

# CM Haryana calls on Dr Jitendra, discusses DoPT related State issues

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NEW DELHI: Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar today called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed a wide range of State issues related to Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), including placement of All India Services officers and other matters.

Manohar Lal Khattar pointed out that there would be



CM Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at DoPT headquarters, North Block, New Delhi, on Friday.

severe shortage of IAS officers by the end of this year as 7 Direct Recruits and 7 Promotee Officers will superannuate in 2022. He said, due to Central Deputation of officers and low intake of officers at the State Cadre, the State is facing some governance

problems.

Haryana Chief Minister brought to the notice of Dr Jitendra Singh that there are 50 odd departments in the State which need experienced officers at the helm. He said, at present he is managing by assigning 2-3 departments to

a single officer, leading to unnecessary and unfeasible workload.

Dr Jitendra, who is also Minister In-charge DoPT, acknowledged the serious crunch of officers in Haryana and directed the Union Secretary, DoPT to give due

consideration to all these issues and examine what best can be done.

Dr Singh also assured the Chief Minister that cases of extension of service on a 6-month basis will be considered, till the shortage is addressed on a regular basis. He also promised to give due consideration for repatriation of some of the officers from Central Deputation.

The Chief Minister also requested the Union Minister to follow up with the Central Government the progress of some of the other proposals of projects in Haryana. The Union Minister in return said that his office will take due cognizance of this.

## DSW JU in collaboration with NCB organises 'Online Awareness Programme'

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JAMMU: The Department of Students Welfare (DSW), University of Jammu in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau, Zonal Unit, Jammu organised an 'Online Awareness Programme' in commemoration of 'International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking' which falls on 26th June every year.

The webinar was attended by students, scholars, teachers and staff of the university.

Rajesh Kumar, Zonal Director NCB and Mohd Nawab, Superintendent NCB were the resource persons. Prominent among those who attended the programme include Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Dr. Pritam Singh, Assistant Dean, SW alongwith other

faculty members and officers of the university. In his address, Prof. Prakash Antahal stressed upon the importance of awareness about the menace of Drugs which is gripping more and more youth in its clutches and ensured all possible help in this regard from University's side. Rajesh Kumar presented the precise data with regards to the percentage of people affected with the ill effects of drugs in J&K in comparison with that data of the whole country and cautioned about the alarming situation.

He invoked the active participation of parents, teachers and all other stakeholders in making youth aware about the consequences of falling in the trap of drugs and other allied intoxicants. Mohd Nawab informed about the methodology which is generally adopted by the miscreants to trap innocent youth and once getting

addicted, it becomes near to impossible for them to return back to their normal life.

Prof. Vishav Raksha expressed gratitude towards the learned resource persons who made students aware about drugs and its ill effects. She also thanked the teachers, students and scholars to join this informative webinar in a sizable number which speaks about their desire to get awareness about the topic of concern. The event was organized by the team consisting of Prof. Prakash Antahal, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Prof. Sanjana Kaul (Co-Chairperson, CCC) Dr. Anil Gupta (Associate Dean SW) Dr. Garima Gupta and Dr. Pritam Singh (Assistant Deans, SW), Dr. A.R. Manhas & Dr. Shallu Sharma (Deputy Proctors), members of Campus Cultural Committee, Mansi Mantoo and Sumeet Sharma.

## BJP spokesperson Dr Tahir thanks PM for organising G-20 meeting in J&K

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and spokesperson, Dr Tahir Choudhary thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for organising G-20 meeting in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Choudhary said that this is a great achievement for the people of Jammu and Kashmir as the first time major international event to be organised in the Union Territory. "Jammu and Kashmir is being considered one of the potential venues to G-20 meetings due to policies adopted by government after the abrogation of Article 370," he said.

Dr Tahir said that the event will put Jammu and Kashmir on a higher pedestal by hosting such international event.

Dr Tahir said that since the abrogation of Article

370, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken several proactive steps for the development of the Union Territory.

