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STATE TIMES

**Forest Department celebrates Forests International Day at SKICC**  
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: As a part of International Day of Forests being observed across the globe, the J&K Forest Department on Thursday organized a Mega UT Level Function at SKICC, in which the frontline staff of Forest and allied wings, students of different educational institutes, NGOs, Wildlife experts, Pariyavaran and Van Mitras, officers from different departments and citizens participated. The event was aimed to highlight the importance of forests and trees in mitigating the effects of climate change, biodiversity loss, increasing noise pollution because of increasing urbanisation and other anthropogenic pressures. The Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, who was the chief guest on the occasion, emphasized the need to lay emphasis on use of new technology to check illegal felling of trees, prevent encroachments, devise methodology for consistent monitoring of health of forests and management and promoting research for developing improved varieties to increase the survival percentage of plantations. Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Dheeraj Gupta, while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the critical role of Forests in maintaining the ecological balance and improving the quality of life of present and future generations. PCCF & HoFF, who is also the Chairman of Biodiversity Council of J&K, Roshan Jaggi, informed that department is using emerging technologies for preventing forest fires, monitoring health of plantations, strengthening forest boundary lines and producing high quality planting material in modern nurseries.

## Northern Command honours its gallant and distinguished soldiers at Investiture Ceremony

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PRAYAGRAJ: Indian Army's Northern Command honoured its gallant and distinguished soldiers and units at a grand Investiture Ceremony held at Prayagraj Military Station, Uttar Pradesh on Thursday under the aegis of Red Eagle Division.

The awardees were felicitated for their exceptional bravery, commendable devotion to duty and distinguished service to the nation.

Northern Command is the most operationally active and challenging commands of Indian Army and is at the forefront of the Nation's efforts to counter the most serious challenges to its security and the scourge of terrorism.

Thus, whether officially at peace or in operations, the troops of the Command have been always on active duty, truly representing the motto of the formation "Always in Combat".

Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, General Officer Commanding in Chief,



Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, Northern Army Commander along with soldiers.

Northern Command, felicitated officers and soldiers of the Indian Army with gallantry and distinguished service awards for their acts of bravery beyond the call of duty and distinguished service to the nation.

He also conferred GOC-in-C Unit Appreciations to units in recognition of their exceptional professionalism and unparalleled achievements. During the Ceremony, 58 awardees including 45 Sena Medals (Gallantry), three Sena Medals (Distinguished), one Yudh Seva Medal and nine Vishisht Seva Medals were presented with medals.

In addition, 64 units were awarded Unit Citations. The indomitable spirit and

indefatigable courage of each valiant soldier when read out during the event, made hearts of all present swell with pride and gratitude.

On this momentous occasion, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command congratulated awardees and exhorted all ranks to give their best in all the spheres and keep up the high traditions and values of the Indian Army. The General Officer Commanding in Chief Northern Command acknowledged the contribution of all family members of the awardees for their unstinted support to service personnel in the performance of their duties. He also

urged all ranks, ex-servicemen and their families to rededicate themselves in service of Nation. The Army commander later interacted with the award winners and acknowledged their invaluable contribution in upholding the highest traditions of Indian Army.

A large number of military personnel, civilian dignitaries and the proud families of the award winners attended the solemn ceremony. The Nation in general, and the Indian Army in particular never fail to honour and care for its brave soldiers and this concept was aptly showcased in the right spirit through the events conducted as a part of this ceremony.

## Include pending demands of displaced KPs in BJP Manifesto: KPS President urges Nadda

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Kundan Kashmiri, representative of displaced Kashmiri Pandits and President KPC has requested J.P. Nadda, National President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for inclusion of long pending and important demands of Displaced Kashmiri Pandits in BJP Manifesto.

A letter sent to J.P. Nadda by Kundan Kashmiri reads, "As the National President of the BJP, your leadership holds immense significance in addressing the longstanding grievances of our community, the displaced Kashmiri Pandits. We believe that by incorporating our long pending demands into the upcoming party manifesto for both parliamentary and Jammu and Kashmir elections, you can pave the way for a brighter future for our community."

