

Dr Arya gets appreciation award from LG Manoj Sinha



Dr. Vivak M. Arya receiving award from LG Manoj Sinha for his contributions towards PG students.

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JAMMU: Dr. Vivak M. Arya, working as a scientist in the division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, SKUAST Jammu was awarded by LG Manoj Sinha. Japneet Kour Kukal working under the mentorship of Dr. Vivak M. Arya is selected for PhD with fellowship in the prestigious University of Idaho, USA. Naveen Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production, Hina

Shafi Bhat Vice Chairperson KVIB, Prof. J. P. Sharma Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J, Prof. Manoj Dhar, VC JU, Prof. Bechan Lal VC Cluster University Jammu were also present on the occasion.

It is pertinent to mention that the students who have completed their post graduation under the supervision of Dr. Arya have got job in various good organizations and departments. At present he is the major guide many PG students

and advisory committee member of more than 15 students.

Dr. Arya has completed many externally funded projects on the themes of climate change, soil quality and natural resource management. Prof. J. P. Sharma Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J also congratulated Dr. Arya and his student Japneet Kour Kukal for the achievement. Dr. Arya has written more than 20 research papers in reputed international and national journals. He had authored two books, many book chapters and more than 30 popular articles. Dr. Arya has been awarded with various best research paper awards and other distinguished awards by societies & organizations of national & international reputations. He is an external expert to many prestigious universities organizations and societies viz. DST, DBT, HESCO, ICAR, NABARD, PAU, HPKV, IGKV, MIDH, ISSS, SCS, ANRCM & SKUAST-K.

Cyber Forensics, Orientation courses commence at SKPA



SSP Mohan Lal posing with participants and other officials.

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UDHAMPUR: Five days course on Cyber Forensics and 05 days orientation course for the officials of J&K Crime Branch commenced at SK Police Academy (SKPA) Udhampur.

In all, 26 officers including DySPs, Inspectors, Sub Inspectors, Head constables and constables are participating in the course.

In his inaugural address, Mohan Lal, SSP, DD,

Trainings expressed that cyber Forensics is the mission project of MHA for capacity building of three important tiers of criminal justice system including police, prosecution and judiciary.

The courses are being coordinated by Tahir Hussain DySP, AD, Nayeem Abbas Hamdani, cyber consultant, Insp Tarseem Lal and Insp Vikram Choudhry, members faculty.

International Women's Day celebrated, blankets distributed among women

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JAMMU: To mark the International Women's Day, a function was held at the Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan Park, Gandhi Nagar where blankets and other items of daily use were distributed to the destitute women. The function was jointly organised by the Social Welfare Department, Indian Red Cross Society, Mahajan Sabha, Gandhi Nagar and Mahila Shakti. This year's theme of the International Women's day is "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow", being observed on 8th March. Besides blankets, hygienic kits and other essential grocery were distributed to more than 100 women. These items were provided by the Indian Red Cross Society.

M. K. Sharma, the Member Secretary of J&K Legal Services Authority was the Chief Guest and Fayaz Firdos, Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority and Jugal Mahajan, Chief Patron of Mahajan



Member Secretary JKLSA, M. K. Sharma and other dignitaries handing-over blanket and daily-use items to a woman.

Sabha Gandhinagar were the Guests of Honour. They spoke on the gender equality and significance of women power in sustainable inclusive development for a better tomorrow. The Womenfolk, who constitute half of the population, are the real strength of the society and cannot be ignored in any socio-economic development initiatives. Moreover, the law also does not allow gender discrimination. The J&K Legal Services Authority provides free legal aid to women to get justice against any discrimination

which they should avail for their fight for justice and welfare. A large number of prominent citizens representing different sections of society were present on the occasion.

Among others, Dr. J.G. Langer, Dr. R. K. Gupta, Bansi Lal Gupta, P.C. Gupta, Raman Mahajan and Ravi Rohmetra were present.

The District Social Welfare Officer, Ajay Salaan and Women Development Officer represented the Social Welfare Department. Many women activist were also present.

Indus Towers Limited-J&K celebrates National Safety Week



Chief Guest, Khushwant Singh, DTI Traffic Wing Jammu flagging-off rally on Road Safety Awareness.

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JAMMU: Indus Towers Limited J&K (formerly known, as Bharti Infratel limited) organized a traffic awareness event on the occasion of National Safety Week in J&K.

The lamp lighting ceremony was done by Chief Guest, Khushwant Singh, DTI Traffic Wing Jammu which was followed with a safety pledge. Khushwant Singh and Sukesh Thareja, Circle CEO J&K, Indus Towers Ltd. highlighted the impor-

ance of safety and inspired the employees and field teams to follow traffic rules, along with 6 Life Saving rules which Indus Towers practices on Safety.

