Plantation drive launched in Dansal to promote horticulture



Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak starting plantation drive at Dansal block.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department of Horticulture Jammu is conducting a series of plantation drives in the Sub-tropical areas of Jammu Division to promote plantation of fruit plants in the fields amid the rainy season.

In this context, the Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak, on Tuesday started the plantation drive at three different farmers' fields located at Bajalta, Chak-Rakhwala and Ban area of Dansal

Power shutdown

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) Jammu has informed that the power supply to Batote, Boonwari and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 20 from 6 am to 10

Similarly, the power supply to Marheen, Bandhore, Rajbagh, Paharpur, Kotepunnu, Hariachack, Salalpur, Sanjhi Morh. Changran, Nagri, Khokyal, Saidpur, Jarmal, Airwan, Jakhbar, Greater Kailash, Jallo Chak, Ratnu Chak Bajalta, Kuper, Kanna Shargal, Malhori Jaggir and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 21 from 6 am to 10 am.

10 years RI, fine Rs 1 lakh awarded to accused in NDPS

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Poonch Ashwani Sharma has awarded 10 years rigorous imprisonment and fine of Rs 1 lakh for offence U/S 8/15/NDPS/ Act to accused person namely Padarath Singh S/O Amrik Singh R/O Jahowal Chardi Patti, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Amritsar, Punjab in Case FIR No. 68/2018 of Police Station Surankote.

As per prosecution story supra mentioned FIR was registered with Surankote on 02-04-2018 on a docket written by HC Mohd Aslam No 317/P posted at PP Behramgala wherein he alleged that he along with other Police officials were busy in Naka/ traffic checking duty at Morh Behramgala Mughal road.

Meanwhile at 09:30 AM a vehicle Canter bearing Reg. No. HR55R-3756 came from the Srinagar side towards Surankote which was stopped for checking. During the course of checking only the driver was in the vehicle who on questioning disclosed his name as Padarath Singh S/O Amrik Singh Caste Jatt R/O Jabowal Chardi Patti, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Amritsar Punjab. On checking the said vehicle, three white coloured bags containing poppy straw like substance were recovered and seized on spot. On weighing the contraband found to be 82.00 Kgs Poppy Straw.

Investigation carried on by I.O and finally the Charge sheet was filed on 06-06-2018 in the Court of

Today the Court held the accused person guilty and awarded ten vears rigorous imprisonment and fine to the tune of Rs 1,00,000/-Prosecution conducted through Magbool Hussain Public Prosecutor for U.T and Ld. Advocate Dheeraj Kour appeared on behalf of the accused person.

block. By planting saplings, the director initiated the compact plantation over an Chief area of 50 kanals. Horticulture Officer Jammu, Ashwani Sharma, DLSMS Jammu, Sandeep Gupta, Horticulture Development Officer, Sandeep Sharma and a large number of farmers of the

During the programme, the Director stressed the need to encourage High Density Plantation in the area. He said that the rainy

area were present.

season is very suitable for new plantations especially in the Kandi area and the farmers should adopt a cluster approach to establish new orchards and take benefit of all the departmental schemes.

Awareness cum interaction programme was also conducted at Ban, where a large gathering of farmers including women and Sarpanch of Panchayat Rajinder Singh were present. During the interaction farmers, the

the recently launched Holistic Agriculture Development Programme providing incentives / assistance to the farming community to enhance their income. He discussed in detail the scope of HADP and sensitized the gathering about the main components of the pro-DAKSHgramme viz: Management System related to skill development, SATHI- Dashboard to apply online for different

Government schemes, etc. The Director urged the farmers to come forward, associate with the horticulture department and avail the benefits of protected cultivation, Water harvesting Drip irrigation, tanks. Custom Hiring Centres, Vermicompost Strawberry plantation, Tools / implements etc. for upliftment of their socio- economic status.

Earlier speaking on the Horticulture occasion, Development Officer Dansal, Sandeep Sharma advised the farmers/fruit growers to keep close liaison with the field functionaries of the department to take maximum benefits available under Centrally Sponsored Schemes/State

Thousands converge in Sathapna Divas of Chandi Mata Temple Chinote

BHADARWAH: To seek blessings of Chandi Mata, hundreds of devotees from different parts of the UT as well as country converged at Mata Chinote Bhadarwah on the eve of it's Sathapna Divas here today.

