

Horticulture Deptt provides fruit plants to farmers

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JAMMU: With an objective to create awareness among the farming community for plantation of fruit crops, the Department of Horticulture Jammu on Wednesday conducted a mega farmers' awareness camp at Padma, a far flung area of block Mathwar.

The mega camp was chaired by Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak. More than 100 farmers including women participated in the camp in presence of the Sarpanch Gita Devi and Panches.

While addressing the gathering of men and women farmers, the Director said that the objective behind organizing camps was to promote awareness among the farming community regarding the different schemes of the department. He urged farmers to adopt integrated farming and avail the benefits of different components viz: Bore Well, water harvesting tanks, Drip irrigation,



HDO Bhalwal, Sandeep Sharma interacting with Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak.

Custom Hiring Centres, vermicompost units, protected cultivation, tools & implements etc. for uplift of their socio-economic status. He appealed to the PRI and field functionaries to work in tandem to double the farmers' income with special focus on area expansion, establishment of solar dryers, processing units and especially Nursery Development Scheme.

Further, he asked them to form Self Help Groups (SHGs), associated with the Horticulture department. "The department will help you in setting up of Micro Food Processing units under the PMFME scheme, a landmark

initiative of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for the value addition of fruit products which will not only provide employment opportunities, but also become self reliant and can play an important role in enhancing the family income" the director said. Earlier, the Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu, S. Sarbjeet Singh welcomed the Director Horticulture Jammu and briefed him about the ongoing works. He advised the farmers to adopt a cluster approach for the area being a Kandi belt. "Go for compact plantations consisting of at least 4 beneficiaries with an area of minimum 200

kanal for which an irrigation source like community bore well will be created free of cost" he informed. He also urged farmers to establish Custom Hiring Centres / Farm Machinery Banks wherein the department was providing 40% to 80% subsidy which will ultimately generate employment opportunities for the youth.

Sub Divisional Magistrate Bhalwal, Uttam Chand advised the farmers to frequently interact with the field functionaries of the department to know about the new technologies.

Later, the Director Horticulture distributed fruit plants among the participants in presence of Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu, SDM Bhalwal, HDOs, Sarpanches and panches of the area.

Horticulture Development Officer, Bhalwal, Sandeep Sharma carried out the proceedings of the programme and finally presented the vote of thanks.

Resolve issues of Rehbar-e-Khels on priority: Uday

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC), while extending full support to protesting Rehbar-e-Khel employees, has demanded resolution of their issues including their regularization.

The demand was raised by JKPYC President, Uday Chib who visited the Rehbar-e-Khel employees who are protesting outside Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) office against the changes in recruitment policy under which youth were recruited by the government in 2017-2018.

National judo player and Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Youth Congress Sports Cell, Ranjodh Singh and District President Jammu, Happy Randhawa were also accompanied the JKPYC President.

The team led by Uday Chib had an interaction with the protesting employees during which they highlighted their



JKPYC President, Uday Chib extending support to protesting ReK employees.

woes and agonies on account of their non-regularization due to which they are being paid meager salaries till date.

Chib said that the proxy BJP Govt in Jammu and Kashmir run through Union Territory Administration has completely failed on all fronts, especially in resolving the serious issues of youth.

He said that these youth who were duly appointed as Rehbar-e-Khel in the year 2017 are due to complete their five years in service

within two months now and as per the Govt order under which their appointment was made their services have to be regularized on completion of five years so that they would get normal salaries and amenities at par with the other regular employees.

Assuring the Rehbar-e-Khel employees unstinted support to their very genuine demand, he asked the Union Administration to resolve all the issues of these employees including their regularization at the earliest.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCJammu has informed that the power supply to Kullian, Badyal, Kadyal, Simbal, Simbal Morh, Makhanpur, Tali Morh, Darsopur, Dhounthly, Kachi Chawni, Jain Bazar, Part of Karan Nagar, Panjtirthi, Suhagpur, Nandpur, KotliJabowal, Part of Arnia, Allah, BSF, Nandpur, Sunderpur, Satraiyan, Chakroi, Digiana, Part of Talab Tillo, Kabir Colony, Basant, Vihar, Manorma Vihar, Hazuri Bagh, Col. Colony, Poonch House, Priya Darshani Lane, Top Paloura, Part of Barnai, Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, Bhalwal Mailpur, NS Pura Rajpur, Najwal, Kanachak, GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo, MES (Malpur), Raya, Smailpur, Gurah, Mandal, Industrial area, PHE Kartholi, Bari Brahmna, BD Bari, MES and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 26 from 7 am to 11 am.

Billawaria holds public Darbar, listens to public grievances



BJP senior leader, Baldev Singh Billawaria visiting Maa Vaishno Devi temple at Raipur Satwari.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader, Baldev Singh Billawaria along with Naib Sarpanch, Avtar Singh Chib, former Panch Hans Raj held a public Darbar at Raipur Satwari, under Jammu South-RS Pura constituency where he listened to the public grievances.

