

Journalists play pivotal role in sports promotion: Tara

Honours Sports Scribes, Photo-Journalists

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Journalists play a pivotal role in promoting sports and games in the Union Territory and serve as catalysts to help Jammu and Kashmir carve a space on the country's sports map, thus fulfilling the commitment of the government with regard to improving the standard of sports.

This was stated by Rajinder Singh Tara, Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K in an impressive and well attended function, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports to honour Sports Scribes and Photo-Journalists at Gandhi Nagar,



Rajinder Singh Tara, DG YSS J&K honouring scribe Ashok Anand.

here on Monday. The DG Sports said that J&K hosted historic 68th National School Games in four disciplines of sports including Judo, Fencing, Wushu and Football on the trot in a month-long event in Jammu, adding sports journalists played an important role for the grand success of this historic event.

The Director General YSS further said that the Department was leaving no stone unturned in raising sports infrastructure to enhance sports culture in the Union Territory, adding that the Department was aiming at preparing a roadmap after holding seminars with the experts and the sports journalists as well.

The Director General Sports was the chief guest on the occasion, while Joint Director YSS, Ved Prakash, Deputy Director YSS Central Jitender Mishra and Accounts Officer Directorate of YSS Sunil Kumar Sharma were the Guests of Honour.

The Sports Journalists and Photo-Journalists who were felicitated included Sanjay Sharma (State Times), Vikas Abrol (Dainik Jagran), Vishal Bharti (UNI), Sanjeev Sharma (Sportsline News), Ranjit Thakur (Daily Excelsior), Pankaj Khajuria (Greater Jammu), Arun Kumar (Amar Ujala), Sanjay Puri (PE News), Kirti Dhar (Sports India JK), Anuja Ji (Rising Kashmir), Kamal Rana (Punjab Kesari), Ashu Kumar (Northlines) Rakesh Bakshi (Daily Excelsior), Ashok Anand (State Times), Aman (Dainik Jagran), Surjeet Singh (Northlines), Sohan Lal (Punjab Kesari).

GCW Parade organises interactive session with TV personality Rama Pandey



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government College for Women (GCW) Parade, Department of Hindi on Monday organized an interactive session for students of the College with the renowned TV personality writer, director and actor Mrs. Rama Pandey under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravinder Kumar Tiekoo.

The program began with the Welcome address by Prof. Parveen Kumari, Assistant Professor Department of Hindi.

Rama Pandey during the talk emphasized on the use of Hindi language among the youth of

the nation. She focused on the grammatical aspects of Hindi Language. She shared her rich experiences of working in BBC London with the students. She emphasized on developing habits of reading and writing Hindi literature.

In her address she discussed about the causes of growing disinterest for Hindi language among youth. The gathering enjoyed the poems and couplets recited by her during the interactive session.

Retd Principal Dr. Hemla Aggarwal, Dr. Sushma Chib, Prof. Savita Rana graced the occasion. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Parveen Kumari.

JMC Commissioner conducts extensive tour of Ward No. 69 & 70, Sainik Colony



JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav during visit to a ward.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), conducted an extensive tour of Ward No. 69 and 70 in Sainik Colony to assess various civic issues, including civil works, drainage systems, sanitation, deep drains, and desilting of nallahs in the area.

During the visit, Dr. Yadav interacted with local residents to gather feedback on essential municipal services such as street lighting and door-to-door garbage collection. He emphasized the

need for efficient service delivery and assured the public that their grievances would be addressed promptly.

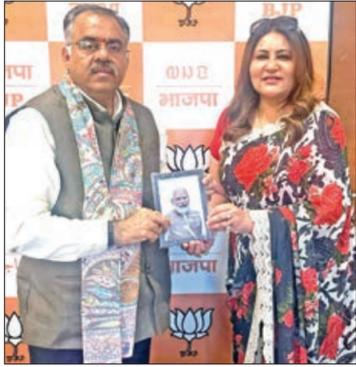
The Commissioner also inspected ongoing projects under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) and directed the concerned officials to expedite the work while maintaining high standards. He instructed officials to resolve public concerns in the shortest possible time and work diligently for the betterment of the area.

Accompanying Dr. Yadav during the tour were Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation) Abdul Sattar, Executive Engineer (Div. 5) Lokesh Gupta, Executive Engineer (E) Simarpal Singh, and Chief Transport Officer Dharamveer Singh, among others.

Chugh honours Ritika for her exceptional social work, disseminating policies of Modi govt to grassroots level

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday honoured Ritika Trehan, Chief Spokesperson of the BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT, with a picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This recognition was bestowed upon Trehan for her exceptional social work and efforts in disseminating the policies and programs of the Modi government to the grassroots level acknowledging with the support of individuals like Ritika and the collective efforts of the nation, India can move closer to achieving its goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047.



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh honouring Ritika Trehan, Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT with a picture of PM Narendra Modi.

Speaking on the occasion, Chugh said that Trehan's dedication to social causes and her role in promoting the BJP's initiatives at the local level have earned her this prestigious acknowledgment.

As a key figure in the BJP Mahila Morcha, Trehan has been instrumental in empowering women and promoting the party's vision for a stronger, more inclusive India.

