

SKUAST- J conducts farmers' training on Composting & Bioformulations

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JAMMU: Under the guidance of Vice Chancellor, Dr. J. P. Sharma, SKUAST Jammu on Thursday conducted training programmes on 'Organic Sources of Nutrients' mainly focusing on composting and bioformulations for sustainable management of cropping systems in the village Pargalta in Jammu.

The training was conducted under the Women Oriented Scheme-B of the Department of Science of Technology, India in execution of the objective of Promotion of Organic Sources of Nutrients in the region under the investigatorship of Dr. Sweeta Manhas and mentorship of Dr. Vikas Sharma, Prof and Head, Soil Science.

The programme was supported by resource persons from Division of Soil Science, Organic Farming Research Centre of SKUAST-J and KVK-Jammu.

Dr. Sarabdeep Kaur, Asstt. Professor, Soil Science made the farmers aware regarding the ill effects of conventional fertilizers on soils and sus-



SKUAST-J faculty along with farmers during programme.

tainability of production systems.

Dr. Narinder Panotra spoke in detail about the ways in which organic sources of nutrients can be prepared such as compost, vermicompost and other bioformulations on the farm itself.

Dr. Amitesh apprised the farmers about organic farming and its benefits.

Dr. Sweeta Manhas spoke about how biofertilizers are beneficial for agriculture and how they can be applied and used for increasing productivity.

Resource persons Rajinder Kumar (AEA), Mannminder

Singh (AEA) and VikramJamwal(ACA), also contributed to the various aspects of organic sources of nutrient and answered the queries of the farmers. Literature pertaining to the subject was also distributed among the farmers.

The programme ended with a thanks to KVK Jammu, especially Dr. Punit Chaudhary (Head, KVK Jammu) as well as Agriculture Department, Jammu for its support in organizing and conducting the programme under the DST project by the Principal Investigator.

JKPCC for discipline in media, warns self-styled spokespersons

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JAMMU: Advising strict discipline by party men in media, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has warned self styled 'spokespersons' of stern action, if they did not mend their ways.

JKPCC Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said that few self styled spokespersons, who are creations of a section of media, are creating indiscipline and harming the interests of the party by giving unauthorised statements in media, especially over sensitive issues and party matters. A section of media knowingly or unknowingly is entertain-

ing such non entities without ascertaining their status or designation in the party, which is the responsibility of every credible media too.

There are authorised spokespersons of the party, who speak party line and policy on every issue, after seeking guidance, when required.

No statement/s made by any such unauthorised person in the party shall be owned by the party or be attributed to the party, he said for the sake of clarification to all concerned.

He hoped that no credible media shall entertain any such person, on behalf of the party.

MSK Jammu celebrates Holi at Nari Niketan R S Pura

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JAMMU: Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) Jammu celebrated Holi at Nari Niketan RS Pura here on Thursday.

Women Welfare Officer Shagun Manchanda, District Coordinators Arushi Jamwal & Khushboo Kapte, Superintendent Nari Niketan Saroj Bala and Superintendent Balashram, Vikrant Narwalia were also present on the occasion who celebrated Holi with the children at Nari Niketan.

Cultural programmes were also performed by the children and other staff members of Nari Niketan which were applauded by one and all. Besides, awareness regarding women centric schemes was also given on the occasion.

Hygiene kits, refreshment, sweets, colours, balloons, water guns were also distributed to the children on the occasion.

Ensure foolproof security of PRIs members: AJKPC

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JAMMU: All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC)-a registered organisation of elected PRI members, has on Thursday reiterated its demand for providing immediate security cover to all elected Panchayat representatives in view of increasing threat to their lives. While speaking during a press conference, Anil Sharma, UT President of AJKPC said that selective killing of elected PRI members in Kashmir is a matter of concern as it has created a sense of insecurity among Panchayat members. It is the duty of Government to instill dwindling faith of PRI members which can only be achieved by providing them foolproof security



UT President AJKPC, Anil Sharma briefing media.

cover without further delay.

Welcomed two-day visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Jammu, Sharma said that PRLs members have high hopes on with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister: AJKPC leader further regretted that grass-root level democracy workers in Jammu and Kashmir are being assassinated in broad daylight

PM plays pivotal role in bringing back Indians stuck in Ukraine: Randhawa



Former MLC Vikram Randhawa honouring a student.

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JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi played a pivotal role in bringing back the Indian students and residents from the war-torn Ukraine.

