

## Week-long SERB sponsored workshop on 'Fracture and Fatigue Study' concludes at NIT Srinagar

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A week-long workshop on 'Fracture and Fatigue Study Using Experimental and Numerical Modelling Techniques' under the Karyashala scheme concluded at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, here on Friday.

The workshop, held from 19th to 25th April, 2024, aimed to enhance participants' understanding of fracture and fatigue phenomena in materials.

Students from various parts of India participated in the workshop, which featured lectures delivered by esteemed faculties from renowned institutions such as IITs and NITs. The workshop also included hands-on laboratory sessions to provide partici-



Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Director NIT Srinagar and others at a workshop.

pants with practical experience.

The valediction ceremony, held on Thursday marked the conclusion of the workshop. Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Director NIT Srinagar was the chief patron of the organizing committee.

Prof. (HAG) G A Harmain, Dean Faculty Welfare, Prof. (HAG) M F Wani, Prof. Atikur Rahman

Registrar NIT Srinagar were the patrons and Prof Adnan Qayoum was the chairman of the organizing committee.

The event was presided over by Prof. G A Harmain, Dean Faculty Welfare, who graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest.

In his message, Prof. Harmain, who has also worked extensively in the area of fracture and

fatigue, commended the coordinators for their efforts in organizing a highly informative and engaging workshop.

Prof. Adnan Qayoum, HOD Mechanical Engineering Department, expressed his appreciation for the active participation of all attendees and emphasized the workshop's importance in fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Prof. A Ravinder Nath, Director of NIT Srinagar, congratulated the organizing team and Dr. Ved Prakash Sharma, workshop coordinator, who expressed gratitude to the chief patron, patrons, chairman, coordinators, participants, and student volunteers in making the workshop a success.

The workshop's success underscores NIT Srinagar's commitment to promoting excellence in engineering education and research. Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Atikur Rahman congratulated the organizing

team for the successful completion of the workshop. He highlighted the workshop's significance in advancing research and education in the field of fracture and fatigue, he said. Certificates were distributed to participants in recognition of their active participation and engagement.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ved Prakash Sharma, workshop coordinator, who expressed gratitude to the chief patron, patrons, chairman, coordinators, participants, and student volunteers in making the workshop a success.

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## Release pending installment of 4 pc DA: NMC urges LG

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) has appealed the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Secretary of JKUT to release pending installment of 4% DA due from January this year in favour of JKUT employees and pensioners as approval regarding this is given by Election Commission of India.

"We demand release of 4 per cent DA in favour of JKUT employees and pensioners. DA is the part of salary and routine financial matter and as such there should be no hitch in releasing it." NMC president Subash Shastri said while addressing the workers here on Friday. He also demanded exemption of DA from ambit of Income Tax as it is linked with price index. Shastri further demanded



NMC president Subash Shastri speaking at workers meeting.

separate wage head for regular disbursement of monthly salary of daily rated workers till their regularization, enhancement of their wages to Rs 600 per day, regularizing their services under SRO 64, setting up Labour Welfare Board, implementation of all Central laws in the UT besides granting medical allowance of pensioners to Rs 1000 per month at par with Central Government

beside releasing 18% DA arrears to employees working in both Central/ UT Governments.

Among others present on the occasion were Sahib Khajuria (General Secretary NMC), Rajan Babu Khajuria, BS Jamwal, Surinder Kumar, Ramesh Sharma, Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh, Mohammad Sadiq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Tarsem Sharma and JP Sharma.

## Political activists from Ganderbal join Apni Party



Newly joined members posing with Apni Party leaders at joining programme.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A group of political activists and workers from central Kashmir's Ganderbal joined Apni Party on Friday in the presence of the party president, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, during an event organized at the party headquarters in Srinagar. Bukhari, along with other senior party leaders, gave a warm welcome to the new members into the party fold.

The new entrants included Farooq Aziz, Omar Gul, Nisar Khan, Irfan Mugal, Bashir Khan, Javaid Ahmad Mir, Ghulam Rasool Khan, and their associates. This event was organised by the party's Provincial Coordinator Javaid Ahmad

Mir. Besides the party president, the prominent party leaders who were present on the occasion included party's Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir, Provincial President Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Provincial Secretary Kashmir Syed Najeeb Naqvi, Senior Vice President (first) Srinagar Mohammad Shafi Mir, Provincial Coordinator Javaid Ahmad Mir, Provincial President of the party's ST Wing Rafiq Ahmad Balote, District President for the Women's Wing Ganderbal Rafiq Iqbal, Youth President Uri Constituency Sajad Ahmad Sheikh, District President of ST Wing Baramulla Nazir Ahmad Chachi, Faisal Ahmad Mir, and others.

