Cooperatives can fulfill PM's vision of Self-Reliant India: Vishesh

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JAMMU: Farmers have always been the back-bone of our country and J&K UT government under the leadership of Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor and guidance of Navin Chaudhary, Principal Secretary Agriculture is striving to strengthen this back-bone of the country through innovative and solid measures. This was stated by Vishesh Mahajan, Director Horticulture (P&M) while presiding over the awareness programme here on Sunday.

Director Horticulture (P&M), Vishesh Mahajan and others during a programme.

To fulfill the dream of a self-reliant India, he said, there can be no better way than to have a successful cooperatives movement. To achieve this vision of PM, Directorate of Horticulture (Planning & Marketing) conducted a one day brain storming and awareness session for "Making Cooperatives Effective & Impactful Organisations" at Conference hall Kissan Ghar, Narwal Mandi, here.

The programme was presided over by Vishesh Mahajan along with Priyaranjan, AGM, NABARD, Dr. Pawan Sharma, Assistant Professor, SKAUST, Amit Howaldor, Vice President Intello Labs, Digvijay Gupta, Joint Director and Ayaz Ahmad Natnoo, Deputy Director Horticulture (P&M) Jammu. The participants also included Presidents, Secretaries and member of different Co-operative Societies of Jammu Division. Vikrant Dogra (Head, JKDCUL) CBBO empanelled by NABARD and NCDC deliberated on problems, redressal and benefits of Co-operatives. AGM, NABARD discussed on role of NABARD in strengthening Cooperatives.

Jammu Kashmir Start-ups Association emphasised on adopting a boot strapped start-up approach for new cooperatives to create opportunities with existing resources in the beginning and utilising govt funds under various schemes in scaling/ expansion stage.

Vishesh Mahajan emphasised on the need of synergy among the newly registered cooperatives and asked the cooperative organisations to work towards being the transforming agents in the rural India by ensuring that they make an positive impact in the life of its members and the general people also. He called upon for ensuring the cooperation of cooperatives to ensure that there is synergy in the activities of these cooperative organisations. Deliberations were also held on transforming Rural J&K through Co-operative Societies and on successful working of Co-operatives. Vice President, Intello Labs created awareness among the participants regarding role of Technology in Agriculture and its use by Co-operatives.

The Department of Horticulture (P&M) has registered six numbers of Cooperative Societies within a short span of one month & is in the process of formation of more such Societies.

Moreover in the said Co-operative Societies maximum no. of women have been enrolled members. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ayaz Ahmad Natnoo, Deputy Director, Horticulture Planning & Marketing.

Meher Munshi releases her book 'Cheese Chilli Toast'

From desk of 11-year-old, this is book full of ups & downs, twists & turns of life

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JAMMU: Eleven-year-old girl Meher Munshi on Sunday released her first book 'Cheese Chilli Toast'- a collection of short stories which are loosely based on her learnings and life experiences, at an event at Press Club Jammu.

Dignitaries releasing Meher Munshi's first book 'Cheese Chilli Toast' at Jammu.

The book has been published by Wing Publications based in Pune.

Speaking at the book launch event, Kailash Pinjani, Managing Director of Wings Publication said, "If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."

"Meher at very young age is blessed with writing skills, I recommend every grown-up to read her book to revisit childhood memories and every kid to get inspired and write a personal story as book," he said.

"Cheese Chilli Toast" as name suggest presents various colours of life of a kid, it is window to see how a 11-year-old kid looks at the world.

At the event, Meher Munshi spoke about the book and what inspired her to write, "It all started during COVID. My mother had to reluctantly give me a computer with her only instruction to use her time, life and the computer constructively."

Meher used this as an opportunity and did what she loved best that is; to write. She wrote her first book 'Cheese Chilli Toast'.

This book chronicles exploring new things from the eyes of an elementary school kid, finding things she wants to explore and more importantly those she doesn't enjoy and navigating through all this with support from her parents.

Meher Munshi, lives in Seattle United States and her parents are of Indian origin. She is an avid reader and devours mythology books, loves sports and is especially passionate about fencing. She lives life to the fullest and enjoys learning new skill sets, making new friends and helping out her parents.

Her book, Cheese Chilli Toast is available for purchase on Amazon from 27th February onwards.

RPI expresses concern over neglect of daily-wagers

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JAMMU: RPI J&K President Tanveer Hussain and Vice-President Raj Kumar Goyal alleged that UT Government is totally apathetic towards the plight of daily rate workers and is not serious in solving their genuine issues. Addressing a press conference, Hussain expressed concern over continued neglect of 60,000 daily rate wagers who have been deprived of their rights and continued to deny wages act. Party also expressed concern over the anti-youth decision of the Government especially with the candidates who had applied for Border Battalion proposed by the Government in 2019. "Daily wagers are demanding their due share, which the Government should give to them at any cost", Hussain said, adding that if the strike by these daily wagers continued, the day is not far that there will be sever water crisis in the Jammu and Kashmir.

