

# Alok Kumar convenes public grievances redressal camp

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Alok Kumar, on Wednesday convened a mega grievance redressal camp at Mini Secretariat, Reasi.

District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, SSP Amit Gupta, ADDC Jyoti Slathia, ADC Abdul Star, Joint Director Planning, Sunita Kanchan, PO ICDS Mohammad Anwar Banday, SDM Katra Deepak Dubey, CEO, Principal GDC Reasi, Superintendent Engineers of R&B, PMGSY and PHE, and other senior officers of district administration were present on the occasion.

Chairman District Development Council Reasi, Saraf Singh Nag, PRI members and various delegations attended the outreach camp. The participants apprised



Prpl Secy Higher Education, Alok Kumar chairing grievance redressal camp.

the Principal Secretary of their developmental issues and demands seeking his intervention to redress the same at the earliest.

People mainly approached with specific problems pertaining to up-gradation of roads, repair of irrigation khuls/canals and construction of small check dams for irrigation, fresh survey of PMAY houses, circular road to District Hospital and Government Degree College, hostel facilities in Government Degree

Colleges, beautification of Kalika, Shankarya Acharya and Baba Aghar Jitto Temple, installation of solar lights, pending land compensation, up-gradation of school buildings, rationalization of staff in Schools and Colleges, approach road to Tribal Basti Julla, parking facility in Reasi Town, scarcity of water supply in residential areas, revision of rent on agriculture land taken over by army and other departments besides augmentation of infrastruc-

ture in public health institutions and JJM

A delegation of social activist raised the issue related to facility of hostel in GDC Reasi, shifting of veterinary hospital, and operationalisation of Mother and Child Hospital in Reasi. In response to public grievances, Principal Secretary emphasized the urgent need for hostel facilities at GDC Reasi and directed principal GDC to furnish a complete detail of students who are looking for

the facility for the same so as to make an actual assessment of the hostel requirement. He directed officers to allocate alternative land for establishment of a Veterinary hospital.

Principal Secretary directed the concerned authority to put forth a comprehensive proposal for beautification of all pilgrimage and tourist places in district.

Alok Kumar also issued on spot directions to the concerned officers to look into all the issues pertaining to their respective departments projected by various delegations and the individuals and initiate action for early redressal of the same.

Later, Alok Kumar distributed 20 engagement orders among Sanginis and Shahyikas engaged recently in the project in district Reasi.

## 76 Bn CRPF organises free medical camp at GBHSS Nowabad



Doctors examining patients at a medical camp.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Continuing the Wellness of Civilians, 76 Battalion CRPF in collaboration with J&K Health Department, organised a free medical camp under Civic Action Programme here on Wednesday at Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Nowabad.

The health camp was held under the guidance of Sandeep Khirwar, IG Jammu Sector and Ramesh

Kumar, DIG Jammu Range.

The main objective of the camp was to reach out to the needy people of the area to provide free health care and make them aware about their health.

A team of 2 Medical Officers Dr. S. Sowmiya, 76 Battalion, CRPF and Dr. Rimpi Sangral, Medical Officer, conducted free medical check-ups of around 250 civilians and

provided free medicines.

T.H. Khan, Commandant-76 Bn inaugurated the Civic Action programme and appealed to all people of the area to stay fit by doing physical exercises regularly. He sensitized them to maintain a healthy lifestyle & hygiene. Besides, he also elaborated the role of the CRPF in maintaining cordial relationships between locals & force.

Mahendra Singh 2IC, Rajesh Kumar Yadav 2IC, Karnail Singh Dy.Comdt., Debu Dhakarwal, Asstt. Comdt., Mohan Shyam, Asstt. Comdt. of 76 Bn CRPF also participated in the camp.

The initiative drew positive response and was received well by the locals with the urge that CRPF to organize such camps in the future also.

## Around 10,000 artisans registered under PM Vishwakarma scheme in Jammu

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JAMMU: Jammu district has registered around 10 thousand artisans under the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, a flagship initiative of the Government to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople across 18 trades and 28 sub-trades. Since the launch of the scheme in the district, a total of 9,819 registrations have been completed and all 2,786 cases received at the DM Jammu office have been verified and sent for UT-level verification. The verification process involves the participation of all 305 panchayats, 7 Urban Local Bodies, Jammu Municipal Corporation and Cantonment Board Jammu of the district. The applications were first verified by the Sarpanch or Councillor at the Panchayat or ULB level and then by the office of the District Magistrate for subsequent verification at the UT level. The registered artisans will be imparted skill training by the Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), which will enable them to set up their own enterprises. The training would involve Basic Training of 5-7 days and Advanced Training of 15 days or more, with a stipend of Rs. 500 per day and toolkit incentive of upto Rs 15 thousand in the form of e-vouchers at the beginning of Basic Skill Training. A certificate from the MSME will also be provided after successful completion of the training.

