

Seminar on 'HPV induced cervical cancer' organized

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JAMMU: The Department of Zoology has organized a special interactive seminar talk by an eminent zoologist Prof. Jagat Kumar Roy from Dept. of Zoology, BHU, Varanasi on the topic 'HPV induced cervical cancer' on Wednesday in the auditorium of constituent college of Cluster University, GCW Gandhi Nagar.

Prof. Roy gave detailed information on the HPV induced cervical cancer including its causes, risk factors and probable treatment of the same.

The event was attended by Vice Chancellor Prof. Bechan Lal, Registrar Dr. Jatinder Khajuria, Dean Academic Affairs Dr. Naveen Anand, Deans of various departments Dr. Sanjay Verma (Dean Faculty of Sciences), Dr.



Prof. Jagat Kumar Roy from Zoology Dept BHU, Varanasi addressing a seminar.

Chander Shekhar Sharma, Dr. Ranvijay Singh, Principal GCW Gandhi Nagar Dr. Minu Mahajan, Coordinator Zoology Dr. Anil K Verma, Coordinator Botany Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Coordinator Environmental Sciences Dr. Nazia Rasool.

Apart from these digni-

taries, faculty from the Department of Zoology and Botany from School of Sciences and faculty from Department of Zoology, GCW Gandhi Nagar was also present. More than 500 students attended the lecture.

Dr Sanjay Verma (Dean Faculty of Sciences) and Dr Anil K. Verma were the

convener of the event.

Dr. Gurpreet Kour, Dr. Roopali Fotra, Dr. Jyoti Sharma were the organizing secretary who conducted the event successfully along with the organizing team including Dr. Shallina Gupta, Dr. Anupriya Sachar, Dr. Pallavi Shrikhandia and Dr. Raman Jasrotia.

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar's special series of activities under 'One week One Nation' concludes

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JAMMU: Eco-club of Padma Shree Padma Sachdev (PSPS) Government College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar, under the aegis of Paryavaran Sanrakshan gatividhi, has initiated a special series of activities under the theme 'One week One Nation' which concluded on Wednesday.

Various activities were conducted by the Eco-club of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar under one week for Nation programme.

In continuation to the extension lecture 'Climate Change and Carbon trading', Slogan writing competition' on the topic 'Reducing and managing the waste' and Best out of Waste exhibition was held on August 30 and 31, 2022 respectively.



Winner students posing for a photograph with faculty members.

Jury members for slogan writing competition were Prof. Kamlesh Slathia, Prof. Deepika Gupta and Prof. Anupama and students who bagged first three prizes include Ambika, Vaishali and Rachi respectively.

Best out of Waste exhibition cum competition was adjudged by Prof. Bindu Sharma, Prof. Mala Bhasin and Prof. Mohinder

Pal and students who won the competition were Tanisha Jain, Lakshita Sharma and Shruti Arora.

Valedictory function for the event was held today, in which Principal of the College, Prof. Minu Mahajan applauded the Eco Club for conducting such awareness programmes and congratulated the winners and encouraged the students to incul-

cate the habit of reducing and reusing waste as much as possible to save environment. Convener Eco-club, Dr. Harjeet Kour Sodhi and other members Dr. Rahul Sharma, Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Prof. Shivani Sawhney, Prof. Eisha Gohil, Dr. Suraj Mohani, Prof. Sugandha Mahajan, Prof. Swarn Singh and Dr. Ravinder Kumar coordinated the whole event.

DSEJ trains 386 teachers as Master Trainers



Participating teaching staff posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Directorate of School Education Jammu, in collaboration with Bharti Foundation, trained teaching staff from each school complex of Jammu Division on life skill development through house system.

This offline training of nominated teachers was conducted in all 10 districts of Jammu Division in a phased manner w.e.f from 22 August to 30 August 2022. Training was imparted to the trainees by professional trainers from Bharti Foundation in a workshop mode so that the trainees

learn experientially.

The Resource person manuals have also been provided to trainees to equip them to train teachers of schools to adopt and integrate life skills approach in the day-to-day activities. The DSEJ, with technical support from Bharti Foundation, has already developed and circulated the process along with guidelines to develop life skills through house systems following uniform processes. Each of the trained persons will develop the capacities of teaching staff from each complex school in the dis-

trict on the house system process.

Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma said "The key focus of the programme is to capacitate human resources of all high and higher secondary Government schools including, heads of schools and teachers to develop a comprehensive understanding of the importance of life skills education and developing life skills through the existing school activities conducted through the four existing houses in the schools- wisdom, well-being, peace and eco.

Devotees demand release of Asaram Babu; hold protest rally in Jammu

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JAMMU: Devotees of Asaram Babu on Wednesday took out a protest march demanding release of Asaram Babu and quashing fabricated case against him immediately.

A large number of devotees took out a protest from Bhagwati Nagar alleging injustice being done to Sant Asaram Babu. "For a long time, the pillars of Indian culture, our saints are being tortured by putting them in jail by making false, unrestrained and fabricated allegations," protesting devotees said adding that after Shankaracharya Shri Jayendra Saraswatiiji, Swami

Keshavanandiji, Kripalaji Maharaj, Sadhvi Pragma, the revered saint Shri Asharamji Babu has been targeted. They observed 31 August as 'Black Day' in Jammu as for the last nine years saint Asaram Babu has been kept in jail unjustly.

Devotees strongly opposed the injustice and conspiracy being done on saints and Hindu religion by tying black bands with masks on their faces having various placards in their hands requested the government that soon our revered saint Asaram Babu be released respectfully and this fabricated case should be quashed immediately.



