

## Himalayan Day celebrated at SKUAST-Jammu

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu celebrated Himalayan Day on Thursday to spread the message for sustainable development and ecological stability for the Himalayas.

On the occasion, O.P. Sharma Vidyarthi, Retd IPS was the Chief Guest while Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir and Dr. Tarsem Chand, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India were Guests of Honour.

In his inaugural address, Prof. J.P. Sharma highlighted the issues of climate change and their impact on ecology in general and agriculture in particular. Prof. Sharma also appreciated the efforts of Environmentalist and founder of the Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organization (HESCO), Padma



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J. P. Sharma and other dignitaries during a meeting.

Bhushan Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi for Conservation of Himalayas.

O.P. Sharma Vidyarthi spoke about the Himalayan concerns and how most developmental activities and projects are being planned and implemented without giving cognizance of its impact on environment and ecology.

He made the audience aware about the role of agrochemicals in polluting the soil for the sake of increasing productivity. He suggested that the focus should be on quality and not on quantity.

In his lecture, O.P. Sharma informed the gath-

ering that the period between 2021-2030 is the decade of ecosystem restoration. He suggested maintaining a balance between development activities and conservation of ecology, and understanding and respecting the fragility of the mountains in every action or inaction we take.

Dr. Jag Paul Sharma, Director Research and Registrar of SKUAST-Jammu was the Convener and Dr. Bikram Singh, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture was Co-Convener of the programme. The programme was attended by Rajesh Talwar, Comptroller and

Director Planning, Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, Head, AEABM, Dr. S.K. Gupta, Incharge Examination Cell, Heads of Divisions, Dr. Amrith Vaid, Dr. Prashant Bakshi, Dr. Neelesh Sharma and Dr. Narinder Panotra, Co-Organizing Secretaries, members of teaching fraternity, organizing committee members and PG students. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Sonika Jamwal, Assistant Professor, ACRA, Dhiansar while vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Bharat Bhushan Joint Registrar and Organizing Secretary of the event.

## Kavinder asks MoS PMO to expedite work on central projects in J&K



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta interacting with MoS PMO Dr Jitendra Singh.

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NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Thursday asked the MoS PMO Dr Jitendra Singh to expedite work on Central Government projects in J&K including prestigious AIMS and Devika river projects.

Kavinder called on Dr Singh at New Delhi and discussed various development related issues and party's prospects on forthcoming Assembly polls in the UT of J&K.

At the outset of the meeting, Kavinder laid stress on early completion of AIMS and Devika River Front projects because both these were considered as the most prestigious ones as far as aspirations of the people are concerned. He said that the work on these projects should be paced up so

that soon people will soon reap the fruits of the development process started by the PM Narendra Modi led BJP Government.

The senior BJP leader said that development of J&K is matter of prestige for the party and therefore all out efforts are required to change the development profile of the region as soon as possible. He said that though there is no scarcity of Central Government funds but efforts should be made to remove procedural delays as every single day counts in this matter.

Threadbare discussions were also held about the organizational structure of the party to strengthen it for the upcoming political contest in the UT.

Kavinder advocated for precise exercise to ensure a robust network of party leadership in

the UT to mobilize electorate in a meaningful manner to ensure success of the party. He said that ground level worker is the soul of the party and therefore all such entities should be taken into confidence to retain the party wave across the UT of J&K. He also raised the issue of fortifying healthcare edifice in the UT considering the fact that the danger of third wave of pandemic corona is still looming large and there is dire need to be on toes to combat the dangerous virus.

Dr Jitendra assured the former Deputy Chief Minister that work on development projects in J&K will be accelerated in the coming days as he will ask the stakeholders to remove bottlenecks if any. He also assured that there will be no shortage of funds for revamping the healthcare edifice in the UT and all the measures will be put in place well in time in case the third wave becomes a reality. He also sought support of local party leadership in mobilizing the party workers to gear-up for upcoming elections in the UT as Prime Minister Modi has given a hint of early polls.

