

Addl DGP Jammu, DIG Jammu felicitate Insp Handoo on being conferred with Dronacharya Award

ADGP Armed, others staffers appreciate his outstanding achievements in sports

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Mukesh Singh alongwith DIG Jammu Vivek Gupta on Tuesday felicitated Inspector Kuldeep Handoo on being awarded with Dronacharya Award as National Chief Coach for Wushu.

While honouring Inspector Kuldeep Handoo, Addl DGP Mukesh Singh at Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu, said, "Handoo is the first person from Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to receive the prestigious Dronacharya Award. He has made J&K Police proud at International level."

DIG Vivek Gupta also extended congratulations to the Insp Handoo saying that such rewards also boost the morale of other police personnel to take part in sports activities.

Dronacharya award carrying a trophy and Rs. 10 lakh cash reward was presented to Inspector Kuldeep Handoo by the President of India through virtual mode and physically by Sports Minister of India Anurag Thakur.

Kuldeep Handoo represented India as National Chief Wushu Coach 3rd times in 18th Asian Games held in Jakarta, Indonesia in which India got four bronze medals.

Initially, he represented India during 16th



Addl DGP Jammu Mukesh Singh alongwith DIG Jammu Vivek Gupta felicitating Inspector Kuldeep Handoo on being awarded with Dronacharya Award as ational Chief Coach for Wushu.

Asian games held at Guangzhou, China in which India got two Medal (one Silver and one Bronze Medal) under his supervision. Thereafter 2nd time, Handoo represented India in 17th Asian games held in Incheon, Korea in which India won two Bronze Medal.

Kuldeep Handoo has the distinction of being the recipient of State Award by J&K Govt., Sher-i-Kashmir award by J&K Sports Council, Purshoram award for being outstanding Coach in the year 2013, recipient of FICCI Coach of the year award 2016, Rangeel Singh award 2017 and DGP Medal.

As National Chief Coach of India in Wushu, Kuldeep Handoo has remarkable achievements at International level in his credit which include his winning of one gold and four bronze medals in 14th World Wushu Championship-2017, one gold, two silver and one bronze in 15th Wushu Championship-2019, three bronze and one silver in Asia Cup-2017, four bronze and one silver in Shanghai Cooperation Wushu Championship-2019, one gold, two silver and five bronze in 6th PARS Cup Iran-2017, three silver and seven bronze in 7th PARS Cup Iran-2019 and 13 gold, two silver and two bronze in 13th SAF Games-

Nepal 2019.

Besides, credit of winning two gold, 11 silver, 14 bronze medals in world championships, one gold, five silver, 11 Bronze in World Cup, one silver, eight bronze in Asian Games, seven silver, 18 bronze in Asian Championship, four silver and six bronze in Asia Cup besides four times overall champion of South Asian Games goes to Kuldeep Handoo in the capacity of National Chief Wushu Coach of India. J&K Police is really proud of this outstanding and par excellent sports person.

Meanwhile, ADGP Armed S.J.M Gillani also honoured Inspector Kuldeep Handoo for his 4th time successive selection as National Chief Wushu Coach of India for Asian Games scheduled to be held at Hangzhou, China from September 10 to 15, 2022.

The felicitation ceremony was also held in the APHQ J&K Jammu which was attended by Mahmood Ahmed SSP Staff Officer to ADGP Armed J&K, Dushyant Sharma SSP SO Sports APHQ, Sajad Hussain, Pvt. Secy. to ADGP Armed J&K, Abdul Rashid PA to ADGP Armed J&K and I/C Sports Branch APHQ Mohd Hussain.

Jammu Weightlifting body formed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Weightlifting Association, in a meeting held on Tuesday, constituted Jammu District Association. The meeting was chaired by president of the Association, Harbhajan Singh.



Omkar Singh has been made president of the district body while Vinod Sachdev nominated as vice president. Dayal Singh has been appointed as secretary and the treasurer post went to Dinesh Pathania. Amit Sharma has been made joint secretary of the Association by the members.

The meeting was attended besides others by vice president, Ravi Singh, general secretary, Yudhvir Singh, senior coach and Inderpal Singh.

