

## IIM Jammu in collaboration with ICSSR hosts workshop on Govt Initiative: Assessment of Year of Millets 2023

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR), organized a thought-provoking workshop centered on the "Assessment of Year of Millets 2023 Government Initiative" on Thursday at its Jagti Campus.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Kulwinder Kaur.

This workshop was a pivotal component of the ICSSR-sponsored short-term empirical research project, that delved into the theme of "Promoting Sustainable Agriculture and Nutrition through Millet Promotion: A study of selected areas of North-west."

Dr. Kulwinder Kaur, Project Director and Assistant Professor, IIM Jammu stated that the primary objective of the workshop was to analyse the impact of the Government Initiative on sustainable



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu felicitating Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST.

agriculture and nutrition, and its role in shaping the future of food security and nutrition. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, emphasized the significance of shifting dietary patterns towards millets, citing their medicinal, nutritional, and anti-inflammatory properties. He stressed the need to leverage branding and marketing strategies to popularize millets as a superfood and promote its consumption.

As a proactive measure, he announced that IIM Jammu

promotes increased millet consumption by providing a full-day meal made of millet once a week to students and faculty, promoting a healthier lifestyle on campus.

He urged farmers to contribute to this endeavour and join hands in making the new campus of IIM Jammu environmentally friendly.

He extended an invitation to farmers, academia, and industry stakeholders to collaborate with IIM Jammu in initiatives related to millet marketing, branding,

and pricing. He assured support from IIM Jammu in facilitating farmers and entrepreneurs in their endeavours.

Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST, delivered a compelling address highlighting the significance of millets in achieving food security and nutrition goals.

He emphasized the government's efforts to incorporate millets into the public distribution system, aiming to raise awareness about their nutritional benefits along with the inclusion of Millet delicacy in the recently concluded G20 Summit.

He underscored the importance of reviving millet consumption, emphasizing that millets were widely consumed before the Green Revolution.

He urged farmers to collaborate with institutions such as IIM Jammu, ICSSR, and SKUAST to promote millet cultivation and consumption.

He emphasized the value of workshops like the one

hosted by IIM Jammu, providing a platform for experts to share insights and create a healthy ecosystem for millet promotion.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer, IIM Jammu.

The workshop proceeded with sessions by speakers, including Prof. Vinod Gupta, Professor, Agricultural Extension Education, SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Associate Professor (Agricultural Economics) at SKUAST-Jammu, who presented on "Dynamics of Improving farmers livelihood through millets cultivation," and Dr. Meenakshi, Professor (Agronomy) at SKUAST-Jammu, who assessed the impact of millets cultivation on farmers' prosperity.

Swati Basotra, Founder of Shakti Maa Agriculture and Skills Development Co-op Society Ltd., Jammu, provided valuable insights into consumer perceptions surrounding millets promotion.

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Dr. Avtar Singh's presence at the event underscored his commitment to staying at the forefront of medical innovation and delivering the highest standard of care to his patients.

Ceramic knee technology represents a significant breakthrough in



Left Dr Prof M Wagner and Right Dr Avtar Singh (Chief Orthopaedics Surgeon and Joint Replacement Specialist, Amandeep Group of Hospitals).

orthopaedic surgery, offering patients a durable and non-metallic "Knee for Life" alternative to traditional knee replacements.

Dr. Avtar Singh said adding that with reduced risk of infection and improved longevity, ceramic knees are poised to revolutionize orthopaedic treatment protocols worldwide.

Dr. Avtar Singh further said, "The ceramic knee

workshop in Pune was an invaluable opportunity to witness first-hand the potential of this game-changing technology. As an orthopaedic surgeon, I believe that ceramic knee replacement is going to be a great success."

The event was insightful and discussed some transformative measures in the field of orthopaedic surgery.

## SKUAST-Jammu celebrates Basant Panchmi



Basant Panchmi being celebrated at SKUAST-J.

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Pura, SKUAST-Jammu under the patronage of Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-

Jammu celebrated Saraswati Puja, honouring the Goddess of learning, music and art.

Basant Panchmi, the auspicious day marking the arrival of spring, also signifies the supremacy of knowledge over ignorance.

Students, teachers, and staff congregated in large numbers to offer prayers to the goddess. Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean, F.V.Sc. & A.H. graced the occasion and commended the students for their fervent participation in the festivities.

Following the worship, Prasad was distributed to all devotees. The entire event was orchestrated by the students under the mentorship of Dr. Sanku Borkataki, Associate Professor and warden.