Hundreds of devotees started gathering in long ques since morning to celebrate the birthday of the head priest, Guru Kulbir Singh Jamwal, who started the annual pilgrimage to Holy Chandi Mata Yatra known as Machail Yatra and to have a Darshan of godess Chandi to seek blessings of the holy deity at famous Chinote Temple.

celebration Sathapna Divas resulted into huge rush of devotees and a record more than 25000 pilgrims visited the holy Temple on a single day.

On the occasion a maha hawan was also organized by performing all religious obligations followed by bhajan kirtan and traditional folk

The management said that in view of Sathapna Divas and expected huge gathering of pilgrims who come here not only from J&K but from

Devotees visiting Chandi Mata Temple Chinote Bhadarwah. the security arrangements.

arrangements Former Minister and DPAP Jammu province President Jugal Kishore Sharma along with family also visited Chandi Mata Temple Chinote.

Temple and paid obeisance. Huge number of vehicles full of devotees reached Bhadarwah from different parts of UT of Jammu and Kashmir while chainting religious slogans. ASPBhadarwah Vinod Sharma

was personally supervising

The security and other arrangements were made by administration for the smooth conduct of Satphna Divas of Chandi Mata

We had made elaborate security arrangements by deploying seluthes of JKP, JKAP and CRPF in Bhadarwah town and also at premises of the temple for the devotees," said ASP Bhadarwah Vinod Sharma.

Plantation drive conducted in Green Belt Park

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: With the aim to increase the green cover and enhance beuty and balance of the environment a plantation drive was conducted in Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar Jammu by the Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens Jammu under the Singh, Director General Floriculture Parks and Gardens, Jammu and Singh Floriculture` Jammu. The drive was conducted as a part of series of plantation drives undertaken by Department during the rainy season.

Prominent among those who plated saplings in the programme include R. K Sharma, Assistant Floriculture Officer Green Belt Rakesh Goswami, district President Mountaineering Association Jammu, Akshay Sobti, Pankag Bhardwaj, Ravinder Bhardwaj and Rakesh Khajuria members Mountaineering Adventure Sports Club

Despite heavy rush Amarnath Yatries getting cordial treatment at Mahajan Bhawan



JCMS members serving Langar among Amarnathji pilgrims.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Mahajan Bhawan being centrally located place in Jammu city, is attracting heavy rush of Yatries for getting Yatra tickets for onward journey from the base Jammu to Holy Shri Amarnathii cave.

Romesh Chander Gupta President of Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha Maharai alongwith Krishna Nand Saraswati on Tuesday inaugurated the Langar in the midst of huge slogans of Bham Bham Bhole.

The Yatries coming daily in the Mahajan Bhawan Shiv Pratap Gupta Sr. Vice

Shalamar Road, are getting regularly breakfast in the morning followed by Lunch Prashad throughout the day till they get vatra cards from the Government Registering Agency established in the main hall of the Sabha and Bhagwati proceed to Nagar Yatri Niwas for undertaking onward Journey to Holy Cave in the batch of next morning under the strong security arrangements

The day to day arrangeby the team of the Sabha.

General Secretary having overall control over it. C.P Gupta President and Mukesh Mahajan (Press Secretary) have been looking after the press related matters and protocol arrangements in the cam-

Balbir Gupta and Yash Paul Gupta are incharge of the Langar, Surinder Gupta and Subash Gupta (both Vice President) have been monitoring the daily activities from Security point of view.

Dr. Mohan Lal Gupta (Cashier) monitors the daily financial transac-

The members of the team who performed the arduous duty at the Langar counter include Dinesh Gupta (Gandhi Nagar), Gupta, Satish Gupta, Darshan Gupta, Suresh Gupta, Rajnesh Gupta, Balraj Gupta, Raj Gupta (Raju), Kumar Ashok Gupta (Janipur colony) and others.

than 1300 came today at Mahajan

Agrotech IP conference held at CSIR-IIIM Jammu



other states as well, we have

put in place best ever

CSIR-IIIM Jammu officials felicitating a dignitary at a programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS

CSIR-IIIM JAMMU inaugurated the National Intellectual Festival-NIPF Property (Rastriya Boudhik Sampada Mahotshav).

