

## Molecular diagnostics key to enhanced patient care: Dr. Abid Rashid

*Addresses workshop, CME on biochemical and molecular diagnostics*

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
SRINAGAR, Nov 21:

The Department of Biochemistry and Multidisciplinary Research Unit (MRU) Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar successfully concluded a two day Workshop cum Continuing Medical Education (CME) program on Biochemical and Molecular Diagnostics.

The event aimed to update the participants on advancements in molecular biology and their clinical applications. Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rashid Shah, was chief guest on the valedictory ceremony. Dr. Iffat Hassan, Principal/Dean GMC Srinagar (Patron of the CME), Dr. Sabhiya Majeed, HOD Bio Chemistry, other HODs, CAO, administrative officers, Medical Superintendents, health functionaries from various health institutions, under graduate & post graduate besides para medical students attended the workshop. Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary emphasised the importance of integrating modern diagnostic techniques into clinical practice to enhance patient care. "Molecular diagnostics has revolutionized health-



care, enabling early detection and targeted treatment. It's crucial for medical professionals to stay updated on these advancements," he asserted.

He impressed upon the medical students to fully concentrate on their studies so as to become skilled professionals. He complimented the Govt Medical College Srinagar for organising series of CMEs and workshops providing a better learning & experience sharing platform.

Professor Iffat Hassan Shah, Principal/Dean GMC Srinagar, while addressing the workshop, said that this CME program demonstrates GMC Srinagar's commitment towards academic excellence and research innovation. We strive to provide our students and faculty with opportunities for continuous learning and growth.

Dr. Sabhiya Majeed, Organizing Chairperson and Head Department of Biochemistry highlighted the workshop's objectives. She maintained "Our goal was to provide the participants with hands-on training and exposure to cutting-edge molecular diagnostic techniques. We're grateful to our participants for making this event a success."

## Basmati Fest 2024: A Celebration of Jammu's Agricultural Heritage



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JAMMU, Nov 21:

The much-anticipated Basmati Fest 2024, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) in collaboration with Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu, was held today at SKUAST Jammu Campus.

The event celebrated Jammu's globally renowned Basmati rice, highlighting its unique qualities and fostering discussions on enhancing its market potential and cultivation practices.

The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries with Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh, as the Chief Guest and Vice Chancellor of SKUAST Jammu Dr. B.N. Tripathi as the Guest of Honour.

Prominent attendees included Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director JTTPO, Rajinder Kumar Sharma Director JKEDI, Rahul Sahai Chairman of PHD of Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Prof. J.P. Sharma, Former Director Research of SKUAST and Ruchika Gupta, Chairperson of FICCI FLO JKL.

In his inaugural address, the Commissioner Secretary emphasised the importance of organic certification for

Basmati rice to make it globally competitive. He highlighted the Industries & Commerce Department's efforts under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative and proposed creating an annual calendar for such events to promote J&K's flagship products.

He also lauded the collaborative efforts of JKTPO and SKUAST Jammu in organizing the Fest and cited the success of similar initiatives like the Saffron Fest.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu in his address, acknowledged the historical and economic significance of Basmati rice in the region. He stressed the need for adopting modern farming techniques and enhancing export strategies to empower local farmers economically. He appreciated the government's initiatives in promoting Basmati rice and highlighted SKUAST's commitment to supporting these efforts.

In his welcome address, Managing Director, JKTPO, warmly welcomed the dignitaries, farmers, buyers and exporters, emphasising the importance of Basmati Fest as a significant initiative to showcase Jammu's rich agricultural heritage. He highlighted the role of such events in strengthening the region's economy by creating direct market linkages and

enhancing export opportunities for local producers.

The event concluded with vote of thanks by Rajinder Kumar Sharma (JKEDI, Jammu). He highlighted the event's significant impact on farmers and other stakeholders. He noted how the Fest provided a much-needed platform for market expansion and knowledge sharing, leaving a lasting impression on all participants.

