

## SKUAST-J organises Institute Industry Interaction Meet under NAHEP-IDP

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) on Thursday organised Institute Industry Interaction Meet here under the World Bank-ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) for the institutional development of SKUAST-J.

SKUAST-J Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. P. Sharma, who was the chief guest talked about the university's focus towards creating an ecosystem for innovation and startups. He suggested for subject specific mentorship to Under Graduate students for enhancing their knowledge and innovative ideas. Prof. Sharma outlined the importance of boosting the start-up ecosystem in the agriculture sector. Prominent among the participants from agro-industries



Officials presenting memento to Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J, Prof. J. P. Sharma.

and corporate sector were Annil Suri, Gagan Jain, Gaurav Sharma, Jyotikant Sharma, Atul Slathia, Nish Bura, Vivek, Dapinder Singh, Sukhpreet Singh Tulla and Sardarchand who were invited as a special guest to speak about their journey of becoming successful entrepreneur and also to share experiences to boost students. They also invited students for execution of their idea and setting up of

enterprise. Earlier, Prof. Vikas Sharma, Associated Coordinator, NAHEP-IDP briefed about NAHEP-IDP.

Prof. R. K. Salgotra deliberated on the technologies of university and scenario of agriculture at regional and national level. Dr. B. C. Sharma, Head, Agronomy is the Principal Investigator of the project. All the statutory officers, Head of the Divisions, concerned faculty members and students also

attended the programme. Dr. Rakesh Sharma and Dr. Narinder Panotra, Coordinator(s) of the meet were also present. Proceedings of the training program were conducted by Dr. Vivek M Arya and Dr. Anil Bhat, Associated Scientists and Coordinator(s) of the meet. At the end, vote of thanks was extended by Prof. Manish Sharma, Nodal Officer, NAHEP-IDP.

## Courses on Drone threats, Cyber Forensics conclude at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: Three days course on "Drone threats-strategies to deal with" for the officers of J&K Police and three days training programme on "Cyber Forensics" for Prosecutors, culminated on Thursday at SK Police Academy (SKPA) Udhampur.

30 Police officers and 15 Prosecutors from all over the UT J&K attended the training programmes.

Mohan Lal, SSP, Dy. Director (Indoor) SKPA Udhampur was the Chief Guest, who reiterated that this course on Drone-Threats has been organised for the first time in the Academy keeping in view of the emerging challenges in the field of UAVs.

Underline the significance of UAVs for law enforcement agencies and threats associated with the same, Mohan Lal asked the participating officers to remain in touch with the UAV technology through electronic/print media so that in



SSP Mohan Lal presenting certificate to a participant.

future they may handle the drone threats in a better way.

Mohan Lal also laid emphasis on the enhancement of the skill in Cyber Forensics which is one of the major challenges to law enforcement agencies.

He paid special thanks to the Vice Chancellor SMVDU Katra and faculty especially Mr. Ashish Suri, Asstt. Professor and Dr. Sachin Kumar Gupta, Asstt. Professor department of Electronics and Communication SMVDU for their coordination and active

participation in ensuring smooth conduct of the course on Drone Threats.

Special guest faculty from renowned National and International Institutes shared their experiences through offline and online mode to enrich the knowledge of the participants which include Dr. N.S. Rajput Associate Professor IIT (BHU) Varanasi

(UP), Dr. S.H. Alsamhi Smart Research fellow AIT Athlone, Ireland, Ms. Sakshi Mankotia, Research Scholar Department of Geography Jamia Millia Islamia, University New Delhi, Arshad Jamal, CAIR Lab Bangalore, Dr. Anuradha Banerjee, Asstt. Professor GEC Kalyani West Bangal and Nayeem Abbas Hamdani, Jr. Cyber Consultant SKPAU.

The certificates of participation were also given by the Dy. Director SKPA Udhampur and his team.

