# ISRO Scientist delivers talk on "From Space to Species" at Botany Deptt, JU

JAMMU: The Department of Botany, University of Jammu, in collaboration with J&K Biodiversity Council, organized a special talk titled "From Space to Species: Monitoring of Essential Biodiversity Variables Using Remote Sensing" by Dr. C. Sudhakar Reddy, Head of the Forest Biodiversity and Ecology Division, NRSC, Indian Research Space Organization (ISRO),Hyderabad.

Dr. Reddy outlined the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, its far-reaching implications, and the various measures being undertaken to address these challenges. Focusing on the concept of Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs), Dr. Reddy elaborated on Remote Sensing-based methodologies such as Spectral Reflectance Patterns, which are instru-



Dr. C. Sudhakar Reddy, Head of the Forest Biodiversity and Ecology Division, NRSC, ISRO, Hyderabad speaking at a programme in JU.

cal biodiversity, forest types, land cover, long-term forest cover changes, global tree cover loss, leaf area index, and forest fragmentation citing some specific examples from India and globe.

He also detailed the application of remote sensing approaches for biomass estimation and discussed their utility in addressing critical biodiversity threats, including forest fires, invasive alien species, and the shrinkage or loss of water bodies.

the role of remote sensing in mapping the global spatial distribution of endemic and threatened species and predicting their suitable habi-

Conveying his gratitude to the University of Jammu, Dr. Reddy desired he seeks to have meaningful collaborations with the Universities and research organizations in Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh for gathering essential information for the monitoring of EBVs at scales relsion-making for conservation.

Earlier, Prof Yash Pal Sharma Faculty of Life Sciences, JU and Member, J&K Biodiversity Council extended a welcome to the scientist from ISRO, Hyderabad.

Prof Sharma informed that since species abundances and distributions are changing quickly, globally, it is imperative to gather trustworthy, comprehensive information for directing and evaluating

or empowering

The Additional General

Secretary reiterated the party's resolve to address the

aspirations of J&K's diverse

communities, ensuring that

various benefits and functions of species and how the AI-driven tools and remote sensing can be employed to resolve some of the present challenges of biodiversity monitoring and conservation.

While Dr. Skarma Nonzom conducted the proceedings of the event, a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Harish

The event was attended by the officials of the J&K Biodiversity Council, Forest Research Institute, Jammu, Faculty of Life Sciences including Prof. Veenu Kaul, Neeraj Sharma (Bhaderwah Campus), Harpreet Kour, Rakesh Abrol, Dinesh Singh, Dr. Amit Gupta, Dr. Ripu Daman, Dr. Shash Pal (Department of Zoology, University of Jammu), Dr. Abhishek Dutta, Dr. Komal Verma, research scholars and students of the Department

## POCO unleashes its X Factor: X7 and X7 Pro Launch with Akshay Kumar

JAMMU: Continuing its legacy of innovation, POCO, one of India's fastest-growing consumer tech brands, unveiled its flagship X7 Series-POCO X7 5G and POCO X7 Pro 5G-at a high-energy event in Jaipur. Packed with cutting-edge advancements in display brilliance, performance dominance, and unmatched durability, the X7 Series redefines smartphone excellence and solidifies POCO's leadership in the premium segment.

The launch was elevated by the presence of Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar, introduced as the face of POCO India, reflecting the brand's bold and fearless ethos perfectly aligned with its philosophy of "Xceed Your Limits."

Himanshu Tandon, Country Head of POCO



Akshay Kumar and others launching POCO X7 series.

India, stated, "At POCO, innovation drives every decision we make. With the X7 Series, we are setting new benchmarks in the premium smartphone cate-

We are thrilled to have Akshay Kumar as the face of POCO India, whose dynamic presence aligns with our commitment to excellence. With the X7 Series, we're proud to debut the MediaTek Dimensity 8400 Ultra and

durability standards with IP66+ and IP68 ratings, along with flagship-grade Corning Gorilla Glass protection. From the X7 5G's segment-first AMOLED 3D Curved Display to the X7 Pro 5G's unmatched performance, this series represents a quantum leap from our previous generation, bringing flagship innovation at

Xiaomi HyperOS 2.0 glob-

ally, while also setting new

# NC committed to fulfilling all poll promises: Sadhotra



Additional General Secretary JKNC, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing one day convention at Bishnah.

