

World Environment Day celebrated at Nagrota Military Station

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NAGROTA: On World Environment Day, the picturesque landscape of Nagrota came alive with vibrant hues of green and blue as environmental enthusiasts gathered to celebrate and advocate for the preservation of our planet's natural resources.

Led by Colonel Ranjeet Methew and coordinated by Horticulture Development Officer (HDO) Dansal Sandeep Sharma, the event aimed to raise awareness about the urgent need for environmental conservation and sustainable practices.

Colonel Methew, a revered figure in the community known for his passion for environmental conservation, delivered an inspiring



Colonel Ranjeet Methew and HDO Dansal Sandeep Sharma planting a sapling.

keynote address, emphasizing the importance of collective action in safeguarding the planet for future generations. With his stirring words, he urged everyone to embrace eco-friendly practices and adopt a more sustainable

lifestyle. HDO Sandeep Sharma, the driving force behind the event, shared his vision for a greener, cleaner Nagrota. Through his tireless efforts, he had mobilized local communities, schools, and busi-

nesses to actively participate in environmental initiatives throughout the year. His dedication and commitment served as a guiding light, inspiring others to take proactive steps towards conservation.

The festivities kicked off with a tree planting ceremony, symbolizing the commitment of the participants to replenish the earth's green cover. With shovels in hand and smiles on their faces, volunteers young and old dug holes and carefully planted saplings, breathing new life into the soil at Nagrota Military Station.

Sandeep, an expert in the field, shared his knowledge and insights, empowering individuals to make informed choices for a

healthier planet. "World Environment Day was not just a one-day celebration but a catalyst for long-term change in their attitudes and behaviors," he said.

Participants expressed renewed hope and determination to protect the environment.

Colonel Ranjeet Methew and HDO Sandeep vowed to continue their efforts to protect mother earth.

TMF chairman greets public on World Environment Day

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JAMMU: Team Mask Force (TMF) Chairman, Vijay Sharma, in a press release here this afternoon, greeted people of J&K UT on World Environment Day which is celebrated on 5th June every year.

Sharma, in his statement, said, "We cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources, and bring back soils. We are the generation that can make peace with land. We have to learn how everyone can help restore

land, prevent desertification and droughts." "World Environment Day in 2023 focused on solutions to plastic pollution and whereas in 2022 the theme emphasized "Only one Earth & Need to bring people and nature back into balance. In 2021 the theme called for global urgent action to revive our damaged ecosystems their generation & restoration," he said.

He called for immediate remedial measures to be adopted by each & every individual to save mother Earth for survival of humanity.

PM Modi's third stint will see accomplishment of unfinished tasks, says Adv Purnima

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JAMMU: In the wake of the recent Lok Sabha polls, wherein the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured a resounding victory, Adv Purnima Sharma, a senior BJP leader, has expressed her confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, affirming that his third term will witness the realization of unfinished tasks and the furtherance of the nation's developmental agenda.

In a statement issued here today, Adv Purnima Sharma emphasized the transformative impact of PM Modi's leadership on the socio-economic landscape of India. She highlighted the steadfast commitment of the BJP government towards fostering inclusive growth, strengthening national security,

and upholding the ethos of good governance. "Prime Minister Modi's decisive leadership has steered the nation towards unprecedented progress and prosperity.

His visionary policies have laid the foundation for a New India, characterized by innovation, enterprise, and inclusivity," she said.

With a renewed mandate from the people of India, PM Modi's third term is poised to witness the fulfillment of crucial initiatives and the realization of ambitious goals set forth by the BJP government. She expressed optimism in the government's ability to address pressing challenges, propel economic growth, and elevate India's global standing on the world stage.

Furthermore, Adv Purnima extended her heartfelt gratitude to the people of the Jammu region for their unwavering support towards the BJP candidates in the Lok Sabha polls. She acknowledged the pivotal role played by the constituents in ensuring the victory of the BJP, reaffirming the party's commitment to representing their aspirations and interests effectively.

As the nation embarks on a new chapter under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Adv Purnima Sharma urged all citizens to unite in their pursuit of progress and prosperity. She reiterated the BJP's unwavering dedication to serving the nation and building a prosperous future for all.

Five-day yoga camp held



Participating students and others dignitaries at yoga camp.

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JAMMU: The serene surroundings of Trikuta Nagar became a sanctuary for seekers of inner peace and well-being as a five-day yoga camp unfolded under the expert guidance of Rahul Kohli, former Branch President of Bharat Vikas Parishad.

With a special focus on students and the wider community, the camp aimed to instill the transformative power of yoga in everyday life.

The camp commenced with a traditional inauguration ceremony at Shiv Mandir

Trikuta Nagar, Sector 3, where the divine glow of the lamp illuminated the path towards holistic wellness.

