

LEAD, SKUAST-J organise summit on 'Promoting Entrepreneurship'

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JAMMU: The second edition of SUYOG - LJK Opportunity Summit, held at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), focused on illuminating opportunities for youth in the Agriculture and Food Processing Sector. Organized by LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue - LEAD in partnership with SKUAST-Jammu and NAHEP-IDP, the event witnessed participation of various stakeholders, including young and progressive farmers, entrepreneurs, industrialists, academicians and agriculture sector experts from all districts of Jammu region. Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu was Chief Guest,



SKUAST-Jammu and LEAD representatives after signing MoU on Friday.

who outlined the importance of boosting the agri start-up ecosystem by motivating young students to look beyond traditional job opportunities and broaden their vision to become job providers by running their own enterprises. Prof. Tripathi also underscored the pivotal role of the Agribusiness Incubator SKUAST-Jammu in nurturing youth

startups under the RKVY-RAFTAAR project. He expressed optimism regarding the collaborative efforts between SKUAST-Jammu and LEAD, envisioning positive outcomes for the region's agricultural sector. A significant highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SKUAST-Jammu

and LEAD. The MoU signing ceremony took place in the presence of dignitaries including Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Dr. S.K. Gupta, Registrar of the University, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Harinder Gupta and Praveen Pargal from LEAD. Two expert lectures were delivered during the event in which K.K Sharma, for-

mer Director Agriculture shared insights on Agricultural Background & Schemes while Dr. Anil Bhat, Assistant Professor presented on Startup Opportunities in J&K UT. The summit also featured a panel discussion, with speakers including Anshul Gulati (Gulati Oil Mills), Kamal Kishore (Agriculture Department), Vikrant Dogra (Chairman, JKDUCL), Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi (IIT Jammu), and Anirudh Gupta (NTTS College). The panel deliberated on key issues and opportunities within the agricultural domain, offering valuable perspectives from their respective fields of expertise. At the end, Prof. Vinod Gupta, Organizing Secretary presented formal vote of thanks.

DBPS celebrates Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha organised a religious function in connection with Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti in the premises of the Sabha near Parade Ground Jammu, besides, prayers were also offered to Bhagwan Parshuram by all to save the country from natural disasters. After Hawan Yagya and Pooja Arehana, religious Scholars enlightened the gathering about the history and importance of Bhagwan Parshuram. The function was presided over by Ved Parkash Sharma, President DBPS. A car and bike rally was also organized by the Sabha, which was flagged off by Sant Narsingh Dass Maharaj. The rally passed through Moti Bazar, Peaca Danga, Jain Bazar, Link Road, Purani Mandi, Residency Road, Vivekanand Chowk, Dogra Chowk to Raghunath Bazar and then back to Parade. Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, Former Minister Sat Sharma, Senior BJP Leader Chander Mohan Sharma Ashok Koul (Organization Secretary BJP), Davinder Singh Rana (Ex-MLA) Ex-Minister Priya Sethi, Vice-President B-JP



A Shnki taking out on Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti.

Yudhvir Sethi, NMC President Subash Shastri, Ex-Corporator Anita Sharma, Pt VM Magotra, NC Sharma, ML Sharma, Ritiz Khajuria, Sonmath Khajuria, K L Sharma, Ex-DC BS Jamwal, Satyanand Sharma, Adv. Ankur Sharma, Kanav Sharma, (District President B-JYM), Raman Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Er. Gopal Sharma, Jagdish Dogra, Shiv Ram Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, ML Padha, Brita Ram, Gurdas Sharma, Prem Balotra, Rajesh Badgotra, Davinder Sharma (Babbu), Satpal Sharma, Sunil Sharma (Convener) DBPS unit Channi Himmat, Soujanya Sharma, Shankar Dass Sharma, Prem Sharma, Deepak Sharma (Deepu) and representatives of various social religious organizations were also present on the occasion.

