

PHDCCI holds Executive Council meeting of Jammu Chapter

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JAMMU: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jammu Chapter, held its Executive Council meeting, here. Meeting was chaired by Rahul Sahai, Chairman PHDCCI Jammu. After welcoming all the members of the Executive Committee, Chairman briefed them about the activities that the Jammu Chapter had organized during past year. He informed the members that PHD Jammu office is now fully functional after the Covid period and the members should avail its services. Later Sahai requested the members to share their suggestions and issues which they want to take up with the Jammu administration / authorities. The issues and suggestions that members discussed were like, funding and fast track process for the IT Start ups in J&K, stakeholders' consultation during policy formation, problems related to land conversion, development of industrial estates where land



Chairman PHDCCI Jammu, Rahul Sahai presenting a memento to Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta.

has been allotted, reservation of industrial land for local people, single window system should run smoothly, provisional registration of units should be given time / extension , industrial plot area circle rates are different for town and cities which need to be addressed. It was also suggested that large scale awareness programmes are required to make people aware about start up policies of the government. After the Executive Council meeting, an Interactive Session was held with Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor Jammu, Rahul

Yadav, Municipal Commissioner - CEO , Jammu Smart City & Hitesh Gupta, Additional CEO Smart City Jammu. Hitesh Gupta briefed the members about various initiative and projects that are going on in Jammu related to smart city. He informed them about the Tawi River Front development project. He shared that at various place of Jammu tracks for cycling and walking are planned. Light and sound show on the walls of Bahu Fort is also on cards. Under smart city project around 700 cameras will be installed at different places

of Jammu city for traffic and surveillance, he added all smart city projects will be completed by June 2023 . While, welcoming Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta, Rahul Sahai said that Mayor has played a vital role in the development of Jammu. Chander Mohan Gupta, in his address said that administration has taken lot of initiatives, projects for the development of Jammu region. He shared his views about various projects to attract tourism in Jammu region like Gandola project, Beautification of Mubarak Mandi, Jamboor Zoo, International Yoga Center, Garhana Vet Land, Beating Retreat at Suchetgarh and other initiatives. Gupta shared that, a lot of online services are started by Jammu Municipal Corporation for the ease of general public and asked for recommendation to add any other service. He said that his aim is to make the processes paperless and faceless. At last he said that suggestions, recommendations from PHD Chamber will always be welcomed. Rahul Yadav, Jammu Municipal Commissioner and CEO, Jammu Smart City informed about the initiatives that J&K administration is taking related to land and properties in J&K. He said that Unique Property Number will be given to all in future and ULIP Number will be used to identify location. More online services will be introduced and proper feedback will be taken for those online services by the general public he added. Others who attended and deliberated were Kuldeep Gupta, Sanjay Aggarwal Co-Chairs, Vikrant Kuthalia, Kamal Khurana Sr Secy PHDCCI Delhi, Amarpreet Singh, Sanjay Bansal, Sanjay Gupta, Shantnu Gupta, Harrit Bhalla, Gaurav Bhalla, Arush, Raj Dua, Vinod Gupta, Harbinder Singh, Poorvik Gupta were also present in the meeting along with other members and industry representatives .

Poor people immensely benefitted by Ayushman Bharat scheme: Randhawa



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa distributing Ayushman Bharat Health Cards among beneficiaries.

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa distributed Ayushman Bharat Health Cards to the beneficiaries at Bahu Assembly segment in Narwal Panchayat. Randhawa was accompanied by Amit Gupta, Raman Sharma, Riaz Ahmed, Tarun Sharma, Baldev Raj, Mohinder, Ajay, Daulat Ram, Bikram Rajwal, Ravi, Raghav and others. Former Legislator while referring to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi about Jammu and Kashmir said that while the economically marginalised segments of the society have been brought under

Ayushman Bharat scheme as part of health for all across the country, it has been made applicable as Ayushman Sehat in the Union Territory with benefits of Rs 5 lakh medical cover to every family without any economic slab. Around 6.50 lakh people in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir have taken the benefit of this scheme, he said, adding that the poor people hail Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching this scheme, he added. "Earlier, poor people were avoiding treatment of any disease which costs over Rs 20,000, but with the launch of this scheme, they (poor people) are being immensely benefited", Randhawa informed.

