

KVK Jammu organizes training programme on profitable Sheep and Goat Farming

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JAMMU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Jammu of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) organized training programme on Profitable Sheep and Goat Farming at village Kaloyen of Jammu district for farmers and rural youths to enhance their livelihood through income generation by having a self-employment activity.

The programme was organised under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bhupendra Nath Tripathi and able guidance of Director Extension, Prof. Amrisha Vaid and Dr. Puneet Choudhary, Chief Scientist and Head



KVK Jammu official speaking in a programme.

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Dr. Imran Ahmad Ganai, Assistant Professor, Division of Animal Nutrition (SKUAST-J), welcomed the participants for attending the training programme and encouraged them to adopt scientific farming for more farm returns.

He emphasised the significance of sheep and goat rearing in generating profitable income through a business model.

Dr. Ganai spoke about the need for alternative employment and income in rural areas, pointing out that income from rainfed agricul-

ture is not always reliable.

He stressed the importance of sheep farming to the national economy, as it is sponsored through meat, fiber, and wool production.

Participants gained theoretical and practical experience in sheep and goat farming business models, common diseases, feed man-

agement, loans, and subsidies.

The KVK officials briefed the participants an overview of the SC Sub Plan program and its implementation.

They also encouraged the trainees to consider sheep and goat farming as a viable income-generating activity and highlighted the potential of sheep and goat farming to boost family income with low initial investment and high economic returns. The purpose of the programme was to create awareness for vaccination in animals, feed management and balance diet to animals.

The participants thanked KVK Jammu for organizing such an innovative programme.

Civil Society members of Sainik Colony welcomes new I/c PP

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JAMMU: The Civil Society members of Sainik Colony in Jammu welcomed Prince Jasrotia as the new Police Post (PP) Incharge of the area.

This gathering marked an important moment for the Civil Society members Rakesh Choudhary, Amandeep Singh, Jatinder Singh Charak, Varinder Cholatra reflecting their recognition and support for law enforcement and the role they play in maintaining peace and order.

The event likely involved key figures from the Sainik Colony community who expressed their confidence in Jasrotia's capabilities to ensure safety and security in the area. Such welcomes are a



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common practice in the region, where community leaders and residents actively engage with law enforcement officials to foster a cooperative relationship.

Prince Jasrotia's appointment as PP Incharge is seen as a significant step in strengthening the bond

between the police and the residents, aiming to address local concerns effectively and maintain harmony within the community. The warm reception he received underscores the importance of this relationship in promoting a safe and cohesive environment in Sainik Colony.

IG Dance Fit Zone holds "Jammu's Best Dancers season 1"



Participants of Jammu's Best Dancers season 1 posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: In a groundbreaking event that marked their first public performance, the talented ensemble known as "Jammu's Best Dancers season 1" presented by "IG Dance Fit Zone" vovued audiences with a captivating show held at Rameshwar Palace Paloura, Jammu.

The debut performance was a resounding success, drawing dance enthusiasts and supporters from across the region.

The visionary behind Jammu's Best Dancers, who shared the group's journey

from humble beginnings to the main stage. "This is not just a performance; it's a dream come true for all of us. Having such esteemed guests here today makes this debut even more meaningful," said Ishant Ganjoo.

Chief Guest for the event Padma Romala Ram, Guest of honours Neelam Khajuria, Mahant Rohit Shastri, Sanyam Pandoh, Vikas Dogra (SHO) and Devinder Singh (SDPO) they highlighted importance of supporting local talent and expressed pride in Jammu's rising stars. These young dancers

represent the future of our cultural heritage.

Adding to the excitement was the presence of Judge Aman Nayyar, a respected figure in the dance community known for their expertise and critical eye. Aman Nayyar was responsible for evaluating the performances and providing valuable feedback to the dancers. "The level of talent I've seen here tonight is remarkable.

Jammu's Best Dancers have shown that they have the potential to make a significant impact in the dance world, remarked [Aman Nayyar].

IIM Jammu hosts lecture by Addl Secy, Ministry of Women and Child Development

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JAMMU: IIM Jammu hosted a event on Monday featuring Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India.

The lecture, titled "Government Schemes and Programs for Women Welfare, Empowerment, and Employment," took place at the Mandapam Auditorium on the Jagti Campus.

The session began with traditional ceremonies and an introduction to the guest by the students. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha was given a tour of the campus, including the state-of-the-art "Nalanda" Library.

He commended the exceptional infrastructure at IIM Jammu, likening it to prestigious institutions like Oxford and Cambridge.

