

Declare 100 pc loss of Paddy, vegetable crop due to hailstorm & rains: Sadhotra

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JAMMU: Declare 100 per cent loss of paddy and vegetables crop due to heavy hailstorm and rains in Jammu region and 100 per cent compensation/relief to the Kisans, demanded Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, former Minister and Senior Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Leader while on his tour to see the hailstorm and rain effected fields in Marh.

Assembly Constituency. While visiting Akalapur, Kanachak, Kalyanpur, Shamachak, Sangrampur, Shehzadpur and Durgochak villages, he said whole of the farmers of Marh Block are victims of total crop loss. He said party workers from Pallanwala, Khour, Akhnoor, R S Pura, Bishnah, Ramgarh, Hiranagar and Kathua have also informed 100 per cent loss of crop.

During the tour, Sadhotra was disappointed to see the total loss of crop of paddy and vegetables.

Harvested paddy is in deep water and standing crop is also lying down in deep water and totally damaged, he said adding that yet



Senior National Conference Leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra visiting fields to take stock of crop damage due to hailstorm & rain at Akalpur in Marh.

administration is to assess the loss of crop.

He said that there is no need to assess as it is totally loss and government should start distributing compensation/relief on war footing after announcing 100 per cent loss of crop.

National Conference leader asked the Govt to give relief/compensation to one and all those who have Kisan Credit Cards or no Kisan Credit Cards.

Moreover those people who have taken land on rent for sowing crop should also be compensated, he said adding that the labourers who were waiting for their labour on harvesting of crop be also compensated. On his tour Sadhotra observed that people are disappointed on the

visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah as they were expecting that when Kisans of Jammu are in grave trouble due to total loss of crop due to hailstorm and rains Shah will definitely announce relief/compensation but to their utter surprise he even did not mention about the loss of crop of Kisans, it is unfortunate he asserted.

Others who accompanied Sadhotra were Ghar Singh Corporator, Subedar Ghasita Ram Ex-Sarpanch, Rakesh Sharma Palwan, Dewan Singh Ex-Sarpanch, Keemat Lal Ex-Sarpanch, Ram Lal, Pritam Bakshi, Pt Suraj Mani, Ravi Kumar Sharma, Aman Manhas, Mithun Bhagat and Shubam.

IIM Jammu inaugurates MGNF Programme Phase II

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on Monday inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF)-Phase 2.

The Chief guest of the event was Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the special guest was Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurships.

Mahatma Gandhi National (MGN) Fellowship is a two-year programme which combines classroom sessions at IIM with an intensive field immersion at the district level to strengthen the district skill administration and the District Skill Committees (DSCs).

The Program has been designed by the initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, and implemented in collaboration with State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs).

Each MGN Fellow will assist the functioning of the local administration and contribute to the creation of a district-level ecosystem to support skill development. IIM Jammu has been given the responsibilities of 48 Districts belonging to Jammu and Kashmir (20), Chandigarh (01), Ladakh (02), Puducherry (02), and West Bengal (23).

While speaking at the event, Dharmendra Pradhan highlighted the importance of investing in skill development and encouraged fellows to work in the districts allotted to them at grassroots level.

"Indian youth is full of talent and skill and they should use this to uplift the skill gap that occurs in the country, he said. He also thanked all the IIMs's especially IIMB for the successful execution of the programme. In his address, Rajeev Chandrasekhar encouraged the fellows to keep the skill ecosystem at the back of their mind while working in the district. He also appreciated the role of IIMs in making the program successful and thanked the district skill machinery for their continuous support.

Prof B.S Sahay, Director IIM Jammu stressed upon the role that hard work plays in life. He encouraged students to work against the clock and devote their time towards the overall development of the country. Prof Jabir Ali and Dr Muqbil Burhan, the Program Directors (IIMJ) also stressed upon the opportunities and the challenges that lie ahead.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof Jabir Ali.

Kavinder vows to remove discrimination with homeopathic doctors



Unemployed homeopathic doctors calling on former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta.

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JAMMU: A delegation of unemployed homeopathic doctors on Monday called on senior BJP and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta and highlighted various issues which the fraternity was confronting for over one decade.

The delegation rued that the ordeal of homeopathic doctors is so pathetic that they are reeling under colossal stress with nowhere to go for panacea. The members of the delegation said that since last over 10 years J&K no vacancies have been created for the graduates of homeopathic medicine as the government schemes like National Ayush Mission, Ayushman Bharat and National Health Mission employ only Unani and Ayurvedic doctors in the UT despite frequent appeals and the representations. All the doors for giving employment to

homeopathic graduates have been closed resulting into utter frustration among the homeopathic doctors' fraternity", they said and added, "Homeopathic system of medicine has no representation in planning commission in department of ISM&H in UT of J&K thus having no provision to get recruited which is nothing but prejudice of highest order".

