

# FCI distributed 4.95 LMT food-grains during first five phases of PMGKAY: GM

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The General Manager Food Corporation of India J&K, H.S. Dhaliwal has today said that the Corporation has distributed around 4.95 Lakh Metric Ton food-grains in J&K region (UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh) during the first five phases of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

Speaking to media here at FSD Chatha on Monday, the GM listed a range of schemes being implemented by the Corporation

"Food Corporation of India, Food Storage Depot, Chatha (J&K) is functioning for implementation of various Central Governments' schemes like PMGKAY, MDM, ICDS, NFSA, OMSS for the welfare of people" he said.

Elaborating further, he said FCI J&K region includes UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh. He further added that currently FCI was operating 32 depots (27in UT of J&K and 5 in UT of Ladakh) in the region

with an aim to meet the requirement of common public in these UTs. FCI has storage capacity of 2.50 LMT approx in J&K region and presently having a stock of 1.34 LMT approx.

"The monthly requirement of stock in the J & K region is approximately 95, 000 MT including PMGKAY. During the first five phases of PMGKAY up to March 31, .2022, FCI has distributed approx. 4.95 LMT in J&K region, he informed further.

The GM said that the FCI procures wheat, rice and paddy at Minimum Support Price fixed by Government of India (GOI) from the



GM FCI J&K, H.S. Dhaliwal talking to reporters.

farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). "Foodgrains procured under Uniform Specifications fixed by GOI are being stored in FCI godowns under proper preservation by quality control unit and make them available to the state government for PDS (Public Distribution). FCI ensures the food security to the nation by maintaining the satisfactory level of operational and buffer stock of food grains. Presently, FCI has a buffer stock of wheat 279.64 LMT, normal rice 330.24 LMT and Fortified rice 94.41 LMT under the central pool.

He said that as part of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat" into a reality, the FCI has taken several initiatives with respect to self-sufficiency of food grains. Also in his 75th Independence speech, he announced complete replacement of normal rice by Fortified rice (FRK) for all schemes by 2024.

The Government's commitment is to take care of the weakest people of the society and also enhance infrastructure facilities for food security operations across the country.

"During the pandemic (Covid-19), the FCI has distributed 324 LMT rice and 455 LMT wheat under PMGKAY (phase I to VI), beside this, FCI has also distributed 6.68 LMTFRK rice (Fortified rice Kernel containing folic acid, vitamin A and B12 and iron) under NFSA and other welfare schemes like MDM and WBNP during financial year 21-22 and 22-23" he added.

He informed that the main objective of distribution of FRK rice was to combat malnutrition (due to deficiency of iron, folic acid, vitamin A and B12) prevalent among school children below 5 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers. In order to prevent the recycling of raw rice, FCI also started age testing of rice by Mixed Indicator Method (MIM) during procurement.

Other initiatives taken by FCI include improved IT infrastructure, such as implementation of Depot Online System (DOS) making all depot transactions efficient and transparent, Financial Accounting Package (FAP) and Bill Tracking System (BTS) for easy and smooth payments to all stakeholders, online procurement portal to facilitate Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to farmers.

Also, all the depots of FCI are covered under CCTV surveillance with provision of live web streaming for general public.

# Apni Party only option for Jammu people: Dr Rohit Gupta

## Businessman among many join party



Apni Party Provincial Secretary/ District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta welcoming newly joined members.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Apni Party Provincial Secretary/ District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta has said that Apni Party is the only option for the people of Jammu who were misled by BJP with their hollow slogan.

It was due to the policies and agenda of the Party towards public welfare that dozens of the people including a businessman Kuldeep Raj joined Apni Party at Ward Number 41 Hazoori Bagh in Jammu district.

The joining programme

was organized in presence of Provincial Secretary and District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta, District President Jammu Rural-A, Pushap Dev Uppal, Provincial President OBC Sohan Singh, District General Secretary, Sardesh Rana, Vijay Gurtoo, Om Parkash Dansalia and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Gupta said that the people feel cheated with the political parties who did nothing for the development of their localities and Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) also

failed on all the fronts.

He also highlighted the issues of unscheduled electricity cuts and irregular supply of drinking water which has made the people suffer during the summers.

He said that the development activities are done on a pick and choose basis which is unfortunate. Similarly, District President Jammu Rural-A, Pushap Dev Uppal said that the situation is worst with regard to development in rural areas.

He said that the people from different segments of society are joining Apni Party with a hope to get development, better education, improved health care system at the village level and social justice for everyone.

Prominent among those who joined Apni Party include Rakesh Kumar, Som Nath, Kuldeep Raj, Binnu, Roshan, Banty, Anku, Mukesh, Jyoti, Babli, Sham Lal, Sunil, Romi, Nitin and others.