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BISHNAH: National Conference (NC) Additional General Secretary and former Minister, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, reaffirmed his party's commitment to fulfilling its poll promises and Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) toward a new era of peace, prosperity, and development.

Speaking at a One Day Convention in Bishnah, organized by Pt. Sham Lal (Block President) and Ch. Naresh Bittu (District President Jammu Rural), Sadhotra praised Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's

the issues facing J&K's peo-

During his address, Sadhotra emphasized that the National Conference is deeply rooted in the region, with a proven track record of selfless service. He reflected on the party's legacy of public service, underscoring the leadership's dedication to the welfare of all J&K residents.

"The massive mandate in the 2024 elections reflects the trust and faith of the people in our leadership and policies," Sadhotra said, highlighting the party's political philosophy centered on the common people's welfare. Sadhotra lauded Chief

proactive measures, including the swift restoration of essential services after snowfall in the Kashmir Valley, and the consistent provision of water, power, and other critical services across the He also stressed the National Conference's historic contributions under the

Minister Omar Abdullah's

leadership of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, and now Omar Abdullah. "The National Conference has always pioneered

reforms, whether through

land reforms, promoting lit-

no one's concerns are over-He urged party workers to strengthen their outreach, identify public issues, and work toward their resolu-

tion.

eracy,

women," he noted.

The convention ended on a high note, with party workers vowing to enhance their efforts for the betterment of J&K. Arjun Singh Raju, MLA Ramban, reaffirmed the commitment to the party's vision of a prosperous, inclusive Jammu and Kashmir. On this occasion, former BSP President Tarsem Khullar joined the National Conference, with Sadhotra and other leaders welcoming him warmly.

Prominent included Mohd Ayoub Malik (Provincial Secretary), Surit Singh Manhas (Joint Secretary), Chander Mohan Sharma President), and several other

## Two-day painting workshop by KK Gandhi concludes at IIT Jammu



Director of IIT Jammu, Prof. Manoj Gaur honouring artist K.K. Gandhi.

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: IIT Jammu successfully hosted a two-day Live Painting Workshop on January 9 and 10, 2025, featuring the globally acclaimed artist K.K.

This creative initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, offering an enriching dive into the world

of fine arts.

K.K. Gandhi, celebrated for his exceptional contributions to the field of fine arts, guided participants through the intricate process of live painting.

The workshop included interactive sessions where attendees explored a variety of painting techniques, mediums, and styles under the expert mentorship of the

The event aimed to foster creativity, self-expression, and an appreciation for art within the  $\Pi T$  Jammu com-Gandhi Sh. munity. expressed his delight at the participants' enthusiasm, remarking on the importance of incorporating art into academic and professional settings to encourage holistic development. "Art is

not just a form of selfexpression but a way to connect with oneself and others," he said during one of the sessions.

The Director of IIT Jammu, Prof. Manoj Gaur, also addressed the gathering, commending Gandhi's efforts in inspiring creativity. He reiterated HT Jammu's commitment to promoting multidisciplinary engagements that enrich the academic experience and nurture innovative thinking.

The workshop concluded with a vibrant display of the participants' artwork, showcasing their creative interpretations and newly acquired skills. The exhibition received widespread appreciation from attendees, highlighting the transformative power of art in sparking creativity and uniting diverse perspectives.

# GMPS Srinagar delegation meets LG to discuss issues of revered Ganpatyar Shrine

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A delegation from Ganesh Prabhandhak Samiti (GMPS), Srinagar, comprising CA U.K Jalali (Senior Vice-President), Behari Lal Raina (General Secretary), and Sanjay Raina (Member Executive Body), met the Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, here, to discuss issues related to the



GMPS Srinagar delegation calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

revered Ganpatyar Shrine. The delegation submitted a memorandum outlining their concerns, and LG listened to attentively.

that the issues would be addressed promptly and communicated to the relevant agencies for immediate resolution, ensuring the necessary steps are taken for the shrine's welfare.

i) Notification No. 173-BOPEE of 2024 dated 25-11-2024 ii) Notification No. 001-BOPEE of 2025 dated 09-01-2025. iii) Notice No. U-12021/05/2024-MEC dated 04-01-2025 from MCC, GOI. Notification No. 002-BOPEE of 2025 Dated 10-01-2025

Filling up of MD/MS Management Seats of Hindu Minority (HM) and Non-Resident

Indians (NRI) Quota of ASCOMS, Jammu 2024 through Joint Counselling by the J&K

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

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**BOPEE** after lowering the Merit of NEET PG Courses.

