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D.O.B:- 20-06-2019
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Avyaansh Vikram Kumar
Class:- 3rd
D.O.B:- 20-06-2017
JKPS Panjtirthi

NOTICE

This office has received an application from Surinder Kumar Bali S/o Mangat Ram Bali R/o 316, Rehari Colony, Jammu regarding legal heir certificate and state that only the following persons are legal heirs of Lt. Smt. Manju Bali W/o Surinder Kumar Bali namely as under:
1. Surinder Kumar Bali - Husband,
2. Rajat Bali - Son
Any person having objection in the mentioned names can file his/her objection personally or through any authorized person before Office of the Tehsildar Jammu within seven days from the publication of this notice failing which it shall be presumed that there is no objection regarding legal heir certificate.

NOTICE

Transfer of leasehold rights 1 Kanal of land from M/S TMK Wires Plot No.14, Phase-III, Industrail Estate Gangyal Jammu PMT No. 07/004/11/12684 dt. 16-09-2015 to M/S Speedlex Industry and Subsequent De-registration of unit M/S TMK wires. Objection if any may kindly be approach to the General Managar DIC Jammu within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

I, Talib Hussain F/O ABID MOHD, R/O JAR KRIMACHI Tehill and District. Udhampur have applied for Correction of my name which has been wrongly written in School record of my son as Talib Hussian instead of Talib Hussain. Objection if any may Conveyed to concern authorities within of 7 days of this publication.

NOTICE

I, Gourav Singh S/o Late Sh. Sakinder Singh and Smt. Meena Devi R/o Dogra Nagar, Muthi, Jammu state that my DOB has wrongly been written as 29-09-2010 instead of correct DOB is 17-09-2010 as per school record studying in 8th Class Mark Card bearing Roll No. 8090778, registration No. JB-23-VIII-00793, session 2023-24. I want to correct my date of birth in the school record. I have applied for the above correction in the office of Principal, DIET, Jammu within seven days.

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STATE TIMES

Training programme on hydroponics held at KVK Kathua

Awareness camp on PMFME scheme held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A training programme on Hydroponics - A Modern Soilless Cultivation Technique was successfully conducted at Krishii Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kathua, under the dynamic leadership of Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu. The programme aimed to promote climate-resilient, resource-efficient, and innovative farming practices among farmers, youth and stakeholders of the region.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan, MLA Kathua, attended the programme as the Chief Guest. He appreciated the SKUAST-Jammu's continuous efforts in transferring advanced agricultural technologies to the grassroots and emphasized the need for organizing more such capacity-building programmes in collaboration with line departments to raise awareness and improve farm productivity.

Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension and Dr. Sanjay



MLA Kathua, Dr. Bharat Bhushan handing over certificate to beneficiary.

Guleria, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, SKUAST-Jammu, graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. In his address, Dr. Amrish Vaid described hydroponics as a "future-ready technology", ideally suited to address challenges posed by shrinking land resources and the growing demand for urban farming. Both dignitaries highlighted hydroponics as a viable solution for soil degradation, land scarcity, and sustainable food production.

Dr. Sanjay Guleria, in his remarks, emphasized the

importance of integrating hydroponics into academic, research, and extension systems to empower farmers with modern cultivation techniques.

The training was jointly coordinated by Dr. Gurdev Chand, Professor and Head, Division of Plant Physiology; and Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Head, KVK Kathua. Dr. Gurdev Chand delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation covering the principles, components, and advantages of hydroponics, followed by a hands-on training session that enabled participants to

understand the practical aspects of setting up and maintaining hydroponic systems.

Dr. Vishal Mahajan highlighted the relevance of hydroponics in conserving water, enabling year-round cultivation, and enhancing farmers' income through efficient production systems. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Anamika Jamwal, Chief Scientist, who ensured the smooth flow of events and effective coordination among dignitaries and participants.

Jatinder Khajuria, Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Kathua, lauded the initiative and stressed the need for better convergence between research and development wings for wider adoption of such technologies. He encouraged farmers to move toward precision farming. Other dignitaries who graced the occasion included Dr. Jugal Gupta, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO) Kathua, and Ashwani Sharma,

Chief Horticulture Officer (CHO) Kathua, who also expressed support for promoting modern agri-technologies at the grassroots.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 60 farmers, students, and agri-entrepreneurs. As a key highlight, Hon'ble MLA Dr. Bharat Bhushan personally handed over nine hydroponic fodder and vegetable production units to selected beneficiaries, marking a significant step toward the adoption of soilless farming systems in the region.

Among others, Dr. Berjesh Ajrawat, Dr. Vishal Sharma, Vijay Singh, Amit Kumar and Sushant Sharma contributed towards successful organization of the programme.

