

## Green Skill Dev Programme on 'Bird Identification & Basic Ornithology' concludes



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SRINAGAR: The Wular Conservation & Management Authority today held a valedictory function of Green Skill Development Programme of Ministry of Environment & Forests in "Bird Identification & Basic Ornithology."

On the occasion, the authority inaugurated Green Skill Development Programme in "Waste Management" in collaboration with ENVIS cell of Department of Ecology & Environment, Jammu & Kashmir.

Chief Executive Director, CCF Kashmir, S.F.A. Gillani, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, emphasised the importance of conducting such programmes for developing the skill sets of local youth for profitable self employment in green jobs like eco-guides.

He also focussed on developing collaboration with eminent organisations of the country with the department. He commended the team for meticulously holding first of its kind programme and bringing in the best resource persons from across the country.

Project Coordinator, WUCMA & Course Coordinator, Mudasar Mehmood informed that the training was imparted to 18 participants and during the course eminent resource persons from the country and the state interacted with the students. Also the students went for practical birding exercises to various important Bird Areas like Wular Lake, Pampore Wetlands, Dachigam and Hokersar.

He said that another certificate course in Waste Management is being held from 24th Feb to 30th March in which 20 trainees are participating.

On the occasion, the trainees were given completion certificates.

## Dr Kotwal inaugurates NGDRS workshop cum training programme

JAMMU: Inspector General Registration, Financial Commissioner Revenue, Dr Pawan Kotwal, today inaugurated workshop cum training programme on National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The workshop was organized by Department of Registration JK in collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC) JK and Scientists from NIC SDU Pune.

Pertinently, NGDRS is a system for land record maintenance and registration developed by the department of land resources of Government of India and National Informatics Centre (NIC) which provides infrastructure to help support delivery of Government. The IT services and delivery of some of the initiatives of Digital India, the system will enable to maintain a uniform land record registration system.

While speaking at the inaugural session, Dr Kotwal said that we are entering in a new era of technology and it is the endeavor of the department to keep pace with the present day technological innovations to take its working towards huge success. He said that once the system is implemented, the property buyers will not have to visit the registration office again and again to get their property registered.

He further said that the entire process, right from applying for registry to paying stamp duty and court fee will be made online. "People will get an appointment date on which they will have to appear at the Registrar's office, only for the final signing of documents and registration", he added. The NGDRS system would be able to help property buyers know the circle rate for land across JK besides understanding the type of land, Dr Kotwal said adding that any person can assess the website where stamp and duty rates are notified.

Divisional Commissioner, Sanjeev Verma, also spoke on the subject. He expressed hope that the workshop would be of great help for the participants to further develop their skills in the field.

Additional Commissioner Revenue, Nazir Ahmad Baba; Registrars from Kathua, Udhampur, Samba, Doda, Ramban, Poonch, Rajouri; Sub Registrars from R S Pura, Jammu Khas, Jammu South, Jammu North, Marh, Akhnour, Khour, Chowki Choura, Samba, Hiranagar, Bani, Basohli, Billawar; Regional Director S&LR Jammu, Principal RTI Jammu; Scientists from NIC SDU Pune and NIC J&K besides various senior officials of the department attended the workshop.



## Dulloo Stresses On Formulating Action Plan For Upgrading Trauma Care across J&K

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JAMMU: Financial Commissioner, Health & Medical Education, Atal Dulloo, today stressed on formulating an action plan for upgrading and strengthening of trauma care across J&K.

He was speaking in a meeting held to discuss possibilities of taking trauma care facilities in J&K to higher level. The meeting was convened as a follow-up to the one earlier conducted by Lt. Governor GC Murmu.

Mission Director, NHM, Bhupinder Kumar, Principal GMC, Jammu, Dr. Sunanda Raina, Director Health, Jammu, Dr. Renu Sharma and other officers from Health & Medical Education were present in the meeting.

Principal GMC Srinagar, Parvaiz Ahmad Shah, Director Health Services Kashmir Dr. Samir Mattoo, Principals of 5 new medical colleges and other officers of health department participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

FC Health stressed on creating level 1 trauma care centre in J&K with all the re-

quisite facilities and faculties. He directed the concerned to look for provisions for upgrading the trauma care facilities in two medical colleges of Srinagar and Jammu to level 1 from the existing level 2. He further urged the Principals of new medical colleges to do whatever takes them to upgrade their colleges to level 2 trauma care centres.

