

Enthusiastic farmers throng Northern India Regional Agriculture Fair organised by SKUAST-Jammu

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JAMMU: Enthusiastic farmers, school children and entrepreneurs thronged in large numbers in 'Northern India Regional Agriculture Fair' organized by SKUAST-Jammu to see innovative technologies developed by the university.

A special session on Agriculture Education was organized for school children. Prof J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu motivated students to opt for agriculture, horticulture, forestry, agricultural engineering and veterinary sciences as a career option after 10th as agriculture education has immense scope both in public and private sector.

He said that agriculture education prepares graduates for various entrepreneurial enterprises, thus making them job providers rather than job seekers.

Dr. Ravi Shanker Sharma (KAS), Director School Education, Jammu was the Chairman of the session along with Dr. S.E.H. Rizvi, Dean Basic Sciences, SKUAST-



Dignitaries posing with participants at a fair.

Jammu.

The third day of agriculture fair was marked by an impressive flower, vegetable and fruit show at main campus, Chatha.

Dr. S.K. Malhotra, Horticulture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI was the Chief Guest and Dr. M.C. Sharma, Ex. Director cum Vice-Chancellor, Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly was Guest of Honour.

Dr. Malhotra suggested the farmers to opt flower, vegetable and fruit cultivation as these crops have immense scope in UT of J&K.

He further said that Jammu is the city of temples and as

such marigold has great demand throughout the year.

Flower show had 150 exhibits in 8 categories, namely, pot plants (foliage and flowering), cacti, bonsai, cut flowers, flower arrangement and dry flowers. Flower rangoli was also exhibited during the occasion which was highly appreciated by the rangoli lovers. In vegetable show, 75 samples in 6 categories namely cole crops, root crops, tubers, onion- garlic and dehydrated vegetables from Kargil were also showcased.

In addition to flower show, other events of the day were Kisan Goshiti, tug of war, passport mela and rural sports.

During Kisan Goshiti, lectures on improved technologies

of agriculture and allied sectors were delivered by the experts. Also, during farmers-scientists interaction, queries of the farmers were satisfied by the scientists. Farmers also got first-hand experience of field crops during their visit to different experimental plots at the University farm.

Earlier, during Agriculture Education session, expert lectures were delivered by Dr. Rajinder Peshin on 'Why Agriculture Education Matters' whereas Dr. Pranav Kumar spoke on the topic 'Career, Scope and Opportunities in Veterinary Sciences' to aware the school students about agriculture and allied education. Programme on 'Innovations in Packaging' was also organized where Dr. Tanvir Alam, Director, Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) expressed his willingness to work in collaboration with SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr. Amit Singla, Joint Director, (IIP), Ahmadabad and Rinkesh Butani, Technical Officer, IIP Delhi delivered technical lectures on innovations in packaging and technologies developed by IIP.

HC stays Tribunal order setting-aside No Confidence Motion against President MC Arnia

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JAMMU: Justice Sindhu Sharma of Jammu & Kashmir stayed order of Special Tribunal Jammu whereby Special Tribunal Set-aside the No Confidence Motion against President Municipal Committee Arnia.

Justice Sindhu Sharma after hearing Adv Himanshu Beotra for the petitioners while staying judgment, observed that this petition will not be a bar for convening a meeting of the Municipal Committee, Arnia to consider No Confidence Motion of the petitioners in accordance with law and Final affect of the same shall not be given till next date of hearing.

During the course of hearing Adv Himanshu Beotra submitted that the petitioners are elected councilors of their respective Wards of the Municipal Committee, Arnia and have assailed order dated 02.08.2021 passed by respondent No.

3 in a revision titled Ramesh Kumar vs. Executive Officer & ors. in file No. STJ/144/2021 whereby resolution dated 22.04.2021 regarding No Confidence Motion moved by the petitioners against the President and Vice President of the Municipal Committee Arnia, has been set aside.

He further submitted that the petitioners in March 2021, earlier initiated the process for passing No Confidence Motion against respondent No. 6 and requested for convening a special meeting of the Municipal Committee Arnia to consider the same.

