

Nitin's hat-trick helps Teachers Assn XI to lift Ashok Sodhi Memorial Cricket Trophy



Winner team posing for a photograph with dignitaries after receiving trophy.

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JAMMU: Hat-trick loaded Nitin helped Teachers Association XI to lift Ashok Sodhi Memorial Cricket Trophy final played at Maulana Azad Stadium here. They defeated star-studded Veterans Cricket Association J&K XI by 27 runs. Batting first after winning the toss, Teachers Association XI was bundled at least total of 80 runs in 16.5 overs. Ajay Raina and Manish Sharma scored 15 runs each from winning side. Rahul Jamwal from Veterans Cricket Association J&K XI clinched four wickets.

Chasing the target, Veterans side collapsed at 53 in 11.2 overs. Nitin's hat-trick helped Teachers to take home the Trophy. Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Jammu-Kathua Range, Shakti

Pathak was the Chief Guest on occasion. Flanked by president Press Club of Jammu, Sanjeev Pargal, Secretary General, Dinesh Manhotra, other office bearers and management committee of Press Club of Jammu, the chief guest presented trophies to the winning and runners up teams. Earlier, Brigadier Manpravesh Herr; Commander, 36 Infantry Brigade was the special guest before the match. He interacted with the players and wished them luck for the match. Meanwhile the organisers and the spectators also paid floral tributes to Ashok Sodhi on the occasion. The tournament was organised by the Press Club of Jammu in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council under 'My Youth My Pride' programme.

Bhalla appeals Govt to have sympathetic look at genuine demands of KPs



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting KP community members.

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KULGAM: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Thursday visited K P Colony Vessu to listen to their grievances.

On the occasion, inhabitants of the colony submitted memorandum of demands apprising JKPCC Working President of various issues. Bhalla appealed Govt to have a sympathetic look at the demands of KPs which are genuine and need of all PM Package employees. He appealed Govt to look at this matter with priority as KPs are living in fabricated huts for last 13 years now.

Bhalla further said PM package employees are facing lot of issues like security concerns, transfers, salary issues, promotions etc but all the time they have to rush to higher authorities which becomes cumbersome always as it is very difficult to get appointments all the time with higher ups. He demanded a nodal officer at each district should be appointed so that their grievances can be heard and thus solved. Bhalla appealed LG Manoj Sinha to pay a personal visit to KPs colony to have first hand appraisal of their genuine grievances.

PSPS Govt College for Women hosts Training Workshop on 'Effective Communication, Leadership'

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JAMMU: Department of English, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, in collaboration with ELFA International, hosted a one - day Training Workshop on "Effective Communication and Leadership" here on Thursday.

Around 85 students from different departments of the College participated in the said workshop. The Resource Person for the Workshop was Mr. Mehran Khan, a renowned International Humanitarian Activist and a Development Practitioner.

Dr. Jyoti Dutt, the HOD English extended the formal welcome to the Principal of the College, Resource Person along with his team from ELFA International-Sajad Mir, Regional Coordinator; Anjali Anand, Project Coordinator and Fatima Khan, Mobilization Officer and student participants. She further

highlighted the objective of such meaningful workshops from which students can benefit themselves in practical usage of language.

The College Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan, in her address encouraged the students to be part of such workshops to meet the modern parameters of language and communication skills to get into the mainstream. She also congratulated the organizing Committee for taking such initiatives which is the need of the hour.

The workshop was jointly organised by Prof. Bindu Sharma, Prof. Neelam Thapa, Dr. Kiran Kalra, Dr. Nidhi Choudhary, Prof. Suman Bala, Dr. Sheweta Magotra and Dr. Fayaz Ahmed.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Chetna Mahajan and the event concluded with formal Vote of thanks by Dr. Shakun Mahajan.

Dulloo reviews implementation of HADP

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SRINAGAR: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, on Thursday chaired a meeting of Project Grounding and Monitoring Committees to review progress on implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) in the Union Territory at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Secretary Agriculture Production Department, Mission Director, HADP, concerned Chairmen and members of all Project Grounding and Monitoring Committees, members of PMU and technical officers.

Addressing the officers, ACS stated that this plan is a mission for transformative and holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors across J&K with potential to transform the UT into sustainable commercial agri-economy. He impressed upon the officers to work in mission mode and coordinated manner to achieve the desired objectives of the plan.

