

3-day training on 'Post-Harvest processing & Value addition of Fish' concludes at KVK Jammu

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JAMMU: The three day training on "Post-Harvest processing and Value addition of Fish" under CIFT Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) project "Entrepreneurship development among Scheduled Caste (SC) communities through Post-Harvest management and value addition of fishes" organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jammu concluded here on Friday.

The objective of the training was to demonstrate the protocol for post-harvest handling and preparation of value added products from fish in order to create awareness for livelihood support among SC community through initiating small scale entrepreneurship. The trainees



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J P Sharma and others releasing training manual.

comprised 20 youth belonging to Jammu district.

While inaugurating the programme, the Chief Guest Vice Chancellor Prof. J P Sharma, opined that this kind of hands-on training will be beneficial to the youths in supporting their livelihood in remote areas. De-boning and value addition of fish will not only help in increasing local consumption of fish in the state but also enhance

profitability of the farmers significantly.

He ensured full support of the KVKs and University to the participants for entrepreneurship development and business establishment.

He quoted that Rural Youth can take it as a career opportunity because there is increasing demand on the value added products of fish.

Dr. S K Gupta, Director Extension, SKUAST-J

urged to adopt new technologies and methods for uplifting the profession and new techniques for marketing of their produce. Dr Punit Choudhary, Sr Scientist & Head, KVK Jammu addressed the farmers and informed that fish is high value protein diet for growing children and de-boning of carp flesh will help in higher consumption of fish among them.

Poonam Seharawat guided about branding and marketing problems to the participants. A training manual entitled "Value added products development from fish" was also released during the programme for future reference.

During 3 day training, Dr. Prem Kumar, Scientist

(Fisheries) practically demonstrated the post-harvest handling of fish, fillets preparation, preparation of fish fingers, fish balls, fish cutlets, fish steaks, fish curry, fish pickle and fish silage.

The trainees participated enthusiastically for learning the techniques and have shown interest in forming a self help group for setting up small scale enterprises.

A mushroom demonstration unit established by Dr. Muneshwar Sharma, Scientist as a component of Integrated farming system was also inaugurated during the visit of Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-J at KVK Jammu.

Vote of thanks presented by Dr. Amitesh Sharma, Scientist, KVK Jammu.

IFFCO Nano Urea Publicity Van flagged-off



Director AP&FW Jammu, K. K. Sharma flagging-off IFFCO Nano Urea Publicity Van.

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu, K. K. Sharma on Friday flagged off IFFCO Nano Urea Publicity Van from Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo. This Publicity Van will cover all districts of Jammu division creating awareness and widespread publicity regarding benefits of IFFCO Nano Urea.

Those present on the occasion included Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), A. S. Reen, Joint Director (Farms), Rajinder Sharma, DD (Central), R. K.

Hatashi, Agronomist (Vegetables), J. C. Raina, Agriculture Chemist, Aman Jyoti Sharma besides UT Marketing Manager IFFCO, Joginder Paul Metha, Field Officer Jammu, Vivek Verma and Field Officer Kashmir, Showkat Bhat.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Agriculture outlined that use of nano urea will help in increasing the farmers income by reducing the input cost and enhancing the quality of farm produce besides being eco friendly.

The Director informed

that a half litre bottle of nano urea has equal impact when compared to a bag of urea from the effectiveness perspective. He said nano urea is convenient in storage and transportation to difficult terrains besides having a higher shelf life of one year.

Representative, IFFCO Nano Urea apprised that nano urea is available at all fertilizer retailer points of Jammu Division at MRP of Rs. 240/Bottle which is 10% less of the conventional urea.

Additionally it was informed that small particle size of nano urea increases availability of nitrogen to crops up to 75%. Further it helps in maintaining soil health and reducing water and air pollution. Being a non subsidy product nano urea will go a long way in achieving sustainable development goals in the field of future agriculture.

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JAMMU: The Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) on Friday organised a webinar on 'Data Smart Cities: Transforming lives through Data' to promote the use of and spread awareness about the data.

Around 50 participants from different domains like Academia, Startups, Industries and citizens from different corners of the city interacted with the speakers and applauded the efforts made by the City Administration to promote such initiatives.

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As per MoHUA, the "Open Data Week" is being observed as

a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) from 17-21 January 2022.

The event aimed to showcase the benefits of open data such as increased efficiency, transparency, a spur in innovation, and economic growth.