The scheme aims to enhance the accessibility and quality of products and services offered by traditional artisans and craftsmen. The scheme offers collateral-free enterprise development loans of ₹1 lakh (first tranche to be repaid in 18 months) and ₹2 lakh (second tranche to be repaid in 30 months). A concessional rate of interest of 5% will be charged from the beneficiary, with interest subvention cap of 8% to be paid by the MSME. The credit guarantee fees will be borne by the central government.

## Sr Women's One-Day Trophy Sarla's lethal spell; Chitra, Anju's fifties go in vain as UP drubs J&K Debutant Mariya Noorain impresses

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
TRIVANTHIRIPURAM: Champion left-arm medium fast bowler Sarla Devi's lethal spell and good show with the willow by J&K's batting mainstay Chitra Singh Jamwal and consistent Anju Tomar went in vain as formidable Uttar Pradesh registered a 4-wicket victory over Jammu and Kashmir in the ongoing Senior Women's One-Day Trophy at Green Field International Stadium, Trivanthripuram, Kerala on Wednesday.

Earlier, put into bat, J&K openers-- Shivanti Gupta and Anju Tomar began the innings with caution and aggression, before former was dismissed at her individual score of 10 runs and the team's total of 17 runs in 5.5 overs. However, Anju and



number-3 batter Chitra played sensibly and made a partnership of around 100 runs in the 33 overs played between the two to take the score to 117 runs in 39 overs, before Anju was retired hurt to make way for explosive Rubia Syed, who continued her series of failures to be dismissed for one run. J&K finally managed to score 144 runs in the stipulated 50

overs, losing 6 wickets in the process.

Chitra, who had the scores of 100 and 101 behind her back in the tournament so far, scored patient 52 runs off 107 balls, studded with 4 fours today, while Anju who had scored 53 and 41 runs earlier in the tournament, contributed 52 runs off 115 balls with 5 boundaries today. Skipper Sandhya

Sayal and Bushra Ashraf remained unbeaten on 5 and 3 runs respectively.

Left-arm spinner Sonam Yadhav was the pick of the bowlers for Uttar Pradesh, who took 2 wickets by conceding just 10 runs in her 10 overs, while skipper Nishu Choudhary bagged 2 wickets by giving away 20 runs in her 7 overs. Sonam Singh and Anjali Singh claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Uttar Pradesh, despite Sarla Devi's magical bowling display, chased the target in 41.5 overs by losing 6 wickets, thus won the match by 4 wickets.

Arushi top scored with unbeaten 58 runs off 108 balls, studded with 8 boundaries, while skipper Nishu Choudhary and Anjali Singh contributed 20 runs each.

Opener Tripti Singh also scored sedate 16 runs off 51 balls.

Sarla Devi was the wrecker-in-chief for J&K, who troubled all the rival batters with her seam and swing to take 3 important wickets by conceding 16 runs in her 10 overs. She has a total of 9 wickets in the tournament including a 5-wicket haul, while debutant Mariya Noorain was also brilliant with the ball, impressing one and all with her 'banana swing', taking 1 wicket by giving away 33 runs in her 9.5 overs. Skipper Sandhya Sayal and Rubia Syed claimed one wicket each.

J&K will take on Haryana in their next outing at St Xavier's College Ground, Thumba on January 12, 2024.

## Kishtwar Admin compliments Sheetal Devi on receiving Arjuna Award

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Today marks a historic and prideful moment for District Kishtwar as Sheetal a resilient and determined resident from the humble hamlet of Lohi Dhar, Block Mughal Maidan, has been honored with the Arjuna Award 2023 for her exceptional achievements in Para Archery on Tuesday.

This monumental feat not only brought immense pride to her family and district but also resonates as a source of honor for the entire Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the nation at large.

