

DB directs UT to initiate and conclude selection of MS on substantive basis in GMC Jammu within four weeks

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In an LPA filed against the judgment of Central Administrative Tribunal whereby CAT quashed the appointment of Dr. Narinder Singh Bhutyal as Medical Superintendent, Govt Medical College Jammu, A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta directed UT of J&K shall initiate and conclude the selection of Medical Superintendent on substantive basis in Government Medical College, Jammu within a period of four weeks from today positively and place the compliance on record on or before the next date fixed i.e. 14.06.2023.

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temporary measure, till the next date of hearing.

During the course of hearing it was submitted during the course of arguments that Dr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, who is respondent in the writ petitions has filed contempt

petitions in view of judgment passed by the CAT. DB directs that the proceedings in these contempt petitions shall remain deferred in view of directions passed above by this court.

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JAMMU: Atharv Sharma (I-i), student of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and his parents by winning gold medal in J&K UT Open Roller Skating Championship-2023 organized by J&K Roller Skating Association held at MA Stadium from May 26-29, 2023. He participated in U-7 age category in Loose Bearing event. Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated Atharv and his parents for the glorious achievement. Headmistress, Meenu Gupta also lauded him. President-RCI, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi congratulated the winner and extended their best wishes for his future endeavours.



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428 residential plots allotted by SDA

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Srinagar Development Authority on Saturday concluded the process of allotment of residential plots to the applicants and the draw-of-lots was held at SDA complex Bemina. The Draw of Lots for allotment of 428 plots was held in presence of applicants for three consecutive days from 1st to 3rd June.

SDA had invited online applications for residential plots from 14th December 2022 to 15th February 2023 and it had received online applications on J&K Housing Mission portal which remained open to public for two months.

In the Draw-of-Lots held in SDA premises, SDA allotted 106 plots measuring 0.98 Kanal each, 234 plots of 0.75 Kanal and 88 plots of 0.50 Kanal. Giving details of the allotment process, a senior SDA official said that Srinagar Development Authority had received 2786 online applications for 428 plots and it was necessary to decide the successful appli-

cants through a Draw of Lots. For 106 plots of one kanal, SDA had received 570 applications, for 234 plots of 15 Marlas 970 applications were received and for 88 plots of 10 Marla, SDA had received 1246 applications, he added.

District Administration Srinagar had nominated three Observers comprising Sub Divisional Magistrate West Srinagar, Tehsildar South Srinagar and Executive Magistrate Khanyar to oversee the process.

An official statement issued says that Srinagar Development Authority has planned Srinagar Satellite Township at Rakh Gund Aksha Bemina on a land parcel of about 3500 kanals of land. In the first phase, the Pilot sector of the Township spread over 975 kanals (49.2 Ha) shall be developed. This pilot sector shall have flatted and plotted accommodation comprising 428 plots & 1610 apartments. The apartments shall also be offered to general public

in the current year and would cater to housing requirements of various income groups. The Satellite Township would be first of its kind in Kashmir located just eight kms from the City Centre which would have all modern amenities and facilities and provide an array of residential options for the public.

Besides, Medicity on 94 acres and a new High Court Complex on 63 acres are also coming up adjacent to the township. The project shall involve investment of Rs 379 crore on construction of basic infrastructure like master plan road, spacious internal roads, proper drainage, power, water supply and communication facilities.

"Rakh Gund Aksha shall have wide range of living options for the residents in the shape of serviced plots of various sizes, ready-to-move flats of different dimensions, builder floors, and building infrastructure for offices and commercial purposes", a senior SDA official said in a statement.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Agriculture Minister, State of Maharashtra, Abdul Sattar, on Saturday embarked on a significant visit to the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for 'Temperate Fruits located in Zawoora, here.

The visit aims to strengthen agricultural ties between Maharashtra and Jammu and Kashmir, exploring avenues for collaboration and extending support in marketing of fruits being produced in both the regions.

Accompanied by Director Horticulture Kashmir, G.R. Mir Abdul Sattar conducted an extensive tour of the Centre of Excellence (CoE), familiarizing himself with its state-of-the-art facilities and operations.

The Maharashtra Minister had an extensive inspection of a demonstration orchard showcasing an array of temperate fruits including Cherry, Pear, Plum and Peach among others. The orchard exemplifies the Centre's commitment towards producing high quality fruit plants and serves as a demonstration center for micro irrigation and high-tech greenhouse technology.

During his visit, Abdul Sattar also paid a visit to the Walnut Nursery in Zawoora and thoroughly inspected all the facilities there. He affirmed his commitment towards supporting and appreciating the horticultural efforts in the region.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister expressed his assurance that the Government of Maharashtra would extend every possible help in marketing the fruits being produced in Kashmir within the state of Maharashtra. He expressed optimism that the fruits produced in Maharashtra would find a receptive market in Kashmir.