Dulloo exhorted upon the Director Health Services of both the provinces to upgrade the ICU facilities in all the 11 identified DNB hospitals to level 3 trauma centres. He asked them to start 8 bedded ICUs in all these hospitals till December this year maintaining that it will greatly help in reducing the fatalities caused by trauma.

He further directed for strengthening all the hospitals in terms of trauma care along the National Highways and maintained that funds should never be a stumbling block in advancing such facilities. He asked to look for technical gaps and manpower assessment in these hospitals so that they are addressed forthwith. Dulloo asked the officers to make all the 9 Simulation and Skill Labs

in Medical colleges and Hospitals functional before October this year. He directed them to make a calendar in advance for utilizing them instantly once they are made functional. He advised to identify the medical and paramedical staff along with the team of first responders who would be trained there during the calendar year 2020. He asked them to use the services of trainers optimally by asking the services from other colleges, if such professionals are unavailable anywhere. The meeting discussed that trauma is the great killer and causes one among every three deaths saying that J&K ranks 2nd in Road Traffic Accidents per 10,000 vehicles with National Highways contributing 28% of these accidents.

The meeting also deliberated upon that internationally trauma care can be distributed in five level with first one the tertiary care and all inclusive one. The 5th level is last one with basic facilities for stabilisation and can be created with little intervention of training and equipment in all the health institutions.

## JK Govt orders probe into lapses in Tawi lake project, sets up panel



Press Trust of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday ordered a probe into the poor execution of the contract of an auto-mechanically operated gated barrage (AMOGB) at river Tawi, also known as the artificial Tawi lake project.

The government had cancelled GR Infra Projects Limited's contract for developing the artificial Tawi lake here in June last year.

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of a committee for determining the lapses and fix responsibility in the poor execution of contract of auto-mechanically operated Gated Barrage at River Tawi," G L Sharma, Deputy

Secretary, General Administrative Department, said in an order here.

A three-member panel of officers, headed by Principal Secretary, Planning and Development, Rohit Kansal, will probe the matter and submit a report to the government in a month, he said.

A revised detailed project report was framed, according to which Rs 51.57 crore will be required to complete the project and Rs 4.97 crore to undo the damages caused due to floods till date, officials said. The project was launched in 2009 by the Congress-NC government.

It was marred by delays, missing as many as six deadlines, before work came to a standstill in 2018.

The project has seen the passage of two coalition governments -- Congress-NC and PDP-BJP -- and has drawn flak from the locals.

The state government has spent more than Rs 57 crore on the project in the past decade, after its foundation stone was laid by the then Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on December 5, 2009.

After missing the first target date in 2012, the contractor missed five other deadlines in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, the officials said.

As per the project plan, an auto-mechanical barrage would be constructed on river Tawi, one kilometre downstream of main Tawi bridge. This will help create an artificial lake in Jammu city.

The 1,500-metre-long and 600-metre-wide artificial lake, a first-of-its-kind here, will give a new dimension to tourism in Jammu city, the officials said.

In phase-II of the project, beautification and embankment works are to be taken up under the Tawi River Front Development Project, for which an MoU has already been signed by Jammu Development Authority (JDA) with the Sabarmati River Front Development Corporation (SRFDC). A detailed project report has been prepared in this regard.

As part of the beautification project, a park was inaugurated by former chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed in the area in 2015.

## 12th National Tribal Youth exchange Prog 2020 concludes

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JAMMU: The 12th National Level Tribal Youth Exchange Programme organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Jammu from 18th to 24th Feb 2020 at Youth Hostel, Nagrota concluded here today.

The 7-day event was attended by 220 participants and contingent leaders from different districts of Jharkhand and Odisha.

IGP Headquarters J&K Police, Jammu, Garib Das, was the chief guest on the valedictory ceremony while D.G Youth Service & Sports, Dr. Salim-ul-Rehman, Under Secretary, Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Niranjan Lal were the guests of honour. State Director NYKS, Bikram Singh Gill, Deputy Director NYKS, S.S. Bedi and DYC NYK Jammu, Nissar Ahmed Bhatt were also present.

Garib Das addressed the youth and appreciated the activities of NYKS.

Bikram Singh Gill presented key note address highlighting the activities of this 7 day programme.

A cultural programme was also presented by the participants on the occasion.

The chief guest and other dignitaries honoured the participants with certificates while cash prizes were also provided to the winner teams of cultural competition, declamation contest and other activities.