Power shutdown

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu on Tuesday has informed that the power supply to Pargval, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, Dhalwal Miulu, Hamipurkona, BSF Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dharmkhu, Tirth Talab, GREF, Gumpul, Sua No. 1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 09 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Ghomanhassa, Marh, Gajansoo and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 09 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Badyal Brahmana, Suhagpur, Kotli, Jabowal, Part of Arnia, Trewa, Satwari, Ashok Nagar, Shastri Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on

February 10 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Ransoo, Dadua, Shivkhorri, Bharakh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 10 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Billawar, Parnala and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 10 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Kangwala, Chack Harka, Chak Faqira, Sordi, Bainglad, Pandgour, Sinki, Glar, Raipur, Katlai, Manhoar Gopalla, Chak Manga, Gujran and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 09, 10, 11 and 12 from 10 am to 3.30 pm.

Dy Mayor informs about Unified Building Bye-Laws 2021 amendments



Deputy Mayor, Advocate Purnima Sharma addressing a press conference.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Mayor, Advocate Purnima Sharma made the public aware regarding the decisions and amendments made during the special session of the General House which was chaired by the Mayor and others.

Purnima, flanked with Councillors Suneet Raina and Pawan Singh, while addressing a press conference said that main amend-

ments suggested by the Committee include reduction of Value Capture Fund, building permission of constructions where ground floor is existing, Lane Width relaxation for built-up constructions, approval of Colonies with relaxation if the existing approach road width is less than required upto 1 Hectare, Stilt floors are allowed in UBBL-2021 only on roads more than 6 mtr width, the

building fee should not be charged for religious buildings and orphanages, Labour Cess collected by JMC on behalf of Labour Department should be exempted by JMC and to be charged by the Labour Department on its own, ramps should not be allowed beyond drains along the plot boundary. In case there is no drain, ramp should not exceed beyond 0.75 mtr. from plot edge.

If the entitlement of freehold plots/lands of the JDA and J&K Housing Board is clear, then there is no need for the issue of NOC by the same departments, she said adding that if an individual starts any kind of repair on their, then its their responsibility to inform the concerned department and the person itself is liable for the clearance of garbage/malba if put outside their land.

Rising Star Corps flags off Cycling expedition from Mamun

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In commemoration of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" Rising Star Bayonets is undertaking 10 days cycling expedition through the states of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. The team will be negotiating tough and hilly terrain and cover a total distance of 554 Kms.

The aim of the cycling expedition will be to connect and interact with the veterans of 1971 war Vee Naris, cadets of Sainik School & NCC battalions and youth of the two states. During these interactions, the team will be enhancing awareness about the glorious history of Indian Army amongst youth and also educate them about the various opportunities to join Indian Armed Forces. The expedition was flagged off from Mamun Cantt by GOC Gurj Division. The expedition will be Flagged in by the Corps Commander, Rising Star Corps, on 19 Feb 2022, at Yol Cantt.

Padma Shri Awardee Faisal Ali Dar felicitated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Pencak Silat Association of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday felicitated Padma Shri Awardee, Faisal Ali Dar in a function held, here.

Faisal has become first such person from J&K, who has been awarded Padma Shree for his contributions in the field of sports as coach.

Speakers on the occasion highlighted the contribu-



J&K Pencak Silat Association members felicitating Padma Shri Awardee, Faisal Ali Dar.

tions of young coach Faisal Dar and wished him success in his future endeavours.

CEC hands over Ice-Hockey kits to youths of Wanla village



CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson handing-over hockey kits to youth association members.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi

Gyalson handed over International standard Ice-Hockey equipments to the

Dosngag stangiasling Junu Tsoagspa (Youth Association) of Wanla village purchased and procured from their CCD fund on Tuesday.

CEC Gyalson advised the members of the association to utilize the equipment for the overall growth of Ice-Hockey among the youths of the region.

The representatives of the Youth Association, Wanla village extended their gratitude to the Chairman for providing them with such equipments.

CS for prioritisation of forest conservation, mitigation of forest fires & plantation of 1.70 crore trees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday chaired the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to review achievements registered under the Annual Plan of Operations (APOs). At the outset, Dr. Mohit Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests gave an overview of the major initiatives of the Government.

