

Technology should reach end user: Dr. Amrish

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JAMMU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Jammu, under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), inaugurated its Technology Week from August 12-17, 2024.

The event, spearheaded by Vice Chancellor Prof. B.N. Tripathi, saw participation from farmers, farm women, and rural youths across the region.

The program was graced by Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, who served as the Chief Guest. Dr. Vaid outlined the array of technologies and programs scheduled for the week, focusing on the adoption and dissemination of advanced practices beneficial to agriculture and allied sectors.



Director Extension SKUAST-J, Dr. Amrish Vaid distributing chicks of the Chabro breed among farmers.

Special Guests Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, and Dr. Hema Tripathi, Associate Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, also contributed to the event. Dr. Katoch discussed preventive measures for manag-

ing Ecto and Endo parasites in livestock and offered insights into profitable poultry management.

Dr. Tripathi engaged with the farmers, advising them to stay connected with KVKs for effective utilization of agricultural technologies.

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Scientist and Head of KVK Jammu, welcomed the dignitaries and participants, detailing the week's activities, which included Kisan Samellan, a Crop Seminar on Nano Fertilizer, standards in agriculture, Drone Demonstrations, parthenium awareness, and a Swachhta

campaign. The week also featured live broadcasts on FM Tadka 95.0, covering topics such as dairy farming, mushroom cultivation, value addition to millets, modern aquaculture, and colorful fruits and vegetables for better health.

Additionally, chicks of the Chabro breed were distributed among SC farmers as part of the SCSP Plan to promote backyard poultry, supervised by Dr. Imran Ganai and Dr. Prem Kumar.

The event was organized by Dr. Poonam Abrol, with support from Dr. Raju Gupta, Satbir Singh, and Sahil Talotra, ensuring a smooth execution of the program. Dr. Ravneet Kour, Dr. Sheetal Badyal, Dr. Amitesh Sharma, and Dr. Muneeshwar Sharma also contributed their perspectives during the event.

Wadhwa focuses on critical importance of environmental preservation



GGHSS, Mubarak Mandi faculty honouring Kewal Krishan Wadhwa.

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JAMMU: A special assembly at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS), Mubarak Mandi, organized by the ECO House with support from Vice Principal Dr. Veena

Pathania, on Monday featured an inspiring session by Kewal Krishan Wadhwa, a noted social activist.

Wadhwa, in his lecture, focused on the critical importance of environmental preservation, emphasizing green practices like planting trees and reducing plastic use.

He advocated for banning single-use plastics and promoting handmade bags as eco-friendly alternatives.

During the event, there was a notable exchange of handmade bags created by students in the Home Science Department during the summer camp, which was highly praised.

The session, rich in environmental insights, concluded with a heartfelt Token of Thanks presented by the Vice Principal, highlighting the impactful nature of the session.

BADC felicitates veterans of Paramilitary Forces



JK-BADC chairman felicitating veterans of Paramilitary Forces.

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JAMMU: In a heartfelt pre-Independence Day event, the Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK-BADC) honored retired paramilitary soldiers for their valiant service. The ceremony, held to recognize their contributions, featured the BADC Chairman and former Vice Chancellor, Dr. Shazad as the chief guest. Haji Mohd. Ayum Khan, President of the Confederation of Ex-CAPFWA, was acknowledged for his leadership in advocating for the welfare of retired Central Armed Forces Personnel. Over 50 retired soldiers were presented with letters of appreciation for their dedication.

The BADC Chairperson highlighted the crucial role of paramilitary forces in national security, comparing their bravery to that of regular army personnel. He lamented the lack of recognition from previous governments for their efforts in combating terrorism and addressing Naxal-affected areas.

Dr. Shazad, former Vice Chancellor and BADC Chairperson, assured continued support for veterans, pledging to advocate for their demands. Haji Mohd. Ayum Khan urged citizens and organizations to support the cause and remember the sacrifices of Central Armed Forces martyrs.

The event was supported by notable figures including former PRI members Khalid Chouhan, Subash Sharma, and others, who added their insights and support.

NCC Cadets, NSS volunteers lead 'Plant for Mother' drive at PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar



NCC cadets, NSS volunteers posing with faculty members during a programme.

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JAMMU: During the Swachhta Pakhwada at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) GCW Gandhi Nagar, NCC cadets from the 2 J&K Girls Bn and NSS volunteers from Unit-I undertook a plantation drive under the banners "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" and "Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam."

In collaboration with the Department of Ecology, Environment, and Remote Sensing, they planted approximately 100 saplings, including fruit trees, shade trees, and

bamboo. The event, guided by Principal Dr. S.P. Sarswat, Prof. Sugandha Mahajan, the NSS PO of Unit 1, Lt. Suman Bala, the Associate NCC Officer of 2 J&K Girls Battalion and Kajal Premi, Physical Director of the College, exemplified the values of discipline and teamwork.

Environmental Soil Conservationist Sajjad Ahmed Khan and Range Officer Anil Sharma contributed valuable insights into the initiative's ecological significance.

The event was further enriched by the presence of Hency Pandita.