Former legislator said that various other flagship schemes were launched by the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi including Ayushman Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, etc for the benefit of the common masses. He also asked the BJP workers are working at grass-root level to aware the masses about the policies of the Central Government led by Prime Minister.

GMC Kathua students outshine in MBBS First Prof results



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JAMMU: Continuing their supremacy, students of Government Medical College (GMC) Kathua, one of the newly established government medical colleges of J&K, once again outshine all medical colleges in the MBBS First Prof results announced by University of Jammu, based on new medical curriculum, here on Friday. GMC Kathua continued its excellent performance of the 1st batch of 2019-20. It has shown outstanding results also for the MBBS batch of 2020-21 by bagging overall first position among all the medical colleges in Jammu province with three distinctions in physiology. Tanmay Jasrotia, son of Aresh Jasrotia, GMC Kathua secured first position by securing 661 marks out of 900 in the university examination followed by Aayushi Sharma, daughter of Kamal Kishore, GMC Kathua who secured 649 marks and stood second and sharing second rank with a student from GMC

Rajouri. Shweta Kundal, daughter of Kuldeep Raj and Nitika Devi, daughter of Nek Ram, both scoring 630 marks an stood sixth in examination (3rd in GMC Kathua). GMC Kathua has been doing its best since its inception of just 3 years in academics, health care and research due to the hard work of its faculty, students, all the other staff members and the management and above all active interest taken from time to time by Administrative Department.

AHA holds daylong workshop on 'Issues in Nursing Practices'

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JAMMU: Academy of Hospital Administration (AHA) Jammu Chapter organised second one-day training workshop for nursing professionals on 'Issues in Nursing Practices' at Govt Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on Saturday. The training workshop was inaugurated by Dr Saleem Ur Rehman, DG Family Welfare J&K & Director Health Services Jammu (Executive Director AHA Jammu Chapter), in presence of Dr Yashpal Sharma MD JKMSCL / Director Coordination New Medical Colleges Jammu (President AHA India); Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma Principal & Dean GMC & AHS Jammu and Dr Jasbir Singh, Ex Director Health Services Jammu & Ex DG Family Welfare J&K (President AHA Jammu Chapter) & Dr Ritu Gupta,



DG Family Welfare J&K, Dr Saleem Ur Rehman and other dignitaries during workshop.

Professor Physiology GMC Jammu who represented Principal & Dean GMC & AHS Jammu GMC & AHS Jammu. In his welcome address, Dr Arun Sharma thanked Dr Yashpal Sharma, Dr Saleem Ur Rehman & Dr Jasbir Singh for starting orientation workshops for nursing professionals. He also highlighted role of AHA and how it will organize similar training work-

shops for the benefit of medical professionals. He also thanked Dr Nariender Butyal, Medical Superintendent Gandhi Nagar Hospital for his support. Dr Saleem Ur Rehman highlighted role of Academy of hospital administration for boosting and enriching knowledge and skills, which are very useful for nursing professionals working in various institutions. He also

announced that the similar training will continue in entire Jammu division and 5-days training workshop for Medical Officers will be organized through AHA very soon. Dr Yashpal Sharma highlighted the role and objective of AHA in country for reshaping and establishing various health institutions in the country besides conducting professional development courses at National Head quarters

Noida and other parts of the country. He assured full support to Jammu chapter AHA for organizing such courses for nurses and medical professionals. Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma appreciated and acknowledged the working of AHA at national and regional level. "AHA is very useful for doctors and nurses in our medical colleges and health institutions," she said and assured that more doctors and nurses shall be deputed from GMC & AHS Jammu for such workshops. Dr Jasbir Singh also spoke on the occasion. 55 nursing professionals participated in the workshop, belonging to Army Hospital, BSF, CRPF, POLICE Hospital, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Hospital, GMC Jammu and Associated Hospitals, Directorate of Health Services etc.

