

# NMOPS J&K holds protest, demands old pension scheme

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: National Movement for Old Pension Scheme Jammu and Kashmir (NMOPS-J&K), an amalgam of workers associations held protest at Press Club Jammu under the chairmanship of UT President Mohd Ashraf Sheikh in which appeal was made to the UT Govt for restoration of Old Pension Scheme.

The New Pension Scheme does not provide the guarantee of minimum pension and is not in the welfare of employees and their family members, Sheikh said adding that the employees recruited on or after January 1-2010 are not eligible for old pension scheme and are forced to opt the new scheme which is unjust & uncalled in totality.

While addressing the gathering UT senior vice president and chairman JKATA Vishal Manhas appealed to the Govt to scrap the New Pension Scheme (NPS) and restore the old pension scheme so that a sense of belongingness could prevail among all Govt employ-



Protesting employees raising slogans during a protest.

ees appointed after 01.01.2010. Pertinent to mention that New Pension Scheme was introduced in India in January 2004 and was implemented in Jammu and Kashmir in January 2010 since the NPS is a privatised pension scheme, with no assurance of a secured post retirement life of retirees and their families. Most of the retired government employees who have worked under NPS are very much dissatisfied with this scheme and are facing hardships to sustain their post

retirement life. Keeping the flaws and drawbacks of NPS in mind the government employees throughout the country are demanding restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) with an aim to secure their post retirement life. Sheikh requested the LG administration to consider their demand on priority basis as this NPS scheme is totally against the employees and a grave injustice and threat for their future. The leaders of all different Employees Association/forums assured the masses that we

had full faith in our govt and we expect like other states very soon our Govt too will consider our demand of scrapping NPS.

Various Trade union leaders present on the occasion were Ganesh Khajuria Chairman J&K Teachers forum(JKTF) Sachin Tickoo President J&K Electrical Engineers Gazetted Association (JKEEGA), Yasir Tak President J&K Agriculture Technocrats Association (JKATA) and chief spokesperson NMAPS, Satyarth Gupta(NRMU), Gurcharan Singh Provincial

president Non Gazetted Forest Officer Association (NGFOA), Sandeep Kohli Provincial president All JK Patwar Association (AJ&KPA), Arun Sharma (GMCHJ), Ravi Randhawa President Local Urban bodies, Arun Gupta Provincial President Young JKPDDEU, David Sandhu Vice President ABSMS, Parshottam Singh President Shrine Board Employees Association Katra (SBEA), Harpreet Kaur President Female Wing JKNMOPS etc.

Others who were present includes Surat Singh Tufani, JA Aga, Darshan sharma, Kuldeeb Bhandral, Bashir Thakur, Ashwani Raina from JKTF, and senior leaders of NMOPS are Deepak Sharma, Raman Sharma, Neetan Kalyan, Syed Muneer Hussain, Mohammad Hussain, Ramkrishan Thakur, Mohan Singh, Jalil Sheikh, Muntazir Khalid, Manshad Iqbol, Jai Krishan Vashista, Pt Ramesh Shashtri, Syed Nusrat Shah and others.

## 11th Police Martyr's Memorial T-20

# Game Changers Jammu, Amigos Club Panipat register wins



A player receiving Man of the Match award.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Game Changers Jammu and Amigos Sports Club Panipat registered wins on the ongoing 11th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship 2022 being organized by J&K Police in collaboration with Shaheed Welfare Committee Kathua at Sports Stadium Kathua, on Friday.

In first match played in morning session, Game Changers Jammu outplayed Life Care Lucknow by one wicket.

Batting first, Life Care Lucknow scored 92 runs in 18.4 overs for the loss of ten wickets. Lakshay Dalal was the top scorer with 32 runs while Shubham made 15 runs. In reply, Game Changers Jammu team easily chased the target making 93 runs for the loss of nine

wickets in 19.5 overs. Govind was the main scorer with 29 runs. For winning team, Jeevesh Gupta was declared as Man of the Match for his brilliant balling performance. He claimed three wickets in his 3.4 overs spell by giving only 11 runs.

In another match, Amigos Sports Club Panipat beat JKP XI Kathua by nine wickets. JKP XI Kathua, batting first, made 97 runs in 20 overs at the loss of

seven wickets. Shiv Dutt was the main scorer with 26 runs and Surjeet made 19.

In reply, Amigos Sports Club Panipat team chased the target making 98 runs in 9.1 overs for the loss of one wicket. Sahil played a match winning unbeaten inning of 41 runs and Somvir made 35 runs. For his match brilliant knock, Sahil was declared as Man of the Match.

# Cycling team named for Nationals



Selected cycling team after the trials at Jammu.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Cycling Association of Jammu and Kashmir conducted selection trials to raise team for the 27th Senior, Junior and Sub Junior National Road Cycling Championships to be held at Sinner, Nashik in Maharashtra from January 7 to 10, 2023.

The selection took place at MA Stadium here under the

supervision of a team led by Association president, Ravinder Singh and comprised S.S Gill, Om Parkash, Dr Vikesh Kumar and Ravi Salgotra. Also present were Rahul Kumar (Coach Indian Cycling Team) and Gurpreet Singh.

