

SKUAST-Jammu inks MoU with ICAR-IVRI

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) on Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar (IVRI).

The MoU was exchanged between Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu and Dr. Triveni Dutt, Director, ICAR-IVRI. Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) located at Izatnagar, Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh state is an advanced research facility in the field of veterinary medicine and allied branches.

This collaborative agreement facilitates researchers



Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu and Dr. Triveni Dutt, Director, ICAR-IVRI after signing MoU.

and scholars to engage seamlessly in research and educational activities at both institutions.

Dr. B.N. Tripathi highlighted the historical establishment of SKUAST Jammu on September 20, 1999 to cater to the needs of Jammu region.

He shared that SKUAST-Jammu has previously signed multiple MoUs with

foreign universities, including the Western Sydney University (Australia).

Describing ICAR-IVRI as the Mecca of veterinary medicine, Dr. Tripathi underscored the invaluable opportunities this MoU will bring for faculty and students to engage in related fields.

Dr. Triveni Dutt, Director of the Institute cum Vice-Chancellor of IVRI

Izatnagar, emphasized the critical need for fostering collaborations and entering into MoUs with academic institutions.

This collaboration aims to enable the exchange of knowledge and sharing of resources, thereby propelling IVRI Deemed University onto the global stage.

Dr. Dutt expressed optimism about the possibilities

for further cooperation in the frontier areas of research, teaching, and extension through this agreement with SKUAST-J.

During the ceremony, Dr. S. K. Mendiratta, Joint Director (Academic), extended a welcome to all participants.

The MoU exchange ceremony was conducted by Dr. Gyanendra Singh, Academic Coordinator, Deemed University, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rajat Garg, Coordinator (UG). The event witnessed the presence of key figures including Dr. SK Singh Joint Director (Research), Dr. Rupasi Tiwari Joint Director (Extension Education), and other officers of IVRI deemed university.

Two school heads from J&K to participate NCSL's National Conference

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JAMMU: National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL), NIEPA, New Delhi is organizing a National Conference for celebrating School Leadership built around the theme of 'Whole School Development: Synergizing Leadership across School Ecosystem from 29th -31st January - 2024 at Vishav Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi.

Academicians, practitioners and school heads across all the States /UTs of India will attend this conference at New Delhi.

Two case study entries of best practices of school heads namely Suresh Kumar, Head, Govt. Boys Middle School Pindi Charkan Kalan,

Arnia Zone and Dr. Sushma Mawa, Principal, PM Shree Govt. Girls HSS, Reasi, Jammu Division have been selected by National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL), NIEPA, New Delhi.

Both the selected school heads have been invited to participate in this conference.

Dr. Zahoor Ahmad, Associate Professor and Nodal Officer, SLA SCERT J&K expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director SCERT J&K for his unflinching support to the School Leadership Academy Team J&K which always served as a driving force for the whole team to

work in cohesion towards achieving the set goal and vision of SLA SCERT J&K.

He also thanked H.R. Pakhroo Joint Director, Central and Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT Division Jammu for their continued guidance and advice in all the endeavors of School Leadership Academy SCERT J&K.

He further congratulated the SLA team including Parshotam Singh, Div. Coordinator JD, Dr. Shabnam, Div. Coordinator, KD, Manisha Chun, Associate Coordinator, Dr. Amarpreet Kour, Associate Coordinator SLA SCERT J&K ,DNO DIET Jammu and DNO DIET Reasi.

IIM Jammu hosts online lecture on ‘Rajbhasha Ke Baare Me Jagrukta’

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JAMMU: The Rajbhasha Samiti at the Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIM) Jammu organized an online lecture on "Rajbhasha Ke Baare Me Jagrukta" (Awareness about the Official Language).

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu welcomed Jagdish Ram Pauri, Joint Director Rajbhasha, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for online lecture session.

Pauri shared perspectives that highlighted the critical role of the official language

in fostering effective communication and national cohesion.