"The J&K which has been always in the spotlight for terrorism activities, now gaining momentum towards the development of the state's infrastructure and international as well as national event," he said.

He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the J&K has become one of the few states in India which is having both IIT and IIM. He further said that the government has made necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of Amarnath Yatra. He informed that Centre and Union Home Minister, Amit Shah is personally reviewing all the arrangements for the annual pilgrimage.

# DSS Youth Wing announces its committee for Tehsil Jammu (Urban)

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JAMMU: Incharge Youth Wing of Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) J&K, Gambir Dev Singh, while addressing the media persons, disclosed that to carry out the activities of the Sabha effectively in the city of Jammu, a separate committee of Youth Wing for Tehsil Jammu (Urban) has been constituted with Pawan Sharma as President, Partap Singh Jamwal, Rahul Gupta - Vice Presidents, Ishan Gupta - General Secretary, Ritesh Langer - Cashier, Vyom Gupta - Secretary I/C Social Media, and Parteek Raj, Naveen Sharma and Gagan Sharma as Members.

While extending a welcome to the newly nominated office bearers and members of the Youth



Incharge Youth Wing of Dogra Sadar Sabha J&K, Gambir Dev Singh addressing the media persons.

Wing Tehsil Jammu (Urban), Gambhir Dev explained to them the glorious history and responsibilities of the Sabha.

He asked them to remain fully conversant with the day - to - day evolving socio-economic and environmentally important scenario of Jammu region and always take lead in activities that are helpful

for the common masses.

Singh, Incharge Youth Wing DSS, referred to the struggle of Dogra Sadar Sabha, J&K for restoration of original glory to Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex and other places of historical and cultural importance in Jammu region, revival of Dogra Culture and holding of Jammu festivals, putting

total curbs on the drug-menace prevailing in the society particularly amongst the youth, throwing open the General N.C. Wij road passing from the front of the Civil Secretariat Main Gates for facilitating general public and ensuring foolproof security to all citizens of Jammu region, who are traditionally peace loving.

He said that administration should keep strict vigil over the activities of anti-national and anti-social elements that may be operating in the area, especially during the forthcoming festival seasons and Shri Amarnath Yatra.

He made a strong appeal to the concerned authorities to deal with nefarious elements with a heavy hand and pleaded for maintenance of peace and

harmony in the society at all costs.

He also made a strong appeal to the UT administration and the authorities responsible for prompt upkeep and maintenance of Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (No. 44) to facilitate foolproof movement of vehicles by timely pressing into service adequate machinery and manpower along the highway so that smooth and uninterrupted Amarnath Ji Yatra and flow of traffic are ensured during the ensuing monsoon season. He emphasized the need to take extra care in the matter because the number of yatries is expected to be the largest this season since last many years, whereas the likelihood of severe landslides due to intense and frequent mon-

soon rains is many times more. He added that the government should also be ready with a contingent plan to accommodate the yatries comfortably along the yatra route at suitably identified/constructed/established shelter houses, in case they get stranded mid-way. He further suggested that all the yatries being the devotees of Lord Shiva, free bus service should be operated for different sacred shrines of Lord Shiva.

Expressing gratitude for their appointment, Pawan Sharma and other office bearers and members of the newly constituted committee of Youth Wing assured full support and cooperation to the senior members and I/c of Youth wing in implementing programmes and policies of the Sabha.

accreditation from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). SKUAST-Jammu is a multi-campus university.

Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu while highlighting the achievements of SKUAST-Jammu added that SKUAST-Jammu was sanctioned an educational grant for the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and World Bank funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP). The grant has provided a great opportunity to SKUAST-Jammu to build on its teaching performance and enhance the research effectiveness of the faculty and prepare the agriculture students to meet the upcoming challenges as scientists, entrepreneurs and solution makers for the society with better future prospects and jobs for themselves.

University is also blessed to have an Agribusiness Incubation Centre sanctioned by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India for

incubating and developing start-ups. Graduated students are having a great opportunity within the University campus to receive grant-in-aid for establishing their start-up by pitching their innovative idea.