While reviewing progress on each project being executed under the ambitious plan, Atal Dulloo exhorted upon the members to consult the stakeholders so that all aspects of agricultur-

al and allied sectors are included in the plan.

The sub projects taken up for discussion during the meeting included promotion of oilseeds, formulation of 300 FPOs, integrated farming systems, commercial floriculture, rainfed area development, identification of organic clusters in 14 districts and organic zones in 6 districts, alternate agriculture system for sustainability, sensor based smart agriculture, minimising pesticide use in agriculture, soil and land resource information system and soil health management, innovative extension approaches for promoting agriculture.

The meeting discussed upgradation of existing integrated farming system, upgradation of 54 nursery units in Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal districts in Kashmir division and Jammu, Udhampur districts in Jammu division. To increase production and productivity of oilseeds, the officers informed that they have covered additional 72,000 hectare under oilseed crops. It was given out in the meeting that 24 hectare of nursery has been added with establishment of additional 150 nursery units in Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Anantnag and Baramulla districts in Kashmir division and Jammu,

Udhampur, Rajouri, Doda district in Jammu division. Besides, production of seed and quality planting material for targeted area expansion under respective components will be carried out under the plan.

Regarding commercial floriculture, it was informed that area expansion of 85 hectare on lavender cultivation with 4-5 clusters in Kashmir and Jammu division each has been done.

For better soil health management, assessment of soil health of 4 selected districts of JK at block level, 2 each in Jammu and Kashmir will be carried out. Besides, strengthening of 10 soil, water and plant testing laboratories of SKUAST J&K (2), district level (4) and KVK (4) will be taken up.

The meeting was further informed that 100 mini-soil testing laboratories will be established at panchayat level in selected blocks of remote areas in five years under the ambitious plan. Terning Innovative extension approaches for promoting agriculture as the most important project under the plan, ACS directed the officers for Identification of location for 2000 buildings across J&K with facility of Nodal Cyber extension Platform-cum-Meeting room.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises awareness lecture on 'Bird Watching'

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JAMMU: NSS Unit of Government College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar organized an awareness lecture on "Bird Watching" to commemorate India's Presidency in G-20 Summit, under the patronage of Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the college.

The resource person for the event was Prof. Sudesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, M.A.M College, Jammu. The aim of lecture was to inculcate among the students the aesthetic sense, harmony with nature and admiration for flora and fauna. The Programme began with the traditional lighting of the lamp followed by welcome address by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali. Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college Dr. Meeru Abrol stated that Bird watching is the best recreational activity, a hobby in which individuals enjoy the challenge of bird study, listing or other general activities involving bird life. Prof. Sudesh Kumar deliberated upon "Bird Watching" and about various species of birds of northern India in general and J&K in particular. The habitat, physical features, Morphology, eating habits, nomenclature and migration, all these features of Birds were discussed in detail. He also shared his bird watching experiences with students who interacted with the resource person, whole heartedly.

The program was organized by Prof. Anju Bala (NSS PO) and formal vote of thanks was given by Prof. Parvinder Kour.



Principal GCW Bhagwati Nagar, Dr. Meeru Abrol presenting memento to resource person Prof. Sudesh Kumar.

Slowly and steadily, I learnt it by continuously playing the games. I can play any game," she said.

While Salathia is known by her "Blackbird" handle in the gaming community, her partners - most of whom are children -- call her "Muma".

"The biggest compliment for me was that children asked me whether they could call me 'mother'. It was an emotional moment for me," she said. Salathia, who has since launched her gaming channel on YouTube, said her family supported her throughout.

"The reaction of my family was very positive. I am very happy to play with youngsters," she said. Her son Gaurav Singh said, "We never thought she would get such love from the people." Balancing all her work, Salathia finds time to play three to four hours every day and earns more than Rs 1.50 lakh per year.

"She manages it perfectly. She dedicates time at home, to the dogs and the family and also to the game. She manages it perfectly," said Divyanshi, a relative of Salathia.

Her husband Ajeet Singh Salathia said they fully support her passion for gaming. "Gaurav was playing first. He taught her. She left him behind by having nearly four lakh followers," he said.

