gratitude the unwavering

commitment and sacrifices

of athletes, coaches, volun-

teers, and the district units.

He praised their selfless

contributions-both financial

and voluntary-as instrumen-

tal in creating a strong foun-

dation for the sport and

empowering youth across

Sharat Chander, CEO,

Activity Report, which

included a detailed and

impressive summary of

recent tournaments and ini-

The meeting was attended

by the dignitaries and office

bearers namely Ashok Kumar,

Member, Advisory Committee,

Sohan Lal Sharma, Vice

Singh, Member, Advisory

Committee, Sharat Chander

Singh, Chief Executive

Officer, Paramjeet Singh, Vice

President, Arun Mansotra,

Treasurer, Manupratap Singh

Wazir, Joint Secretary, Rahul

Bakshi, Member, Rajesh Virdhi, Chairman, Technical

Committee, Nirmaljit Singh,

Shuminder Singh, Member,

Vishal Mehra, Member, Vineet

Gupta, Member, Sharuti

Sharma, Executive Member, Anupam Sambval, Executive

Dhruv

Assistant CEO, SMVD Shrine

Board, Katra, Vijay Kumar,

Committee, Surject Singh,

APS Samba, Tarun Dev

Singh, Member,

Executive

Member,

Member,

President. Col.

the

Annual

Sukhbir

Member,

Gupta,

Technical

Jammu and Kashmir.

presented

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AGM of JKRA plans to cover rural areas in future: Dilbag Singh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS Annual Meeting JAMMU: The General Body (AGM) of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA) was held on Sunday at the Jammu Golf Club. marking a significant occasion for the region's shooting fraternity.

The meeting witnessed participation from members of the Executive Committee, representatives of District Rifle Associations, and affiliated Rifle Clubs from across the Union Territory.

The meeting was presided over by Dilbag Singh, IPS (Retd.), Founder Patron of the JKRA and former Director General of Police, Jammu and Kashmir.

The session began with a welcome address Surinder Singh Sodhi, President of the Association, who thanked members and stakeholders for their steadfast support.

He reaffirmed JKRA's commitment to expanding General of Youth Services and Sports, and the Secretary of the J&K Sports Council for their invaluable support in building sports infrastructure and nurturing talent across the region. In a reflective address, Kuldeep Singh Jamwal, Chairman of JKRA and one

its reach across every corner of Jammu and Kashmir, especially rural areas, stating, "With the support of Khelo India, the visionary leadership at the Centre and in the UT, and the continued guidance of the Sports Council, JKRA is ready to take shooting sports to the grassroots and beyond.

Sodhi expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching Khelo India, a game-changer in India's sporting journey.

He also thanked LG Manoj Sinha, Sports Minister, Satish Sharma, the Director

on working closely with the J&K Sports Council and the Department of Youth Services and Sports to ensure robust support for voung shooters from both urban and rural back-The grounds. Annual Calendar of Activities was finalized. District Rifle Associations were directed to complete their districtlevel competitions by July 2025, while the Union Shooting

Territory-level

of its founding members,

traced the Association's

remarkable journey since its

He recalled the challenging

early years, when the sport

lacked recognition and

infrastructure, particularly

the absence of any formal

shooting ranges in the

Several key agenda items

were discussed during the

meeting, including strategic

plans to improve training

infrastructure, strengthen

grassroots participation,

and enhance collaboration

Special focus was placed

with government bodies.

inception in 2005.

region.

Jammu, and is scheduled for August.

In his keynote address, Dilbag Singh paid heartfelt tribute to the late Amjad Mirza, the Association's for-General Secretary, whose recent passing has left a deep void. In a solemn moment, all members observed a two-minute silence as a mark of respect for his invaluable contributions.

Dilbag Singh announced the appointment of Sharat Chander, CEO of JKRA, as the Interim Working General Secretary.

Reflecting on JKRA's remarkable journey, Singh expressed immense pride in the achievements of its shooters, many of whom have brought national and international recognition to the Union Territory. As the visionary founder and guiding force behind the Association, he expressed satisfaction in witnessing its evolution from modest beginnings into a vibrant performance-driven

organization. He emphasized the importance of inclusive growth in sports, particularly shooting, across the region. "Our next mission," he declared, "is to discover and nurture talent in the villages where such opportunities are yet to reach. We believe that every child-whether from a city or a remote hamlet-deserves the chance to aim high.

