

Transforming producers into entrepreneurs forms foundation of future agriculture: Dir Agri

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JAMMU: A meeting between Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu and Earnest & Young, a multidisciplinary professional services organization was held under the chairmanship of Director AP & FW, Jammu, K. K. Sharma at Krishi Bhawan, Jammu here on Friday.

The meeting was held to explore the possibilities of developing market linkages with special focus on value addition of Turmeric.

Those present on the occasion included Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), A.S. Reen, Joint Director (Marketing), Mahesh Verma, Joint Director (Extension), Subash Chander Sharma, Joint Director (Farms), Rajinder Sharma, CAO Jammu, Arvind Baru, CAO Kathua, Vijay Upadhaya, PDO, Susheel Rattan Sharma, Consultant EY, Paritosh



Director AP & FW, Jammu, K. K. Sharma chairing a meeting.

Gharu, Technical officer Sanjeev Khajuria and rajat sharma from O&TR group besides Sanjeev Kumar from Sahara Jagrati Manch, a women NGO dealing with cultivation of Turmeric.

The Director Agriculture underscored that future Agriculture is primarily based upon transforming producers into entrepreneurs.

To achieve this purpose department is working towards creating market linkages through processing, value addition, branding, packaging, GI Tagging and marketing of local specialty products like basmati, honey, saffron, turmeric, rajmash, anardana, moun-

Ernest & Young team led by Associate Director (EY), Deepika Saini said "As part of our social sector practices, agriculture is our main activity and we are here to share our experiences gained in this regard". She said that the EY team provides expert consultancy regarding rural retail chain development, agri/organic value chain development, 'One District One Product' promotion, creating interconnectivity between different Self Help Groups (SHGs) from marketing point of view besides providing advisory on micro food processing enterprises development.

Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), A.S. Reen asked the EY Team to facilitate the department in procuring quality turmeric seed from a certified government agency and further in establishing turmeric processing units.

Joint Director (Marketing), Mahesh Verma presented the vote of thanks.

Jamkash Vehicleades unveils new WagonR

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JAMMU: Jamkash Vehicleades, authorized dealer of Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, on Friday launched the New WagonR in an all-new avatar at Channi Himmat Showroom, here.

The vehicle was unveiled by Susheel Hans, Regional Manager, State Bank of India, Sanjay Bhagati, Chief Manager Credit, Balbir Kumar, Chief Manager, Punjab National Bank, Rupinder Kumar Circle Head Punjab National Bank in the presence of customers and Team Jamkash.

The New WagonR is powered by the Advanced K-series Dual Jet, Dual VVT Engines with Idle Start Stop Technology and comes in 1.0L and 1.2L Powertrain options.

Its sporty exterior design, premium dual tone interiors, new-age safety and convenience features is poised to impress customers with its practical yet modern appeal.

One of the most iconic and highest selling cars in the country, Wagon R continues



Susheel Hans, Regional Manager, SBI unveiling New WagonR at Jamkash Vehicleades.

to be "Dil se Strong" and rule the Indian roads for over the past two decades.

The New WagonR is geared up to take that legacy forward with its robust and energetic performance, dual-tone exterior, enhanced interiors, 12+ safety features, convenient features and higher fuel efficiency.

Siddarth Manhas, General Manager Marketing, Jamkash Vehicleades explained the exciting features of The New WagonR, it is packed with exciting new features like ISS in petrol variants & Hill Hold Assist in AGS variants to enhance the driving experience. The 17.78cm (7") SmartPlay Studio with smartphone navigation comes with 4 speakers and supported by cloud-based services to offer a connected and modern driving experience to customers.

The New WagonR is powered by the Advanced K-series Dual Jet, Dual VVT Engines with Idle Start Stop Technology and comes in 1.0L and 1.2L Powertrain options. The Dual Jet, Dual VVT technology with cooled Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) enable the vehicle to achieve higher fuel-efficiency with lower emissions.

