

SKUAST-J Convocation: Shastri, Kurien lectures delivered on Day-1



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J P Sharma lighting ceremonial lamp.

Sector which is a classical example of AtmaNirbhar Bharat. Dr. Srivastava stressed upon the need for stability and strengthening of the Indian dairy sector. Although India is high milk producing country, low milk productivity is the major issue which needs to be addressed.

Earlier, Prof. J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor of the University welcomed the Guests and speakers and thanked both the eminent speakers for accepting the invitation to deliver the lectures. Prof. Sharma presented major achievements of the University in the field of education, research and extension. He said recently three new faculties namely, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Dairy Technology and Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry have been sanctioned, thus taking the total strength of existing faculties to six. The Vice Chancellor added that with the constant support

of LG J&K UT to strengthen the University, two new KVKS at Ramban and Kishtwar have been set up. Highlighting the achievements of University in academics, he informed that last year 66 students have qualified NET examination besides other prestigious national fellowships like INSPIRE; Maulana Azad National Fellowship, SERB and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship.

He also informed about the research and extension initiatives being undertaken by the University which include promoting agri-preneurship and 52 startups have been incubated during the last three years in the Agribusiness Incubator and 14 incubated startups have received the grant in aid from the Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare, Government of India. To inculcate competitive spirit among various divisions of the faculties, a competition was held in which presentations were conducted by Dr. Ankur Rastogi.

the Division of all the three faculties regarding academic, research and extension achievements of their respective divisions.

Dr M C Sharma, Dr A K Srivastava, Dr Umesh Rai, Dr. Bechan Lal and Dr U C Sharma were the Jury on the occasion, Dr During this occasion, Vice Chancellor Open badminton tournament was also held on this occasion and trophies were awarded to the winners 2022.

Among the faculty, Dr. Puneet Choudhary and Dr. Vinod Gupta won the Badminton Double and Dr. Akhil won the Singles. Cultural programme was also organized. Dr. M. C. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor IVRI, Dr. U. C. Sharma, Ex-National Director, ICAR; Dr. S. P. Tiwari, Vice Chancellor, Jabolpur University, Dr. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University, Jammu, Dr. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, statutory officers of the University, Head of various Divisions, KVKS, and Research Stations; faculty and students were also present during the occasion. At the end

vote of thanks was presented by Dr. S. E. H. Rizvi, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Ankur Rastogi.

Dr. P. L. Gautam spoke on the Evolution of Land Grant Universities in India and said that the concept that originated from the USA has different laws and acts enacted in the USA for establishment of Land Grant Universities and how the journey shifted to India for its establishment. He also talked about the status of Agricultural Education in India since the medieval period and stressed upon to review/revisit the Agricultural Universities in view of mushrooming of new private Universities/colleges and emerging national/global issues.

Dr. A. K. Srivastava while delivering Dr. Verghese Kurien Lecture deliberated on the glorious saga of Indian Dairy

DISHA-India launches 'Students Scholarship' Project



DISHA-India members and other posing dignitaries with students during a programme.

to seven students from less privileged families. Koul emphasized the need to reach out to more such families so that the benefits accrue to a large section of the target group. He mentioned two grey areas which require the utmost attention of policy makers and the implementing agencies i.e. Cause and care of the Elderly and Education of Children especially the girls. Koul resolved that DISHA-India will launch long term Community based and development oriented Projects in these two priority areas.

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said that Community youths should be encouraged to take up Entrepreneurship as career, so that they become job creators rather than job seekers. Ashok Pandita assured that genuine problems of the people will be addressed and all possible steps taken in this direction.

Suruchi Kaul, Neeru Tiku, Usha Raina, Kuldeep Bhat, Onder Koul, Pran Pandita, M.L Raina, Sanjay Koul, Dr. Jitendra Koul, Dr. Vinod Koul, Bushan Koul, P.L Talash, M.K Goja, P.N Bhat and Ashok Bhat were also present. Anil Tickoo compared the program and the vote of thanks was presented by Onder Koul.

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NEET PG aspirants presenting memorandum to JKPCC leaders.

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Opposing pooling of PG seats in all India quota for the time being, they sought deferment of the decision and urged for highlighting their problem as well as loss to Jammu and Kashmir. The PCC leadership urged government to reconsider the decision in the larger interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir as well as the PGC.

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LG Mathur attends workshop on agri-based systems



Lt Governor Ladakh, RK Mathur speaking in the workshop at Leh.

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, attended the workshop on Development of Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agri-based Systems for Better Food, Feed, Nutritional and Livelihood Security Options to Farming Community of Cold Arid Region of Ladakh organised by the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), in Leh on Sunday.

The development project is funded by the Department of Science & Technology (DST). LG Mathur requested NDRI to conduct a study on the nutritional value of indigenous milk and suggest ways to bring prosperity to the people through the sale of fodder and enable young entrepreneurs to grow.

He stated that it is the responsibility of the Administration and both the Hill Councils to earmark large areas for the production of fodder and enable young entrepreneurs to grow.

Earlier, Dr Deldan Namgyal from High Mountain Altitude Arid Agriculture Research Institute (HMAARI) welcomed the guests, while Dr Changchub Lamo from Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Leh, gave the vote of thanks.

Skill is New Gold of Future

IIPA organizes 9th Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture



Dignitaries at 9th Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture at IIPA Jammu.

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JAMMU: "We are on borrowed time and it is time for all of us to buck up and change our attitude towards education, skilling, industrial growth and employment" said Prof. (Dr.) Neharika Vohra, Vice-Chancellor Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, New Delhi while delivering 9th Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture on "Bridging Skill Gap through Industry Academia Partnership" organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), JK Regional Branch.

While raising concerns about the quality of human capital, skill deficit, and unemployable graduates, Prof Vohra advocated that both academia and industry cannot be complacent anymore, and should synergize their efforts and come forward to handle the issue of talent depth in the country. According to her, the education sector should rethink and design an effective curriculum through intensive collaboration with the industry.

try to define required skills at a detailed level. Further there is a need to develop indicators to measure levels of core employability skills, create, adapt and develop new assessment methods that reflect the core work skills and competencies of learners.

Further highlighting the role of the industry in reducing the skill deficit, she said that industry should be willing to come into the classroom, engage with the students, provide internship opportunities, co-create curriculum which is of relevance to them.

According to her, industry should pay a premium for skill and therefore appropriate incentives for skilling and learning should be visible. Industry needs to move away from lazy categorizations of

talent and recognize the skilled workforce.

Dr. Ashok Bhan, IPS (Retd), Patron of IIPA-JKRB while remembering the contributions of Late Ram Sahai said he was a charismatic & seasoned entrepreneur who was way ahead of times and contributed towards issues of relevance to them.

He said that educated unemployment is a matter of serious concern and suggested that suitable interventions should be made by both academia and industry to handle this issue which affects the youth of the country.

B R Sharma, IAS (Retd), Chairman of IIPA-JKRB in his presidential remarks, said that the vision of India becoming a 5-trillion dollar economy is only possible with the syner-

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Gupta (Secretary), Amit Gupta (Treasurer) and Naresh Kumar (Secretary).

Omjeet Gupta, Nitto Gupta, Sanjay Gupta, Bhau ji, Raju ji, Sonu, Tiesen, Bablu, Ravi Kumar and others were also present in this meeting.

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ussed with the President and expressed hope that their grievances will be solved as soon as possible by the administration.

The President Narinder Gupta assured all the members that their grievances will be redressed and they will get relief from all their problems at the earliest.

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