Selected Players: Elite Category: Waheed Ahmad Ganie, Bazil Ahmad, Adil Teli, Manjeet Singh. U-23 Boys:

Mohmiss Ismail, Sheikh Saqibul Raheem, Subaib-ul-Mehraj, Zamin Hassan Mirza. U-18 Junior Boys: Adnan Bashir, Abhay Choudhary, Hilal Ahmad Dar. U-16 Sub-Junior Boys: Jahangir Ahmad, Mir Bahjat Nawaz, Sahil Manzoor. U-14 Youth Boys: Arfat Bashir, Arindham Ravi. U-14 Youth Girls: Yumna Parwez, Farah Ahad.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KOLKATA: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday visited the premier Kolkata institute founded in 1935, the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB) and called on the medico scholars, senior scientists and students to carry out preventive healthcare research, with special focus on prevention of Metabolic Disorders like Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in the young so that India's youth energy could be optimally channelised for nation building instead of letting go under-utilised on account of health issues.

Dr Jitendra said that Healthcare has been one of the key focus areas of the Modi government since 2014, and he has taken several measures in the last 8 and half years to make Indian Healthcare future-ready.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the medicos, scientists and students at Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), Kolkata on Friday.

Dr Jitendra underlined that there is a Paradigm Shift in approach as far Healthcare is concerned as the government is focusing on health as well as wellness, by eliminating the factors responsible for illness and making treatment of diseases inclusive.

Dr Jitendra was happy to note that the Indian

Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB) was established in 1935 as the first non-official centre in India for biomedical research and was included within the aegis of CSIR in 1956. He said, the institute continues to exploit its unique strength in Chemical biology for understanding various diseases to find out therapeutic

solutions and the Process chemistry for generics is one of the priority areas in addition to novel drug development of various diseases.

Dr Jitendra Singh also informed that although the CSIR-IICB was established to carry out research in infectious diseases like kala azar, cholera, malaria etc, but it has gradually transformed into a cutting age research institute in biomedical research with emphasis on basic understanding of the infectious diseases, immune system, cancer, metabolic diseases including cardiovascular diabetes and liver diseases.

Dr Jitendra said, works done in the institute to fight Type 2 diabetes, which was more common in older adults has started affecting huge number of younger people is phenomenal. The Minister said, it will go a long way for the health and

well-being of younger people engaged in making of Modi's New India.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, CSIR-IICB today is engaged in research on diseases of national importance and biological problems of global interest, employing sophisticated state-of-the-art technology in keeping with the rapid and unprecedented momentum that life science research has gained globally over the last 50 years. The scientific staff has expertise in a variety of areas including chemistry, biochemistry, cell biology, molecular biology, neurobiology and immunology which promotes productive interdisciplinary interaction.

Presently, CSIR-IICB has 2 campuses. The main campus is at Jadavpur and the second campus is situated at Salt Lake. The Salt Lake Campus was in February 2016.

# Ghazal illuminates final day of JKAACL's Music Festival

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), under the guidance of Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL, has successfully executed the final day of the four-day Music festival at Abhinav Theatre, here on Friday.

Over 75 artists from across the region performed in the four-day musical extravaganza. The final day of the festival primarily witnessed light music - a genre consisting of rhyming couplets set to music.

Khalid Hussain, former Deputy Commissioner; Aslam Kureshi, former Deputy Commissioner; Prof. D.S. Manhas, GGM Science College; Khurshed Qazmi, a prolific writer of the region; and Vijay Luxmi, former Principal of Government Women College Parade, were amongst the dignitaries who witnessed the musical event.

The event began with Ghazal performances by Neelam Langeh and Subhash Langeh, eminent singers of the region.

Then onwards, Vishakha Bhardwaj, the young music sensation, mesmerized the audience with her melodic voice. Further, Jeevan Sharma, a celebrated music performer, with his scintillating performance, captured the audience's attention.

Lastly, the gathering found itself spell-bound by the Ghazals by Dharmesh Nargotra, a prominent Ghazal singer of the region. These artists were equally supported by Neeraj Verma (Tabla), Vijay Anand (Dholak), Rakesh Anand (Flute), Krishan Kumar (Synth), and Sanjay Kumar (Guitar); these instrumentalists with their skills indeed cast a spell on the audience.

The in-between moments were filled by Mitali Gupta, who, while conducting the proceedings of the event, accentuated the sanctity of the occasion.

Dr Shah Nawaz, Editor cum Cultural Officer (Gojri) (JKAACL), on behalf of the Secretary JKAACL, gave vote of thanks. He further affirmed that JKAACL, under the guidance of Bharat Singh Secretary JKAACL and with support from the art and culture connoisseurs of the region, shall continue to work towards its cultural endeavors aimed at the promotion of culture both in the Jammu and the Kashmir region.

The audience enthusiastically enjoyed the musical performances by the prominent artists of the region. The Cultural Academy's effort in promoting cultural sensitivities is receiving appreciation from the artists' fraternity.