The singers recited devotional songs and Bhajans mesmerizing the gathering with a religious and spiritual atmosphere. Pt. Rohit Shastri, Ajay Sharma and Satpal Raina, in his discourse, threw light on the responsibilities of Brahmin. President of the Brahman Sabha, Ved Parkash Sharma and others called upon the community to follow the path shown by the great gurus and work for the uplift of every section of society. He talked about various social evils and urged the Brahmin community to wage a war against these evils. Adv. PC Sharma said that the Sabha will continue its work for the welfare of the community and society as a whole. The function concluded with offering of Parshad in the shape of Bhandara.

IIIM organizes Rashtriya Boudhik Sampada Mahotsav



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM presenting memento to Dr. Paromita Banerjee, Principal Scientist at CSIR-URDIP, Pune.

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JAMMU: The CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) on Friday organized the Rashtriya Boudhik Sampada Mahotsav (National Intellectual Property Festival) at the CK Atal Auditorium of the institute. This event, which brought together intellectual minds to explore the significance of intellectual property rights in fostering innovation, coincided with World IP Day. With the theme "IP and the SDGs: Building Our Common Future with Innovation and Creativity," the festival aimed to delve into how innovative ideas could contribute to Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Saguna Dewan, Chief Scientist at the Innovation Protection Unit (IPU), CSIR HQ, New Delhi, delivered the keynote lecture on "Challenges and Solutions in International Patent Protection" and shed light on the critical aspects of international patent filings. She underlined the importance of international patent filings and provided a detailed overview of patent prosecution.

Dr. Paromita Banerjee, Principal Scientist at CSIR-URDIP, Pune, delivered an online lecture on the importance and methodologies of prior art search in the context of Intellectual Property (IP) and patenting. Dr. Banerjee highlighted the importance of conducting a comprehensive prior art search by identifying relevant patents, scientific literature, technical reports, and other sources of prior art. She added that inventors can gain valuable insights into the state of the art, identify potential obstacles to patentability, and refine their patent strategy accordingly. Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director of CSIR-IIIM, in his presidential remarks, highlighted the institute's dedication to promoting intellectual property rights and innovation. He emphasized the significance of intellectual property in fostering innovation and sustainable development, stressing its pivotal role in nurturing ideas setting the stage for meaningful discussions. He also discussed govern-

ment policies supporting start-up innovations and urged young researchers to prioritize patenting. He reaffirmed the institute's commitment to supporting societal goals and appreciated the organizing team and keynote speakers for making the event a success. Earlier, Dr. Kancherla Prasad, Senior Scientist, in his welcome address, gave details of the event and emphasized that novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability are the fundamental criteria for patentability of any invention. Prominent among other scientists present were Dr. Dhiraj Vyas, Dr. Sumit Gandhi, Dr. Qazi Naveed Ahmed, Dr. Deepika Singh (HODS), Dr. Shashank Singh, Dr. Sheikh Tasduq Abdullah, Dr. Suphla Gupta, Dr. Prasoorn Kumar Gupta & Dr. Amit Nargotra (Sr. Pr. Scientists). Dr. Love Sharma conducted the proceedings, while Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Head of RMBD & IST Division, presented a vote of thanks.

JU students selected for International Art Residency in Ladakh



Kundan Gyatso



Zarina Parveen

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JAMMU: Two students from the Department of Sculpture, Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu namely Zarina Parveen and Kundan Gyatso, have been chosen to participate in the International Art Residency program hosted by 'sa Ladakh' in the picturesque landscapes of Ladakh Valley. Taking place from June 1st to 10th, 2024, in Disko Valley Park, Leh, India, this residency offers an unparalleled opportunity for artistic exploration and cultural exchange. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal of IMFA, complimented Zarina Parveen and Kundan Gyatso on their selection, expressing his confidence in their ability to create captivating artworks inspired by the Himalayan environment. During the residency, Zarina Parveen will focus on the theme of

'Childhood Memories,' exploring the concept of burden and struggle in life through her installations. Meanwhile, Kundan Gyatso will delve into the theme of 'Traditional Rituals in Local Farming,' aiming to preserve and promote the customs, traditions, and rituals of Ladakh's folk-art through his sculptural works. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik emphasized that the students will receive the international exposure during the residency, as they collaborate with contemporary artists from nations such as the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, the USA, and India. Zarina Parveen and Kundan Gyatso have honed their skills in visual arts and sculpture under the guidance of mentors Sukhjeet Singh Kukkal, Jasleen Singh, and Trishla Kumari from the Department of Sculpture, IMFA, University of Jammu.

