kisi Ke Liye Ayurveda".

JJAR on Monday conducted Fireless Cooking Competition of Ayurveda Recipe. A total of 19 stalls were exhibited in which approximately 111 stu-

dents participated.

All the participants actively participated and made dishes based on the principles of Ayurveda.

The judges for the event were Japna Sharma, CEO, Shri Sain Charitable Trust for Higher Education and Research, Jammu, Dr. Sharada, Principal and Dr. Manu Sharma, Professor.

This event was conducted by Department of Agad Tantra and Rachana Sharira.

Only Congress can fulfill wishes, aspirations of J&K people: Hari Singh, Udhay

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Hari Singh Chib, Vice President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee, on Monday asserted that the Congress party is the only party that can fulfill the wishes and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

While addressing a workers meeting at Nardani Ward of Panchayat Raipur 2nd falling in Jammu North Assembly Segment, Chib said that the Congress Party has a long history of serving the people of Jammu and Kashmir and has always stood by them through thick and thin. He added that the party has a clear-cut vision for the equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir and is committed to working for the welfare of all sections of society.

During the meeting, Uday Bhanu Chib, former President Youth Congress



Ex-President JKPYC, Uday Bhanu Chib speaking at a public meeting.

Jammu and Kashmir, Fayaz Diwan Vice President Youth Congress, Som Nath Sharma Block President Pata Paloura, Parshotam Singh President BCC Bhalwal, Kamal Singh, Jung Bahadur Singh, Tarun Vaid, Om Parkash, Ramesh Chander, Kaka Ram, Panches Harbans Lal, Kamal Singh, Asha Ram, Sansar Chand, Pappu, Jaswant Singh, Capt Khushi Ram Bhagat,

Harbans Lal, Dev Raj, Virender Mehta, Kulbinder Singh, Jyoti Kumar, Kailash Singh, Tarsem Kumar, Hans Raj, Parveen Akhtar and others were present.

At the beginning of the meeting, the party workers apprised the senior functionaries of the Congress Party about the hardships being faced by the people of the area which included scarcity of drinking water, shortage of ration supply,

and dilapidated condition of roads in the area.

The senior Congress leader Hari Singh Chib immediately brought the matter to the notice of the Chief Engineer of the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department requesting for early restoration of the water supply. He also demanded early repair of the damaged overhead tank at Nardani, as maximum water currently leaks from it, resulting in a scarcity of drinking water.

Chib also urged the authorities concerned to restore the road from Nardani Morh to Bajion by blacktopping the aforesaid road.

With regard to the issues of ration shortage and renewal of ration cards, Chib urged the Food, Consumer Affairs, and Civil Supplies Department to provide regular supply of ration and hold regular

camps at Nardani to renew ration cards. Presently, ration distribution and renewal of ration cards are done at Kot, which is far away and very difficult for the people of Nardani to reach there.

Uday Bhanu Chib criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its failure to deliver on its promises to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the BJP has only brought division and hatred to the region and has done nothing to improve the lives of the people.

Uday Chib appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the hands of Rahul Gandhi and support the Congress party in the upcoming elections and give the party a chance to serve them once again. He said that the Congress party is the only party that can bring peace, prosperity, and development to Jammu and Kashmir.

National Divyang Triangular T-20 Cricket Series J&K defeats Jharkhand by 80 runs in opening match



J&K team posing for a photograph after winning the match.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir beat Jharkhand by 80 runs in the opening match of the National Divyang Triangular T-20 Cricket Series, hosted by the J&K Divyang Welfare Association in collaboration with the

Divyang Cricket Control Board of India (DCCBI), at the Country Cricket Stadium in Gharota, here on Monday.

Earlier batting first after winning the toss, J&K scored 165 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs. Rahul Sharma was the top scorer

with 47 runs while Ajeet Raj played knock of 27 runs and while Sayed Shah Aziz contributed 25 runs. For Jharkhand, Raju Lohra and Vijay Kumar Mahto claimed two wickets each while Vishnu and Jeetun Kumar took one wicket each.

Jharkhand faced a tough task chasing the target and ended up with a total of 85 runs in 19.5 overs, with the bowlers of Jammu & Kashmir making a significant impact. Md Qausim and Wagish scored 18 runs each and Shalindra Mahto scored 12 runs.

For J&K, Aaqib Malik was the standout bowler, taking three wickets while conceding only 10 runs in his four overs. Other bowlers like Waseem and Nikhil also played a crucial role, taking two wickets each and maintaining excellent economy rates.

The match saw the presence of guests, including Ghazal Khan, the CEO of the DCCBI, Sham Singh Langleh, the Zonal Head of the DCCBI, and Vikrant Sharma, Director of the Country Cricket Academy Gharota, Jammu.

Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Club lifts Volleyball Tournament trophy



Winner team posing with dignitaries after receiving trophy.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch clinched the trophy of Open Volleyball Tournament organized by Indian army in the memory of Late Molvi Ghulam Din, Ashoka Chakkar as part of Poonch Link Up Day 2023 celebration from November 1 to 6.

