

JU organises field trip for students on agricultural marketing to have field-based learning

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JAMMU: In continuation with the visionary approach of the Vice Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu (JU), Prof Umesh Rai, towards organising field-based and experiential learning programmes for the student community, Dr. Vivek Sharma, Senior Assistant Professor and lead teacher of Agriculture Marketing at Department of Lifelong Learning organised a day-long field trip for the students of Semester IV of MA in Rural Development.

The field trip assumes greater significance against the backdrop of the launch of the project named Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) by the government of Jammu & Kashmir in April this year that aims to strengthen the existing market infrastructure and create a robust market ecosystem that caters to the needs of all the stakeholders.

"In current times, the challenge remains in integrating smallholder's produce with



Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Vivek Sharma with students and others at field trip.

market systems that are both effective and transparent which will ensure that farmers receive a fair price for their goods while consumers get good value for their money," Dr Vivek Sharma said.

"In view of HADP project of the J&K government, these field trips are indispensable as they encourage students to learn and innovate, and enables them to take the advantage of career opportunities that come their way," Dr Sharma added.

During the field trip, the students were first taken to the Vegetable and Fruit Mandi, Narwal where they were thoroughly made to

understand the market structure of both the agriculture and horticulture produce of Jammu region.

Thereafter, the students visited the godown of Food Corporation of India (FCI) at Channi Rama where they were apprised about the critical role played by FCI in storing and transporting food grains. At the FCI, the trip was facilitated by Sh. Ravi Kumar, Depot Manager and Divya Sharma, Quality Inspector at FCI.

Later, students and faculty had an interaction with the farmers and understood the processing of agricultural produce during their visit to Sarveshwar Rice Overseas Limited which is a prominent exporter of agricultural produce in the Jammu region.

Dr. Vivek Sharma was Assisted by Mahesh Verma, Joint Director Agriculture Jammu, Sanjeev Khajuria, Technical Officer Agriculture and Anaytullah Khan, Marketing Inspector, Horticulture during this field trip.

BVP Regional president holds meeting

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JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) Regional president North Region I, Dev Raj Sharma on Monday held meeting of Branches.

The Branch visited Tridev having total membership more than sixty three. Those who were present include Prantive President Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Secretary General Shiv Ram, Finance secretary Sunitaj, Regional Joint General Secretary Arun Sharma, State Vice President Samparak Parmukh BVP J&K Prant Vijay Sharma, Darshan and Soba Ram.

President of the Branch, Padha highlighted various achievements of the branches and did assure Regional president of its best in the time to come and surpass the targets.

Arun Sharma laid emphasis for one permanent project.

Regional president in his presidential address highlighted various programmes in the ensuing year.

He laid emphasis on more Samparak with leading personalities of the locality.

State Vice President Samparak Parmukh offered his services as and when needed by branches.

Dogri Sanstha organizes Ek Malati with Jiten Thakur

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized Ek Malati with prolific Hindi and Dogri writer Jiten Thakur at Dogri Sanstha, Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar Jammu which was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha and conducted by Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju'.

It is pertinent to mention here that Jiten Thakur is a well-known name in Hindi literature and has carved a niche for him with thought provoking short stories and novels that include one poetry collection, eight collections of short stories and four novels in addition to several short stories that have been published in all representative literary newspapers and magazines like Dharmayug, Sarika, Hans, Outlook etc.

During the interaction,



Dogri Santha members posing for a photograph.

Jiten Thakur talked at length about his association with celebrated writers like Dharamveer Bharti, Kamleshwar, Sharad Joshi and others. He felt sorry to say that although he did write and still writes in Dogri but as he was so much involved in Hindi literature and lives at Dehradun, he could not contribute to Dogri literature to an extent he wished to. But he has a

BJP's Social Media Deptt will actively participate in month-long campaign: Ankit

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JAMMU: In view of upcoming month-long campaign from May 30 to June 30 in connection with successful completion of nine years of BJP Government at the Centre, Social Media Department of Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu and Kashmir will play its vital role in publicizing the schemes and key-achievements of Modi Government and bringing awareness about the same amongst the general public through social media platforms.

This was stated by Ankit Gupta, Head Social Media Department of BJP's J&K while chairing a meeting here today. In the meeting, Nitish Mahajan, Manjit Singh and Satish Jandial, Co Incharges of Social Media Department, BJP J&K were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Ankit Gupta asserted that the greatest achievement of



Ankit Gupta, Head Social Media Department of BJP's J&K chairing a meeting.

the Modi led Govt at the Centre is that its nine years of governance are unblemished as the main focus during all these nine years has been on transparency and accountability of the highest degree.

Ankit asked the Co-incharges of Social Media Department to play their proactive role in making every single person of Jammu and Kashmir aware about the achievements of BJP Govt with the help of social networking sites. He asked them to ensure that

the people belonging to all the sections of the society right upto the last person in line will aware about the schemes rolled out by the Modi Govt.

