

National seminar on 'plant and microbial sciences: achievements and way forward' culminates in JU

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JAMMU: The two-day UGC-SAP sponsored National Seminar on "Plant and Microbial Sciences: Achievements and Way forward" successfully culminated here in the Department of Botany, University of Jammu this evening. On the occasion, Prof M K Dhar, former Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu was the Chief Guest while Prof R N Gohil a renowned Cyto-genetist and former Head of the department was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Manoj Kumar Dhar expressed his views on the value education and its relevance in today's world. He also appreciated the quality of research papers presented during the National Seminar and lauded the role of young researchers in taking the responsibility of future research endeavours. Many opportunities like BIULDER are at the doorstep of the

University in which Departments will be organizing more such events in future. According to him, there are many other New Schemes with National Funding agencies which can be grabbed for continuing research by the Research Centers and Institutes of the country.

He also lauded the contributions of Prof A. K. Koul, Prof M.C. Sharma and other senior faculty and congratulated the Department of Botany for organizing the National Seminar in a most professional way. Prof R N Gohil in his remarks outlined the importance of collaborative research and hoped that Department of Botany, University of Jammu will definitely achieve newer heights under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai. Prof Gohil appreciated the work culture and the dedication of the faculty and research scholars of the Department of Botany. According to him the department is capable of getting more grants



A dignitary speaking at a seminar at JU.

in future to carry out applied research.

Prof. Namrata Sharma, Deputy coordinator SAP DRS II, said that with the generous funding by UGC under SAP (DRS II) Department was able to organize this seminar in the Department of Botany, University of Jammu.

According to Prof. Sharma such funding procedures are always required by the institutes because this helps in strengthening of work culture and fetching good research publications. Prof. Susheel Verma, Organizing Secretary of the seminar while presenting

the detailed report informed that more than 50 abstracts of the research papers in the form of keynote lecture, memorial lecture, invited lectures, oral and poster presentations were received for the seminar out of which 5 invited talks, one Prof. Irshad Ahmed Hamal Memorial Lecture, 15 oral presentations and 30 poster presentations were made during these two days proceedings.

Some of the important invited lectures were delivered by Prof. M.K. Dhar, from University of Jammu, Prof. Absar Ahmed, from Aligarh Muslim University, Dr. Kanad Das,

Scientist from Botanical Survey of India, Dr. Jatindra Thakur, Scientist from ICgeb, New Delhi, and Dr. Sumit Girola scientist from CSIR-Indian Institute of Medicine, Jammu. Earlier, Prof. Venu Kaul, Head, Department of Botany extended a formal welcome to all the dignitaries and guest delegates to the valedictory function. Dr. Harish Chander Dutt proposed a vote of thanks. The proceedings of the seminar were conducted by Dr. Madhu Raina, Assistant Professor of the Department of Botany. Later, the awards and certificates of merit were distributed amongst the winners in the oral and poster presentation categories by the chief guest and the guest of honour.

Dr. Sikander Pal, Dr. Geeta, Dr. Skarna, Prof. Anima Langer, Prof. Geeta Sumbali, Prof. Raisal, Dr. Mahroof and Dr. Tajinder were also present on the occasion.

Amandeep Hospitals Amritsar to host APSICON 2022

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AMRITSAR: For the first time, Amritsar boasts of organising the National Conference of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India, APSICON 2022, which represents more than 2000 Plastic Surgeons from all across the country.

The conference is being organised by the Department of Plastic Surgery, Amandeep Hospitals, Amritsar from November 9 to 13 under the leadership of Dr. Ravi Mahajan, who is the President of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India and the Organising Chairman of the event.

Dr. Ravi Mahajan informed that the conference will be attended by more than 700 Plastic Surgeons from different parts of the country. There will be about twenty Plastic



(Left to right) Dr Sunil Gabba, Dr SS Makkar, Dr Ravi Kumar Mahajan, Dr Atul Prashar and Dr Onkar Singh at a meeting.

Surgeons from all over the world, including the USA, UK, Australia, Europe and Dubai.

He said that the latest advancements in the fields of reconstructive and aesthetic surgery will be deliberated upon in the meeting.

There will be masterclasses, hands-on workshops and surgical video workshops for the benefit of trainee Plastic Surgeons, he said adding that more than 400 research papers

on various aspects of Plastic Surgery will also be presented.

Dr. Avtar Singh, Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon and Director of Amandeep Hospital, said that it is a matter of great pride for Amandeep Hospital as well as the city of Amritsar that such an event of National level is being held at Amritsar with the efforts of Dr. Ravi Mahajan & his team of Plastic Surgeons at Amandeep Hospital.

JSS Jammu commemorates inter school bilingual turncoat



Winner students posing for a photograph with chief guest and JSS Jammu faculty.