## CAIT announces campaign against foreign-funded e-commerce firms



CAIT members during a meeting.

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NEW DELHI: The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) on Thursday said that foreign-funded e-commerce companies were violating the e-commerce rules and adversely impacting offline traders of the country while announcing a national campaign to protest against these practices.

Named "Halla Bol", the campaign will start from September 15 and will see participation from 100 trade leaders from across the country.

During this campaign, the CAIT will send communication to all political parties of the country to clarify their stand on e-commerce.

## NMDC partners with Grace Cancer Foundation for Freedom Run 2021

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HYDERABAD: NMDC Global Grace Cancer Run 2021 was launched on Thursday in Hyderabad. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry; the Guest of Honour, Sumit Deb, CMD NMDC; and Dr. Chinnababu Sunkavalli, CEO, Grace Cancer Foundation.

Keeping in view the ongoing Fit India Movement, NMDC is supporting the Cancer Awareness Run to be held on October 10, 2021 in Hyderabad, as part of India's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.

The flyer for the Run was unveiled by G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Development of North Eastern Region of India, on August 22, 2021.

This was followed by a virtual Awareness Talk on 'Debunking Myths of



Dignitaries launching NMDC Global Grace Cancer Run 2021.

Cancer' by a panel of medical experts and doctors on September 4, 2021.

NMDC has partnered with Grace Cancer Foundation to conduct freedom marathons in person at Hyderabad and virtually across the globe, in three categories - 5K, 10K, and 21.1K.

It will also be organised in person in its three major project locations - Bailadila, Donimalai and NISP as part of its celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Chief Guest, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry dedicated the event to cancer patients and survivors.

Speaking on the spirit of freedom in the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Dr. Soundararajan encouraged everyone to fight for Freedom from Cancer.

Sumit Deb, CMD, NMDC highlighted the increasing cancer mortality rate and the social responsibility to create awareness on the same. Commenting on the occasion, he said, "NMDC has chalked out a plan to conduct various sports, academic and cultural events to celebrate India@75. Envisioning a new India that adopts an active lifestyle - both physically as well as mentally, it is our pleasure to support the Global Cancer Run 2021 and be a part of the movement."

## IEA Jammu celebrates Royal Charter Day



Dignitaries at celebration of Royal Charter Day at IEI Complex, Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Institution of Engineers India (IEI), Jammu Centre celebrated Royal Charter Day at Institutional Complex, here through virtual mode.

Er. Hamesh Manchanda, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (I&FC) Department, Jammu was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

At the outset, Dr. Sanjay Khar, Chairman, IEI Jammu Centre presented welcome address. Er. Anil Verma, former Hony. Secretary of IEI, Jammu Centre delivered a talk on the history & relevance of Royal Charter Day under the annals of the Institution.

Pertinently Royal Charter was granted to the IEI by His Majesty, The King and Emperor George V at the

## AIKS hails Govt for launch of Web Portal

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NEW DELHI: All India Kashmiri Samaj (AIKS) today expressed gratitude to the Government of J&K for issuing executive orders for development of the web portal to facilitate the affected migrants for applications and redressal. In this connection, a Core Group meeting of AIKS was held under the Presidentship of Dr. Ramesh Raina in New Delhi. "Further, the meeting expressed its happiness at the launch of the web portal. It is a matter of deep satisfaction for AIKS that its constant efforts and effective follow-up by its dedicated legal team for getting the 'J&K Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act 1997' implemented have borne fruits," he said. Raina said "We are hopeful that the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community will get justice for reclaiming their ancestral properties through this initiative of the Government." The meeting noted that it is a first step towards getting justice for the beleaguered community in its long fight to seek its rightful place.

## Shiv Sena expresses concern over plight of crematoriums, submits memo to LG

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena (Bala Saheb Thackeray), Jammu and Kashmir unit, expressed resentment of non-functioning of electric crematorium in Jammu despite the assurance given by the officers sitting at the helm of affairs.