## Principal Secretary Finance lays foundation stone of building block for JU's Dept of Journalism & Media Studies

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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Finance Department and Financial Advisor Universities, Santosh D Vaidya, on Thursday laid the foundation stone for the building block for Department of Journalism and Media Studies at the University of Jammu (JU).

Vaidya assured full support of the government for all these developmental initiatives, emphasizing the importance of providing comprehensive facilities to all the Universities.

He underscored the need to equip educational institutions with the necessary resources for nurturing young minds and empowering them to contribute significantly towards the nation's growth.

Vaidya expressed optimism about the role the Department



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of Journalism and Media Studies would play in shaping the future of aspiring media professionals. He highlighted the importance of fostering a learning environment that encourages boldness and transparency together with a constructive and progressive approach to ensure overall development of the nation.

Vaidya specifically urged the Department of Journalism and Media Studies to cultivate the observers of tomorrow.

He stressed that journalists should articulate change and possess the crucial skills of boldness and confidence, qualities that should be nurtured by the institution.

The event was graced by the Vice-Chancellor JU Prof Umesh Rai, who expressed gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor and Chancellor, JU

Registrar JU Prof. Rahul Gupta extended a formal vote of thanks. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Dr. Garima Gupta, Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies.

Manoj Sinha for his support in realizing this crucial initiative.

In her welcome address, the Dean, Planning and Development Prof. Meena Sharma gave a comprehensive overview of the project, highlighting its significance and the positive impact it is expected to have on the academic landscape of the university. She said that the G+2 building designated for the Department of Journalism and Media Studies is designed to encompass a total area of 17719 sqft (1646.74 m<sup>2</sup>) and the estimated cost of building is Rs 4.26 crores.

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## SMPB J&K in collaboration with KVK Jammu organise National Campaign cum Training Programme on 'Ashwagandha'

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JAMMU: State Medicinal Plant Board J&K in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Jammu working under the leadership of Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, on Thursday organized a National Campaign cum Training Programme on "Ashwagandha: A Medicinal Plant" under National Campaign on Ashwagandha.

Dr. Mohan Singh, Director Ayush J&K/CEO J&K Medicinal Plants Board and Prof. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, were chief guests on the occasion.

Dr. Mohan Singh explained different initiatives of Ayush department in promoting the medicinal plant based medicines.

He also apprised that Directorate of Ayush has



Dr. Mohan Singh, Director Ayush J&K chairing a training programme.

opened number of wellness centres at different locations in J&K state. He also assured them that J&K State Medicinal Board would help them in marketing of their produce to industry.

Prof. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, appreciated the efforts of KVK

Jammu for conducting this National Level campaign on medicinal plants particularly focusing on Ashwagandha for the medicinal plant growers of Jammu District.

He also asked the farmers to grow other medicinal plants also because of their high market demand and price as compared to other

crops. He also told them that medicinal plants are less prone to insect and disease attack.

At the outset, Dr. Punit Choudhary, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK Jammu welcomed the chief guest and other dignitaries. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Raina, Assistant Director, Directorate of Ayush, J&K gave a brief description of the various medical camps conducted by their Directorate for the awareness and popularization of Ayurvedic medicines in J&K. The training programme was attended by 80 medicinal plant growers of Jammu District.

Expert lectures were delivered by Dr Wahid Ul Hassan, Technical Officer, State Medicinal Board J&K, who gave a brief description and outline of the training programme. He also

explained the different projects, programmes and schemes of State Medicinal Plant Board of J&K for the medicinal plant growers.

Dr. Lalit Mohan Gupta, Prof. & Head, Div. of Medicinal Plants, SKUAST-Jammu gave a lecture on the "Care and Management of Ashwagandha and other medicinal plants".

Dr. Raveen Kour, Chief Scientist Horticulture, Dr. Prem Kumar, Scientist Fisheries, Dr. Muneeshwar Sharma, Scientist Plant Protection, Dr. Amitesh Sharma, Scientist Plant Breeding conducted a farmer Scientist interaction cum Kisan Ghosthi.

Satbir Singh, Programme Assistant Trainings also helped in the smooth conductance of the Programme. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Prem Kumar.

## 'Director Animal Husbandry Jammu fulfilled demand of Paravet staff'



Paravet fraternity extending thanks to Director, AHJ, Dr. Shubhra Sharma for fulfilling the pending demands.