"We urge the establishment of a one-place settlement for displaced Kashmiri Pandits within the Kashmir Valley, preferably bordering Jammu and Kashmir, with robust constitutional and institutional guarantees ensuring the flow of Indian constitutional rights

and protections; Recognition of the Kashmiri Pandit community as indigenous inhabitants of the Kashmir Valley, acknowledging our roots that trace back over five millennia, is pivotal in safeguarding our cultural heritage and identity; Declaration of displaced Kashmiri Pandits as Internally Displaced People (IDPs) with the extension of all benefits and support accorded to such communities; Provision of a special financial package to compensate for the losses incurred by displaced Pandits during tumultuous times in the Valley, ensuring their rehabilitation and economic stability; Safeguarding and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Kashmiri Pandits by ensuring the protection and preservation of our sacred shrines and temples in the Kashmir Valley under proper law, at par with religious properties of Muslim and Sikh communities; Facilitation of employment opportunities for Kashmiri Pandit youths in central departments and undertakings, alongside rehabilitation packages for overage KP youths and those left out of

the workforce due to displacement; Enhancement of relief for migrant relief holders should be prioritized; effective addressing of land and property encroachment by land mafia and perpetrators, ensuring that rightful owners, the Kashmiri Pandits, reclaim what is rightfully theirs in the Valley; Allocation of one seat each in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for the minority community of Kashmiri Pandits would symbolize representation and inclusion in the democratic process; Special consideration for the grave issues faced by PM package employees working in the Valley, including their security and accommodation concerns, should be addressed promptly.

"In conclusion, we earnestly appeal for the opportunity to present these concerns directly to the Honorable Prime Minister, along with a delegation of Kashmiri Pandit activists and leaders. Their intervention and support are vital in addressing not only the grievances of our community but also broader issues of national and communal interest," he stated in a letter.

## "JKBOSE must fix accountability" Students left in limbo over cancellation of PHE exam: Dr Varinder

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Expressing his grave concern over the cancellation of Physical Education paper of 12th standard of Jammu and Kashmir State Board of School Education (JKBOSE), Co-Convenor Professional Cell, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) Dr Varinder Sharma said that this is a criminal negligence which must not go unpunished.

The students who were to take 12th standard examination were given 11th standard paper of physical education which shocked them and even affected them psychologically.

In a statement issued here, Dr Varinder Sharma said this is not for the first time

JKBOSE has faced such an embarrassing situation but previously also papers were leaked. However, no one can ever explain or identify any official who was ever punished for such a blunder and it's always the lower staff which faces the music. Seeking an in-depth inquiry into the matter, Dr Sharma urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha get the matter probed by an independent agency and fix the guilty officials and not just the lower rung staff.

He said, with the cancellation of this physical education final examination for a blunder committed by JKBOSE, the students not only lost their precious time but will have to re-

pare again. Their examinations will also be delayed by a few more weeks and this entire exercise of setting-up a new question paper and its distribution in far flung areas of the entire J&K State will cost the department an exorbitant amount of money. Who will bear this cost and who will ensure that examination papers are not leaked in future or wrongly distributed like this? Dr Varinder said though the school education department has constituted a committee to look into the circumstances leading to 'wrong distribution of question papers by J&K BOSE' among the students of Class 12th, yet it is urged that action must be

taken against all and not a chosen few. The government must fix the responsibility for negligence at supervisory/administrative level and punish all those involved in printing, distribution or packing question paper wrongly.

Dr Sharma said that after these examinations, students were to start preparing for their NEET and JEE tests but this delay will now waste their precious time as the dates of next physical education exam will be announced which will consume students' more time. Though the Administrative Secretary, School Education Department, Dr Piyush Singla besides Chairman JKBOSE, Dr

Parikshat Manhas have separately constituted committees to look into the negligence, yet there seems to be little chance of real culprits being punished.

He said that till the inquiry committee submits its report, JKBOSE must set-up new paper of Physical Education subject of HSE Part-II, Session Annual Regular 2024 for the Soft Zone areas of UTs of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh and announce next examination dates so that students remain mentally prepared to take their test. Any delay in this will further lead to wastage of time for about twenty thousand students across the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Tiger Division honours Late Maj Gen Atma Singh on 82nd Raising Day

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Honouring the legacy of Late Maj Gen Atma Singh, First Indian GOC of Jammu Division (now Tiger Division), a wreath was laid at his memorial at Jammu-Udhampur Highway by Brig Gautam Segan, SC, SM, Offg GOC 26 Infantry Division in a solemn ceremony on the occasion of 82nd Raising Day of Tiger Division. Late Maj Gen Atma Singh was a distinguished officer, who laid down his life in the service of the nation where he died in harness in an unfortunate incident where the memorial stands. During his tenure as the GOC of the 26 Infantry Division, Late Maj Gen Atma Singh displayed exemplary



Officers paying tributes to Late Maj Gen Atma Singh.

leadership, unwavering dedication and an unyielding commitment to the welfare of his troops. His memory will forever remain etched in the annals of the Indian Army's

history, serving as a beacon of inspiration for generations to come.

## Awareness programme under SVEEP for fishing community organized

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GANDERBAL: In a concerted effort to empower the fishing community and bolster democratic participation, a Special Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) awareness programme was organised on Thursday by the Nodal Officer SVEEP Ganderbal here at Gangarhama.

The event specifically focused on fisheries farmers in the district, aiming to foster a deeper understanding of the electoral process and the significance of active participation in democratic practices.

