

SFAC holds district-level awareness camp to make farmers self-reliant



A dignitary speaking during a programme.

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JAMMU: Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (SFAC), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India on Wednesday organised a 'District Level Awareness Camp' for Equity Grant & Credit Guarantee Fund

Retail outlets of corporate house hurdle in Atmanirbhar Bharat: NAUP

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JAMMU: National Awami United Party (NAUP) under the leadership of its President Sandeep Singh has extended full support to the JCCI against the opening of retail stores of reliance in Jammu.

Sandeep Singh made it clear that NAUP is not against any particular private company and stated that as India is a democratic country and all have freedom to run its businesses in any part of country but LG administration must see the condition of Jammu before attempting such steps, as already trade and business is in poor state.

"Retail outlets of corporate house may become hurdle in Atmanirbhar Bharat, a dream project of government," he said.

Moreover, he said, why all these stores are being opened in Jammu that also need a proper answer from administration,.

"An urgent attention must be given by LG administration to the business of sand mining, which has now turned into a mafia business," he said adding that the rates of sand trolley has gone manifold post abrogation. Administration must desist from such anti people steps otherwise these Jammu Bandh Calls will become a norm in Jammu, he said.

NABARD conducts workshop on ACABC Scheme

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SRINAGAR: In order to support agriculture development and create gainful employment for agriculture graduates besides extending extension services to the farmers, the Govt of India has announced a scheme for establishment of Agri Clinics and Agri Business Centers (ACABC). This was revealed at a district level workshop organized on Wednesday by NABARD at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (SKUAST) Anantnag.

The workshop was inaugurated by DDM NABARD Rouf Zargar and was attended by Agriculture graduates of the district besides, the district heads of Agriculture, Horticulture, SKUAST and Banks were also present.

Giving details of the scheme, the DDM said that the scheme aims to provide business opportunities to unemployed agriculture graduates and the doorstep delivery of agricultur-

al extension services to farmers to cater to their local needs and affordability.

These Clinics/business centers shall provide expert advice and services to farmers on various technologies.

The DDM informed that the requisite 60 days training shall be provided to applicants free of cost by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), through Nodal Training Institutes (NTIs).

After the training, the applicants will be provided a bank loan from 20 lakh to 1 crore (individual or group) to start the unit. NABARD will channelize the 36 percent subsidy to general category applicants and 44 per cent to applicants belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) and north east, hilly states.

Interested applicants can call toll-free number 1800-425-1556 or apply online on acabemis website.

75% free security is provided after taking a moment from the bank upto 2 crores, so that the risk of Banks can be reduced.

Under the Venture Capital Assistance (VCA), he said, the Govt. also provides loans without interest for setting up an enterprise or 40% of the margin money whichever is less. The scheme is being run through the bank all over the country, under which 3164 projects have been approved so far. The programme was presided over by Chief Guest Rajan Sharma, Joint Director Extension, besides Chief Agriculture Officer, Arvind Baru, District Manager, Romesh Kumar Raina, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr. Syed Altaf Shah KVK HOD

Dr. Puneet Chowdhary and Anu Bala, Assistant Director Fisheries also participated in the camp.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Ashwani Jajra, Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer, Marh.

All the farmers/participants termed this program very fruitful and result oriented.

PDP holds protest in support of Jammu Bandh



PDP activists raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: People's Democratic Party (PDP) today staged a massive protest in support of the Jammu Bandh call given by the Jammu Chamber of the Commerce and Industries.

Led by Abdul Hamid Choudhary, Vice President PDP, the protesting leaders as well as party cadre assembled outside the Party Head Office in Jammu.

Talking to reporters, Abdul Hamid emphasized that today's protest was called against the opening of

Reliance retail stores in the city, adding that these new outlets will badly damage the small businessmen and destroy their age old family businesses. The senior PDP leader asserted that the Jammu and Kashmir has been put on sale by the Union Government for the people from outside the Jammu and Kashmir UT.

He stated that the contracts of liquor businesses under the New Excise Policy have been given to the people from outside Jammu and Kashmir.

Either jail or demise for terrorists under Modi regime: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday said that BJP government led by PM Narendra Modi will wipe out terrorism from the soil of J&K as under this regime terror mongers have to either die or live behind bars. The BJP stalwart leader in a statement issued here endorsed the government decision of sacking six employees after it was established that they were over ground workers having links with the terrorists. He said that like in the present case anyone found involved in such crimes will face the same fate and will have to confront the law of the land. He said that days of delinquent dispensations have gone now as no one having a slightest link with the terror edifice will be spared as under PM Modi regime there is zero tolerance for anti-national activities and that of terror mongering.

Kavinder said that an audit of all the employees of

J&K Government is currently underway and whosoever will be found involved in similar acts will face the law accordingly.

He also said that those picking up guns must remember that security forces have been given free hand by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to eliminate the terrorists at the first sight.

The senior BJP leader said that people should avail the benefit of government schemes to live a life full of dignity and pride and play a pivotal role in nation building rather than wasting lives after getting swayed by the propaganda unleashed by the rogue nation Pakistan against the Indian government.