RPI warned to organise district wise protests if government continue to neglect the issues of daily wagers.

Dr Tandon from GMC Jammu joins pool of highly qualified Credentialed IMS-Menopause Experts

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JAMMU: Prof (Dr) Vishal R Tandon, becomes the first Pharmacologist to clear Credentialed Indian Menopause Society-Menopause Practitioner/Expert (CIMP) Exam 2022.

By clearing the said exam, he joins the pool of 446 IMS certified/qualified Menopause experts of India. This year 93 specialist doctors cleared the said exam from the country.

Exams of CIMP is a very prestigious online exams of Indian Menopause Society, the goal of which is to produce highly qualified and trained medical fraternity across the country, after exhaustive six month deliberations/teaching and learning by online mode in the country, who are trained human resource and are well verse to promote multidisciplinary, multi factorial, comprehensive approach towards the care of menopausal and aging individuals by promoting public health, education and research in the field of Menoapsue.

Dr Tandon will be awarded scroll of Honour in the Annual National Conference of Indian Menopause Society (27th IMSCON) to be held at Vadodara in the month of June 2022.

The exam was conducted by the Chairperson Dr Sheela Mane, IMS Exam Committee, under supervision and guidance of Dr Ambuja Choranur, President IMS and Dr Sudhaa Sharma Secretary General IMS, who is pioneer in starting and establishing the menopause service in J&K.

Dr Tandon said, "it is very important to have menopause multi-speciality established and strengthen in every medical college of J&K if already existing with endocrinology, Gyane and Obst and Medical and surgical Specialties to provide comprehensive care to these aging people which contribute a large population now because of increased life expectancy in India. Beside this, specialities like PSM and Pharmacology can contribute immensely by conducting specific research in this specific field to generate data for health care providers."

Dr Tandon is also Chief Editor of Journal Midlife Health (Pubmed Indexed Journal) at present and has contributed at National Level in framing Treatment Guidelines in the field of menopause as an expert.

JKPEECC hails issuance of regularisation policy for PDD daily-wagers

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JAMMU: Power employees and engineers under banner of JKPEECC, an amalgam comprising of various unions of Power Development Department (PDD) led by Sachin Tickoo, General Secretary JKEEGA and Convener PEECC Jammu, Jaipal Sharma, Chairman JKPEECC & President DEA, Ashok Dubey Vice President JKEEGA , Anil Slathia Lineman & Workers Union, Kulbir Singh EEU, H D Singh TEF, Tarun Gupta PDDEU, Balbir Singh Draftsman Association, Jasbir Singh, Akhil Kumar, Gurmeet Singh, Purshotam Kumar and others, during a meeting held on Sunday in Jammu, expressed gratitude towards LG Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Niteshwar Kumar Principal Secretary PDD, Dr Tahir Firdous Addl Secretary PDD, Dr Desraj Bhagat Addl Secretary HRM PDD, and Team Human Resource Management (Gazetted/Non-Gazetted) JKPDD, Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar for landmark achievement of issuance of roadmap policy for regularization of nearly 12,000 daily-wagers.

"This historical development has been possible due to concerted and rigorous efforts of Principal Secretary PDD and his team who worked day and night to mitigate problems projected by Power Employees and Engineers Coordination Committee. We are extremely delighted as a fraternity on this momentous occasion which shall not only lay foundation for regularization of such a huge workforce but also prove to be a cornerstone for future developments towards resolution of human resource issues in PDD," the leaders added.

Several Indian-origin scientists keen to return home: Dr Jitendra

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FARIDABAD: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that India is today witnessing a sort of reverse brain drain with several Indian origin Scientists abroad keen to return home and the credit for this goes to the enabling atmosphere generated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Union Minister was speaking at an event to mark 36th Foundation Day of the Department of Biotechnology at the Regional Center of Biotechnology, Faridabad, Haryana.

The Minister also released New Guidelines for Ease of Doing Science; Towards "Less Government More Governance" and Directory for the Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellows along with inaugurating the Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship conclave. Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellowship is a prestigious scheme of the Department of Biotechnology, launched in 2006-07 with the aim to bring back the Indian Scientists working abroad.

Dr. Jitendra congratulated the Department of Biotechnology on its 36th Foundation day and said that the DBT over the past 36 years has impacted Biotechnology research and development, education and innovation across the country. The Minister noted that the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) used Covid as the opportunity to showcase to the world what it is all about.