## Priyanka awarded M.Phil

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Priyanka, wife of Ravinder Kumar, resident of R S

Pura, Jammu has been awarded the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in Mathematics by the University of Jammu.

She worked on the topic 'Study on Sane Classes of Variational Inequalities on hadamard manifolds' under the supervision of Dr Abdul Khaliq.

## VRS Union urges LG to resolve long pending issues

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A number of members of VRS Union Jammu held a protest demonstration on Monday under the leadership of their President Dev Raj Bali near Press Club Jammu, to highlight their long pending demands.

On the occasion, the protesters criticized the adamant attitude of SRTC Management and Transport authorities towards the suffering members, who till date have not been paid arrears of COLA, 6th Pay Commission etc. The members urged LG and Chief Secretary to intervene into the matter and issued necessary directives to concerned authorities for resolving the same at the earliest. Others present on the occasion included Sat Bhushan Singh, Surinder Singh, Ramesh Bhau, B B Sharma, Balwinder Singh, Baldev Raj, Shiv Kumar, Ram Pal and Pappu Bhan.

## e-waste awareness campaign held in GGM Science College



NSS volunteers and faculty posing for a photograph.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: NSS unit of Govt. Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized E-waste awareness campaigning in the college campus in the ongoing summer camp.

## Priya congratulates girls for topping 2021 UPSC exams

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Priya Sethi, National Executive Member, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), incharge BJP HQ and former minister, on Monday congratulated Shruti Sharma, Ankita Agarwal and Gaminii Singla for securing first, second and third rank respectively in the civil services examination 2021, results of which were announced by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Monday.

In a statement issued here today, the former minister said with their splendid success these young girls have made the entire country proud of them.

initiative by JKPC and was inaugurated today in presence of different colleges. NSS volunteers started the awareness in GGM Science College and interacted with students and the faculty. The major objective of e-waste management is to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Some of the e-waste consists of valuable covering or

materials inside which can be reused or recycled. The most common hazardous electronic items include LCD desktop monitors, LCD televisions, Plasma Televisions, TVs and computers with Cathode Ray Tubes. E-waste contains hundreds of substances, of which many are toxic.

## Arrangements discussed for annual Hudh Mata Trisandhaya Yatra 2022

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To discuss arrangements for annual Hudh Mata Trisandhaya Yatra, 2022, a meeting of office-bearers of Hudh Mata Trisandhiya Yatra Managing Sub-Committee Jammu, was held in Jammu on Monday under leadership of its President Jagdish Raj Thakur. This year, the Yatra will start on July 1, 2022 from Dharalan Nagri,

Kathua and will culminate on July 10, 2022 at village Nanth Nallah of Tehsil Daehhan, Kishtwar.

On the occasion, the members urged the administration to fulfill a number of demands for providing adequate facilities to pilgrims, so that they may not face any inconvenience. Major demands highlighted on the occasion included starting tendering process

and fulfilling all formalities for starting helicopter service, repairing road from Sounder to Bhawan-Brahma base in Nanth Nallah, repairing road from Patim Halla to Sounder, ensuring sufficient facilities of tents for pilgrims at Googath, Bhawan etc, ensuring medical facilities and security for Yatris, publicizing the Yatra for information of people etc.

## Basic Health Employees Association highlights pending demands

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To highlight various long pending demands of health employees, the Jammu Kashmir Basic Health Employees Association, an affiliated Association of Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation Jammu, held a press conference under leadership of its President Pawan

Singh Jamwal at DHS complex, Jammu, which was attended by a by a number of other employees. Major demands highlighted on the occasion included holding Departmental Promotion Committee (DPCs) for all categories, resolving salary problems of Female Workers, registrations of

all leftover pharmacists, restoration of old pension scheme etc. The members of the federation urged Manoj K Dwivedi, Commissioner Secretary, Health & Medical Education, to initiate measures for fulfilling all pending demands of health employees. The JKMEF executive members further urged all employees of

health department to observe complete strike on June 6, 2022 in support of their demands.

Others present during the press conference included Tufail Hussain, Govind Ram, Janak Raj, Jagdev Singh, Mushtaq Shah, Mohan Lal, Amar Nath, Rajesh Kumar, Krishan Dutt and Ashok Kumar.

## CMD POWERGRID bestowed 'Icon of the Year' award



Durga Shankar Mishra, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh presenting award to K. Sreekanth, CMD, POWERGRID

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LUCKNOW: K. Sreekanth, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), POWERGRID has been bestowed the prestigious 'Icon of the Year' award by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) for being a role model for the profession & achieving tremendous success in

business enterprises by contributing significantly for the cause of Business, Society and the Nation.

The award was presented by Durga Shankar Mishra, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in Lucknow during the 60th National Cost Convention (NCC) 2022.