The New WagonR promises enhanced safety for its occupants with the proven HEARTECT Platform. Safety features including dual airbags, Antilock

Braking System (ABS) with Electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD), front seat belts reminder, high-speed alert system and rear parking sensors are standard across variants. The New WagonR also comes powered with the Hill-Hold Assist in AGS variants and provides superior safety. It prevents the vehicle from rolling back on inclined slopes and in stop-start traffic condition to ensure maximum control of the car.

The New WagonR is available in a wide array of colours to add a sportier and energetic look to the iconic tallboy hatchback including 2 Dual tone options. The Dual-tone WagonR is available in two new colour options- Gallant Red with Black Roof and Magma Grey with Black Roof.

The 1.2L engine variant of New Wagon R is available in both manual transmission and Automatic gear shift options. The ex-showroom price is between Rs. 5,99,826 and Rs 7,10,226 for 7 different models to choose from.

FDCEU accords farewell to CK Sudan



Forest Development Corporation Employees Union members according farewell to C.K Sudan, Administrative Officer.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: J&K Forest Development Corporation Employees Union (FDCEU) on Friday accorded a warm farewell to C.K Sudan, Administrative Officer on her superannuation in a function organized, here. Suresh Sharma said that the lady Officer served the organisation for about 38 years with unblemished record.

As President of the J&K Forest Corporation Employees Union, she was instrumental in saving Bachan Depot land from

encroachers, 6th pay/DA to all PSUs and many key issues faced by employees fraternity.

She was punctual, duty bound, outspoken and bold leader of employees besides being a dedicated and hard-working officer, Suresh said. All wished Happy post retirement life to her.

C.K Sudan urged the authorities to release all the dues of the employees, besides all the long pending genuine demands be also addressed forthwith. She also said even after her retirement she will fight for the genuine demands of the Public Sector Union Employees and also work for the upliftment of the down-trodden people of the Union Territory of J&K.

DGP expresses grief over death of Ct Aman Bandal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Dilbag Singh has expressed his condolences on the sad and unfortunate demise of Constable Aman Bandal of Jammu who was posted in Cargo Srinagar and met with an accident in Sidhra area yesterday night. He has succumbed to injuries. The DGP J&K has termed his death a big loss as he was part of anti-Fidayeen QRT team.

The DGP has prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and expressed his sympathies for the bereaved family. He has also said that the Police department shares the grief of the brave heart's family and will look after them & provide all possible support.

Ct. Aman was also part of the team which took part in the documentary for Discovery channel on Cargo alongside Bollywood celebrity Rohit Shetty.

HC stays demolition notice issued to stone-crusher

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JAMMU: In a significant order, Justice Puneet Gupta of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh High Court (Jammu Wing) has stayed operation of notice dated February 26, 2022 issued by Tehsildar Ramsoo whereby M/s Almadar Stone Crusher Sujmatna, Ramsoo was directed to vacate premises within three days failing which same will be demolished. The Court also issued notices to the Commissioner/Secretary to Govt Revenue Department, District Development Commissioner Ramban, SDM Ramsoo, Tehsildar Ramsoo and General Manager DIC Ramban returnable within four weeks.

The aggrieved stone crusher, through its partner Anzer Amin, challenged the demolition by filing a writ petition in High Court through Advocate Irfaan Khan. When the petition came up for hearing, Advocate Irfaan Khan appearing for the petitioner submitted that impugned notice is bad in eyes of law being illegal and arbitrary besides same has been issued without adhering to mandate of law.

Advocate Irfaan Khan also invited the attention of the Court towards an agreement of lease between the land owners and partners of M/s

Almadar Stone Crusher, which was executed before Sub Registrar Banihal after issuance of all NoCs by different authorities, before in installation of stone crusher, which is running strictly as per norms. Advocate Irfaan submitted that though right to property has been taken away from purview of fundamental right but the Supreme Court of India has held that right to property is still a Constitutional and Human Right, and persons cannot be deprived of their property without having recourse to legal provisions.

Advocate Irfaan further submitted that petitioner is not averse to National project but respondents cannot throw the petitioner without paying him the compensation of structures, which he is entitled to as per Government order while respondents, without assessing and paying the compensation to the petitioner, are forcibly dispossessing him when on the other hand they are arbitrarily assessing compensation on pick and choose basis, that too over the same piece of land. After considering submissions of Advocate Irfaan Khan, Justice Puneet Gupta directed that impugned notice dated February 26, 2022 shall stay.

