

## Harvesting of tomatoes begins at Krishi Bhawan Jammu

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu, K. K. Sharma on Sunday inaugurated the first picking of Tomatoes being grown under protected conditions here at Krishi Bhawan Talab Tillo.

Tomatoes besides, Coloured Bellpeppers, Seedless Cucumbers have been grown under Naturally Ventilated Polygreen House (NVPGH) structure using advanced vegetable cultivation practices for demonstration and popularization among the farmers.

Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), A.S.Reen, Joint Director Agriculture (Farms/SLUB), Rajinder Kumar Sharma, Joint Director (Apiculture & Mushrooms), Iqbal Singh, Joint Director Agriculture (Extension), Subash Sharma, Agronomist (Vegetable Improvement Scheme), J. C. Raina, Assistant Botanist, Mrs.



Director AP&FW Jammu, K.K. Sharma picking Tomatoes.

Ambika Rani, Floriculture Development Assistant, Rohit Singh Balloria, Research Assistant, Manmohan Singh, Farm Manager JPAE Farm, Arun Jaral besides others were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director Agriculture stressed upon the officers to promote the production of exotic and high value vegetables under protected and controlled conditions to get round the year production with high returns.

Agronomist (Vegetables), J. C. Raina apprised the visiting

officers regarding Tomato Abhilash and other exotic veg-

etables grown by the Vegetable Improvement Scheme. It was informed that the Tomato Abhilash is a prolific fruit bearer with attractive red coloured fruits with good shelf life.

Later, Director Agriculture along with other senior officers also inspected the Gladiolus, Zucchini, Medicinal & aromatic plants, Flower Seedlings and Flower Seed Crops besides other interventions demonstrated under the Vegetable Improvement Scheme.

## MD JKPCC visits Budgam, inspects ongoing works

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BUDGAM: Managing Director, JKPCC, R.K. Shavan today held a day long visit of district Budgam and inspected progress of various ongoing projects there.

During the visit, the MD inspected construction works at Panchayat Bhawan Humhama, Transit Accommodation at Sheikhpura and Owngam

Arwah Bridge being constructed by JKPCC. The MD was informed by the officials about the progress of each project besides he was also apprised about the aspects of each project.

On the occasion, the MD directed the officials to identify bottlenecks if any which are hindering the pace of work and get those resolved at the earliest for the timely comple-

tion of these prestigious projects.

Similarly, the MD also inspected construction sites at Sail Bridge and Sheep Breeding Farm, Kralpathri.

While assessing the progress of works on these sites, the MD stressed upon the officers of executing agencies that quality of work and other building standards should be maintained while accomplish-

ing these prestigious projects of public importance.

The MD, while on tour also interacted with Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, and discussed the issues pertaining to the ongoing projects of JKPCC Ltd. During the interaction, it was reiterated that extra care should be taken to ensure quality work of each projects under execution in the district.

## JK pavilion attracts thousands of visitors on Day-2

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NEW DELHI: Day 2 of high profile 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022 witnessed an overwhelming participation of thousands of visitors who evinced keen interest in the excellently decorated JK pavilion presenting diverse art, culture and cuisines of the UT.

The pavilion, first of its kind, has exhibited perfect replica of the heritage structures of J&K including Houseboat, Cheshmashahie gate, Khanqah e Moulah, Bache Darwaza and Mubarak Mandi Jammu, candidly showcasing the diversity and cultural chemistry of Jammu and Kashmir.

The J&K Tourism Department has established elaborate information counters besides displaying the adventure

equipments in one corner of the JK pavilion which has become an eye catcher for the visitors who are queuing up to get their turn for a selfie shot in front of the houseboat, apna ghar and adventure tourism display.

The Tourism team, which comprises of officers from SKICC, Tourism department and JKTDC, are delivering complete and deep information to the visitors about the destination and its variety of tourism products and services. The JKTDC has also installed an impressive food pavilion of authentic cuisines priced economically which is receiving huge rush of food lovers.

Pertinently, the mela was inaugurated yesterday evening by a galaxy of dignitaries including Governor and Chief Minister of Haryana.

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