

LG Mathur reviews progress of Forest & Wildlife Department

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur chaired a meeting to review the progress of the Forest & Wildlife Department, at Raj Niwas on Saturday.

Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment (FEE), Dr Pawan Kotwal and Chief Wildlife Warden, Mufi Sajjad Hussain, attended the meeting. LG Mathur stressed on the need to target saturation coverage of individual-oriented benefits such as chain-link fencing, Corral pens, solar lights & heaters, etc.

He emphasised on 100% upgradation of home stays in Ladakh. He suggested that the Forest & Wildlife Department may procure organic waste composters in large numbers from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) fund and Special Development Package (SDP) to address the issue of feral dogs.

LG Mathur suggested that cafeterias with telescopes and waste disposal facilities be developed along with the installation of watch towers in



Lt Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur chairing a meeting.

Tsomo Riri and Pangong Lakes. He stressed on the need to plant sea buckthorn and Sanjeevani herbs on a large scale in Ladakh. He advised that a Tissue Culture Lab may be set up in Ladakh on the public-private partnership (PPP) model to produce superior quality plants using this technique. LG Mathur advised the Forest & Wildlife Department to conduct the census of wild animals, birds and water bodies in Ladakh by engaging research scholars to determine their numbers and varieties. He said the data collected from the census would enable them to draft the management plan efficiently. He suggested that the Forest & Wildlife Department may seek assistance from Zoological

Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India and Bombay Natural History Society also for the implementation of various projects in Ladakh.

LG Mathur advised the Forest & Wildlife Department to conduct training on wildlife for guides and stakeholders from local tour operators to build their capacities and enhance their knowledge of the wildlife found in Ladakh. He further advised the Department to draft a policy that includes guidelines on livelihood options from Forest/Wildlife activities for the people of Ladakh and the protection/preservation of wildlife and forests. He stressed on the need for the development of new pastures and maintenance of existing

pasture land for the benefit of the livestock.

LG Mathur inquired about the CAMPA Fund, the appointment of collectors for the settlement of rights in protected areas, the progress in the implementation of the 5-year Carbon-Neutral Plan, enumeration of water bodies, status of distribution of satellite phones in remote areas for emergencies, Forest/Wildlife Management Plan, setting up of Butterfly Park, the status of the installation of the sequencer, development of flowers on walls around KBR Airport, the upgradation of the Choglamsar Forest Park, etc.

Earlier, Chief Wildlife Warden, Mufi Sajjad Hussain, gave a detailed presentation on the rationalisation of boundaries, feral dogs issue, land diversion cases, the appointment of collectors for settlement of rights, status of rescue centres and watch towers, revised homestay policy, updates on CAMPA fund, plantation of juniper saplings as a part of sacred grove plan in monasteries in Leh and Kargil along with plantation of medicinal and aromatic plant

nurseries, Saw Mill and Timber Sale Depot Rules, steps taken by Ladakh Pollution Control Committee, viz. grant of consent given to hotels, the release of fund by Central Pollution Control Board for installation of air quality monitoring stations in Leh and Kargil, procurement of dust samplers and noise-monitoring equipment, etc.; promotion of new wildlife tourism destinations in the form of Rong Valley eco-tourism and Himalayan Bear Tourism in Drass; Hanle Dark Sky Sanctuary; setting up of International Snow Leopard Centre (ISLC) and Mountain Research Institute (MRI); mitigating Human-Wildlife Conflict through the use of Animal Intrusion Detection and Repellent Systems (ANIDERS), compensation for wild animal attacks, etc.

Chief Wildlife Warden, Mufi Sajjad Hussain also provided updates on the Wildlife Management Plan for Hemis National Park, Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary and Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary.

Handicraft exhibition cum workshop organised



Tehsildar North Jammu, Jai Singh along with others during handicraft exhibition.

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JAMMU: A handicraft exhibition cum workshop was organised at Baba Sidh Goriya temple, near Arya Samaj Mandir, Jammu.

Earlier, Dr Ira Gupta (councillor ward no. 37) in collaboration with the Dental Clinic by Dr. Ira Gupta on Saturday. The event was managed by Nitin Gupta and Dr Shalu Gupta.

The event was a handicraft exhibition cum sale cum workshop involving local Dogra talent Jammu Sonika Parikh also graced the occasion and enlightened the government schemes about promoting talented artists. Suresh Sharma

from JAKFAS were also present to encourage & motivate the artists.