On the second day of cele-National bration Intellectual Property Festival, one day Agrotech IP Conference on "Nurturing Innovation and Intellectual Property in Plant Varieties and Agri-Startups" is being CK-Atal organized at Auditorium of CSIR-IIIM, Jammu which was attended Farmers, Scientists Scholars and Students.

The programme aims to farmers knowledge and understanding of their rights and

responsibilities under the PPV&FRA Act. The program aims to educate Scientists, Farmers, research scholars and students about the key provisions and benefits of this important legisla-

Dr Uma Kant Dubey, Deputy Registrar, Protection of Plant varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, while delivering the key note address, has provided guidance on the procedure for registration of plant varieties and the steps involved in the protection process. He gave an in-depth explanation of PPV&FRA Act's key provisions, rights, and obligabreeders. He created awareness about the benefits of using protected varieties and how they contribute to increased agricultural productivity.

Principal Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, delivered a detailed session on scope of intellectual property rights in creating agricultural start-ups

It was informed that around 200 participants inclusive of Scientists, Farmers, Technical Staff, and Research Scholars & Project Staff physically participated in this event & 240 Participants attended online Earlier Er. Abdul Rahim,

Head RMBD & IST Division

2023.

of CSIR-IIIM in his welcome address, has given a brief overview of the today's event. He further emphasized about the importance of creating awareness on PPV&FRA Act Geographical Indication (G.I) is utilised as a tool for marketing, branding, and expanding product portfolios around the world.Jammu & Kashmir is well-known around the world for its products such as Handicrafts, Kashmiri Saffron, Kashmiri Shawls, and Baderwah

Dr Kancherla Prasad, the convenor of the program has emphasized the importance of Agrotech-IP conference is being organized by CSIR-IIIM to promote knowledge sharing, collaboration, and the protection of intellectual property rights in the

agrotech industry. All S&T staff of Plant Sciences & Agro technology (PSA) division of CSIR-IIIM, Jammu & Chatha Farmattended Conference

Dr. Suphla Gupta, Senior principal Scientist has conducted the proceedings, while

as Dr Sumeet Principal Scientist presented the vote of thanks Office of the Zonal

Gaurav commends security forces for eradication of terrorism in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former Secretary General of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), Jammu, on Tuesday expressed his admiration for the efforts displayed by security forces in eliminating four terrorists in Sindhara top area of Surankote belt of district Poonch and arresting terrorists and their supporters in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued here today, Gaurav firmly believed that these actions will significantly contribute to the eradication of terrorism and terrorists from Jammu and Kashmir, especially in the region of Kashmir, once and



for all. He went on to attribute the excellent performance of officials in eliminating four terrorists to the exemplary Kumar Sharma.

leadership of ADGP Mukesh Singh and SSP Poonch Vinay He praised the tireless efforts of these officials and their teams, who have worked relentlessly, day and night, in

fighting against terrorism and

ensuring the safety and security of the region. Emphasizing the significant

progress achieved through joint efforts by the police and the army, Gaurav highlighted the substantial number of arrests made and the fruitful investigations carried out. As a result of these combined efforts, there is an undeniable assurance that terrorism's impact will soon fade away into the annals of history in

Gauray made a heartfelt appeal to the people of J&K, urging them to support the security agencies. He emphasized the importance of providing reliable information about anti-national elements that are determined to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in the Valley.

He emphasized that these anti-national elements pose a significant threat to the wellbeing of every resident in the Valley and beyond.

Gaurav believes that by collectively working hand in hand with the security agencies and providing crucial information, the people of J&K can contribute to creating a safer, more harmonious environment for all. He stressed the urgent need for solidarity and cooperation, highlighting that by standing together, residents of the J&K UT can help bring an end to the chaos caused by these anti-national elements.

Surinder Gupta elected as President of Beopar Mandal Mohalla Paharian

tions for farmers and plant

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Surinder Gupta

has been elected as President of Beopar Mandal Mohalla Paharian, elections of which were held on

Tuesday. In a contest. Surinder Gupta won be securing largest 90 votes. In the election, total 102 votes were polled, out of 104, while two of them were declared invalid.

The election was held under the supervision of Election Incharge, Rajesh Goswami and Abhishek Charak.

