# Vaccination drive organised at JK Public School Kunjwani



*COVID vaccination drive in progress at JK Public School Kunjwani.*

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A vaccination drive was organised on Friday at JK Public School Kunjwani in collaboration with Rajeev Gandhi Hospital for students aged between 15 to 18 years. Inspite of inclement weather, there was a good turnout. A total of 246 students got the vaccination.

Prior to this all students in the target group were asked to register on Arogya Setu app. Following all COVID Appropriate Behaviour, the drive was carried on smoothly.

## SSP Poonch felicitates Taekwondo players

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Poonch, Rohit Baskotra on Friday felicitated taekwondo players for winning medals at Sikh Asian Taekwondo Championship held at Delhi, recently.

A total of 12 players including eight boys and four girls took part in Sikh Asian Taekwondo Championship organised by Sikh Games federation of India at Delhi.

Poonch players displayed excellent performance in the championship and won four silver and two bronze medals in this mega event which was also attended by players from Iraq and Nepal.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Poonch congratulated all the medals winners and their coach Rajinder Singh. He also advised other youth of the Poonch to participate in sports and not involve in any drug



*Medals winners of Sikh Asian Taekwondo Championship along with SSP Poonch during felicitation Function at Poonch.*

related activity. He also assured every possible help for the development of taekwondo in Poonch.

Later, Rajinder Singh NS NIS Taekwondo coach from DYSS also congratulate all the medal winners and their families.

He requested the J&K UT administration and Secretary JKSC Nuzhat Gul to provide proper infrastructure to taekwondo players in Poonch so that in future they bring laurels to the UT and country by winning medals at national and international levels.

Advocate Ronik Sharma, Vice President PDTA also congratulated all the medals winners of Poonch and also appreciated the great efforts and hard work of Coach Rajinder Singh for imparting training to the players.

Vishvas Sudan, Khalida Jabeen, Manmeet Singh and Tabusam Nusrat Ali won silver medals while Manpreet Kour and Anamika Sharma got bronze medals.

Prominent others present were Amit Sharma Joint Secretary PDTA.

## National Kabaddi meet for women postponed

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The 68th Senior National Kabaddi Championship has been postponed due to the rise of Covid-19 pandemic by the Maharashtra State Kabaddi Association. The event was scheduled to be held from January 16 to January 18 at Parbhani in Maharashtra.

The fresh dates for the same event shall be communicated accordingly, a handout issued by the Association here on Friday informed.

### Jobs to 'Outstanding Sportspersons'
## DYSS to invite applications soon

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Government has decided to authorise the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) as against the past practice of applying with the autonomous sports body J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

This was specifically mentioned in the notification issued by the General Administration Department (GAD) for absorbing 'Outstanding Sportspersons' in government service with regard to the Rules issued January six.

"The Rules book very clearly mentioned that now onwards, the notifications shall be issued by the DYSS and not JKSC pertaining to the absorption of outstanding sportspersons in the government jobs. The first such notification shall be issued very shortly," pleading not to be quoted a senior official of the DYSS told SAN.

However, the DYSS has to consult the JKSC in the process.

Soon after compilation of the lists on merit basis, the names shall be submitted with the GAD for placement before the committee constituted for the purpose.

The process for invitation of applications, scrutiny and recommendation by the Committee shall be completed within a period of three months, preferably by the ending March of every calendar year.

## National Webinar held on 'Changing paradigms in Plant taxonomy'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Department of Botany, Central University of Jammu organized national webinar on topic 'Changing paradigms in Plant taxonomy' to mark the 75th celebration of Amrit Mahotsav.

On the occasion, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu was the chief Patron and Prof. B.S. Bhau Dean, School of Life Sciences and Head, Department of Botany, Central University was the Patron. Dr. Mudassir Ahmed Bhat, organizing secretary, made an introductory speech.

In the morning session, Prof. A.K Pandey talked about the importance of plant taxonomy in the era of genomics.

Also, highlighting the present scenario of Indian floral diversity explained the importance of plant conservation and bio-prospecting plant resources in socio-economic development.

Prof. D. Narasimhan stressed the need for scientific intervention for conservation of plant diversity and the threatened discipline Botany.

In the evening session, Dr. R.K Choudhary while addressing the historical background and evolution of plant field taxonomy, delivered a defining lecture on changing paradigms in plant taxonomy nowadays.

Proceedings of the technical sessions were carried out by Dr. Samantha Vaishnavi, Dr. Vikas Srivastava and Dr. Pratibha Lalotra.

In his concluding remarks, Prof B.S.Bhau explained that such webinars would not only accelerate the different plant conservation stratergies, but also help students know more about the basics of taxonomy, identification, conservation and its utilization.