During his lecture, Chadha highlighted the pivotal role of



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director IIM Jammu honouring Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, Addl Secretary of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India.

government initiatives in fostering gender equality and empowering women. He emphasized the Ministry's commitment to addressing gender inequality, combating malnutrition, and ensuring equal opportunities for

women, all integral to the vision of women-led develop-

ment as outlined in Vision 2047 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He elaborated on key initiatives like Poshan Abhiyaan, Mission Shakti, and Mission Vatsalya, which aim to enhance the lives of women and children, particularly in rural areas. Shri Chadha also discussed the modernization of Anganwadi centers, improvements in maternal health, and enhanced program delivery mechanisms. He emphasized the importance of gender budgeting and the strategic focus on women empowerment, supported by both the Government and the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The event also

featured an insightful Q&A session where students and faculty engaged with Shri Chadha on various challenges and opportunities related to women's welfare. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, underscored the institute's commitment to empowering women and provided an overview of IIM Jammu's achievements and alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, a vote of thanks, and the National Anthem, marking IIM Jammu's ongoing dedication to fostering a dynamic and inclusive learning environment.

Jammu NGO's organises solidarity March for rape victim

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JAMMU: In a moving display of unity and solidarity, a mourn meet and candlelight vigil was held today in Jammu to honour the memory of a young doctor who tragically lost her life in a recent incident at RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata. The event brought together healthcare professionals and community members to stand against the growing violence faced by doctors in India.

The vigil was marked by heartfelt speeches and moments of silence. Director and CEO of People's Hut Foundation delivered a poignant address, expressing the collective grief and anger of the social workers community.

At the designated time, different social workers and social activists began their march from the NBF office, carrying placards with powerful mes-



Jammu NGO members after solidarity march for rape victim.

sages demanding justice and calling for improved legislation.

The slogans included "We want justice," "Justice delayed is justice denied," "Mard Padhao Beti Bachao," "Azadi hai par aadhi hai," among other calls for action. Tarun Uppal who is the Chairperson of Nirbhay Bharat Foundation addressed the issue of sexual violence in India, citing recent cases and calling special attention to cases from marginalized communities. Senior

Leader VHP Rajan Gupta stressed the need for equitable justice and called on everyone to support and advocate for the safety and rights of all victims.

The demonstration continued with chants and a two-minute silence in honor of Dr. Debmath.

Stand with Humanity Foundation Chairperson Manik Uppal and President Akhil Kapoor added "The march was more than just a gathering; it was a powerful

manifestation of our collective outrage, our pain, and our demand for justice.

KIRF Chairman Dr. Imran Khan noted that the event was not merely a response to one tragedy but a stand against the pervasive culture of violence and oppression. S. Amardeep Singh Chairman Diva international Foundation added it was heart-warming to see our community come together, not just in anger, but

in solidarity and hope. Suresh Kumar Director Resolvio Foundation emphasized that the march was a call to action for all women, promising that this is only the beginning. "We are committed to continuing this fight, both within our campus and beyond, until every woman feels safe and respected."

Divyansh Baba, Social Activist, said that the protest marked a significant moment showcasing the Jammu NGOs and Social Workers strong stance on women's rights and their commitment to advocating for justice. This event was not only a tribute to Dr. Debmath but also a powerful statement in support of all women and girls in India, emphasizing the urgent need for safety and justice.

IIT Jammu students celebrate Raksha Bandhan with BSF Jawans



IIT Jammu students during Raksha Bandhan celebration with BSF Jawans.

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JAMMU: In a heartwarming display of gratitude and respect, a group of 25 students from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, along with members of Kritash, the institute's social welfare body, visited the BSF Camp in R.S. Pura today to celebrate Raksha Bandhan.

The students spent quality time with the brave soldiers, tying Rakhis on their wrists as a symbol of the unbreakable bond

between civilians and the armed forces. The event was marked by a sense of camaraderie and patriotism as the students expressed their sincere appreciation for the soldiers' selfless service to the nation.

The BSF jawans warmly welcomed the IIT Jammu students and provided them with a comprehensive tour of the camp, offering valuable insights into their daily lives and rigorous training regimen.

The students were also

granted a unique opportunity to witness the India-Pakistan border, gaining a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by the soldiers in safeguarding the nation's frontiers.

This special interaction has left a lasting impression on the IIT Jammu students, fostering a profound respect and admiration for the armed forces. The event stands as a testament to the strong bond between the citizens and the soldiers who protect the country.

Parthenium awareness camp organised at SKUAST Jammu



SKUAST-J officials and others during an awareness camp.

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JAMMU: AICRP-Weed Management, Division of Agronomy, SKUAST-Jammu organised Parthenium awareness campaign on Monday at Chatha Farm, SKUAST Jammu.

Dr. S.K Gupta, Director Research, SKUAST Jammu was the Chief Guest of the event.

Dr. Gupta emphasized on collective approach of officials, students and farmers to manage the menace of Parthenium weed.

Dr. B. R. Bazaya, Chief Scientist and Principal Investigator, AICRP Weed Management, SKUAST-Jammu highlighted the harmful effects of Parthenium weed on the health of human beings,

animals and crop biodiversity. He also highlighted various harmful effects of parthenium like skin diseases and allergies in both humans and animals.