Despite being born with congenital disability, without arms, 16-year-old Sheetal Devi has inscribed her name in the annals of archery history for the district and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Her unwavering determination, particularly stemming from a modest background, led her to overcome numerous obstacles on her journey to this prestigious award.

Her accolades include three gold medals and one silver

medal achieved at the 4th Para Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China, in 2023. Additionally, she secured a silver medal in the World Para Archery Championship held in Pilsen, Czech Republic, also in 2023.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir, alongside her native district witnessed this honoring ceremony of her receipt of the Arjuna Award, here from Rashtrapati.

Following the announcement of awards, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had greeted her in his post on 'X' (formerly called Twitter) and described it as a proud moment for J&K.

Earlier this year, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has also honored the ace Para Archer Sheetal Devi at Raj Bhawan with Certificate of Excellence.

SDM Chatroo Shokat Hayat Mattoo, accompanied by Tehsildar Mughal Maidan on behalf of the District Administration Kishtwar, representing Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh today visited her home, extending heartfelt felicitations for her outstanding achievements in a simple yet heartfelt ceremony.

Dr Devansh Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, in his message conveyed his warmest congratulations and best wishes, expressing hope for further accolades in her future endeavors and journey.

## Handball trials from today

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Handball Association is going to conduct the selection trial for 35th Federation Cup Handball Championship (Men & Women) which is schedule to be held at District Sangali Maharashtra from January 28 to 31, 2024.

Selection trials will be conducted at Playing Field Shastri Nagar Jammu from January 11 to 13, 2024 at 3:00 PM. All the President/Secretaries of affiliated units of the association are requested to send their players at the aforesaid venue for trials.

## Power shutdown

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Keerian, Local, Keerian Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 11 and 12 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jakhar, Padyari and Badala will remain affected from January 11 from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Similarly, Superintendent Engineer, O&M Circle Rajouri, JPDCL has informed that the power supply to Sunderbani PSS to Kathamu Police Station will remain affected from January 12, 14, 16 and 18 from 9 am to 3 pm.

## Surya Namaskar session held at Sun Temple Martand Anantnag

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

ANANTNAG: Directorate of Ayush UT of J&K in collaboration with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga & Archaeological Survey of India on Wednesday organised a session of Surya Namaskar hear at iconic Sun Temple Martand in Anantnag.

The program was organised by District Ayush Officer Anantnag under the guidance of Director Ayush UT of J&K, Dr. Mohan Singh.

2nd Commandment CRPF & Deputy Commandant CRPF 96 Bn, Assistant Conservator Archaeological Survey of India (Srinagar Circle) were also invited as guests.

The whole staff of Ayush Anantnag and Ayush Kulgam also participated in the event.

Program started with recitation of the National Anthem. Afterwards stunning programs of Surya Namaskar with some standing Asanas of yoga were performed.

At the conclusion of the session, District Ayush Officer Anantnag on behalf of AYUSH department thanked all, especially District Information Centre Anantnag, for making the event a grand success.

## J&K men team clinches gold at 20th Senior National Rollball Championship



J&K Rollball team posing for photograph after receiving trophy.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: J&K Men Rollball team, a formidable force in Rollball, proudly secured the gold medal in the recently concluded 20th Senior National Rollball Championship held at Belgaum (Karnataka) from January 4 to 7, 2024.

The team's exceptional skills, dedication and unwavering determination were key factors in their triumphant journey to the top of the podium. Facing stiff competition from some of the nation's best Rollball teams, J&K Rollball team showcased unparalleled teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the championship.

Overall 25 teams which were distributed in

eight pools took part in the championship. On the way to championship, Jammu and Kashmir team defeated Punjab and Diu & Daman in league stages and in pre quarter final, defeated Assam by 9-4, in quarter final, Jharkhand by 6-3, in semi-final it defeated UP (last year winner) by 5-3 and in all important final, it defeated Karnataka by 11 goal to 7 goals. Main scores of the final match were Dilpreet (5 goals), Hitishwar (3 goals), Akarshan (2 goals), Rakshak (1 goal). The effort of the goal keeper of the team, Taransh Gupta was appreciated by one and all. He was declared best upcoming goal keeper of the tournament.

## KV staff wins T-20 match



Participating teams posing for a photograph after the match.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) staff defeated students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Jammu Region in the T-20 match organized here on Wednesday.

Sachin was declared as Man of the Match and Ravleen of KV No 1 Jammu awarded for best performance in the match.