Jagdish Pauri's engaging discourse delved into the nuances of promoting and utilizing the official language to strengthen our cultural roots and ensure seamless communication across diverse sectors of society.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics at IIM Jammu, commended the initiative and mentioned that the Online Expert Lecture underscores the importance of language in preserving our cultural heritage.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, mentioned that IIM Jammu believes in fostering an inclusive environment that celebrates linguistic diversity.

This event has not only reinforced our commitment to the preservation of language and cultural heritage but has also served as a significant stride toward a prosperous and inspiring future where language becomes a bridge connecting diverse horizons, he said.

Shailesh K Lohiya, Librarian, IIM Jammu proposed the vote of thanks.

BJP conducts workshop on ‘Gaon Chalo Abhiyaan’

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, conducted State Workshop on 'Gaon Chalo Abhiyaan' at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Ravinder Raina, President J&K BJP, accompanied by General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul, former Dy. Chief Minister & J&K Lok Sabha Cluster Incharge Dr. Nirmal Singh, Abhiyaan Convenor & Vice-President Pawan Khajuria, and J&K BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal addressed the workshop.

Abhiyaan Co-convenors Raghunandan Singh Bablu,



President J&K BJP, Ravinder Raina speaking at a workshop in Jammu on Tuesday.

Anwar Khan, and Anu Bhasin were also present on the stage.

Ravinder Raina, addressing the workshop, laid stress on the significance of this Abhiyaan. He said that

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has termed this Abhiyaan to be instrumental in reaching the people at the ground level, understanding their needs, economically as well socially, and then ensur-

ing that the public welfare schemes reach the intended population.

Raina stressed that the dedication of the party activists in this Abhiyaan will further increase the vote

share of the party due to the good works done by the party.

Ashok Koul said every BJP worker must reach the village in letter and spirit. He said that the activists have to complete their stay of a minimum 24 hours in the allotted village.

He asked them to reach all the communities and their prominent persons.

The aim of the party, through this mega campaign, is on one hand to take the work of the government to the last person of the society and on the other hand, to take the views of the last person of society to the party and the government, Koul added.

‘Sanjhi Mitti, Sanjhi Viraasat’: A celebration of Folk Literature and Music organised at JU

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JAMMU: The Music Club and the Literary Club under the aegis of "Utsaah," the Clubs, University of Jammu (JU) showcased an extravaganza of scintillating performances in the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium of its Main Campus, as part of its ongoing ten day multi-arts festival "Protasaahan".

The programme themed "Sanjhi Mitti, Sanjhi Viraasat" was curated as a tribute to the folk arts of the Jammu Division of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The performances were inspired by the diverse traditions of music such as the Karkan, Baran, Bhaints, Bishanpate, Kirtan, Bibai, Badhai, Ghodi, Suhag, Barah Mah, and Lohri Geet and were to the accompaniment of the tradition musical instruments peculiar to



JU faculty presenting memento to a dignitary.

Jammu region namely, flute, ektara, dafla, sarangi, chang, narsingha, and kansiya, among others.

The Guest of Honour for the occasion was Asha Kesar who is a eminent Folk Singer. Asha Kesar talked about her journey through music and expressed a need to acquaint the younger generation with the folk tradition and heritage.

In her formal welcome address, Prof. Satnam Kour Raina acknowledged the initiative of Dr. Neeraj Sharma (Coordinator, The Music Club and SSVC) and Dr. Sadaf Shah (Coordinator, The Literary Club and Associate Professor, Department of English) in organising a delectable musical programme.

Among the key highlights

of the day were the performances on the folk of Chenab Valley, Gojri, Pahari, and Punjabi by Navleen Kour, Amanpreet Kour, Seeta, Razia Sultana, Guneet Singh, Vishavpreet Singh, Mohd Saqlain Ayoub, Jasmeen Kour, Vidhita Jamwal, Garima Sharma, Mavish Sharma, Vrinda Sharma, and Shubham, who sang to the accompaniment of the instrumentalists Aryan Verma, Keshav Sharma, Lavish Sharma, and Chandan Punia who sang to the accompaniment of instrumental music.

