

Director CSIR-IIIM inaugurates CEL sponsored Leather training program

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A six month training program on design and manufacture of leather goods and garments was inaugurated at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine branch Srinagar. Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM, inaugurated the "Employability to Women through Skill Development and Entrepreneur Support in Manufacturing & Designing of Leather Goods and Garments" programme which is supported by Central Electronics Limited (CEL) through its CSR initiative. Under the program, 10 trainees shall be provided training for 6 months with a monthly stipend of Rs 5000. The training will be



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM and others releasing brochure.

imparted at the leather training centre of CSIR - IIIM, Srinagar which is equipped with high-end machinery and facilities required for the course. The programme includes comprehensive theory and practical classes for manufacturing leather goods and garments like pouches, jackets, sling bags etc. While speaking on the occasion, Director CSIR-IIIM said that the leather

training programme is a part of CSIR-IIIM's initiative in the area of Leather technology which would be pivotal to support the local economy and generate livelihoods for many others. He hoped that the trainees would setup innovative startups and impart their learnings to others after the completion of the program. He further added that the institute has also estab-

lished an Atal Incubation Centre which is focused in the areas like leather training, medicinal mushroom cultivation, value addition of essential oils, fermentation-based products etc., keeping in view the richness of natural resources and available expertise, so as to provide ideal incubation support to the local budding innovators. Dr. Zabeer also expressed his gratitude to Dr N.

Kalaiselvi, Director General CSIR and Secretary DSIR and Chetan Prakash Jain, CMD Central Electronics Limited (CEL) for supporting this important initiative for the unemployed women of Kashmir. Dr. Syed Muzamil Ahmad, Principal Scientist & Deputy Head, CSIR - IIIM (Br.) Srinagar, informed that further training programs of two months duration will be conducted subsequently. He thanked Director CSIR-IIIM for his constant endeavour to impart employable skills to the local people of J&K and become self-sufficient. The technical support for the programme would be provided by Syed Abdul Basit Andrabi, Coordinator AIC-IIIM.

CISF organizes promotion-cum-pipping ceremony

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Under the directions of DG CISF, an unprecedented welfare initiative taken wherein 5601 Constables have been promoted in a single day to the rank of Head Constables. This promotion has been given to them immediately after completion of fifteen years of service in the rank of Constables. A promotion-cum-pipping ceremony was organised at CISF HQrs, New Delhi on Monday wherein Nina Singh, DG CISF put ranks to the effected Constables. Praveer Ranjan, ADG (APS), Kundan Krishnan, ADG (North), P S Ranpise, ADG (HQrs) and other Senior Officers of CISF were present during the ceremony. A few effected Constables were invited from Delhi-NCR Units & IGI Airport for putting their rank on promotion during the pipping ceremony. DG CISF and other Senior Officers of CISF present during the function, put ranks to these Constables. Nina Singh congratulated all the promoted personnel and their family mem-



Nina Singh, DG CISF decorating a CISF woman with a rank.

bers. She said that regular promotions significantly enhance our capabilities and motivate other personnel to improve their performance and aspire for similar advancements. She advised the newly promoted personnel to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to excel in their new assignments.

Rashtriya Bajrang Dal protests against demolishing Shiv temple in Reasi, seeks action



Rashtriya Bajrang Dal burning effigy during a protest at Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Rashtriya Bajrang Dal on Monday staged a strong protest against the Reasi administration regarding the incident of demolishing a Shiv temple in the Reasi area. Leading the demonstration, Rakesh Bajrang, the State President

of Rashtriya Bajrang Dal, criticized the administration for its inaction. He demanded swift action against the culprits responsible for the temple destruction, urging their immediate arrest and imprisonment. Rakesh highlighted a pattern of temple desecrations in Jammu and

Kashmir, including areas like Doda, Bhadarwah, and Reasi, where incidents are often reported but justice remains elusive. He condemned the authorities for not taking such matters seriously, emphasizing that Hindu sentiments are continuously being targeted,

whether through cow slaughter, temple vandalism, or other means, to provoke and insult their faith. The protest gained momentum, with significant support from the Hindu community, leading to widespread outrage against the administration's lack of decisive action. District Collector of Reasi issued a statement regarding the incident but the Hindu community made it clear that they will not tolerate any disrespect to their faith and will continue their protests throughout the state, and the serious consequences of this occasion will have to book-stores. Many activists were present on this occasion including Sandeep Sharma, Parveen, Ashwani Singh, Sunil Khullar Divyanshu Kapahi, Abhi.

