

JKPS Panjtirthi students visit Directorate of Agriculture Department



Glimpses of JKPS Panjtirthi students' visit to Directorate of Agriculture Department.

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JAMMU: Educational trips create learning experiences that enables students to apply theoretical knowledge to the real world. The students of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi visited the Directorate of Agriculture Department, Krishi Bhawan, Jammu to get first hand appraisal of agricultural activities

undertaken by the Department of Agriculture for the welfare of farming. The educational visit was organised with the consent of A.S Reen, the Director Agriculture Jammu with the cooperation of Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Deputy Director (Central). A. S Reen expressed that youth should come forward to learn and adopt scientific agricultural skills for efficient use

of resources and cultural operations to get sustainably higher yield and income. He added, "More emphasis is required to be laid on the diversification of farming with focus on quality production through promotion of standard production practices, area specific organic farming. More opportunities for employment are being created through expansion of vegetable cultivation, apiculture

and mushroom growing on scientific lines." The student visited different sections i.e mushroom farming, beekeeping & nursery. Technical guidance was provided by Agronomists, Assistant Entomologist. The faculty of Agriculture Department briefed the Jakiens about activities and schemes to adopt latest

technologies in farming to achieve the goal of doubling the farmer's income. Lectures were delivered by the experts on different topics including mushroom growing, protected cultivation of vegetables, apiculture, role of women in agriculture, self help groups formation, vermi-composting and kitchen gardening. The group was also shown the Protected Vegetable cultivation, Vermi-

compost structures, Pesticide Testing Lab, Soil Testing Lab and Quality Control Labs. They learned about modern farming techniques and how these practices contribute to the production of quality food, ensuring better nutritional value. The visit provided an enriching educational experience, offering the students profound insights into various facets of agriculture.

Div Com reviews repair, maintenance of Jammu City roads



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Tuesday convened a meeting of road construction agencies to review the repair and maintenance of roads in Jammu city. Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Commissioner JMC, SSP traffic, Chief Engineer PWD, Chief Engineer UEED, PD NHAI, Dy GM NHIDCL and other concerned officials attended the meeting. The Div Com sought the status of works and condition of different roads. He directed for better maintenance of roads, including fill-

ing of potholes and removal of blockades especially wherever road/flyover construction works are going on. It was informed that the road stretch from Jeevan Nagar to Kunjwani shall be ready by the end of this month. Similarly the concerned road construction agency assured that the road from fourth Bridge on Tawi to canal head Akhnor shall be ready in 15 days. The Div Com further asked the concerned to ensure there is no hindrance in the traffic movement on any stretch of the road where construction works are going on. He suggested taking up the repair and maintenance

works lane wise for hassle free movement on these roads. The Div Com took stock of the roads under PWD including Satwari to R S Pura road, Janipur road and the city roads maintained by JMC. The Div Com was apprised about the status of tender works and the expected date of completion. The Div Com directed the concerned agencies to identify priority roads and ensure their timely repair and maintenance works for providing the public hassle free travel on the roads. He asked the JMC to implement measures to avoid flooding on the roads in the city.

Power shutdown



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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Nagri, Airwan, Saidpur, Khakyal and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 06 from 8 am to 11 am. Similarly, the power supply to Hatli, Maroli, Mehtabpur, Jagatpur, Khanyara, Dhukkat and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 06 from 7 am to 11 am. Likewise, the power supply to Keerian, Gandyal, Keerian Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 06 from 7 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Siot, Lamberi, Bagnoti, Narian, Nowshera, Jaba Deeing Syal, Nonial, Manpur, Chowki Jangher, Qila, Darhal, Rajpura, Laroka and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 08 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Books in library signifies Richness of culture, steers direction of society & nation: Sat

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JAMMU: Sat Sharma, Jammu and Kashmir BJP President accompanied by Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, visited Nanaji Deshmukh Library, BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here on Tuesday. Rajiv Sharma, former MLA, Dr. Shehbaz Ganai, former MLC, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Dr. Tahir Choudhary, Sanjay Baru, Th Narain Singh, Jaideep Sambyal, and other senior leaders of the party also accompanied Sat Sharma during his visit to the library. Prof (Dr) Kulbhushan Mohtra, Incharge Library, accompanied by Pallavi Gupta, Ramesh Katoch, and Pooja Grover welcomed Sat Sharma and other leaders. He also presented books titled "Terrorism & Proxy War in Jammu region" and "Vish-Dhara 370", to the party's President. Sat lauded the efforts of Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra in establishing the state-of-the-art Library and attributed this to his dedication.



J&K BJP President, Sat Sharma and other leaders visiting Nanaji Deshmukh Library.

He said that Kulbhushan was accorded the responsibility to establish this Library from 'level one' during his (Sat Sharma's) earlier tenure as the President of the J&K BJP and he (Kulbhushan) served his duty with excellence. "Library acts as a means to develop one's personality by increasing knowledge and promoting introspection. The quantity and the quality of books in the library also signify the Richness of culture and steer the direction of the society and nation. Everyone should inculcate the habit of visiting and studying in the library", said Sat Sharma. Sat Sharma also asked to

take further steps to equip the library with more facilities especially to procure the rare documents and the books. He also asked the party leaders to inculcate the habit of studying books regularly. Kavinder said that Libraries are the repository of knowledge. The library is developed with a special motto to provide study resources to acquire deep knowledge. Those, who want to learn aren't satisfied until they achieve knowledge on a particular topic. Nana ji Deshmukh library consists of thousands of books and rare documents which are essen-

tial for anybody who seeks knowledge about Jammu-Kashmir; Praja Parishad, and other topics, said Kavinder while appreciating Prof Kulbhushan for the effort. Prof (Dr) Mohtra, while briefing Sat Sharma about the library said that Nanaji Deshmukh Library has a large collection of books on different subjects. He said that the library has a number of books on Praja Parishad Agitation and many other historic events/moments in Jammu and Kashmir. He also shared that the library has a documentation department, which has preserved many old documents digitally.