The Basmati Fest 2024 brought together farmers, exporters, buyers and industry experts to promote and strengthen the region's agricultural and economic prospects. The event showcased the heritage, aroma and exceptional quality of Jammu's Basmati rice.

The Buyer-Seller Meet facilitated by JKTPO enabled 15 national-level buyers, including representatives from the All India Rice Exporters Association, to interact with local Basmati producers. These engagements paved the way for promising trade collaborations. The exhibition featured 18 local exhibitors showcasing a diverse range of Basmati-related products, reflecting the vibrancy of the sector.

Other highlights of the event included two engaging panel discussions focused on "Global Market Opportunities for Jammu's Basmati" and "Advanced Cultivation and Export Strategies for Basmati Rice", featuring leading exporters, agricultural economists, SKUAST experts, and agronomy specialists. A tasting session allowed attendees to enjoy Dogra cuisine and innovative dishes made from Basmati rice, while a renowned chef's presentation showcased the versatility of Basmati rice with innovative recipes, emphasising its potential to enhance global culinary offerings.

*Weeklong awareness programme begins at GCW Parade to mark Constitution Day*

## Justice Sreedharan emphasizes importance of equal focus on fundamental duties alongside rights for nation's progress



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
JAMMU, Nov 21:

In an inspiring celebration of democratic principles and constitutional values, the J&K Legal Services Authority in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu and Government College for Women, Parade, today launched a weeklong awareness programme in commemoration of the Constitution Day, 2024.

Justice Atul Sreedharan, Senior most Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, inaugurated the event.

On his arrival, Justice Atul Sreedharan accompanied by Amit Kumar Gupta, Member

Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority was warmly welcomed by Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal, Government College for Women, Parade, Jammu, Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, Professor Jasneet Kour, HOD Political Science, Dr. Gurpreet Kour, NSS Programme Officer, Dr. Sunita Raina HOD Commerce, other staff members and students of the school.

The weeklong programme aims to deepen the understanding of constitutional values, fundamental rights and duties, as enshrined in the Constitution of India. It also seeks to create awareness about the pivotal role of the judiciary and legal insti-

tutions in safeguarding these values. Through interactive sessions, discussions, and cultural activities, the programme aspired to engage students and the larger community in meaningful discourse about the essence of justice, liberty and fraternity.

The Weeklong Awareness Programme aligns with this vision, aiming to inspire active and informed citizenship across all segments of society.

In his presidential address, Justice Atul Sreedharan emphasized the core values of the Constitution and their relevance in everyday life. He highlighted the principle of equality and brotherhood enshrined in the Constitution, urging citizens to uphold these ideals without any discrimination. He remarked that a deep understanding of the Preamble alone provides the key to grasping the essence of the entire Constitution, as it encapsulates the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

He also underlined the significance of respecting the law, even in seemingly small actions like adhering to traffic rules even at late night when no person in uniform is standing there, as a mark of constitutional values. Stressing the need to prioritize good governance over caste or religion in leadership choices, he appealed for selflessness and sacrifices for the greater benefit of society.

## Power shutdown

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Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Sidhra, Tawi Vihar Colony, Majin, and its adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 from 9 am to 4 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Birpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Marmat, Prable and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 22 and 24 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Rajouri Town, Thanamandi, Manjakote, Koteranka and District Poonch will remain affected on November 23 from 8 am to 2 pm.

## DLC approves 5 change of land use cases at Udhampur

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR, Nov 21:

A meeting of the District Level Committee on change of land use was held today in Mini Conference Hall, DC Office Complex Udhampur with Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai in the Chair. After thorough scrutiny, the Committee approved 5 applications for change of land received online from applicants from across the district. Necessary directions were issued to the departments to ensure the timely issuance of NOCs after proper verification of documents. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the officers to obtain field certification before processing the applications. Among others present were Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr. Umesh Shan, and other officers.

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