Also, on theme "Biodiversity and conservation of nature" Monika Sharma, Mohd Daler and Harshita Sharma were given first prizes in photography and e-poster competition respectively. E-certificates were also provided to all the participants.

### J&K's UT-Level Bankers' Committee meeting held
## Public Sector Banks directed to increase footprints & improve lending to Priority Sector in UT of J&K



*Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta and Deputy Governor Reserve Bank of India, M. K. Jain co-chairing Special Meeting of J&K UT-Level Bankers' Committee.*

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta and Deputy Governor Reserve Bank of India, M. K. Jain on Friday co-chaired the "Special Meeting of J&K UT Level Bankers' Committee" to review the measures taken by banks in enhancing the flow of credit in UT of J&K. Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Chairman NABARD, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, MD & CEO J&K Bank, Director, DFS, MoF (GoI), and other senior functionaries of the Government, RBI, NABARD and banks joined the meeting which was held in virtual mode.

The Chief Secretary said that concerted efforts from all stakeholders should be aimed at developing Jammu and Kashmir as a model entity. He said that besides agriculture and horticulture sectors, there is huge potential in other sectors like Tourism, Hospitality, Food processing, Floriculture, IT Industry, Medical Tourism, Infrastructure & Real Estate, Hydropower, Film Sector, Handlooms and Handicrafts in the Union territory. Dr. Mehta maintained that with the collective efforts of the Government and banks, the economy of J&K, which is presently at around Rs.1.80 Lac Crore, can be scaled up to Rs 3.60 Lac Crore within next five years.

Informing that digitization of land records in J&K has been completed and access to land records has been made available online, the Chief Secretary impressed upon banks to expedite lending by hassle-free and expeditious verification of records.

Dr. Mehta stated that J&K Government is committed to lower the un-employment rate in J&K to below 5% mark , and as such, directed banks to provide banking facilities in identified uncovered villages by 31st March 2022.

The Chief Secretary urged upon the Public Sector Banks to increase the credit activity in UT of J&K and assured them of all necessary support from the Government.

The Deputy Governor, RBI appreciated the role of J&K Bank in providing ease of access to banking services in the UT and urged upon other banks to increase their foot prints with focus on augmenting banking correspondent network besides scaling up credit activities in J&K. He directed banks to initiate dialogue for bringing in more Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Micro Financial Institutions (MFIs) to the Union territory for creating an environment of co-lending.

He directed banks to improve lending to priority sector and employment generation schemes meant for poverty alleviation and social upliftment. He urged upon the banks to make concerted efforts to achieve the targets set under the Annual Credit Plan. He stated that there is immense potential in agriculture and horticulture Sectors in J&K and banks need to initiate measures to tap the same. While expressing satisfaction over the increase in CD Ratio of UT from 48.28% on March 2020 to 56.60% on November 2021, he stated expressed concern on the persistently low CD Ratio of Jammu region.

Deputy Governor, RBI impressed upon the banks and Industrial Associations to join hands for creating awareness on MSME schemes besides providing handholding to entrepreneurs to start their ventures.

While appreciating the efforts of NABARD for formulating five year development package of Rs.25,991 Crore for UT of J&K in consultation with Government of J&K, he stated that NABARD should continue to assist the Government in development of rural infrastructure in UT of J&K.

## Div Com reviews functioning of DRDO Hospital Jammu
### '500-bedded hospital fully equipped to handle any situation'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In view of the recent surge in COVID -19 cases and to review the preparedness of dedicated Covid hospitals, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Friday visited DRDO hospital Bhagwati Nagar and reviewed its functioning at a meeting with the concerned officers.



*Div Com Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer chairing a meeting.*

The Divisional Commissioner held a detailed review of the facilities, issues pertaining to medical oxygen, status of water, power supply, status of roads, staff strength etc.

The Medical Superintendent DRDO Hospital apprised the Divisional Commissioner that the hospital has all requisite staff, laboratories, wards and is fully prepared to fight any fresh covid wave.

Pertinently, the Government has dedicated DRDO Hospital as a facility for Covid patients and foreigner travellers tested positive are being admitted here. It was informed that at present there are 54 patients under treatment in the Hospital.

The Hospital also has a triage facility and patients from Chest Diseases Hospital Triage point are also being admitted in DRDO for further treatment.

The Div Com directed the District administration Jammu to establish isolation facilities for travellers. He directed ADC Jammu to visit Yatri Niwas and ensure that all requisite facilities are available for the attendants.

While reviewing water power supply to the hospital, it was informed that dedicated lines have been provided to the hospital for uninterrupted water and power supply.

Regarding the medical oxygen related issues, it was informed that the 500-bedded hospital has oxygen supported beds in both ICU and other wards. The Div Com directed for recheck of the oxygen flow of all the beds.