E-mail ID:- zeoghagwalssa2014@gmail.com Subject:- Engagement of AAYAs/ Helpers under ECCE of Academic Sessio 2023-24. Ref No:- 1. PAB Minutes 2023-24 issued vide F.No. 7-1/2022-15.4. Dated:- 14 06-2023 by MOE, Gol Order No. 07 of CHIRAG-2023, Dated:- 09-01-2023. 2. Edu/ PD/SmS/ECCE/Helpers/1861-1905, Dated: 06-06

Education Officer, Ghagwal

3. Chief Education Officer Samb's No. CEOS/5703-65 Dated: 08-06-2023.

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Refer to the Subject and reference cited above, this office invit ing application forms for engagement of AAYAs/ Helpers under ECCE for the year 2023-24 for the following approved schools at village (rural) / Wards (Urban) level from eligible Candidates. Eligibility Criteria for Helper/ AAYA:

Only femal Candidates can apply

 The candidate must be domicile of Village where approved school is located 8th Passed Certificate.

▶ Widow/ Divorce/ Orphan Certificate issued by competent authority.

Candidate must be belonging to teh BPL (Below Poverty line)

The age of the Candidate must be 18-37 Years as on 1st o January 2023.

An Affidavit duly attested by the 1st Class Magistrate showing the candidate has not claim for its permanent absorption in the department.

The approved schools are listed below:			
S.No	Name of the School	S.No	Name of the School
1	GMS Rattanpur	8	MS Pandhwal
2	MS Odh	9	PS Ghagwal
3	MS Dessian	10	PS Samthyal
4	MS Sangwali	11	PS Brah
5	MS Sandhi	12	GPS Sangwali
6	MS Chalyari	13	GPS Balooni
7	MS Malani	14	GPS Paloona

The application form duly Complete in all respect shall be subnitted in the office of the Undersigned from the date of publica

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Universities should work out a road map for future-ready J&K: Dr Mehta

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a 2-day workshop organised by the J&K Planning, Development & Monitoring Department for administration and academia, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday stressed on the fact that there is absolutely no scope for those who would lag behind in adopting technological advances like Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, Metaverse etc.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to impress upon the participating Academics and Officers to understand that the future would entirely be driven by those who embrace the changes. He said that there would be a stark contrast between the 'Tech haves' and 'Tech Have-nots' and the later's technological superiority would a key driver. He asked the Universities of the UT to come up with a roadmap to embrace these changes with openness and rationality.

Dr Mehta made out that every aspect of life be it teaching-learning, administration, entertainment, agriculture, commerce and industry will undergo a sea of change that even can't be imagined today. He reiterated that the technology lag is ill affordable and needs to be addressed before it is too late. He noted that the birth of tools like Metaverse, Block Chain, Augmented & Virtual Reality or for that matter the coming of Extended Reality are going to pose challenges in each facet of our lives. He added that if we are caught unprepared, we shall have to suffer.

The Chief Secretary maintained that each of the Department or Institution should embed it in their plans to have both short-term, medium term and long-term goals by reimagining their future challenges and corresponding solutions. He cautioned the participants about challenges like Cryptocurrency and crime world of Dark Net and told them to build safeguards against these right away.

He pointed out that J&K has shown capacity to leapfrog and unshackle itself towards brighter future. He said that in IT sector, the UT has done a commendable job in the last one and a half years and the momentum gave us a happier community excelling in every sphere of life.

Former Secretary Ministry of Corporate Affairs GoI, Anurag Goel who participated as an expert in the Workshop gave a brief about the workshop structure and the process. He complimented the Jammu and Kashmir administration for achieving remarkable milestones during the last

During his presentation, Mr Goel threw light on different kinds of advancements made world over in the fields of Science and Technology. He exhorted upon all to foresee the future to prepare for it. He observed that the

future challenges beyond the near timeframe are quite difficult to fath-

By showing an array of educational videos and presentations he acquainted the audience about the fact that future is going to be steered by those having hold over the data and digital technology. He emphasised on having own version of Artificial Intelligence for India that would best meet its needs and expectations. He also talked at length about the future concepts of Educational Education and Institutions with the emergence of concepts like Personalized Learning, Prompt Engineers etc. He asked for readiness for impact of bioengineering and exponential technologies like Quantum Computing, Mixed Reality, Cloud Computing, IoT, Robotics, and Nanotechnology. He asked for having a 'strategic foresight' in order to achieve 'preferred future' in couple of decades from now.