

University of Jammu holds 118th Syndicate Meeting

Endorses Rs 30,000 publication grant; Rs 50,000 for organizing programmes

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JAMMU: The 118th meeting of the Syndicate of University of Jammu was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu during which various academic and administrative matters were discussed. In his opening remarks, Prof Umesh Rai extended a warm welcome to Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Shadi Lal Pandita, Director General Codes, Finance Department; Abdul Majid Butt, Director (Finance) Higher Education Department and other members of Syndicate for their wholehearted support to University of Jammu. While deliberating on the broad contours of National Education Policy (NEP-20), Prof Umesh Rai underlined that basic idea of NEP is to dissolve boundaries between different disciplines and evolve education. "University is committed to implement NEP-20 and in that direction, University Academic



Principal Secy HED, Rohit Kansal chairing 118th Syndicate Meeting of University of Jammu.

Council has adopted guidelines for pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously and same was endorsed by University Syndicate. Various administrative, research and innovative initiatives have been taken by University," said Vice-Chancellor, and expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor and Chancellor Universities, Manoj Sinha for his vision as it is because of his guidance and directions that University of Jammu is achieving greater heights.

Prof Rai said that Tsetan Dolma and Rigzin Lhamo with an outstanding track record were pursuing Masters in Physical

Education (MPED) from University of Jammu but unfortunately, both lost their lives in a tragic accident. The item of creation of 'Tsetan & Rigzin Best Athlete Award' for one male & one female best athlete of University of Jammu in memory of two ace athletes was placed before the Syndicate and all members unanimously endorsed the award. The Syndicate also endorsed introduction of Environmental Science as a Core subject in Under-Graduate courses.

Syndicate endorsed introduction of PhD Programme in Physical Education in the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu,

Jammu from Academic Session 2022-23. The members of syndicate endorsed the introduction of an MA (Punjabi) & Diploma Course in Gyan in the Directorate of Distance Education, University of Jammu. e-Waste Policy-2022 of University of Jammu were endorsed by the members of the Syndicate. Syndicate endorsed amendments/addition in regulations governing University of Jammu Research Fund and that includes financial support of Rs 30,000 (maximum) for publication of Research paper and partial assistance upto Rs. 50,000/- per annum for organization of Conference/Workshop/Seminars by Departments.

The Syndicate meeting was attended by Prof J P Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Madan Mohan Malviya University Gorakhpur; Prof Chandra Bhushan Sharma, Department of Education IGNOU; Prof Sunita Singh Sengupta, Department of Management Studies, Delhi University; Prof Jasbir Singh, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences; Prof Adil Amin Kak, Dean, School of Arts, Literature and Languages, University of Kashmir; Prof Kuldeep Singh Charak, Head, Deptt of Mathematics, Prof Anwar Hassan, Dean, Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Prof Aneesa Shafi, Head, Deptt of Psychology, University of Kashmir; Dr Vishal Sharma, Principal, Govt Degree College Bani and Dr M Abbas Shah, Principal Govt Degree College, Marwah. The meeting was coordinated by Dr Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to Vice-Chancellor and Dr Imran Farooq, Incharge Coordination Section.

Finland Minister calls on Dr Jitendra, seeks enhanced bilateral cooperation



Finland Minister of Education and Culture, Petri Honkonen calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at North Block, New Delhi on Monday.

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NEW DELHI: Finland Minister of Education and Culture, Petri Honkonen called on Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh at North Block here on Monday to seek enhanced bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI).

He was accompanied by a high level delegation which later held a separate meeting with the Indian delegation in the presence of the two Ministers.

While, Dr Jitendra Singh reiterated India's focus on collaboration in StartUps, the

Finland Minister was full of praise for Prime Minister Narendra Modi for management of Covid pandemic and also the efforts of the Union Government of India in ensuring development of vaccines and vaccination for all the countrymen. India and Finland agreed to carry mutual cooperation between the two countries to a new level in a number of areas of bilateral as well as global interests. Two nations decided to enhance cooperation in areas such as Digital Partnership in Future ICT, Future Mobile Technologies and Digital Education. The two countries also emphasised on

having institutionalised joint working groups on areas of mutual interest.