Advisor Bhatnagar approves re-launch of Marriage Assistance scheme, one time scholarship for wards for registered workers

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, on Thursday chaired the 20th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWVB) at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment, Rehana Batul, CEO/Secretary, JKBOCWVB, Munir-ul-Islam, Secretary Department of Rural development and Panchayati Raj, Tariq Ahmad Zargar, Labour Commissioner, Abdul Rashid War, Secretary Law, Achal Sethi, DG Codes,

Director Finance PWD and other members of the board both in person and through video conferencing.

The meeting had detailed deliberation on different aspects of working of JKBOCWVB besides discussion on various pertinent topics including implementation of welfare schemes, augmentation of healthcare facilities, skill upgradation programs, financial aid for workers' families and measures to ensure safety and well-being of construction labourers. Addressing the officers during the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar outlined his vision for welfare of workers in the region.

State Taxes Department Enforcement (Central) Kashmir realises Rs. 25.34 lakh from erring

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SRINAGAR: The State Taxes Department Enforcement (Central) Kashmir has realised a penalty amount of Rs. 25,34,808, which is by far the highest single penalty realised by the office under the Jammu and Kashmir GST Act, 2017 against one loaded goods vehicle for failing to produce any documents as required to be accompanying the goods on movement/transit.

The vehicle bearing No. JK01AD 3557 was apprehended on a tip-off by a team of officers lead by Assistant Commissioner Enforcement (Central) Kashmir, Shahnam Rashid and comprising of inspectors, SIS/ Guards of the central Enforcement Wing, during a Nakka laid on NH-44 between Hyderpora Bye-Pass and Batamalo By-Pass.

The team of officials was constituted by the Deputy Commissioner State Taxes Department Enforcement (Central) Kashmir, Parveez Ahmad Raina.

The Driver/ Person in Charge of the vehicle disclosed that the loaded goods are cigarettes only but failed to produce any documents as

required to be accompanying the goods on movement/transit. Accordingly, Form GST MOV- 01 and MOV- 02 were issued to the driver/PIC on spot and vehicle was detained at Excise and Taxation Complex, Solina, Rambagh, Srinagar.

Further proceeding U/s 129 of JK GST Act, 2017 were initiated and physical verification of the goods was conducted on the same day under the supervision of DC/AC Enforcement (Central) Kashmir and accordingly penalty was calculated under aforementioned section.

On 10 May, 2023 the owner of the goods appeared before DC Enforcement (Central) Kashmir and moved an application for release of goods. The goods were released after realising of penalty amount of Rs 2534808.00.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner State Taxes Department Jammu and Kashmir Dr. Rashmi Singh and Additional Commissioner State Taxes Department (Adm. & Enf.) Kashmir Shakeel Maqbool (ICAS) expressed their satisfaction and applauded the efforts of the team.

President Murmu presents 'Shaurya Chakra' to Captain Arun Kumar

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JAMMU: The President of India Droupadi Murmu presented Shaurya Chakra to Captain (now Major) Arun Kumar of Kumaon Regiment (13th Battalion of Rashtriya Rifles), son of late Ashok Kumar and late Jeet Kumari for eliminating one terrorist and assisting elimination of other during an operation in the hills of Bandipora on 11th May 2022. Captain (now Major) Arun Kumar is famous and intelligent boy of his native village Souli in Kalakote of Rajouri District.

The citation reads, "During an operation in Bandipora, J&K, Captain (now Major) Arun Kumar was leading a surveillance-cum-ambush team in the hills of Bandipore district on 11th May 2022 on specific intelligence regarding movement of on 13th May, 2022 at approximately 1500 Hours, two terrorists were spotted. "The Captain (now Major) Arun Kumar appreciated the situation and readjusted troops in an aggressive posture to box the terrorists and deny them escape routes. On being challenged, the terrorists fired indiscriminately and



President Droupadi Murmu presenting Shaurya Chakra to Captain (now Major) Arun Kumar, Kumaon Regiment, 13th Battalion, Rashtriya Rifles.

took cover behind a boulder. The Captain (now Major) Arun with utter disregard to safety crawled as close as five meters from the terrorists amidst intense fire. The terrorists lobbed two grenades towards a fellow officer which he avoided tactfully. He decided to momentarily expose himself confronting the terrorists in close in the fire fight at close quarters, Captain (now Major) Arun Kumar gallantly neutralised one terrorist. Subsequently, the

Captain (now Major) Arun Kumar relocated himself to acquire tactically advantageous position, took aimed shots which forced the second terrorist to expose himself leading to his neutralisation. For displaying commendable leadership and bravery thereby eliminating one terrorist and assisting the elimination of second terrorist, Captain (now Major) Arun Kumar is awarded with "Shaurya Chakra" by President of India."