The programme concluded with a collective pledge by participants and dignitaries to promote sustainable and modern farming practices for the upliftment of the farming community.



CAH Officer Jammu Dr. Zahid Saleem Patigaroo and others at a camp.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Jammu Dr. Zahid Saleem Patigaroo District Nodal Officer Jammu on Wednesday organised a one-day awareness camp on the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme at veterinary centre Chatha block Satwari.

The camp aimed to inform and educate stakeholders about the objectives and benefits of the

PMFME scheme, which is focused on strengthening the unorganised food processing sector across the country.

Apart from the Dr. Zahid Saleem, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Jammu, Dr. Zaffar Iqbal, Livestock Development Officer Jammu, Sh. Ramesh Kumar Lead Bank Manager Jammu Dr. Navdeep Kour, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, District Resource Person Sh. Hem Raj, PMFME participated in the event,

and representative from Agriculture and allied sectors were also present for providing detailed information on financial assistance, training opportunities and infrastructure support available under the scheme.

The programme drew participation from local villagers of block Jourian area, Self Help Groups (SHGs), local farmers, existing food processing unit holders and aspiring entrepreneurs from block Satwari.

BJP Poonch conducts district-wide plantation drive to promote green environment



District President Gurdeep Singh Khalsa and others at plantation drive.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: The BJP Poonch unit organized a massive plantation drive across various locations of the district under the leadership of District President Gurdeep Singh Khalsa. The initiative aimed at promoting environmental awareness and encouraging public participation in safeguarding nature. A large number of party leaders and workers participated in the drive, planting saplings and pledging

their commitment to a cleaner and greener Poonch. Prominent among those present were Ravinder Kumar Bitta (District Vice President), Sunil Sharma (District General Secretary), Sudershan Sharma (District Spokesperson), Rajesh Sharma (Ex-District President), Gopal Sharma (Senior Leader), Rajesh Sharma (Senior Leader), Suresh Sharma (District Spokesperson), Ketan Bali

(Mandal Pradhan), and many other senior leaders and dedicated party workers. Speaking on the occasion, Gurdeep Singh Khalsa stressed the importance of environmental protection and urged the public to contribute actively to such green initiatives.

The drive was conducted with enthusiasm and marked yet another step by BJP Poonch towards building a sustainable and eco-friendly future.

Summer Camp for Children inaugurated at JU

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Summer Camp for Children inaugurated here on Thursday at the Department of Students Welfare (DSW), University of Jammu (JU). Children will be given training of Theatre, Dance and Fine Arts by the experts in this camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Prof. Prakash C. Antahal (Dean Students Welfare) in presence of Prof. Monika Chadha (Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas, (Co-Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee), Dr. Harleen Kaur, (Assistant Dean SW), Resource Persons of the workshop, Sumeet Sharma (Theatre), Sunny Mujju (Dance) and Nikhil Singh (Fine Arts) alongwith participating children.

From this year, the workshop is open for the wards of University Alumni in addition to the university employees as



JU faculty posing for a photograph with participating students.

a goodwill gesture.

While interacting with children, Prof. Antahal encouraged the participants to get maximum benefit out of this training camp and utilize it to explore their creative potential.

Prof. Monika Chadha also motivated the participants to enhance their creative skills during this camp. It is pertinent to mention

here that under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, the Department of Students Welfare, JU keeps on organizing several training programmes for the all round development of students, scholars and stakeholders of the University of Jammu which are executed by the team consisting of Prof. Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof.

Monika Chadha (Chairperson, CCC) Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson, CCC) Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Shalлу Sharma & Dr. A.R. Manhas (Deputy Chief Proctors), Dr. Harleen Kaur and Dr. Ripudaman Parihar (Assistant Deans, SW), members of Campus Cultural Committee & Students Cultural Representatives,

Mansi Mantoo (Officer Incharge SW), Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) and Ifra Kak (Cultural Officer).

The camp is being coordinated by Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor, SW). Children who are participating in the summer camp include Shiva Gupta Prajwal Antahal, Abhaya Sharma, Nitya Sharma, Rishit Gupta, Khushi Shavotra, Laesha Sharma, Pranya Sharma, Hamza, Aadhyia Mahajan, Ridhul, Prisha Verma, Jhanvi Thakur, Kritiya Gupta, Ashvika Verma, Meeshita Mahajan, Varun Thakur, Vedika Sharma, Arya Sharma, Harleen Kaur, Ahil Sharma, Aradhyia Sharma, Yakshita Singh, Rajshivay Singh, Sargun Sharma, Kavaya Jandial, Nayra Gandotra, Aadhyia Thukral, Shambhavi Rakesh, Bhavyashree and Iknoor Kaur.