The valediction was attended by Ramesh Kataria, Dy.SP(S) Private Secretary to Director, Summati Gupta, Asstt. Director (Q) (Course Director), Chander Mohan Insp. (Course Secretary) & Nayeem Abass Hamdani, Jr. Cyber Consultant (Course Director) SKPAU.

## MBSCET organises talent hunt competition



Chairman of College, Dr. Amar Singh Sudan lighting ceremonial lamp.

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JAMMU: Department of Applied Sciences and Humanities (APSH) of MBS College of Engineering and Technology (MBSCET) under the patronage of Prof. Sarbjit Kour, HoD APSSH on Thursday organised Talent Hunt competition for first semester students.

Chairman of the College, Dr. Amar Singh Sudan was the Chief Guest whereas Dr. D.S Pundhir (Principal MBSCET) and Lakhlir Singh Bawa (Advisor MBSCET ) were the Guests of Honour. Dr. Amrik Singh (Vice Principal), Prof. Parveen Singh (Dean Academics) and H.S. Gill (Director Students Welfare) were the special guests on the occasion. Prof. Shalini, HoD ECE Department, Prof.

Surinder Kour Bali, HoD IT department and H. S. Gill were the jury members. The event began with the lighting of lamp followed by colorful performances of first semester students. The students participated in different categories namely poster making, painting, Rangoli making, best out of waste, dancing, singing etc. The other faculty members present on the occasion include Prof. Jasmine Kour, Prof. Sudesh Kumari, Prof. Natesh Kumar, Dr. Deepshikha Verma, Dr. Sehar Shakeel Raina and Prof. Sugandha Sharma. The event concluded with the prize distribution.

All the guests appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged them to participate in such events in the future also.

## PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar accords farewell to Dr Suman Charak



PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar faculty according farewell to Dr. Suman Charak Jamwal, HOD English.

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JAMMU: PSPS Govt PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu bade farewell to Dr. Suman Charak Jamwal, HOD English on her superannuation on Wednesday in the College Auditorium. She has rendered 35 years in teaching as a diligent worker. She gave a great contribution and coordination in the growth of this institution. Her dedication, commitment and attitude towards work really inspired everyone. Prof. Mala Bhasin, HOD Botany and Staff Secretary of the College welcomed the guests on this occasion. Dr. Sangita Nagari, Principal of the College congratulated and wished her happy, healthy and contented post-retirement life a head. The faculty members shared their experiences and happy moments spent together in the institution.

Dr Suman narrated the Odyssey of her service and cherished the beautiful moments and thanked everyone. The Programme concluded with the presentation of memento as a Souvenir and token of love.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Prof. Sugandha Mahajan and coordinated by the team Dr. Nidhi Suri, Dr. Rahul Sharma, Prof. Sania Hamid, Prof. Neelam Thapa, Dr. Javaid Iqbal, Dr. Ashok Kumar Prof. Suman Bala and Prof. Abhinav Sharma.

## DGP lauds HG, CD & SDRF personnel for tackling challenges

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JAMMU: To commemorate 150th year of J&K Police- in the service of nation as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a programme was organized by Commandant General of Homeguards, Civil Defence and SDRF J&K, H. K. Lohia and all officers of HG, CD and SDRF J&K on Thursday in the premises of SDRF 2nd Bn, Jammu.

Programme was attended by Dilbag Singh, Director General of Police J&K, Shaleen Kabra, Financial

## Dr. Vikas of SKUAST-J gets SASS Fellow Award 2022

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JAMMU: Dr. Vikas Sharma, son of Harbans Lal Sharma and Pushplata Sharma, resident of Channi

Himmat, Jammu got Scholars Academic and Scientific Society Fellow Award 2022 for his research/academic excellence and contributions in the field of Biochemistry. This award contains a certificate of excellence, appreciation letter along with lifetime professional membership of Scholars Academic and Scientific Society. Working as a Assistant Professor in the Division of Biochemistry, FBSc., SKUAST-J, Dr. Sharma has guided six Ph.D and six MSc. students as a Major Advisor in the field of bioprospection of medicinal plants, DNA barcoding of seab effecting different apple species and diversity analysis of apricot species in J&K. He has authored four books and published 63 full length research papers in refereed journals of National and International repute. Dr. Sharma is working on anticancer potential of medicinal plants from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.