Some issues were resolved on spot while others were communicated to the concerned department officials, who assured that the same would be resolved at the earliest.

The main demand of the residents of the area was to upgrade Raipur High

School from 10th to 12th class.

Local residents told Billawaria that the board installed the school for 10+2 by the tenure of Congress-NC led state government but till date the Raipur High school was not upgraded on papers.

Billawaria assured that the demand would be taken up with the LG government so that the children don't face any kind of inconvenience related to studies.

Billawaria said that such regular contact programmes enable representatives of the public to have a better knowledge of problems faced by the public.

He assured people that all their demands would be met as soon as possible and steps have already been initiated to provide basic amenities to the public.

Later Billawaria visited the Maa Vaishno Devi temple at Raipur Satwari and listened to the committee members in the presence of a large number of local residents.

Committee asked Billawaria to cooperate for the construction of the lane, gate and shed of the temple. To extend full support and cooperation for the temple, Billawaria said that the requirements laid before him by the Mandir Committee would be completed at the earliest.

He also complimented the members of the Committee for the honour. BJP SC Morecha Mandal President Sanjay Kumar, Surjit Singh Chib, Tripta Devi, Shimla Devi, Bhushan Kumar were also present.

Temples' inseparable component of Jammu's rich cultural heritage: Yudhvir



Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President J&K BJP handing-over marble stone for flooring of a Shiv Temple.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Temples are inseparable component of Jammu's rich cultural heritage which needs to be preserved for future generations at all costs.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) while handing over marble stone for flooring of a Shiv Temple in Ward No 19 here on Wednesday. Yudhvir Sethi said "We are proud of our rich cultural heritage of which religious traditions and philanthropy are inseparable components and need to be passed on from generation to generation to maintain and preserve our identity

in today's scenario when the world has been reduced to a global village."

Sethi appealed to people of the area especially the youth to ensure substantial participation in the religious activities and rituals as it will guide them towards a brighter future and prevent them from getting deviated to the wrong track in life like drugs that ultimately ruins their lives.

Among those who were present include Anju Dogra State Secretary, Swarn Singh Convener Ward No 19, Kartar Mahajan, Vikas Gupta, Rajesh and Kartar:

BIT Mesra, Adrosonic IT Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd sign MoU

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KOLKATA: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra and Adrosonic IT Consultancy Services Private Limited was signed on Wednesday at Institute Conference Hall, BIT Mesra.

Through this MoU, BIT Mesra and Adrosonic aim to establish a Digital Innovation Lab to act as a catalyst in capacity-building by focusing on emerging areas of technology.

Through this lab, the students would be trained on the cutting-edge technologies such as Robotic Process Automation, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning, Augmented, Virtual reality and Cloud software.

Adrosonic is an IT Consulting firm having operations across the globe



BIT Mesra and Adrosonic IT Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd members after signing MoU.

(India, UK, USA, Latin America) with clients spanning across geographies.

Adrosonic also intends to select students every year for internship and depending on performance make a pre-placement offer to the interns to join their research and innovation unit.

The Chief Guest Vice-Chancellor Prof. Indranil Manna spoke about the importance of Innovation

led growth.

The Guest of Honour Mayank, CEO of Adrosonic shared his vision of technology and innovation led development across multiple sectors.

The signing of the MoU was done between Registrar Col. Sukhpal Singh Khetarpal and Sonal, COO of Adrosonic.

Prof. C. Jeganathan shared BIT Mesra's vision for research, innovation and entrepreneurship.

DGP sanctions over Rs.58 lakh special welfare relief for personnel

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Continuing with its endeavour to provide financial assistance to the families of the martyred, deceased police personnel/SPOs, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs 56 lakh as a Special Welfare Relief under different orders of PHQ. He has also sanctioned over Rs 2.50 lakh Welfare relief in favour of retired police personnel.

The special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased police personnel HC Mohammad Muzafar Bhat and SgCt. Mohammad Yousf, who expired during service due to health-related issues. Out of this amount Rs 1 lakh each was already paid to the families/NoKs of

police personnel for performing the last rites as immediate relief by the PHQ through their concerned units/Districts.

Under another order, Special Welfare Relief of Rs 6 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased SPO Satvir Singh and Rs 2.50 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of legal heirs of deceased SPO Ashwani Kumar who expired due to illness during the course of their engagement with the department.

DGP also sanctioned over Rs 2.50 lakh in favour of retired/NoKs of deceased police personnel. The special relief amount ranging between Rs 4000 to Rs 35000 has been sanctioned in favour of 24 retired/NoKs of deceased police personnel.

Saudi nationals held at Mumbai airport withUS \$ worth Rs 5.6 cr

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The customs official at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai, detained two Saudi nationals and recovered 7,24,700 US Dollars worth Rs 5.6 crore from them, a senior customs official said on Wednesday.

