

World Environment Day LG Mathur virtually attends 11th phase of mass plantation drive at Chushul

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, virtually attended the 11th phase of the mass plantation drive organised by Go Green, Green Organic in collaboration with UT Administration and LAHDC Leh at Chushul in Changthang on the occasion of World Environment Day. Around 1,50,000 saplings were planted during the mass plantation drive.

His Holiness Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche was conferred the title of Green Ambassador of Ladakh during the function. LG Mathur stated that Ladakh would become a greener and more eco-friendly region with Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche blessings and efforts. His Holiness Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche stated that the objective of Go Green Go Organic is to promote sustainable lifestyles that are in harmony with nature.



Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche being conferred title of Green Ambassador of Ladakh.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson and Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, informed that the Administration and Hill Council are working collectively for the welfare and sustainable development of the people of Changthang through special packages such as Changthang Development Package. They highlighted the development activities in Changthang after the formation of Ladakh as a Union Territory. They con-

gratulated His Holiness Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche for receiving the Green Ambassador of Ladakh title. His Eminence (HE) Thuksey Rinpoche and HE Chosje Togdan Rinpoche stressed the need for maintaining a balanced eco-system in Ladakh. His Holiness Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche; HE Thuksey Rinpoche, HE Chosje Togdan Rinpoche; Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson; Member of Parliament from Ladakh,

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Executive Councillors of LAHDC Leh- Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, Ghulam Mehdi, Stanzin Chospel; Principal Secretary Dr Pawan Kotwal; Councillor Chushul, Konchok Stanzin; nominated Councillor, Ven. Konchok Tsepel; Block Development Council (BDC) chairpersons; sarpanch, panch, goba and nambarads of different villages from Durbuk and Changthang; President, Ladakh Buddhist Association, Thupstan Chhewang; President Ladakh Gonpa Association, Ven Tenzin Wangdak; Senior Superintendent of Police, Leh, PD Nitya; district and sub-divisional officers; members of political parties; officials from Indian Army & Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP); officials and members from Go Green Committee & Green Himalaya and volunteers from all parts of Ladakh attended the function.

National Integration prog marks valedictory of summer camp



NSS volunteers of GGM Science College posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of Government Gandhi Memorial Science College organized cultural event with the theme National Integration on the valedictory day of ten day long summer camp under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan as a part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.

Principal appreciated the efforts of NSS in arranging different outreach programmes.

The youth can only bring the change and own the responsibility to change the society, he said.

The programme started with Saraswati Vandana by Prerna and lighting of the lamp by Principal, NSS PO, Guest of Honour Raghav and NSS volunteers.

This was followed by NSS group song by Tushar, Aaghav, Sanchit, Kartik, Isha, Palvinder and Neeru. The skit on the Impact of Social media on Youth was performed by Skit Puri prepare Haisia, Manyaveer, Jatin, Isha, Archita, Vishal, Divyansh, Mechika and Ajinka.

Dogri dance was performed by Sonal, Sunandini, Tushar and Sankit. Kashmiri dance by Rinjhim, Vibhuti, Abhilasha, Rohini, Piya, Isha, Jatin and Mohd Ali. Punjabi group dance by Neeru, Palvinder, Isha Verma, Damandeep, Pulkatand Sanchit.

The stage camparing was done by Pallav Singh Pawar and Sia Gupta.

The report of the camp was read by Manyaveer Singh Thakur. The solo performance was done by Anchal Singh on

pogli dance and Sonal Sharma on Dogri dance.

The vote of thanks was given by Sanchit and Vibhuti. The documentary video was made by Anchal Singh.

The programme was supported by NSS volunteers of 6th sem, 4th sem and 2nd sem.

NSS PO emphasized that National Integration is the bond and togetherness between people regardless of their caste, creed, religion or gender.

It is the feeling of oneness, brotherhood and social unity under communities and society in a country. Such events bring all these different racial religious cultural and linguistic groups together into one single nation with a national consciousness. It aims at removing socio-cultural economic inequality and strengthening unity and solidarity.