Vedic prayers, led by Shikshaks of Bhartiya Yog Sansthan, set a spiritually uplifting tone for the event, emphasizing the sacred connection between body, mind, and spirit.

Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner and President of Vichar Kranti Manch International, graced the occasion as a Special Guest, shedding light on the modern epidemic of stress and the profound

healing potential of yoga.

In his insightful address, Dr. Jain underscored the importance of yoga in cultivating inner peace, resilience, and holistic well-being.

By transcending the limitations of stress and anxiety, yoga empowers individuals to lead a life of balance, clarity, and purpose.

Throughout the camp, participants were introduced to the foundational principles of yoga, including Asanas, Pranayama, and meditation.

Simple yet potent yogic practices were shared, allow-

ing attendees to experience the profound benefits of aligning body, breath, and mind.

Emphasizing the importance of discipline, morality, study, and regular yoga practice, Dr. Jain highlighted the transformative potential of incorporating these ancient teachings into daily life.

Under the leadership of Vanita Kohli, President of the Trikuta Nagar branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad, and the dedicated efforts of Kalpana Chopra, Secretary, Ritu Gupta, Finance Secretary, and Neetu, Incharge of the female wing, the camp unfolded seamlessly, nurturing a supportive environment for growth and self-discovery.

As the camp drew to a close, Kalpana Chopra extended heartfelt gratitude to all participants, organizers, and supporters for their invaluable contributions.

The summer yoga camp in Trikuta Nagar served as a beacon of light, illuminating the path towards a healthier, happier, and more harmonious way of life.

Through the timeless wisdom of yoga, participants embarked on a journey of self-discovery, empowerment, and spiritual growth, enriching their lives and communities for generations to come.

NAHEP -IDP, SKUAST -J celebrates World Environment Day-2024

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JAMMU: Under the guidance of Prof. Bhupendra N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu celebrated the 'World Environment Day-2024' at its Chatha Campus.

The program was organised on the theme "Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience" which is the campaign slogan of this year's World Environment Day.

Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, SKUAST-J was the chief guest of the programme. Environmentalist, Bhushan Lal Parimoo was the guest speaker at the event.

More than one hundred students & faculty members were present at the programme.



Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, SKUAST-J presenting certificate and award to a winner.

Prof. Sandeep Sehgal, Head, Silviculture & Agroforestry during his inaugural address, underlined the need for creating awareness about the importance of environment among the younger generations.

Bhushan Lal Parimoo in his speech, highlighted the various environmental issues of Jammu and Kashmir and emphasized

the need for urgent action on the issues raised by him.

He encouraged the students to adopt eco-friendly lifestyle. Dr. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education in his address laid stress on planting trees, reducing waste and supporting renewable energy.

He also spoke on the importance of the current year's theme of the world

environment day. He presented the certificates and awards to the winners Quiz, Photography & Poetry competitions organised on pretext of World Environment Day. Prof. Sanjay Khar, Director Planning & Monitoring, Dr. Parshant Bakshi, Prof. & Head Fruit Science, Dr. Sanjay Guleria, Prof. & Head Biochemistry, Dr. K.K. Sood, Prof. Silviculture & Agroforestry, Dr. R.K. Pandey, Prof. & Head Floriculture, Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, Prof. Silviculture & Agroforestry and other faculty members were also present on the occasion. Vote of thanks and proceedings of the programme were conducted by Mirdual Sharma and Diksha Thakur.

ATIPL celebrates World Environment Day



ATIPL J&K circle members holding earthen pots filled with water for hanging on the tree.

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JAMMU: On World Environment Day under the theme for this year "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience," with the slogan "Our Land, Our Future", Ascend Telecom

Infrastructure Private Limited (ATIPL)-J&K circle, on Wednesday organised the event wherein, Save Water, Save Birds, Save Environment campaigning were launched at Shiv Panch Mandir Park Sector - 5, Trikuta Nagar, here in coordination with Mandir

committee. The campaign stated amidst the local public and climatic heat by exchanging views on environment preservation and care of flora fauna.

During the programme valuable information on importance of environment were highlighted and encouraging public participation in keeping the environment eco-friendly, clean, and healthy is key to ensuring a better future for all.

The programme was concluded with an act of kind-

ness, wherein earthen pots filled with water were hanged on the trees and walls of the park for birds to drink water. Certainly, this act of kindness helps many a thirsty tiny creatures in this season of simmering heat and saves their lives as the mercury soars high during summer as well as Eco friendly environment.

Whole team of Ascend Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited actively and enthusiastically participated towards environmental preservation.

