

Need to develop scientific temper in youth: Prof Dhar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: University of Jammu (JU) has been chosen as the nodal institution of Jammu province for the organization of Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate (VP): Festival of Scope for all" under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, said Prof Manoj K Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, JU.

Prof Dhar said that the science and technology organizations of our country are committed to ensure that the benefits of Science and Technology and Innovations reach the masses and help the society in circumventing various problems.

In that direction, Vigyan Prasar, Ministry of Science and Technology of Govt. of India in collaboration with Ministry of Culture and office of Principal Scientific Advisor are organizing a week long Pan India Programme called Vigyan Sarvatre Pujyate and in addition to displaying India's Scientific Heritage and Prowess, the programme will showcase the scientific and innovative solution being offered in the Field of Defence, Space,



VC JU, Prof Manoj K Dhar and other dignitaries releasing a brochure during a press conference.

Agriculture, Health, Astronomy, Environment, etc said Vice-Chancellor while addressing the media fraternity.

It is also the event to chalk out the future course of the action with regard to Scientific Research and highlight the targets which India is setting for itself for the next 25 years. For the programme in University of Jammu various Committees have been constituted to ensure that each and every component of the festival is attended to with precision and maximum benefit goes to the students who are the future scientists of this great nation, he said.

Vice-Chancellor said that the festival is being celebrated at 75 different loca-

tions of the country, besides the main programme happening at New Delhi in a hybrid mode with a focus on four major themes: Milestones of Modern Indian Science and Technology, Swadeshi Paramparik Inventions and Innovations, Science and Technology for next 25 years and Competitions for all (under SCoPE).

The inaugural of the glorious function is happening at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium at 1.30 PM on February 22 and the programme has been designed in such a way that it gets linked - up in continuity with the Inaugural Function taking place at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi from 3:00 PM -5.00 PM.

The live streaming of the Inaugural Function being organised at New Delhi shall be live-streamed in General Zorawar Singh Auditorium Complex of the JU, he said.

Professor Rajni Kant, Director, College Development Council and the Convenor of Vigyan Sarvatre Pujyate programme, while detailing the programme, said that organization of an event of this kind is a once in a lifetime opportunity and it is a privilege that university has been identified for this event, and that this mega event is spread over to seven days.

He informed that over 1700 delegates have already been registered on the uni-

versity portal for this week-long event and a sizable number of students have also given their preference for participation in theme-based competitions as identified by Vigyan Prasar.

Books Exhibition has been organized for the benefit of students coming from secondary schools to college and university level, including the research students, from Feb 23-27th on the first floor of Gen Zorawar Singh Auditorium. A state - of -the art Exhibition of Posters has also been arranged in the lawns of the auditorium which shall remain in place from 11:00 - 4:00 PM (Feb. 23rd -27th).

The proceedings and vote of thanks were conducted by Dr Vinay Thusoo, Incharge Media and Official Spokesperson, JU.

Among others Prof Rajni Dhingra, Dean Research Studies, Prof Seema Langer-Dean Faculty of Life Sciences , Prof Jasbir Singh, Controller of Examinations, Prof Rahul Gupta, Dean Faculty of Mathematical Sciences, and Er. Anik Gupta, Director, IT were also present on the occasion.

Red Rose XI wins maiden Cooperation Cricket Cup trophy

Yasha Mudgal honours players

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: For propagation of slogan given by Cooperation Ministry "Sahkar se Samridhi" four team 20-20 cricket knockout tournament 'Co-operation Cup' was organized by J&K Dairy Producer Processors and Marketing Coop Union Limited (JKD-CUL) in association with Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and SIBA Events.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest, Yasha Mudgal, Secretary Cooperatives JK UT said that main motive of such event is to spread the message "Sahkar se Samridhi" and educate youth to get and learn about prospects of opportunity in cooperatives.

She further said that cooperatives provides platform to youth and health activities and young generation especially youth and woman should come forward and avail the benefits under cooperative fold. She congratulated the winners and appreciated role of CRPF.

Bhanu Pratap Singh (DIG, CRPF) welcomed the Chief Guest and participants and



Secretary Cooperatives JK UT, Yasha Mudgal presenting trophy to winner team.

asked for organizing more such events where all like-minded stakeholders can come together for common cause.

Vikrant Dogra (Head, JKDCUL) presented vote of thanks and congratulated Organizer of event SIBA Events & Entertainment MD and Founder Sidharth Verma, Baljeet Singh and Shubham Kumar for success of Cooperation Cup.

Guest of Honors were Bhanu Pratap Singh (DIGP GC Jammu), PC Gupta CO, Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Comdt., Sumit Verma (DC), Adv. Balbir Singh Manhas, Basant Saini, Virender Singh, Binny Thakur (ICICI

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Khajuria, Red Rose, RCC, Bantalab Legends & Jammu Star teams took part in the tournament. First match was played between Bantalab Legend and RCC which was win by RCC. second match was won be Red Rose by defeating Jammu Star. In final match, Red Rose defeated RCC by 60 runs. Batting first, Red Rose scored 168 and in reply RCC made only 108 runs. Man of the Match as well as Man of the Series Trophies were received by Yogesh Sikka for his all-round performance with bat and ball.

