

# LG chairs 19th University Council meeting of SKUAST-Jammu

**Directs for evaluating impact of university's programmes in increasing farmers' income**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday chaired the 19th meeting of the University Council of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), here at Raj Bhavan.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha chairing 19th meeting of SKUAST-Jammu Council.

years, the Lt Governor passed strict directions to conduct the Audit on a regular basis, besides engaging the internal auditors for financial discipline.

Issues of urgent importance must be flagged so that timely action can be taken to address the same, the Lt Governor told the University Administration.

The Lt Governor advised for conducting a conference of seed producers by involving farmers, local entrepreneurs and private players from across the country for assessing the seed quality and spreading general awareness among the farming community in this regard.

SKUAST to play an important role in enhancing the quality of life for farmers, access to appropriate technology, training and networks necessary to transform the agricultural landscape in the UT of J&K.

Taking strict note of the delays being made in conducting the audits of the university for the previous

extension of technology from the Lab to the Field and making the farmers aware about the latest technologies developed by the University.

While enquiring about the progress being made in establishment of Advanced Centre for Horticulture Research in Jammu, the chair was informed that the effort to boost hi-tech cultivation of fruits has picked up pace with 70% of the work stands completed.

Directions were also passed for taking on-ground assessment of functioning of KVKs, following guidelines of ICAR in letter & spirit, and commencing the operations of sanctioned Community radios at the earliest.

The members of the Council made valuable suggestions and recommendations pertaining to adoption of New Education Policy 2020; publicizing University's projects having commercial viability and conducting extensive IBC activities so that maximum beneficiaries can reap the benefits of agricultural related schemes and programmes.

Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-J apprised the Lt Governor about the achievements of faculty members and students, besides the outreach and research activities, reforms undertaken in academics, financial systems, and Administrative sectors.

The meeting discussed important agenda items on the recommendations of different statutory bodies of

the University viz. Reservation in teaching and equivalent positions of SKUAST-Jammu; carving of Faculty of Horticulture from Faculty of Agriculture and institutionalization of BSc Horticulture Programme; implementation of Jammu and Kashmir rules in Non-teaching positions, adoption of SO 192 and SO 184 of UT of J&K.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance department; Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department; Prof. P.L. Gautam, Pro Chancellor, CPU Hamirpur; Dr MC Sharma, former Director and VC ICAR, IVRI, Bareilly, UP; Dr. Jag Paul Sharma, Registrar SKUAST-J; Prof. Gul Zaffar, Registrar SKUAST-K and other concerned officers remained present during the meeting.



## Jammu Bar holds protest, projects demands



Lawyers sitting on Dharna at Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu under the leadership of its President M.K Bhargwaj, Sr. Adv. held a protest in the District Court Complex, Janipur, here wherein all the office bearers namely Mohinder Pal Singh Pali, Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra, General Secretary, Aditya Sharma, Joint Secretary & Amandeep Singh, Treasurer besides many senior & young lawyers participated in support of their demands.

They sought revocation of the order of shifting of Debt Recovery Tribunal to Chandigarh and creation of Five Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal in the U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for

the smooth functioning and also raised the demand for shifting of the CAT Bench in the court premises Jammu.

They also demanded for restoration of physical hearing of Central Administrative Tribunal Bench, shifting of Sub Registrar offices in Court premises, establishment of Consumer Forums in the Court premises and establishment of Consumer Commission and Human Rights Commission.

Bhargwaj, while addressing the protest, urged upon the Government to immediately resolve all the aforesaid demands of the legal fraternity of UT of J&K, so as to give relief to the legal fraternity as well as civil society.

In the event of failure to do the needful, the JKHCB, Jammu, shall be left with no other option except to launch an agitation in support of their demands, he said.

Bhargwaj urged upon the Central Government as well as UT administration to immediately resolve long pending demands/ issues of lawyers fraternity.

The other members who spoke in the Dharna include Mohinder Pal Singh Pali, Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra General Secretary, H.C. Jalmeria, Babu Ram Sharma, Nirmal Singh Kotwal, Usman Salaria, Abrar Khan and Rohit Sharma.