In this weeklong event, awareness on Site Safety, Home Safety and Road Safety is being conducted for the Employees, Associates and Partners.

This occasion was kick started along with flagged off rally on Road Safety Awareness from Bahu Plaza, Jammu.

NHPC celebrates International Women's Day in Jammu

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JAMMU: International Women's Day was celebrated enthusiastically on Wednesday at NHPC Regional Office, Jammu.

On this occasion A.K Singh, CMD, NHPC Limited extends best wishes to all the women especially the women employees of NHPC. Rajan Kumar,

Only a strong woman can be helpful in building a strong society and self-reliant society, he said.

While starting the program, the General Manager (HR) said that making women aware through these programmes is a major priority.

Appreciating the efforts being made for gender

equality, with one voice, women employees stressed the need to spread it more widely so that more and more women can be made aware of their rights.

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On this occasion books related to women empowerment & rights were also distributed to women employees so as to strengthen their rights and protection.



NHPC women employees during a programme.

Executive Director said in a message that this day is celebrated to make the society aware about the rights and respect of women.

92.7 Big FM culminates Women's Day Special Campaign 'Big Nayika'



92.7 BIG FM officials after felicitating women achievers of various field.

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JAMMU: Jammu's only top 100 music station 92.7 BIG FM culminated its Women's Day Special Campaign "Big Nayika".

Some prominent females from different fields were honored on the occasion. The campaign started a week back in which the star jocks of Jammu RJ Julie and RJ Rahul invited women achievers on their respective shows and shared their inspiring journeys with the listeners.

Prominent amongst those present during the culmination at Zone By The Park were Smita Sethi, JKAS the first ever female Managing Director SIDCO/SICOP, Sunaina Sharma, JKAS Additional Secretary ARI

and Trainings, Upasna Mahajan, powerlifter and plus-size model, Mansi Gupta, Fashion Entrepreneur, Palak Bijral, Sports Icon, Sakshi Khullar, Artist, Juhi Singh, Singer, Sars Bharti, Singer and Folk Artist, Shilpa Thakur, the first female Photojournalist from J&K, Sakshi Beri, the first Modern Calligraphy Artist from J&K, Saneaita Pradhan Khajuria, Entrepreneur, Novika Vij International Etiquettes Trainer.

Also present on the occasion from BIG FM team were Vikrant Sharma, Cluster Head RON; Siddharth Mahajan, Station Head; Sahil Choudhary, Producer and Ahmer Ikhlaiq, SAM.

J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI celebrates International Women's Day



J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI members honouring women members and students.

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JAMMU: To celebrate the essence of women power, gender equality & equal opportunities for women, CA. Nakul Saraf, Chairman of J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI along with other members of managing committee CA Priya Selt, CA Vikas Purdhani, CA Vineet Kohli, CA Ayush Sawhney and CA Sourav Pargal honoured the women members and students on the occasion of International Women's Day at ICAI Bhawan, Canal road,

here. The Branch on the said occasion organized various events across UT where women members were honoured and felicitated. Members from Kashmir region honored & felicitated ACIT, Abhishri.

Further an Investor Awareness workshop was organized for employees of NRLM and SHG members of Block Dhpora Kulgam by branch representative Sabzar Ahmad Wagay.

As per the recent data,

27.8% of the membership belongs to Women Chartered Accountants who are successfully contributing to various fields of the profession including accountancy, direct taxes, indirect taxes, company law matters, strategic decision making, international business and taxation, and project finance, among others.

ICAI has always contributed towards women empowerment & in maintaining a work life balance for females in the profession.

EPFO accords priority to claims of female employees

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JAMMU: This International Women's Day, 2022, Regional Office Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Jammu and Regional Office, Kashmir on Tuesday accorded priority to all claim related to women employees.

Women Help Desk was set up at EPFO Jammu to facilitate women employees in getting the claims submitted online and for other activities. Special emphasis has been laid on settlement of such death claim where women are claimants. Accordingly, multiple such claim have been processed and benefits provided to women beneficiaries. This includes beneficiaries of Insurance claim viz. Manu Vasudeva, who was provided assistance with an insurance amount of Rs. 5,47,942, Reeta Yadav with an insurance amount of Rs. 2.5 Lakh. Insurance, Pension and PF claim was also settled in f/o Pinki Devi.

The PF claims were also approved in favour of Saroj

Bala with an amount of Rs. 1,07,462, Shakti Devi with an amount of Rs. 1,30,854, Anuradha Joshi with an amount of Rs. 1,69,708, Sooma Devi with an amount of Rs. 10,60,840 and Bahli Devi.