Addressing media persons here today, Manish Sahni, President J&K Shiv Sena informed that a memorandum regarding installing of gas and electric crematoriums in Jammu were submitted to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir as well as to the Jammu Municipal Commissioner. Sahni said that for the last nine years, the only electric crematorium in Jammu and Kashmir at Jogi Gate in Jammu which is in non functional mode as the authorities are not showing any serious concern to fix and start it. At the same time, a gas crematorium unit, donated by a social organization is also lying locked in the box for the last over two months. The administration has adopted delaying tactics in its installation and commissioning. "The shed built for people to stand near the cremation ground has completely failed to stop the rain water. Due to lack of drainage, this place looks like a pond during the rainy season. The rooms and toilets built over there are in very dilapidated condition as even the fan is not in working condition," he added. Sahni appealed to the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to intervene in the matter and give directions to the authorities concerned that the electric and gas cremation facilities must be made operational after plugging all its technical flaws. In this occasion president mehila wing Meenakshi Chibber, Vikas Bakshi, Vice president Balwant Singh, Youth leader Rakesh Handa were present.

## 'IWSLG continued its efforts for empowerment of women in J&K UT'

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SRINAGAR: Indian Women Social Lobbying Group (IWSLG), a prime social lobbying group working across the villages in India to empower the women section of the society by the schemes & policies, was launched by the Union Government to support the women from all walks towards the social & economical development sectors. Noshien Sheikh, Director Women Affairs, hailing from Poonch Division of J&K UT has extensively toured central, north & south District in Kashmir Valley and has an interaction with Women SHG members, PRI Institutions, Women Start-Ups. She has compiled a thorough report of interaction, discussion & feedback of the people from all walks in Pir Panjal as well as in Kashmir Valley with the office of Prime Minister, and requested President and Vice-President of India & Union Minister of Minority Affairs, Women & Child Development to set up Civil

Services Academy in central Kashmir as well as in Poonch District of J&K UT. Currently she is observing and handling the states of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan Bihar; and Maharashtra & Jammu & Kashmir UT. IWSLG Chairperson, Dr. Radhika Sharma, is supporting every measure of the government to empower the women and extensively bridge up the policies for the protection, safety. "We appreciate the dedication of Noshien Sheikh in closely working for the people of Jammu and Kashmir UT as she has been awarded the ICONGO award of the year in 2016, Gandhian Fellowship 2017, Women Achiever by Rising for Her 2018, ABRIS Award-2019," Radhika said adding that her contribution is outstanding in the sector of Women empowerment & development, to the Union Government of India, in understanding the real issues faced by the women & rural sanitation is a big credit to her name in Rural villages of India.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi along with Jaidev Rajwal, BJP's Social Media Head for J&K, felicitated Raqshesh Aqram, Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police for receiving Police Medal for Gallantry during a function held here today.

The programme was organized by A.S. George Amit Sotra, President of All India Masih Samaj Seva Trust to honour the gallant police officer.

Addressing the gathering,

## Yudhvir, Rajwal felicitate Police Medal awardee DySP Raqshesh



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi felicitating DySP Raqshesh Aqram.

while congratulating DySP Raqshesh Aqram, Yudhvir Sethi appreciated the role of security forces in maintaining law and order in the Jammu and Kashmir during the toughest times and

against all sorts of odds.

Complementing Raqshesh Aqram, Sethi said that it is due to the dedicated services of the men in Khakis like him that the people enjoy the freedom guaranteed to

them by the nation's constitution.

Asserting that youth aspiring to join police force can get inspired by the gallantry awardee Aqram, Sethi said "I want to give a message to

youth that things are improving fast in the Jammu and Kashmir K UT especially Kashmir and they should not get into activities which dent the relentless efforts of the Police force."

DySP Raqshesh Aqram, while speaking on the occasion thanked BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi, Social Media Head Jaidev Rajwal and All India Masih Samaj Seva Trust for honouring him.

Among others who were present included Eljha Sotra, Moon Stephen, Roman Sandhu and Ravi Manchanda.