The vote of thanks was offered by Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Coordinator, The Music Club and Special Secretary to Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu.

The convivial occasion was graced by the presence of

Prof. Prakash Anthal, Prof. Rajeev Ratan, Prof. Jasbir Singh, Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Prof. Monika Sethi, Prof. Parmil Kumar, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Dr. Ravinder Singh Aman, Singh, Prof. Alka Sharma, Dr. Rashid Manhas, Dr. Pritam Singh, Dr. Garima Gupta, Dr. Sarita Sood, Dr. Sanjeev, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, Rakesh Sharma, Anuradha Sharma, Dubey, Sumeet Sharma, Kulbhushan, and Arif.

The master of ceremonies for the occasion was Raj Kumar (Renowned Radio Artist). While the introduction to the separate folk traditions was offered by Amanpreet Kour, Aarushi Singh Chauhan, Divya Anmol, Shiena Singh, and Komal Rajput.

Shiv Saniks pledge of patriotism, social service

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit on Tuesday paid a heartfelt tribute to party founder and Hindu Hridaya Samrat Bala Saheb Thackeray on his birth anniversary and took a pledge of patriotism and social service.

In a program organized today at Indira Chowk, Jammu, the state leaders present including party state chief Manish Sahni paid emotional tribute by offering flowers to Vandanna Bala Saheb.

Sahni said in his address that it would be a coincidence that a day before the birth anniversary of venerable Bala Saheb Thackeray, who played an important role in the Ram Mandir movement, a grand Ram Mandir and charming statue of Lord Shri Ram were were established in Ayodhya.

Sahni said that Balasaheb Thackeray outspoken style and the contribution of Shiv Sainiks in the Ram Mandir movement



Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K members paying tribute to party founder and Hindu Hridaya Samrat Bala Saheb Thackeray.

can never be forgotten. Bala Saheb Thackeray, born on 23 January 1926, played a very important role in the political stage of Maharashtra. Bala Saheb started his career as an influential cartoonist, founded Shiv Sena in 1966.

Bala Saheb Thackeray was a symbol of Marathi pride and Hindutva, whose passionate style earned him the title of Hindu Hridaya Samrat.

Sahni said that venerable Balasaheb Thackeray is not physically among us today, but his thoughts and outspoken

style are still alive in every true Shiv Sainik.

Along with this, great revolutionary leader Subhash Chandra Bose was also remembered and an emotional tribute was paid to him, Halwa Prasad also served.

On this occasion, President Women Wing Meenakshi Chhibber, Chairman Rakesh Gupta, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice President Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamghar Raj Singh, Titu Sehgal and many leaders and workers were present.

Pran Pratistha programme; Hindu Jagran Manch organises Langar, Shobha Yatra

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JAMMU: On the occasion of the Pran Pratistha programme of Shri Ram in Ayodhya, a Langar was installed by Hindu Jagran Manch worker Pawan Kundal at the Railway Station Jammu. A grand Shobha Yatra was also organized in which Vikram, Neelam, Uttam, Sunny, Arvind, Deepak, Ricky, Satpal, Ritik Bhaskar, Mukesh, Rahul Neelam, Gulshan, Saurav, Daniel Marks, Ravi Sharma,



Hindu Jagran Manch members taking out Shobha Yatra.

Krishna, Amit and other workers participated. They

thanked to all the workers for the successful Shobha Yatra.

Youth 4 Panun Kashmir unveils new Leadership Team, Apex Committee

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NEW DELHI: Following the successful conclusion of the Annual General Meeting (AGM), with the blessings of Bhagwan Shri Rama and under the guidance of its leader, Rahul Kaul, Youth 4 Panun Kashmir (Y4PK) announced the formation of its new leadership team and introduced the dedicated members of the Apex Committee.