He said that the Department has contributed to the development of all aspects of Biotechnology and the best of biotechnology is yet to come.

The Union Minister also outlined the commendable role of the DBT towards the mitigation of COVID-19 pandemic and especially under the Mission COVID Suraksha, DBT has played crucial role towards development of vaccines against COVID-19.

On this occasion, the DBT Foundation day lecture was delivered by Padma Santosh Yadav, first woman who scaled Mt Everest twice. She shared her experiences and challenges of mountaineering with scientists and fellows.

Leadership Summit 3.0 culminates at IIM Jammu

A dignitary lighting a ceremonial lamp.

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JAMMU: Third installment of flagship event, the Leadership Summit, a two-day grand event, culminated at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on Sunday with many thought-provoking sessions by global heavy-weights from industry, Government and other walks of life. The main theme of the event was 'Leadership next for Atmanirbhar Bharat', with the primary focus on self-reliance, self-sustenance, adopted by Government of India and making India a part of global economy. On day two of Leadership Summit 3.0, Papiya Banerjee, Co-founder, Unqbe, and Kailash Kulkarni, CEO, L&T Mutual Funds, spoke on theme, 'Gig Economy: Unlocking Potential of an Independent Indian Workforce'. Rajashree Natarajan, CEO, Cognizant Foundation spoke on the topic 'Forging an emerging leader: disrupting the status quo'. She laid the foundation of this discussion by giving an overview of her background and her illustrious journey.

Founder-CEO of OYO Rooms and winner of the Business World Young Entrepreneur Award, Ritesh Agarwal graced the event with virtual presence. He advised the students to take bigger leads ahead of themselves and not hesitate to try by pursuing new business opportunities.

Ranjan Thakur, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce J&K mentioned that transformation has to be a rapid process and needs to dismantle the entire regime in order to bring real change. According to him, everyone amongst us should have the commitment to drive the change on all fronts as India is a young nation and it needs to keep changing with time. Vanitha Datla, Vice-Chairperson & MD, Elico Ltd., spoke about the critical issues faced by the nation comprising of low labour rate despite having skilled homemakers.

In his valedictory address, Prof B S Sahay, Director IIM Jammu, motivated students to pursue entrepreneurship and highlighted that IIM Jammu is committed to promoting entrepreneurship as its core subject. Prof Sahay also mentioned that it is better to be a job creator rather than being a job seeker. Padmashri Dr Milind Kamble, Chairman BoG, IIM Jammu and CMD, MPK Group of Companies & Founder of DICCI gave an insight into the Aatmanirbhar Bharat package announced by Government of India and various incentives for various strata of society. The programme consisted of interesting questions and answers by students at end of each panel discussion. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr Pankaj Agarwal, Chairperson, Chairperson, Executive Education, IIM Jammu.

Prof Rajni Kant delivers lecture on 'Past, Present & Future of Radiation Technology, Application'

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JAMMU: On the sixth day of the week-long festival of science and technology 'Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate' at the University of Jammu, renowned physicist, Prof. Rajni Kant, the Convener of the science-week programme talked on the topic "Past, Present, and Future of Radiation Technology and Application".

Physicist, Prof. Rajni Kant delivering a lecture at JU.

He first introduced in a simple word the different types of electromagnetic radiation and their range of application from everyday usage to research.

During the talk, Prof. Rajnikant focused on X-ray radiation; its history, properties, and different applications.

He introduced the audience to the applications of X-rays in material study, medical imaging, and treatment of cancers.

Towards the end of the lecture, he mentioned that space science, polymorphism crystal engineering, and pharmaceutical drug development are the few future applications of X-ray crystallography.

Dr. Vishal Rai, Indian Institute of Science and Education Research, Bhopal in his lecture on "Precision Engineering of Proteins Enabling Biology and Medicine" introduced the audience to various chemical technologies that enable precise control over the site of bioconjugation.

He discussed at a length the chemical operation mechanism of the nucleophile and its behavior which explored a state-of-the-art platform that offered homogeneous antibody-drug conjugates (ADC's) for cancer chemotherapy.

The lecture also hopes for the possibility of precision therapeutics with small molecules.

Pulse Polio Camp organised at Charitable Dispensary of Dharmik Yuvak Mandal

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JAMMU: A pulse polio camp was organised on Sunday in the Charitable Dispensary run by Dharmik Yuvak Mandal at Dharmarth Trust Guest House, Purani Mandi, here.

Doctors and other dignitaries at pulse polio camp.

Ajay Gandotra, President, Dharmarth Trust and Dr. Gopal Parthasarathi, Secretary Dharmarth Trust were the Special Invitees and the camp was inaugurated in the presence of office bearers and founder members of Dharmik Yuvak Mandal.