The Minister commended the Department of Horticulture and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for their commendable efforts in establishing such exemplary centers.

Jammu's Soham excels in Vietnam event



J&K player Soham Kamotra winning second place in Vietnam International round Robin chess event.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Top chess player of J&K, Soham Kamotra won second place in Vietnam International round Robin chess event by giving a scintillating performance of 2500+ Rating.

As per the reports reaching here, Soham also achieved his second International Master (IM) Norm. In this event 10 title holder players participated and every player faced with each other.

Now, Soham needs only one Norm and 2400+ Rating to achieve the coveted IM title.

Meanwhile, Atul Kumar Gupta, working president of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) congratulated Soham Kamotra for the achievement at International level. He hoped that Soham shall complete his Title formalities in next couple of events to become the first IM from J&K.

District Samba Judo meet held

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: Day-long Samba District Judo Championship, organised by district association under the banner of J&K Judo Association, held at District Coaching Centre, Sports Stadium, here today.

Around 100 participants contested for the top honours in different weight groups, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

The event was declared open by Vikas Gupta, vice president of Judo Federation of while in the closing function, Gul-e-Surkhab was special guest. Among others present were Shamshudin, Manager Samba Stadium, Manager Suraj Sharma (general secretary).

The bouts officiated by the technical panel including Arshi Nad (Judo Coach of J&K Sports Council), Manish



Participants posing for a photograph with officials.

Chatwal (Judo Instructor), Rahul, Satya Devi, Roshni Sharma and Neha.

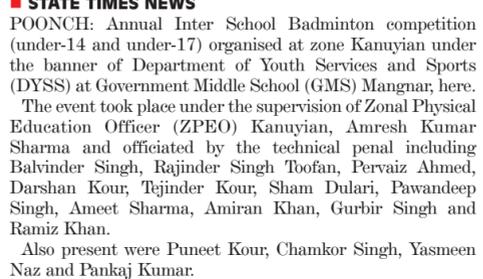
The medal winners: Gold: Mehak Slathia, Ritika, Tamana, Pari Devi, Anshika, Jiya, Tania Thapa, Monika, Sonu, Pankaj Sharma, Varun, Sourabh, Akash, Ayush Slathia, Naman Hansa, Vikram Sharma, Pushpash, Pankaj, Kailash Chand, Vikram Sharma and Sat Pal. Silver: Shivani, Karuna,

Badminton meet held at Zone Kanuyian

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Annual Inter School Badminton competition (under-14 and under-17) organised at zone Kanuyian under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Government Middle School (GMS) Mangnar, here.

The event took place under the supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Kanuyian, Amresh Kumar Sharma and officiated by the technical panel including Balvinder Singh, Rajinder Singh Toofan, Pervaiz Ahmed, Darshan Kour, Tejinder Kour, Sham Dulari, Pawandeep Singh, Ameet Sharma, Amiran Khan, Gurbir Singh and Ramiz Khan.

Also present were Puneet Kour, Chamkor Singh, Yasmeen Naz and Pankaj Kumar.



Players posing for photograph with dignitaries.

DYSS holds unique sports event



Women competing in tug of war event.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After engaging those non-students in organised sports events, Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) has shifted to those housewives involving them in sports activities.

In one such event, Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Bhalwal organised recreational sports meet for housewives of the Panchayat Keran of the Zone. These women took part in events of Carrom and Tug of War in the presence of prominent citizens of the Panchayat. The event was declared open by Panch of Upper Jandyal, Sardar Ali in the presence of Headmaster of the host Government High School, Kheri, Sunita Sharma.

Earlier, ZPEO Bhalwal, Avinash Rani briefed the gathering about the importance of the event and was all praise for the ground staff and participating women in making the event a success.

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India matching up to infra capabilities of China on LAC: DG BRO

STATE TIMES NEWS
PAHALGAM: India is matching up its infrastructure to China's projects at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and there is no need for concern, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) chief Lieutenant General Rajiv Chaudhry said on Saturday.

Chaudhry was here to review works on the routes of the Amarnath Yatra. The annual pilgrimage to the cave shrine, located at a height of 3,880 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas, will begin on July 1 and end on August 31.

"We are competing much better than what you think China is making. So, there is no need of any concern or overly concern that we are somewhere behind. We are matching up to the capabilities of infrastructure development on the borders," Lt Gen Chaudhry told PTI Video here.

He said the government has already announced 662 "Vibrant Village" packages for areas near the border.

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way is a very important road. In the next two months, work will start on the Nyoma airfield, which is one of the highest airfields in the world, he said. These are two very important projects in Ladakh, Lt Gen Chaudhry said. In Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen Chaudhry said the work on tunnels has been almost completed. He also said on the Ladakh-HP border, once the Shinku La tunnel is completed, it will be the world's highest. Earlier, briefing the media about the works on the yatra routes, he said work is going on round the clock and would be concluded by June 15.

