

## PSPS Govt PG College for Women G'Nagar celebrates Basant Panchami



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### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Department of Music in collaboration with Department of Sanskrit, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) Govt PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar celebrated Basant Panchmi to symbolize happiness and joy on the day of incarnation of Goddess Saraswati, the

Goddess of knowledge and art. Mantras were chanted in the Music Department by Dr. Vajinder Kumar, HOD Department of Sanskrit whereby Goddess Saraswati was invoked to bless all with art, knowledge and wisdom.

Principal of the college, Dr. Sangita Nagari was the Chief Guest on this occasion. She

praised the staff for their efforts. Staff members of the college participated in the function following all the necessary S.O.Ps and COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

The organizing committee for this event comprised of Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Head Department of Music and Prof. Rahul Sharma.

## Dir Agriculture reviews achievements under CAPEX Budget 2021-22



Director AP&amp;FW Jammu K. K. Sharma chairing a meeting.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director Agriculture Production & Farmers' Welfare Jammu K. K. Sharma on Monday chaired a meeting of the officers to review the progress under CAPEX 2021-22.

The physical and financial achievements/ expenditure under various centrally sponsored schemes and REVEX/CAPEX Budget 2021-22 were discussed threadbare in the meeting.

The Director stressed to expedite utilization of funds under CAPEX Budget 2021-

22 to ensure maximum achievement at the earliest. He asked officers for strict adherence to quality parameters and Codal formalities while executing the infrastructure development works as per DPRs.

Low expenditure on part of some districts was viewed seriously by the chair. He further impressed upon the officers to identify and resolve the bottlenecks for successful implementation of farmer welfare schemes.

The Director took latest update under PM KISAN,

PMKMDY, e-Shram and directed for 100% target achievement of adhar correction. Stress was given on QR code installation including UPI & IP address by the fertilizer dealers. Director also stressed on promotion of right and farmer friendly extension activity in the field by keeping check on wrong technology transfer. Full Utility of the machinery under Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) should be ensured, he said.

He asked for need based conductance of e-plant clinics in the districts for facilitation of the farmers. Feed back in respect of Mushroom, Apiculture, Vegetable Clusters and Departmental Farms was also reviewed in the meeting.

Director Agriculture informed the house that in accordance with latest circular by the UT government, the rider of 30% expenditure of funds does not pertain to centrally sponsored schemes. The meeting was attended among others by Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), A. S. Reen Joint

Director Agriculture (Extension), Subash Chander Sharma, Joint Director (Farms), Rajinder Sharma, Joint Director (Apiculture & Mushroom), Iqbal Singh, Plant Protection officer, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trainings), Agriculture Chemist, Agriculture Research Engineer and Sectoral Heads of different Schemes of Agriculture Department. Chief Agriculture Officers of all districts of Jammu Division were also present in the meeting.

**FOIJ seeks developed Industrial Estates for prospective investors**

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lalit Mahajan, Co-Chairman, Federation of Industries Jammu (FOIJ) has expressed gratitude towards LG Manoj Sinha, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Ranjan Prakash Thakur for granting Rs 28,400 cr, which is being enhanced to Rs 50,000 cr, as reported in print & electronic media on basis of which Prospective Investors from within/outside UT have already applied for allotment of Land in the proposed Industrial Estates as notified by Industries Department in JKINVEST Portal. In a press statement issued here, Mahajan said, 'It has been printed in media that approximate 16,000 Kanals of land stands returned to Government as it is not possible to develop aforesaid land by J&K SIDCO/ SICOP. This will be a setback in establishing New Industrial Units. It is a matter of great concern that Industries Department already started process for the allotment of land in Industrial Estates in jkinvest.com portal, for which JKSIDCO has already intimated prospective investors to deposit the requisite documents. Further, it has been also brought into our notice that JKSIDCO has intimated the prospective allottees to deposit full amount of land premium along with 3 years advance rent & maintenance charges but there is not developed land in any Industrial areas except Gathi in Kathua District and IGC Samba. The FOIJ urged LG to issue necessary directions for allotment of developed land to prospective Investors in a time-bound manner on the basis of land allotment application received from September 1, 2021 on First Come First Serve basis besides collecting premium & lease rent only when the land is fully developed and ready for possession.'

## Ladakh Buddhist Association condemns alleged kidnapping case in Kargil



LBA Youth leaders at a Press Conference.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Ladakh Buddhist Association, Ladakh Buddhist Association Youth Wing, Zanskar Buddhist Association and Ladakh Gonpa Association condemned the recent alleged kidnapping of a minor girl from Mulbekh village. They alleged that a minor girl belonging to the Buddhist Community of Mulbekh was kidnapped by three boys from Kargil and sexually harassed on Saturday.

President, Ladakh Buddhist Association Youth Wing, Rigzin Dorjy addressed the media about the issue on Monday and informed that an FIR has been lodged with Police Station Wakha in this regard. The Buddhist Youth leader accused Kargil Police and other concerned

authorities for causing delays to process the case and the medical examinations. He demanded that the accused persons be booked under POCSO Act in addition to the relevant section of IPC. LBA Youth requested LG Ladakh and ADGP Ladakh to take exemplary punishment against the culprits.

Different students' organiza-

tions in Leh also condemned the incident and demanded stringent action against the culprit so that such unfortunate incidents are not repeated in future. Meanwhile, a joint delegation of LBA and LGA, called on DIG Ladakh, Sheikh Juniad, briefed him about the incident and sought his immediate intervention to take action against the culprits.

