

Orientation/Refresher course for Crime Branch officials concludes at SKPA



Suraj Singh, Assistant Director (Trg./R&D) presenting certificate to a participant.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: A valediction function was organized in the Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA) Udhampur on the culmination of five days Orientation/Refresher course for the officers/officials of Crime Branch and five days course on Cyber Forensics.

The courses were designed to enhance the knowledge,

capacity, skills and aptitude of the police officers.

There were wide ranging deliberations on Criminal Justice System in India, Financial literacy, POSCO/JJ Act, Drug Demand Reduction, Investigations, Social media investigation, Cyber Crimes, Handling of digital evidences etc. 26 police officers of different units participated in the two training programme.

DGP sanctions Rs 1 cr as Special Welfare Relief for NoKs of deceased cops

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: With an aim to provide financial assistance to the families of the Police personnel who have passed away while in service, the Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs 1 crore as Special Welfare Relief for NoKs of such deceased police personnel/SPOs.

The special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased Police personnel SI

IGGDC conducts dental awareness camp at industrial area

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Principal, Indira Gandhi Government Dental College (IGGDC), Dr. Rakesh K. Gupta, has issued directions to HOD, dept of Public Health Dentistry, Dr. Iqbal Singh, to organise oral health week celebrations throughout the Jammu province with theme 'Be Proud Of Your Mouth', as per directions of Health ministry, Government of HME of UT J&K Government & Dental council of India. In connection to this, dental awareness camp was conducted at industrial area, Digiana in which more than 200 industrial workers were made aware of importance of good oral hygiene, ill effects of tobacco use and dental screening was also done.

The camp was conducted by Dept of Public Health Dentistry in association with Dept of prosthodontics in which doctors namely Dr. Iqbal Singh (HOD, Dept of Public Health Dentistry) Dr. Reecha Gupta (HOD, dept. Of prosthodontics), Dr. Ankita Gupta, Dr. Amita Parihar, Dr. Anu Gandral, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Renuka and interns participated.

Power shutdown

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Super Speciality Hospital, Boys & Girls Hostel and MES Kaluchak shall remain affected on March 13 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Berger, Cadila and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 13 from 9 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Paharpur, Kot Pammu, Haria Chak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 14 from 11 am to 5 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Lakhampur, Lakhampur Village Excise Department and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 14 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Dhok Wazrian, Sainik School, Nagrota Gown, Kattal Battal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 14 and 15 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Lok Adalat settles 1,699 cases

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: In compliance to the directions of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, a National Lok Adalat was held on Saturday under the Chairmanship of Yash Paul Bournay (Pr. District & Sessions Judge Udhampur) and under the overall Supervision of Sub Judge Rajni Sharma Secretary District Legal Services Authority Udhampur regarding different kinds of cases in the Court complex Udhampur.

Where in 5 benches were constituted in the District, Bench No. 1 comprised of Yash Paul Bournay (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur), Suresh Chander Katal (Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur) and Advocate B.B Sharma assisted by Ankita Sharma (Law Student, NALSA Intern) Bench No. 2 Comprised of

In his valedictory address, Suraj Singh, Assistant Director (Trg./R&D) impressed upon the participants to share knowledge gained with the fellow police personnel for wider differentiation.

He further said with professional traits, people repose trust in Police. The audience was informed that worthy DGP J&K and Director of the Academy have put the agenda of the courses on priority.

At the end he conveyed his best wishes to all the participating officers / officials and asked them to implement the sum of ideas/knowledge to be acquainted from training programme in their respective field of deployment.

DSK provides accommodation for Health Department

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Dogra Sahayata Kendra (DSK) has provided free spacious accommodation to the Health Department for setting up Sampling/Testing and Vaccination Facilities in a building of the Dogra Educational Trust at Bari Brahmana to assist in efforts to minimize the risk of recurrence of Covid 19.

Th. Gulechain Singh Charak, former Minister and Chairman DSK said that this was part of the continuous efforts being made by the Kendra to provide assistance to the Health Authorities in their fight against Covid-19 and stated that the Dogra Sahayata Kendra was set up as an collaborative effort by the Dogra Sadar Sabha, J&K,

Sharma refutes statements of valley-centric leaders, declares BJP Govt as boon for J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Refuting statements of some Kashmir-based politicians that present BJP Govt has ended 'Dil Se Soori & Dilli Se Doori' for Kashmiri people as declared by Prime Minister, Y V Sharma, Spokesperson BJP JK UT said that recent developments in J&K UT during last two & half years have brought a sea change in lives of people.

In a press statement issued here, Sharma said that various schemes launched by Govt have proved as boon for people. "Panchayat and local Bodies elections were held quite peacefully as people from both regions partici-

pated in the same in large numbers. Security scenario has completely changed and people are indulging in their activities without any fear as anti-national activities have come to a grinding halt.