It was informed that during the last two years, CAMPA has increased its activities by almost three-fold. Against an average annual coverage of 5000 ha till 2019-20, the Department will be covering rehabilitation of about 14000 ha area in the current financial year and about 18000 ha in the next financial year. Besides, each work under CAMPA has been given unique ID to ensure its execution, monitoring and maintenance for effective outcome. It was further informed that detailed site-specific plans along with their location maps for rehabilitation of degraded forests have been prepared for the next financial year using CAMPA portal. The rehabilitation plan includes protective fencing and planting of about 1.70 crore plants, highest ever in history of J&K. The plan also includes broadcast of 25.18 lakh seed balls and sowing in 40.59 lakh patches and 10.21 lakh dibbles as low cost

afforestation measures.

Furthermore, various soil conservation measures like dry rubble stone masonry, crates and water harvesting structures/ponds have been proposed to give a fillip to eco-restoration efforts. For protection of forest lands from encroachment, 23,500 new boundary pillars are proposed to be erected during 2022-23.

The Wildlife Protection Department will be working towards improvement of wildlife habitat, soil and water conservation works, maintenance of animal rescue centres, eco-development activities and development of wildlife related infrastructure. During the meeting PCCF informed that 100 biggest encroachments on forest land have been removed and more than 23000 kanals of land have been recovered from the encroachers. The Chief Secretary asked the Department to prioritize

modernization through remote sensing and GIS tools for preparation of digital maps, equipment like, CCTV, Drones, Camera traps, GPS for more efficient functioning. Dr. Mehta directed the Forest Department to take action for enhancing livelihood from forests, establish deeper connect with Panchayats, and rehabilitate degraded forests in a time bound manner, besides laying special focus on forest conservation, forest fire mitigation and plantation of 1.7 crore trees.

On the occasion, publications on 'Wetlands in Forest Areas of J&K', 'Forest Trek Routes', 'Calendar highlighting Forest Recreation and Other Interventions', 'Asian Waterbird Census in Jammu & Kashmir', pamphlet on 'Pine Needles to Handicraft', and documentary on 'Van Se Jal: Jal Se Jeevan' were also released.

SRS J&K President condemns arrest of protesting BSF, CISF aspirants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: President, Shri Ram Sena (SRS), Jammu and Kashmir, Rajiv Mahajan condemned the arrest of protesting aspirants of BSF and CISF in Jammu, who are on protest for their rights.

He demanded redressal of issues being raised by the aspirants at the earliest so that their future will be secured.

In a statement to the press here, Rajiv Mahajan said that the Govt must intervene and ensure release of undeclared list of posts which was assured

to the aspirants by a Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh.

Extending support to the BSF and CISF aspirants, he said that SRS stands with them and their demand which required urgent attention of the Govt. He said protesting for their rights is a fundamental right of everyone and detaining the protesters is not acceptable by law-abiding persons. "The promises made with these aspirants must be fulfilled and the deserving candidates must be given appointment letters," he added.

Corruption charges framed against cops

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge, Anti-Corruption Jammu, Ritesh Kumar Dubey has framed charges against one Sohan Lal Sharma, the then Head Constable, Police Station Gharota and Amit Sharma, son of Bal Krishan, resident of Gharota, the then SPO Police Station Gharota, who were caught red-handed by ACB while accepting bribe.

As per the case of prosecution, on a complaint lodged by a complainant on May 16, 2018 alleging that accused Sohan Lal HC Police Station Gharota did not release his cattle seized by police in a FIR registered against him, despite an order for the release of same, and demanded a bribe of Rs 10,000 for the same. FIR No. 10/2018 was registered at Police Station Vigilance

Organization Jammu (now ACB), for offences under sections 5(1)(d) read with sections 5(2) and 4-A J&K PC Act Svt 2006 and a trap was laid. Complainant and shadow witness entered police station following the accused HC. After some time, shadow witness passed the pre-fixed signal and trap team went inside. The complainant pointed towards a police official in uniform revealing that he had handed over Rs 10,000 bribe money to him on directions of Sohan Lal, who had accepted bribe money with left hand and kept the same in his left side front pocket. The accused Sohan Lal, who was present in premises of police station, managed to give a slip to trap team and fled from the spot, however, he was arrested on May 28, 2018. After investigation, offences under sections

5(1)(d) read with sections 5(2) and 4-A J&K PC Act Svt 2006 120-B RPC, were found established against accused. Accordingly, Government accorded sanction for prosecution of accused vide order No. 16-JK-GAD (Vig) of 2021 dated February 22, 2021 while accused SPO was disengaged.

