

Winners of JKP's Water Sports event 'Jashn-e-Dal' felicitated Building new sporting future of J&K: LG Sinha

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Highlighting the need for collective responsibility to empower sportspersons and helping the hidden talents in the villages so that they can script shining successes in international sporting events, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said: "We are building new sporting future of Jammu and Kashmir."

Sinha was speaking at a function held here to felicitate the winners of 'Jashn-e-Dal', a Water Sports event organized by Jammu Kashmir Police.

700 participants competed in 20 categories of Kayaking, Canoeing and Slalom discipline during the three-day long event.

Addressing the participants and the organizers, the Lt Governor commended the J&K Police for its



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and other dignitaries at felicitation ceremony of winners of 'Jashn-e-Dal', a Water Sports event organized by JKP at Srinagar.

valuable contribution in nurturing young sporting talents and providing them opportunity through Civic Action Programmes to realise their full creative potential.

"It is a dream of every athlete to get an opportunity to participate in sporting event, excel in their respective area and become role

model for the upcoming generation. The ongoing sports activities give us hope and confidence that our players can produce path-breaking achievements," said the Lt Governor.

The vibrant sports culture reflects the image of aspirational J&K, which is determined to build a bet-

ter future for the young generation. Our athletes will play a significant role in this task and contribute in building a strong and prosperous Jammu Kashmir, he added.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to provide world class facilities, coaching and mentoring to the young sporting talents of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor made a special mention of sports personalities from J&K for

bringing laurels to the nation at the world stage. He also appreciated the efforts of the sports associations and stakeholder departments for the promotion of sports in the UT.

The Lt Governor also called upon the people, especially the youth to discharge their duties and to contribute in Swachhta Abhiyan.

At the closing ceremony, the Lt Governor took the ceremonial salute at an impressive pedal pass and interacted with the players. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dilbag Singh, DGP; R K Goyal, ACS, Home Department; RR Swain, Special DG CID; SJM Gillani, ADGP J&K Armed Police, senior officials of Police and Civil Administration, members of water sports association, prominent sports personalities, representatives of various sports clubs and associations and youth in large number attended the felicitation ceremony.

Mayor for new township at Bajalata, multi-tier parking facilities at cremation grounds and electric crematorium

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma thanked DDC Chairmen, DDC members, BDC Chairmen, Chairmen and Presidents of Councils and Committees, Councillors, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, CAIT, principals of various schools and colleges, print media promoters and prominent citizens and others for the successful launching of biodegradable carry bags few days back during a programme organized by Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC).

In a press conference on Monday, the Mayor said that the development was discussed at national level.

He told reporters that as the Jammu city is extending with a big pace so for the next 20 years planning should be done today itself and in this regard he took the issue with Union Minister for Housing Urban Affairs Hardeep Puri and demanded a new township for Jammu at Bajalata.

"As Bajalata is a barren



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma briefing media on Monday.

land so there is no need to disturb fertile land of Jammu for residential purpose and Bajalata is also near to Jammu city and people may get all the facilities there with an ease," Sharma said.

He also said that other issues taken with the Union Minister were solution to the problem of vehicle parking for which he suggested that multi-tier parking facility shall be made at all the

prominent crematorium of Jammu city.

"Also electrical crematorium need to replace the conventional ones as wood will not be available in future in such a large amount," he maintained adding that even at Jogi Gate cremation ground about 3000 vehicles can be parked while similar parking facilities shall also be made at Shastri Nagar, Channi Himmat and Shakti Nagar cremation grounds.

Angrez Singh posted as Dy Secy in LG's Secretariat

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The government on Monday posted Angrez Singh (JKAS) as Deputy Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

"Angrez Singh, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Katra, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Katra, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary in the

Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, with immediate effect," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/ Secretary, General Administration Department.