PF Commissioner holds Outreach Programme with officers of Shopian district

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SHOPIAN: Employees Provident Fund Organization, J&K in collaboration with District Administration, Shopian on Saturday conducted an awareness programme on registration process and benefits of social security schemes and insurance schemes of EPFO for the welfare of contract, outsourced and other part time employees engaged by government departments and private organizations. The programme was presided by Provident Fund Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin. The programme was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Manzoor Hussain, who gave a brief about the conduct of the Awareness Programme, besides welcoming P F Commissioner. ACD, CEO, CMO, CHO, CAO, DIO, officers of Labour, Funds Organization, MC, Social Forestry besides account officers of different departments like Forest,



PF Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin chairing a meeting.

Dubjan and Peer ki Ghali Development Authority, R&B, KPDC, Jal Shakti and other officials participated in the awareness programme. PF Commissioner and SSSA, EPFO, Regional Office, Jammu, Rajasekhar, addressed the Officers on applicability of EPF & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. Commissioner elaborated

the provisions of Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 and Employees Deposit Linked Insurance scheme, 1976 especially responsibility of departments/ Organizations in registering process of their employees. He also explained to the audience about the process of registration of Principal Employers on the online portal of the EPFO.

Commissioner advised all the Departments to extend benefits of aforesaid Schemes to all contract and outsourced employees engaged under various Govt departments directly or indirectly. He said that contractors executing works under different departments like RDD, PMGSY, R&B, Jal Sakhti, KPDC, etc should be registered under EPF & MP Act, 1952 so that their social security is ensured and they are benefitted financially. He asked the CEO and CMO to register staff of educational and medical institutions, whether government or private. As per the act, he said, it is the duty and responsibility of Principal Employer to register their employees and EPFO also provides a link in EPFO website about registration of Principal Employer to register the contractors engaged by the said departments. Commissioner on the occasion asked departments to conduct outreach Programme about the registration process of EPFO schemes so that more

and more people are covered under the schemes. As per the Act, if any employee becomes an EPF member, member automatically get membership of EPF pension scheme, 1995 and EDLI scheme, 1976. If any member dies while in service the nominee of widow or widower will get pension life long along with 2 children upto the age of 25 irrespective of their marital status and the nominee will get maximum benefit of Rs. 7.5 Lakhs under Edli scheme. There are other pensions provided under the scheme as per eligibility of membership like superannuation, early pension, disability of Principal Employer to register the contractors engaged by the said departments. Commissioner on the occasion asked departments to conduct outreach Programme about the registration process of EPFO schemes so that more

Dr Jitendra Udhampuri gets 'State life-time achievement' award

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JAMMU: Eminent poet and writer from Jammu & Kashmir, Dr Jitendra Udhampuri was conferred 'Life Time Achievement' Award in the category of literature by the UT Government. The Award carries a cash amount of Rs 1 lakh and a gold medal. The Award was announced by the J&K Government in the year 2019 on Republic Day but handed over to Dr Udhampuri today by the Government. Dr Jitendra's literary career started in 1962 when his first poem in Urdu was published. Since then, he has written in Urdu, Hindi and Dogri languages and is credited with 30 books in these languages. Many of his books have been translated into other languages such as English, Hindi, Urdu, Kashmiri, Nepali and Czech. He has



also published two treatises, The History of Dogri Literature and The History of Dogra Culture. He is a member of the management committee of the Jammu and Kashmir State Red Cross Society and was honoured by the society for his contributions in 2010. Jitendra Udhampuri has received several awards and honors such as Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Award which he received four times (1985, 86, 95 and 2004), Rashtriya Hindi

Devi Sehsrabdi Samman in 2000, Subhadra Kumari Chouhan Janam Shatabadi Samman, Rashtriya Kari Pandit Shoban Lal Devedi Samman, Dogra Sahitya Rattan Samman in 2004 and Sahitya Samman. Some of the other awards he has received are National Award, Central Hindi Directorate, Ministry of Human Resources, New Delhi in 1990, Senior Fellowship, Union Ministry of Culture in 2007, Robe of Honour by the governor, Jammu and Kashmir State in 1987, Gold Medal and Certificate of Merit, Government of Jammu and Kashmir in 1993, Republic Day Award, Government of Jammu and Kashmir in 2005, Sahitya Akademi Award in 1981 and in 2010, the Government of India honored him with the fourth highest civilian award of Padma Shri.