This was stated by former MLC Vikram Randhawa while interacting with a student namely Khawish Thapa, daughter of Yog Raj Thapa, a resident of Kunjwani Distriet Jammu, who returned from Ukraine.

As soon as Russia started invasion in Ukraine around three weeks back, Prime Minister Narendra Modi immediately called a meeting after the war started and 'Operation Ganga' was launched to bring back Indian citizens trapped in

Ukraine. He stated that only the Indian Government was striving to bring back its citizens from war-torn Ukraine. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is sensitive towards the issue, even as some countries left its citizens to fend for themselves, he said.

"Four Union Ministers were sent to countries neighbouring Ukraine to facilitate evacuation of Indian students and residents. The Central and State Governments deployed Nodal Officers to coordinate and update parents about the evacuation of their children from Ukraine. The J&K Government deployed Nodal Officers in New Delhi to make arrangements to bring students back home safely",

'The Kashmir Files' complete account of holocaust, KPs' exodus: Danish

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JAMMU: Coming down heavily against Congress' response on movie 'Kashmir Files', Danish Mishra, Co-Incharge Social Media Department and Prabhari Jammu Poonch Lok Sabha Seat BJP J&K said that the way this party and its ilk are fretting and fuming has exposed their guilt and role in the brutal exodus of Kashmiri Pandits as was depicted in the film with complete honesty.

Asking one and all to watch the movie and judge by themselves the reason behind a section of people getting upset over a simple movie, Mishra said that the restlessness of those who somehow were part of ploy to create such a situation in Kashmir that forced the Kashmiri Pandits to leave back their homes and hearths and run for life to other parts of the country including Jammu clearly show that the aforesaid movie has unraveled the truth which successive governments in the Centre and

Former MLC said.

"The Central and State Governments are not only working on the evacuation of the students trapped in Ukraine but are also working for the advancement of their career. The Central Government is in touch with the Indian Council of Medical Research on the issue", he said.

While speaking, the student explained that she crossed the conflict-ridden Ukraine's border by wearing the tricolour flag of India. She said that vehicles displaying the Indian flag were being allowed to cross the border there.

"I want to return to Ukraine once the war is over and the situation gets back to normal", she added.

The parents expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the safe return of their ward.

Among others present were Krishan Thapa, Ajmer Singh, Dalbir Singh, Kashmir Singh, Pawan Singh, Joginder Singh, Subash, Ashok Sharma, Raman Sharma and Sonu Manhas.

Restructured Marriage Assistance scheme will help poor: Rekha

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JAMMU: The decision taken by the Administrative Council (AC), under Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, to restructure the State Marriage Assistance Scheme, will go a long way in helping the poor families in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement, Jammu and Kashmir BJP Secretary, Rekha Mahajan, said that the restructuring of this scheme to enable any girl of legally marriageable age belonging to the families falling under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) or Priority House Hold (PHH)



ration card holders, to seek one time financial assistance of rupees fifty thousand, carries significance. She said that the provision of releasing the financial assistance in favour of the applicant before her marriage itself is significant as her family will get some sort of monetary help on time for required expenditure. Rekha Mahajan further said that disbursement of the financial assistance through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode will have no role of mid-

dlemen or agents, thus ensuring hundred per cent money reaching the beneficiary and plugging corruption.

"Prior to restructuring of this scheme, the amount of financial assistance was rupees twenty five thousand only and there was no time fixed for releasing the money", she said and added that in many cases the applications were not cleared even after months of marriage, thus deprived many genuinely deserving families of the benefits, she said.

She also stressed upon the Social Welfare Department to publicise this scheme through easily accessible means of advertisement.

11th J&K UT Tennis Ball Cricket C'ship begins



Teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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ANANTNAG: Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Dr. Piyush Singla on Thursday inaugurated 11th J&K UT Tennis Ball Cricket Championship for senior and junior boys and girls at Boys Higher Secondary School ground, Bijbehara. The championship is being organized by J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association under the sponsorship of J&K Sports Council.

Dr. Piyush Singla was the Chief Guest while SDM Bijbehara Jahangir Ahmad was the Guest of Honour and Principal BHSS Nasreena

Akhter was the special guest on the occasion. All the district teams of Kashmir division along with Jammu, Ramban are participating in the three days championship.

Today's results **BOYS** Senior: Srinagar bt Bandipora; Shopian bt Pulwama; Baramulla bt Kupwara; Kulgam bt Ganderbal; Ramban bt Bandipora; Budgam bt Pulwama; Jammu bt Kupwara; Ramban bt Srinagar and Budgam bt Shopian. Junior: Ramban bt Anantnag. **GIRLS** Senior: Baramulla bt Kulgam, Budgam bt Ganderbal and Ganderbal bt Kulgam.