Ramban: Neeltop Summer Carnival concludes successfully



Organisers along with participants during the concluding ceremony.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN: The two-day Summer Carnival at Neeltop Ramban concluded today, leaving adventure enthusiasts hopeful for new opportunities. Organised by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu and District Administration Ramban, the event showcased various adventure activities, including trekking, camping and musical performances.

The second day of the carnival commenced with a cleanliness drive at the base camp Wasemarg, followed by a day-long trek through picturesque meadows. DDC Member Ramsao, Bashir Ahmed Naik, flagged off a group of sixty adventure enthusiasts as they embarked on their trek to Eithantgarh, Ramban

from the base camp. DDC Member Ramban, Bashir Ahmed, praised the organisers, particularly the Tourism department, for arranging this fun-filled activity, which provided enriching experiences for the participants. Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, stated that the objective of the trekking expedition was to promote national integration, foster a spirit of adventure in youth, build self-confidence, raise environmental awareness and develop character.

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, mentioned that this inaugural carnival at Neeltop, Ramban, was the first of its kind and expressed the department's plans to explore more uncharted and breathtaking land-

scapes in the region of Jammu. Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, urged the participants to share their unique experiences on social media and other platforms to promote the unexplored destinations of the region. The Summer Carnival at Neeltop was a collaborative effort by the Tourism Department, which has been actively promoting offbeat destinations in the Jammu Region, such as Sinthan, Jai Valley, Mahu Valley and Neeltop.

Present at the occasion were Tehsildar Ramsao, Nasir Javed; BDO Ramsao, Ram Paul; Assistant Tourism Officer Batote, Zaheer Abbas, PRI members and officials from the Tourism Department and District Administration.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: ensuring complete adherence to set timelines of Uniform Academic Calendar 2022-23, J&K Board of School Education has declared the result of class 10th annual regular 2023 in which 80 per cent of the students of UTs of J&K and Ladakh have qualified the prestigious examination.

This was for the first time that the students of class X from both the UTs appeared together in one session under Uniform Academic Calendar 2023.

In total 1,48,701 students were enrolled for class 10th session annual regular 2023 in both the UTs, of which, 1,18,791 students passed the exam. The exam was conducted at 1615 centres established across the soft and hard zone areas in both the UTs.

Nearly 13823 students qualified the exam with A1 grade, 18489 students got A2 grade, 24147 secured B1 grade, 28880 B2 grade, 26248 C1 grade, 7133 C2 grade whereas 78 students have been placed in D grade. Expressing satisfaction over the entire examination process, Chairperson, JKBOSE, Professor Parikshat Singh Manhas, expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar, for their guidance and support to actualize the vision of Uniform Academic Calendar.

He congratulated all the

stakeholders and expressed gratitude to the entire divisional and district level administrative machinery, India Posts, and the whole team of officers and officials of JKBOSE. He also complimented the teachers who have tirelessly contributed towards smooth conduct of examination followed by cooperation in evaluation besides all other people who have directly or indirectly contributed towards success of this vision of the Government wherein all the students of the two UTs were brought together in the same academic session and their result has been declared successfully.

Chairman JKBOSE said, "It gives me pleasure to know

that the result of Class 10th has remained very heartening. Students and their parents deserve great appreciation for their whole-hearted acceptance and cooperation in realizing the visionary goal of unifying the scattered academic sessions in both the union territories of J&K and Ladakh. Those students who could not make it this time should not lose heart and try again with renewed zeal," he added.

In order to facilitate access of students to the result gazette, the JKBOSE has made adequate arrangements through various media. For the first time, their result will be available on Digilocker service. For this, the students will have to

download Digilocker App and register them after filling the required details. The result is available online on the official website of JKBOSE www.jkbose.nic.in and Indiaresults.

The candidates can also avail SMS facility by sending the text message to 5676750 by typing jkbose10 followed by a space and Roll No. e.g., "jkbose10 Roll No.". Those who don't have access to Mobile Phones or internet can get their results from their nearest JKBOSE office where the soft copies of result gazettes have been provided.