He said that the BJP government has a number of options for the youth to choose from and live a happy and contented life but those who will opt to choose terror or separatism will have to face the destiny which under the Modi government is either jail or death.

Amazon Job Seeker Insight Survey indicates 59 pc of Indian professionals looking for new jobs

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JAMMU: Almost 60 per cent of Indian professionals are looking for new jobs, said a survey charting how people are rethinking their careers after the coronavirus pandemic devastated the economy and changed work.

At least two of three jobseekers in India are looking to switch industries due to Covid-19. Indian professionals are looking for means to upskill and advance in their careers. About 90 per cent said they are interested in learning new skills, according to the Amazon Job Seeker Insight Survey.

Amazon shared the findings of the survey commissioned by the e-commerce company to gauge the pulse of the impact of Covid-19 on jobs and future career plans among Indian professionals. The study was conducted by Morning Consult, a global data intelligence company, from August 17 to August 23, 2021 and covered 1000 professional adults across

JKPS officers placed in Non-functional grade, call on DGP



DGP, J&K Dilbag Singh during meeting with group of JKPS officers.

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SRINAGAR: A group of Jammu Kashmir Police Service (JKPS) officers who have been placed in Non-functional grade by the government called on Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh at Police Headquarters Srinagar on Wednesday.

The officers expressed gratitude to the DGP J&K, and Police Headquarters for taking up the issue with the administration, which has been kind enough in addressing it in time.

The DGP J&K in turn expressed his gratitude to the Lt. Governor J&K Manoj Sinha, Advisor (B) R R Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary J&K Dr A. K. Mehta, Home Secretary J&K Shaleen Kabra and other officers of the UT

Government for granting the Non-functional grade in favour of 120 JKPS officers of General Executive Cadre (2009, 2010, 2011 batch) in the Time Scale of Level-11 of the Pay Matrix.

The DGP said that the placement of such a huge number of officers in a grade which will provide monetary benefit to 120 officers and their families will definitely go a long way in boosting the morale of the officers'. The DGP said Police headquarters and JK administration have been working for finding solutions to various issues of the J&K Police.

He said that department promotion committees have been holding meetings regularly and promotions are being granted to the officials and officers well

in time. He directed the officers to work with more dedication in rendering service to the people and the nation.

The officers also called on ADGP Headquarters PHQ, M K Sinha and ADGP Coord. PHQ, Danesh Rana and expressed their gratitude.

Pertinent to mention that Police Headquarters has promoted 6467 personnel upto the rank of Inspectors during current year so far in Executive, Armed, Home Guard/Civil Defense and SDRF cadre of Jammu & Kashmir Police.

Similarly in J&K Police Telecom, Photography and Ministerial/Steno cadre 307 personnel were promoted excluding 61 personnel who were given In-situ promotions, this year.

high priority when considering a job. For 47 per cent of professionals, having a safe workplace environment is a high priority when considering a job.

The study underlines the changing concerns, aspirations

and interests of Indian jobseekers, particularly brought in by the Covid-19 pandemic. Professionals are looking at broadening the industries and skill sets to stay relevant in the changing job market.

Conference on 'Climate Change- Greatest Threat to Humanity' held



Faculty members welcoming Principal, Dr. Sangita Nagari.

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JAMMU: The Department of Chemistry and Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, in collaboration with JK Science, Technology and Innovation Council, DST, Jammu organised a virtual two days national conference on "Climate Change-Greatest Threat to Humanity" under the patronage of Dr. Sangita Nagari, Principal. The first day of the programme started with the welcome address by Dr. Suresh Kumar Bhat, HOD, Department of Chemistry and Coordinator IQAC.

Principal congratulated Department of Chemistry for organising this conference.

Shruti Khanna, Assistant Director, JK Science, Technology and Innovation Council, DST Jammu also graced the occasion.

In the second session, Guest speakers (Retd.) Prof. Sharvan K. Dewan, MD University, Rohtak and Prof. Anand K Rohilla All India Jet Heroes Memorial College, Rohtak delivered their talk on the subject. In the third session, plenary speakers, Prof. Ambica Kumari, GCW Gandhi Nagar and Prof. Anuradha Sharma, GDC Bhaderwah and three student speakers, Shivani, Sonali and Megha spoke on the topic.

On the second day, Guest speakers Dr.Sajal Das, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling and Dr. Anil Kumar, All India Jat Heroes Memorial College, Rohtak, gave expert talk on the theme.

Second session of the day began with presentations of plenary speakers Prof. Shrdha Anand, GGM Science College, Prof. Rabia Javed, GDC Boys, Udhampur and Prof. Malti, GCW Gandhi Nagar and student speakers Pooja, Ananya, Varnika, Nandita and Shazia.

The first three positions among student speakers were bagged by Pooja, Ananya and Shivani respectively.

The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Sham Lal and vote of thanks was given by Prof. Aran Kumar. The event was organized by Prof. Aran, Prof. Sham, Prof. Malti, Prof. Revika, Prof. Sonika and Prof. Mammeet. Prof. The event was conducted in the EDUSAT hub of college and technical aspect was managed by Dr. Harneet Singh. The message that emerged out of two days deliberations is that an individual can be a part of the solution and it becomes incumbent on each one of us to act and act now. Individual contributions can make a difference.