This was reiterated by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and the Finland Minister Petri Honkonen. Dr Jitendra said, the bilateral STI collaboration between the two countries is an attempt to stimulate innovative R&D projects that address a specific need or challenge; demonstrate high industrial relevance and commercial potential; and aim to deliver benefit to all participants, and more broadly, to both nations. Dr Jitendra Singh conveyed to the Finland Minister that India is keen to develop research collaborations with Finnish R&D institutions and technology collaboration with Finnish Industry especially focusing on the application of Quantum Computing.

Honkonen assured Dr Jitendra Singh that Finland is keen to cooperate with India in 5G, Environment and Clean Technologies, Bio-based Economy, BioBanks and Affordable Healthcare.

Advisor Bhatnagar inaugurates 'Photo Exhibition' of CBC J&K at Jammu



Advisor, R.R Bhatnagar after inaugurating 'Photo Exhibition' organized by CBC, Jammu at MA Stadium.

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Monday inaugurated a 'Photo Exhibition' organized by Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Jammu, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India on 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav' alongside 48th Junior Volleyball Championship for Boys and Girls at MA Stadium, Jammu. The advisor was accompanied by Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul and President Volleyball Association, J&K, Raj Dahuja.

The exhibition showcases the freedom struggle of India through a series of Photo Exhibits as well as audio visual medium. Apart from this, special section in the exhibition has been dedicated to 8 Years of Seva Sushasan-Garib Kalyan, wherein the achievements of the government across various sectors in the last 8 years including in Jammu and Kashmir have been highlighted. Separate corner for Azadi Quest- recently launched online educational video games and Swaraj- 75 episodic mega serial portraying stories of unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle is also part of the Exhibition display.

Mayor JMC calls on Lt Governor

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JAMMU: Rajinder Sharma, newly elected Mayor of Jammu Municipal Corporation called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhawan here on Monday. The Mayor apprised the Lt Governor about the functioning of Jammu Municipal Corporation, and other issues of public importance.

She discussed issues related to the business sector promotion in Jammu with the delegation of CCI and listened to the opinion of business leaders. Dr Andrabi assured them of all help at the UT government level by discussing the issues with the LG.

Central Govt should restore statehood, address other major issues in J&K: Tara Chand

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JAMMU: Stressing the need for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir; the former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand said that the central government should also address various issues confronting the people in this border region of the country.

"People in this part of the country are feeling dismayed ever since its status was reduced from a full-fledged state to a union territory and they have been expressing this feeling through many democratic ways", Tara Chand, who is also a senior leader of Democratic Azad party (DAP), said while addressing a public meeting at Bonal in Akhnoor Constituency last evening.

The leaders in the present central government need to ponder on this issue afresh and restore the status of J&K as a state, which will go a long way in bringing peace, tranquility and progress in this region, he said, adding "it would be in fitness of things if J&K's statehood is restored before holding of Assembly elections".

Tara Chand, a former Speaker of J&K legislative Assembly, also referred to sev-



Ex-Dy CM, Tara Chand and others at a public meeting.

eral other problems being faced by different sections of people in Jammu and Kashmir and those who are at the helm of affairs must devise systems to ensure these objectives on a fast-track basis", the DAP leader said.

Those who also attended and spoke on the occasion were Narinder Sharma (Sr. leader DAP), Lala Bansi Lal Gupta, Varun Mangotra, Karnaik Singh, Rashpal Singh, Cap. Kali Dass, Vikram Singh, Ram Lal Bhagat, Vipan Lachotra (Youth leader DAP), Suresh Kumar, Ashok Singh Jamwal, Pooja Rani (Sarpanch Jamotian), Som Dutt Sharma, Kewal Krishan Parda and Thappa and other people from Akhnoor constituency.

