

National Farmer's Day: Road show, millet exhibition held

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JAMMU: To commemorate National Farmer's day, the Agriculture department, Jammu, on Saturday organized a road show and Millet exhibition at Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo.

Pertinently, the day is being celebrated every year in memory of late Choudary Charan Singh, former Prime Minister of India. The objective of the event was to explore the potential of millets in transforming the agricultural landscape. Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production, Shailendra Kumar, inaugurated the event.

Director Agriculture Jammu, Ram Savak along with HoDs of allied departments were present on the occasion.

The event included a road show campaign on the millets promotion and an exhibition.

Principal Secretary inspected the stalls exhibiting different



Principal Secretary APD, Shailendra Kumar flagging off road show.

agriculture activities and gave on spot directions for promoting a unique brand in honey and mushroom.

Shailendra Kumar urged upon everyone to incorporate millets in their daily diet to achieve a healthier lifestyle and abstain from unhealthy food. He reiterated resolve of agriculture department to increase awareness regarding millet consumption and ensure a full day meal made of millet once a week to help the students and faculty attain a healthier lifestyle.

Principal Secretary exhorted upon all to promote millet consumption as it is chemical free and a healthier alternative.

In response to certain queries raised by members of Kisan Advisory Board, the Principal Secretary informed that for facilitation of farmers the department has issued the order which will facilitate sale/purchase of animals within and outside UT. All the Deputy Commissioners have been directed to vigorously pursue the PMKISAN cases as well as

saturate KCC activation under Kisan Bhagidhari Prathamika campaign, he further informed.

Director Agriculture mentioned that the Millets Mela is a unique platform for all stakeholders to connect on a common platform. He made a reference to the age old healthy practice of using millets in their diet and having a healthy lifestyle. He said that Govt. of India is now focusing on re-introducing health supplements having millets for promoting a healthy lifestyle among the

masses. He urged upon all to collaborate to promote and create awareness about millets leading to increased consumption and cultivation benefitting the farmers.

On this occasion, he also highlighted various achievements of schemes like HADP, CSS and sanction of projects under NABARD. The Millet Melacum-Exhibition was a day filled with innovation, learning, and networking opportunities, bringing together farmers, kisan board representatives, academia, experts, and enthusiasts under one roof.

Among the prominent persons who attended the event were Inam Din MD HPMC, Nagender Jamwal Director CAD, Vikas Sharma, Director HPM, Hamid Wani Secretary Kisan Advisory Board J&K, Balbir Kaur, Tejinder Singh, Basant Singh Saini, Kulbhusan Khajuria and other progressive farmers.

BJP committed to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas': Yudhvir

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JAMMU: J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi on Saturday reiterated the Party's foundational principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' (Together With All, Development for All) during a public grievance camp held at Pt Prem Nath Bhawan, Kaechi Chawni, Jammu.

This camp, was organized to address the concerns and issues of local residents, underscored the BJP's commitment to inclusive growth and development. During the camp, Parveen Kermi, President East Mandal and Arun Sethi, General Secretary East Mandal accompanied the senior BJP leader. Various deputations, including individual persons—most of whom were women—visited the camp to present their grievances on issues such as ration, education, pension, PHE, PDD, revenue, power, water scarcity,



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi listening to public issues.

roads, and other development-related topics, as well as personal issues. Sethi assured the attendees that the BJP is committed to address their concerns and working tirelessly to improve the lives of all citizens.

Yudhvir said that serving the people through the core principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' is our party's guiding philosophy. This approach, he emphasized, is about ensuring equal opportunities and equitable development for every citizen of India, transcending

all barriers of caste, creed, and religion. Sethi highlighted various initiatives and policies implemented by the BJP-led government that align with this inclusive development ideology. He also stressed the importance of collaborative efforts and community participation in realizing the vision of a prosperous and unified India.

"BJP reaffirms its dedication to serving the nation and its people, continually striving towards a future where every citizen can thrive," he added.

GDC Akhnoor celebrates Gita Jayanti



GDC Akhnoor students and faculty during a Gita Jayanti celebration.

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AKHNOOR: GDC Akhnoor on Saturday celebrated Gita Jayanti under the theme "Gita Samaroh" under the aegis of Viksit Bharat @2047 highlighting the importance of our rich culture and heritage inculcating the ethical values among the youth under the patronage of Principal Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat and under the supervision of Prof. Sandhya Rani, HOD Dept. of Sanskrit and Dr.

Deepali Mahajan, Coordinator Viksit Bharat. The programme started with the lighting of lamp followed by the Saraswati Vandana.

Prof. Pooja Devi Department of Botany welcomed all the faculty members and students present on the occasion.

She threw light on origin and significance of Bhagwat Gita in modern times and highlighted the importance of Bhagavad Gita in the life of people.

She described how Bhagavad Gita has become inspirational book for the entire world and addressed the students on this eve.

The program was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Pushvinder Sharma Dept. of Sanskrit.

Prof. Deep, Prof. Sourav, Dr. Sunil, Prof. Amit, Prof. Slony, Prof. Nidhi Jarngal, Prof. Sandeep, Prof. Rahul, Prof. Pankaj, Ankush also graced the occasion.