IIM celebrates World Environment Day

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JAMMU: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) marked the World Environment Day on Wednesday with a fervent celebration, reiterating its dedication to environmental stewardship and sustainable principles.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director of CSIR-IIIM Jammu stressed the imperative for unified efforts in protecting our planet's ecosystems and tackling urgent environmental issues. Amidst the celebrations, IIIM also underscored its significant contributions towards environmental conservation and sustainability.

Meanwhile, reflecting on IIIM's unwavering dedication to environmental protection which aligns

closely with the theme of World Environment Day 2024 - 'Land restoration, stopping desertification and building drought resilience', several initiatives were spotlighted during the event.

Within the framework of its Plantation Initiatives, IIIM has been at the forefront of afforestation efforts, undertaking extensive plantation drives in and around its premises. Plants were planted in the campus, orchestrated through community engagement.

IIIM has contributed significantly to replenishing green cover and restoring degraded lands, thereby combatting desertification and promoting biodiversity conservation.

Under its Conservation of Electricity initiative, IIIM has recognized the



IIIM Jammu students planting sapling in presence of faculty members.

pivotal role of energy conservation in mitigating

climate change. The institute has implemented robust measures to optimize electricity usage across its facilities. Through the adoption of energy-efficient technologies and awareness campaigns, IIIM has substantially reduced its carbon footprint, setting a precedent for sustainable energy practices.

In line with its commitment to environmental sustainability, IIIM has established a

"No Plastic Zone" within its premises as part of its comprehensive approach to tackle plastic pollution and promote eco-friendly alternatives. Through stringent policies advocating for the reduction, reuse, and recycling of plastic materials, IIIM is championing the transition towards a plastic-free environment and fostering a culture of environmental responsibility among its staff and stakeholders.

Dr. Ahmed commended

the concerted efforts of IIIM's faculty, staff, and students in driving these initiatives forward, underscoring the institute's unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability. Notably, IIIM's commemoration of World Environment Day serves as a poignant reminder of the institution's untiring commitment to fostering a greener, more sustainable future.

As the world grapples with the far-reaching consequences of climate change and environmental degradation, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine remains steadfast in its resolve to be a beacon of environmental consciousness and a catalyst for positive change. Through continued innovation, collaboration, and advocacy, IIIM is poised to lead the way towards a greener, more resilient future for generations to come.

ACS Forests lauds people for supporting environment conservation initiatives

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SRINAGAR: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Forests, Ecology & Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, on Wednesday chaired the celebration of World Environment Day held here at Tagore Hall, Srinagar.

Being jointly organized by the Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing and Amar Singh College Srinagar, the event was aimed at to raise awareness on importance of environment protection with the theme "Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience" which highlights the increasing impacts of water stress and land degradation across the world.

Dheeraj Gupta appreciated the Forest, department and its sister wings for organising the event in



Additional Chief Secretary Forests, Ecology & Environment, Dheeraj Gupta honouring a student.

coordination with other departments and educational institutes. He complimented the Forest Department for achieving higher targets under various deliverables assigned by the government in addition to plantation of 180 lakh saplings in 2023-24 under Green JK Drive involving Panchayati Raj Institutions and other stakeholders. He applauded the role of people

of Jammu & Kashmir in supporting the Forest Department in the greening campaigns and other initiatives. The Financial Commissioner inspected various paintings and participated in the ceremonial plantation program at the Amar Singh College Campus along with other senior officers. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(HoFF), Roshan Jaggi, while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the challenges being faced in managing and conserving natural resources. He reiterated that World Environment Day provides us an opportunity to seriously think about the environment we live in besides pondering over the fact that what we would be leaving for our future generations. He stressed on sustainable use of water resources and creation of water harvesting structures especially in areas facing water scarcity during the summer season. He called upon every stakeholder to take steps and partner to the efforts to protect and conserve our lakes, wetlands and streams. He informed that plantation drives, green marches,

cycle rallies, plastic cleanliness drives, interaction with tourists, cleaning of water bodies, sanitation actions, debates and painting competitions have been organized on the day to spread awareness about the need and importance of protecting our environment.

Principal Amar Singh College, Professor Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, highlighted the need for continuation of actions in the form of various campaigns and initiatives on ground for conservation of our environment. He said that efforts are needed to improve the water quality of our wetlands and streams and other land forms. He also stressed on finding solutions for the protection and revival of all ecosystems all across Jammu &

Kashmir. On the occasion, publications including Van Posh, Draft Report of Revised SAPCC as well as flyer prepared by Amar Singh College was also released in addition to screening of a movie on World Environment Day. Besides, awards were also presented to the winners of activities conducted by DEERS-ELACP in various Educational Institutes under ELACP project.

Rakesh Kumar, Director Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing, T.Rabi Kumar, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, HoDs and other senior officers besides representatives of NGOs, students of the College and staff were also present during the occasion.