Court after hearing both the sides observed that prosecution material prima facie established that the accused was caught red-handed after having accepted the bribe money from complainant. The submission by accused that the cattle had already been released, mean nothing but a prayer seeking a finding that in such circumstances, prosecution allegations are false, without providing them an opportunity to prove the same. Court further said that

the submissions by accused may be relevant for the purpose of checking the credibility of prosecution case as red-handed catching of accused while accepting bribe money, yet same can't dislodge the prosecution allegations straight away, without its submissions having been proved by defence. The said credibility can only be tested and adjudicated after leading of evidence during the trial. "In view of the observations made herein before, I am convinced that material collected by the investigating agency during the investigation, prima facie establishes offences under sections 5(1)(d) read with sections 5(2) and 4-A J&K PC Act Svt 2006 and 120-B RPC against accused. So, charges for said offences shall be framed against the accused," the Court directed.

Div Com directs DCs, DFOs to expedite clearance of Khair Trees felling

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Tuesday chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners to review the management plan for felling of Khair trees (Acacia Catechu) grown on non-Forest land in Jammu division.

The meeting was attended in person by Chief Conservator of Forest, B M Sharma; Additional Commissioner Jammu, Pawan Sharma; DFO Jammu, Anoop Soni; ACR Jammu, Vijay Sharma.

The Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Reasi and Udhampur; Rajouri along with DFOs and Assistant Commissioner Revenue participated through video conferencing. It was informed in the meeting that a total of 1957 applications received in total 53 notified villages out of which 1957 have been forwarded to concerned Revenue Authorities while 106 applications received

back from Revenue authorities. All DCs apprised that the pendency was on account of engagement of Tehsildars and other staff in the ongoing Covid-19 mitigation efforts.

Reviewing the cases of permissions for felling Khair trees, the Div Com took strong note of the pending permission applications in the districts and directed the Deputy Commissioners to facilitate permissions and expedite the title verification process and other revenue exercises within one week; so that the cases are sent to Chief Conservator of Forest.

Khair grows in subtropical areas of Jammu region of UT is an important cash crop for the farmers, especially in Kandi zones. It comes profusely in non irrigated lands and thus plays an important role in compensating the farmers for their less productive land. Khair exists in the nine territorial divisions viz; Reasi, Mahore, Udhampur, Rannagar, Rajouri, Nowshera,

Jammu, Kathua and Billawar these divisions spread over six districts viz Reasi, Rajouri, Jammu, Samba, Kathua and Udhampur. The Div Com said that the roaster is defined in SRO 111 of 2016 for grant of approvals to the permissions of felling of Khair Trees. As per SRO no Khair tree shall be felled or converted for any purpose without permission granted under the said rules. As per SRO no Khair tree/wood shall be used for any purpose except in accordance with the provisions made under SRO, he added. It was informed that several applications are pending with the DFOs and Tehsildar concerned for grant of approval.

The Divisional Commissioner emphasized on close coordination between Revenue and Forest officials for expeditious clearance of permission cases. He directed DCs and DFOs to process all the pending cases and get enumeration done

simultaneously with the demarcation. The Revenue heads of Districts were instructed to expedite the title verification process and other revenue recommendations and send all the

cases to the Chief Conservator of Forest for grant of final approvals.

The Div Com also asked the DCs to reject cases where state land is involved.

EPFO Jammu to hold 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' on Feb 10

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office - Jammu is organising reach out programmes 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' and Pension Adalat on February 10, 2022 under guidance of Rizwan-ud-Din, Regional PF Commissioner-I. It was informed in a press statement issued by EPFO Jammu on Tuesday.

Giving further details, it was informed that Nidhi Aapke Nikat is a public outreach programme launched to address grievance of all stakeholders i.e., employees and employers by bringing them on a common platform besides increasing awareness and sensitizing them about various new initiatives undertaken in their interest by EPFO. On the other hand, Pension Adalat provides a platform to existing and prospective pensioners for closer interaction with EPFO officers for understanding provisions of EPS-1995 and getting resolved all their pension related issues. All the stakeholders are invited to attend the programme for quick disposal of their grievances and to register any problems faced by them.