A large number of parents along with their kids upto five years of age were seen in queue with social distancing and wearing face masks.

Speaking on this occasion, Gandotra and Dr. Parthasarthi appreciated the role of DYM involved in social and religious services since more than four decades and also lauded the role of medical team deputed by J&K Health Department.

Anil Sharma, President DYM welcomed the dignitaries and guests and appealed Jammuites to participate in all the religious functions viz Maha Shivaratri and forthcoming Ramanavami Shobhayatra to maintain communal harmony.

In the Joint statement issued by Dharmarth Trust & DYM it was appealed to hold a Big Shobha Yatra on Ramanavami maintaining the old heritage, Dogra culture and civilization of Jammu following SOP of Covid as issued by Govt.

It was informed that few new religious events are also scheduled to be held during this year to unite people of J&K.

Prominent among others present on this occasion were Dharnidhar Sharma, Patron, Kuldeep Anand, Gopal Sharma, Vijay Gandotra (A noted Social worker) Nischal Anand, Vijay Atri, Kamal Sharma, Monika Sharma, Radhika Anand, C.P Raina, Vijay Pradhan and Surinder Vermani.

Proceedings of the function were conducted by Gopal Sharma, General Secretary. Vote of thanks was presented by Nischal Anand, Treasurer.

RPO, ICCR Jammu host mega cultural programme

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JAMMU: On the occasion of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) week, the Regional Passport Office (RPO) Jammu hosted a mega cultural programme based on Dogri, Kashmiri & Pahadi songs, dances and music by renowned Saptak Classical Fusion Band on Sunday at Brig Rajendra Singh Memorial Auditorium, University of Jammu.

Dignitriaes presenting memento to ADGP Jammu, Mukesh Singh.

The programme started with a lighting of lamp by Mukesh Singh, Additional Director of Police, North Zone Jammu who was the Chief Guest on the occasion accompanied by Prof Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu as Guest of Honour, who were felicitated with presentation of bouquet and mementos by Regional Passport Officer & Regional Director, ICCR RO, Jammu. A galaxy of music lovers, foreign students, students and faculty members of University witnessed the programme and expressed their ecstasy by offering standing ovation. While presenting welcome note, N K Shil, Regional Passport Officer and Regional Director, ICCR J&K and Ladakh informed that AKAM, a 75 weeks special campaign of Govt of India was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi on March 12, 2021 at Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmadabad to celebrate glorious history of Indian people, culture and achievements and Mahotsav will continue till August 15, 2023.

Under the direction of Armstrong Changsan, Joint Secy (PSP) & Chief Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office Jammu & ICCR conducted a host of activities like-Passport Awareness Day, Special Grievance Redressal & Pendency Clearance Day, Plantation Drive, Essay Competition/Quiz Contest/Drawing Competition on Freedom Struggle and Indian Constitution, Swachhta Abhiyan, etc during the celebration from February 21 to February 26, said Shil, urging people to come forward in large members, participate proactively in the Mahotsav for strengthening roots of democracy and resolve to become equal partners in development.

Speaking on the occasion, Mukesh Singh appreciated the sincere efforts and a series of activities undertaken by Regional Passport Officer Jammu and Regional Director ICCR Jammu and he hoped these efforts will go to a long extent in achieving vision of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Prof M K Dhar, VC of Jammu University also appreciated the untiring efforts for organising a colourful extravaganza towards noble cause of AKAM.

Prominent artists who performed during the programme included Shartik Raj, Udey Veer Slathia, Rohit Sharma, Ravi Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Gaurav Jandu (Cazon), Amit Anand (Tabla), Sumit Sharma, Richard Teji (Guitar), Monty (Keyboard), Rakesh Anand (Flute), Amit Sharma (Rabab), Tanya, Deepika, Jyoti, Meenu, Sanjana and Rakesh Kona.

JU VC felicitates Arif Haleem for exemplary services during pandemic

VC JU Prof. Manoj K Dhar felicitating COVID warrior, Arif Haleem Khateeb.

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JAMMU: The Vice Chancellor University of Jammu Prof. Manoj K Dhar on Friday felicitated the COVID warrior, Arif Haleem Khateeb, External Relations Officer Bhaderwah Campus for his exemplary services to the nations during world wide pandemic COVID-19. A memento and an appreciation letter was presented to Arif Khateeb for his tremendous work and keeping the flag of University of Jammu high during such tough times.Dr Neeraj Sharma Special Secretary to the Vice Chancellor and Dr Imran Farooq PRO to Vice Chancellor were also present on the occasion.

On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that extraordinary efforts and initiatives taken by Arif Khateeb during the entire three waves of Covid-19 pandemic to save the lives of thousands of people in District Doda especially in the Bhadarwah region are praiseworthy.

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