Dogri Sanstha Jammu organises online Kahani Goshthi



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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu on Monday organized Online Kahani Goshthi in which three prominent litterateurs ennobled the literature lovers with their well acclaimed short stories in Dogri. These include last year's Sahitya Akademy Awardee Raj Rahi, prominent theatre activist and Hindi and Dogri writer Santosh Sangra

and eminent broadcaster and short story writer Sudesh Raj who is also the recipient of Bal Sahitya Award from Sahitya Academy New Delhi. Where Sansoh Sangra elaborated the relations through her story 'Guarantee Card', Raj Rahi in his own style presented beautiful and thought provoking reactions of own wards during Covid-19 pandemic in his

nicely crafted story 'Lawaris Laash'. Sudesh Raj presented beautiful anecdotes of her husband Late Rajinder Raina, a prominent Tbla player in her story 'Gulli Danda'.

The programme was presided over by Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu. He said that every writer has his own thought process to build up the plot and introduce characters that carry forward the content therein. The programme was conducted by Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General secretary Dogri Sanstha Jammu. Technical support was given by Pawan Verma, Treasurer of Dogri Sanstha Jammu and a well known theatre activist and writer.

The programme was watched by thousands on Dogri Sanstha Jammu's Facebook page within India and abroad as well wherever there are Dogri speaking people who love to watch Dogri programmes.

IASOWA celebrates World Environment Day

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SRINAGAR: IAS Officers Wives Association (IASOWA) on Sunday celebrated the World Environment Day in collaboration with the Forest Department here at Chashmashahi.

On the occasion besides the President IASOWA, Amita Mehta and its members, the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta; Commissioner Secretary Forest, Sanjeev Verma; Commissioner Secretary RDD, Mandep Kaur; Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mohit Gera; Director Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, Neelu Gera; Executive Director, National Mission for Empowerment of Women, Rashmi Singh; Manu Bhatnagar (W/o Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor) and many other invitees by the association.

On the occasion while planting the tree saplings the Chief Secretary highlighted the sig-



IASOWA members during World Environment Day celebration.

nificance of conserving the environment. He emphasised that each of us needs to be sensitive towards our environment and do our bit in safeguarding it.

He maintained that our educational institutions have an added responsibility of sensitizing the students about the importance of using Eco-friendly materials in their day to day lives. He applauded IASOWA for being so passionate about the important issue of saving environment. He urged them to pursue the cause more vigorously as it is worth the time spent on it.

Others also enumerated the

advantages of planting trees, saving forests and eradication of environmental pollution. Each of the invitees besides the association members planted tree saplings to commemorate the day.

On the occasion the IASOWA President reiterated that the association is dedicated to work for the cause of saving environment from degradation. She mentioned that the association is going to hold awareness programmes and campaigns in future to create awareness among masses about the causes and preventive measures to check environmental degrada-

tion. It was said that IASOWA is ready to carry out many more plantation drives and other cleanliness campaigns in association with the administration for the overall benefit of the society.

It was further added that it is the endeavor of the association to work for the welfare of people especially the weak and vulnerable sections of society.

The day was celebrated under the theme 'One Earth: Shared Future'. The association renewed its mission of working towards making the earth a better place to live.

ICAR celebrates World Environment Day at Tsogsti

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LEH: Regional Research Station, Leh (Union Territory of Ladakh) of the ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute organized "World Environment Day" at Tsogsti Village.

During the programme, Dr. R.K. Goyal, Principal Scientist and Head of CAZRI, RRS Leh, Neeraj Kumar of Power Grid Corporation of India and other staff of the station including Dr. Mahesh K. Gaur, Dipankar Saha, Dr. Noor Mohamad, Changchuk Lamo, Jigmet Stanzin, Stanzin Landol, Yogendra Singh, Rigzin Dorje and Mohd Raza were present and programme was attended by more than 15 farmers of Tsogsti village.

Dr R.K. Goyal briefed about the programme and said that over-exploitation and pollution of natural resources, the envi-



Dr. R.K. Goyal, Head of CAZRI, RRS Leh along with others during visit to Tsogsti.

ronment of the earth has been badly affected. Time has come to seriously think about it. We all together have to remain aware and follow our moral duties towards the protection of environment. Dr. Mahesh Gaur said that the main aim of the 5th June is to create awareness among people about the importance of nature and how we can prevent and conserve

them. He emphasized upon various ways through which we can save nature as well as ourselves from its repercussions.