The routes have been widened and gradients and turns have undergone maintenance, Lt Gen Chaudhry said.

The basic scope of work involves snow clearance, widening of routes, restoration of all foot bridges, fixing of hand rails and construction of breast walls, he said. Work is being done to make sure there is no inconvenience due to landslides, the official said and added that this year, five lakh pilgrims are expected.

JDI Kashmir reviews functioning of DIPR

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Joint Director Information Kashmir, Mohammad Aslam on Saturday convened a meeting in his office chamber to review the functioning of the department.

At the outset, the meeting discussed arrangements to be put in place by the department for the ensuing Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY) - 2023.

The Field Officers of the department apprised the Joint Director of the arrangements put in place by the department along the Pahalgam and Baltal axis to the holy cave.

The Joint Director Information directed the field officers to put all the arrangements in place especially deployment of requisite staff and other logistics including installation of Public Addressing System at designated locations in Anantnag and Ganderbal districts well within the stipulated time.

He asked the concerned to ensure glitch-free arrangements at all the identified places for smooth facilitation of the Yatries.

The meeting also discussed the annual Cultural Plan 2023-24 of Kashmir province.

The Joint Director instructed the concerned to organize theme based cultural programmes on beneficiary oriented schemes, flagship programmes and other self-employment schemes of the government and ensure that the message is disseminated to all especially target audiences.

Educational Institutions celebrate World Bicycle Day

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/POONCH: Different educational institutions celebrated 'World Bicycle Day' enthusiastically across the Union Territory by organising cycle rallies.

World Bicycle Day celebrated by Raza UI Uloom Islamia



Mohd Tariq, Chairman of Shaheed Dy SP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch with others during 'World Bicycle Day' celebration.



GGM Science College students and faculty during cycle rally.

age of Principal Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan celebrated World Bicycle Day under the aegis of Mission LiFE.

20 NSS volunteers participated in the cycle rally which was flagged off by the Principal, Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Vice Principal Dr. Anil Kumar Verma and NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan.

NSS volunteers rode smart bicycles in the Cycling track of the college campus covering approx. 6 km each.

The theme for World Bicycle Day 2023 is "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future."

The aim is to encourage and motivate people to take up and adopt Cycling in their daily lives for physical fitness activities. The Principal appreciated the efforts of NSS team PO and NSS Volunteers. The event was coordinated by Himanshu Sharma and Divyansh Nadi.

The Office of the Programme Coordinator, NSS commemorates 'World Bicycle Day' in the University of Jammu (JU).

In this regard a cycle rally was organised in the JU in which more than 80 NSS volunteers participated.

The cycles for the said programme were sponsored by the Chairman, Smart City Project, Jammu.

The entire event was conducted under the chairmanship



JU faculty posing with students during 'World Bicycle Day' celebration.

of the Vice-Chancellor JU Prof Umesh Rai.

Dr. Hema Gandotra, Programme Co-ordinator flagged off the rally along with the Programme Officers Dr Meghna Dhar and Dr. Mandeep Singh.

Earlier Dr. Hema Gandotra motivated the volunteers to adopt the healthier lifestyle which will not only benefit them but will also bring in the change in the environment they are living in. The event was managed by the Programme Officers of the campus Dr Meghna Dhar and Dr. Mandeep Singh and was coordinated by the senior NSS volunteers Ketan Kumar, Manvi Sharma, Anuj Sharma, Rishi Sharma, Toiba Fatima and others.

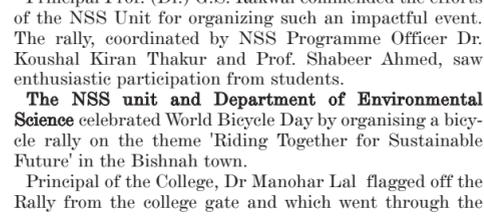
NSS Unit of Maulana Azad Memorial (MAM) College,

Jammu celebrated World Bicycle Day by organizing a rally to promote cycling.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Rakwal commended the efforts of the NSS Unit for organizing such an impactful event. The rally, coordinated by NSS Programme Officer Dr. Koushal Kiran Thakur and Prof. Shaabeer Ahmed, saw enthusiastic participation from students.

The NSS unit and Department of Environmental Science celebrated World Bicycle Day by organising a bicycle rally on the theme 'Riding Together for Sustainable Future' in the Bishnah town.

Principal of the College, Dr Manohar Lal flagged off the Rally from the college gate and which went through the



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Bishnah town again culminating at College Campus.

Dr Manohar Lal emphasized upon the students to imbibe the theme of this year's World Bicycle Day and adopt Environment friendly approach in our day to day Life.

