

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 flagging off 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 Sheharawat 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. Muneeshwar 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.

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 Amrut 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 audiences, 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 allow us in coming days, we will organise many programmes under 'Azaadi Ka Amrut 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 (Octopad), Krishan Kumar (Synth) and Sanjay Kumar (Guitar).

The programme was culminated with the patriotic dance presentation choreographed by Ajay Raina, composed by Kuldeep Saproo 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 Amrut 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. NSS Volunteers made posters on empowering girls through education 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 Aviaexpert 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 Suffiyaan Shahnawaz 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.

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 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 appraised 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.

The webinar was part of initiative "Open Data Week" being undertaken by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to promote awareness and use of open data. 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

introduction of open data week which is divided into two-parts, first being a 4 days activity from 17th to 20th January 2022 focused on enriching the Smart City Open Data Portal (<https://smarteities.data.gov.in>) where in different cities will be uploading quality data sets, data stories/blogs etc. and is accessible to different stakeholders.

The second part includes the celebration of "Open Data Day" on 21st January 2022, a one-day conference-like event for engaging various stakeholders like Academia, Startups, NGOs, Government Agencies, Industries Media and Citizens and highlighting

the importance of open data for governance and service delivery.

The Technical Experts, Suneel and Rahul from Project management consultancy demonstrated the live demo of Smart City Open Data Portal and presented various case studies based on the city data sets related to Environment, Infrastructure and Solid Waste Management available on the portal.

The audience was also informed of the Open Data Policies and Standards being used in different countries across the globe and how Information Technology is being leveraged for better decision making and enhancing quality of service delivery.

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, Sanjay 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.

Sanjay 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 Raghav 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.

NAHEP-IDP SKUAST-J organises lecture on soft skills

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JAMMU: NAHEP-IDP SKUAST-Jammu, under the guidance of Prof. J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor, organized an online guest lecture for the students on "Leadership Attributes and Decision Making", here on Friday.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Vishal Bector, Professor and Associate Director (Industrial Linkages), Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana. In his lecture Dr. Bector talked about the qualities of good leader such as forward looking, competent, honest, empower people, inspire people, set examples, lead change and should have vision.

Dr. Bector also emphasized how personal management, discipline, prioritizing events, differentiating between urgent and important can help in improving the work efficiency. He further discussed the decision making process and highlighted which style to use and

when it requires an understanding of authority and role as leader, the expectations of organization and type of decisions to be made. He also added that for strong decision making, leaders need to be aware of, have control over and express their emotions in a healthy and measured manner.

During the lecture there was a healthy interaction and the speaker motivated the students to give their opinions. The lecture was attended by both students and faculty members. Prof. B C Sharma, PI of IDP-NAHEP & HoD, Agronomy and Prof. Vikas Sharma, Co-PI, IDP-NAHEP & HoD Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry also attended the lecture.

Proceedings of the programme were conducted by Prof. Sanjay Guleria, Incharge, Counselling & Placement Cell and Associated Scientist NAHEP-IDP.

BJP Govt achieved another feat in J&K by administering 2 cr vaccine jabs: Abhinav

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JAMMU: It is a great feat for the people of Jammu and Kashmir as the effort of BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi has set a benchmark in J&K by administering over 2 crore vaccine jabs to beneficiaries falling in various categories above 18 years of age.

In a statement issued to media here today, BJP J&K Spokesperson, Advocate Abhinav Sharma said that despite number of odds and vaccine hesitancy among the large section of population the government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has crossed the 2 crore mark of administering the vaccine doses in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that a couple of years back no one was of the opinion that India will have the inoculation for the most dreadful disease of all times-

COVID-19 but it was the extraordinary efforts and strong resolve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that India achieved this greatest feat of all times and come up with indigenous vaccine which not only helped the people of the country to combat virus robustly but was also given to many countries across the world including Pakistan to fight the virus confidently.

Sharma said that J&K, being the region having tough terrains and large population, showing hesitancy towards vaccination was slowly and gradually covered under this gigantic campaign which was meant to fortify the population against the merciless coronavirus.

He said that the endeavour by the BJP government at the centre which provided adequate number of vaccine jabs to the UT of J&K and other logistics, and enthusi-

asm shown by the frontline workers including health department staffers under the realms of LG Manoj Sinha has helped the J&K to achieve this feat by which the UT has crossed 2 Crore mark of administering vaccines to people thus making them strong against the lethal virus that has wreaked havoc across the world.

The senior BJP leader said that J&K has been a front runner among the States/UTs in vaccinating the eligible population with the COVID vaccine.

"It was on 12th January 2022, the administration achieved 100 percent 2nd dose coverage of 18 and above age group", Sharma said, adding that the people should invariably follow the government advisories with regard to new variant Omicron as it is important to remain safe and stop the transmission of the virus.

DDC Anantnag reviews progress of agriculture & allied sectors

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ANANTNAG: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, Dr Piyush Singla 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 Singla emphasized that the fish-

eries 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.

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.

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.

District Sheep 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 rearing.

The DDC emphasized that agriculture and allied activities are a major avenue for employment generation. CAO was directed to ensure registration of organic clusters in the district and to take steps for increasing production of 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.

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 submersible in deep water; which will be developed under the Deep Ocean Mission. The

Ministry of Earth Sciences and Indian Navy are to soon sign a MoU for knowledge sharing in the areas of design and development of underwater vehicles.

Dr Jitendra recalled that during his Independence Day address from Red Fort last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that the "Deep Ocean Mission" will take India's development to new heights in the 21st century. The Deep Ocean Mission is a mission mode project to support the Blue Economy initiatives of the Government of India.

Dr Jitendra informed that the preliminary design of the manned submersible MAT-SYA 6000 is completed and realisation of vehicle is started with various organization including ISRO, IITM and DRDO roped-in to support

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 Submersible 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.