The chief Engineer MED informed that LMOs are fully functional and the work for suction line & AVR (Automatic Voltage Regulator) has been allotted. The Div Com directed the Mechanical Engineering Department and hospital administration to ensure that both works get completed before January 31, 2022.

The hospital is fully equipped with ventilators, monitors, in-house pharmacy, diagnostic facility, X-Ray and a CT Scan machine has recently been commissioned.

It was further informed that the hospital has sufficient staff strength and 47 doctors have been deployed in the DRDO after a spike in cases.

The Div Com instructed the hospital authorities to project requisitions, if anything is required and be fully prepared to deal with the emerging situation.

Officials of DRDO, Medical Superintendent and Executive Engineer MED were also directed to do a test run with full load ie all 125 ventilators functioning simultaneously to check for any pressure drop.

The meeting was attended by Director Health, Administrative officer GMC, Commandant SDRF, ADC Jammu, Chief Engineer, MED; SP North, Medical Superintendent DRDO, technical staff of DRDO besides senior officers of Jal Shakti, JPDCL, PWD and other concerned officers.

## JKSSB holds shorthand test for Kashmir-based candidates

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) on Friday successfully culminated the Shorthand Test (Dictation & Transcription) of Kashmir based candidates for the posts of Jr. Scale Stenographer, Personal Assistant and Steno Typist who had recently qualified the type test/skill test.

The Shorthand Test was conducted in multiple batches at NIELIT Campus, Rangreth, Srinagar from 3rd January, 2022 to 6th January, 2022.

The JKSSB had advertised 249 posts of Junior Scale Stenographer/ Personal Assistant/Steno Typist of UT Cadre, Divisional Cadres and various Districts cadres under notifications.

A total of 11006 online application forms from 4105 candidates for these posts were received, out of which 1433 (780 Kashmir based and 654 Jammu based) candidates qualified type test/ skill test in the first phase of assessment for a multi stage recruitment process. Out of these 780 qualified Kashmir based candidates, only 638 candidates appeared in the shorthand test.

Further, the Shorthand Test (Dictation & Transcription) of 654 candidates of Jammu Division who qualified the computer-based type test/ skill test, shall be scheduled at NIELIT, New Campus, University of Jammu from 11th of January, 2022 onwards.

## Shiv Sena extends support to movement of Yuva Rajput Sabha

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit has announced full support to the movement of Yuva Rajput Sabha on January 10, demand for the holiday on the birthday anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh.

During a programme organized at party office here on Friday, Party State President Manish Sahni announced full support to the movement of Yuva Rajput Sabha and instructed all the Shiv Saniks to participate to the aforesaid movement.

At the same time, influenced by the ideology of Shiv Sena, a dozen of Youth joined along with Mangu Ram and Gourav Singh returned back to the party.

While expansion of the Kamghar Wing, Manish Sahni announced Mangu



*Shiv Sena leaders during a joining programme.*

Ram as President of the Kamgar Youth Unit Jammu and Gaurav Singh appointed the President of Kamghar Wing Akhnoor.

General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Balwant Singh, President Kamghar Wing Raj Singh, Vice President Pawan Singh and Sumit Abrol were also present.

## FCS&CA Jammu Rural-I bags Silver SKOCH Award

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Jammu Rural-I earned recognition at national level as it has been awarded Silver SKOCH award for End to End Computerisation of Public Distribution System Operations.

The scheme 'End to End Computerisation of PDS Operations' was launched as part of Public Distribution System reforms.

The aim of the scheme was to digitize the beneficiary database, automation of Fair Price Shops and Computerisation of Supply Chain Management. The major achievements of the Department after the implementation of the scheme are 100% Aadhar Seeding of beneficiaries, installation of Point of Sale Devices at Fair Price Shops and ration distribution through biometric authentication.

Assistant Director, FCS&CA Jammu Rural I Sonam Verma, gave the credit for receiving the award to the concerted efforts and role of the higher authorities, district administration, all the employees of the Department, Fair Price Shop Dealers, PRI members and beneficiaries of the Department.

## DG IMPARD reviews arrangements for Conference on Good Governance

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Director General, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (J&K IMPARD), Saurabh Bhagat, on Friday chaired a virtual meeting to finalize arrangements for the forthcoming conference on Good Governance to be held on 22nd and 23rd of January 2022. Director, State Motor Garages; Director, Hospitality and Protocol Department, Director Training, J&K IMPARD, Jammu, Joint Director, Deputy Director and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

It was decided that IMPARD and the General Administration Department (GAD) would maintain close liaison for smooth conduct of the conference.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Union MoS, PMO, Dr. Jitendra Singh besides Secretary, DARPG, GoI, V. Srinivas and Director General, National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), would be attending the conference.