

National Hands-on Workshop on ‘Taxonomic Identification of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants & Crude Drugs’ concludes at CSIR-IIIM Jammu

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JAMMU: A five days National Hands-on Workshop on "Taxonomic Identification & Authentication of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants & Crude Drugs in Biodiversity Conservation, Traditional Knowledge and Drug Discovery" organized by Janaki Ammal Herbarium & CDR, Plant Sciences & Agrotechnology Division, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu (IIIM) under CSIR-Skill Development Initiative in collaboration with CSIR-Aroma Mission and Society for Ethnopharmacology (SFE), India Jammu Chapter concluded here on Saturday.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director IIIM, encouraged participants to take full advantage of the expertise and facilities available at



Director IIIM, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed posing with other participants after conclusion of workshop.

IIIM.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Ajai Prakash Gupta, Director, Quality Assurance, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi presented his invited talk on the Quality Control and Quality assurance of herbal medicine and food products.

Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist and Head RMBD&IST Division, IIIM

Jammu stressed the need to learn advanced scientific techniques in the field. He suggested that the integration of Taxonomy and Drug discovery research with the field of Artificial Intelligence will be the key to success in the future.

Earlier, Dr. Sumeet Gairola, Principal Scientist and Coordinator of the Workshop said that a total of 25 participants including 13

women researchers from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, and J&K attended this workshop.

He further informed that nineteen lectures and six Hands-on training sessions on the relevant theme of the workshop were conducted for the benefit of the participants.

Dr. Prasoon Gupta, Principal Scientist (IIIM) and Coordinator of the Society of Ethnopharmacology (SFE) Jammu Chapter gave an introduction about SFE, Jammu Chapter, and encouraged participants to join it.

Nineteen eminent experts from the fields of Plant Taxonomy, Biodiversity Conservation, Traditional Knowledge, and Drug Discovery from different parts of the country visited IIIM Jammu and presented invited lectures in their respective fields.

The invited talks were presented by Prof. P.L. Uniyal (Univ. of Delhi), Dr. A.K.S. Rawat (NBRI, Lucknow), Dr. Charu Lata (CSIR-NISEPR Delhi, Editor IJT), Dr. Sarvesh Suyal (BS(PG) College, Uttarakhand), Dr. Ajay

Kumar (Central Univ. of Kerala), Dr. R.S. Jayasomu (CSIR-NISCPR Delhi, Editor IJEB), Dr. Sumeet Gairola (IIIM, Jammu), Dr. Prasoon Gupta (IIIM, Jammu), Dr. Shreekar Pant (BGSBU Rajouri), Dr. D.K. Senwal (Uttarakhand Ayurved University, Dehradun), Dr. Narendra Kumar (CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow), Prof. Yash Pal Sharma (Univ. of Jammu), Dr. Kanwaljeet Singh (GCW, Parade, Jammu), Dr. B.S. Bhellum (GCW, Parade, Jammu), Dr. Gyanendra Singh (ICMR-NIOH, Ahmadabad), Dr. Ajai Prakash Gupta (FSSAI, Delhi), Dr. Nasir Ul Rashid (IIIM, Jammu), Dr. Kanchhela Prasad (IIIM, Jammu), and Dr. Pankaj Kumar (IIIM, Jammu).

Dr. VP Rahul, Senior Scientist, IIIM presented the vote of thanks.

Chairman JKBOSE inspects exam centres at RS Pura, Miran Sahib



JKBOSE Chairman, Prof Dr Prikshat Manhas during visit to 10th class examination centre.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) Chairman, Prof Dr Prikshat Manhas made a surprise visit to several 10th class examination centres at RS Pura and Miran Sahib to assess the arrangements for the Annual Regular examination 2023.

With 62192 candidates

appearing for the Class 10th exams at 678 centres across the Union Territory in designated Soft Zone areas, Dr Manhas expressed satisfaction with the arrangements and urged supervisory staff to take good care of the examinees. He was accompanied by Joint Secretary Exams, Jammu Division, Altaf Hussain and other BoSE officers.

JSS Jammu holds Graduation Ceremony



Chief Guest posing with faculty members, students and dignitaries during Graduation ceremony.

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JAMMU: Graduation-cum-Annual Day ceremony of Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS), Jammu Pre-Primary wing held at Baba Jitto Auditorium of SKUAST-J along with orientation programme by Usha Pathania, Academic Director CREATE, Mahattattva team.

Piyush Singla, Secretary Revenue, J&K was the Chief Guest while Gitanjali Singla-CA & Faculty Head

in Simandar Education Hyderabad was the Guest of Honour and Usha Pathania-Academic Director CRE-ATE, Mahattattva team and Kanchan Dangi were Special Invitees.

Principal-cum-Vice Chairperson of the school, Rohini Aima welcomed parents and dignitaries.