MIET, Mitsubishi Electric India organize Industry 4.0 Workshop



MIET and Mitsubishi Electric India members at a workshop.

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Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET) successfully hosted a two-day workshop on Industry 4.0 in collaboration with Mitsubishi Electric India's Factory Automation and Industrial Division (FAID). This workshop was held at MIET, which is recognized as the first and only Authorized Training Centre (ATC) for Mitsubishi Electric PA in Jammu and Kashmir. The training center is well-equipped with state-of-the-art automation tools, including a 6-axis robotic arm, the FX-5U Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) based PA training-kit, and SCADA Software for effective data acquisition. The ATC at MIET caters to training needs of industries in the Jammu region on advanced technologies besides providing in-depth trainings and

workshops to students to equip them with future skills. The event saw participation from 20 industry professionals from leading companies such as Medley Pharmaceuticals, Cadila, and Ravenbhel Pharmaceuticals. It provided an in-depth exploration of Industry 4.0 technologies and their applications in modern industrial settings. Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Automation Engineer from Mitsubishi Electric India, led the sessions, educating participants on the fundamentals of PLC systems, hardware configurations, and programming techniques, alongside hands-on training using GX Works 3 software. The workshop also delved into advanced subjects including structured programming, the use of various programming editors,

and the integration of both standard and custom libraries. Prof. Ankur Gupta, Director MIET, emphasized the significance of exchanging knowledge with industry leaders and reiterated the institution's commitment to initiating new training programs focused on artificial intelligence, robotic process automation, electric vehicles, and augmented/virtual reality technologies. He underscored the importance of strengthening industry-academia partnerships and enhancing the skills of the workforce to meet the challenges of emerging technologies. The valedictory event was officiated by Prof. Sahil Sawhney, General Manager Strategic Initiatives, and Prof. Ashok Kumar, Dean Academic Affairs at MIET. Prof. Sawhney appreciated the efforts of MIET ATC in fostering significant industrial relationships and its ongoing commitment to enhancing professional skills in cutting-edge technological arenas. The event was coordinated by Mr. Vijay Bhardawaj Thalluri, Assistant Manager, MIET Authorized Training Center.

Three-day VET FEST 2K24 concludes at SKUAST-Jammu

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JAMMU: The three-day annual veterinary festival, "Vet Fest-2K24," hosted by the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry at SKUAST-Jammu, R S Pura, was concluded. Prof. B.N. Tripathi, the Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu was the Chief Guest alongside Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean, FVSc & AH; Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, DSW, SKUAST-Jammu and other esteemed statutory officers of the University.



Dignitaries at closing ceremony of three-day veterinary festival 'Vet Fest-2K24'.

The concluding day started with different outdoor sports activities viz. race (100m/200m), javelin throw and marathon followed by cultural events in which both faculty and students participated with great zeal and zest. During the valedictory function, Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean, FVSc & AH welcomed the dignitaries and outlined the diverse array of events carried out in the VetFest 2K24. He expressed his sincere thanks and congratulated the conveners and members of different committees, who worked day and night to make this festival a grand success.

Prof. Tripathi, in his address, emphasized that VetFest is a unique platform for students to show their hidden talents and praised the creative and artistic performances of students. He further stated that, despite being science students, they have a thoughtful sense of art and culture. Such events explore creativity, talent, innovation and rejuvenate the minds and spirits of students and faculty. Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Students Welfare, SKUAST-J congratulated the Faculty for nicely conducting the Mega event.

