

# Women given voting rights in very first election: CM

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah on Thursday remarked that this country has a rich history of women empowerment and emancipation from the very beginning as it was born on the core idea of equality.

The Chief Minister made these remarks while delivering the presidential address during the valedictory session of weeklong first women's National Integration Camp on 'Women Empowerment and Emancipation through NSS' at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) Government College for Women at Gandhinagar.

The week long camp was organised by Regional Directorate of National Service Scheme (NSS), Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with GCW Parade and PSPS GCW Gandhinagar Jammu. In his address, the Chief Minister said that this country has born on principles of equality and gave women right to



CM, Omar Abdullah speaking at valedictory session of women's National Integration Camp.

vote in very first election. "This country has seen women in leadership roles before countries who tried to teach us lessons. Our country had women Prime Minister before many developed countries had even thought of it", Omar said.

He added, "Our Country had more than one women President and currently the occupant of our highest office is a Woman".

The Chief Minister further said that our country also had a woman Lok Sabha speaker in the past, which speaks volumes about the ideals of women empowerment and emancipation in

our democratic country.

The Chief Minister underlined that in one area where we are still lacking women empowerment is in public representation.

"The sad fact is that we have not been able to take this empowerment to its logical conclusion. We keep talking about reservation as the way forward, but true empowerment will have been achieved when women occupy an equal number of positions in the day-to-day governance and decision-making of this country without having to rely on reservation to get there", Omar Abdullah said. "At the end of the day

women make up 50% of the population of this country but do not make up 50% of the elected representatives", he added. The Chief Minister on the occasion also expressed gratitude to the participants from 16 different States and UTs for coming to Jammu and participating in this camp.

He asked the participants that whichever corner of the country you are going to please go as our ambassadors and carry from us a message of goodwill, message of love and friendship.

Addressing the gathering, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo said that it is pleasing to see people from different states participating together under one roof.

She emphasized on the importance of national integration in today's diverse society and encouraged the young participants to become ambassadors of peace and unity in their communities. She added that Women are marching ahead in every field and profession.

In his address, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education, Shantmanu briefed the gathering about the main activities held during the camp. Director Colleges J&K and State Director, NSS, Shiekh Aijaz presented the camp address on the occasion.

During the valedictory session, the Chief Minister also felicitated the winners and participants of different categories. Pertinently, the camp featured range of activities, including cultural performances, community service projects, sports competitions, workshops and interactive sessions on varied subjects.

Vice-Chancellor Cluster University of Jammu, Professor K.S. Chandrasekhar, Regional Director NSS & Principal GCW Gandhi Nagar, Dr. Saraswat, Principal GCW, Parade Ground, Dr. Tikku, Camp Commander, Dr. Gurpreet Kaur and other concerned were present on the occasion.

# No cow dies due to cold and hunger: CM Yogi

**■ SHAHZAD AKHTAR**  
LUCKNOW: After taking cognizance of the news of the death of a cow due to cold in the cowshed in Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath gave instructions to the officials regarding this and directed them to ensure that no cow should die due to the cold.

After the death of cows due to the cold in the cowshed of Bareilly in UP, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has given special instructions to the officials regarding this. CM Yogi has instructed the concerned officials to ensure that no cow dies due to the cold. For this, adequate arrangements of tarpaulin, bonfire, fodder; water and other necessary facilities have been asked to be made at the cow shelters across the state.

The Yogi government has directed the veterinary officers to regularly visit the cow shelters and ensure the best health, treatment, medicine and care of the cows there. It has also been ensured that the caretakers working at every cow shelter stay there at night and do the necessary work smoothly for the care of the cows.

The Chief Minister has directed that the nodal officers at the district level should regularly inspect the cow shelters and ensure that there is no shortage of fodder, straw, water, light etc. Apart from this,



emphasis has been laid on completing the work of setting up cow protection centers on priority basis so that a safe environment can be provided to the destitute cows. Apart from this, it has also been asked to ensure that the implementing agencies do the construction work with high quality as per the standard and layout. Structures like cow sheds, drinking water facilities, fodder places and khadanja should be prepared strongly and systematically. The Yogi government has directed that immediate corrective steps should be taken in those cow shelters where any kind of dis-

order or complaints related to the care of cows are received. It is worth noting that at present lakhs of destitute cows are being protected in 7,696 cow shelters in Uttar Pradesh.