Growing unemployment can result in acute resentment which can have many portents and may result in violence of one or the other form, he said while urging the government to deal with this issue seriously.

"Everyone wants peace and

Dr Andrabi meets delegations of CCI, Migrant PM Package Employees

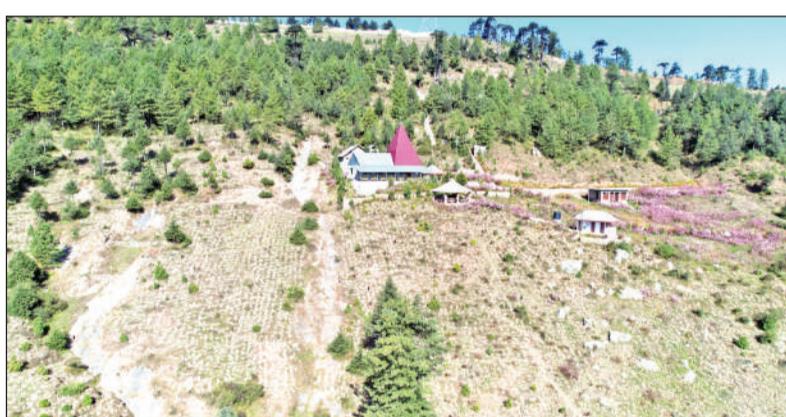
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JAMMU: Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Monday met the delegations of Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) Jammu & Migrant (displaced) PM/Non PM package employees at Jammu.



Andrabi consoled the disturbed boys and girls and assured them that she will take up the issue with the Lt Governor for redressal of the problems.

Project Flower Valley: Patnitop Tourism Circuit embraces flower power



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PATNITOP: The ever-enchanting Patnitop Tourism Circuit embraces the flower power with Patnitop Development Authority's 'Project Flower Valley', aimed at spurring tourism, biodiversity and socio-economic development.

"Flowers are big business. Millions of them are sold as cut or loose flowers, processed into oils, dyes, edibles, beverages, medicines, cosmetics, incense sticks, powders, and various other value-added products. When they bloom, their ephemeral beauty attracts admirers. Throughout their natural life cycle, and even beyond, they are sources of beauty and business. Hence, we teamed up with experts from different domains and Panchayati Raj Institutions to herald the Project Flower Valley in our jurisdiction," said Thakur Sher Singh, CEO PDA.

"In the initial phase of the project, some ninety thousand seedlings of flowering plants, mostly lavender, have been planted since last year over an area of 12,50 acres," he added.

Seventy thousand lavenders procured from Doda District of Jammu and Kashmir UT, have been planted at multiple locations of the PDA jurisdiction in the months of September-October, 2022.

Meanwhile, other flowering plants including varieties of cosmos, marigold, etc, nearly 20,000 in number, have been planted as per their appropriate seasons in the years 2021

and 2022.

As some of these seedlings planted around the ancient Mani Mahesh Temple, situated enroute Nathatop, burst into flowers, visitors are stopping by to capture their stunning sight and scent. The temple has supported the initiative by giving its land.

However, full bloom is expected to most likely occur in the months of March-April, 2023. Around the same time of the year, Sanasar Lake witnesses the annual Tulip Festival, celebrating the brief appearance of colourful Tulip bulbs.

Given the highly conducive climate and soil of this region, various kinds of flowers, especially perennial flowers, will be planted at different locations under the Project Flower Valley in the coming times.

"A little patience, and woods, meadows and mountain slopes will be dotted with blossoms and blooms. It will be a floral, rather a botanical spectacle, adding to the avenues of attraction for the tourists in the Patnitop Tourism Circuit. It will expand the itineraries, as well as the stay of the tourists," said CEO PDA.