CUJ soars to new heights in IIRF 2025 Rankings

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu has proudly secured the 28th position among Central Universities in the prestigious Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) 2025, reaffirming its status as a rising star in India's higher education landscape. Leading institutions such as Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, and Banaras Hindu University remain at the top of the rankings. CU Jammu achieved an impressive overall index score of 934.95, a significant leap from its 39th position last year.

This upward momentum reflects the University's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and transformative education. The IIRF rankings-released on June 13, 2025-are among the most respected in India, assessing over 2,500 institutions on parameters including teaching quality, research output, industry collaboration, infrastructure, and student success.

The University continues to excel in research, also maintaining a strong presence in the Nature Index 2025, a testament to its world-class scholarly output. Speaking on the

milestone, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain said, "We are happy to be ranked among the top central universities in the country. It is a collective success that motivates us to further elevate our standards and contribute significantly to nation-building through academics and research." HVC gives credits for this achievement to students, faculty members, and staff of the university. The University's achievements are bolstered by major externally funded projects, including: PUSRE grant involving seven departments, Multiple FIST-supported Departments, A Technology

Development Hub, Business Incubation Centre, and the Genesis grant, supported by national agencies like DBT, DST etc.

Central University of Jammu fosters a vibrant ecosystem for innovation, startups, and indigenous technology development, aligning with national goals of self-reliance and reduced import dependency. With a vision to become a national leader in research and innovation, the Central University of Jammu is poised to continue its upward trajectory pushing boundaries, nurturing talent, and driving meaningful impact in society.

Clearance work underway to facilitate road widening at Bafliaz



DC Vikas Kundal inspecting clearance work.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: The District Administration Poonch, under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, has started the removal of structures along the Rajouri-Thanamandi-Surankote (RTS) road near Bafliaz.

The drive is being carried out under the supervision of the Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Tehsildar Surankote, in coordination

with the Officer Commanding (OC) of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). Structures falling within the proposed alignment of the road are being removed to facilitate seamless progress of the widening of this vital project.

The upgraded road is expected to significantly reduce travel time, enhance transport safety and open up new avenues for economic growth. It will also improve

access to the historic Mughal Road, boosting connectivity between Poonch and the Kashmir Valley.

Personnel from the Revenue Department, BRO and local police were also deployed on-site to ensure smooth and peaceful execution of the drive.

38-year-old labourer rescued from deep well

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A 38-year-old labourer slipped into a deep well in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, prompting the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to rescue him after several hours of operation, officials said.

Mulkraj of Panchari slipped into the deep well in the Batal Ballian area during some work and locals informed the authorities, they said. The SDRF personnel, along with equipment, rushed to the spot and carried out the rescue operation.

He was rescued in an injured condition and hospitalised, they added.

Bajaj Allianz launches 'Tuhund Khatir'-Health Insurance Plan for J&K residents

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has unveiled 'Tuhund Khatir', a specially curated health insurance plan for the people of Jammu & Kashmir. This unique product is not just insurance-it's a commitment to making healthcare affordable, accessible, and tailored to the region's specific medical needs. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by J&K residents-ranging from healthcare costs to

hospital infrastructure-Tuhund Khatir offers customized premiums and benefits, moving away from the traditional one-size-fits-all approach. The policy is available in individual and floater variants, with sum insured options ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 20 lakh, ensuring it caters to diverse healthcare requirements across age groups.

The plan includes comprehensive coverage such as inpatient hospitalization, pre- and post-hospitalisation

expenses, day care procedures, and advanced treatments like robotic surgeries and stem cell therapy. It also covers organ donor expenses as part of the base plan. Lifetime renewal ensures uninterrupted protection without age limits. Tuhund Khatir also offers several value-added features. The Unlimited Sum Insured Reinstatement add-on ensures continued support during multiple claims, while the Super Cumulative Bonus

offers up to 200% increase in sum insured for claim-free years. A Cashless Discount and Accidental Death Cover further enhance its value and affordability. Encouraging healthier living, the plan rewards active lifestyles with wellness discounts-offering up to 10% off at renewal based on daily step goals. A Festive Bonus offers an additional Rs 1,000/day for emergency hospitalization during J&K festival weeks. Dr. Tapan Singhel, MD &

CEO, emphasized that health insurance must adapt to regional realities. "Tuhund Khatir is about making healthcare security personal, relevant, and accessible to every Indian," he said. Available through branches, agents, banks, and digital platforms including the Bajaj Allianz website and mobile app, Tuhund Khatir marks a significant step forward in region-specific health insurance, setting a new benchmark for inclusive healthcare in J&K.