Pundir led J&K team leaves for C K Nayudu Trophy



J&K team along with JKCA members and officials posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Led by young skipper; Shubham Singh Pundir, the 19-member J&K team today left for participation in the Col C.K. Nayudu Trophy being organised at Delhi from March 17. "In view of the Covid threat and limited window left for the current season 2021-22, the format of the tournament has been changed. The teams have been divided into eight Elite groups of four teams each and one Plate group of five teams," informed member administration of J&K Cricket Association (JKCA), Brig. Anil Gupta. The J&K has been placed in Elite group H along with Punjab, Bengal and

Tripura and will play its league matches at Delhi. J&K will take on Bengal in its first league tie on March 22 at Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium, Delhi.

After the league phase, eight top placed teams of each Elite group will qualify for knockout stage. The knockout stage will be held at Bengaluru from April 9. The team was bid farewell by the Sub Committee members and the members of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) at GGM Science College Hostel ground, here. The team is accompanied by support staff which includes Sarabjeet Singh (Head Coach), Hilal Ahmad (Manager), Veemarsh Kaw

(Assistant Manager), Gurupartap Singh (Trainer), Huwaid Hamid (Fielding Coach), Shafqat Malik (Bowling Coach), Hassib Rehman (Physiotherapist), Sahil Magotra (Video Analyst) and Ankit Kumar (Massage Therapist). The Team: Subham Singh Pundir (Captain), Dikshant Kundal, Kanhaiya Wadhawan, Musaif Ajaz, Sahil Lotra, Waseem Bashir, Brijesh Sharma, Lone Nasir, Taizeem Younis, Sunil Kumar, Nipun Verma, Abid Mushtaq, Saksham Sharma, Henan Nazir, Qamran Iqbal, Shivansh Sharma, Auqib Nabi, Mujtaba Yousef and Arya Thakur.

AIJMS submits objections to Delimitation Commission, seeks justice for Jat community

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JAMMU: Ch Mannohan Singh, President All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) an former Mayor has submitted a plethora of objections to Delimitation Commission citing startling injustice in the draft report of commission which was made public recently inviting objections/ suggestions from general public.

In a letter to Delimitation Commission, Ch Mannohan highlighted that Jats are having over 4.5 lakh population in J&K and until recently their community has good representation in the Parliament and State Assembly with some of them having the responsibility to serve society as ministers. He rued that the purposed changes given by the aforesaid commission has closed all the doors for the community as demarcations of constituency a n d reservation of seats is totally unjustified.

"This is community was rendered as refugee from Chhamb area during the Indo-Pak conflict of 1947, 1965 and 1971. The Chhamb constituency was represented by Jat legisla-

der villages in the constituency of Vijaypur in District Samba and Chakrohi, R S Pura, Suchetgarh in constituency of Suchetgarh of District Jammu. Now as per the draft of delimitation panel, the entire community has been robbed off any chance of representing this huge population from any area as reconstitution, realignment and amalgamation of areas which were in the existing constituencies has been made without giving a proper thought. Newly proposed constituencies neither offer Jats any fair representation in the legislative assembly nor are geographically, administratively, connectively, contiguously or socially in consonance with the fundamental parameters set for new representation road map", the letter reads demanding immediate review over the issue.

CISF personnel administers CPR, saves passenger's life at Dehradun Airport

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DEHRADUN: A passenger who suddenly lost unconsciousness and fell down on the floor at Dehradun Airport was saved by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) person on Thursday.

Apoorv Pandey, Assistant Inspector General, Public Relations Officer, CISF said, "on March at about 1006 hrs, Sub Inspector Krishan Chander of CISF who was performing duty at arrival city side-area at Dehradun airport, noticed that a passenger who was leaving the terminal building suddenly lost unconsciousness and fell down on the floor.

"Krishan Chander acted promptly and administered Cardiopulmonary

resuscitation (CPR) to the passenger with the help of Sub-Inspector Manoj Bahuguna deployed as Quick Reaction Team In-charge at the airport following which the passenger regained consciousness," Pandey said.

Thereafter, he added, the passenger along with his family members was taken to Himalayan Hospital through AAI Ambulance for further medical treatment.

The passenger was later identified as Swatendra Saini who arrived from Mumbai by Indigo Airlines Flight No.6E-313 (ETA 0935 hrs) along with his wife and son.

Due to alertness and prompt action by the CISF personnel a precious life was saved.