GDC Marh organises Maiden Blood Donation Camp



A volunteer donating blood during a camp.

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JAMMU: Red Ribbon club, Government Degree College Marh, in collaboration with Department of Immunohematology and Transfusion Medicine, Govt. Medical College, Jammu, National Blood Transfusion Council (NACO) and JKACS, Jammu on Tuesday organized a maiden Blood donation camp in the college premises under the supervision of Principal Prof (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul. About 70 Students participated in the blood drive and donated blood. The Principal urged the students to actively participate in this virtuous act. He noted that blood donation was one of the best ways to thank humanity and God. "Besides, saving precious lives of our fellow citizens during tough times, it helps the donor by activating the bone marrow, lowering blood pressure and

leading to various other health benefits," he added. Dr. Taseer Mehraj (Sr. IHB) from GMC Jammu raised awareness among the college students about the importance of blood donation and his team including Savita (Sr. Staff Nurse), Renu Sharma (Sr. Staff Nurse), Sonu (Counsellor), Badal (MTS), Rafiq, Pawan Sharma accompanied him in the double Decker bus. The camp was organized by Red Ribbon Club convenor Prof. Anjana Chib and coordinated by Dr. Shakun Sharma and Dr. Sheetal Sharma. The Principal of the college appreciated the indefatigable efforts of team of medical GMC, Jammu and college faculty (Red Ribbon Club) especially Prof. Anjana Chiba and Dr. Shakun Sharma for organizing the Blood donation Camp in the college.

CS assesses measures taken for promotion of Pashmina trade

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of stakeholders to promote the Pashmina trade here in J&K. The meeting, besides Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce, was attended by Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir; other concerned officers and private players belonging into this trade. At the outset of the meeting, the Chief Secretary enquired about different measures taken by the Department to promote this significant sector of handicrafts here in J&K. He observed that this craft has a very high potential and if tapped optimally can bring employment and substantial revenue to both the craftsmen and those associated with the trade. Dulloo also underscored the need for taking steps to restrict the marketing of counterfeit items on the name of Pashmina. He stressed on marking genuine Pashmina products with GI tags so that there is no difficulty in identification of the same. He asked for employing modern technology for achieving the desired results along with augmenting the testing capacity of labs for slashing the waiting time considerably. In his presentation the Director, Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir, Mehmood Shah enumerated



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting.

different achievements of the Department registered during the past weeks in reviving Pashmina sector and giving it a big push to grow here. It was revealed that the Department had succeeded in getting the sanction of Rs 5 Cr for establishment of Common Facility Centre (CFC) for Pashmina artisans here at Srinagar. In addition to that Rs 2 Cr had been secured for establishment of Pashmina Bank for round the year availability of raw material and 51 lakhs for the establishment of wool bank for creating a hub for efficient and quality wool processing in the valley. Moreover it was given out that the Departmental committees has worked out the rates for procurement of Pashmina and Wool also which is going to enable the process of procurement for its further processing and manufacture of finished goods at the hands of artisans here. Furthermore the Department featured several measures in progress that are going to rejuvenate this sector much beyond its present status. It was added that

the Department has framed an action plan to be submitted for large scale development of this sector in J&K. It was added that the plan includes establishment of more Raw Material Banks, de-hairing centres and Advanced Testing Labs of Higher Capacity besides using QR codes for identification of Genuine Products, better marketing and packaging avenues and participation in national and international trade fairs providing direct benefit to the craftsmen associated with this trade. Air Vice Marshal Vikas Sharma, Ch Zulfkar meets LG

District Shopian Volleyball Championship begins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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SHOPIAN: The much-awaited District Shopian Volleyball Championship kicked off on Tuesday at the Government Degree College Shopian. Organized by the District Shopian Volleyball Association, the event is being held under the banner of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, and is sponsored by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council. A total of 10 boys' teams and 4 girls' teams from various parts of the district have gathered to compete

in this exciting championship. The event was officially inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr. Shafeeq Ahmad, Principal of Government Degree College Shopian, along with the Head of the Physical Education Department, Zahoor Ahmad. The inauguration ceremony was also graced by the Guest of Honour. In the boys' section, some thrilling matches were witnessed as the teams battled it out for a spot in the semifinals. Royal Club Aglar defeated Big Bird

Jamnagri with a dominant 2-0 victory, the set scores being 25-20 and 25-22; MVC Reshnagri beat Future Champs Homehuna 2-0, with set scores of 25-22 and 25-21; GDC Shopian emerged victorious over Kachdoora Club with a 2-0 win, set scores being 25-21 and 25-19; Super Spikers Shopian triumphed over Khelo India by 2-1, with the set scores 25-20, 19-25, and 15-12; Khelo India defeated NIPS Zanipora 2-0, with set scores of 25-22 and 25-19. In the girls' section, the matches were equally intense. Khelo India Centre defeated Junior Khelo India Centre 3-0, with set scores of 25-22, 25-20, and 25-21; CNEI Nagbal Club beat GDC Shopian 3-0, with set scores of 25-23, 25-19, and 25-15. Tomorrow's Matches: Boys' Semifinals: Mahi Club will play against Royal Club Aglar in the first semifinal and Super Spikers Shopian will face GDC Shopian in the second semifinal. Girls' Final: CNEI Nagbal will take on Khelo India in the much-anticipated girls' final.



Air Vice Marshal Vikas Sharma calling on LG Manoj Sinha.