Consequent upon the reduction of merit by GOI for NEET PG-2024 Courses vide notice no. U-12021/05/2024-MEC dated 04-01-2025 of MCC, GOI, it is hereby notified for the information of all those interested candidates of NEET PG-2024 who fall within the ambit of revised percentile as mentioned in the above referred notice and are willing to participate in the counseling for admission to MD/MS Courses-2024 under Hindu Minority (HM) and Non Resident Indians (NRI) Quota of ASCOMS, Jammu shall have to submit their relevant documents on the prescribed proforma at the BOPEE Offices Srinagar/Jammu w.e.f. Important Note:

The last date for submission of the documents under NRI/Hindu Minority Quota physically at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar is 14-01-2024 (till 03:00 P.M). The check list Proformas for Hindu Minority (HM) / NRI is available as Annexure-A & B to this

Notification only on the official website of BOPEE i.e.www.jkbopee.gov.in only The candidates who have already applied vide Notification No. 173-BOPEE of 2024 dated 25-11-

2024 need not to apply afresh.

General Conditions: - The candidates applying for NRI/HM Quota seats. should have applied under NEET-2024 and have qualified / obtained minimum percentile score and

should also have to submit all the required documents in BOPEE Office Jammu/Srinagar as mentioned vide Notification No. 001-BOPEE of 2025 dated 09-01-2025 along with HM/NRI certificates.

Fee Structure: -The fee is fixed by the Government of J&K for MD/MS seats in ASCOMS, Jammu vide Government Order No. 659-HME of 2019 dated 10-07-2019 read with Government order no. 221-HME of 2016 dated

Eligibility for NRI Seats: -Category No. 1: - The applicant himself /herself is NRI, and family originally belongs to the UT of J&K.

01-04-2016, & eligible candidates are advised to confirm fee from ASCOMS, Jammu before submitting the documents at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar.

Category No. 2: - Children/wards of NRI, who originally belong to the UT of J&K. Further, the documents required for NRI Category 1 and 2 are as under:

Category No. 1:

NEET PG-2024 Score Card;

NRI certificate issued by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India or Indian Embassy H.

Overseas under Ministry of External Affairs with holding of Indian Passport;

Copy of NRI Bank Account preferably in the country where the candidate is residing or of NRI

Copy of Indian Passport;

Copy of Income Tax Return filed in India, if any: PAN Card, if any;

Domicile Certificate of the candidate.

viii. Any other document may be required by the Board for its satisfaction

Category No. 2:

NEET PG-2024 Score Card; NRI Sponsorship Letter;

Undertaking of NRI duly attested by the legal authority of that country where sponsor is residing or Indian Embassy Overseas;

Bank Statement of the sponsor; Resident/National Certificate or NRI certificate of the sponsor;

Pedigree Table/Family Tree establishing relationship of the candidate with the sponsor along with

documentary Proof; vii. Employment certificate of the sponsor:

PAN Card, if any, of the sponsor; viii. PAN Card, if any, of the candidate/parents;

Copy of Income Tax Return filed, if any; Domicile Certificate of the candidate.

The prescribed Proformas as Annexure-A & B to this Notification are available only on the official website www.jkbopee.gov.in of the board.

1. The seats shall be filled up purely based on the Eligibility and Merit of the candidates secured in

the NEET-PG 2024. The candidate applying under Hindu Minority Quota shall be required to produce a certificate from

the Competent Authority that he/she belongs to the Hindu Minority (HM) Community Only Domiciles of UT of J&K are eligible to compete against the above seats of HM and NRI.

The eligibility under NRI shall be subjected to such other conditions as may be notified by the Competent Regulatory Body of the Government of India / UT Government or such orders of the Hon'ble Court applicable on the subject.

Mere submission of the documents does not confer any right of candidate for admission unless and until the eligibility is verified by the board.

No. BOPEE/Exam- 12/2024 Dated 10-01-2025 DIP/J-3548-P/24

Dated:- 11/01/2025

(Prof. Gurvinder Raj Verma) **J&K BOPEE** 

Football match in progress between Young Hero and Vijay Club.