CCI condemns terrorist attack on army vehicle

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JAMMU: In a meeting of office bearers of Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) held today at Chamber House Arun Gupta, President CCI strongly condemned the terrorist attack on an Army Vehicle at Dhatyar Morh between Dhera Ki Gali and Buziaz under jurisdiction of Surankot Police Station in Poonch District in which five Army soldiers were martyred and two others were injured.

The meeting saluted the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives while defending the motherland and also prayed for the speedy recovery of injured and expressed sympathies with the bereaved families. A two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to the departed Souls. Arun Gupta said that fundamentalists of all hues are worried with the peace, tranquility and brotherhood between different communities and want to destabilize the brotherhood. He also added that Chamber firmly believes that people of Jammu and Kashmir shall not get trapped in their nefarious designs and will firmly uphold the credentials of secularism. He also requested

the International Community to raise their voice against the terrorism of all kinds and urged World Community to sensor Pakistan who openly supports and promotes terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

The other office bearers present in the meeting include Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Manish Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer.

Sham Lal advocates moral education and values-based learning in Education System

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JAMMU: Former Minister and Vice President, J&K BJP, Sham Lal Sharma has advocated moral education and values-based learning in education system. Sham Lal Sharma, as the chief guest, speaking at 32nd Annual Day celebration of Tiny Aspirants Public Higher Secondary School, here on Saturday.

"In today's fast-paced world, where technological advancements are reshaping our lives, the importance of instilling strong moral values in our educational institutions cannot be overstated. As we witness a surge in information and innovation, the role of moral education becomes paramount in shaping the character of our youth," said Sham Lal Sharma.

He added that moral education is not a mere supplement



School faculty presenting memento to former Minister Sham Lal Sharma.

to academic learning; rather, it is the bedrock upon which we build responsible and conscientious citizens.

"It is heartening to see schools emphasizing values such as integrity, empathy, and social responsibility in their curriculum. These values are not just virtues but the cornerstones of a harmonious and progressive society," Sham said.

He urged the society, that we must recognise that education

is not confined to textbooks and examinations. It extends to cultivating individuals who not only excel in their chosen fields but also embody the principles that make our communities thrive. Values-based education equips our youth with the tools to navigate the complexities of life with a sense of purpose and moral clarity.

Anuradha Pandoh, Principal, GDC Jaurian was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. The

theme, "Lokarpan: Petals of Peace and Unity," set the tone for a memorable evening that showcased the incredible talents and achievements of our students.

In the end Sharma gave congratulations to Principal Seema Sharma, dedicated staff, and management of School for orchestrating a tremendously successful event specially to the talented students who made the event truly memorable.

sinfully acts & all evils, where as Soul is Pious, immortal, Unborn, Fire cannot burn it, wind cannot blow it away, & water can't melt it, by having continuous faith on all these three, one can attain salvation, Mukti or Moksha can make oneself free from Birth & Death".

Dr Jain was felicitated by Dharmender Madan, Chief Vigilance officer from Corporate Gurgaon, Vinod Baxla General Manager JK Unit, Abhay Kumar, CGM Assistant Management, and Anil Shawney CGM Projects JK UT.

Vimal Koul, CM HR conducted the proceedings of the programme and delivered Vote of thanks.

Swami Vijeshananda, I/C Medical Unit Rama Krishna Mission was another speaker on the subject.

Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti celebrates "Gita Jayanti" as Mahotsav

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JAMMU: Devotees of Sanatan Dharma under the banner of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti celebrated "Gita Jayanti" as "Mahotsav" of 7 days (17th to 23rd December) in many parts of Jammu to spread the message of Lord Krishna. Volunteers of Samiti on Saturday organized function in Shakuntla Goushala. The occasion was graced by Sunil Sharma, National Co-ordinator of Samiti alongwith Prachar Pramukh of different Districts. Function started with pujoan of the holy Granth "Shrimad Bhagwad Gita".

Sunil Sharma expressed that Shrimad Bhagwat Gita is the need of the hour.



ABDPSS members and others at a Gita Jayanti programme.

Sharma informed that over the years, many initiatives have been launched by Samiti to expand the knowledge of the sacred scripture-Bhagwat Gita which can infuse the feelings of love for humanity and God in every body. This year samiti distributed copies of Shrimad Bhagwad Gita to the heads of many Institutions of Jammu to keep the same in the library

of the Institutions for the benefit of the students.

Sharma stressed upon daily reading of Shrimad bhagwad Gita by all for overall self development and added that greatest quality of Bhagwad Gita is that it prompts an individual to think, to take fair and right decision, to look at life differently and refreshingly without surrendering ones identity. Vipin Sharma

Sr. Member of Margdarshak Mandal of Samiti expressed to the audience how to practically apply the teachings of Shrimad Bhagwat Gita in day-to-day life and attain maximum happiness in reality. After religious disclosure "Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta" was distributed to the Heads of Naveen Shiksha Kendra High School Channi Himmat, and A. S. N Higher Secondary School, youngsters and housewives present in the colourful ceremony of Gita Jayanti Mahotsav.

Sanjeev Kumar learned expert from Punjab lauded the efforts of the Samiti for organizing Gita Jayanti as Mahotsav. Devinder Sharma and Jai Krishan Sharma were also present.