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# Four Roller Hockey players of Jindrah became National champion for 4th consecutive year



Medal winner skaters posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Four Roller Hockey players of Roller Athlete Skating Club Jindrah, namely Ankush Kohli, Ranneesh Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar and Gagan

Singh Jamwal became the National Champion for the 4th consecutive year in the recently concluded 60th National roller skating championship which was held at Bangalore in the

Masters Men Roller hockey category.

They all are the members of the J&K Masters team. Earlier all these four players were the regular members of the J&K team which won Gold medal three times where as 5 Cadet Boys namely Purushartha Singh, Aarav Jandyal, Krishna Sharma, Bhavanya Bhagat (captain), Rakshan Sharma (GK) from the Jindrah club also won bronze medal.

The management of the Roller Athlete skating club Jindrah congratulated them for bringing laurels for the J&K and RSAJK where as Rase speed skater Abhinav Bakshi also performed well and placed 4th in all his races.

# Food Safety DFCO squads check quality of grains in CAPD outlets



DFCO Food Safety team checking quality of grain at CAPD outlet.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Emphasizing to quell the adulteration and mitigate the sufferings of the consumers, the teams of Food Safety, Drugs and Food Control Organization, Division Jammu initiated the drive in a spirit to ensure the availability of Safe, Pure, and better quality of Food grains to the public and taking the lead on the teams in Different Districts raided various CAPD outlets, fair price shops, IFC stores inspected

the establishments under FSSAI, Rules and Regulations.

During this drive, Enforcement teams collected seven samples and advised the dealers to maintain registration/licenses under FSS Act.

Besides, massive intensifications were carried out to maintain quality to check the poor conditions of the storage facilities and supply of Ration to the Consumers in the region. In this regard, necessary steps are being taken to ensure

quality and conditions of the stores where the Food grains will be stored in good conditions.

As per hand outs of the teams at maximum places the concerned authorities need to modernize the storage conditions so as to avoid the outbreaks through rodents like rats and other insects which breed and cause health hazards so the storage conditions need to be full flagged addressed for Safe Ration supply to the Consumers.

# Week-long workshop on 'Fitness' for women concludes at GCoE



Winner student posing with faculty members.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Women Development Cell & IQAC of Government College of Education (GCoE), Canal Road, Jammu under the patronage of Principal, Prof. Aekta Gupta, concluded one week workshop on Fitness for women.

The workshop was inaugurated on December 26 and concluded on Friday.

The Workshop included series of fitness sessions by Fitness Expert Kritika

Sharma which included Zumba, Aerobics ,Yoga & Meditation.

The staff and students of GCoE, Jammu got equally benefited as the main purpose behind organising this event was to create awareness amongst both students and staff regarding health and fitness.

Principal GCoE, Prof. Aketa Gupta appreciated the efforts of resource person as well as students and staff including Convener

Women Development Cell, Prof Rubina Yasmeen. Convener IQAC Prof. Shalini Rana concluded the session by focussing on the importance & benefits of fitness.

Prof. Aekta Gupta suggested and encouraged Women Development Cell Committee to organise such beneficial programme in future as well on regular basis.

The committee members who attended the programme included Dr. Tahina Shah, Dr. Maansi Sharma, Dr. Shalini Sharma. Other staff members who attended the programme were Prof. Anju Bala, Prof. Radhika Mahajan, Prof. Satish Sharma and Dr Shubra Jamwal.

The students organisers were Shalini Khajuria, Monali, Ankita, Heena, Priya Thakur, Jubina, Nisha, Shiveta, Anuradha along with other students.

# Leakage of water pipes : Lesser quantity of water is supplied, more is wasted

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Live and Let Live Society of India (LLLLSI) under its President Santokh Singh Komal, during its visit to Nowabad and surrounding colonies on either sides of the Sunjwan road and interaction with the consumers found that there is heavy leakage of drinking water pipes in the area of PHE Sub Division Narwal, Jammu.

This huge leakage of water pipes not only causes wastage of precious water but a great damage to the main Sunjwan road as also the interior roads and creates water contamination, besides providing insufficient supply of water to the consumers.

Komal pointed out that while government is spending huge amount to aware the people to save water, the Jal Shakti is ignoring the water contamination and its heavy wastage due to which the exchequer is put to manifold loss and multiple problems to the consumers and commuters on road. The consumers in large number lodge complaints and demand water tankers which indeed are given but not to all. The leakage of drinking water was also pointed out by Public Health and Sanitary Committee (PHSC) two months back directing the Jal Shakti to plug all leakages immediately but in spite of all this the leaked water continues to flow on roads. People have requested that responsible officers should personally inspect the leakage and issue suitable directions to the concerned staff. According to Komal the consumers also complain that the drinking water is not supplied on daily basis but after 2 or 3 days and that too for 30 to 40 minutes with low pressure due to which the consumers have to purchase water from private tankers for Rs 800 to 1,000 though in some cases the Jal Shakti also deputes the tankers but not to all.

The consumers have demanded that the leaking pipes be immediately repaired and drinking water should be supplied on regular basis for 30 to 40 minutes and if it is not possible, the water be supplied on alternative days for 60 minutes at a fixed time schedule.