A wall of fame was also made which was Sadda Jammu, Sadhi Pehaar where various information about Jammu region was shared.

Later, a free dental check up by Dr Ira Gupta was organised on the occasion for 2 days. A health check up by Dr. Shalu Gupta (General physician, Genesis hospital, Gurgaon) and Dr. Rohini Choudhary (Eye Specialist, ex Registrar GMC Jammu) will be organized on 12th June, 2022 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Bayer Cropscience Ltd organises retailer meet



Bayer Cropscience Limited members during a retailer meet.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Bayer Cropscience Limited on Saturday organised retailer meet at KC City Centre, here where more than 40 retailers participated. The Bayer Cropscience staff

Ajay Pathania (commercial manager), Priyam Sharma (territory business manager), Vipul Sadyal (territory supervisor), Ravi Kant Sharma, Rahul Kaushik and Sahil Sanjwal (field officer) made retailers aware about

the problems in paddy and maize, and showcase in their product portfolio.

They also discussed about the major problem occurring in maize which fall armyworm and how to control it.

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Skill development training programme on mushroom cultivation conducted by RSETI Leh concludes



Participants posing with dignitaries after receiving certificates at Leh.

LEH: Ten days off campus training batch on Mushroom Cultivation conducted by State Bank of India Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI-RSETI) concluded at village Egoog Leh on Saturday.

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Director RSETI Leh Anil Singh. Sonam Thardot thanked RSETI staff for conducting of training programme and insisted that there is a good demand of Mushroom in Leh District. He advised trainees to create a self help group of village to avail full benefit of Government schemes. Anil Singh, Director SBI RSETI Leh congratulated

all the participants on successful completion of 10 days training.

He maintained that there is a good scope of Mushroom cultivation at Leh. He advised trainees to avail the benefits of social security schemes launched by Govt. of India.

He maintained that the purpose of this training is to be a successful entrepreneur and to

Performing Arts Association holds district-level competitive events



President JKAA, Suneel Mahajan lighting a ceremonial lamp.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Performing Arts Association J&K organised district level Dance/Singing acting competition at Government Polytechnic College, Birkram Chowk, here on Saturday.

This event was inaugurated by the chief guest, Suneel Mahajan, President J&K Athletic Association, Rajiv Batra, General Secretary, Netball Association of J&K, was Guest of Honour.

Tajinder Singh, president and Gurvinder Kour, State Secretary, J&K Performing Arts unit were present as special guests. Suneel Mahajan said that these events bring out the best of potential in the students. Students can tap their unexplored talent so that their energies can be better channelised for constructive activities. He appreciated the efforts of society for providing platform to the budding children to showcase their performances.

He also lauded the children

for their outstanding performances and advised them to work hard and make their birth place and country proud.

80-100 children and youth from various localities of Jammu participated and exhibited their talent in the field of dance and singing.

The best performers were honoured by Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

Romit Sawhney and Rajan, Kuldeep Kumar, Rohit Sharma and Azad Fangotra, Vidhya Bhushan were the judges in Dance, Singing and

acting respectively.

The event was organized by Akashdeep, District Secretary, DSC Jammu and Nitin Sandhu, Director, Auspicious Dance Academy, Jammu.

CEO, Performing Arts Association, Gurvinder Kour, informed that they are conducting such events at every district, which will be followed by state level competitions.

Later, mementos and certificates were presented to the children by the Chief Guest in presence of society members and parents of the children.

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India moving from women-specific to women-led projects: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing Startups and entrepreneurs at 2-day "Biotech Start-up Expo 2022" at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday said that in the Biotech Start-ups sector, India is moving from women specific to women-led projects. He said, India today is looking at a growth of the Biotech sector from \$80 Billion to \$150 Billion in the next 4 years and added that this cannot be accomplished without the active participation of women.

After releasing a book based on "Compendium of 75 Women Biotech Entrepreneurs" at Biotech Start-up Expo held at Pragati Maidan here, Dr Jitendra Singh was addressing the session "The Way Forward".

He said, in the past 8 years of Modi Government, the number of female entrepreneur-owned Biotech companies has seen an exponential rise and this can be

aptly described as women-led empowerment, rather than only the women empowerment.