He also highlighted the theme for this year for environment day 'Only One Earth-Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature'. D. Saha said that these programmes focus on the importance of living sustainably and in peace with nature.

We should encourage people to plant new trees and also opt for other ways through for preserving nature. An interactive session was followed with Dr. Noor Mohamad, Changchuk Lamo, Jigmet Stanzin and Stanzin Landol. At the end, farmer of the village expressed their feeling and thanked the RRS CAZRI for helping them in various modes.

BJP leaders to reach out to needy in every nook & corner of J&K on 8 years of Modi Govt: Jugal

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JAMMU: All senior leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) including the elected representatives will take part in a massive public outreach campaign to mark the eighth anniversary of the Modi government, focusing on its priorities of the welfare of the poor and good governance, said Jugal Kishore Sharma.

MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma was addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, here headed Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government for its poor friendly policies and decisive administration in favour of the common masses.

J&K BJP Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi, BJP Urban



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma addressing a press conference.

Local Body Cell Incharge Sanjay Kumar Baru and BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra also accompanied the MP in Press conference.

Jugal praised PM Modi as a reliable, popular and decisive leader, and said that the entire nation is standing with him. He said the BJP is celebrating the Modi govern-

ment's eighth anniversary for a fortnight starting from May 30.

From May 30 to June 14, the party is organizing public outreach on the theme of the service, good governance, and poor welfare fortnight across the country, as these have been the priority of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government,

Dharmarth Trust finalises arrangements for Mela Kheer Bhawani

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JAMMU: J&K Dharmarth Trust has completed the arrangements for the forthcoming Mela Kheer Bhawani falling on 'Jyeshtha Ashtami' on June 8 with Trust all set to provide state of art facilities to the visiting devotees which comprise locals, people from other parts of Union Territory and also from outside J&K. Giving details of the Mela preparations, Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President Dharmarth Trust asserted that all adequate arrangements for the comfortable stay of the devotees have already been put in place. He said that the district administration has also reviewed all the necessary arrangements with regard to security Bandobast, water and electricity supply during the Mela. It is pertinent to mention that Dharmarth Trust has been looking after several temples and shrines since its inception.

"The Mela Kheer Bhawani is of great significance and people reach Valley from far off places to be the part of this religious congregation", Gandotra said, adding that adequate arrangements have been made especially on account of security of the devotees and it is likely that good number of pilgrims will reach the Mela site on June 8.

PHQ issues promotion order of 100 officers of J&K/Ladakh Police

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JAMMU: SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters has issued promotion of 37 ASIs of UT Ladakh as Sub-Inspectors retrospectively and grade promotion order in respect of 63 Non-Gazetted Officers of J&K Police. A Departmental Promotion Committee convened under the chairmanship of the Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh at Police headquarters J&K Srinagar and after a thorough scrutiny of the service records, promotion/grade promotion in respect of these officers has been ordered. The DGP congratulated the promotees and their families.

He expressed his hope that the promotion will serve as an inspiration for the officers to perform their duties with enhanced dedication and zeal.

Govt PG College Rajouri organises International e-Conference on Environmental Sustainability

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RAJOURI: The Research & Development Cell (RDC) under the aegis of IQAC of Govt PG College Rajouri organized one day international e-conference on Environmental Sustainability here on Saturday.

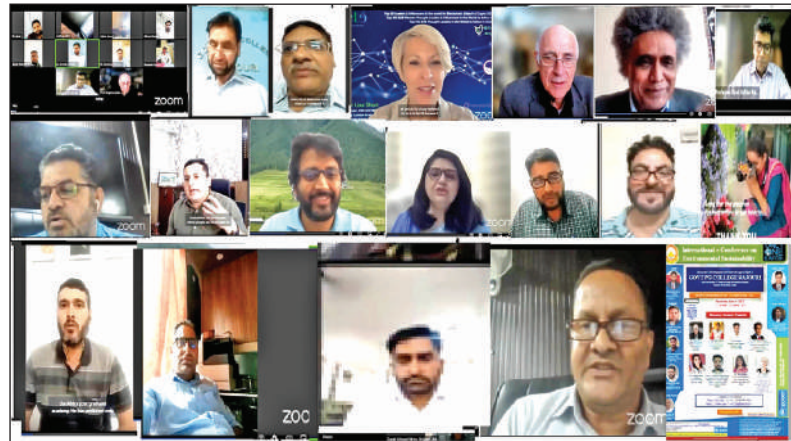
The daylong virtual international conference on the theme "Only One Earth - Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature" organized under the Patronage of Prof. (Dr) Javaid Ahmed Qazi, Principal and convener of Prof. Mohd Farooq Mirza, Vice Principal of College to mark World Environment Day.