The Apex Committee, tasked with overseeing the comprehensive functioning of Y4PK, comprised of Rahul Kaul (Chairman), Tito Ganju, Rohit Ravi Bhat, Veer Ji Wangoo, Rahul Razdan and Ashish

Dhar. Under the guidance of Vithal Chowdhary, the newly appointed President, the Y4PK Organizing Structure includes Digamber Raina (General Secretary), Peush Dhar (Organizing Secretary), Rohit Ravi Bhat (Treasurer), Mukul Sharma (Joint Secretary-Alliances), Sunil Raina (Joint Secretary - Youth Alliances), Rashmi Razdan (Joint Secretary - Social Media Relations), Anhad Jhakmola (Joint Secretary - Political Affairs), Yamini Kaul (Joint Secretary - Media) and Shehjaar Kaul (Joint Secretary - Research).

Ashish Chowdhary has been nominated as the National Coordinator, while Ritu Sumbli will be the West Zone Coordinator.

The Regional Coordinators include Nishit Raina (Delhi & NCR), Aerin Bhat (Chandigarh & Bengaluru) and Puneet Wangoo (Pune).

The Organization asserted that the coordinators for other regions will be announced soon.

President Vithal Chowdhary has expressed his best wishes to the newly elected committee, expressing confidence that they will ardently pursue the Organization's sole aim of reclaiming their Homeland.

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu OP Bhagat acquitted Hira Lal Pandita, son of Shambho Nath, resident of H. No. 23, Building No.103, Lower Mastgarh Peermitha, Jammu, the then Executive Engineer (XEn), Migrant Camp Jagti Jammu who was facing trial in corruption case for the last 10 years.

Brief facts of the case are that complainant Rakesh Singh, son of Angrez Singh, resident of Ward No. 5 Mandi Kotli, Samba lodged a written complaint on October 16, 2014 with P/S VOJ against the accused Hira Lal Pandita posted as Sub officer (M) in the office of Fire and Emergency Services Jammu-Range, Jammu alleging therein that he had applied for issuance of NOC in the office of Director, Fire and Emergency Services, Jammu.

His application was forwarded to Fire and Emergency Services, Kathua for field report who recommended for issuance of NOC but Hira Lal Pandita, Sub officer (M) posted in the office of Fire and Emergency Services, Jammu demanded Rs. 17,000

from the complainant for issuance of NOC. Before paying the said amount, the complainant approached SSP PR Wing, VOJ with a written complaint for taking legal action against the abovesaid Govt. servant under rule. On the basis of this complaint the instant case as registered in P/S VOJ u/s 5(2) PC Act. Svt. 2006 r/w Sec. 161 RPC and investigation started. After this, a trap team was constituted and laid a trap. Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Jammu OP Bhagat after hearing both the sides, observed that the entire prosecution case also suffers from serious contradictions, which go to the root of the prosecution case and the relevant facts emerging from the prosecution case have not been proved on the basis of evidence so as to fulfill the ingredients of the alleged offences. So on an overall appreciation of evidence on record, in the context of the elucidation of law pertaining to proof of the ingredients of Sections 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) & 4-A of P. C. Act as adverted to herein-above, I am of the considered opinion that the prosecution has failed to produce any cogent and convincing evidence so as to prove the demand and acceptance of the amount as bribe,

beyond any reasonable doubts and in the absence of proving the demand and acceptance, beyond reasonable doubts, presumption cannot be raised against the accused merely on the strength of the recovery of tainted money from possession of the accused.

The law on the subject is clear that mere recovery by itself cannot prove the charge of the prosecution against the accused, in the absence of any evidence to prove payment of bribe or to show that the accused voluntarily accepted the money knowing it to be bribe. In the instant case, as discussed above, there is no cogent evidence on record to establish that the accused had demanded or voluntarily accepted the money. The circumstance in which it was recovered is not sufficient to prove the guilt of the accused. The evidence of complainant is found not trustworthy on the demand and acceptance, the case of the prosecution falls in the category of doubtful cases. Therefore, in light of the discussion made above and keeping in view the aforementioned judgments of the authoritative Apex Court, the Challan is dismissed and accused is acquitted of the charges leveled against him.