He also acknowledged with

DES-J celebrates 19th National Statistics Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Directorate

of Economics & Statistics

(DES), Jammu, under the guidance of Director General Economics & Statistics, J&K, Satvir Kour Sudan commemorated the 19th National Statistics Day on Sunday, aligning with the nationwide observance dedicated to the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, the pioneer of modern statistics in India. The theme for 2025 is "Celebrating 75 Years of National Sample Survey" marking the significant contribution of the National Sample Survey in providing reliable and timely statistical data that supports evidence-based decisionmaking and governance in

India. Ashu Gupta, Regional Director, Evaluation & Statistics, Jammu presided over the function & delivered the welcome address, acknowledging the dedication and contributions of the officers and officials from the Directorate of Economics & Statistics and the Regional Directorate of Evaluation & Statistics Jammu and School of Applied Economics & Statistics Jammu. She underscored the significance of the day's theme and its relevance to the current statistical land-

scape. She also highlighted the pivotal role of the National Sample Survey in shaping data-driven policies and programs over the past seven and a half decades and emphasized upon the importance of accurate data collection and analysis in the formulation of effective governance strategies.

The function was also Director graced (Central), Directorate of Economics & Statistics Suneel Pandita, Principal, School Applied ofEconomics & Statistics, Jammu, Deepa Sharma, Deputy Directors, DES, Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar and Rajesh Singh who participated in discussions about the advancements in statistical methodologies and the integration of technology in data collection and analysis. Celebration included other activities like speeches, group song and slogan making compe-

giving vote of Rakesh Kumar thanks, (Deputy Director) lauded the joint efforts of officers/ Officials of Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Regional Directorate of Evaluation & Statistics, Jammu & School of Applied Economics Statistics, Jammu in delivering data that drives policy, planning and upliftment

GBSHC Baramulla wins in Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib 11th Valley C'ship 2025



Winner GBSHC Baramulla team after receiving trophy

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a highly anticipated and thrilling finale, General Bikram Hockey Club (GBSHC) Baramulla has been crowned champions of the 11th annual Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji Hockey Championship 2025.

They secured a decisive victory Singhpora Sports Club, concluding a tournament. Organized by Hockey Jammu & Kashmir, the event captivated audiences and reinforced the sport's growing promi-

nence. The Baramulla squad, demonstrating exceptional resilience and strategic prowess under the guidance of Hockey J&K, delivered a compelling

Arshdeep Singh (Jr.) iniwith minute, Arshdeep Singh (Sr.)swiftly doubling the lead in the 30th. Despite a

spirited comeback from Singhpora Sports Club, featuring goals from Hardeep Singh (12th)minute, penalty stroke) and Jaipal Singh (58th minute), it was Manmeet Singh's crucial 44thminute goal that ultimately sealed the championship for Baramulla.

Sumeetpal Singh General Bikram Singh Hockey Club deservedly recognized for his outstanding play, earning him the Player of the Match award.

The closing ceremony was notably graced by MLA Baramulla, Javaid Hassan Beigh, who commended the players' dedication and announced a substantial Rs 10 lakh grant for ongoing stadium maintenance.

Distinguished guests included Gurdeep Singh Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji President Hockey J&K, and Ex-DIG Keerat Singh, a revered patron whose generous sponsorship provided the Jammu & Kashmir.

cash prizes: Rs 25,000 for the champions and Rs 15,000 for the runners-

A significant appeal was made by the players for the long-promised Astro Turf installation, a project sanctioned over 15 years ago but hampered by persistent land allocation challenges.

Responding to this critical demand, MLA Beigh pledged a resolution within two to three months, assuring the development of a world-class hockey stadium for Baramulla.

Under Gurdeep Singh Sangral's visionary leadership, Hockey J&K continues its steadfast commitment to nurturing voung talent and revitalizing the Valley's rich hockey tradition.

The success of the Sri 11th Valley Championship stands as a powerful testament to the sport's vibrant resurgence across

Awareness and outreach event held at Panchayat Ghill Kunan, Gandoh

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Championship was officially

allotted to International

DODA: As part of the ongoing Dharti Aabha - Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, a comprehensive awareness and outreach event was organised at Panchayat Ghill Kunan in Block Gandoh. The programme was conducted under the overall direction of the Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh and the close supervision of District AYUSH Officer, Dr. Ajay Kumar Tikoo. The staff of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centre (AHWC) Kota played a pivotal role in coordinating the event.