E-Nomination: Special drive is underway to get the e-Nomination of all the female members filed. All the establishments having female employees have been advised to get their e-Nomination filed at the earliest. Alongside, establishments are also being regularly being appealed through regular webinars and seminars. By the result of such initiatives the Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh zone has been able to achieve second position at an All India Level in filing of e-Nomination in terms of percentage of nominations done.

As many as 11,416 women employees have filed their E-nomination successfully in J&K and Ladakh.

Women Day Celebration functions were held in RO Jammu, RO Kashmir and DO

Ladakh. The Women employees preferred coconut water over other beverages to give a positive message to society. A team of six women employees did a commendable job in EPFO, Jammu. They were seen in action responding to the queries of stakeholders at PRO and in chamber of Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin.

The women's team in RO, Jammu comprises Mini, Tamilselvam, Kanchan, Archana, Bhanu Priya and Shilpi Sharma. Shilpi Sharma prepared charts, specially for women's day at RO, Jammu. Kanchana and Rehana decorated DO, Ladakh and a card on women's day was also prepared by Rehana, DEO at Ladakh. Ladakh office was decorated by Kanchana and Rehana by thelves. Afroza, the only women DEO in RO, Kashmir was specially greeted by P F Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin and her contributions a facilitation center, RO, Kashmir got acknowledged by him.

SKUAST's Krishi Mela witnesses overwhelming participation of farmers



Sanjeev Verma, Principle Secretary Forest and others visiting a stall at SKUAST-J.

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JAMMU: The second day of Krishi Mela-2022, being organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu, on Tuesday witnessed an overwhelming participation of enthusiastic farmers who thronged the mega event from different parts of the region.

The day presented a grand flower; fruit and vegetable show, which was organized by the Vegetable Science and Floriculture division, SKUAST. During the event, entries were invited from private, public and government agencies and about eight categories of flowers, three categories of fruits and six categories of vegetables were registered which recorded 600 entries.

Sanjeev Verma, Principle Secretary Forest and Ramesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board were the chief guests on the occasion.

Sanjeev Verma exhorted upon

the University to collaborate with the department for organizing trainings and workshops on theme of conserving the biodiversity of our UT. He urged the scientists to come up with clear road map for identification of exotic and precious flora and fauna of J&K.

The show was supported by HIM, Jammu, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, RBI Bahu Plaza, Flower Development Nursery, Vegetable Improvement Scheme, Talab Tillo Jammu, APS School Damana and JK Police Public School.

Meanwhile, Professor J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor, was the chief guest during the valedictory function of civil defence training programme held at SKUAST Jammu in collaboration with NAHEP-IDP and Civil Defence Jammu.

Dr Sumati Sharma, Additional Director, DRDO, was the guest of honour on the occasion. Special Guest Anita Pawar, DSP Deputy Controller said to the students not to keep

this knowledge with themselves but also to share it with the family members and friends.

Similarly, the University organized one day farmer awareness programme in collaboration with India Meteorology Department during the Krishi Mela.

Vice Chancellor, Professor J P Sharma was the chief guest while Director Agriculture, KK Sharma and Director Horticulture, Ram Sewak were the guests of honour.

About 100 farmers from Jammu and Samba districts participated in the program where fruit plants were distributed among the farmers.

Dr Mahender Singh, Senior Scientist and Incharge Agrometeorology narrated the impact of climate change on crops.

During the Krishi Mela, workshop on micro irrigation in floriculture, bee-keeping conference, celebration of women's day and Kisan Ghosti were also held.

During the workshop, progressive farmers shared their views and experiences. Besides, Seva Bharti, Jammu, organized an exhibition on application of drone technology in agriculture and cultural programmes.

A large number of farmers, school children and university students enthusiastically participated in rural sports and were awarded with prizes.

Sharma, Shakunt Deepamala and Lalita Mehta, without whom story of evolution of Dogri literature would remain incomplete. In today's programme, Shashi Padma who participated from America enthralled the views by rendering her poems written in Dogri.

In the end Pawan Verma thanked the participants, viewers and the media.

Bhasin, Ritu Singh and Kalpana Khajuria.

Prof. Lalit Magotra, President of Dogri Sanstha Jammu, while welcoming the participants and viewers, remembered those Stalwart women Dogri writers who have contributed in enriching the Dogri literature and language.

He specially mentioned Padma Sachdev, Santosh Khajuria, Prof. Shakti

Dogri Sanstha Jammu holds poetic symposium

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JAMMU: An online poetic symposium was organized by Dogri Sanstha Jammu to celebrate International Women's Day.

Poets from India and United States of America participated in this exclusive women Kavi Ghosthi. Those who participated include Shashi Padma, Usha Kiran 'Kiran', Vijaya Thakur, Promila Manhas, Dr. Chanchal