Dr M.L Dogra awarded Rabindra Ratna Puraskar-2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dr. Mohan Lal Dogra, a distinguished figure in the realm of Performing Art and Education hailing from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has been honoured with the prestigious "Rabindra Ratna Puraskar 2024". This award, bestowed by the Ratna Puraskar National Committee of the VEYL Foundation, recognized by the Government of India's Ministry of Corporate Affairs, celebrates Dr. Dogra's exceptional contributions to Indian Folk Music and Dance, as well as his dedication to education. Dr. Dogra's career spans a multifaceted journey as a Folk Theatre Director and traditional theatre artist, where he has notably excelled in promoting Folk



Performing Arts. Beyond his artistic achievements, Dr. Dogra has made substantial contributions to societal welfare through his involvement in awareness campaigns facilitated by the Directorate of Field Publicity and Song and Drama Division under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. His initiatives include producing educational performances on health and social issues, presented at national festivals such as Kumbh Melas, Ladakh Festivals, and Navratra Festivals, among others. Dr. Dogra's influence extends to his establishment of Folk Theatre workshops for children in government schools across Jammu and Kashmir, fostering cultural awareness and artistic expression. His commitment to education and social wel-

fare is further evidenced by initiatives like the "Saturday Musical Play" and "Friday Music Concerts", which explore themes of health and social issues and are disseminated widely through various media channels and platforms. Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Dogra has been recognized with over 30 awards from government bodies and prestigious national and international organizations. These accolades include the Cultural Bonanza Award in 1995 for his outstanding production on health and child marriage issues, the Bharat Bhushan Award 2022-23, Icons of Asia 2022, and the Rashtriya Pratibha Samman 2024, among others, highlighting his enduring impact on cultural enrichment and societal welfare.

Transforming waste into wealth for empowering food entrepreneurs: VC SKUAST-J

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A vocational training programme on "Boosting Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Food Sector" commenced on Monday at SKUAST-Jammu which is being organized by Division of Post Harvest Management in collaboration with IDP-NAHEP, SKUAST-Jammu, Chatha from July 1 to 8, 2024. Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu was the Chief Guest, who emphasized that the aim of such training programs is to enhance learning experiences, technical and vocational skills, and improve prospects for entrepreneurship development and innovation through industry and academia linkages among horticulture, agriculture, and allied sciences students. He stressed the importance of waste utilization, value addition and boosting entrepreneurship in



the food sector. Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education, SKUAST-Jammu also highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship in the food sector. At the outset of the programme, Prof. Vikas Tandon, Dean, Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry welcomed the chief guest and provided a detailed overview about the training programme. Prof. Vikas Sharma, Coordinator, IDP-NAHEP, Prof. Neeraj

Gupta, Organizing Secretary and Prof. Monika Sood, Division of PHM were also present. Dr. Syed Zameer Hussain, Head Division of FST, SKUAST K; Dr. Beena Jad, MD Microbiology, Department of Laboratory Medicine, Narayana, Katra and Dr. Rehana Akhtar Bijli, Personnel Officer, Associated Hospitals, Jammu delivered expert lectures during the first day of the training programme. The program proceedings were conducted by Prof. Vivak M Arya, and the vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Monica Reshi, Organizing Secretary of the training program.

Health Awareness and Respiratory Session conducted at MIER

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Health Awareness and Respiratory Session was recently conducted at Model Institute of Education & Research (MIER), focusing on the importance of the respiratory system and deep breathing techniques. The session highlighted that the respiratory system plays a crucial role in taking in oxygen and expelling carbon dioxide, with the lungs, nose, trachea, and breathing muscles such as the diaphragm and intercostal muscles being key components. Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, President of Vichar Kranti Manch International, and Chairman of the Indian



President VKMI Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain with MIER faculty and others.

Yoga Association, emphasized during the session that deep and long breathing forms the foundation of all Pranayama practices. This technique not only helps in improving respiratory health but also aids in circulating Prana (life force) throughout the body, thereby promoting

reducing stress, lowering blood pressure, and relaxing tense muscles. Dr. Jain encouraged participants to integrate these practices into their daily routines for overall well-being and stress management. Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson of MIER, along with Dr. Aditya Gupta, Director, and Rupa Gupta, Joint Director, actively participated in the session and demonstrated a keen interest in promoting health awareness at the institute. They expressed interest in organizing monthly yoga sessions under the guidance of Dr. Jain, aiming to foster a healthy

lifestyle among students and staff. Coincidentally, the session also included a celebration of Dr. Aditya Gupta's birthday, which was commemorated by members of VKMI (Vichar Kranti Manch International) and Pader Welfare Front, adding a celebratory touch to the health-focused event. Overall, the session not only educated participants about the respiratory system and breathing techniques but also underscored the importance of integrating yoga and mindfulness practices into daily life for enhanced physical and mental well-being.