Dr. Hema Tripathi, Associate Director Extension, also congratulated the veterinary fraternity for the successful completion of the event. The day also witnessed prize distribution by the Chief Guest to the winners of different events viz. Literary events (Debate, Story Writing, Mad - Ad, Ship Wreck, Quiz and Youth Parliament), cultural events (Dance, Music, Theatre), Photography, Flower Decoration, besides various Sports Events (indoor and outdoor games viz. Badminton, Chess, Table Tennis, Carom, Cricket, Basket Ball, Volley Ball, Tug of War, 100 & 200 meter Races) organized over three days long VetFest, 2K24. Best room in boys/girls hostel was also adjudged and awarded. The programme was held in collaboration with IDP-NAHEP, SKUAST-Jammu to boost the confidence of the students and develop overall personality. Dr. H.R Bhardwaj, Organizing Secretary of VET FEST 2K24 extended vote of thanks and congratulated the whole veterinary fraternity of SKUAST-Jammu for the successful completion of the event.

Crorepati separatist-turned mainstream politician Sajad Lone's election affidavit shows Rs 12 Cr assets

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SRINAGAR: Separatist-turned-mainstream politician and People's Conference Chairman Sajad Gani Lone has disclosed assets worth around Rs 12 crore and also mentioned a dispute spanning 30 years with the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation in his election affidavit. Sajad Lone, who joined mainstream politics and revived his father Abdul Gani Lone's People's Conference, has liability to the tune of Rs 6.9 crore, showed the affidavit, filed by the 57-year-old as part of his nomination papers to contest the Lok Sabha polls from Baramulla constituency on May 20. Sajad Gani Lone is contesting against National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah from Baramulla Lok Sabha seat. The poll affidavit revealed that the Crorepati leader was living a luxurious life in UK during the turmoil in Kashmir in the 90s, when thousands of school children from poor and middle class families lost their parents, future, education and mental bal-

ance as miscreants set hundreds of schools, bridges and government building on fire in the valley. The indefinite Hartals and curfews had also put people in a blind tunnel. The movable assets of Sajad Lone's wife Asma Khan are worth Rs 54.80 lakh, according to the affidavit. Asma Khan is daughter of late Amanullah Khan, founder leader of outlawed Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF). The wealth of his sons M Emmad Lone and M Adnan Lone, who are his partners in a commercial venture in Srinagar, is also in crores of rupees, the document showed. Sajad Lone, a former minister in the previous PDP-led government, has also listed in the affidavit the disputed amount under arbitration with the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC), which dates back to his participation in the "Gold for Gold" scheme in the early 1990s. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement

Directorate (ED) had registered a case in 1995 after which the MMTC began arbitration proceedings in 2001 against a firm of Sajad Lone and two of his associates in another company for the recovery of a loan in gold given for making ornaments for export. Sajad Lone had allegedly taken gold from the MMTC under its "Gold for Gold" scheme in 1993-94. Under the scheme, parties registered within Customs-bound areas took gold from the MMTC and converted it into ornaments for export. The parties that availed the loans were supposed to return the principal amount in gold to the corporation while the interest was payable in cash. The MMTC had alleged that Sajad Lone left the country immediately after availing the loan, following which the corporation registered a complaint with the CBI in 1994 and the ED in 1995. In his 2014 poll affidavit, Sajad Lone had put the value of movable assets of his wife at Rs 24.5 lakh and his two dependents

(sons) at Rs 14,668 and Rs 8,996, respectively, with value of immovable assets, including a flat in Haryana, besides other properties worth Rs 6.5 crore each. A graduate from the University of Wales, College of Cardiff, UK, Sajad Lone in his latest affidavit showed that his annual income, according to the Income Tax Returns, grew from more than Rs 37 lakh in 2018-19 to Rs 81.79 lakh in 2022-23. The stark contrast in his financial position since the 2014 elections has been attributed to rental and business earnings, along with pension from his time as a former MLA. Sajad Lone's financial portfolio includes a luxury car, multiple bank accounts and substantial investments in properties such as a commercial building in Srinagar and a residential building in Handwara. His total immovable assets, including those jointly owned with his dependents, amount to around Rs 11.20 crore.