The Vice Chancellor added that two KVKs each at Kishtwar and Ramban are also functionalized for the welfare of the farming community. He further said that three community Radio stations have been sanctioned one each for Samba, Reasi and Jammu district for the dissemination of improved agricultural technologies among farmers. He said that the university has started one Kissan call centre for providing on the spot solutions to the problem of farmers.

The University has signed 24 working memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with public and private organizations such as National Cooperative Development Corporation, New Delhi; Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Vietnam; ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Indore; Indian Meteorological

Department, Delhi; Kissan Gurukul, ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research, Shimla; ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora; SKUAST-Kashmir. Etc.

Prof. Sharma also informed that Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Dr. P. L. Gautam, Pro-Chancellor, Career Point University, Hamirpur (H.P) while Dr. A. K. Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, DUVASU, Mathura will deliver the Dr. Verghese Kurien Memorial Lecture. Prof S K Gupta Registrar, Prof Pardeep Wali, Director Research, Professor Rakesh Nanda, Director Education, Prof S K Gupta, Director Extension, Dean FBSe Dr SEH Rizvi, Dr M S Bhadwal Dean FVSc & AH, Dr A K Mondal, Dean FoA, other statutory officers, Dr Bharat Bhushan Joint Registrar (Academics) and members of media cell including Dr Amrisha Vaid, Dr Punit Choudhary, Dr Anil Bhat of SKUAST Jammu were also present on the occasion.

## Nitishwar visits Nunwan Base Camp

Takes stock of Shri Amarnathji Yatra arrangements



Principal Secretary to LG, Nitishwar Kumar during visit to Nunwan base camp.

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ANANTNAG: Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor today visited Nunwan base camp and took stock of the preparations and arrangements for the ensuing Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

The Principal Secretary, who is also the CEO of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, conducted a tour of the base camp late evening and inspected the provisions for illumination of the Camp, Traffic regulations measures, besides other facilities including drinking water, healthcare,

toilets, sanitation, entry points and langar management.

The Principal Secretary directed the officers to provide all required assistance to the pilgrims and enable them to complete their journey without facing any avoidable difficulty.

He reiterated his earlier directions given from time to time to ensure timely completion of all the arrangements.

The Principal Secretary was accompanied by Dr Piyush Singla, DC Anantnag; Anup Kumar Soni, OSD to CEO SASB and other senior officers.

# SKUAST-J to hold 7th Convocation from June 26 to 28

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JAMMU: The seventh convocation of SKUAST-Jammu has been scheduled to be held from 26th of June to 28th June 2022 here at Baba Jitto Auditorium, SKUAST-Jammu, Chatha.

Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare will be the Chief Guest on the occasion and will award degrees and medals in august presence of LG J&K UT and Chancellor SKUAST Jammu Manoj Sinha.

This is the first time in the history of SKUAST-Jammu that convocation will be held for three days covering Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture, Dr. Verghese Kurien Memorial Lecture and presentations about academic, research and extension activities of various divisions during the first day. During the second day of convocation, Vice Chancellor's gold medal awards will be conferred to Best students of the university in graduation, postgraduate and doctorate programmes. Alumni meet will also the part of the second day of convocation.



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J P Sharma talking to reporters.

On 28th of June 2022, the Chief Guest will address the Convocation and 1305 award degrees and medals to pass outs between 01 March 2018 to 31st May 2022. The detailed information about the award of degrees and medals include Award of Honoris Causa (02), Ph.D. Degrees to 181 students, M.Sc. Agri and Allied Sciences Degrees to 305 students, M.V.Sc. 103 students, M.Sc. Basic Sciences Degrees to 28 students, B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture & B.Sc. (Hons.) Biotechnology Degrees to 421 students, B.V.Sc. & A.H. to 265 students, Merit Certificates will also be awarded to 283 meritorious students. Four Gold medals each will be awarded to B.Sc.(Hons.) Agriculture,

B.Sc. (Hons.) Biotechnology and B.V.Sc. & A.H. whereas 02medals for M.Sc. Vegetable Sciences degree holders.