The proceedings of the Dharna was conducted by Surjeet Singh Andotra, General Secretary.

## Encroachers attack Housing board team at Reasi; MD escapes unhurt

**3 cops including 5 officials injured in stone pelting; 10 arrested**



Damaged vehicles during stone pelting by land encroachers at Reasi.

Meanwhile, Industries & Commerce Department also occupied 56 Kanals 8 Marlas of land leaving behind only 59 Kanals and 7 Marlas with the Board. Later, Housing Board issued demand notice vide No. HB/1855 dated September 8, 2010, No. HB/4342 dated January 29, 2011 and No. HB/5307-08 dated January 30, 2012 for allotment of plots in Housing Colony Reasi and

subsequently offer letters were issued for 39 plots in favour of eligible applicants but till date possession could not be handed over to them for different reasons especially due to malafide litigation initiated by one Karnail Singh and others.

The Housing Board with full support of district administration Reasi conducted a daylong exercise and, despite stone pelting incident, handed over plots

to allottees. The District Magistrate Reasi, Charandeep Singh and SSP Reasi, Shalinder Singh, ADC Reasi Abdul Sattar, ASP Reasi, Surjeet Bhagat, ACR Reasi, Tehsildar Reasi also supported the handing over of plots to legal owners by providing all facilities in shape of Magistracy and security cover.

Police has lodged FIR No. 222 against miscreants under sections 307, 353,

336, 427, 447, 147, 149 of IPC. 11 persons, including 3 women, were also arrested by Police who were identified as Kewal Singh Barotra, son of Omkar Singh Barotra, Karan Singh Barotra, son of Ram Singh Barotra, Deepak Singh Barotra, son of Bachiter Singh Barotra, Sidhant Singh Barotra, son of Suram Singh Barotra, Vakeel Singh Barotra, son of Ram Singh Barotra, Raj Singh Barotra, son of Krishan Singh Barotra, Raghbir Singh Barotra, son of Ram Singh Barotra, Ashok Singh Barotra, son of Ram Singh Barotra, Vimla Devi, wife of Karan Singh Barotra, Darshana Devi, wife of Kishor Singh Barotra and Reeta Balotra, wife of Raghbir Singh Balotra, all residents of Gran More, Tehsil and District Reasi. Other miscreants are at large and hunt has been launched to nab them.

## 20 Kanals encroached Govt land retrieved near Bari Brahmana



District administration officers and police personnel after retrieving encroached government land.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Around 20 Kanals of prime land was retrieved during a major anti-encroachment drive in Sambha district of Jammu and Kashmir, an official said. The anti-encroachment drive was conducted on November 12 at State Land (Roshni) under Khassra No 1845/1734 adjacent to Sarovar Portico near Bari Brahmana in Sambha district by a special team constituted by the Deputy Commissioner of Sambha Anuradha Gupta. The anti-encroachment drive was carried out by team of Revenue Department with the help of district police. Official said that district administration has decided to tighten its noose on encroachers and land mafia in the district by removing all the encroachments on State and other land belonging to Government.

## Dr Tandon from J&K nominated as National Expert at CDSCO GoI

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Prof. Dr Vishal R Tandon of Government Medical College (GNC) Jammu, nominated from J&K as an National Expert Member among the Panel of eight Experts in Subject Expert Committee (SEC) constituted by Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Government of India (GoI).

CDSCO, the National Drug Regulatory Authority (NRA) of India, regulates safety, efficacy & quality of drugs, medical



devices & cosmetics under Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940 & Rules 1945 as well as regulates New Drugs & Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 in the country.

Prof. Dr Vishal R Tandon as a National Expert member of the SEC along with other seven members nominated

from various specialties from the premier institutions of the country will be playing a role at national level under rule 100 of New Drugs & Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 with the approval of Ministry, to evaluate and advise Drug Controller General (India) on proposals of various categories of applications for approval of New Drugs, Investigational New Drugs, cellular biology based drug products/stem cell derived products and new medical devices including causality analysis, safety of drugs or any other technical matters which require expert advice.