He added, "Furthermore, it will provide plenty of opportunities for new, young and innovative entrepreneurs to start flower-based initiatives and provide gainful employment to the locals. From flower farming to flower selling to flower processing, locals can venture into the huge flower industry however they like."

Explaining the calculations, the

Officer says that seventy thousand flowering plants produce approximately 156 litres of oil per year, which is sold at a rate of Rs 1500 per litre. This brings a revenue generation amounting to Rs 23,40,000 in a year.

In addition, these plants produce approximately 4,50,000 seedlings in a year which when sold at a rate of Rs 5 per seedling, will bring a revenue generation of Rs 22,50,000 in a year.

That is, a yearly revenue generation of Rs 45,90,000 only from oil extraction and sale of seeds or seedlings of flowering plants. The project will come to fruition in atleast three years. In twelve years, the number will rise to Rs 5,50,80,000.

Applauding the Project Flower Valley, Parkash Chand, BDC Chairman Chenani, said, "This is the first-of-its-kind flower-based project introduced in Jammu Division, which will not only boost the tourism in the Patnitop Tourism Circuit, but will also spark entrepreneurship, provide rural employment, encourage returning to agriculture, increase revenues, boost biodiversity, and bring in holistic development. It will constantly evolve over the time, depending on the requirements and developments."

PDA is making continuous efforts to not only increase and promote, but also innovate the tourism offerings in its jurisdiction, and such a concept of self-sufficient flower business, though at the initial stage, is another feather in its cap.

From the revenue generated through visitors, sale of flowers, seeds/seedlings, and flower-based products, PDA and PRIs will put in place more and better tourist amenities, tourist activities, kiosks, cafeterias, view-points, and so on. The domestic flower economy will change the fortunes of the villages of this circuit.

"Patnitop Tourism Circuit has always been a tourist's favourite, but in real sense, it is now that is being explored, developed and promoted, and the socio-economic benefits of tourism are starting to reach the local rural population," BDC Chairman added.

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FINAL AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS

The borrowers, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of gold ornaments / security pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted. The auction is of the gold ornaments / security of borrowers who have defaulted to pay, as per the terms of Loan Agreement signed & accepted by them, despite notices by HDFC Bank Limited (the "Bank") to clear the loan dues. The Bank had also issued a notice to the borrowers whereby, 7 days' time was given to repay the entire outstanding dues in the below accounts, failing which Bank would be at liberty to auction the entire pledged gold security without issuing further notice. The borrowers have neglected and failed to make payment, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to enforce the pledge over gold security by selling the entire gold ornaments / security by way of auction and recover the dues owed by the borrowers to the Bank.

The auction will be conducted at below mentioned branch/s on 22nd November'2022 from 9:30 am onwards.

Loan No/Reference No	Borrower's Name	Date of Loan	Overdue as on 30-11-2022	BRANCH
72719167	MANJEET KUMAR	10/5/2020	166600	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73418921	PARSHOTAM SINGH	2/16/2022	146700	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73415126	SURESHTA TICKOO	2/14/2022	130700	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73426411	BANDANA RAKWAL	2/22/2022	117200	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73418333	VANDANA KUMARI	2/16/2022	93000	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73055987	ROHIT BHAT	5/29/2021	45300	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73197890	AMRISH KUMAR	8/25/2021	63200	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73076084	ANKUSH KUMAR SHARMA	6/14/2021	73700	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73417272	RAKESH KUMAR	2/15/2022	64400	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73408518	PREETY DHARAI	2/7/2022	35500	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME
73412921	RASDEEP SINGH	2/10/2022	130500	6538-SHASTRI NAGAR JAMMU-PRIME

The auction shall be conducted on an "AS IS WHERE IS" and the "AS IS WHAT IS" basis and the Bank is not making and shall not make any representations or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchasers to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bids and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out hereinabove, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All bids shall be subject to such minimum reserve price as the Bank may fit to fix in this regard. The auction process and the sale (if any) pursuant