The delegation asserted that homeopathic post graduates and graduates are crossing age bar thus leading to psychological disorders among many.

"The government's indifference with this segment of medical professional is so much so that on one side both Unani and Ayurvedic graduates have been fully absorbed in government service but in case of this field even the post graduates are being denied the jobs", they said and demanded justice. The delegation demanded

that the jobless medicos in the field should be appointed as CHOs in health and wellness centres in J&K on the pattern of other states' UTs, appointment of an Assistant Director from the fraternity for planning commission, the privilege which presently is only enjoyed by Unani and Ayurvedic medicos in the department of ISM&H in UT of J&K, extension of bridge course to homeopathic doctors as Unani and Ayurvedic fraternities have been completely employed through this scheme in J&K, creation of homeopathic medical officers' posts for SDHs or PHCs as no posts have been created in the last 10 years and there should be an exclusive scheme for absorbing the homeopathic doctors in government service.

After giving a patient hearing to the plight of aforesaid doctors, Kavinder assured that he will take up the matter with the concerned quarters and will ensure that discrimination with the homeopathic doctors should be removed at the earliest.

The delegation comprised of Dr Abdul Wahab, Dr Mohd Usman, Dr Jan Sher Khan, Dr Muzaffar Iqbal, Dr Mohd Arfaz, Dr Farha Khan, Dr Sania Khalil, Dr Irm Mirza, Dr Sadaf, Dr Imran and Dr Halema.

Congress expresses concern over loss of lives, damage to crops

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) has expressed concern over the loss of lives and huge damage to crops due to unprecedented and unseasonal rains/hailstorm in Jammu and Kashmir and demanded adequate ex-gratia relief to the victims and farmers and orchardists.

Chief Spokesperson JKPCC Ravinder Sharma (Ex-MLC) has expressed grave shock over the loss of precious lives and shared the grief of the victim families.

He sought immediate ex-gratia relief to the families. He said that the farmers and orchardists have suffered immense loss to their crops and produce due to

unprecedented and unseasonal rains/hail storm & snow that have lashed the entire State of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the standing paddy crops, vegetables and fruits have been totally destroyed by the incessant rains and hailstorm in several areas. This tragedy of destruction of crops has come on the farmers at a time when they are already reeling under serious crisis on account of very high prices of petrol, diesel, fertilizers, seeds etc.

Sharma demanded that the administration should wake up to the situation and immediately provide adequate ex-gratia relief before total estimation of the losses suffered by the farmers is made.

Workshop on Advanced Radiation Detector & Instrumentation in Nuclear, Particle Physics commences at JU

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JAMMU: A five-day Workshop on Advanced Radiation Detector and Instrumentation in Nuclear and Particle Physics (RAPID 2021) to be held online from October 25-29, 2021 is being organized by the High Energy Physics (HEP) group of the Department of Physics, University of Jammu. In his inaugural address Prof. Manoj K Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu congratulated the Department of Physics for taking the initiative of organizing this specialized workshop where participants from different parts of the country and world will be benefiting.

He expressed his pleasure to see that the faculty members of the Department have come forward to organize such an event where efforts have been made to give it a flavour of a real event in the shape of the virtual Lab visits of three different institutes. The Vice-Chancellor also informed about the steps being taken by the University to encourage research among the young faculty members and called upon them to go in for collaborations. He wished his greetings to the organizers for the success of the workshop. Prof. Naresh Padha, Dean of Academic Affairs,

JU highlighted the need of taking up interdisciplinary research. He made a special mention of the possibilities and potential of the HEP field where there are lot many such possibilities in terms of sensing technology, use of semiconductors as detectors for imagining, advancement in the electronic communication, computation for data processing as all are important and integral part of the Heavy-ion collision experiments which are being conducted in the world laboratories to comprehend the fundamentals of matter and secrets of Universe.