He said this gesture underscores the BJP's commitment to recognizing and rewarding outstanding contributions to social welfare and community development.

By honoring Trehan's achievements, the party aims to inspire others to follow in her footsteps and make a positive impact in their communities, added Chugh.

Ritika Trehan expressed her gratitude and pledged to work even harder to achieve Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047. The initiative emphasizes the importance of collective efforts and transformative outcomes in realizing the dream of a developed India, added Ritika.

Ritika's further pledge to work harder towards achieving this vision is a testament to her commitment to the cause.

Ritika's commitment to spreading the word about the Modi government's achievements

in Jammu and Kashmir is truly commendable. She aims to reach every nook and corner of the region, ensuring that people are aware of the transformative initiatives undertaken by the government.

Some of these initiatives include restoration of peace along the borders, which has brought a sense of security and stability to the region. Additionally, the government has launched various development initiatives, focusing on improving infrastructure, healthcare, and education in Jammu and Kashmir.

By highlighting these achievements, Ritika hopes to inspire people and promote a sense of pride in the region's progress. Her efforts will undoubtedly contribute to a more informed and engaged community, eager to support the government's initiatives and work towards a brighter future for Jammu and Kashmir.

With this inspiration, Ritika is motivated to work tirelessly for the nation, embodying the spirit of selfless service that PM Modi's leadership represents.

Govt working tirelessly to meet infrastructural needs of new Colleges

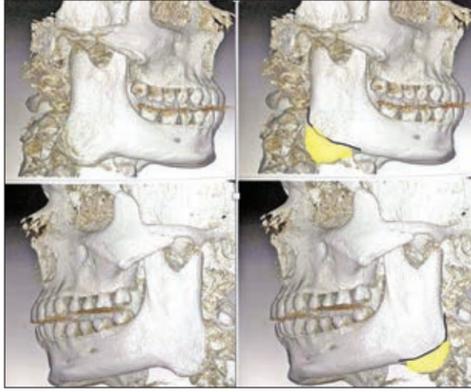
■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Minister for Education, Sakeena Itoo, on Monday said that the government is actively working on meeting the infrastructural needs of newly established Degree Colleges in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Abdul Majeed Bhat in Legislative Assembly.

She said that the government is pursuing infrastructural needs viz; land, buildings and related things of the 50 new Colleges established vide Government Order No: 48-HE of 2019 Dated: 05.02.2019 and Government Order No: 106-HE of 2019 Dated: 01.03.2019.

The Minister said that establishment of new Degree Colleges involves huge capital by way of creation of staff including both the Teaching and Non-Teaching, besides infrastructural requirements and a good chunk of land.

Regarding establishment of a Degree College in Achabal, she said that the Department is receiving demands for establishment of new Degree Colleges in Jammu and Kashmir which includes a request with regard to Achabal for which feasibility is being sought as per the norms in vogue on the subject.



monly observed in individuals with strong chewing muscles, teeth clenching, or genetic predispositions.

The surgical procedure performed for the patient included jawline contouring through a combination of mandibular angle reduction (angleplasty) and excision of the hypertrophic masseter muscle to reduce the width of the lower face.

Conducted under general anesthesia for maximum patient comfort, this procedure was meticulously per-

formed by Dr. Amanjot Kaur, Assistant Professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and her dedicated team. Anaesthesia support was efficiently provided by Dr. Raksha Kundal and Dr. Kanika Gupta, ensuring a safe and smooth surgical experience.

The successful completion of this jawline sculpting procedure showcases the high-level expertise and advanced surgical facilities available at AIIMS Jammu. Prof. (Dr.) Saurabh

Kumar Gupta, Head of the Department of Dentistry, commended the efforts of the surgical team, highlighting this achievement as a significant step towards enhancing the department's profile and clinical services.

He remarked, "The successful execution of such cosmetic and functional surgeries is a giant leap towards establishing AIIMS Jammu as a centre for advanced maxillofacial surgeries."

Acknowledging the crucial leadership and support of Dr. Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu, the institute's spokesperson stated, "Under Dr. Shakti Kumar Gupta's able guidance, these surgeries will be a boon for patients suffering from facial asymmetry, broad jaws, or deformities requiring corrective jaw surgeries. They also reduce the need for patients to seek treatment outside the state, providing them with world-class surgical care within their region."

Dr. Amanjot Kaur further

elaborated on the patient-centric approach followed at AIIMS Jammu, stating, "Corrective jaw surgery is not merely about enhancing facial aesthetics but also about restoring balance, functionality, and self-confidence. Improving jaw function and facial symmetry can profoundly impact an individual's overall quality of life."

The introduction of corrective jaw surgeries at AIIMS Jammu is expected to bring immense relief to patients from Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, and neighbouring states. It reduces the dependency on metropolitan cities for advanced cosmetic and maxillofacial procedures, catering to individuals with congenital jaw deformities, post-traumatic facial asymmetry, and compromised facial proportions.

The dedicated surgical team at AIIMS Jammu remains committed to delivering world-class treatment with exceptional precision and care.