OP Sharma Vidyarthi, former PCCF and Director Ecology Environment, Ecology and Remote Sensing, J&K was Chief Guest whereas Sat Paul Pakhru, Regional Director, J&K Pollution Board, Jammu, was Guest of Honour on the occasion.

In his welcome address, Prof. Javaid Qazi, highlighted the pressing issues before humanity including climate change, and biodiversity loss, and collective actions required for protecting life on earth while acting locally. OP Sharma Vidyarthi, the

tree talk crusader, deliberated upon the need of individual activism by inculcating eco-friendly behavior among masses especially among youth like saying no to plastic use and planting trees on every occasion to combat climate change and global warming whereas Satpaul Pakhru underlined various approaches of J&K Pollution Board in tackling pollution issues and conservation of environment. The one day Conference spread over 5 sessions including 2 plenary sessions and an interactive session, attracted galaxy of experts from 6 nations who deliberated upon different topics pertaining to Environmental conservation and climate change.

Dr. Syed Hafizur Rahman, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh delivered keynote address on the topic Environment Day and Sustainability in which he highlighted history, relevance, of environment day and several other aspects including Ecological footprints, natural resources and approaches towards sustainability. In the first plenary session chaired by Prof. Mammo Muchie, [Consultant on



UNESCO's Higher Education, Research and Knowledge Forum] Research Professor, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa, Dr. Ritu Dhringra, Vice Chair, East and Southern Asia - IUCN CEESP (International Union for Conservation of Nature-Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy) delivered talk on Revisiting traditions to conserve environ-

ment. The other speakers in this session were Dr. Stephen Little, Professor Extraordinaire, SARCHI innovation group, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa who spoke on the circular economy and environmental sustainability; Dr. Om Katel, Lecturer, Department of Environment and Climate Studies & Former Dean, Research and Industrial Linkages, College of Natural Resources,

Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan who gave presentation on Biodiversity conservation in Bhutan Himalayas and Taslima Sheikh, Ph.D Scholar, Sunrise University, Rajasthan who talked on butterflies diversity and their conservation.

Dr. Stephen Little (UK/ South Africa) chaired the 2nd Plenary Session in which Prof. Mammo Muchie (Ethiopia/South Africa) spoke at length on the topic Re-Innovating the Post Climate Change Future with spirit of All Humanity to Live in One World Community: Lisa Short, Professor Extraordinaire: Innovation, Digital Technology & Entrepreneurship, Adjunct Faculty London Graduate School & Commonwealth University, UK, who spoke in detail on Blockchain Philosophy; Women and Climate Change; Dr. P.L. Uniyal, Professor, Department of Botany, University of Delhi, New Delhi gave a talk on Declining biodiversity: need to think of restoration.

Prof. Iqbal Raina, Secretary Cultural and Literary Committee of college, moderated the interactive session whereas Dr. Abdul Haq Naimi, HoD, PG Department of

Urdu, Dr. Mohd Jameel, Department of Computer Science, Dr. Mohd Akhlaq, Department of Mathematics, Dr. Mohd Khaliq, HoD-Philosophy, Dr. Mohd Tufail, Department of Geography, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Department of Zoology and Dr. Atiya Sayeed, Deptt. of Chemistry, Govt PG College Rajouri were rapporteurs in different sessions.

Dr. Ashaq Malik, Director of R & D Cell and Organizing Secretary of the conference conducted the proceedings of the programme whereas Prof. Mohd Farooq Mirza, Vice Principal of College and convener of conference, and Professor Zamir Ahmed Mirza, Co-ordinator, IQAC presented the formal vote of thanks in inaugural and valedictory sessions respectively.

Prof. Supriya Gupta, Department of Computer Science and Anuj Bali, Librarian of the college provided technical support. About 250 participants including faculty members, scientists, environmentalists, scholars and students from various institutions of country and abroad were participated in the virtual conference.