Prof. Rajnikant, Director, Directorate of College Development, JU & The Dean Sciences, appreciated the activities being carried by the HEP of the Department of Physics. He expressed his satisfaction with the way the group has progressed over the years and has made contributions at the National and International levels. Prof. Anju Bhasin, HEP group leader at Jammu, ex-Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Jammu and presently CERN Scientific Associate at CERN, apprised the attendees about the various research involvements of the group. She told about the legacy that the HEP

group carries, and their participation in the international collaborative experiments ALICE at CERN, CBM in Germany, STAR at BNL, USA. Earlier, Prof. Sanjeev Singh Sambyal, Head of the Department of Physics and Chairman of the workshop gave a brief profile of the Department of Physics. He specially mentioned the various research activities of various research groups of the Department and their contribution towards the overall research output of the University.

It is pertinent to mention here that the workshop spread over five days will have a total of twenty sessions, with four sessions each day. Total 250 PhD research scholars, post-docs and young scientists have registered for the workshop. Topics to be covered during the workshop will focus on the recent developments in the field of detector technology for Nuclear and Particle Physics experiments and its application. A total of sixteen invited talks by speakers from within the country and from abroad will be delivered. The workshop will have plenary sessions with invited talks and contributed oral presentations. The invited talks will be aimed to cover the fun-

damental lectures, new results and review of the recent advances in different areas covered in this workshop. Thirty-six contributions have been received for the young scientist segment of the sessions out of which thirty have been selected. An important attraction of the workshop will be the virtual visit to CDRST Centre of Department of Physics and Astrophysics, University of Delhi, Medical Imaging Lab of Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), a DAE institute at Kolkata and HEP Detector Lab of Bose Institute, Kolkata.

Dr Rajendra Patra, the convener of the Workshop welcomed the guests and participants in general while the formal welcome address was delivered by Er. Anik Gupta, Director IT Services and Scientist'G' in the High Energy Physics Group at Jammu University. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Ramni Gupta, Associate Professor of Physics and member HEP group of University of Jammu.

The workshop was attended by the participants, speakers, Faculty of the Department and High Energy Community from India and abroad.

Shiv Sena asks HM to grant separate state status to Jammu



Shiv Sena workers raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: The Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit has demanded a separate statehood for Jammu, demanding another bold decision of justice for Jammuites during the visit of Home Minister Amit Shah in Jammu and Kashmir.

A large number of Shiv Sainiks, led by party state president Manish Sahni, protested at party office in

favor of their demands the separate statehood of Jammu.

Sahni said that on August 5, 2019, Home Minister, Amit Shah took a historic decision revoking Article 370 and 35A from Jammu and Kashmir.

Now the time has come to secure the future of Jammuites for which the Central Government needs to take another bold deci-

sion of giving separate statehood to Jammu.

Sahni said that apart from maintaining and preserving the Dogra culture and identity without any distortion, this is the only option to end the more than seven decades old discrimination and injustice against the Jammu region and its people.

He said that it is almost impossible to stop discrimination against Jammu by

staying with Kashmir. Jammu's stay with Kashmir means guaranteeing a bleak future for the Dogras of Jammu.

The Shiv Sena president also urged Home Minister Amit Shah to reconsider the decision to fix the assembly seats on the basis of the 2011 population census.

He said that the assembly seats should be decided on the basis of the current population census.

Expressing his reaction on the leaders who broke ties with the parties of Kashmir recently, Sahni said that this is not going to benefit Jammu in any way as these leaders are not for the people of Jammu but for their personal interests.

Sahni appealed to the people of Jammu for their full support, describing Mission Separate Jammu as Mission Justice.

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JAMMU: Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langeh rejected bail applications of two online fraudsters.

While rejecting bail applications of Mohd Tahir Khan, age 29 years, son of Abdul Gani Khan, resident of Safakadal Watal Kadal Srinagar and Irshad Amed Nadaf, age 32 years, son of Late Gulzar Ahmed Nadaf, resident of Safakadal Watal Kadal Srinagar, CJM Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langeh after hearing APP Arvind Rathore for Cyber Crime Police observed that ongoing investigation gives a vivid account as to how petitioners devised dubious tactics to exploit and dupe complainant through an un-solicited phone call, in the first place, by impersonating himself as one from Dubai Embassy competent enough to provide him (complainant) a business visa for Dubai and thereafter dishonestly making him to part with an amount of Rs. 3,30,000. Investigating agency has also been able to collect evidence, mostly electronic, depicting as to how aforesaid amount was duped by petitioners in five transactions. Thus, there is a strong prima facie evidence available on record inculcating petitioners in commission of offences under sections 420, 120-B of IPC and Section 66-D of Information Technology Act. Offence under section 420 of IPC is serious and non-bailable in nature. Since petitioners are alleged to have hatched conspiracy to dupe/cheat complainant, in these circumstances offence under section 120-B of IPC is also treated in law as non-bailable. Interestingly also, a graver aspect has also come to surface during