In his welcome address, Manager (IT) JSCL, Jatinder Pal Singh explained the importance of Data in the current business scenarios and how the meaningful insights created from the data collected from different sources can help the administration to take better and informed decisions, citing few real-life examples.

The audience was also apprised of the recent initiatives taken by MoHUA, GOI to promote exchange of data across different smart cities and hence the

JKAACL organises virtual Dance, Music programme at Abhinav Theater



Artists presenting a song during the programme.

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JAMMU: To mark the ongoing 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), Jammu on Friday organized a virtual Music and Dance programme "Lehraye Tiranga" at Abhinav Theater here.

While addressing the virtual audience, Additional Secretary (Central), JKAACL, Sanjeev Rana, said that due to Covid-19

it is impossible to have an offline event. He further said that if the situation allows us in coming days, we will organise many programmes under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav', an initiative of Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India.

Today's virtual programme was started with melodious singing of Vanshika Jaral who made everyone awestruck with

her scintillating voice. This was followed by the mesmerizing performances by Suresh Chouhan, Nandani Kapoor, Zulekha Fareed, Shivani Koul, Shriya, Simran and Sameeksha.

The artists were accompanied by masters of their respective instruments including Darbari Lal (Tabla), Rohit Kumar (Octapad), Krishan Kumar (Synth) and Sanjay Kumar (Guitar).

The programme was culminated with the patriotic dance presentation choreographed by Ajay Raina, composed by Kuldeep Sapoor and presented by RMK Art & Research Foundation who made virtual audiences spellbound with their dancing skills.

National Girl Child Day celebrated by NSS unit of GGM Science College

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JAMMU: NSS unit of Government Gandhi Memorial Science College organized an online awareness workshop 'Empowering Girls by Education and Nutrition' under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrating National Girl Child Day.

The reason for celebrating this day is to make the girls of the country aware of their rights and importance of girl education, health and nutrition.

Man working at Mumbai airport, passenger held with Rs 45 lakh worth US dollars

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MUMBAI: A staffer of a ground handling agency and a Dubai-bound passenger were apprehended by CISF at Mumbai airport on Friday in a case related to the recovery of US dollars worth Rs 45 lakh, a CISF officer said.

Ritesh Parker of Aviatrix ground handling agency was first intercepted at the terminal-II of the facility by the security personnel and "USD 60,000 worth approximately Rs 45 lakh currency was recovered from his possession" during frisking. The currency was recovered from under the clothes and socks of the staffer who had an airport entry pass, the officer said.

He informed the CISF personnel that the cash was to be handed over to a passenger identified as Sufiyan Shahmawaz Shaikh, bound for Dubai from the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, he said. The passenger, however, refused any involvement in the case. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), however, said Parker confirmed that he was about to hand over the foreign currency to the said passenger; he was stopped with the help of the airline and the matter was informed to Customs and air intelligence officials, the CISF officer added.

FAIVM delegation calls on LG, apprises traders' difficulties during 3rd wave



FAIVM delegation during meeting with Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: Federation of All India Vyapar Mandal (FAIVM) delegation led by J&K UT President, Sanjeev Bansal called on Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha.

Bansal apprised LG about the current situation of trade and traders during COVID-19 and told that trade suffered huge losses during 1st and 2nd wave of covid-19. He requested LG for the prevention of same situation that happened during the previous two waves.

Sanjeev Bansal thanks LG Manoj Sinha for the boost provided to industries in a big way through an exceptional industrial package by which almost all big houses of the country are investing in Jammu

& Kashmir and started a new chapter of development.

FAIVM also apprised LG Manoj Sinha about a webinar held on 15th of Jan 2022 with Divisional Commissioner of Jammu Dr Raghab Langar over trade difficulties due to COVID-19.

Manoj Sinha praised FAIVM for active role in helping traders and trade organizations over different issues and promised full support for the welfare and development of business community.

Those who were present in the delegation from Federation of All India Vyapar Mandal J&K UT were Senior Vice-President Sandeep Mengi and Vice President Varun Gandotra.

Navy Chief meets Dr Jitendra, discusses 'Deep Ocean Mission'

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NEW DELHI: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral R. Hari Kumar called on Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed the modalities to deepen cooperation in "Deep Ocean Mission" which is to be the torchbearer of India's "Blue Economy".

The Minister said, "Deep Ocean Mission" is designed to explore India's deep ocean for resources and develop deep-sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources. It will have an important bearing on India's future economy, he added.