Block Development Officer Gandoh, Masooda Banoo attended the programme as the Chief Guest and interacted with participants. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from members of the tribal community, who availed free consultations focused on holistic and preventive healthcare. More than 52 beneficiaries received free AYUSH medicines and awareness was raised about the significance of traditional systems of medicine in promoting physical and mental wellbeing. To ensure wider outreach, various information stalls were installed to educate attendees about multiple government-sponsored schemes aimed at the socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Tribe communities. Departments including Social Welfare, Agriculture, Horticulture, ICDS and Rural Development displayed schemes related to livelihood generation, education, women empowerment, nutrition and sanitation. IEC material was distributed, and officials provided on-the-spot assistance to help community members understand eligibility and application processes. This multi-departmental event exemplified the integrated approach of the Dharti Aabha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in bringing essential services and welfare benefits to the doorsteps of remote tribal populations. It not only addressed healthcare needs but also promoted awareness of sustainable development opportunities, furthering the goal of inclusive and participatory tribal development in Doda district.

ICAI J&K Branch organises 'CA Walkathon 2025' promoting health among CA community



Chairman ICAI J&K Branch, CA Sourav Pargal and others posing with participants. a scenic trail through the

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Branch of the Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of the Chartered Institute ofAccountants of India (ICAI) on Sunday organized "CA Walkathon 2025" on the morning of Sundayat Manda Trek, near Manda Zoo. Jammu.

The event witnessed overwhelming participation from the fraternity, with over 100 Chartered Accountants and CA students joining in for a refreshing and energizing walkathon commenced

verdant stretch of Manda forest. Conducted under the umbrella ofVishwaseniya campaign, the walkathon formed an integral part of the CA Day celebrations by the branch. participants Registered were provided with free Tshirts and refreshments, further enhancing the spirit of participation and cama-

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman CA Sourav Pargal with refreshments and emphasized the importance of integrating physical health with professional commitments. "As members sharp at 6:00 AM, covering of a highly dedicated profes-

us to prioritize our health and encourage bonding within the CA community, he stated. The event was efficiently coordinated with enthusiastic support from the branch

sion, maintaining our well-

being is equally essential.

Initiatives like these remind

managing committee. The participants displayed great zeal and unity throughout the event. The walkathon concluded

group photos, reflecting the strong spirit of fitness togetherness, and pride among members of the ICAI

Dr Karwani reviews Jagti migrant camp development works

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A public grievance redressal camp was held under the chairmanship of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), J&K Dr. Arvind Karwani at Mini Township Jagti-Nagrota Jammu to review the ongoing development works in the migrant camps at Jammu and to take stock of the various day to day issues being faced by the migrants.

Vijay Kumar Sharma,

Deputy Commissioner Shiwani Bhan, (Relief) CAO (Relief), Kailash Devi, Assistant Commissioner (Relief), Sanjeev Kumar Assistant Commissioner (Relief) and senior officers from various line departments viz. Jal Shakti, Public Works, Power Development Department, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Youth Services Sports, Floriculture, Gardens & Parks, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Jammu & Kashmir e-Governance Agency, Health, Education, Environmental Engineering and Revenue.

Tehsildar Nagrota, SDPO Nagrota, Tehsildars/ Camp Commandants of Relief Organization and Incharges Sub-District Hospital Jagti and Higher Secondary School were present.

Dr. Karwani patiently listened to the grievances of the

public, which mainly included about repair/renovation of flats, allotment of shops, allotment of flats, water supply, sanitation, maintenance of parks and power supply. He emphasised upon the officers to ensure due adherence to the recent directions issued by the General Administration Department, wherein responsibilities of Transit Migrant Camps at Jammu and Kashmir have been assigned to various Government Departments. It has been provided in the order that officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer shall liaise /coordiabout execution/maintenance works/projects pertaining to their department with the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), J&K.

Dr Karwani reviewed the ongoing development works of various Government Departments. The Jal Shakti Department was asked to expedite the construction of borewells in the Jagti and Nagrota migrant camps to augment the water supply. The officers of the Jal Shakti Department apprised that on the basis of complaints of camp inmates related to the potability of the drinking water, the quality testing of samples was done and reports in this

regard are all satisfactory. The Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Department,

apprised about the progress of works going on in the migrant camps viz. Migrant Camp Jagti, Migrant Camp Nagrota, Migrant Camp Muthi - Buta Nagar and Migrant Camp Purkhoo. He

was directed to expedite the completion of approved works of repair and renovation works and make street lights functional. It was further directed that the repair/renovation of boundary walls in all migrant camps and water proofing works in the residential flats be completed on priority. PWD(R&B) assured that the ongoing work on multi facility community hall involving financial implications of about Rs 6.5 crore will be completed by the end of the

It was apprised that a major repair renovation project with financial implications of about Rs 84 crore has been framed to address the long pending demand of camp inmates for a major repair and renovation of more than five thousand community halls, flats. school buildings and other infrastructure in migrant camps. Dr Karwani assured the public that efforts are in progress to get approval of the Government and requisite funds for the purpose.