## YSS Ganderbal inspires youth engagement through cycle race under SVEEP



Participants at a cycle race under SVEEP in Ganderbal.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: The Youth Services and Sports Department Ganderbal under the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program 2024 on Friday orchestrated a zonal level cycle race for boys AAG in Zone Tullamulla of the district.

The race commenced at Baroosa Crossing, winding through the Central

University of Kashmir road, culminating at GHSS Tullamulla amid applause and jubilation.

The event, aimed at fostering voter awareness among the youth, reiterated the motto, 'No Voter is to be left behind,' emphasizing the crucial role of every vote in the democratic fabric of the nation.

Over 150 enthusiastic students participated, exuding zeal and fervor

throughout. Meanwhile, in Zone Kangan, a spirited inter-school zonal level Chess tournament for Boys U/14 years took place at MS Kijpara, witnessing the active involvement of numerous enthusiastic students.

Additionally, GHSS Shallabugh of Zone Ganderbal conducted a Voter Awareness program in the vicinity of the school.

## DB directs Go Raksha Samiti, JMC to respond to deficiencies pointed out by NGO

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Jammu Bench) comprising the Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Rahul Bharti in the much publicised PIL No.25/2017 filed by an NGO working for the cause of animals namely (Save Animals Value Environment (SAVE) through its Chairperson Devinder Kaur Madaan alias Rumpy Madaan seeking better management of Animals at newly constructed Gaushala at Village Seri Khurd (Nagrotta), Jammu has directed the Go Raksha Samiti, Amphalla, Jammu to respond to each and every observation and allegations with proper explanation in respect whereof deficiencies have been alleged so that the matter can be considered effectively on the next date of hearing.

When this PIL came up for hearing, Advocate Supriya Chouhan and petitioner Devinder Kaur Madaan, Chairperson of

SAVE, present-in-person informed the Division Bench that the JMC has outsourced the Cattle Pond (Gaushala) at Seri Khurd, Nagrotta to Go Raksha Samiti, Amphalla, Jammu without laying down of any Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The condition of Cattle is deteriorating in view of least arrangements and absence of checks and balances at place.

Advocate Supriya Chouhan appearing for SAVE further submitted that Go Raksha Samiti is totally silent over the tagging of the animals as Chairperson of SAVE noticed on her visit made on March 11th, 2024 that none of the horses and calves had been tagged. She further submitted that all the cattle were locked since 12:00 P.M. and there was inadequate water and food and upon query, the petitioner was told that there was no electricity to cut the grass and for this reason the cattle were kept inside the sheds without food.

Advocate Supriya Chouhan further submitted that right now more than 400 Kanals forest area is at the disposal of Gaushala but for no valid reasons, the cattle are imprisoned in the sheds when they should be left open as per their choice.

The petitioner Devinder Kaur Madaan also pointed out that on her personal visit made on March 11th, 2024, she noticed inadequate manpower as there was only one lady, one Supervisor, two children and one male attendant and one child was picking up the dung with a shovel and there was no maintenance of any record/register disclosing the number of cattle alongwith their tag numbers, admission of cattle record, death record. She further submitted that she came across the presence of bulls, cows and calves in the same sheds with no quarantine facilities.

Advocate Supriya Chouhan submitted that SAVE has already placed on record Uttar Pradesh Government's SOP for run-

## PIL seeking modern slaughter houses in J&K/Ladakh DB directs UT Adm to apprise Court regarding abattoir at Allochi Bagh, Srinagar

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Jammu Bench) comprising the Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Rahul Bharti in the much publicised PIL No.06/2018 filed by an NGO working for the cause of animals namely Save Animals Value Environment (SAVE) through its Chairperson Devinder Kaur Madaan seeking modern slaughter houses in J&K/Ladakh has directed the Authorities of UT Administration particularly Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to sort it out and apprise the Court about the construction of abattoir at Allochi Bagh, Srinagar as the Division Bench was informed by Senior AAG S.S. Nanda appearing for the SMC that there is no work going on

apparently because of the merger of the JKPCPC with PWD.