DGP Dilbag Singh along with other police officers and dignitaries posing for a photograph.

Commissioner, Revenue J&K, R.R Swain, Spl. DG CID J&K, A.K Choudhary, Spl. DG Crime, J&K, S.J.M Gillani, ADG Armed, J&K, S.D Singh, ADG Security, J&K, T. Namgyal, ADG Traffic, J&K, Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu Zone, M.K Sinha, ADGP Hqrs, J&K, Danesh Rana, ADGP Co-ordination, PHQ

J&K, Alok Kumar IG CIV, PHQ J&K, S. Anand Jain Director ACB J&K and Shirdhar Patel AIG (Tech), Director Telecommunication

J&K. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice Chancellor Jammu University, Senior Officers of civil administration and sister organizations, also graced, in large numbers. It was resolved that

HG, CD and SDRF will continued to be provided all round support by all stakeholders so that synergy and vibrancy is taken to higher notch.

DGP J&K praised the good work being done by the organization in managing challenges on daily basis as well as equipping, training and spreading awareness in the UT of J&K.

## HISI organises books & stationary donation camp



Chairman HISI, Hira Lal Abrol distributing free books and stationary at Gurudwara Chand Nagar and Mahalakshmi Mandir Pacca Danga.

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JAMMU: To boost the morale of students, Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman-Healthy India Stronger India (HISI)- NGO conducted a special two day's drive to donate thousands of books from classes Nursery to 12th, besides notebooks, stationary material, bags, sanitizers and masks. This drive was conducted at Gurudwara Chand Nagar and the Mahalakshmi Mandir Pacca Danga. Large number of students visited the stalls with their parents to receive this, free of cost material. Hira Lal Abrol, counseled them to take their

studies seriously and work hard for a better future for themselves and their families. Members of the NGO, namely Nirmal Singh, Rameek Sharma, Raj Kumar, Kirtan Singh and Raj Kumar Sodi were also present on the occasion. Healthy India, Stronger India is an NGO founded by its Chairman, Hira Lal Abrol. This NGO is running a 'Free Training Centre' for skill development of needy and poor children from BPL families. Nearly 4250 students have passed out, after successful completion of courses from this center. They have been placed in var-

ious organizations, some of them have even started their own ventures. It is heartening to see that they are earning a good livelihood for their families and are living a respectable life in society. In addition to training in skill development, HISI equips its students with moral values and life skills. The students are motivated to live a healthy life and to stay away from tobacco and drugs. HISI has the vision to uplift the place of women in the society and make them self-reliant. Girls and women trainees of the NGO are trained in 'Self Defence'.

beneficiary will get additional 5 kilograms free ration per person per month in addition to the normal quota of food grains under the NFSA, Randhawa informed.

Randhawa further said that decision shows the commitment of the Modi Government towards the welfare of the poor people in the trouble torn COVID time.

He prompted District Convenors and Co-Convenors of PMGKAY to keep a close vigil on the smooth working of the scheme so that no one sleeps

## 715 CBI corruption cases registered against Govt employees: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday informed the Rajya Sabha that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered 715 cases of corruption against the Central Government Employees working in 45 Departments, during the last five years from 2017 to 2021.

In reply to a question, DrJitendra Singh said, 1281 employees belonging to various departments were booked by the CBI on bribery and corruption charges. He said, action in individual cases is taken by the concerned cadre controlling authorities (CCAs) in accordance with the respective

Disciplinary Rules. Year-wise details of these cases are as follows: - 210 cases in 26 departments in 2017, 158 in 26 departments in 2018, 141 in 17 departments in 2019, 95 in 21 departments in 2020 and 111 cases in 21 departments in 2021.