The Chief Minister has also directed that priority should be given to tarpaulin, bonfire and other necessary measures to protect from the cold. The government intends to further strengthen the quality and arrangements of these shelters. The Uttar Pradesh government wants to further strengthen the quality and arrangements of these cow shelters.

# Yudhvir ensures retrieval of encroached land in Bain Bajalta



MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi interacting with people during visit to Bain Bajalta.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a significant step towards safeguarding community resources and upholding public trust, senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi has successfully facilitated the retrieval of nearly 4.5 kanals of encroached land in Bain Bajalta. The reclaimed land, belonging to the revered Shishu Samadhai, used for the cremation of children of the Hindu community, has now been restored to its rightful custodians.

The issue was brought to notice of Yudhvir Sethi by concerned locals, who expressed deep anguish over

the encroachment of this sacred space. Acknowledging the importance of the matter, Sethi took immediate action and worked tirelessly with the local administration to resolve the issue.

Following Sethi's intervention, the land was retrieved in the presence of the Local Tehsildar and handed back to the villagers. This resolution not only underscores the MLA's commitment to the welfare of his constituency but also highlights his dedication to preserving cultural and community landmarks.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi reiterated his

unwavering resolve to protect public assets and ensure justice for the community. "The Shishu Samadhai holds immense significance for the Hindu community, and its sanctity cannot be compromised. My team and I will continue to work relentlessly to safeguard such sacred spaces and address the concerns of our people," he stated.

The villagers expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Yudhvir Sethi for his proactive involvement and determined efforts in reclaiming the encroached land. They lauded his leadership and commitment to the well-being of the community.

# SKUAST-J empowers farmer's with comprehensive poultry farming training

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Jammu under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), conducted a training program on Poultry Farming at R S Pura.

The programme was organised under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bhupendra Nath Tripathi and guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrishi Vaid and Dr. Puneet Choudhary, Chief Scientist and Head KVK, Jammu.

Dr. Puneet Choudhary welcome and enlightened the participants about the workings and mandates of the KVK system, encouraging them to adopt poultry farming as a subsidiary occupation to enhance their liveli-



KVK Jammu officials during awareness programme at RS Pura, Jammu.

hoods and generate additional income. Dr. Inran Ganai, Assistant Professor, Division of Animal Nutrition (SKUAST-J), highlighted the importance of value addition to meat and eggs and shared recipes to improve their acceptance among families and his lecture covered breed identification, management of poultry chicks and brooder houses, management of poultry sheds for both layers and broilers, feeding, disease management, and cultivating Azolla

for poultry feed, ensuring the successful operation of local and commercial poultry farms. Dr. Ganai highlighted the importance of the poultry sector in enhancing nutritional and livelihood security of rural and urban masses alike.

He said the dint of hard work of all the stakeholders in this sector has enabled the common ordinary man to afford a square meal for himself. He said the sector has huge potential for growth, which if exploited

can help in creating new employment avenues for rural youth. During the programme progressive farmers, Panches and Sarpanch of the area also shared their experiences.

The training concluded with Mr. Satvir Singh, Programme Assistant KVK, Jammu expressing gratitude to all participants and motivating them to seek further technical guidance from the experts for their future endeavours in poultry farming.

# 'Chai With Cop': interaction held with media persons at Janipur Police Station



SHO Janipur Inspector Vikram Sharma interacting with media persons on Thursday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Newly joined SHO Janipur Inspector Vikram Sharma on Thursday invited Media persons of the Jammu to Police station under a new initiative started by SDPO City West "Chai With Cop" for interaction and better coordination for free flow of information regarding any cognisable activity taking

place in the jurisdiction of Police Station Janipur.

A Police Community Partnership Group meetings are held regularly by concerned SHO's and senior officer for face to face interaction with law abiding citizens and fourth pillar of democracy i.e. media for the better service delivery.

In the meeting various participants viz. Rashmi

Sharma, Sukhbir Singh, Sahil, Aamir, Ajitesh, Shreya, Himani, Vikram and others were present.

Participants while speaking highlighted various issues like road raze leading to scuffles among citizens, street lightening of areas which are hotspot for drugs and alcoholics, traffic jamming during evening hours, better coordination among

police, media and public to fight menace of drugs etc to be addressed on priority.

SHO Janipur, while extending vote of thanks, also briefed participants to remain alert about the security of the area to fail the nefarious designs of anti-nation elements and frequent reporting of crime well in time keeping in mind the approaching of Republic Day celebrations and present security scenario.