When this PIL came up for hearing, Advocate Supriya Chouhan and Devinder Kaur Madaan, Chairperson of SAVE present-in-person informed the Division Bench that it is unfortunate that the construction of abattoir at Allochi Bagh, Srinagar has been stopped by the Project Executing Agency i.e. JKPCPC and since the project is being monitored by this court and the SMC should have taken the matter seriously and before stopping the work, the Division Bench should have been taken into confidence.

The Division Bench headed by the Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh while expressing its displeasure over the stoppage of work as vociferously highlighted by Advocate Supriya Chouhan observed and directed, "Be that as it may, we see no reason as to why merger of the JKPCPC with the PWD should come in the way of the construction of abattoir identified at Allochi Bagh, Srinagar."

Advocate Supriya Chouhan appearing for SAVE further submitted that JMC has filed its latest status report wherein the JMC has claimed that work progresses in respect of both the slaughter houses at Gujjar Nagar and Dogra Hall is satisfactory. DSGI Vishal Sharma appearing for the U.T. of Ladakh submitted that the work of constructing abattoirs in Leh and Kargil is going on. DSGI Vishal Sharma was allowed time to submit the latest position in this regard. Advocate Harshvardhan Gupta appeared for JMC.

## Omar expresses gratitude to Basharat Bukhari, Abdul Rasheed for support

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) Vice President and candidate for the Baramulla Lok Sabha seat, Omar Abdullah on Friday expressed gratitude to former minister Basharat Bukhari and ex-MP Abdul

Rasheed Shaheen for announcing their support to the party.

Both Bukhari and Shaheen have announced they will support the NC for the polls which are scheduled to be held on May 20. Thanking them for their

support, Abdullah said their endorsement comes as a significant boost to the party's campaign, "fortifying our resolve to represent the people of Baramulla with dedication and integrity".

"With their support, we are poised to overcome any challenges and obstacles that may arise during the election process. This united front sends a powerful message of solidarity and determination, reaffirming our commitment to serving the interests of the Kashmiri people and safeguarding their voices in the parliamentary arena," Abdullah said in a statement.

Abdullah is pitted against People's Conference chief Sajad Lone and People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Mir Fayaz in the north Kashmir constituency.

## ZNS NIST Academy organises exhibition



ZNS NIST Academy officials posing with students and other dignitaries.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Exhibition organized by ZNS NIST Academy was inaugurated by Chief Guests Meenu Mahajan and Farzana Mumtaz in KL Saigal Hall, here on Friday.

More than 100 peoples visited exhibition to grab the designers bags, jewellery & accessories and eye catching design that attracted everyone.

Students showcased bags tailored to various needs, including shopping bags and clutches, reflecting the

diverse skills they've acquired through workshops held at both branches of the academy in Gandhi Nagar and Bari Brahmana.

The exhibition served as a platform for these budding fashion designers to showcase their talents and creativity.

Center heads Shabir Malik and Nusrat Malik emphasized that the primary aim of the exhibition was to make quality bags, jewelry, and accessories accessible to the people of Jammu.

They highlighted how such

events not only provide a platform for students to display their skills but also help them fulfill their financial needs.

The event was dedicated to all the trainers and students of the academy and was hosted by Irfan Choudhary, who ensured its smooth execution.

Irfan said that through events like these, students can not only showcase their designing prowess but also contribute to the local community by offering unique and attractive products.

## SVEEP programmes held in Govt institutions in several Pulwama villages



### STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: The Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiatives were on Friday conducted with great enthusiasm and participation at two venues viz. HSS Panzgam and HSS Chakura, here.

The programs showcased a diverse array of activities aimed at fostering voter education and participation. Highlights included captivating cultural performances, energetic rallies, enchanting Kashmiri Chakri performances by girl groups, and comprehensive voter

awareness sessions.

The programmes witnessed participation of all stakeholders like local bodies, BLO, Aasha workers, lumberdars, Young voters, PWDs and Senior Citizens.

A painting competition and plantation drive were also carried out under the banners of SVEEP.

These events exemplify the District Administration's commitment to empowering citizens with the knowledge and resources necessary to exercise their democratic rights effectively.