The Special Tribunal vide its order dated 20.08.2021 allowed the revision petition and impugned resolution dated 22.04.2021 regarding No Confidence Motion against respondent No. 6 and Vice President of Municipal Committee, Arnia was set aside.

During the course of hearing Adv Himanshu

Beotra submitted that the Tribunal has not appreciated the provisions of Section 25 of Act and ignored the procedure prescribed for conducting the No Confidence Motion under the Bye-laws of S.O. 150.

It is submitted that the mere initiation of a requisition for convening a meeting would not fall within the scope of Section 25(4) of the Act of 2000, until the motion was actually moved in a meeting properly convened after a decision was taken by the President; therefore, the view expressed by the Tribunal is erroneous. Adv Adarsh Sharma, appearing for the Ramesh Kumar President Arnia Municipal Committee, submits that a communication for convening a meeting of the Council was asked for, which had its basis in a decision by the Councilors, as in the present petition, it must be deemed to be a motion initiated at the behest of the petitioners

and, therefore, if the same was withdrawn at any stage, the new notice for getting the meeting convened would, therefore, fall within the purview of Section 25(4) of the Act of 2000, if the same is prayed for within a period of one year.

Justice Sindhu Sharma, after hearing both the sides in length, observed that prima facie a case for showing indulgence is made out and issue notices to the respondents, returnable within four weeks and ordered that subject to objections and till next date before the Bench, operation of impugned order dated 02.08.2021 shall remain stayed.

This petition will not be a bar for convening a meeting of the Municipal Committee, Arnia to consider No Confidence Motion of the petitioners in accordance with law and Final affect of the same shall not be given till next date of hearing, the Court directed.

ROB J&K organises cleanliness drive at GHSS Katra



ROB J&K officials and students during a cleanliness drive.

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KATRA: In the ongoing Navratri at Katra, Regional Outreach Bureau (ROB), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Jammu on Saturday organized 'Shramdaan' at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Katra.

The cleanliness drive was flagged off by Neha Jalali,

Joint Director, ROB J&K, Ladakh who emphasized that the aim of this drive under 'Swachhata Hi Seva' is to encourage people to understand the importance of clean environment as envisioned by PM Narendra Modi so as to make it a 'Jan Andolan' at every level be that a Gram Panchayat, a village or a community.

Khursheed Yousuf, Field

Publicity Officer, Udhampur who is supervising this event said that it's only through proper sanitation that the standard of life of the people can be raised that will lead to economic upliftment and better health. Besides the officials of Municipal Committee Katra, the National Service Scheme volunteers of Government Degree College Katra & volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra also participated.

The masks, gloves, sanitizers etc. were distributed among the officials and the volunteers who strictly followed the Covid19 SOPs during the cleanliness drive. Later, prizes were distributed among the volunteers and officials who were engaged in the cleanliness drive.

Narotam inaugurates Bathing Ghat in Ward-3



Councillor Narotam Sharma starting construction of Bathing Ghat.

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JAMMU: Taking cognizance of a long pending demand of locals of Ward 3 from Mohalla Peer Mitha, Mast Garh, Shivaji Chowk, Peer Kho, Dhakki Sarajan, Dalpatian, Talab Khatikan area, Councillor Narotam Sharma in the presence of former Minister Priya Sethi, Mahant Rajinder Nath and Karan Nath on Saturday inaugurated bathing Ghat in Peer Kho

area which is constructed at an estimated cost of over Rs 8 lakh.

Speaking during the program, Narotam said it was long pending demand of locals to get this bathing Ghat as earlier they had to go to Rani Park Bathing Ghat for performing rituals.

Local people thanked the Councillor and Jammu Municipal Corporation for meeting their demand.

Teach a lesson to Pakistan for restoring peace in J&K: Shiv Sena

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (Bala Saheb Thackeray) has accused the Union Govt has plunged the Jammu and Kashmir especially the people of Jammu into chaos and confusion post August 5, 2019 due to lack of concrete road map. Besides Party state president Manish Sahni, national organizers Gulab Dubey, Ashok Tiwari and Vinay Shukla, who are here on a three-day visit, jointly addressed the media persons here on Saturday.

They asserted that the future of J&K seems to be bleak in every aspect whether it is the restoration of peace, statehood, development and employment having received the serious setback.