He said that on May 24, at around 1 p.m. during pre-embarkation Security Check (PESC) through X-BIS machine at International Security Hold Area (SHA) of Terminal-2, CSMI Airport, CISF personnel detected high volume of foreign currency (US Dollars) from the hand baggages of two passengers.

The passengers were later identified as Ahmed Mohamed Ismail Haraza and Essam Ali Omer Mohamed (both Sudani national). They were supposed to travel to Addis Ababa by flight no ET-611.

The matter was immediately informed to Customs officials.

Thereafter, the passengers were allowed to proceed towards the departure Immigration counter and were kept under close watch through physical and electronic measures.

Later, Custom officials detained both the passengers at departure Immigration counter and recovered 7,24,700 US Dollars worth Rs 5.6 crore from their hand baggages.

J&K Plus Two Lecturer's Forum discusses issues

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To discuss various issues faced by plus two lecturers, a meeting of All J&K Plus Two Lecturer's Forum was held through virtual mode under Chairmanship of R S Slathia, led by its President, Pardeep Singh Rakwal. The was attended by a number of members from various parts of J&K along with members of newly formed Central Executive Body and District Bodies.

During the meeting, the participants urged administration to allow joining of all lecturers transferred on vacant posts, so that the studies of students don't suffer. It was also stressed that the lecturers who have already served or serving in hard/ very-hard zones should be suitably

adjusted in soft zones through Annual Transfer Drive. The members further suggested that a substitute in place of a lecturer, who is transferred, should immediately join as in some schools, most of lecturers of different subjects have been transferred and posts are lying vacant, due to which students are suffering badly. Other issues discussed during the meeting included transfer of some lecturers against different subjects, filling-up vacant post of Principals both in Jammu and Kashmir Divisions, ACP, Non-vocational status to Principals, creation of posts of Vice Principals in HSS, regularization, etc. The members also condemned recent incident in GHSS Chowgam, Kulgam wherein the staff was

harassed on name of inspection and demanded that such incidents should not happen in future. Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Dr Sushma, Dr Ashok, Remu Langeh, Ghar Singh, Kamal, Jyoti Prakash, Charu Anand, Parveen Akhtar, Yaser Umer, Pardeep Koul, Khateeb Ahmed, Ashok Kumar, Subash Chander, Parveen Akhtar, Ashok Kattal, Anwar-ul-Sadat Shah, Fayaz Ahmad, Sohan Singh, Bashir Sahil, Mushtaq Ahmed, Sunita Kumari, Imtiaz Assad, Javid Iqbal Naik, Mohammad Idress, Muzaffar Qazam, Surjeet Singh, Vinay Kumar, Tanveer Sheikh, Rakesh, Subash Chand, Ashwani, Deepak Kapoor, Nirmal Abrol and Kusum Lata.

Sangram Sena remembers Prof Ram Nath Shastri

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JAMMU: A meeting of Jammu & Kashmir Sangram Sena was held on Wednesday under the leadership of its Chairman R K Raina to remember Late Prof Ram Nath Shastri. The meeting was attended by a number of members of Sangram Sena besides leaders of Dogra Liberation Front, Hindu Raksha Samiti and Freedom Fighters Jammu and Kapil Sharma President Dogra Liberation Front, Ram Pal Sharma President Hindu Jagran Manch.

Speaking during the meeting, Raina said that Late Prof Ram Nath Shastri was a legend who

contributed a lot for promotion and welfare of Dogri language. "He was also awarded Padamshree for his literary works done in Dogri language, but it is really sad that present generation has forgotten the great Dogri writer," said Raina, demanding installation of a statue of Late Prof Ram Nath Shastri at Amphalla Chowk. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Dr Rampal Sharma, Rajesh Banathia, Bhushan Gupta, Raju Jamwal, Dr A K Chopra, Rajesh Langer, Shiv Kapoor, Vishal Singh, Arjun Singh, Ravi Singh, Brj Mehra and Sudhir Padha.

Drug abuse camp awareness organised by NSS unit of GGM Science College



NSS volunteers of GGM Science College and NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan planting a sapling.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized a Nuked Natak in the Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Canal Road Jammu on the first

day of ten-day long Summer camp. NSS PO and the Principal of the school inaugurated the summer camp.

NSS volunteers under the aegis of Shikshit Bharat performed the awareness say no to drugs.

In her address NSS PO said "Every youth has a creative ele-

ment in him/her. It is necessary to identify the individual's creative skills so that his/her full energy could be utilized towards improving these rather than taking to drugs".

Dr. Deepali urged the school students to spread the awareness in the society that "Drugs Don't Help You, they ruin you". The Principal, staff and the students of the school praised the NSS volunteers for their sincere efforts to raise awareness among the students. Plantation drive was also carried out by NSS volunteers and students of the school.

Pledge was taken to take care of the plants so they grow in big trees and give us oxygen and shade. To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.