Two-day skill development training programme concludes at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: A two-day skill development training programme was conducted at Sher-e-Kashmir university of Agricultural sciences & Technology - Jammu (SKUAST-J) by Fisheries Unit, Faculty of Agriculture under overall guidance of Prof J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu.

Training on "Advances in Fish Disease Diagnostics and Management" demonstrated recent advancements relevant to local conditions. Moreover, Practical hands on training on isolation and characterization of fish born microbes and haematological techniques in fish were conducted. While inaugurating the programme, Dr. Pradeep Wali, Director



Participants of training workshop posing with SKUAST-J officials.

Research, SKUAST-J, opined that this kind of hands-on training will be beneficial to the participants working in various Fisheries Department. Dr. Bikram Singh, Dean, FoA, Chatha said this programme will ensure further updating the officers with recent techniques. Dr. M. S. Bhadwal, Dean, FVSc. & A.H. distributed certificates among the participants who completed the training.

Dr. Sahar Masud, In-charge of Fisheries Unit briefed about the importance of the training topics in present scenario. Vote of thanks presented by Dr. Akhil Gupta, Associate Professor, Fisheries unit.

LIC employees hold massive protests against IPO

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JAMMU: A number of LIC employees across Jammu & Kashmir held massive demonstrations against LIC IPO under banner of Northern Zone Insurance Employees' Association Srinagar Division (NZIEA) in support of proposed Dharma by All India Insurance Employees' Association at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi.

While addressing employees at DO Cell Jammu, Pawan Gupta- Divisional Secretary NZIEA Srinagar said that the government is going for an issue of 3162.5 crore shares of face value Rs 10 each of its over 6,3250 crore shares, constituting 5 per cent of its stake in LIC. "Money received from sale of shares will go to Govt for meeting its disinvestment target; and no amount will remain with LIC. It is policyholders' money and their trust on LIC due to which LIC today has grown as the biggest customer based industry across globe with 41 crore customers and 38 lakh crore of assets. It is injustice with policyholders that 5 per cent part of it is being sold ultimately leading to privatization of the big public sector giant, which is the first step towards privatisation of LIC," he added. Opposing decision for online selling of LIC policies, he said that with the move our field force in form of agents and Development officers will also suffer. Others present were Ramesh Chand-Joint Secretary, Dinesh Kumar Sharma- Vice President, Raj Kumar Sharma-Treasurer, Rajesh Kumar-Auditor, Raj Kumar-Office Secretary, Neelam Sharma-Women Convener, Nanak Chand and Kishore Lal. The demonstration was led by Rajesh Gupta in unit-1 Jammu, R.P Singh in unit-2 Jammu, Vijay Verma in Kathua, Sat Pal in Samba, Rajesh in R S Pura, Moti Ram and Sham at Udhampur; Ram Raj at Doda, Vinod Sharma and Khaliq Hussain at Rajouri, Raj Kumar at Poonch. At Srinagar, demonstration was led by Ajaz Ah Dar, Joint Secretary NZIEA Srinagar Division, Fyaz Gul Vice President and others.

DGP sanctions meritorious scholarship for wards of serving personnel

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JAMMU: To boost the morale and instill competitiveness among the wards of serving Police personnel, Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned a meritorious scholarship of over Rs 1.39 lakh in favour of 22 wards of serving police personnel.

Vide PHQ Order No 734 of 2022, meritorious scholarship of Rs 7200 each has been sanctioned in favour of six wards of serving police personnel who have secured 90% and above marks in the annual examination of class 12th during the academic session 2020-21.

Similarly Rs 6,000 each has been sanctioned in favour of 16 wards of serving police personnel who have secured 80%-90% marks in the annual examination of 12th class. The scholarship is sanctioned out of the Central Police Welfare Fund.

DGP also sanctioned Rs 1 lakh in favour of Narinder Kaur, wife of martyr Sgt Suraj Singh out of J&K Police Pariwar Fund in connection with the marriage ceremony of her daughter.