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JAMMU: Director, Animal Husbandry Jammu, Dr. Shubhra Sharma fulfilled the pending demands of the Paravet staff of the Jammu Division by promoting them to

the next higher pay scales which were due from long time.

The Paravet fraternity of the department met Director, Animal Husbandry Jammu on Thursday for expressing their

gratitude for the efforts she made to deliver justice at the grass root level.

They conveyed that her decisiveness and diligence were solely responsible that they could see the light of the day.

## GCW Parade celebrates Basant Panchmi



GCW Parade students and faculty during Basant Panchmi celebration.

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JAMMU: PG Department of Music and Cultural Committee of Government College for Women Parade Ground organized a special program to mark the celebration of Basant Panchmi. The event organized to celebrate the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchmi featured a plethora of activities aimed at generating awareness among students about the rich culture of India.

On the occasion, the College Principal Dr.S.P Sarswat congratulated all the staff and students and emphasized the importance of festivals.

The Students of the Music Department presented compositions in Raag Bahar and Basant evoking spiritual ambiance. Students also recited poems. The event hosted by Dr Jasmeet Kour, HOD Music was attended by the staff and students.

### Power shutdown

JAMMU: Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, PHE Roop Mahar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 17 from 9 am to 2 pm.

## Ramayan Path begins at Shiv Shakti Temple

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JAMMU: On the occasion of Murti Pratishtha Divas in the Shiv Shakti Temple, Sector -2 Gangyal, a three-day programme has been arranged from February 14 to 16.

The Chairman of the Temple Committee, Dev Raj Sharma said that Prabhath Pheri began from Feb 14 to 16 daily. On sec-

ond day today, Ramayan Path began amidst Vedic Mantras. on February 16, Bhandara will be organized after the culmination of Ramayan Path.

The temple committee said that Hawan is being performed daily for the last month in the morning in which the committee members and devotees are taking part.



A Pandit reciting Ramayan Path at Shiv Shakti temple.

## Mahan Gurmat Samagam at Domana on Feb 18

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JAMMU: Balvinder Singh, social activist and spokesperson Sant Pura Danna Charitable Trust, along with Manjit Singh Bali, Jatinder Singh Lucky Ex Vice Chairman Cantonment Board Jammu, while addressing the media persons here on Thursday, shared the detail of Mahan Gurmat Samagam being organized by Sant Pura Danna Charitable Trust in the memory of Sant Gurbaksh Singh ji Danna, under the patronage of Dera Mukhi Sant Tejwant Singh ji, on 18th of February from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM.

Harjinder Singh ji Dhani President Shiromani Gurudwara Parbhandhak Committee Amritsar along with Rajinder Singh Mehta are especially coming to grace the occasion.

Besides local Ragi Jathas, various prominent Ragi Jathas, Parcharaks and other religious personalities from outside J&K shall grace the occasion. Prominent among those are Bhai Sahib Bhai Shubdeep Singh Hazuri Ragi Sri Darbar Sahib Amritsar,



Balvinder Singh, social activist talking to reporters.

Bhai Sahib Bhai Tavneet Singh from Chandigarh. Local prominent Ragi Jathas of Jammu & Kashmir who shall also recite Shabad Kirtan are Bhai Sahib Bhai Davinder Singh, Bhai Sahib Bhai Kulwant Singh, Bhai Sahib Bhai Jagjit Singh, Bhai Jagtar Singh & Bhai Jagir Singh ji both Hazuri Ragi Sant Pura Danna. Bhai Harpinder Singh, Incharge (SGPC) Sikh Mission Jammu Kashmir & Bhai Balwant Singh Katha Wachak.

The programme is being organised with the cooperation of various organisations specially Joginder Singh Bali & Updesh Kour Bali (Hong Kong Waley) & Advocate Surinder Kour.

Those present in the press conference, included Tejinder Singh, Amarjit Singh, Amrik Singh, Rajinder Singh Sudan, Janak Singh, Jatinder Singh Vice Chairman Cantonment, Narinder Pal Singh, Pira Singh and Sharanjit Singh Shunty appealed to all the peoples of Jammu, particularly the Sikh Sangat to participate in the Mahan Gurmat Samagam and seek the blessings of Akal Purakh Wahe Guru.

The Trust has also made arrangements to pick and drop the devotees from different locations like Digiana Camp, Bandhu Rakh, Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Seora, Guru Nanak Nagar, Preet Nagar etc.