The campus transformed into a symbol of hope and environmental commitment, with each sapling representing growth and community spirit.

Dr. Sarswat praised the participants for their dedication and encouraged continued efforts to enhance environmental sustainability. This initiative not only honors Mother Earth but also serves as a living tribute to the sacrifices of martyrs.

Naveen Srivastava appointed as Director (Operations) POWERGRID

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JAMMU: Naveen Srivastava has been appointed as Director (Operations) of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSE under Ministry of Power, Government of India. Prior to his joining as Director (Operations), he worked as Executive Director (NR-III) handling challenging and flagship works & delivered results consistently in dynamic business environment.

He brings a wealth of expertise to the table. He is an accomplished electrical engineer, having graduated in Electrical Engineering (Hons.) from the prestigious National Institute of Technology - Durgapur, and has honed his leadership skills through a General Management Programme at the Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, and the Harvard Manage Mentor program at Harvard Business



School. With over two decades of experience in operations, Srivastava

has consistently driven success across multiple facets, including Operations and Maintenance (O&M), Testing and Commissioning (T&C), and cutting-edge SCADA and communication technologies.

His leadership was instrumental in completing the renowned underground cabling project in Old Kashi (Varanasi), which garnered accolades from the Chief Minister and international dignitaries.

Further, he played a pivotal role towards commissioning of 765kV Pooling Substation at Bilaspur along with adaptation of new Technologies such as Remote Operation of HVDC Rihand-Dadri Link and HVDC Vindhyachal BTB

Link, STATCOM (+/-300 MVAR) at Lucknow, UP for dynamic stability, Establishment of Centralized monitoring of communication system of Regional Load dispatch system under UNMS etc.

Srivastava spearheaded the World Bank and Ministry of Power-funded NERPSIP (North-Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project) project across six northeastern states for two years.

His expertise in enhancing communication links for critical 132kV lines and his role in commissioning the RTU and SCADA system in Goa, alongside SLDC at Panjim, underscore his commitment to excellence.

As Regional Head for POWERGRID's NER and NR-III regions, Srivastava's leadership has transformed transmission system performance, setting benchmarks that resonate with the highest standards within POWERGRID.

90 Bn CRPF Bijbehara organizes Tiranga Rally to promote 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign

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ANANTNAG: The 90 Bn CRPF Urahal Bijbehara organized a grand "Tiranga Rally" as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, aimed at fostering patriotism and national unity. The rally commenced from Jablipora High School and proceeded to Arwani Bridge on NH-44, with enthusiastic participation from local students and residents. The event was led by



Commandant 90 Bn CRPF, Kamendra Pratap Singh leading Tiranga rally.

Kamendra Pratap Singh, Commandant of 90 Bn CRPF,

along with key officials including Suraj Kumar Singh, CMO

90 Bn, B.R.H. Prasad, 2 I/C 90 Bn, Ranjeet Kumar Maurya, Dy-Commandant, Rohit Ranjan, Assistant Commandant, and Owais Rasheed, SDPO Bijbehara. They were joined by officers and jawans of the 90 Bn CRPF. During the rally, National Flags were distributed to the students of Jablipora High School and local residents. Commandant Kamendra Pratap Singh

emphasized the importance of hoisting the National Flag at every home to demonstrate solidarity and pride in the nation.

The rally was marked by a strong sense of patriotism and unity among all participants.

This event not only highlighted the CRPF's commitment to national security but also served as a meaningful platform to strengthen community bonds and engage with the public in a shared spirit of national pride.

Department Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Jammu organizes Tiranga Rally, plantation drive in Bagh-e-Bahu



DG Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Jatinder Singh and others at a programme.

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JAMMU: As a part of celebrations of 78th Independence Day-2024, the Department of Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Jammu on Monday organized a Tiranga Rally, Tiranga Pledge and Plantation Drive in iconic Bagh-e-Bahu Garden, Jammu.

The Tiranga rally was organized under the supervision of Director General, Floriculture, Parks & Gardens Jatinder Singh. Joint Director Vikrant Sharma, Deputy Director Sunil Singh, Floriculture

Officer HQ Ishtiaq Ahmad Malik, Assistant Floriculture Officers Atul Sharma and Purnima Bajala and more than 150 Staff members (officers/officials) of the Department were also present in the rally.

It was informed that the Tiranga Rallies are being organized by the Department to pay respect to our National Flag and make the people aware about the sacrifices made by our Great Freedom Fighters.

Jatinder Singh stressed all the staff members to

take part in Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in order to Celebrate the Independence Day- 2024 enthusiastically.

As a tribute to the martyrs "Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam" the plantation drive was also carried out by the Directorate in Bagh-e-Bahu Garden in presence of all the officers and officials.

The Tiranga Pledge was also taken by the participant at the Concluding Ceremony of the Tiranga Rally. The participants chanted Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Vandemataram in one voice.