State President Manish Sahni said that there has been no change in the situation in Kashmir. Non Muslims are being targeted selectively. The nefarious acts of Pakistan and China are also continuing. Development employment and restoration of peace claims are also proving to be hollow. Along with Kashmir, the confi-

dence of the people of Jammu towards the present government has been decreased, as the government has fully failed on all fronts as it has not been able to fulfill any of the promises and claims made on Aug 5, 2019. Gulab Chand Dubey raised questions on the unabated terrorism in Kashmir asserting that it remains a challenge even today and this fire is engulfing Jammu along with Kashmir. Encounters between security forces and terrorists have become a daily routine besides terrorist organizations continuing to recruiting the locals especially the youth. China and Pakistan are also continue with their nefarious antics

Vinay Shukla focussed on the issue of employment say-

ing that the youth of the Union Territory continue to be victims of unemployment despite Govt's tall claims of increasing government jobs as well as those in the industrial sector, but the same has proved to be a big fraud committed with the youth. He added that when democracy will be restored in Jammu and Kashmir is not known but corruption has definitely reached its peak today. These leaders jointly appealed the Prime minister Narinder Modi to Fulfill the promises made with the people and teach a strong lesson to Pakistan to restore peace in Jammu and Kashmir. On this occasion president Mehila wing Meenakshi Chibber; Gen secretary Vikas Bakshi were present.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu on Saturday informed that the power supply to Industrial Area fed from U-Flex-II Line, Industrial Area fed from BB-2 Line shall remain affected on October 10 from 8 am to 9 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Industrial Area of SIDCO Bari Brahmna shall remain affected on October 10 from 11 am to 12 noon.

HRAK, FHRCJR delegation calls on Union Minister for Steel PPP tool of growth & development: Ramchandra

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JAMMU: Union Minister for Steel, Ramchandra Prasad Singh said that Public Private Partnership (PPP) is the tool of growth and development in the recent time and want to have the involvement of private players in the joint projects which can be completed jointly.

Prasad said this while speaking to a joint delegation of Hotel & Restaurant Association, Katra (HRAK) and Federation of Hotels, Restaurants, Industry & Commerce of Jammu Region (FHRCJR), here on Saturday/

The delegation comprising of its President Rakesh Wazir, Kushal Magotra President of Patnitop Hotel, Bar and Restaurant Association and Senior Vice President FHRCJR, Ajay Kotwal Vice President and Head

Bhaderwah area FHRCJR, Sanjay Gupta Vice President FHRCJR, Shiv Magotra.

Joint Secretary Ministry of Steel Puneet Kansal, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu Anshul Garg, Director Industries Anu Malhotra and Joint Director Industries Amit Vermani were also present.

Wazir urged the Union Minister to clear projects on Public Private Partnership including Ropeways at Shiv Khori, Katra-Shankeracharya, Water enter-

tainment Park at Jhajjar Kotli, Light & Sound show at Katra and other similar projects at the earliest. He also sought that all Industrial Benefits to be extended to tourism sector.

Ramchandra listened the delegation patiently and assured that sympathetic consideration will be given to each and every point raised in the meeting and every point will be taken up with concerned authorities at Union Territory for their early redressal.

Tourism Directorate organises Garba, Dandiya Night in Jammu City



Div Com Jammu, Dr. Raghav Langer and others witnessing cultural programme.

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu in collaboration with District Administration Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture & Languages and Regional Outreach Bureau on Saturday organized Garba and Dandiya Night in association with All Jammu Hotels & Lodges Association here at Gulshan Ground. It was for the first time that Garba and Dandiya Night was organized in Jammu as part of Navratra Celebrations.