LG pays tributes to veteran leader Lalmuni Chaubey

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday paid tributes to veteran leader and Parliamentarian Lalmuni Chaubey.

Addressing a public event commemorating the Death Anniversary of Lalmuni Chaubey, at Buxar in Bihar, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on the lifelong campaigns of the seasoned political figure dedicated to public welfare and nation building.

"Lalmuni Chaubey was a widely respected leader who had dedicated every fragment of his body and every moment of his life to the service of the people and to restore the glory of Mother India.

He was a beacon of hope for the underprivileged section of society and dedicated himself to dignity, equality and opportunity



LG Manoj Sinha and others during the programme at Bihar on Monday.

for all. His life and ideals will inspire generations to come.

During the Emergency, when individual freedom was in peril, Lalmuni Chaubey protected it with all his might.

He championed the cause of national unity and integrity and propagated discipline and self-confidence among people," the Lieutenant Governor

said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the people, especially the youth to take inspiration from the life of Lalmuni Chaubey and his commitment to public service and work selflessly for the betterment of the society.

The Lieutenant Governor said, "If we all dedicate ourselves to a noble cause that could

make a strong and prosperous society and contribute to a developed India and Aatm-Nirbhar villages, only then we will be able to pay our real tributes to that great soul.

Governor of Bihar, Arif Mohammed Khan; senior political leaders, and prominent personalities from all walks of life also paid their homage to Lalmuni Chaubey.

Govt aims to boost farmer income, productivity & sustainability

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Minister for Agriculture, Javed Ahmad Dar, on Monday said that the government is focused on revolutionizing agriculture in Jammu and Kashmir with emphasis on enhancing farmer's income, productivity and sustainability.

The Minister was replying to a question raised by Ranbir Singh.

He informed the House regarding key initiatives being undertaken to transform the agriculture sector in J&K. These included introduction of advanced technology, crop diversification, soil health management, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), financial support and subsidies, Research and Development, Training and Capacity Building, Infrastructure Development, Market Linkages and Promotion of Agro-based Industries.

The Minister further said that various schemes have been initiated by the government to extend financial assistance to unemployed youth in the agriculture sector under Interest Subvention and Credit Linked Schemes including KCC, AIF, AHIDE, PMFME and NLM.

He added that several initiatives have been undertaken to promote agricultural growth and sustainability in the UT, as part of Holistic Agriculture



Development Programme (HADP). These included Custom Hiring Centres, Hi-Tech Polygreen Houses, Controlled Cropping Mushroom Unit, Establishment of Pasteurized Compost Unit, Apiculture, KKG, Millet Restaurants, Establishment of Millet Mills, Establishment of Mini Soil Testing Labs, Establishment of Seed Processing Units, Dairy development projects, Self Sufficiency in Mutton Production, Poultry Development Project, Fish Seed and Trout Production besides Fodder production.

The Minister said that, similarly,

many other schemes have been initiated under the Agriculture Sector Centrally Sponsored Schemes. These included Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Soil Health Card, Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM), Per Drop More Crop scheme, Rainfed Area Development (RAD), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Sub Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF), Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO) besides Sub- Mission on Seeds and Planting Material (SMSM).

The Minister informed that 4.14 lakh hectare of total land has been brought under Culturable Command Area (CCA), of which, 1.91 lakh hectare has already been covered. Besides, 0.33 lakh hectare is being covered under new projects to facilitate the farmers to overcome irrigation challenges.

He said that 18 irrigation projects are currently being implemented with financial assistance from NABARD while 14 additional projects have been sanctioned under RIDF with an outlay of Rs 4883.54 lakh to cater 11678 Hectare of land in J&K. He added that 200 community bore wells are under construction under the Per Drop More Crop scheme.

LoP calls for talks as PHE daily wagers' strike triggers 'water crisis' in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Leader of Opposition and senior BJP leader Sunil Sharma on Monday raised the issue of the "water crisis" in Jammu and Kashmir following a 72-hour shutdown by daily wagers of the Public Health Engineering (PHE) department.

He called for holding talks with the daily wagers, who have been protesting since Friday, demanding regularisation and release of pending wages.

"Due to the shutdown (called by PHE daily wagers), there is a water crisis in both Jammu and Kashmir," the LoP said as the House assembled for the day.

He urged the Speaker to



direct the government to hold talks with the department's casual workers.

"A committee has been formed to assess the demands of the daily wagers. However, the government should also directly engage with them to end the strike," he emphasised.

In the second session of the day, the LoP sought a reply from the government over the

issue, saying the daily wagers had clashed with police and were trying to move towards the civil secretariat.

However, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather said that the issue had been raised in the House to inform the government.

Raising slogans against the government, hundreds of daily wagers under the banner of the PHE Employees Union attempted to march towards the civil secretariat in support of their demands.

However, police had set up barricades and concertina wires to deter the protestors. This led to mild use of force by the police as employees tried to break the barricade.

A large number of police personnel prevented the protestors from advancing further.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary said that the government is committed to resolving their issues and meeting their demands.

"They should give us at least six months' time. This cannot be done without due process, which has already commenced. We request their patience," he said.