investigation indicating use of defrauded money in drug use by petitioners. Material on record also suggests that both the petitioners are drug addicts and are also said to have undergone treatment in drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centre in Srinagar. According to Investigating Officer, both the petitioners were also taken to drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centre in Jammu on account of circumstances that emerged due to habitual consumption of drugs by petitioners. This aspect of use of defrauded money in drug usage, as rightly submitted by prosecution - needs deeper probe and release of petitioners on bail at this stage would in all likelihood hamper the aforesaid process on facts. CJM Jammu further observed that the modus operandi used by petitioners to target vulnerable sec-

tion of society through un-solicited phone calls and by sweet offers like one as aforementioned - has deeper resonance on public at large and release of petitioners on bail at this stage will thus have an adverse impact on faith of public in the majesty of law. Further, apprehension of prosecution that petitioners, in the event of grant of bail - will tamper with prosecution evidence - too does not seem to be without basis on facts of the case. CJM Jammu further observed that thus having regard to nature of allegations against petitioners, character of evidence collected by investigating agency thus far, gravity of the offences involved in the case and impact of grant of bail on public at large, I am of considered opinion that no case is made out by petitioners for grant of bail at this stage, he directed.

Engagement of Coaches should be done in transparent manner: DB

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, while closing proceedings in Public Interest Litigation regarding certain deficiencies with regard to sports facilities in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, directed that engagement of Coaches has to be done in a transparent manner by proper advertisement inviting applications and, as such, it is an ongoing exercise. When PIL came-up for hearing, Division Bench observed that the Court had suo moto taken action for initiation of this PIL as certain deficiencies with regard to sports facilities in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir had come to light.

DB further observed that in order to improve sports facilities, several orders were passed from time to time directing the authorities to take certain steps for the improvement of infrastructure. Various Action Taken Reports are already on record. A perusal of the aforesaid reports revealed that sincere efforts have been made for

the improvement of the sports facilities in Srinagar and elsewhere.

During course of hearing Amicus Curiae humbly submits that in view of the material on record, the respondents have done a commendable job and that the infrastructure in respect of sports has improved a lot. He only submitted that as on date proper steps for engaging good Coaches is required to be taken.

DB observed that the respondents are not denying to engage proper Coaches in whatever discipline of the sport as per requirement and directed that the engagement of Coaches has to be done in a transparent manner by proper advertisement inviting applications and, as such, it is an ongoing exercise. DB found that the purpose of initiation of this Public Interest Litigation has outlived its utility and there is not much to be done by the Court in regard to the improvement of the sports facilities and accordingly closed the PIL with liberty to the parties to move appropriate application if anything is found lacking or is required to done.

DGP J&K sanctions meritorious scholarship in favour of 242 police wards

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SRINAGAR: Encouraging and appreciating the hard work of the wards of Police personnel who have excelled in class 12th annual examination during the academic session 2020-2021, the Director General of Police, J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned meritorious scholarships of over Rs 16.11 lakh in favour of 242 wards of serving police personnel.

Vide order number 33247 of 2021 issued by PHQ the DGP has sanctioned Rs 7000 each in favour of 133 students who have secured more

than 90% marks while Rs 6000 each has been sanctioned in favour of 109 students who have secured 80% and above marks in the Annual Examination of class 12th during the academic session of 2020-21.

The amount has been sanctioned out of Central Police Welfare Fund.

During the current year till date over Rs 1.44 crore have been sanctioned in favour of 2362 wards of Police personnel who have achieved above 80% marks in the annual examination of class 10th, 12th and graduation for the academic of session 2020-21.

Jugal reviews latest developments regarding Airport extension during AAC meet

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JAMMU: A meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) was held at Jammu Airport under chairmanship of Member Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma. The meeting was convened by Sanjeev Kumar Garg, Airport Director, Jammu.

Members from Indian Air Force, District Administration, CISF along with Nominated members from trade, commerce, industry and socio-political field were present during the meeting. A brief presentation was made by Airport Director highlighting traffic position, passenger facility, development works and various issues.



MP, Jugal Kishore Sharma chairing a meeting.

During the meeting, the Chairman took note of latest developments regarding land acquisition for New Terminal Building in Beli Charana area besides discussing the blue print of the same with the participants. DC Jammu raised issue of

extension of watch hours in order to cater to latest night flights. MP requested all members to come together to sort out the issue, since development work of airport is the primary objective. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks to chair.