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JAMMU: Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS), Jammu hosted a 'inter-school bilingual turncoat on present day distractions-addictions or stimulations' under the banner of Sahodhya School Complex, Jammu in school premises, here on Saturday. Director Telecommunications J&K Police, Shridhar Patil was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr Rajni Bala, Prof & Head Hindi Department, University of Jammu and Dr Rupali Sharma, Lecturer GDC Udhampur

were Adjudicators.

Harpreet Singh Anand, Chairperson, Sonakshi Anand, Director Operations and other dignitaries were also present.

The function commenced by presentation of saplings followed by lighting of lamp and invocation of Goddess Sarawasti.

Avneet Kour Budhreja, Vice Principal of the School, focused that our school is a pioneer in many spheres of scholastic and co-scholastic life and we are today charting a new trail in the path of student empowerment in

this humble endeavour of student leaders.

The participants debated on the topic simultaneously in Hindi and English which tested their oratory skills.

Shridhar Patil guided the students to overcome their fears in life and also appreciated the efforts of the school for organizing such a fruitful competition.

The first position was clinched by Mukund Choudhary of APS BD Bari, second by Nischal Verma of Rich Harvest

School, third by Ananya Singh of IDPS while first consolation prize was bagged by Akshat Singh of APS Damana, second consolation by Hargun Anand of Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu and third consolation by Kushagra Mishra of APS, Akhnour.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prabjot Kour (Headmistress of the School), who congratulated the participating students for their academic zeal and research abilities in preparing for the debate and guests for sparing their precious time and gracing the occasion.

Rohini Aima, Principal-cum-Vice Chairperson conveyed her gratitude to the Chief Guest, Adjudicators and all the dignitaries for their presence.

Chairman DDC reviews issues pertaining to developmental projects in Bhaderwah

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BHADARWAH: Chairman District Development Council Doda, Dhananter Singh Kotwal chaired a meeting of the officers of Additional District Bhadarwah here at Dak Bungalow to review and discuss the issues related to tourism development and other allied sectors in Bhadarwah. He sought feedback from the departments with regard to the works related to the development of tourism as discussed in the previous meeting held in the month of March , this year.

During the meeting threadbare discussion was also held with regard to the issues of public importance including the completion of ongoing works, start of works not taken up. The chairman also sought the action taken report by the departments with regard to the previous meetings.

He sought the action taken report regarding smooth road connectivity leading to various tourist destinations, including B h a d a r w a h - P a d r i , Bhadarwah-Jai, Bhadarwah-Saarthal roads and black topping of Bhaderwah-Doda road

by GREE The issue of the park at Seri Bazar was also discussed at length.

He said that the people are demanding to convert the park into a paid parking for vehicles and directed the E. O municipality to have a look into the matter and get public opinion about the same.

He directed the concerned to remove illegal parking of vehicles and encroachments especially on Jai road and Vasuki Dera path which cause jamming of vehicles especially during heavy snowfall in winter and heavy tourist rush in summer. A committee was also constituted to look into the issue of zero point of hospital road and to submit a report thereof.

The sanitation of the town area and rural areas was also discussed. In response to the queries raised by the DDC chairman, the officers of Jal Shakti department provided details of the allotted works, ongoing works and works completed so far.

The Officers of JKPDCL were directed to make the curtailment schedule easy and avoid unscheduled power cuts

during the coming winter

He sought the stock report of the items used to restore power supply. The officers of PWD were directed to evacuate all encroachments reported anywhere in their jurisdiction and to make the machinery available for the snow clearance during the harsh winters.

The officer concerned informed that 04 snow cats and 02 JCBs from mechanical division shall be put into the service for snow clearance.

He sought the report from DFO Bhadarwah regarding providing firewood to the public for the upcoming winter season. The DFO assured that firewood shall be made available at an earliest for the open sale to public at various depots including the depot at forest complex Bhaderwah.

The Chairman DDC asked the departments to maintain better coordination with the council, besides directed them to respond to the issues being forwarded to them by the respective PRI members on priority basis.

The Chairman DDC asked all departments to ensure the

disposal of each issue that has been raised and discussed on priority. He further asked them to strictly implement the directions in letter and spirit.

In addition to this, the DDC Chairperson directed all the line departments to ensure that all the ongoing works were completed by the end of the financial year on priority basis without lapsing the funds allocated against the plan/works.

Many other issues like Mounds Mall road, electrification of jai valley, compensation for Kapra KV road, compensation to habitants of Jai road at Chinchora, Kapra power station etc were discussed at large during the meeting.

The meeting was attended by DDC member Yudhvir Singh; BDC Chairman, Omi Omi Chand; ADC Bhaderwah, Dilnir Chowdhary; XEN JPDCL Doda, XEN mechanical, XEN REW, XEN Jal Shakti, XEN I&FC, XEN PMGSY, XEN R&B Bhadarwah , Tehsildar Bhaderwah, DFO Bhaderwah, BDO Bhadarwah, BDO Bhalla besides other sectoral officers and PRI members were also present in the meeting.