They were also requested to remain in contact with police station regarding any kind of grievances and mis-happenings.

"Public and media fraternity which is law abiding and follow discipline are the eyes and ears of police as law enforcement agency. Their participation in community policing is highly appreciable and need of hour," said SHO Vikram.

# VC JU releases Multidisciplinary Research Journal 'Researcher'



VC, JU, Prof. Umesh Rai releasing Volume XX, No. 1, 2024 of 'Researcher'.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu (JU), on Thursday released Volume XX, No. 1, 2024 of 'Researcher: A Multidisciplinary Journal', published by the University's Publication Cell.

'Researcher' is a bi-annual, multidisciplinary, double-blind peer-reviewed journal aimed at providing a specialized academic platform for disseminating research across diverse academic disciplines,

including Science and Technology, Social Sciences, Business Studies, and Humanities.

The current edition features twelve research papers. Among them, one paper is published under the Science & Technology section, one under Business Studies, and four papers each under the sections of Business Studies and Arts & Humanities. The publication process was overseen by Dr. Shashi Prabha, Convener, Publication Cell.

The journal release was

attended by senior officials of the University, including Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs; Prof. Meena Sharma; Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar; Dr. Ginny Dogra, Director; DIQA; Prof. Sandeep Pandita; Prof. Sarika Manhas; and Dr. Shashi Prabha.

The 'Researcher' journal continues to serve as a vital academic reference for scholars and researchers, promoting high-quality, interdisciplinary research and knowledge dissemination.

# Minati Mohapatra Cycling Velodrome inaugurated at KIIT-KISS Campus by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHUBANESWAR: The Minati Mohapatra Cycling Velodrome was inaugurated today at the KIIT-KISS campus by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mansukh Mandaviya. The velodrome, named in honour of Minati Mohapatra - Odisha's first Arjuna Awardee in cycling.

Inaugurating the Velodrome, the Union Minister reflected on the significance of the occasion. "Today is an important day for me," he said, what I witnessed aligns with the dream of Prime



Union Sports Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurating cycling velodrome at KIIT-KISS campus.

Minister Narendra Modi - a nation where education and sports go hand in hand."

Quoting Acharya Chanakya, the minister emphasized the importance of education in shaping a nation's future. "I am

satisfied that the country's future is in the capable hands of educationists like Dr. Samanta. KIIT, KISS, and KIMS are nurturing students who will grow into responsible citizens. Wherever I go, I will share the best practices I

observed here," Mandaviya added.

Dr Samanta, Founder of KIIT, KISS, and KIMS, expressed his gratitude for the minister's visit and highlighted plans to double the sports infrastructure at KIIT and KISS in the coming years. "With the minister's blessings, we aim to expand our facilities further and provide more opportunities for budding athletes," he remarked.

Maninder Pal Singh, Secretary General of the Cycling Federation of India, lauded the minister's passion for sports.

"The minister is a cycling enthusiast himself, and his contribution to promoting sports across the country is remarkable," he said.

Minati Mohapatra, visibly moved by the honour, expressed her gratitude. "I am speechless. People say Dr. Samanta is like a god to us. This is the greatest honor of my life," she said.

KIIT Vice Chancellor Prof. Saranjit Singh highlighted the minister's achievements during his tenure as Union Health Minister, and KISS Vice Chancellor Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera delivered the vote of thanks.

# Teachings of Guru Ravidass continue to inspire: Balbir

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth national general secretary and Indian Branch general secretary of British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation, Balbir Ram Rattan, said that Guru Ravidass was a great social reformer, whose teachings continues to inspire people with message of equality, compassion, and unity. He was discussing the life and teachings of Guru Ravidass with Ashok Gandhi, a staunch follower of Guru ji.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that Guru Ravidass dedicated his life to eradicating social inequalities and promoting brotherhood and oneness of humanity.

He further said that each one of us should honour legacy of Guru Ravidass by embracing his ideals and working towards creating a society rooted in equality, love, and mutual respect. Ashok Gandhi, while sharing his views on life of Guru Ravidass, said that this Indian saint advocated for a society where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. His teachings, preserved through devotional



hymns and verses, carry significance.

"Begampura concept of Guru Ravidass envisions an ideal society free from sorrow, injustice, and discrimination, Gandhi added.

Both, Balbir Ram Rattan and Ashok Gandhi, also appreciated different organisations in India and abroad for their relentless efforts in reaching the people to make them aware about teachings of Guru Ravidass.