The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) further apprised that Kandoli -Jagti connecting road is in the process of work allotment, which will soon address the concern of residents of Jagti and Nagrota regarding dilapidated condition of road and consequent hindered movement.

that work monitoring committees headed by the concerned camp commandant and including the representatives from public work under the close supervision of e p u t Commissioner(Relief), to pri-

Dr Karwani emphasised

oritize the repair/renovation works and ensure satisfactory work completion of all works. The site engineers were directed to ensure close supervision on ground to ensure the quality of works being executed and time bound completion, as per the stipulated deadline.

The Deputy Commissioner Relief and Assistant Commissioners Relief were asked to ensure weekly visits in the camps assigned to them as per the roster of duty and take stock of all development works/ problems of migrants, including grievances related to immovable properties in Kashmir Valley. They were asked to maintain close coordination with the Additional Deputy Commissioner of the concerned districts, appointed as Nodal Officers for the purpose in terms of a Government Order in this

regard recently. The Jammu Municipal Corporation was asked to redress the complaints of inmates regarding the quality of sanitation work and asked to deploy additional manpower to further improve day to day sanitation facility viz. collection, transportation and disposal of garbage and refuse in the migrant camps.

The Department of Youth Services & Sports was asked to expedite the proposal for the maintenance of open

spaces/ playgrounds, organize physical education activities and also promote Scouts and Guides activities in the migrant camps.

The Department of Floriculture, Gardens & Parks was asked to expedite the proposal for development of open spaces and undertake maintenance of existing parks and implement various centrally sponsored schemes.

The Health Department was asked to organize special health camps at migrants camps in Jammu on monthly basis and also deploy specialist doctors on rotation basis in Nagrota, Purkhoo and Muthi/Butanagar camps on weekly basis.

UEED was asked to examine and furnish a proposal of planning, designing and construction of works of sewerage and drainage in all the migrant camps and deal with issues of public health, to protect the inhabitants of migrant camps from the adverse environmental fac-

JAKEDA was asked to expedite the proposal for installation and maintenance of solar lights and promotion/implementation schemes of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India in the migrant camps.

The Department of Rural Development Panchayati was asked to promote skill development programmes to enhance employability and support rural entrepreneurship.

The Executive Engineer Jammu Power Development Corporation was asked to deploy additional linemen at migrant camp Jagti, particularly for the summer months.

The Department of Food. Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs was asked to look into the complaints of some inmates about the distribution of ration and the demand of residents for supply of flour in the ration depots. It was further impressed that the modalities for integration of the ration cards of the Kashmiri/ Jammu Migrants into the National Food Security Act (NFSA) database, be expedited to enable them to avail the benefit of various Government Schemes.

Regarding the allotment of shops, Dr Karwani asked the camp inmates to submit claims/objections their against the provisional list issued by the Relief Organisation (M) in the camp office/head office, against dated receipt. He directed the committee of officers headed by the Deputy Commissioner Relief to scrutinize carefully all the claims/objections thoroughly and ensure no genuine

Regarding the allotment of flats in the migrant camps,

claimant is left out.

Dr Karwani assured the public that the allotments will be made to the poor and underprivileged sections of the society in a transparent and accountable manner, with preference given to widows. persons with disabilities and those suffering from life consuming diseases, solely dependent on relief assistance. He asked the public to stav cautious against criminal elements and middlemen trying to exploit innocent and gullible persons with the promise of providing them flats or getting their work done. He strongly emphasised on zero tolerance against corruption. Public was asked not to approach any middlemen/agent and instead avail the service of daily grievance redressal mechanism of Relief Organization, wherein all officers and officials of Relief Organisation are connected daily at 12 noon from head office and all Zones.

Tehsildar Nagrota and SDPO Nagrota were asked to organise awareness camps in Migrant Camps at Jagti and Nagrota against the menace of drugs and take action on the complaints of some locals about movement of antisocial elements in the camps. SDPO Nagrota was asked to increase deployment of police to keep watch on anti-social and criminal elements and safeguard entry and exit points in the camps