DDC Rajouri reviews preparedness for Rabi season -2022

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the preparedness of the Agriculture Department for Rabi season -2022.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Sohan Singh and other departmental functionaries were present in the meeting.

The DDC took stock of progress made in the distribution of seeds and the CAO informed that the same was being done as per the schedule.

The meeting was also apprised about the requirement of the seeds in the district and progress regarding distribution as on date.

The Chief Agriculture Officer informed that against the requirement of 10500 Quintals of Wheat seed, 6563 Quintal has already been distributed among the farmers on sub-

sided rates till date.

He further informed that 24.85 Quintal of Oilseeds, 6.40 Quintal of Pulses, 23.5 Quintal of Vegetable and 168.8 Quintal of fodder seed of different varieties has been distributed through 125 sale centres across the district.

Further, the Chief Agriculture Officer assured that remaining requirement of seed will be stocked in the district by 14th of November, 2022.

The Chief Agriculture Officer also said that an ample quantity of Wheat seed is available with the department and there is no need to go for Panic buying by the farmers as reported from some parts of the district and the normal sowing time of wheat crop is yet to commence.

The DDC asked the concerned officer from the Agriculture Department to ensure that the seed distribution process is completed at the earliest.

BVP organises State Level National Group Song Competition

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JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) Jammu Kashmir Prant on Saturday organised State Level National Group Song Competition at Baba Jitto Auditorium, Sher-i-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology (SKUAST) Jammu.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar was the Chief Guest and Dev Raj Sharma Regional President North 1 BVP and Arun Gupta President Chamber of Commerce and Industries Jammu were the Guests of Honour.

Teams of about 20 schools of different districts of Jammu Province participated in the programme and sung two patriotic songs each one in Hindi & other in Sanskrit.

Ashok Khajuria State President welcomed all the esteemed guests, members,



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar lighting ceremonial lamp.

teachers & students of various schools.

In his welcome address, he pointed out that BVP is a social cultural organization aimed to promote patriotism among the students through such programmes.

The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of BVP in promoting positivity, patriotism and feeling of brotherhood among the young students & channeling their

energies for the common good of the society.

Dev Raj Sharma also elaborated the activities of BVP at National level & our commitment to make our country strong, influential & self reliant.

Arun Gupta President CCI also appreciated & applauded the efforts of BVP in making better society.

He also gave assurance of full cooperation of CCI in

organizing such activities for the welfare of the students community. The adjudicators of this cultural extravaganza are well known dignitaries in the field of music Sh. Brij Mohan, Surinder Singh Manhas and Suraj Singh.

Vote of thanks was given by Bharat Bhushan Sharma, State Finance Secretary.

The program was jointly conducted by Narinder Mishra State General Secretary and Seema Sharma.

Other prominent persons attended the function include S.N. Sharma and Dr. Santosh Gupta both State Patrons, Amita Sharma & Gopal Sharma both Regional Secretaries, Arun Sharma, Regional Joint General Secretary, Vijay Sharma State Vice President, Rajesh Gupta State Organising Secretary, Trishla Gupta

Mahila Pramukh, Madhu Gupta, Sunita Gupta & President, Secretaries & Treasurers of various branches.

All the participating students are given certificates, medals & memento.

The programme ended with the recitation of National Anthem and amid the slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai.

The team that stood first shall represent our state at the Regional level Program at Bhatinda (Punjab) on 13th of November.

Result of NGSC: Ist Position goes to Manu Shiksha Kendra Higher Secondary School Rajbagh Kathua ,2nd prize goes jointly to Army Public School Jammu Cantonment & Presentation Convent School Gandhi Nagar Jammu 3rd Prize goes to SD Tarapuri High school Last Morh Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

Preparations for winter season, recreation activities in Gulmarg discussed

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GULMARG: Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb, who was on a day's visit here, reviewed the preparations by the Department for the coming winter season and other arrangements put in place at the world famous resort.

The Director Tourism took a detailed briefing regarding snow beating, rescue operations, snow safety activities and other snow related activities. He emphasized upon the officers and field functionaries of the Department that all preparations be made at the resort at the earliest so that tourists coming to witness the winter and snow here do not face any difficulty.

Haseeb directed upgradation and improvement of the recreational activities like skiing and other snow activities being undertaken at the resort during winters so that the experiences



Director Tourism, Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb chairing a meeting.

of visitors to the resort are enhanced. The Director Tourism also inspected various works like baby lift, baby slope etc being undertaken by the Department at the resort and impressed upon the engineering staff to complete the left over parts at the earliest. He also visited the Church and took an on the spot review of the works being undertaken there. Later, the Director Tourism held a meeting with

representatives of service providers like snowmobile owners, sledge owners etc and impressed upon them to make the coming winter season at the resort a success in terms of satisfaction and variety of services to the visitors. MD, J&K Cable Car Corporation & CEO GDA, Ghulam Jeelani Zargar, senior officers and engineers of Tourism Department and other officials were present on the occasion.