Ankit Gupta assured the Head of Social Media Department that he will do their best in promoting the policies, programmes and schemes of Central Government in every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir through various social media platforms. He said that the Social Media Department will pro-actively

Marengo Asia Hospitals lunches OPD facilities in Ludhiana

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JAMMU: Marengo Asia Hospitals and Dr Punit Singla, Liver Transplant Surgeon collaborated with AGI, the Gastrociti at Orison Hospital, Ludhiana to launch OPD facilities for patients with liver problems.

The OPD will be led by Dr Punit Singla and his team between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The AGI team from Orison Hospital was represented by Dr Nirmaljeet Singh Malhi, Dr Rajiv Dhoingra and Dr Jagmeet Dhinra.

Dr Punit Singla, Director & HOD - Liver Transplant, Marengo Asia Hospitals said, "Nothing can be more elevating than witnessing health at its best in the patients a surgeon has treated through

organ transplantation. The liver is the only visceral organ to possess remarkable regenerative potential. In other words, the liver grows back. This regenerative potential is the reason why partial liver transplants are feasible. Once a portion or lobe of the liver is transplanted, it will regenerate in both patient and the donor. There are several reasons why patients need a liver transplant. Our effort through this event is to dispel any apprehensions or fears about the surgical procedure. We have brought our patients to interact and spread awareness on how the surgery can benefit any individual who requires this surgery for a better life and better future."

Law Deptt JU organises lecture on 'Role of Prosecutor in the Criminal Justice System'

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JAMMU: Department of Law, University of Jammu (JU), organized a lecture, the third in the Law Lecture Series started under the chairmanship of Prof Satinder Kumar, Dean and Head, Department of Law. The lecture was delivered by Sunita Kargotra, Deputy Director, Prosecution, Directorate of Prosecution, Jammu, on the topic 'Role of Prosecutor in the Criminal Justice System'. She is also an alumnus of the Department. Prof Satinder emphasized the importance of the lecture in shaping the career-oriented student perspective towards the profes-

sion. Sunita Kargotra made a holistic approach to the role played by a prosecutor in the administration of the criminal justice system. She apprised the students of the process of appointment of a prosecutor and the various roles allotted to the Prosecuting Officers appointed in different government departments vis-à-vis Public Prosecutors, besides explaining the hierarchical positions and working of the Prosecutors.

While emphasizing the role of the Prosecutor, who acts as a bridge between various investigating agencies in the State and the Centre and the Court, she displayed her forte and

expertise in the field and highlighted the role of prosecutors in guiding the investigating authorities in submitting the Final Report to the court and their role as facilitators aiding the court with the evidence needed to decide a case was also elaborated. From their duty in assisting the court with the framing of charges to the examination of witnesses, cross-examination, obtaining arrest warrants, remand orders, cancellation of bail, conditions of bail, proclamation and attachment orders, appeal and the limitation period for appeal, review, etc., were discussed.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof Sanjay Gupta. The lecture was moderated by Dr Navdeep Kour Sasan. Among the other attendees were Dr Mohd Arif, Dr Raj Sandhu and Meenu Sharma.

Secretary JKDT visits Sudhmahadev, reviews Mela arrangements

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JAMMU: Continuing with its age old tradition of providing hassle-free facilities to devotees visiting Sudhmahadev and Mantalai Temples on the auspicious occasion of upcoming Mela, Ashok Kumar Sharma, (SSP Retd), Secretary of J&K Dharmarth Trust (JKDT) on Monday visited Sudhmahadev Temple and reviewed necessary arrangements for the devotees visiting the ancient Temple. The Secretary offered prayer at the ancient Temples and reviewed necessary arrangements in view of the forthcoming annual Mela. He also issued necessary directions with regard to the repairs of the temples. He also met with Pujaries and staff of the Trust and gave necessary directions for providing maximum facilities to the visiting devotees.

able to the visiting devotees on the Mela day. He said that Dharmarth Trust through its coordinated efforts and cooperation of UT administration has ensured that no devotee faces any kind of difficulty during the period of festivity.

"We have taken up the matter with the officials of District Administration in advance to ensure that the festivities become memorable for the devotees visiting the aforesaid Temples to pay obeisance to Lord Shiva," he said and appealed to the district administration to facilitate smooth conduct of the festival. The Secretary also met with locals comprising Sarpanch Sudhmahadev Rattan Lal, Numbardar Rajesh Verma, Dinanath (Retd) Assistant Commissioner), Rajnath and Sarpanch Mantalai Bodh Raj and sought their cooperation and support for the successful conduct of annual event.

Later, he also interacted with the devotees who had come from various parts of the country and took their experience in visiting the temples maintained by the Dharmarth Trust.

GDCW Kathua organises Poster Presentation under Mission LiFE



Students making posters during a programme.

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KATHUA: The Eco Club of Government Degree College for Women (GDCW), Kathua organised 'Poster Presentation' on various themes under Mission LiFE. The aim of the campaign was to make aware the students on Mission LiFE, and synchronize young minds with LiFE themes, and disseminate knowledge on environmentally friendly habits.