Congress to dedicate Martyrdom Day of Rajiv Gandhi to Panchayat Raj System

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JAMMU: Congress has decided to dedicate this year's Martyrdom Day of former Prime Minister and the Architect of Panchayat Raj system in the Country, Rajiv Gandhi on May 21st to the Panchayat Raj system in the JKUT and decided to hold an impressive convention in Jammu on that day to sound the Bigul for the forthcoming elections to the Panchayats and urban bodies.

This was announced here today by JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani in a meeting of the senior leaders and district presidents besides the rep-

resentatives of the Panchayat Raj Institutions held at party HQ Jammu.

AICC Incharge J&K Affairs Rajni Patil, MP and Co-incharge Manoj Yadav shall attend the convention to pay tributes to Rajiv Gandhi, he said and announced that the Congress Party shall contest all the forthcoming elections to the Panchayats and urban local bodies with full force and complete preparations to give a befitting electoral defeat to the BJP in Jammu region.

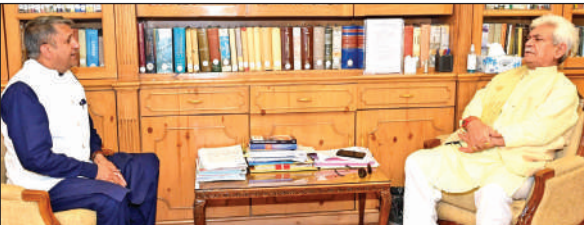
Former Dy Chief Minister Tara Chand lashed out at the BJP for depriving the people of their basic democratic

rights in Jammu and Kashmir.

Tara Chand said Rajiv Gandhi transformed the democracy through Panchayat Raj to transfer power to the people of grass root levels.

The meeting was briefed by Ravinder Sharma-Chief Spokesperson over the current political and economic situation and the role of the J&K Congress in incorporating the vision and the model of the Panchayat Raj system of Rajiv Gandhi to the Panchayat Raj in Jammu and Kashmir for which his death anniversary should be dedicated to the PRI system in view of forthcoming elections.

Various delegations call on LG



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha meeting with Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir, Vice Chairperson, DDC Kupwara.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir, Vice Chairperson, District Development Council, Kupwara called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Thursday. Mir apprised the Lt Governor on various development issues of Kupwara including augmentation of health facilities, strengthening of road connectivity and promotion of tourism at Lolab, besides welfare issues of farmers.



A delegation of Voice of Peace & Justice led by its President Farooq Ganderbali put forth the issues related to youth engagement in sports activities and cultural

exchange programmes.

Later, Executive body members of Bar Association Kupwara headed by its President Adv. Shafiq Ahmed Shah also called on the Lt Governor and projected various concerns issues of legal fraternity of Kupwara.

A delegation of Philosophy Scholars and Students submitted a memorandum of demands to the Lt Governor pertaining to the promotion of philosophy subject in UT.

The Lt Governor assured the members of delegations that the issues and genuine demands projected by them would be looked into earnestly for redressal on merit.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date -**01.06.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
10.05.2023	18.05.2023	01.06.2023/15:00 Hrs

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1	40-2023-24-UHP-DRM-FZR	Provision of Officer Rest House on 1 st floor at existing ORH at SVDK (KATRA) in the section of SSEE/W/SVDK under ADEN/UHP.			
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		85,18,963/-	1,70,400/-	60 Days	08 Months
		Similar Nature of work :- "Construction of building/quarters."			
2	43-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR	Construction of 02 nos Dog Kennel & allied works at Railway stations SVDK and BAHLL Railway stations in the section of Sr. DEN-IV/FZR.			
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
		38,50,253.11/-	77,000/-	60 Days	06 Months
		Similar Nature of work :- "Nil"			

Note 1 :- Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.

Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA/FZR/40/2023-24-UHP-DRM-FZR & 43-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR Date: 10.05.2023 1426/2023

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