He advised to students and farmers to start vigorous campaign to eradicate parthenium completely from the block level.

Dr. Manpreet Kour, Senior Scientist and Co-PI, AICRP Weed Management suggested various control measures for the management of parthenium in rainy season.

The parthenium awareness camp was also graced by Dr. M.C Dwivedi, Professor, Agronomy, Dr. S.K.Mishra, Associate professor, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Assistant Professor, Dr. Dinesh Khajuria, Division

of Agronomy, AICRP -WM staff Pawandeep Kour, Gurleen Kaur and other officials of SKUAST-Jammu.

Later on all the participants uprooted the Parthenium weed that have invaded in the Chatha, Farm of SKUAST-J and pledged to eradicate this weed and disseminate the useful information provided by the AICRP scientists among other stakeholders in all possible ways to the farming community.

More than 40 University staff/farmers/ students took part in the programme. The programme was ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Manpreet Kour, Senior scientist and Co-PI AICRP Weed Management.

Dr Kotwal chairs meeting on Pashmina Spinning Machines and Subsidy Schemes

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LEH: The Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal, chaired a meeting to discuss the promotion of Pashmina spinning machines and subsidy schemes to boost the Pashmina industry in UT Ladakh, at the Civil Secretariat, Leh.

The meeting aimed to explore ways to enhance the production and quality of Pashmina products, thereby improving the livelihoods of local artisans and stakeholders.

During the meeting, the President of Phobrang Cooperative Society highlighted the importance of quality in Pashmina yarn and loom production. He suggested that the introduction of more spinning machines and equipment is crucial to producing high-quality looms and yarns. He stressed that this would not only improve the livelihoods of women artisans but also contribute to the preservation of Ladakh's cultural heritage.

After comprehensive deliberations and discussions, it was decided that keeping in view the importance of the Scheme in promoting the pashmina yarn making locally and the economic profile of the spinning and weaving cooperatives, the component of subsidy could be raised to 90% for the procurement of Ashford-type



equipment and a component of training and capacity building to be included in the Scheme.

Dr Kotwal emphasized the importance of preserving traditional craftsmanship while embracing modern technology to increase efficiency and productivity. He directed officials to formulate a comprehensive plan to promote Pashmina spinning machines and subsidy schemes, ensuring maximum benefits to the local community.

The Commissioner/Secretary of Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Ladakh; Administrative Secretary of Cooperative, Ladakh; District Magistrate, Leh; Councillor of Chushul Constituency; Director of Finance, Ladakh; Director of Sheep, Ladakh; Chief Engineer of PDD, Ladakh; Deputy Director of Planning, Ladakh; Under Secretary of Sheep, Animal Husbandry, Ladakh; Assistant Director of Handloom, Leh; Assistant Director of Handicraft, Leh; President and a Member of Phobrang Cooperative Society; while the Administrative Secretary of Tourism & Culture, Ladakh; and the Director of Industries & Commerce, Ladakh joined the meeting virtually.

NC's manifesto misleading, promises unachievable: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday slammed NC leadership for once again trying to mislead people through its unachievable promises.

In a hard hitting statement issued to media persons, the BJP stalwart leader claimed that NC's manifesto is nothing more than plethora of lies as people of J&K know well about the misgovernance and misrule of this party which remained in power in the past.

He said that during the rules of NC leaders including Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, the erstwhile state of J&K was in complete mess with worst ever law and order situation. He also accused the NC leadership of mishandling the industry during their tenure as many units saw their downfall due to policy deficit of the chief ministers of this party.

He said it is astonishing that NC leadership is time and again criticizing BJP for unemployment but the fact is that it was NC governments which took this serious matter phlegmatically and ruined the future of hundreds of youths in their terms.

Kavinder said that Modi Government has taken many effective steps to bring J&K back on tracks and undo the misdeeds of the NC govern-

ments in the past. He said that people are well aware about the policies and plans of BJP and therefore no document full of lies issued to public by the NC leadership can change their mind as it is only BJP which has the will and the power to ensure welfare of the people without any prejudice or discrimination, which was the hallmark of NC government that led to wedge between people of Kashmir and Jammu, as all the decisions taken during their time were lop sided and full of partialities.

The former deputy Chief Minister asked the party cadre to spare no effort in educating the public about the pivotal achievements of the Modi Government in transforming this union territory. Emphasizing the importance of reaching out to every corner, he highlighted how the BJP government's initiatives have brought unprecedented development, improved infrastructure, and enhanced the quality of life for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He stressed that it is crucial to convey these accomplishments to ensure the public recognizes the positive changes.

He called on the party cadre to work tirelessly to ensure the victory of the BJP in the upcoming Assembly polls, securing a prosperous future for the region.