This event was also carried out in order to raise awareness on the reduction of single-use plastics, the use of eco-friendly alternatives to single-use plastics, waste segregation at source, and biodiversity conservation. How to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle waste and keep our surroundings clean.

Prof (Dr) Savi Behl, Principal of the College, laid stress on conserving and preserving flora and heritage trees, urban greening, optimising energy and water usage. Also, to adopt a sustainable aspect of lifestyle as a part of mission LiFE in our daily life.

The programme sensitised the students in a comprehensive manner about their environment, habitat, and the need to live in harmony with nature. The programme was conducted Dr Poonam Sambyal (Convener) Eco Club and committee members.

I&FC daily wagers stage protest, seek regularization



Daily wagers raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: The daily rated workers of Irrigation and Flood Control and TRIC wings of the Jal Shakti Department on Monday held protest in support of their demands at Irrigation Complex Canal Road here.

The daily rated worker under the banner of All Daily Wagers Association RTIC, I&FC assembled at the Irrigation complex Jammu and started protest. They are demanding regularization of all the daily wagers and release of

wages of many workers. They pointed out that many of them have rendered more than 20 years of service and working with dedication.

The Government has not taken any initiative for their regularization. A large number of them have not been paid their wages. Many families are facing starvation due to non-payment of their wages and arrears.

They have urged upon the LG's administration to regularize their services and also release pending wages of the workers. They said their protest will continue till their issues are resolved.

GDC Gool organises programme on International Day for Biological Diversity

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GOOL: As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsava, NSS Unit, Eco-Club "Green Gool" and AKAM Cell of GDC Gool organised a programme on International Day for Biological Diversity in the Multipurpose Hall of the College. The theme of the event was "Agreement to Action: Build the Bio-Diversity". The event was presided over by the Principal, Dr. Karan Singh. Prof. S.A. Ganai (Associate Professor) delivered the opening remarks. The resource person Dr. Irfan Sofi A-A Lecturer EVS threw light on the threats



Resource person speaking during a programme at GDC Gool.

to biodiversity and various strategies being used for the conservation of biodiversity across the globe.

Among student-speakers Shafiya Shabnum and Mehroka Tabassum of B.A. Sem. IV and II respectively also expressed their views. Dr.

Karan Singh exhorted upon the faculty and students to conduct such activities in future also. Prof. Mohd Younus Saleem (NSS Programme Officer) Prof. Jatinder Lal (HOD Education) and Prof. Gopal Singh (HOD Dogri) were also present.

Kanuyian sports meet concludes

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POONCH: Organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports annual inter-school zonal level girls under 14 years sports meet in the disciplines of Volleyball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Carrom and Chess concluded on Monday at GMS Mangnar in Zone

Kanuyian, here. The competition officiated by the technical panel including Balvinder Singh, Jasbir Singh, Rajinder Singh Toofan, Vikas Sharma, Amiran Khan, Sandeep Kumar, Pawandeep Singh, Pervaiz Ahmed, Ramiz Tariq, Gurbir Singh, Inderpal Kour, Sham

Dulari, Aneel Sharma, Ameet Sharma, Tejinder Kour, Sadarth Bhatti, Darshan Kour, Raj Kumar under the guidance of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Kanuyian, Amresh Kumar Sharma. Puneet Kour, Chamkour Singh, Yasmeen Naz and Pankaj Kumar.

Fill vacant posts of JEs in RDD on priority basis: Gurdeep Saini

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RS PURA: All Jammu Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) raised serious concern over the vacant posts of JE in the Rural Development Department which are creating obstacles in the development works in all the Panchayats of Jammu division. Most of the development works in the Panchayats are hanging in the middle due to the vacant posts of JEs.

Addressing media persons on Monday, Gurdeep Singh Saini, State General Secretary AJKPC and Sarpanch Panchayat Gandli said that the aforesaid demand has continuously taken up before the LG government by the Sarpanchs from time to



State General Secretary AJKPC, Gurdeep Singh Saini briefing media at R. S Pura.

time but till now no action has been taken by the administration in this direction.

Expressing concern over stoppage of development work under the MNREGA scheme, Saini said that the livelihood of people under the MNREGA scheme has greatly affected. He said

that for the last few months the development works in the Panchayats have come to a complete standstill and even the estimates are not being prepared due to shortage of JEs.

Saini said that in this regard a delegation of Sarpanchs had met the officials of RDD and had

put this problem before them but till now the vacant JE posts have not been filled by the department. He said that the posts of JE are lying vacant in all the blocks of District Jammu, which is affecting the development work in every Panchayat of Jammu District. He said that most of the posts of JE are lying vacant in Bishnah, Suchetgarh, Arnia and Mira Sahib.

Saini urged the government to fill the vacant posts of JEs by issuing a notification at the earliest. He warned that if the government does not take any step in this direction as soon as possible, then the Panchayat Conference will stage a series of protests in the coming days.