Synonymous with reverence, passion and enthusiasm, Navratri in Gujarat may have earned the title of being one of the longest dance festivals in the world but this event at Jammu showcased the rich cultural heritage of the city which is full of colours and truly represents #Amazing Jammu. Traditional costume, food, music and dance were the part of the festivity with colorful Dandiya and Garba per-

formers dancing on traditional music.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu briefed the media that "Jammu City is full of rich cultural heritage, beautiful temples and delicious food. For creating a spirit of happiness & enthusiasm this event was planned". The Director Tourism, Jammu, Vivekanand Rai was also present. The main highlight of the programme was the folk dance "dandaras" where performers carry sticks and strike them. The other performances included Dogri Dance, Kud Dance etc. Among others, Joint Director Tourism Jammu Natasha Kalsotra, ACR Jammu Rakesh Dubey, GM JKTDC Sukriti Sharma, Deputy Director publicity Naresh Kumar, Assistant Director Tourism National Highway Umesh Shan, Assistant Director tourism Sheena sahani and other members of Travel Trade Associations of Jammu were present on the occasion.

NC delegation visits slain teacher Deepak Chand's residence; offers condolences



NC delegation visiting residence of deceased Deepak Chand.

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JAMMU: National Conference delegation led by the State Secretary Rattan Lal Gupta on Saturday visited the residence of the selectively assassinated teacher Deepak Chand and offered condolences on their irreparable loss. The delegation expressed solidarity with the family and conveyed condolences on behalf of the President Dr Farooq Abdullah and the Vice President Omar Abdullah. Describing the killings by terrorists a most

heinous, barbaric and brutal act, Gupta said that the crime against the humanity becomes more deplorable as the Principal Supinder Kour and Deepak Chand were segregated from the other teachers in the school, primarily because of their religious affiliations, and gunned down. "This is a brazen act of creating communal wedge and harmony between the communities to further the agenda of the terror regime", Gupta said adding that the peace loving and secular people

of Jammu and Kashmir in general and the Valley in particular will defeat the machinations of terrorists by maintaining amity and brotherhood.

The State Secretary expressed grave concern over the recent target killings of a renowned pharmacy owner, a vendor and president of a transport association, saying the motive behind the brutal assassinations is just to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere.

They prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed their solidarity with the families. Prominent among those present in the delegation included former legislators Bushan Lal Bhat and Bimla Luthra besides Vijay Laxmi Dutta, Anil Dhar, Abdul Gani Teli, M K Yogi, Vijay Lochan, Rita Gupta, Jatinder Bhat, Tejinder Singh and M.L. Munshi.

Kaul, Sood address review meet of BJP Vistaraks

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party Jammu & Kashmir held a review meeting of party Vistaraks (whole timers) from all Districts at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul, J&K BJP Seh-Prabharhi Ashish Sood and State Coordinator BJP Vistaraks Yojna Pawan Sharma addressed the meeting in which detailed analysis of all the work done by Vistaraks on the ground till date was done along with the future planning of the work being done by them.

Ashok Kaul, while addressing the meeting, asked the party Viastaraks to promote party programmes at booth level. He called for strength-



J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul, chairing a meeting.

ening the organizational structure of the party which can only be achieved by taking the party programmes and policies to the booth level and in between the common masses.

He asked the Vistaraks to have complete insight about the party policies, principles, Union government sponsored public welfare schemes and

the aspirations of general masses to achieve this target for which he also prompted them to involve the BJP activists from all levels during their outreach activities.

Kaul also called the work details done by the Vistaraks till date after which the senior leaders conducted detailed analysis on the progress. He also provided insight on the

future party programmes and led a discussion on how the Vistaraks must play an active role in them.

Ashish Sood in his address spoke on the programme charting by the Vistaraks and prompt work expansion by them. He said that the booth level activism must be increased and they have to take charge for ensuring this at ground level.

He called for the strong devoted work by the vistaraks in connivance with the booth level activists for securing a strong government in J&K led by BJP ensuring peace and progress in this whole region.

Sood also spoke on the recent killings in Kashmir and said that no fear of psychosis can challenge the

strong determination of BJP activists to work for the welfare of society.

"The more they (terrorists) will commit crimes on humanity, the more strengthened our resolve will be to bring stability in the region", he added.

Pawan Sharma provided detailed report on the progress of the duties assigned to the party Vistaraks. He said that all the Vistaraks are dedicatedly doing the job to extend the party activities into the remotest of regions and their best try is to reach the person who is still untouched following the principle of "Antodaya".

He assured the senior party leadership that there will be no loophole in the expected working of the Vistaraks.