# South Asia Women's Conference at KIIT discusses path to inclusive development

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHUBANESWAR: KIIT and KISS Universities of the Temple City, the flag bearer global institutions practicing and propagating gender equality, zero-tolerance against gender-based violence, an entrepreneurship programme for tribal women and girls, capacity building of women in tribal districts, education for all and empowerment through sports, on Monday held the opening day sessions of South Asia Women's Conference (SAWC) 2022.

The two-day event, in association with the United States Consulate General Hyderabad, held in association with multiple UN bodies, has started discussing sustainable networking for the development of women and girls in South Asia.

The SAWC 2022 theme this year is "Towards an Equitable, Inclusive and Sustainable World." Seventy delegates are participating in the meet.

Welcoming the delegates



Dignitaries at South Asia Women's Conference at KIIT.

Vice-Chancellor of KIIT University and Chairman of the inaugural session, Prof Sasmita Samanta said "Women are the epitome of knowledge and we have to connect to the globe to assert the power that we possess with humility."

She also observed that women of South Asia have the unique culture of safeguarding the well-being of all around them with their noble qualities like tolerance, peace, and patience, but neglecting their own selves. This conference will try to zero in on the reasons behind such neglect so that the well-being of women folks would be taken care of, in the future.

In her keynote address leading actress-turned director and activist Nandita Das said, "We have to say Yes to all that we can achieve and no to what means NO! Saying that those who are suffering from it have to carry the burden of changing it, the actor added If we did not fight for it, who would do it for us?, the noted actress also observed that it was not a fight between men and women as we have to share the responsibilities and burdens of our lives to march ahead.

Frankie Sturm Acting Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate General, Hyderabad said, "The absence of equality makes it difficult for communities to resolve conflict, compli-

cates efforts to boost economic prosperity and undermines countries abilities to grow. The untapped potential of women is a lost opportunity for economic growth, equitable development and conflict resolution. We have to regain the opportunity and achieve gender equity."

Lakshmi Puri, former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, in her video message at the inaugural ceremony, highlighted the way towards ushering in Planet 50-50 by 2030 and the centrality of #SDG5 for achieving Agenda 2030.

"Empowerment is both an agent and a product of social change. It is about choice and

ability to influence ones desired action and be part of the decision-making process," said Arun Sahu, High Commissioner of India to Trinidad and Tobago.

Acharapan Yuvaprasas, Consul General Thai Consulate, Kolkata in her speech referred to "Gender Rights equality is a Human Right issue."

"Through inclusivity and sustainability, we can find solutions to all global problems," said Tahina Rasamoelina Chargee D'Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Madagascar.

Rahul Bose Eminent Actor and Social Activist in his message said. "I hope, workable, implementable, interesting, and innovative ideas come about from the interactions. But more than that, I hope that the people who have attended the seminars go back to their homelands and start implementing the ideas that they have come up with and discussed."

Abha Mishra, United

Nations Development Programme, State Head - Odisha said "All the SDGs cannot be achieved if we have no mechanism to address the gender gap and difference."

Himanshu Bal, World Food Programme, State Head - Odisha noted that if we could address hunger, we could also address SDG 5. Both men and women have to be empowered at the same time. Later three sessions of panel discussions were also held during the day in which UNFPA, WFP, UNESCO, UN Volunteers and UN Women representatives participated.

The prime objective of the conference is to bring together select U.S. Government exchange alumni working on gender equity-related themes from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and India. The regional conference with several sessions of workshops, group discussions and breakout sessions are to ensure a designated path in order to achieve the SDG Agenda 2030 of the United Nations.

## JMC, Police Deptt conduct joint anti-encroachment drive



JMC carrying out anti-encroachment drive.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A joint anti-encroachment drive was conducted by the Jammu Municipal Corporation and Police Department on the instructions of Commissioner, JMC, Rahul Yadav under the close supervision of Secretary, JMC, Atul Kumar and Assistant Commissioner (Revenue), JMC, Manisha alongwith Chief Revenue Officer, Enforcement officers with the assistance of City Police.

The anti-encroachment drive was conducted from KC crossing Indira Chowk, Hari Market via Sunder Singh Gurudwara road upto Below Gunat Jammu.

The drive was conducted against the illegal encroachments, wrongly parked vehicles and street vendors causing traffic congestion and obstruction to free movement of pedestrian on footpaths.

During the drive the team lifted & seized 4 truck of goods/ material displayed on roadside including two wheelers illegally parked on roadside for repairing.

Further, Jammu Municipal Corporation appealed to all shopkeepers/Rehriwalas/ street vendors not to encroach upon main roads, footpaths, pavements as the same cause inconvenience to the general public and pedestrians and also create obstructions in the free movement of vehicular traffic.