District Level Master Trainer (DLMT), fervently emphasized the importance of exercising one's right to vote & it's pivotal role in shaping the future of the nation.

The program served as an interactive platform for participants to engage in meaningful discussions, share insights, and address queries regarding voter registration, electoral procedures, and the broader implications of democratic participation.

## DEO Poonch convenes meeting with representatives of political parties

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: In preparation for the upcoming General Election to Lok Sabha-2024, District Election Officer Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary on Thursday convened a meeting with representatives of political parties of the district.

The meeting was aimed to address various important aspects related to the election process.

During the discussion, District Election Officer stressed that any political leader or party member intending to hold a meeting

must seek permission from the district administration. Similarly, he highlighted the requirement for political parties to obtain permission from the MCMC for the display of hoardings or banners as part of their political campaigns.

The DEO reiterated the pivotal role of political parties in upholding the democratic ethos of the nation and emphasized the need for cooperation and strict adherence to the guidelines set forth in the Model Code of Conduct by the Election Commission of India

(ECI).

The DEO urged all political parties to exhibit the highest levels of integrity and responsibility, setting a positive precedence for a free, fair, and peaceful electoral process.

The meeting was attended by SSP Yoagal Manhas; ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik; Deputy DEO Saleem Ahmed; ACR Qader ur Rehman; DIO Vishaldeep Chandan and other district/sectoral officers along with the presidents and representatives of political parties.

## EO reviews election preparedness at Kishtwar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Expenditure Observer (EO) for 04-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, Satyanarayana Raju Bhupathi on Thursday chaired a meeting here to ensure smooth conduct of Parliamentary Elections 2024.

The meeting facilitated interaction among Nodal Officers overseeing election expenditure monitoring across Kishtwar district of the 4-Udhampur parliamentary constituency.

During the meeting, NILTM, ECI, Riaz Ahmed Butt alongside District Election Officer, Kishtwar,

Dr. Devansh Yadav, provided a detailed briefing on preparations and teams assembled to monitor Model Code of Conduct compliance and candidate expenditures.

The Expenditure Observer reviewed preparations and team statuses on assembly constituency-wise basis, stressing the importance of maintaining proper records and adhering to ECI guidelines for expenditure tracking.

Highlighting the importance of coordination among teams for effective expenditure oversight, the Observer urged nodal officers to document any MCC violations

promptly. Expressing satisfaction with election preparations in Kishtwar district, the Expenditure Observer emphasised integrity in duty delivery and collective responsibility for ensuring free and fair elections.

DEO Kishtwar affirmed the District Election Authorities' commitment to ensuring free, fair and smooth conduct.

The meeting among others was attended by SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom; AROs, Nodal Officers of various teams, CAO, DTO Kishtwar, Executive Magistrates and other officials.

## Nodal Officer MCMC Reasi holds interaction with media personnel

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Nodal officer for Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) Reasi, Nasir Ahmed on Thursday engaged in an interactive session with media personnel here regarding the Lok Sabha Election 2024.

The session was aimed to address concerns and queries of media professionals regarding coverage and dissemination of election related information.

During the session, the Nodal officer listened to various demands and inquiries from media representatives. He also briefed the media about the MCC and the MCMC.

He emphasised on the significance of adhering to MCC guidelines to uphold the integrity of electoral process and ensure fair and unbiased media coverage. He assured continued cooperation and support from the administration for media coverage of the Lok Sabha Election 2024.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: Expenditure Observer (EO), Satyanarayana Raju Bhupathi on Thursday visited Doda district and inspected

## First phase of randomization of polling personnel held at Kathua

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: District Election Officer Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas on Thursday oversaw the first phase of randomization process of polling staff to be deployed in 701 polling stations during the upcoming

Parliamentary Elections-2024 in the district.

The randomisation process took place today at the conference hall of the DC office complex, with key officials and stakeholders in attendance.

The randomization process was conducted as per the prescribed guidelines of ECI ensuring fairness and impartiality in the selection of polling staff.

ARO-67 Kathua, ARO-68 Hiranagar, Nodal Officer MCC, Law and Order,

Single Window, Nodal Officer Training, Nodal Officer IIR/Manpower, Welfare of Polling Staff, Nodal Officer ETPBS, Nodal Officer Communication Plan, and Deputy DEO Kathua were present on the occasion.

Observer was accompanied by District Election Officer, Doda, Harvinder Singh, Deputy District Election Officer Doda, Om Parkash and others.

election office, MCMC and media cell to ensure compliance with election expenditure regulations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections 2024. During the inspection, the

Expenditure Observer reviewed expense records, verified expenditure authenticity and ensured adherence to election laws by the election office, MCMC and media cell.

He also held interactions with staff members to understand their operations and verify compliance with Election Commission guidelines. The Expenditure