## Handicrafts department organizes awareness camp for artisans in Shopian



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SHOPIAN: Handicrafts Department Shopian organized a day-long artisan awareness camp, here today.

On the occasion, Assistant Commissioner Revenue was chief guest.

Among others the camp was attended by Lead Bank Manager, Block Development Officer, District Coordinator EDI, Director RSETI, and other concerned.

Speaking on the occasion, the ACR said that the objective of organizing the camp was to make artisans aware of various welfare programmes and schemes.

He said the department is making efforts for ensuring that the benefits of these schemes and programme percolate to the targeted beneficiaries. He said that handicraft sector has witnessed a glorious past and it is high time to revive the sector with the help of modern technology and schemes in place.

The Assistant Director also spoke on the occasion, he said that thousands of persons have been imparted training in different skills at 06 Handicraft centres across the district and 3586 artisans have been registered by the department till March 2019 and an amount of Rs 8.78 crores sanctioned as loan to 934 beneficiaries for establishing their individual units and 829 artisans trained during this period.

On the occasion, 60 Registration cards were distributed among the artisan trainees.

## Asif of GDC Bijbehara bags bronze medal in Karate

SRINAGAR: Hafiz Mohammad Asif, a student of Government Degree College Bijbehara has bagged bronze medal in 9th Asia Hakuakai Karate Championship at New Delhi under 72 kg category.

The championship was organized by Japan Karate Do Hakuakai Organisation-India at Talkatora Indore stadium, New Delhi.

Asif has also represented the country at international level in World Hakuakai Karate Championship 2019 held at Azusawa Gymnasium Itabashi Ward Tokyo, Japan in last August and bagged bronze medal in senior category.

Asif has been felicitated at a function held at Government Degree College Bijbehara in which Prof. Nighat Fatima, Principal and Physical Director, Mohammad Abdullah Dar were present.

## Secy RDD reviews Annual Action Plan 2020-21 under MGNREGA

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JAMMU: Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Sheetal Nanda, today had a meeting regarding review of annual Action Plan 2020-21 for three districts of Reasi, Ramban and Poonch under MGNREGA programme.

The meeting was attended by Director RDD, Jammu, Sudharshan Kumar, Director Panchayats, Mohammad Rafi, Additional Secretary, Rakesh Kumar Badyal, Assistant Commissioners (Development) of the three districts besides other officers and officials of the department.

A threabare discussion was held on activities to be taken up at grassroot level to ensure that the benefit percolates to the eligible beneficiaries.

The Secretary laid a special em-



phasis on creation of sustainable assets and generation of person days (PDs) while finalising the Annual Action Plan under MGNREGA for FY 2019-20. The works as formulated in the annual action plan and later approved by the authorities will remain the focus of development works for the FY 2020-21.

Secretary instructed the officers, while formulating and final-

ising the plan, to ensure that 60 percent of the total works should be taken up under category A (water-related projects) and almost 10 percent works should be taken up under category B which deals with vulnerable sections. She also instructed the officers to inspect the works in their respective districts regularly. She also insisted upon the concerned officers to ensure

installation of CIBs at prominent places.

Secretary further exhorted upon the officers to adhere to guidelines strictly while formulating the plans. She also reviewed the physical and financial progress of completed and ongoing works and instructed the concerned officers to expedite the incomplete works for timely completion.

## J&K to get benefit of all central laws: VC NC OBC

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JAMMU: Vice Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes (NC OBC), Dr. Lokesh Kumar Prajapati, today assured the representatives of various organizations of Other Backward Classes (OBC) that J&K Union Territory would be provided benefit of all central laws including OBC reservation.

Dr. Lokesh Kumar stated this while chairing a meeting with senior functionaries of Social Welfare and other concerned departments here today.

Special Secretary Social Welfare Department Tasaduq Jeelani, IGP Hqrs Garib Dass, Director General, Social Welfare Department Jammu Rehana Batul, MD ICDS J&K Nitu Gupta, SSP Jammu Shridhar Patil and representatives of various social organizations were also present during the meeting.



Representatives of various social organizations apprised the Vice Chairman of their demands and issues including implementation of Mandal Commission Report in letter and spirit. They sought Vice Chairman's intervention for grant of reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBC) of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Vice Chairman gave a patient hearing to the representatives and assured them that all their genuine issues and demands shall be redressed at the earliest.

Later, Director General, Social Welfare Department informed the Vice Chairman about the status of implementation of various welfare schemes of SWD in J&K.