Total eight teams from across the district participated in the tournament and in the final

match, Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch beat Makhdoomi Volleyball Club Jalian (Mandi) in straight 3-0 (25-16, 25-15, 25-22) sets.

Musharraf Khan, Ayaz Ahmad Madni and Mohd Hafiz played extraordinary game for the winning team.

Cdr Brig. Rajesh Bisht was the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony, who appreciated the efforts of Ghadi Battalion and

also congratulated the Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club.

He also appreciated the efforts of Mohd Tariq, Chairman of the winning Club, for his efforts towards the youth of remote and border areas. Other present were

Mohd Qasim DYSSO Poonch, Col. Avijit, Krishan Lal Sharma, Intaiz Salaria councillor, Pardeep Khanna and students and locals of Degwar and Dhallan Village.

The match was officiated by Nirdosh Kumar and Ram Prakash.

DM Jammu calls for strict action against violators of traffic rules



DM, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, on Monday chaired a meeting of the Regional Transport Authority to discuss the issues related to public transport and traffic management in the district.

The meeting was attended by SSP Traffic, M. Fiesel Qureshi, Regional Transport Officer, ARTOs and other concerned officers.

The District Magistrate has given strict orders that the transport operators who are not plying on their

allotted routes will face cancellation of their permits. They will also be ineligible for any future applications, he said.

The DM stressed on the need for strict adherence to the authorised public transport plying only on the peak passenger movement routes. He directed the enforcement departments to suspend the permits and licences of those found in violating the rules.

He also reviewed the status of applications for route permits and asked the concerned authorities to expedite the process and

ensure transparency.

The DM passed strict directions against vehicle modification and said that all such vehicles are to be seized and the drivers' licences are to be suspended. He also suggested that FIRs be filed against serious offenders.

He further said the officers to issue notices to offenders impose penalties as per the law.

The DM also called for monitoring traffic and route violations on the outskirts of the Jammu city. He directed concerned departments to depute special teams for routine inspection and checking for overloading and other traffic rules violations. He underlined that passenger comfort and safety be kept as the priority.

The DM also laid emphasis on the enforcement drives and adherence to traffic rules by anyone driving on the district roads.

Babila Rakwal assumes charge of Mission Dir NHM



Babila Rakwal interacting with officers after assuming the charge of Mission Director, NHM J&K.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Babila Rakwal, on Monday assumed the charge of Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K, at State Health Society, Nagrota here.

After assuming the charge, Mission Director had an introductory meeting with the officials of State Health Society, NHM, J&K. She emphasised upon them to work with utmost dedication and devotion so that the objectives behind establishment of Mission are achieved in full. 'National Health Mission envisages achievement of universal

access to equitable, affordable and quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs', she maintained.

On the occasion, the officers of National Health Mission informed the Mission Director about various components of the Mission and highlighted that NHM places greater emphasis on Health System Strengthening in rural and urban areas.

Following the introductory meeting, Mission Director visited 104 Centralised Health Helpline established at

Nagrota, Jammu under J&K National Health Mission through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

During the visit, MD reviewed availability of range of services being provided through the call center like medical advice for preliminary diagnosis of symptoms by skilled medical professionals. She also assessed other services like counselling services on mental health, chronic diseases, psychological distress, early childhood development and grievances redressal. She sought feedback from general public as well as field functionaries such as ASHAs and ANM regarding various National Health Mission Programmes, AB-PMJAY Sehat etc.

Babila Rakwal, while appreciating the functioning of 104 Centralised Health Helpline, issued directions for further strengthening the service so that better services are provided to the common people.

J&K Police: An Appeal to General Public

JKP announces a reward of INR 1000000 (ten lacs) each for credible information about below mentioned terror crimes.

- 1.) Date 29 October 2023, Place of incident: Eidgah in Srinagar FIR No.146/2023; u/s 307 IPC, 7/27 Arms Act, 13,16,18,20,38,39 UAP Act Police Station Safakadal Name of Victim: Insp Masroor Ali Wani
- 2.) Date of Incident: 30th October 2023 Place of incident: Trumchi Nowpora FIR 293/2023 U/S 307 IPC 7/27 I A Act , 16, 18, 20, 39 UA(PJA) act Name of victim : Mukesh Kumar S/O Ganga Prasad R/O Bhatpuna, Samadha, UP
- 3.) Date of incident - 31st October 2023. Place of incident- Wailoo kralpora Baramulla FIR no- 364/2023 u/s 302 IPC, 7/27 Arms act, 16, 20 UA(PJA) Police station - Pattan Victim- Head Constable Gh Mohd

information about attacker or his associates or helpers or harbourers of attacker can be shared with any police officer you trust including:

SSP Baramulla 7051000999

SSP Srinagar 9419096599

SSP Pulwama 9419046660

Or email it directly to DGP Sh R R Swain at : rrsrainips@jkpolice.gov.in

Identification of persons providing credible information shall be kept fully confidential and he or she shall be provided legal and security cover.