Divyang Blue beats Divyang Red, levels series 2-2



Teams posing for a photograph with officials.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Splendid performance of Divyang Blue team helped to beat Divyang Red by three wickets and leveled the five-Matches T-20 Series by 2-2.

The match was played at Army Ground Daskal, here on Friday.

The J&K Divyang Red team to the toss and decided to bat first.

Batting first, Divyang Red team scored 133 run for the

loss of nine wickets in stipulated 20 overs in which shanty was the top scorer with 26 runs, while Rahul Sharma made 24 and Nikhil Sharma added 13 runs to the total.

For bowling side, Shah Aziz and Mantu Sharma grabbed three wickets each while Bittu got two wickets and Tarsem Lal took one wicket.

In reply, Divyang Blue team easily chased the target by losing seven wickets in the

process in 19.4 overs and registered three wickets win.

Asha Nand played a fine inning of 33 runs followed by Deepak Sharma, who contributed 22 runs while Tarsem Lal and Shah Aziz made 17 and 14 runs respectively.

For bowling side, Rahul Sharma and Chahal bagged two wickets each while Ajeet, Nikhil and Tarsem Dogra took one wicket each .

Asha Nand was declared as Man of the Match for his splendid performance. Rajeev Narayan and Akhil Sharma were Umpires, while Dev Bhagel acted as scorer.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Five Matches T-20 Series is being organized by Divyang Cricket Control Board of India under the supervision of Sham Singh Langeh (Chairman J&K Divyang Cricket Association).

NSS unit of GGM Science College imparts Water Conservation awareness in Special Winter Camp



NSS volunteers posing with faculty members during a programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized a seven-day Special Winter Camp with theme 'Water Conservation, Drug-deadiction and Waste management' under the Clean India Campaign from February 19..

NSS Volunteers Sunandini Sharma, Nancy Sharma, Sargam Verma, Sanchit Sharma, Rishi Kumar, Aman Mandi, Siya Gupta, Rimjhim, Abhimanyu Sharma, Meehika made posters on the theme Jal Hai tu Kal Hai on the very first day.

The resource person, Prof. Surbhi Dubey enlightened volunteers about the judicial use of water. "Water conservation

is the practice of using water efficiently to reduce unnecessary water usage. Conserving water means using our water supply wisely and be responsible. As every individual depends on water for livelihood, we must learn how to keep our limited supply of water pure and away from pollution." he said.

On February 20, volunteers Archita Gupta, Ajinka Sharma, Anchal

and Aaghav Arora participated in group discussion to adopt the habits to save nature.

On the third day, NSS volunteers Nancy Sharma, Ajinka Sharma, Mohammad Ali, Sonal Sharma, Meehika Sharma, Karanveer Singh, Reetik Kapahi wrote slogans and the awareness workshop was conducted by Dr. Shakhia Sharma.

She explained the role of youth in spreading the awareness that starts from home to neighbourhood to community to nation.

NSS volunteers also participated in cleaning water bodies.

Volunteers took the pledge " Save water, and it will Save You." NSS PO emphasized that the necessity of inculcating the eco friendly habits to save water for the future.

Pooja qualifies NET-JRF

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Pooja Devi, daughter of Raj Kumar and Bindro Devi, resident of Surjan Challogge, Tehsil Bani, district Kathua has been qualified National Eligibility Test-Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) in Hindi, the result of which was declared by University Grant Commission recently.



Numit qualifies NET

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Numit, daughter of Sudesh and Bal Krishan and wife of Suneet Verma, resident of Paloura, Jammu has been qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) in Commerce, the result of which was declared by University Grant Commission recently.



Lavender designated Doda brand product, Kishtwar Rattle project revived: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing DISHA meeting for district Doda on Monday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lavender has been designated as Doda brand product, while Kishtwar's Rattle Hydropower Project has been revived after over eight years.

Khilani - Goha - Sudhmahadev National highway, also linking Kalota and Humbal, and National High Altitude Medicinal Plant Bhaderwah will become functional early next year in district Doda.

This was disclosed here on Monday by Union Minister and MP from Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency, Dr Jitendra Singh, while chairing the District Development

Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meetings of districts Doda and Kishtwar respectively.

Dr Jitendra said Rattle Project, which along with Pakkal-Dul project and Kiru project make the entire region Power-surplus, was put on hold by the earlier government but has been revived on the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Minister also informed that Lavender has been designated as Doda brand product. During the meeting, Dr. Jitendra Singh also stressed on the branding of the products under 'One District, One Product' initiative with innovative themes so that holistic development of the district

must be ensured.

Dr. Jitendra also informed that Goha Khilani National Highway Project will be completed in early 2022-23.

He further informed that National Institute of High Altitude Medicinal Plant will be functional in March next year. Dr. Singh also said that the local sports talent in J&K would now be explored under 'Sansad Khel Spardha' providing sportspersons the opportunities to compete at Panchayat level, district level and UT level. Under Digital Health Mission, Dr. Jitendra said that 'Doctor on Wheels' started from Doda has been very successful especially in its far-flung areas providing 'Telemedicine' services using the latest technology and

consulting with super speciality doctors from different parts of the country.