## ‘Youth contribution to India @100’ 21st century opportunities can't be availed with 20th century mindset: Dr Jitendra

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Saturday that 21st century opportunities can't be availed with 20th century mindset.

For the youth who have active years ahead, it is important to cultivate the right mindset to be able to avail of the amazing new opportunities unfolding in 21st century India, he said.

Delivering the keynote address at a Seminar cum Interactive Session on the theme 'Youth Contribution to India @ 100' organised by the University of Jammu at Zorawar Singh Auditorium here today to mark 'Amrit Mahotsava', Dr Jitendra Singh said that unless the mindset is reoriented, new avenues will not yield optimum outcomes.

In the highly aspirational India of today, the current Mantra for the youth is



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering address at a seminar at JU

"Aspire, Innovate and Compete", he said.

Dr Jitendra said, no government in the world can provide a government job to every youth but a responsible government like the one headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has undertaken several

initiatives to provide avenues of livelihood which are even more lucrative than a government job. But to avail of these avenues, the youth need to liberate their mindset from the clutches of government job. For this, he said, the parents also need to be educated and at the same time, the politicians and leaders also need to restrain themselves from giving false assurances of government jobs. India is passing through the 75th years of its independence and it is time to lay down the road map for the next 25 years before independent India turns 100, Dr Jitendra Singh said. It is a proud privilege and opportunity for the youth of India today to be able to contribute to the making of India when it turns 100 in 2047 and stands as a frontline nation in the world community. The greatest advantage for the youth today, said Dr Singh, is that under the leadership of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, India has made rapid strides which the entire world acknowledges and today India is seen as a force to reckon with.

Every generation of youth, said Dr Jitendra, has a contribution to make and the nature of this contribution is determined by the era in which he is born and the mindset through which the nation is going through. Therefore, he said, at the time of independence the youth of that era were entrusted with the challenge of sustaining the independence of India and stabilizing it as a progressive democratic nation at a time when several democracies of the world were collapsing and the Prophets of doom including including Sir Winston Churchill had predicted that India as a democracy did not have the capacity to survive even for 50 years. Today, on the other hand, the youth of

2021 owes the responsibility of sustaining what India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has achieved in the last 7 years and made up for the lapses of the past 70 years, he said.

Describing the Indian youth today as privileged one, Dr Jitendra said, they have the unique opportunity to contribute the next active years of life to the making of india @ 100 and to be able to tell their children that they too were, to a bigger or a smaller extent, architects of new India at 100.

Vice Chancellor of Jammu University, Prof Manoj Kumar Dhar delivered the Welcome Address while Professor Naresh Padma presented the Vote of Thanks. Professor Rajni Dhirga also spoke on the occasion. The interactive session was compered and conducted by Rajni Sharma.

important role in extending social service to the masses and promoting spirituality among the people. Notably, Rajesh Kumar Chhibber joined the services of the Bank as Probationary Officer in the year 1982 and has led the Bank in different capacities from managing business operations at Branches and Zonal offices to the Corporate Level across the operational geography of the Bank. Bringing a treasure of experience to the chair of CMD that spans over three decades, his areas of expertise include Credit, Finance, IT, Corporate & Retail Banking, Risk management, Trade Finance, Foreign exchange, Business continuity planning and bank assurance. As Vice-President in 2009, he headed the technology department of the bank and made remarkable contributions in the creation of Bank's technology infrastructure besides instituting the process of providing relevant expertise to the staff. He also became Chairman J&K Gramen Bank for two years and nine months and brought great laurels to the bank by accomplishing its key strategic goals.

Elevated as Executive President on June 1, 2018, he was the Bank's Chief Compliance Officer besides heading Business Support Division, Insurance, Government Banking, Lead Bank, CSC, FID, Subsidiary Management, Culture & Sports functions of the bank.