Govt to promote StartUps in 'carbon neutral' building construction: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that the Government, through Department of Science & Technology (DST), will promote StartUps in "carbon neutral" building construction and called for linking these StartUps with industry to help India achieve 500GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, as promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP26 meeting. In his Special Address as Chief Guest at the Solar Decathlon India Awards Ceremony, an Indo-US joint initiative for clean energy, Dr. Jitendra Singh urged real estate developers, builders, industry, and academia to find innovative, affordable solutions that adapt to India's climatic zones and unique needs, address extreme weather events, and reduce risk to lives and property. The Minister reiterated that PM Modi has extended full fledged support to StartUps and even called upon them to tackle challenges facing the country including the climate challenge. Recognizing that StartUps in net-zero carbon emission have started emerging fast in the Indian landscape, Dr Jitendra Singh promised all financial support from DST and at the same time urged businesses to come forward with open arms to adopt such ventures. He said, apart from clean and green buildings, emphasis on clean transportation, solar water pumps and solar-powered refrigeration, clean grid power; electric vehicles are some of the important areas for India's cleantech ecosystem. Recognizing the challenge of developing net-zero energy and net-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, as Chief Guest, speaking after giving away "Solar Decathlon India Awards", at New Delhi.

zero-water, Dr Jitendra Singh congratulated the participants and winners of Solar Decathlon India for taking up real, live building projects and developing innovative solutions. He said, Solar Decathlon India (SDI) is helping develop the next generation of architects, engineers, and entrepreneurs who can deliver net-zero-energy buildings. Dr Jitendra Singh distributed awards and walked around the poster session and interacted with the young innovators and their faculty mentors. He said, Solar Decathlon India is a unique, annual challenge for undergraduate and postgraduate students from Indian colleges and universities to address Climate Change by developing innovative, net-zero energy and climate resilient solutions for the building sector in India.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, India has laid out an ambitious plan to address climate change, one of the biggest challenges facing the global community. He said, at the recent COP26 meeting held in Glasgow, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, presented the Panchamrit plan, India's five-point climate action agenda. They include 500GW by 2030, 50 per cent of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030, Reduction of total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes from now to 2030, Reduction of the carbon intensity of the economy by 45 per cent by 2030, over 2005 levels and achieving the target of net zero emissions by 2070. Dr Jitendra Singh informed that Solar Decathlon India is a U.S.-India collaboration under an MOU between the Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) and the US Department of Energy, and is conducted by the Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE) and the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS). Solar Decathlon India is supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST). The Minister said, Solar Decathlon India is a unique initiative that is building a network of young professionals who can innovate and implement resilient net-zero energy buildings to combat climate change, as well as a network of faculty instructors who can guide innovation and mentor multi-disciplinary projects. In only its second year, 1200 students representing 109 institutions from 42 different cities across India participated in the Solar Decathlon

India program. Dr Jitendra Singh said, DST is also playing an active role in the Mission Innovation program and has opened avenues for collaborative research in clean energy with 25 countries and added that Solar Decathlon India teams in partnership with builders and developers can take forward DST's R&D and implement them on real building projects. Dwelling on the theme of Climate Change and Net-Zero: Challenges for the Building Sector, Dr Jitendra Singh said, globally, the construction and operation of buildings account for 38% of the total energy related CO2 emissions that cause global warming. He said, India is experiencing a building boom, and almost 70% of the floor area that India will have in 2050 is going to be new construction in the next 28 years. This presents a huge opportunity to make 70% of our buildings net-zero by leveraging new technologies and encouraging the use of local, sustainable building materials, the Minister added. Dr Jitendra Singh informed the gathering that developing net-zero energy and net-zero water buildings are not easy and there is a need to bring together real estate developers, builders, industry, and academia to find innovative, affordable solutions that adapt to India's climatic zones and unique needs, and address resiliency. The Minister also emphasised that we need to foster innovation in our students and future entrepreneurs, and encourage our architecture and engineering institutions to adapt their curriculum and training to address these challenges.