

Horticulture Deptt holds training-cum-awareness programme

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JAMMU: One day training-cum-awareness programme was organised on Thursday by the Department of Horticulture Planning & Marketing at Kissan Bhawan, Agriculture Complex Jammu where prominent farmers, Farmer Producers Organisation (FPO) and Cooperative Societies participated.

The programme was organised in coordination with J and K Dairy Producers Processors and Marketing Cooperative Union Limited whose Head Vikrant Dogra along with his team was also present.

The event was participated by Chief Executive Officers and Stakeholders of different Cooperative Societies and they also made presentations about their successful journey in Cooperative field.

Participating Chief Executive Officers and stake holders of different cooperatives societies presented their point of views and made the audience aware about their successful voyage of their endeavours.

The CEO of "Unnatti" a multistate Cooperative Society



Director Horticulture Ram Sewak lighting ceremonial lamp.

from Punjab presented his successful model of working of the cooperatives which had made a difference in the lives of members of Unnatti and farmers of the area. Deputy Director National Horticulture Board (NHB) Sansar Ahmad deliberated on the role of the Board with regard to post harvest management and the application of different tailor made schemes for farmers which if adopted and implemented can raise the standard of the Horticulture Produce but as well result in increased monetary benefits to the farmers.

CGM NABARD, Vijay Kumar Sood highlighted the

contribution of NABARD in the up gradation and development of infrastructure which has helped the community to great extent. He said the organisation role will continue to provide the support and help that will result in the improvement in the lives of farmers.

Director Horticulture planning & Marketing, Vishesh Mahajan stressed upon the participants to take benefit of different government sponsored schemes to uplift the marketability of their products which later would result in the increased monetary returns. He also deliberated upon many schemes including One

District One Product (ODOP) scheme which is being implemented across country to achieve the mission of "Doubling the Farmers Income".

During the programme Director Agriculture, K.K. Sharma while speaking on the occasion stressed that the Cooperatives are to work hard and should become independent with their own resources and all supplementary help will be provided by the department of Agriculture. Director General Command Area, Rajinder Singh Tara, Director Horticulture Ram Sewak, MD AGROs Arun Manhas and Director Animal Husbandry, Krishan Lal also participated on the occasion.

The department of Horticulture P&M has registered almost 40 Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Cooperatives in last 03 months and this event was organized to educate the members of newly formed Cooperatives so that they can run these Societies in a proper way and get the benefits from all the departmental scheme.

SANJY: Randhawa takes stock of arrangements, interacts with pilgrims from Punjab

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa visited Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple at Gandhi Nagar and took stock of the arrangements made for the stranded Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY) pilgrims from Punjab and also interacted with them. The Shri Amarnath Ji pilgrims are stranded in Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple as they can't undertake pilgrimage due to inclement weather conditions.

Assuring the pilgrims that the UT administration is making all efforts for their smooth journey, Randhawa directed the officers concerned to make adequate arrangements for them so that they do not face any inconvenience. Former Legislator informed pilgrims including women and children that the administration has put in place elaborate security arrange-



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa interacting with Amarnath pilgrims at Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple Gandhi Nagar.

ments. Additional deployment of forces, drone surveillance and RFID chips are part of the three-tier security arrangements for the yatra, he said, adding that the Administration is 24x7 available to provide convenience to the pilgrims.

He stated that the annual pilgrimage was cut short in 2019 following the abrogation of Article 370 and wasn't held in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

Randhawa said that the heavy rush of the devotees

shows their commitment to undertake the pilgrimage of Shri Amarnath ji Yatra without any fear.

"Thousands of pilgrims are reaching Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to undertake the pilgrimage of Shri Amarnath ji. All arrange-

Tarun releases devotional songs album 'Darbar Ladi Sai Da'



NBF Chairperson, Tarun Uppal and others releasing devotional songs album 'Darbar Ladi Sai Da'.

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JAMMU: Chairperson of Nirbhay Bharat Foundation, Tarun Uppal on Thursday released a devotional songs album 'Darbar Ladi Sai Da' in a function held at the Foundation's premises.

The devotional song is sung by Arif Hussain Jammu Wala. The album is comprised of devotional songs of Ladi Sai ji featuring Arif Hussain, Rajesh Mahajan, Lavit and Ahaan. The lyrics for the song were composed by Arif Hussain and music was composed by Paramjeet Mithu. The Music was given by PCI Folk Music. This Album was produced by Divyansh Baba and directed by Amit Mahajan.

On the occasion, Irfan Choudhary and Mohammad Janab Sunny were the Guests

of Honour and Sunil Sharma and Kanchan Baba were the Special Guests.

The Chief Guest, Tarun Uppal, while releasing the album, praised the artists for recognising the divinity of Ladi Sai ji in such a melodious composition.

In order to be role models and catalysts of change, he said, youth should be taught and educated about our traditional values which are the foundations of our age old heritage.

Uppal asserted that it is the young generation artists on whose shoulders lies the responsibility of preserving the rich heritage for the progeny. Therefore it becomes our duty to keep encouraging them so that they vigorously pursue the mission with utmost enthusiasm.

Peaks Auto Jammu launches SUV-Brezza



Dignitaries launching SUV-Brezza at Peaks Auto Jammu.

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JAMMU: Peaks Auto Jammu on Thursday launched All New feature packed Hot and Tachy avatar of the country's most loved compact SUV-Brezza.