Pertinent to mention that the Indian Navy is a member of Deep Ocean Council and it will be involved in launching and recovery of Man submersibles in deep water; which will be developed under the Deep Ocean Mission. The

development. He said, it is designed to carry 3 people to a depth of 6000 metres in the ocean with suit of scientific sensors and tools.

The Modi Government had approved the Deep Ocean Mission (DOM) in June, 2021 to be implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences at a total budget of Rs. 4,077 Crore for 5 years. DOM is a multi-ministerial, multi-disciplinary programme with emphasis on development of deep-sea technology that includes development of manned Submersibles rated for 6000 metre water depth along with technologies for deep sea mining, exploration of deep-sea mineral resources and marine biodiversity, acquisition of a research vessel for ocean exploration, deep sea observations, and capacity building in Marine Biology.

Dr Jitendra informed that the preliminary design of the Deep Ocean Council and it will be involved in launching and recovery of Man submersibles in deep water; which will be developed under the Deep Ocean Mission. The

DDC Anantnag reviews progress of agriculture & allied sectors

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ANANTNAG: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, Dr Piyush Singh reviewed the functioning and progress of various schemes being implemented by Agriculture and Family Welfare department Anantnag.

The DDC stated that Agriculture is a multi sectoral activity and requires collaboration at all levels. He added that concerned departments have to work in a coordinated manner and as a team unit to achieve the desired results.

Threadbare discussion was held about achievements and bottlenecks hampering to achieve the desired results.

The DDC urged the officers that for the revival of the agriculture sector, adoption of new initiatives and modern interventions are necessary.

He stressed switching from traditional plantation to high-density plantation besides organizing capacity building programmes for farmers and adopting best practices aimed at modernizing and making agri activities more sustainable and environment friendly.

Reviewing the scheme wise progress in agriculture, the chair was informed that expenditure of Rs 1.68 crores has been booked in this financial year. While Rs 1.02 crores has been disbursed under

District CAPEX, substantial expenditure has also been incurred under PMKSY, Sub Mission on Agri Mechanization and Soil Health Card-NMSA.

The chair was informed that 16 tractors have been distributed among beneficiaries under Farm Mechanization scheme. Under the Mushroom cultivation program, 38 units are presently functional in the district and are being provided market linkage support. The district has also brought 200 ha under Lal Mirchi Promotion programme.

The Chief Agricultural Officer said that the department has laid impetus on capacity building programmes. 43 Farmer's training programmes have been conducted in the district. 52 demonstrations have been held to spread awareness among the farmers about various modern interventions that can be employed. He said that 7891 soil samples have been collected during the year. 6 Farmer Producing Organizations have also been set up.

Deputy Director Fisheries informed the chair that they have successfully established two trout units in the district. 25 trout units have been set up in the private sector with subsidy and are being provided marketing support.

Dr Singh emphasized that the fisheries sector has emerged as a good source of generating employment. He said that Trout is the earmarked product for Anantnag under One District One Product and the department should push for development of Micro Processing units to add value to the produce.

Under the Kisan Credit Card scheme, the department has sanctioned more than 8000 cases and funds have been disbursed in 75% of these cases. Similarly under Integrated Dairy Development Scheme 28 beneficiaries have set up dairy units / milk vans generating substantial employment. Under the Fodder development scheme, 40 people have received subsidies for purchasing modern equipment.

The Chief Horticulture Officer while presenting the progress of the horticulture sector informed the chair that the department has released Rs 2.4 crore during the current financial year with primary focus on mechanization of horticultural activities in the district. 611 modernization equipment including tractors, tillers, sprayers etc have been distributed among the beneficiaries. In capital development, 251 pack house and vermicompost units have been set up in the district. Construction of 15 borewells has been taken up under MIDH and District CAPEX.

Chief Animal Husbandry Officer said that more than 75000 artificial inseminations have been recorded which have resulted in an addition of 21,342 animals to the livestock. More than 3 lac vaccinations have been carried out in the present year.

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Chief Animal Husbandry Officer informed the chair that 44 sheep breeding and rearing units have been set up and 49 mini sheep/ goat units have been established. The Sericulture department said that 31 incubation units are functional in the district and an income of Rs 1.6 crores has been generated through Mushkabudji.

Chief Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry departments were directed to focus on employment generation by spreading awareness to attract investors to dairy and sheep rearing units.

He said the department should also explore avenues for processing initiatives for value addition to the produce. Dr Singh emphasized that the fish-