Kashmir leaders who have used the people as pawns by arousing their emotions and had practically nothing for their betterment during long tenure of their power are feeling dejected and frustrated by fast pace of development in UT, thereby giving vent to their defeatist mentality because support of masses is vanishing quickly from under their feet and to be precise, they had lost the game," said Sharma.

Shri Laxmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, Gandhi Nagar and the Dogra Educational Trust, Bari Brahmana to provide help and guidance to Covid-19 victims during the second wave of the pandemic. He said free services were provided by the Dogra Sahayata Kendra which include SOP Kits to needy persons comprising the Masks, Sanitizer, Soap and Information pamphlet besides staff bus for transportation of Covid Warriors of GMC, Jammu; ambulance for use by needy persons; Drinking water bottles at Gandhi Nagar & GMC Hospital; and Food packets for affected persons. Prominent among those who were present on the occasion were Dr. Majid Incharge Vaccination Center,

Ajay Khajuria Coordinator DSK, Ramji Das Corporator MCB, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak President Youth Wing Dogra Sadar Sabha, Dr. Nidhi Mahajan, Samar Dev Singh Charak Secretary Dogra Educational Trust, Dr. Vikesh Sharma Principal Dogra College of Education, Bela Charak, Principal Dogra Degree College, Dr. Shefali Sharma, Coordinator Dogra College of Education, Ramnik Bali Coordinator Dogra Law College, Iram Javed NSS Coordinator Dogra Law College, Amarjeet Kour NSS Coordinator Dogra College of Education, Balwant Singh NSS Coordinator Dogra Degree College besides large number of College students of Dogra Group of Colleges.

NC veteran's son Sanjeev Bali joins BJP

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Er. Sanjeev Bali, son of one of the veteran leaders of National Conference (NC) and former Minister late Bodh Raj Bali, joined BJP in presence of J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and former Dy. Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Ravinder Raina, while welcoming the new entrant into the party fold, said that Sanjeev Bali has the distinction of being son of the founder member of NC and politics runs in his blood.

His joining the BJP reflects that the political families of Jammu region are in no mood to continue be part of Kashmir centric parties and want to strengthen the BJP with the objective of strengthening Nationalist voice in this



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina welcoming Er. Sanjeev Bali.

region. It is a welcome development. During the last few months, many stalwarts of NC, Congress and other parties have joined BJP with large number of their supporters and the day is not far when political parties except BJP will be nowhere in Jammu province.

Kavinder Gupta also welcomed Sanjeev Bali and said that this inspired joining by prominent person from civil society is evident of the public acceptance

and public support to the BJP. He said that the beneficial results of this joining will be evident in upcoming Assembly elections.

Sanjeev Bali said that after retiring from government service, he is joining BJP after having influenced by its pro-people, pro-nation and taking all together on board policies.

He assured to work for further strengthening the BJP and contribute in its victory in every election in future.

IMFA's National Workshop 'Start with Art' concludes

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: "Start with Art" - a six day National workshop on Calligraphy, Digital Art and Packaging conducted by the Dept. of Applied Art, Institute of Music & Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu concluded today with the display of art works by 36 students of IMFA and 4 teachers from the Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, President, Jammu University Teachers' Association and former Dean, Students Welfare, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Welcoming the guests, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik (Principal, IMFA) gave a brief of this six day long national workshop on Calligraphy, Packaging and Digital Art.

He also informed that the students were given thorough instructions, direction and training by the experts namely Gagandeep Singh, Amandeep Singh and George

Emmanuel in their respective fields - Calligraphy, Packaging and Digital Art.

While speaking in this occasion, Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava appreciated the initiatives taken by IMFA to update their skills and technical aspects.

He said that it's the need of the hour to move with the fast emerging technologies like digital world and info-technology. By coping with these aspects, the learners can fit themselves in any walk of life.

The certificates of participation were given to all the participants after the successful completion of the workshop. The guests also paid visit to the exhibits of the created art pieces and packaging products. The workshop was conducted under the over-all supervision of Rakesh Sharma (HoD Applied Art dept.), Dr. Amarjeet Singh and Vaneeka Gupta, Faculty of Applied Art dept., IMFA.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Rakesh Sharma, who extended the vote of thanks to the guests.

SKUAST-J VC releases publications of AEABM

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu, Prof J P Sharma released four publications of Division of Agricultural Economics and ABM, including two books and two calendars for the benefit of entrepreneurs, students, stakeholders and farming community.