In case of any query regarding this result, the students have been advised to avoid vis-

iting the JKBOSE offices at Jammu/Srinagar physically. However, they can email their query at jssecrrecy_jd@jkbose.co.in (for Jammu Division) and jssecrrecy_kd@jkbose.co.in (for Kashmir Division) citing all the relevant details which shall be addressed after due processing at the earliest. The aggrieved students, if any, can contact their respective schools or the nearest JKBOSE Sub/Branch office. JKBOSE provides an opportunity to the students to get a photocopy and revaluation of their answer sheets for which they can apply online after the notification is issued in this regard.

Soaring temperature and power shortage, giving tough time to consumers

■ **SHAKEELA ANDRABI**
SRINAGAR: As Kashmir started witnessing mercury soar, people are facing load shedding is implemented in the traditional winter style.

Unscheduled power outages in Kashmir do not seem to be going away any time soon as the result of the Governments move to purchase less power from outside Jammu and Kashmir discom, which has increased the gap between supply and demand for electricity.

According to the reports there is a directive to procure less electricity from outside discoms, resulting in annoying and unannounced power outages. Right now peak time demand is around 1450MWs and department is only able to supply 1200 MWs, which means a deficit of 250 MWs that is forcing to opt for load shedding.

Officials are denying to talk about this publically but, as per sources power purchased had decreased, leading to a gap between the demand and supply of electricity, as a result department has no choice but to use load shedding in both metered and non-metered areas even smart metered areas are also facing lengthy

power cuts.

"If we don't cut power supply to metered areas then other areas will have to face over 12-hour power cuts," officials said. This is for the first time that Srinagar and rest of the Valley is witnessing load shedding in the peak summers, when maximum and minimum temperature is gone up above normal.

These untimely power cuts have resulted in chaos, confusion, and anger among the masses. Srinagar residents raised many important issues. "These frequent power cuts have made our lives miserable, inverters are down, our Wi-Fi does not work since it requires power, and that interrupts our work to a large extent," he said.

Meanwhile National Conference expressed concern over prolonged power outages across Kashmir division, saying the administration has failed to ensure basic amenities to people. The Party General Secretary Ali Mohammad Sagor, while interacting the people and party delegations from different parts of the Kashmir, said, "The administration is busy in fanfare and running PR spectacles while people continue to suffer for want of

basic civic amenities."

He said regular and the inconsistent power supply has particularly hit the elderly, industrial sector and tourism sector the most. He said the incumbent administration has turned a blind eye to the issues concerning people.

"In summers, the Jal Shakti department blames the harsh winter for water shortages, but in summer they don't have any answers. We are facing water scarcity issues constantly due to unknown and illogical reasons. The pipelines erected in the area decades ago have not been replaced by the department which is the main cause of water crises as the pipes are getting damaged. The department should replace all damaged pipes to ensure hassle-free water supply to consumers," said Irshad Ahmad from Alochi Bagh.

"We are fed up with tall claims made by the government all the time, while nothing has changed on the ground. The water crisis in city areas is a routine now. Authorities are claiming to make Srinagar a smart city but how it is possible when basic facilities are not

provided to the citizens. This seems like a cruel joke with people. Recently a minor fault in the Dachigam canal left dozens of localities without water for weeks. Although the matter was taken up, people of these areas faced hardships for an indefinite period. Authorities should first provide the basic facilities to its people rather than claiming they will make the summer capital Srinagar smart city or a digital city," said Bashir Ahmad from Ishber Nishat.

"Many areas falling under the Lal Bazar area are facing water shortage around the year. Locals from the area are being deprived of this basic facility despite paying the water fee on time. The water plant supplying consumers seems insufficient to cater to the needs of people. The concerned department should ensure a few more supply units in the area so that the people do not face the problem. In winters, we are facing a severe water crisis and we remain without water for weeks. Authorities should come up with a mechanism to provide water to every household in the city," said Jehangir Ahmad from Lal Bazar.



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