Assam CM and Doordarshan sign MoU

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GUWAHATI: Prasar Bharati in collaboration with Assam Cultural Department has proposed to develop a Documentary series based on the life of Bir Lachit Borphukan. In this regard a MOU has been signed between Assam government and Prasar Bharti on Monday in Guwahati in presence of Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and Director General Doordarshan Kanchan Prasad. Addressing the gathering CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said that it is very good news for the people of Assam. As for the first time a documentary Series will be made on the life of the great Ahom warrior Bir Lachit Borphukan. 52 episodes will be made which will be produced by both Assam Government and Prasar Bharti. Talking about the documentary, Director General of Doordarshan Kanchan Prasad said it is a proud moment for Doordarshan while collaborating with Assam Government.

Addressing the gathering Principal Secretary B. Kalyan Chakravarty said this documentary series will showcase the glorious history of Assam and it will be a joint venture of both Assam Govt and Prasar Bharti. Chief Secretary Ravi Kota along with Minister Bimol Bora also attended the occasion.

Deputy Director General Doordarshan Anit Kumar informed that there will be 52 episodes of the series and it will be in Hindi and Assamese and later on it will be dubbed in other languages also. The documentary will be broadcasted in DD National and DD Assam along with the proposed OTT platform.

GCOE Sparash Committee organizes awareness programme on penal consequences against sexual harassment



GCoE faculty and students during an awareness programme.

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JAMMU: SPARASH Committee of the GCOE, Canal Road Jammu organized an activity for the awareness of all the stakeholders regarding "Gender Sensitization and Penal Consequences against Sexual Harassment" in the college campus. In the event

, an awareness amongst students was made about penal consequences of Sexual Harassment. The event was organised under the guidance of Prof Dr.Jyoti Parihar, This program was organised by Dr. Davinder Kour, Convener of the SPARSH Committee along with Committee mem-

bers Prof Deepali, Prof. Kiran Thappa, Prof. Dr. Shalini Sharma, Dr.Ambica, Dr. Sonum Gandotra. Others who attended were Dr. Rajinder Kour and Participants.

AIPA presents Shiksha Padam Samman to Ritesh Kapoor

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JAMMU: All India Principals Association (AIPA) in collaboration with Sri Sukhmani Group of Institutions felicitated Ritesh Kapoor, Director Principal ASN Higher Secondary School, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Dr Navdeep Bhardwaj, President AIPA along with National team members felicitated Ritesh Kapoor in recognition of his exceptional dedication, innovative approaches, and significant contributions to education.

Ritesh Kapoor, a dedicated educator has been honored with the Shiksha Padam Award for outstanding contributions to the field of education.

The award, presented by AIPA which recognized Ritesh Kapoor's tireless efforts in shaping young



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minds, innovative teaching methods, and commitment to excellence in education. The Shiksha Padam Award ceremony was held on Sri Sukhmani Dental College, Derabassi, Ambala where around 200 Principals from various cities of India were felicitated in the presence of esteemed guests and education luminaries.

Ritesh Kapoor is committed to innovative teaching methods and has made sig-

nificant contributions to the education sector. Kapoor appreciated the efforts put in by All India Principals Association for recognizing Principals from various cities of the nation and felicitating them with such prestigious recognitions. Kapoor was deeply humbled and honored to receive the prestigious Shiksha Padam Award. He said that this recognition is a testament to his dedication and pas-

sion for education. He was grateful to the esteemed organization for acknowledging his efforts to shape young minds and contribute to the education sector. He added that this award is not just a personal achievement but a tribute to his students, colleagues, and mentors who have supported him throughout his journey.

AIPA President Dr Navdeep Bhardwaj during his address said that Ritesh Kapoor's tireless efforts have made a profound impact on the lives of his students and the education community. He added that Kapoor's passion, expertise, and dedication have set a new standard for excellence in education. We salute his achievements and honor his commitment to shaping future generations."

63rd meeting of the Empowered Committee on MSMEs held



Regional Director RBI for J&K and Ladakh, Chandrashekhar Azad chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: The 63rd meeting of the Empowered Committee on MSMEs, held for the quarter ending June 30, 2024, took place at the Reserve Bank of India, Jammu, on Monday. Chaired by Chandrashekhar Azad, Regional Director of RBI for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, the meeting focused

on the crucial role of MSMEs in the national economy, particularly in industrializing rural and backward areas and reducing regional imbalances.

Azad emphasized the sector's challenges, including inadequate financing, technology access, infrastructure, skilled manpower, and regulatory compliance. He urged

banks to onboard all MSME entrepreneurs onto the Udyam Portal to ensure continued benefits from government schemes.

The meeting reviewed bank performances in areas such as Udyam Registration, TReDS onboarding, CGTMSE Coverage, and government-sponsored cases. The recent initiatives for

MSME Sector announced in Union Budget such as mandatory onboarding on TReDS for turnover above Rs. 250 crores, increase in Mudra loans, Government fund for aiding stressed MSME accounts, as also recent circulars from Reserve Bank regarding adjustment of weights for Priority Sector Lending achievements was also discussed.

Attendees included senior officials from the Office of MSME DFO, Industries & Commerce, SIDBI, and key banks such as SBI, PNB, Canara Bank, J&K Bank, J&K Grameen Bank, ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank. Market associations were represented by PHDCCI, BBIA, and FTII functionaries.