The students were awarded prizes in the academic as well as co-curricular areas.

All rounder student awards were given to

Adhira Choudhary (Prep A), Adhiraj Manhas (Prep B), Radhya Verma (Prep C) and Sharanya Dubey (Prep D).

Chief Guest spoke about the current need of parent teacher involvement for the effective development of the generation today which no longer is bound to the limitations of a conformist economy.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by Principal Kindergarten, Nidhi Kohli.

DYSS Zone Bishnah/Arnia starts Refresher Course

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BISHNAH: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, zone Bishnah/Arnia on Saturday organized Refresher Course, Training of all PEM/ PET/ REK/ NYCs under the chairmanship Sukhdev Raj Sharma, District Youth Services & Sports Officer Jammu and overall supervision by Zonal Physical Education Officer Bishnah, Surbjeet Kour and Zonal Physical Education Officer Arnia, Ravinder Kour at Govt. High School, Chak Murar, here.

On the occasion, the lec-



ZPEO Bishnah, Surbjeet Kour and ZPEO Arnia, Ravinder Kour posing with participants.

tures were delivered by Nirmal Singh PEL GGHSS Bishnah in the stream of

Athletics, Ravinder Singh Bali PEM in the stream of kho-kho & kabaddi and

Harvinder Singh Sodhi PET in the stream of softball and Mulk Raj PET in

Jammu Girl Harleen to represent India in Asia Cup Softball C'ship

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JAMMU: Ace Softball player from Jammu, Harleen Kour will represent India in Asia Cup (Women) Softball Championship to be held at LNG Sports Twn, Incheon, Korea from April 2 to 8, 2023.

Student of Carmel Convent Higher Secondary School, Kunjwani, Jammu, Harleen started playing Softball at the age of thirteen and began her Softball career from Inter-School and District Level competitions and then participated in a galaxy of National School Games and other National Championships organized by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and Softball Federation of India. Now, she is all set to be part of Indian National Women Softball team to represent the country in the International Softball Championship at Korea.

Asia Cup (Women) Softball Championship at Korea will also be the qualifying event for World Cup (Women) Softball Championship 2023 if India figures in top two teams in Asia Cup (Women) Softball Championship Korea 2023.



Harleen was selected during the trials at Indore, Madhya Pradesh in February, 2023.

Waseem Raja Khan, General Secretary J&K Softball Association has congratulated Harleen for her selection in the Indian National Women team.

"The felicitation ceremony for Harleen and her Coach Harvinder Singh and other outstanding Softball players who have represented India at various International Softball Championships will be held after Harleen returns from the prestigious event," said Waseem Raja. He also requested budding Softball players of Jammu and Kashmir to opt this potential Olympic sport of Softball (which is presently being played in 134 countries around the world) as a career option.

Waseem accredited success of Softball to sheer-dint of hardwork by the players and tremendous support by Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul.

Indian Women Softball team will leave on March 31, 2023 from Delhi to Korea.

JKJA organises sensitization programme on ‘Provisions of Motor Vehicles Amendment Act and Rules, 2022’



Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Sindhu Sharma speaking at a programme.

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy organised a one day sensitization programme on "Provisions of Chapter XI and XII of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act and the Motor Vehicle Amendment Rules, 2022", for the Presiding Officers of MACT, Officers of Insurance Companies and Police Department, in collaboration with J&K Legal Services Authority.

The programme was inaugurated on Saturday by Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy.

The programme was aimed at to enhance the knowledge and skills of the participating officers and provide them with a deeper understanding of provisions of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act and the Motor Vehicle Amendment Rules, 2022.

R.K. Jain, Senior Advocate and Baldev Singh, Advocate, High Court of J&K and Ladakh were the resource persons.

Delivering the inaugural address, Justice Sindhu Sharma traced the history as to how the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act and MV Amendment Rules have been brought into force to set up a new regime to deal with the claim cases. She stated that the programme is subject specific in view of the judgment of Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 9322 of 2022, titled Gohar Mohammad v/s Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation.

She emphasised the necessity of insurance, duties specified to the Police Officer, Registering Authority, Insurance Companies and Claim Tribunals to determine just and fair compensation in a time bound manner. She further stated that under the amended Act and Rules, the provisions for grant of compensation under no fault liability have been deleted and the special procedure has been carved out by introducing Section 149.

Director, J&K Judicial Academy, M.K. Sharma, in his welcome address, underscored the importance of organising this program. He said that based on the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court and Delhi High Court and on subsequent recommendations made by group of Transport Ministers of States along with other stakeholders, the Union Government with an objective to improve road safety, facilitate citizens in their dealings with transport departments, strengthen rural transport, public transport, last mile connectivity through automation, computerization and online services enacted "The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, which came into force with effect from 01.04.2022. Vide this amendment, Chapter XI dealing with insurance of motor vehicles against third party risks and Chapter XII dealing with Claims Tribunal were amended. He further said that in order to sensitize the stakeholders in the administration of justice with regard to MACT claims this one-day sensitization programme was organized.