Jammu Bandh: Work in Courts remain paralysed



President, J&KHCBBA Jammu, Sr Adv M K Bhardwaj talking to reporters.

down trodden and above all farmers should be complemented for making the Bandh successful and peaceful.

He further said that Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ) profusely thanked the lawyers fraternity and different Bar Associations of Jammu region for whole heartedly responding to the call and supporting the Bandh. "It is heartening to note that the lawyers fraternity, which has always been on the fore-front to fight for public causes, have set a new example of registering their protest in the

most disciplined manner as also people of different sections of the society and members of a large number of associations and organisations. I, on behalf of JKHCBAJ and its office-bearers, express my gratitude to the fellow-lawyers for not only responding positively to the Bandh call but adding to glory of the fraternity through their peaceful conduct," he added.

"The strongest weapon in a democracy is the Gandhian way of peaceful protest which was reflected in the manner today's Bandh was observed. The Administration should

not undermine the power of this peaceful protest and treat it as a wakeup call and desist from pursuing anti-Jammu people policies. It will be in no one's interest if the Administration goes on taking decisions and implementing policies that directly hit peoples' and professionals' bread-earning. Such a tendency will only keep strife in the region which is not even in the national interest," he asserted. BAR appealed to the Administration to revisit its decisions, be it those affecting the legal fraternity, or traders, farmers, youth and women, and address their grievances speedily failing which people would be forced to intensify the agitation further.

In the press conference Mohinder Pal Singh (Palli) Vice President, Surjeet Andotra is New eneral Secretary, Aditya Sharma Joint Secretary and Amandeep Singh Cashier also present.

KPS demands probe in killing of young man in Handwara

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) demanded a thorough probe into the unfortunate incident that has taken place in Handwara in which a young man belonging to the KP community was shot dead by his colleague.

The report coming in claims that it's a case of mistaken identity which is difficult to believe.

Late Ajay Dhar is reported to have been staying in the temple premises temporarily ever since he had joined his duties in Handwara Police Station.

The Sabha expressed its

deep condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

The Sabha appealed to the UT Government especially to the Director General of Police Dilbag Singh to release ex-gratia payment to the next of kin immediately and also conduct an enquiry into the unfortunate incident while processing the case for compensation under rules. "Such incidents have a demoralizing effect on the Community and create a feeling of fear amongst our youth who are working in the belt forces," K.K. Khosa President KPS said.

Bhalla felicitates Arshiya for bringing laurels to J&K

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JAMMU: JKPC Vice President and senior Congress leader Raman Bhalla on Tuesday felicitated Arshiya Sharma, a talented superstar of Jammu for bringing laurels to the J&K with her excellent performing skills and talent.

Bhalla appealed Govt to come out with concrete framework to promote and support talent of J&K lest no talented child should suffer in achieving their dreams.

"J&K younger generation has immense talent and timely support from Govt in the shape of platform will definitely help these aspiring youngsters in the long way to achieve their milestones," he



Congress leader, Raman Bhalla felicitating Arshiya Sharma.

said adding that concerned departments should come forward for children to promote their talent in future.

Bhalla appreciated Arshiya Sharma for making her place in the Top 13 contestants of Super Dancer 4 reality dance show with the help of her dance.

Those present on the occasion include District General Secretary Aman Bawa, Block President Jatinder Singh Chib, Panch Gagan Panch, Narinder Sharma Happy, Jasbir Singh Jassi, Jaisidh Bhalla, Mirgash Bhalla, Rohit Choudhary, Bharat Priye and Ramesh.

Tributes paid to martyr Major Rohit Kumar; candle march taken out



Participants paying tributes to martyr Pilot Major Rohit Kumar.

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SAMBA: To pay tributes to martyr Pilot Major Rohit Kumar, born in village Bardani of Tehsil Ghagwal of district Samba, a candle march was taken out from village Tapyal to the martyr's native village Bardani. Pilot Major Rohit Kumar was mar-

tyred in a helicopter crash in Patnitop.

Locals took out a candle march and later offered flowers on the statue to pay homage to Major Rohit Kumar. Rohit's uncle Hansraj Verma told that Shaheed Major Rohit Kumar was born in Bardani village of Tehsil Ghagwal and

after class 10th from Army School Nagrota, he started living in Delhi. Rohit Kumar was lone child on his parents. Martyr Rohit's grandfather and father Kamal Kumar along with his brother are also in the army.

On the occasion Rashpal Verma, Lokesh Verma, Ankesh Verma, Anil Verma, Bittu Verma, Manohar Verma, Jiya Lal Verma, Hansraj Verma, Yogesh Verma, harish verma, BDC Vijay Tagotra, DDC Suresh Kumar, Avinash Singh, Rajesh Sharma, Naresh Sharma, Karan Singh, Swaraj Singh, Ganesh Sharma, Om pal Sharma, Sonu Rajput were also present.