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tion case falls in the category where appellant is at least entitled to the benefit of doubt. "The major contradictions appearing in statements of the prosecution witnesses and the slipshod manner in which the investigation has been conducted badly dent the credibility and reliability of prosecution case," the Court observed and allowed the petition thereby setting-aside the sentence awarded to petitioner.

## Non-gazetted Horticulture employees hold meeting, highlight demands

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of all Non-gazetted Horticulture Employees Union was held at Chand Nagar, Jammu under the chairmanship of UT Vice-President Farooq Ahmed Rather on Monday. UT President Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, UT Vice President Mohd Maqbool, Provincial President Kashmir, Chief Organiser UT Farooq Ahmad Malik, Provincial President Jammu Sanjay Khajouri besides a number of employees from Jammu were also present on the occasion. Major demands highlighted by the participants during the meeting included pay anomaly, amendment in SRO-235, amendment in BHT/BSIC training policy, re-organisation of Department, creation of new Horticulture Zones etc. The participants also expressed gratitude towards Director



Non-gazetted Horticulture employees during a meeting at Jammu.

General Horticulture Kashmir Aijaz Ahmed Bhat and Director Horticulture Jammu Ram Sevak for forwarding the issue regarding pay anomaly to Commission Secretary Horticulture for a favourable action.

Assuring for initiating

all necessary steps for fulfilling all highlighted demands, the President,

he requested to employees

to work with zeal honesty and dedication. He urged LG Manoj Sinha to issue necessary directions to concerned authorities for fulfilling all pending demands of Horticulture employees. It was also decided that elections of the Union for Districts Udhampur & Ramban will be held on February 10, 2022 and February 19, 2022 respectively.

## HC upholds PSA of OGW of terrorist outfit 'Kashmir Tigers'

### STATE TIMES NEWS

Srinagar: Justice Tashi Rabstan upheld the shelter/logistic support and information regarding movement of security forces to terrorists particularly one Altaf Shah. It further revealed that detenu is working on directions of terrorists whose aim is to disrupt peaceful atmosphere and secede the UT of Jammu & Kashmir from rest of country and as such, his immediate detention was warranted.

While dismissing petition of Tanveer Ahmed Malik, Justice Tashi Rabstan observed that if

one looks at acts, J&K Public Safety Act, 1978, is designed for, is to prevent. "There are acts that are prejudicial to security of the State or maintenance of public order. The acts, indulged in by persons, who act in concert with other persons and quite often such activity has national level ramifications. These acts are preceded by a good amount of planning and organisation by the set of people fascinated in tumultuousness. They are not like ordinary law and order crimes," the Court observed.

## Road ahead for U-19s BCCI-NCA may develop '19 plus' team to stop talented boys from going off radar

### AGENCY

NEW DELHI: Kamal Passi played a few matches for Punjab some seasons ago, Ravikant Singh is nowhere near the system now and four years since his glory days, Manjot Kalra's career hasn't got a head-start.

They were all once U-19 World Cup winners but have fallen off the radar, which is an issue that the BCCI will have to address.

That's why there could be a "19 plus" level added to the pathways structure with the National Cricket Academy (NCA) ensuring that the talented U-19 players who have just crossed the age-group remain firmly in the system and their progress is monitored.

Such a concept was in place during N Srinivasan's regime and when Sanjay Jagdale was the secretary and it seems that there are discussions to revive that structure.

The likes of Shaik Rasheed (Andhra), Ravi Kumar (Bengal), Raj Angad Bawa (Chandigarh) or Yash Dhull (Delhi) might make it to the state side right away but many players from the current India line-up will be caught in between the post-U19 phase and Ranji Trophy.

There exists an U-25 (previously U-23) state level but too many candidates are queuing for particular slots in those teams also.

"There is a five-tier pathways structure that National Cricket Academy could be looking at in future for developing players for the senior India team. It starts with U-16, followed by U-19, the Emerging (national U-23) and A team.

"In this there is a plan to add a '19 plus' level where all these boys could be integrated," a senior BCCI official privy to discussions told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

Among all these levels, the BCCI's U-25 (now known as state A team) is basically a platform given to players, who are unable to make the senior grade.

The coaches know that most of the men who are 23-24 and are still not playing first-class cricket regularly might never make the grade, and hence, the bridge between U-19 and first-class cricket becomes doubly important.

Once the new NCA becomes operational with four first-class level grounds inside its premises, the academy can have its own '19 plus' teams which can play matches among themselves and their progress can be regularly monitored by the coaches, trainers and physios.

If they make the grade and play state A team (U-25) or Ranji Trophy, nothing like it but if they aren't part of any teams, at least they are in NCA's radar.

It is expected that the BCCI brass (president and secretary) might have discussions with the 10 national selectors (five junior and five senior) along with NCA supremo VVS Laxman and senior national head coach Rahul Dravid to create a blueprint.

"We all get really excited with the U-19 triumph but one doesn't understand that BCCI has such a great structure in place that we will always be up there among junior teams at global level."

"But just after this, first-class becomes a different beast. Go and check the 2012 team."

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Renowned Australian fast bowling coach Troy Cooley has already joined the NCA in Bengaluru, where he will be monitoring the progress of India's next batch of pacers.

The BCCI has thought about providing a pace bowlers' NCA contract to 10 talented youngsters whose entire cost of coaching, injury management and other expenses will be taken care of by the board.

It remains to be seen if something on similar lines is done for the reigning U-19 world champions.