Dr. Singh stressed that coordination meetings must be conducted every third month of the year so that the constructive inputs may be taken from the elected representatives of the district for follow up and plugging of loopholes in the implementation.

Dr. Singh also informed that the all-weather, Chattergala Tunnel connecting Kathua and Doda districts via Bani-Basholi will be included under Bharat Mala Project Phase-II.

Dr. Jitendra Singh also chaired the DISHA Meeting for Kishtwar District. During the meeting, Dr. Jitendra Singh Dr. Singh further informed that Kishtwar is going to become the hub of hydroelectricity. Both the DISHA meetings were attended by the District Development Commissioners of Doda and Kishtwar; DDC Chairpersons of Doda and Kishtwar; District Officials, District Members, DDC Members and Sarpanchs and Panchs of the districts.

J&K women chess team leaves for Odisha

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir women Chess team shall proceed for Senior National Women Chess Championship slated to be held at Bhubaneswar in Orisha from February 25 to March 2.

Earlier, the team, selected by the All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA), screened by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) officials, Sports Officer, Ashok Singh and Manager, Satish Gupta at MA Stadium, here.

The team members were introduced with the screening committee by president of the



J&K chess team posing with officials.

Association, Atul Kumar Gupta in the presence of senior member; Raj Kumar

The Team: Meenal Gupta,

Purvi Rajvansh, Stuti and Bhawna Sharma. Priyanka Sharma accompanying the team as Manager.

Prominent political activists join BJP



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina along with newly joined members.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Prominent political personalities joined BJP in the presence of J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina at party headquarter, here on Monday.

Arun Sharma accompanied by BDC Arshad Begum, Sarpanch Joginder Sharma, Sarpanch Anil Sharma, Panch Ganga Ram, Panch Gopal Chand, Panch Shakti Singh, Sub. Kuldeep Singh, Ex-General Secretary Hem

Raj, Capt. Bodh Raj, Retd. Inspector S. Jarnail Singh, Sub. Romesh Chand, Bashakhi Ram, Bashir Ahmed, Panch Jyoti Devi, Panch Naresh Bhagat, President Bajjigir Badradi Gain Chand, Raj Kumar, Gulam Hussain, Naib Sarpanch Balbir Singh, Sat Paul Sharma, Panch Shashi Pal, Shirdev Vaid, Ankush Sharma, Vijay Kumar and others joined BJP on the occasion.

Ravinder accompanied by BJP Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta and other

party leaders welcomed the political personalities into the party fold.

Ravinder Raina while welcoming them into the party said that the party has high hopes that these entrants will now work dedicatedly in future to strengthen the party and abide by the party principles. Arun Sharma thanked party senior leaders for their love and support and said that they will make sincerest efforts to abide by the principles of BJP now.

Sawhney led delegation calls on ADGP Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A delegation of people led by former MLA Jammu East, Yogesh Sawhney on Monday met ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh to discuss action of police and illegal arrest of some peaceful protesters from Ward-3, Mastgarh by police. Sawhney was accompanied by Ward-3 President, Sahil Dogra and some protesters.

Pertinent to mention here that residents of Ward-3 held a peaceful protest to express their demands and concerns on Sunday, but had a scuffle with Police resulting in serious injuries to many. The protesters, accompanying Sawhney, apprised AGDP regarding incident.



Delegation led by former MLA, Yogesh Sawhney after meeting with ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh.

ADGP Mukesh Singh gave them a patience hearing and assured that he would take necessary actions to in the matter. The former Minister along with the delegation further apprised the ADGP of issues faced by them due to maintenance works of Circular road area. They

further highlighted issue of dumping yard near Circular road as people are demanding that it should be shifted to another location. After hearing concerns, ADGP Mukesh Singh ensured delegation that he would personally monitor the situation and take necessary action in this regard.

Saqlain named Best Setter in Federation Cup

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Son of the soil and native of district Poonch, Saqlain Tariq brought laurels to J&K after he named 'best setter' in the just concluded Federation Cup Volleyball Tournament held at Bhubaneswar in Odisha.

Son of Mohd Tariq, chairman Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh Memorial Volleyball Club, Saqlain represented Services at the National level. Important to mention here that Saqlain was the first Volleyball player from J&K to represented the country at the international level. Meanwhile, Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir congratulated Saqlain for being the best thus bringing cheers for the volleyball fraternity back home.

Naresh qualifies NET

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JAMMU: Naresh Kumar, son of Bachno Devi and Shiv Ram, resident of Prithipur Colony, Tehsil Bishnah, district Jammu has been qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) in Dogri, the result of which was declared by University Grant Commission recently.



Jammu Athletics meet on Feb 27

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu District Athletics Association shall hold one-day Jammu District Athletics Championship at PG Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar grounds, here on February 27. As per a handout issued here today, those interested athletes of the district have been advised to report to Ramesh Sharma (9419796769) and Rajesh Sharma (7051056570) before or on February 27 morning.