The book entitled "Entrepreneurial Opportunities in J&K UT and Organizational Support for Entrepreneurship Development" is authored and edited by Prof Jyoti Kachroo, Director P&M; Head, Division of Agricultural Economics and ABM; Dr Anil Bhat, Assistant Professor; Dr. Yamini Raut, Assistant Manager and Dr. Malika Sharma, Assistant Professor and another book on Cost of Cultivation of Major Crops of Jammu Division is authored by Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi Associate Professor and Dr. Anil Bhat. Two calendars



VC SKUAST-J, Prof J P Sharma and other releasing publications.

were also released during the Krishi Mela 2022.

Wall Hanging calendar in Hindi under the project funded by NABARD exclusively for vegetable growers of intermediate and temperate areas of Jammu division was also released, The Calendar prescribes complete practices for the cultivation of vegetables along with scientific recommendations. CGM NABARD, A. K. Sood was also present during the release.

The project team viz., Dr. Anil Bhat, Principal Investigator of the project and Dr. Jyoti Kachroo, Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dr. Lakshmi Kant Sharma, Dr.

Satesh Kumar, Dr. S. P. Singh and Dr. Narinder Panotra, Co-Principal Investigators of the project contributed for the preparation of the calendar. Table calendar prepared under the RKVY-RAFTAAR project by Agribusiness Incubation Centre, SKUAST-Jammu was also released where Dr. Jyoti Kachroo, Dr. Yamini Raut and Tarunjeet Singh are the contributors. Dr. M.C. Sharma, Former VC and Director, IVRI, Bareilly, Dr. Ashok Kumar, ADG (Animal Sciences) ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. Sumati Sharma, Additional Director, DRDO, Padamshree Shri Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, K. K.

Sharma, Director Agriculture, Jammu; Ram Savak, Director Horticulture, Jammu, Suraj Bhardwaj and Statutory officers of the University were also present during the release of publications.

The Vice-Chancellor, while releasing the publications, advocated that Agribusiness and entrepreneurship are playing an important role in the elevation of the agricultural sector and its various stakeholders.

The publications were released at the valedictory function of five day long Krishi Mela 2022 organised by SKUAST-Jammu.

Performance of EPFO Zonal office J&K, Ladakh acknowledged at National level

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: EPFO Zonal office Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has been acknowledged and felicitated (virtually through ZO, J&K and Ladakh-located at New Delhi) in a programme organised by EPFO during 230th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees, EPF held today in Guwahati, Assam.

The EPFO observed this week as "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Week." The CBT meeting was held in Guwahati under the Chairmanship of Bhupendra Yadav (Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Environment, Forest & Climate Change), Vice-Chairmanship of Rameshwar Teli (Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Petroleum & Natural Gas) and Co-Chairmanship of Sunil Barthwal (Secretary, Labour & Employment) and the Member Secretary Neelam Shammni Rao (Central P F Commissioner).

The meeting commenced in the august presence of Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma.

Other dignitaries present in the event included Sanjoy Kishan (Minister for Labour Welfare Department, Government of Assam), Ashok Singhal (Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of Assam), and members of the Central Board of

Trustees along with other officers of Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Zonal Office, Jammu was felicitated for achieving 2nd position at all India level in the field of e-Nomination through virtual mode.

Rizwan Uddin, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner - I who is currently looking after the work of all the three Offices of EPFO, in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh was invited to join the felicitation at Zonal Office located in Delhi.

Sanjay Bisht (Regional Provident Fund Commissioner - I, Zonal Office Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) jointly received insignia and certificate along with Rizwan Uddin, due to unavailability of K.L. Taneja (Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi & Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh).

The multi-pronged strategy for the e-Nomination drive consisted of holding regular contact programmes by Regional Commissioner Rizwan Uddin, who conducted multiple sessions on e-Nomination in various establishments of Jammu and even in the remote and difficult areas of Kashmir and Ladakh. Apart from this, regular follow-ups were taken with establishments through webinars and providing them updated list of pending e-Nominations through customized emails by utiliza-

tion of technology. Wide publicity was also provided to the e-Nomination drive with the help of media platforms through multiple channels including print, FM and Social Media.

? The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh zone was able to achieve this remarkable feat by cooperation of all its stakeholders and relentless efforts put in by a small team of officers headed by Shri Rizwan Uddin (Regional PF Commissioner - I). Ajit Kumar Mishra, RPFC-II, though occupied in accounts related work also mobilized the process.

The team members included Sanjeev Kumar (Account Officer) who came up with the idea to share the list of pending e-nominations individually to Establishments. .

Bipin Kumar (Accounts Officer), Ankur Janghu (Enforcement Officer) and Suhail Khan (Accounts Officer), Promod Singh, EO and Jagpreet Cheema, AO also contributed towards achieving the goals set by the Head Office which resulted in exceeding the set target by large margin specially by the Regional Office Kashmir which did exceptionally well and stood ahead of Jammu in terms of percentage of e-nominations completed and stood at 7th place at all India level in spite of poor weather conditions and slow internet speed Kashmir Valley.