In reply to another question, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the pendency of Second Appeals and complaints in the Central Information Commission (CIC) was 38116as on 1stApril, 2021 and 31025as on 31st January, 2022.

The Minister stated that the RTI Act, 2005 does not prescribe a time limit for disposal of Second Appeals by the Central Information Commission. He said, for

speedy disposal of pending cases the Government has taken several steps like capacity building through training and issue of guidelines for Public Information Officers and First Appellate Authorities, so as to enable them to supply information/dispose off first appeal effectively, resulting into less number of 'First Appeals' and 'Appeals' to the Information Commission.

The Government from time to time has issued instructions impressing upon the Public Authorities to disclose maximum information proactively so as to reduce the need for filing RTI applications by the citizens.

## Gurmat Samagam to be held at Digiana Ashram on April 3

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JAMMU: A Gurmat Samagam dedicated to Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib will be organised on April 3, 2022 at Digiana Ashram, Jammu with religious devotion and enthusiasm.

It was informed by senior leaders of representatives of various Sikh organisations and youth leaders, while addressing a joint press conference at Press Club, Jammu on Thursday.

Giving further details, the Sikh leaders said that Samagam will be organised by family of Ajit Singh (Guwahati Wale) with active cooperation of various Sikh organisations, under overall supervision of Mahant Manjit Singh of Dera Nangali Sahib.

They further said that Jathedar Shri Akal Takhat Sahib Giani Harpreet Singh, Chief SGP Amritsar, Harjinder Singh Dhami and Mahant Manjit Singh will address gathering during Samagam. "Kuldeep Singh, Hazoori Ragi Darbar Sahib Amritsar, Bhai Sarabjit Singh

Noorpuri Prominent Panthak Ragi and many other local Ragi Jathas and local preachers will also grace the occasion. Moreover, a Dastar competition will also be held at Digiana Ashram on April 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM and winners will be honoured during Samagam. All necessary arrangements have been made for Samagam and we are hopeful that huge Sangat from Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch, Udhampur, Kathua, Samba and also from Kashmir will participate in large number," they added.

Prominent Sikh leaders present on the occasion included Fateh Singh, Narinder Singh Khalsa, Ranjit Singh, Jatinder Singh Lucky, Ravinder Singh, Parvinder Singh Happy, Manmeet Singh Udhampur, Bh. Jagtar Singh, Nirman Singh, Inder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Chanchal Singh, Harasis Singh, Paramjeet Singh Pamma, Navjot Singh Kathua, Gurjeet Singh R.S Pura, Sukhdev Singh, Punjab Singh, Satwant Singh and Gurdev Singh.

## EPFO Jammu processes 13 pension cases in March, 2022



EPFO Regional Officer settling Pension claim of an employee.

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JAMMU: Pension is an important form of social security for employees and their family members in times of need and eventualities. EPFO Regional Office, Jammu has initiated the process of settlement of Pension claims from the offices of Jammu and Kashmir itself.

Towards this, the Office has settled 04 pension claims in the month of March, which includes claims in respect of Late Rajesh Kumar, Pinki Devi (Widow), Shivangya Sharma (children) with the monthly pension amount respectively being Rs. 2376 and Rs.594. Another pension claim in respect of Late Dalbir Singh was settled on his wife Gulshan Kumari, Arunima Rajput (Daughter) and Ridansh Singh (Son) with the monthly pension amount being Rs. 2846, Rs. 712 and Rs. 712, respectively. In all the above cases pension arrears would also be paid to the pensioners. The Office has also processed cases of retirement pension of Harish Verma with monthly pension being Rs. 2385 and Tara Chand with monthly pension being Rs.3745. The pension claims are being accorded priority and efforts are being made to ensure disposal of maximum number of Pension cases.

The above pensioners will also receive arrears towards pension from the date of superannuation. In this context, it is pertinent to mention that the monthly pension is available to members if they have ten or more years of service under Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 in one or more Establishment(s).