The Minister said that women scientists have carved a niche for themselves in Space, Nuclear Science, Drone and Nano-technology and added that many of the big scientific projects including that of the most ambitious manned mission Gaganyaan to be launched in 2023 are being led by women

scientists. He said, one of the key pillars of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's New India is the success story of women innovators in the country.

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The Minister said, market conditions, access to varied business opportunities, and female entrepreneurs' readiness to jump into the world of business ownership create a winning triad.

Dr Jitendra Singh revealed that the number of Biotech Start-Ups in the country has increased from 50 to over 5,000 in the last 8 years, because of the support and enabling milieu provided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi ever since he took over in 2014.

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All opposition parties appeal for peace, seek action against provocative forces

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JAMMU: All parties United Morecha, a conglomerate of non-BJP opposition parties today jointly appealed the people to maintain the religious harmony at all costs and asked the government to deal sternly with enemies of peace and harmony.

A meeting of representatives of different opposition parties was held at Jammu to express serious concerns over the prevailing atmosphere of religious tension caused due to the provocative statements and actions of few individuals, hurting the religious sentiments of opposition communities at large scale. The BJP government of the day at the center allow such forces and individuals to vitiate the atmosphere in the country for political dividends but the entire nation and society as a whole is at great loss. The Pluralistic country like ours which is multi religious, multi faiths and having vast diversities can't allow such elements and forces to operate in any manner to further their agenda of hatred and division.

Such communal and divisive forces need to be curbed in the bud by any responsible government and administration but under the present regime such forces are not only out to destroy our social and secular fabric but create large scale wedge in the society and cause communal riots. We strongly urge the BJP government at the centre and UT administration to take stern action against communal and divisive forces creating hatred in the society and appealed to the people to see through the designs of such forces and maintain religious harmony and peace at all costs.

The representatives of Seio-political organizationd, Ravinder Sharma, Ved Mahajan, Rattan Lal Gupta, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, National Conference, Varinder Singh, Balbir Singh, PDP, Narinder Khajuria, IDP, Muzaffar Eani CPM, CPI, Sahid Saleem Mir, United Peace Alliance social organizations attended the meeting under the aegis of All parties United Morecha(APUM) under the patronage of Sheikh Abdul Rehman EX-MP besides I D Khajuria , Convenor APUM were participants.

APS Domana organises women health awareness programme on PCOS



APS Domana students and faculty posing with resource person.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Damana has taken an initiative in association with VigyanSetu Foundation organized Women's health awareness session for all Class XII & X girl students .

The Guest Speaker on the occasion was Dr Jyoti Hak, a renowned Obstetrician and Gynecologist Medical College, Jammu. The programme commenced with a welcome note by Anurita Koul PRT.

The children were sensitized about the causes of PCOS - Polycystic Ovary

Syndrome.

She sensitized about understanding the lifestyle diseases that are outcome of unhealthy choices of food as well as living and PCOS is one of them. She stressed on exercise, healthy lifestyle and spend quality time with family.

Prineipal APS Damana Pushpinder Kaur emphasized to take care of our body as it is the only place we have to live in. Vice Principal APS Damana Shalby Kapoor also sensitized the children on health issues. Anurita Koul PRT presented the vote of thanks.

M S Katoch the Working President of the forum told the aspirants who feels cheated need to be addressed properly, however the LG Manoj Sinha has already announced an enquiry in this issue by Chief Secretary level official but we request the government to review their announcement and get the enquiry conducted by either CBI or Retired Justice of the High Court.

In this regard a meeting was held under the presidency of Pavitra Singh (Retd Session Judge), the matter was discussed in depth and it was decided to conduct a press conference to apprise the authorities to review the issue immediately.

M S Katoch further added



Working President JPPF, M S Katoch talking to reporters.

Sood Eye Centre organises eye check-up camp



Dr R D Sood, Medical Director Sood Eye Centre after inaugurating a camp.

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JAMMU: Sood Eye Centre, Jammu in association with Kuldeep Singh, Sushma Rani and Satish Sharma (social welfare) organised a free eye camp for senior citizens at Bdhara ,Akhnoor Road.

All beneficiaries and local people of Bdhara appreciated the services of Dr R D Sood, Medical Director.

Sood Eye Centre, Trikuta Nagar for taking up the noble cause for benefit of senior citizens of the area .

The camp was inaugurated by Dr R D Sood (Medical Director).

Many senior citizens benefitted from the camp

where they were provided with modern facilities of eye check up and advised medicines.