Young Hero blanks Vijay

Club to enter Football semis

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Young Hero made it. an absolute 6-0 victory on Saturday against Vijay Club to qualify for the semifinals of the ongoing 18th Christmas Gold Cup at Mini Stadium, Parade, here. In the third quarterfinal, played today, Young Hero was

leading by three goals at the half time. The domination continued after the breather and the side added three more goals to their tally to make it a big 6-0 win. Earlier, first two goals netted

by Salman in the 10th and

14th minutes. Other goals came through Shivansh (two) and Jayant. Narinder Gupta, Masoon, Ranjit Singh, Ramesh Chander, Kumar, Vikramjit Singh David

Masih, Yousaf Do, Sodagar Mattoo, Rakesh Kumar, Kamaljeet Kumar, Rajinder Choudhary, Rattan Lal. Sharma, Ricky Rocky

Kumar, Bilal Ahmed and Aman Banathia were the officials in today's match.

Now, in the fourth quarterfinal, J&K Police shall take on Hero's Club at 3 pm tomorrow.

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Ref: ADVT.NO. 24-25/13 IREL, OSCOM invites request for TENDER NOTICE Date: 11.01.2029 for proposal for the following items/job descriptions.

GEM/2025/B/5798333 Supply of 12500 MT Coal GEM/2025/B/5772411 AMC for Mechanical Maintenance at Mining Plants Engagement of Manpower for shift operation at Mining Plants.

Bidder may download tender document from <a href="http://irel.co.in">http://irel.co.in</a>, <a href="https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app">https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app</a>. Any corrigendum/Extension to above lenders shall cbc 48146/12/0014/2425 GM & HEAD, MMD, OSCON

## IN THE COURT OF 1ST ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, JAMMU

Present: Ranbir Singh Jasrotia

. Kamla Devi W/o Lt Rachhpal Chand R/o Chack Singha Thathi Jandial, Jamm

.Vijay Kumar S/o Rachhpal Chand R/o Chack Singha Thathi Jandial, Jamm 2. Neelam Devi W/o Ram Ditta R/o Camp Gole Gujral, Jammu, 3. Neelu Bala W/o Sohan Lal R/o Camp Gole Gujral, Jammu

In the matter of: Petition for grant of Succession Certificate. Notice to : Public at large

Whereas, the petitioner/s has/have filed the above titled application for grant succession certificate in his/her/their favour in respect of debts and securities left behind by deceased Rachhpal Chand S/o Lt. Bitto Ram R/o Chack Singha Thathi Jandial, Jammu died on 20-03-2022. Amount of Rs.20,000/- only wit

Now, through this Proclamation /publication, the public at large is hereb nformed that in case any person is having any objection/claim in the above titled etition, he/she/they may appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate and file objections on 20-01-25 at 10:30 AM, failing which the matter shall be decided under law. In case the date fixed is declared public holiday, the case shall be taken up on the next working day. Given under my hand and seal of this court today the 17th day of Dec. 2024

1st Additional District Judge No: 29/Ist ADSJ Dated: 10-01-2025 **EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ARNIA** 

AMANDEEP SINGH SOM RAJ S/O LT. SH. GIAN CHAND R/O VILL. PACHEL, TEH. ARNIA, DISTT. JAMMU

**VERSUS BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ARNIA** APPLICATION DIRECTIONG BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ARNIA TO ENTER DATE OF THE DEATH APPLICANT'S UNCLE

NAMELY 1) SOM RAJ PROCLAMATION
WHEREAFTER THE APPLICANT HAS FILED THE ABOVE FITLED APPLICATION IN COURT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DIRECTION TO THE BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ARNIA TO MAKE AN ENTRY OF THE DATE OF DEATH PARTICULARS OF

THE APPLICANT'S UNCLE ABOVE WHO DIED ON (1) 11/09/2002

NOW BY THE WAY OF THIS PROCLAMATION GENERAL PUBLIC/ INTERESTED PERSON/ ARE HIS BY INFORMED THAT IF ANY PERSON/S WHO AS / HAVE ANY OBJECTION/S WITH RECORD THE SUBJECT MATTER SHALL FILE OBJECTION/S IN THE COURT ON OR BEFORE 7 DAYS.

FAILING WHICH, AN APPROPRIATE ORDER SHALL BE PASSED GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT TODAY THE 06TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

> **EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS ARNIA**