KV Staff team led by the Deputy Commissioner Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Regional Office

Jammu, Narendra Goyal while Islam Khan, Assistant Commissioner KVS RO Jammu also part of the staff team.

The idea of match was coined by Assistant Commissioner Islam Khan and organised with the help of Bhushan Kumar Principal KV No 1 Akhnoor and Suneel Kumar Yadav, Principal KV No 2 Jammu.

Good performance made by Amit Walter, Principal KV No 1 Jammu during the

match with his bowling skill. He took two wickets that was turning point of the match. The initiative was taken by the Deputy Commissioner Nagendra Goyal for promoting the sports among the students to boost their morale. Match was organised by the KV No 1 Akhnoor with the help of staff members.

Vote of thanks was presented by Islam Khan, Assistant Commissioner KVS RO Jammu.

## Asmat, Proloy, Chandan qualify Ph.D

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Dr. Asmat Farooq, daughter of Farooq Ahmad Bhat and Misra Begium, resident of Awantipora, Pulwama, Kashmir, has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Biochemistry by the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu. She worked on the topic, "Biochemical Characterization and Protein Expression Analysis of Common Bean Under Mineral Stress" under the supervision of Dr. Vikas Sharma, Associate Professor, Division of Biochemistry, SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr. Proloy Sankar Dev Roy, son of Dr. P.K. Dev Roy and Alpina Dev Roy, resident of Balaka, Jalan Nagar, Dibrugarh, Assam has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biochemistry by the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu. He worked on the topic "Biofortification of fruit juices using probiotics and its effect on biochemical, physico-chemical, functional and sensory characteristics" under the supervision of Dr. Vikas Sharma, Associate Professor, Division of Biochemistry, SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr. Chandan Thappa, son of Jagdev Kumar and Sudeh Kumari, resident of House No. 33, Ward No 12, Bari Brahmana, Jammu has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Biochemistry by the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu. He worked on the topic "Exploring anticancer, antioxidant and antibacterial potential of some medicinal plants of Bhaderwah region of Jammu and Kashmir" under the supervision of Dr. Vikas Sharma, Associate Professor, Division of Biochemistry, SKUAST-Jammu.

## JKTPO spotlights J&K's culinary brilliance in food, agriculture at Indus Food exhibition

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NOIDA: Jammu & Kashmir, renowned for its rich culinary heritage, proudly exhibited its diverse food, agriculture and horticulture products at the prestigious Indus Food 2024.

The event, held from January 8th to 10th, witnessed J&K's vibrant participation, capturing the essence of the region's agricultural prowess.

Indus Food 2024, Southeast Asia's largest food and beverage export-focused exhibition, served as a vital platform for international collaboration within India's dynamic food industry. The event, organized by the Trade Promotion Council of India in association with the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, attracted over 1200 exhibitors and 7500 global buyers.

Jammu & Kashmir, recently honoured with the Gold (Winner) in National ODOP awards, claimed the spotlight at the esteemed Indus Food 2024. Eighteen exhibitors from the region

witnessed a remarkable showcase of products and impactful B2B meetings with both international and domestic buyers. These interactions resulted in 780+ promising leads and on spot orders worth 45 Lakhs.

The 7th Edition of Indus Food was inaugurated by Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Piyush Goyal. He praised India's diverse food industry, emphasizing its potential to captivate global markets. He commended the sector's exponential growth, citing a remarkable 150 percent increase in processed food exports over the past nine years. He underscored India's agricultural export potential, currently standing at approximately US\$ 53 Billion, with a projected target of US\$ 100 Billion by 2030.

He quoted Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and said that the time has come for a fusion of technology and taste, emphasizing a new era

in the food processing sector. He stressed the importance of large-scale food processing, effective product branding, and an export-oriented approach to benefit farmers, boost employment, and elevate the nation's economic gains.

The platform not only provided exposure and experience but also facilitated substantial business opportunities for entrepreneurs from Jammu & Kashmir. The region's exceptional products and culinary traditions stood out, contributing to the success of Indus Food 2024 as a significant avenue for promoting India's diverse food industry on the global stage.

The triumph at Indus Food 2024 reinforces Jammu & Kashmir's position as a powerhouse of culinary excellence and a vital contributor to India's diverse food industry on the global stage. The event served as a testament to the region's commitment towards promoting its unique offerings and fostering meaningful connections within the global food and beverage community.