HC directs CB not to use coercive measures to realize over Rs 12 Cr property tax from AAI

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir High Court directed Cantonment Board not to use any coercive measures for realization of the property tax to the tune of Rs. 12,81,69,357.00 from Airport Authority of India (AAI). This significant order has been passed in a petition filed by Airport Authority of India through Advocates Inderjeet Gupta with Adv Yatin Mahajan. Justice Mohd Yousaf Wani after hearing Advocate Inderjeet Gupta with Advocate Yatin Mahajan issued notice to the respondents. Advocate Sumant Sudan, Advocate appearing vice Vishal Sharma, DSGI accepts a notice on behalf of the respondents. Respondents shall file objections by or on the next date of hearing. Court heard Adv

Inderjeet Gupta with Adv Yatin Mahajan for the petitioner in respect of his prayer for grant of interim relief and considered his submissions. Perused the interim application supported by an affidavit and also perused the main petition and the copies of the documents enclosed with the same. Court order for listing of petition on August 5, 2024 and in the meantime, subject to any vacation/modification upon the consideration of objections/arguments and till next date of hearing, the respondents are directed to revisit the orders dated September 8, 2023 and June 7, 2024 in the light of the averments made in the writ petition and are also directed to submit a consideration report by or on the next date of hearing, by which date, they shall not use any coercive measures for realization of the subject tax.

SMVD Narayana bids adieu to Dr. Gopal Sharma



Clinical Director, Dr. J.P. Singh and others according farewell to Asstt. CEO Dr. Gopal Sharma.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KAKRYAL: Consequent to his posting for a crucial assignment as Asstt. CEO at Shrine Board's Central Office at Katra, Dr. Gopal Sharma was relieved from his assignments as Chief Administrative Officer of SMVD Narayana Hospital and Administrator, SMVD Nursing College on Monday. Dr. Sharma was given an impressive and affectionate farewell at a function, attended by Dr. J.P. Singh, Clinical Director, Dr. M M Mathavan,

Facility Director, Sudesh Sharma, Dy General Manager, Shylaja S. Nursing Superintendent, Shailla Caimne, Principal Nursing College, Rohit Sethi, Sr. Manager Finance and a brief yet impressive gathering of other key officers and staff of Hospital. Sharing their experience, the speakers were unequivocal of the impeccable reputation of Dr. Gopal Sharma, his critical contribution in the growth of institutions, professional acumen and great per-

sonal and leadership traits. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Gopal Sharma shared his experience of more than eight years at the Hospital, saying that his posting at the Hospital remained quite significant and satisfying for him, not only from professional angle but also from perspective of personal learning. Welcoming his successor Dr. Yashpal Sharma, the outgoing officer vociferously appreciated vast domain wisdom and rich experience profile of Dr. Yashpal. Dr. Gopal Sharma said that with the joining of Dr. Yashpal, the Hospital and Nursing College are all set to touch the new horizons of clinical and academic excellence. He exuded confidence that joining of Dr. Yashpal will ensure early setting up of Medical College of the Board in a short time. At the luncheon farewell function, mementos were presented to Dr Gopal Sharma as a token of affection and love for his exemplary services.

Project on 'CO2 Capture' by "DYD" students of GCW Parade wins Best Poster Award at Int'l Conference



Winner students posing for a photograph with faculty members.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A team of "Design Your Degree" program from Government College for Women (GCW), Parade Ground Jammu, participated in the International Conference on "Monitoring Biodiversity for Action" (ICMBA-2024), has achieved acclaim for their outstanding project on CO2 capture. The seven-member team comprising of Tarunpreet Kour, Sehrihs Altaf, Sukriti Khajuria, Tanvi Sharma, Tania, Sneha Manhas, and Dr Gurpreet Kour showcased their innovative approach to CO2 capture, presenting comprehensive research plans that impressed conference attendees and experts alike. The project, jointly mentored by Prof. Kaurab

Singh, Assistant Professor of Biotechnology and Dr. Gurpreet Kour, Assistant Professor of Chemistry secured the prestigious Best Poster Award at the Conference on Monitoring Biodiversity for Action, hosted at Kashmir University from June 25th to 27th, 2024. Their project not only underscores their dedication to addressing pressing environmental challenges but also highlights the rigorous academic standards upheld at GCW Parade Ground Jammu. Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal of GCW Parade Ground Jammu, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the "Design Your Degree" team for this remarkable achievement. He commended their diligence and innovative spirit,

which reflects the college's commitment to nurturing academic excellence and fostering scientific inquiry. Dr. Alpana Vohra, Dean of the "Design Your Degree" program, expressed her joy and appreciation for the faculty members and students involved in the project. She emphasized that this success is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and collaborative efforts in advancing research and innovation. The recognition garnered by "Design Your Degree" Program of GCW Parade Ground Jammu at an international platform underscores its commitment to empowering students and faculty to make meaningful contributions to environmental sustainability and scientific research.