Vice Chancellor Prof. J P Sharma while briefing to the media persons said that the convocation ceremony is a special day in the academic life of students as after years of hard work and dedication, they get their hard earned education degrees.

The Vice Chancellor added that the academic excellence and reputation of any University depends on the quality of education. So the much awaited convocation ceremony is a living proof of the quality of education that has been imparted to the students. In 2022, the University received 'Grade A'

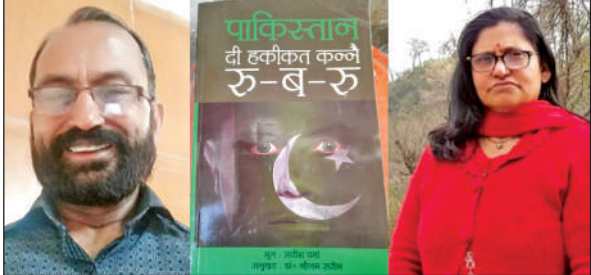
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JAMMU: Jammu's well-known writer Dr Nirmal Sareen conferred with the Sahitya Akademi Award 2021. She got the honour for translating journalist Satish Verma's book 'Pakistan Ki Haqeeqat' in Dogri language.

The book with its title as 'Pakistan Ki Haqeeqat' was written by Senior Journalist Satish Verma after visiting twice Pakistan and the Northern areas of Jammu and Kashmir like Gilgit, Baltistan and Skardu, occupied by it.

The book was published by Dr Nirmal Kumar Verma of the famous 'Diamond Books' in 2011 and then released by famous journalist Ram Bahadur Rai in Pragati Maidan, Delhi. The book was widely appreciated by the readers in whole of the country.

Its Dogri translation was



Satish Verma, Book in Dogri, and Dr Nirmal Sareen

done by Dr Nirmal Sareen with its title as 'Pakistan Di Haqeeqat Kane Ru Bru' was published and released in 2016 by the then Dy Chief Minister of J&K, Dr Nirmal Singh in a function at KL Sehgal Hall, Jammu.

In this book the writer Satish Verma after physically visiting Pakistan first time in 1999 during Nawaz Sharief Regime and second time in 2005 during Gen Parvez Musharraf regime and has described the con-

dition of Kashmiri Refugees who crossed over to Pakistan, spoke to the people who were demanding freedom, and also discussed some issues.

Speaking on the occasion, journalist Satish Verma said "Today, I am very happy when my book translated into Dogri was honoured by the Sahitya Akademi. I would also like to thank Dr. Neelam Sareen from the bottom of my heart."

## Booking for HSRP switched to online mode: Transport Deptt

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JAMMU: The Transport Department today said that the manual process for booking of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) has been completely stopped henceforth and replaced by ONLINE mode. "There is no need to approach any office of the Registering Authority or any other office for the said purpose as the ONLINE MODE is the only platform for applying for affixation of the High Security Registration Plates (HSRP)" the department said in a communiqué. Applicants can visit <https://realnazon.com> for applying the affixation of HSRP. Owners seeking replacement, duplicate HSRP will also have to apply online on the said platform. In case of any difficulty in availing the online service, HELPLINE NUMBERS 9858469762, 7006116953, 9419188848 can be contacted during 9 AM to 9 Pm or email on [helpnjk@gmail.com](mailto:helpnjk@gmail.com). In case, any owner uses any other platform or medium (including any other online portal), it shall be at his / her sole responsibility and risk; and the Department has nothing to do in this regard.

## Northern Army commander honours 84-yr-old for services as Army porter during 1962 ops in Ladakh

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LEH: Northern Army commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Friday honoured 84-year-old Army porter Tsetan Namgyal for his services during the 1962 operation in Ladakh, officials said. Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi is currently on a four-day visit to Ladakh to review the operational preparedness of troops in the Union Territory, officials said. He was working with Param Veer Chakra awardee Lieutenant Col Dhan Singh Thapa during the 1962 operation in Ladakh.