Staying tuned to today's trend, the All New Hot and Tachy Brezza is equipped with a bouquet of cutting-edge technologies along with next-gen comfort and convenience features. Taking a major leap forward, this city-bred SUV offers a stylish & exciting new design, powerful performance and is packed with advanced safety features. Mr. Jarnail Singh said "Brezza is India's most loved

compact SUV. Brezza has always been a popular compact SUV not just in Maruti Suzuki's portfolio but also in its own category."

And now it's back in an all new avatar. It is loaded with hi-tech features that come really handy for all your city adventures. It also gets a hot new exterior design, which makes the SUV stand out even on the busiest of roads. That's why this popular compact SUV is addressed as the All New Hot and Tachy Brezza - The City-Bred SUV.

Speaking at the launch of All New Hot and Tachy Brezza,

Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director and CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited said, "Conceptualized, designed and developed in India, Brezza with its stylish design, bold stance and unmistakable road presence has redefined the compact SUV segment in India. The most loved compact SUV, Brezza with over 7,50,000 delighted customers, has ruled the sales charts by consistently being among the top 10 best-selling passenger vehicles. Brezza has very well captured the imagination of customers who are looking for a stylish SUV to match their personality."

With the objective of extending "Joy of Mobility" to the aspirational customers, today, we are delighted to present the "All New Hot and Tachy Brezza" with energetic new design, packed with next-gen features and superior performance, that will surely surpass customer expectations. We are confident that customers will appreciate the All New Brezza and it will be a blockbuster once again."

Amarnath Yatris in 'High Spirit'



JCMS members serving Langar at Mahajan Bhawan.

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JAMMU: The batch of Amarnath Yatris, deputed on Thursday from Mahajan Bhawan Shalamar Road, Jammu by the Controlling Government Agency, was in high spirit and entered the Mahajan Bhawan chanting loudly 'Bum Bum Bhole' repeatedly which rented the air. They were served with breakfast in morning followed by lunch

Demand for CBI enquiry in SI exam results intensifies, aspirants demand in-depth enquiry of FAA exam

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JAMMU: Demand for CBI enquiry into JKPSI exam intensified as hundreds of aspirants gathered on Thursday at Press Club Jammu to protest for the same. As reports of various newspapers and electronic claim that Enquiry Committee ordered by LG Manoj Sinha has submitted its report recommending scrapping of exam and holding in-depth enquiry, aspirants demanded that immediate FIR should be lodged in the matter and all culprits including aspirants involved should be booked under relevant sections and put them behind bars. Aspirants, while addressing the media said, that from the first year we are saying that this scam is believed to be done by an interstate racket hence needs to be handed over to CBI so that all those involved in this multi-crore scam should be



JKPSI aspirants raising slogans during a protest.

booked. They said that the delay in handing over the matter to CBI is raising questions on desire of LG's administration. Many of the aspirants claimed that sufficient leads and substantive evidence has been given to the various agencies and many of them directly relate with the Finance Accounts Assistant Exam. They said that we raised our voice then also but then Chairman JKSSB threatened us to lodge a case on us for defam-

ing JKSSB.

They further said that Finance Accounts Assistant Exam should also be investigated in depth as there are many leads that there is a scam in it also. Aspirants further said that as the days are passing the people involved in the scams are given due time to manage things. They further appeal the other aspirants on protest to join them to demand capital punishment for all scammers. They said

it is not possible to segregate all aspirants involved in the scam as its intensity seems to be high and it is not a CBT exam-like UP where segregation is easy. They demanded that immediately FIR should be lodged and capital punishment should be given setting an example for all. They said that all aspirants should unite to call for a CBI enquiry. They said that some people are trying to divide the aspirants on the name of meritorious and others where as there is no final selection list and the result declared is also under question hence we should be aware of them. The further said that in Himachal after scrapping the exam immediately Rexam was conducted within days we too demand the same. They said our movement will not stop until all culprits are booked and put behind bars irrespective of their ranks and profile.

Mayor inaugurates Cattle Pond at Nagrota

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JAMMU: Mayor, Jammu municipal Corporation, Chander Mohan Gupta in presence of Dy. Mayor, Adv. Purnima Sharma, Chairman, Public Health & Sanitation Committee, Raj Kumar, Chairman, Social Justice Committee, Ajay Gupta, Chairman, Swachh Bharat Committee, Hardeep Singh Mankotia and Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, JMC on Thursday inaugurated Municipal cattle pond at Nagrota & reviewed the ongoing various development activities at the said site.

Firdous Qazi, Executive Engineer (project division) JMC along with his team, Dr. Susheel Sharma,



Mayor Jammu Chander Mohan Gupta inaugurating cattle pond at Nagrota.

Municipal Veterinary Officer & concerned contractors were also present at the site.

Mayor went round the whole complex alongwith the team & took stock of the ongoing construction works.

Mayor was apprised by the project division that the work

of construction at the site is almost going to be completed. This prestigious project which is spread over about 97 kanals of natural land surrounding by hillocks and having eco-friendly atmosphere.

It will become a unique &

modern Goshalla with separate sheds for Bull, cows as well as calves alongwith dispensary for treatment of sick animals. Mayor further told that there is also a provision of temple of Radha Krishan near the main entrance gate of this cattle pond alongwith shopping complex for the convenience of general public.

He directed the project division JMC and concerned contractors to execute the work on this site within the stipulated time period and also appeal to the general public to cooperate with JMC in various development activities so that the same can be implemented in letter and spirit.