Member Secretary, J&K

Legal Services Authority, Anit Gupta, while proposing vote of thanks, highlighted the importance of the subject and the need for organising the programme.

The day-long sensitization programme was divided into two technical sessions and an interactive session for feedback. The first technical session was chaired by R. K. Jain Senior Advocate, who analysed the provisions of Chapter XI and XII of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act and the MV Amendment Rules, 2022 with special reference to Judgment dated 15.12.2022, passed by the Supreme Court in the Civil Appeal No. 9322 of 2022 in FAFO No. 3303 of 2018 titled Gohar Mohammad v/s Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation & Ors. He underscored the role of Insurance Companies in assessment and computation of compensation including criteria and principles.

The second technical session was chaired by Baldev Singh, Advocate, who explained the duties of Police Officers in preparation of excellent information report and submission of the same to the Claims Tribunal to facilitate the settlement of claims. He made the participants aware about the latest pronouncements of the Supreme Court and High Court of J&K and Ladakh on the subject. The sensitization programme concluded with an interactive session during which the participants deliberated and discussed various aspects of the subject topic and raised queries which were satisfactorily settled by the resource persons.

Seven-day special camp concludes at GGM Science College

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JAMMU: NSS Unit II of Govt. Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College organized a seven-day awareness special camp under the patronage of Principal Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan under the aegis of G20, which concluded on Saturday.

A training to NSS volunteers was given by Master Trainer NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan for conducting the national survey of youth 15 to 29 years not in formal education or regular employment as directed by Ministry of Youth Affairs



Students posing for a photograph with faculty members during a camp.

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50 volunteers were trained which visited the adopted village Mandal under the supervision of Sarpanch Somnath Dogra. A drug de-addiction awareness was also carried out.

The volunteers wrote slo-

gans and carried out 'Say no to Drugs' rally under the aegis of Nasha Mukh Bharat along with Sarpanch and NSS PO.

Nukad Natak 'say no to drugs say yes to life' was also performed in the college campus during the camp.

Road Safety Traffic awareness was also conducted in the community to spread the message of use of seatbelts, helmets, high speed, overtaking, etc under the aegis of Shikshit Bharat.

A documentary movie and a lecture by NSS PO was

DFA Ramban, Kishtwar, Doda office bearers elected

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) on Saturday conducted elections of District bodies of Ramban, Kishtwar and Doda Districts.

In election meeting of three districts of Chenab valley were conducted under the chairmanship of Kuldeep Singh, Vice President JKFA Jammu Zone and Incharge Elections DFAs Jammu Province at Batote where representatives of all the associate clubs of the districts were present. Representatives of the



Newly elected DFA members of Ramban, Kishtwar and Doda posing with JKFA members.

clubs stressed upon the Sports Council and Deptt of Youth Affairs to provide basic infrastructure of sports in the hilly areas of Jammu region which lack football grounds and trainers.

Shoaib Jeelani, Babar Lateif and Nazil Qayoom

were unanimously elected President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for District

Football Association Ramban whereas Zahoor Fazal, Muzaffar Ahmed and Anzar Qayoom were elected President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for DFA Doda

and Asif Rasool Bobby, Kashyap and Ankit Shan were unanimously elected President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for DFA Kishtwar.

While congratulating the newly elected office bearers of these districts Surinder Singh Bunt, Treasurer

JKFA stressed upon the need of promoting sports in rural especially the hilly and far flung areas of J&K and said that the young players if these areas are highly talented and need promotion and encouragement.

He ensured that JKFA will provide them all required help and support for the promotion of football.

Senior members of JKFA who attended the meeting included Mohan Lal, direct member JKFA, Charanpreet Singh Bagga, executive member and Sam Gill.

the stream of volleyball with the co-operation of field staff of zone Bishnah/Arnia.

The chief guest present during this programme was Naseem Bano who said a word of thanks to the Department of Youth Services & Sports for organizing such courses.

ZPEO Bishnah/Arnia proposed words of appreciation and panegyricizing the staff for making their efforts in making the programme concluded for first day in successful manner.

All officials of zone Bishnah/Arnia were present during this course.

Outstanding sportspersons call on LG



Outstanding sportspersons from J&K calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday.

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JAMMU: A delegation of outstanding sportspersons from J&K called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Saturday.

Chandeep Singh, International Para Taekwondo Medallist; Danish Sharma, International Judo player & Coach and Appu Janwal, Wushu National medallist while calling on the Lt Governor discussed with him the implementation of J&K Sports policy.

The Lt Governor assured the outstanding sportspersons that the Jammu Kashmir Government is committed to safeguard the interests and promote the welfare of the Sportspersons through the J&K Sports Policy 2022.