Devotees of Asaram Babu taking out a protest march.

Former PCC President Peerzada Sayeed resigns from Congress

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SRINAGAR: Former PCC president Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed on Wednesday resigned from Congress and pledged support to veteran leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is likely to float his political party in Jammu and Kashmir. There has been an exodus from the Jammu and Kashmir unit of the Congress since Azad quit the party on Friday, with 64 more leaders including a former deputy chief minister resigning on Tuesday. There is a limit to tolerance. I was feeling suffocated in the Congress party. So, it is with a heavy heart that I am snapping my ties with the party after nearly 50 years, Sayeed, who was a minister in several governments in Jammu and Kashmir, told reporters. Sayeed said his decision to leave the Congress party was based on the feedback he received from his constituents in the Kokernag assembly segment. The people I represent said... the party leadership was not paying any attention to the feedback from the ground. In my 50 years in the



Asha Chandan, Organizer JKTUC

Former PCC president Peerzada Mohd Sayeed

party, Congress has never been in such bad shape. I had to listen to my constituents, he added. At the press conference with Sayeed was former MLC and party leader Mohammad Muzaffar Parray. Dozens of lesser-known leaders and workers owing allegiance to Sayeed were also present. Asked if more leaders were going to switch sides in the coming days, Sayeed said there were not many left in the Congress now. Who is left in the Congress now? All the senior leaders have left the party, he added.

Several former ministers and legislators from Jammu and Kashmir are among

those who have resigned from the party and thrown their weight behind Azad, who quit the grand old party after nearly 50 years of association. Asked about the timing of leaving of his resignation, Sayeed said he was in regular touch with Azad over the past many years.

Azad would often express helplessness saying no one listens to him in the party. We told him to leave the party and pledged to join him, he added.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Trade Union Congress (JKTUC) has en masse resigned from all the positions and the Primary membership of the Congress Party in support of former Chief Minister and also former State President of the Congress, Ghulam Nabi Azad.

Asha Chandan, Organizer JKTUC in her letter to Sonia Gandhi, President Indian National Congress has today submitted her resignation alongwith other members from all the positions and primary membership of the Congress Party. She said that they all firmly stand with Ghulam Nabi Azad.

Ware House traders stage protest against unruly behaviour of CA&PD officer, hold protest

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JAMMU: Expressing resentment over unruly attitude of Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution Department officer, traders of Ware House Nehru Market staged a protest on Wednesday. As per details, a team of Department's officials under supervision of Assistant Director Vipin Bhagat paid a surprise visit at one of the shops in Ware Houses. As per Deepak Gupta, President Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market, when officials were asked about reasons, they misbehaved with shopkeepers. Furious over attitude of leading officer, all traders shut down their shops and started a protest on main road besides closing both gates of Ware House against attitude of officer.

Gupta warned the administration of serious consequences in case the authorities would not mend their ways and even threatened



Ware House traders raising slogans during a protest.

to stop essential supplies in entire J&K. "It is common for officers to visit Mandi for investigation, but Vipin Bhagat brought police with him and entered a shop without informing anyone. On questioning, he said that every shop in Ware House would be investigated," he added. Later, Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu also reached the spot and joined agitating traders. After sometime, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Law &

Order) Jammu, Minga Sherpa visited the spot and assured holding an inquiry in the matter, after which traders ended their protest.

Those who participated in the protest included Prithvi Pal Gupta, Yashpal Gupta, Kirti Gupta, Rajesh Bhagotra, Ajay Gupta, Sham Lal Gupta, Anil Gupta, Anoop Mittal, Sanjay Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Munish Mahajan, Abhimanyu Gupta, Sham Langer, Vishal Gupta and Amit Gupta.

Recruit can't claim appointment from date of notification or culmination of selection process: HC

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjeev Kumar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court held that a direct recruit should take his appointment and seniority from the date he is actually appointed pursuant to selection made by competent selection body. He cannot claim his appointment from the date of issuance of notification or from the date of culmination of selection process for other posts notified for selection by way of common advertisement notification, unless the case of malafide or unfair treatment is made out by candidate alleging delay in completing selection process for the post, he/she has applied for. Court further said that no mandamus would lie to employer to give appointment to such a candidate from a date anterior to his actual appointment.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar held that petitioner is thus

not entitled to his retrospective appointment as Assistant Professor in Clinical Haematology with effect from 3.10.2018 as claimed, and as a sequel thereto, he would not be eligible for his promotion to next level of Associate Professor in Clinical Haematology under AMPS unless he completes requisite service. With these observations Court dismissed the petition. As per the petition, pursuant to notification no. 04 of 2015 dated 10.7.2015 issued by SKIMS for making selection of Assistant Professors in various disciplines including the discipline of Clinical Haematology, the petitioner being eligible also submitted his application for post of Assistant Professor Clinical Haematology. The respondent Institute took almost 4 years to complete the selection process and appointed petitioner vide government order number 106-SKIMS of 2019 dated 27.11.2019.

DFCO Jammu intensifies drive to ensure availability of quality fruit juices

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JAMMU: To ensure availability of fresh, safe & quality fruit juices to people, the department of Drug and Food Control Organization (DFCO), Jammu Division started a drive to check fruit juice outlets in respect of implementation of guidelines enumerated under FSSAI including hygienic practices, cleanliness, sanitation, safe serving areas, clean utensils, ice quality etc. To prevent perceptions of unhygienic conditions, threat of apprehension of fungal growth & related issues regarding packing & labeling norms and to improve knowledge about temperature maintenance of packed juice & adaptation of personal hygiene, the



DFCO officials visiting fruit juice outlets to check quality.

Enforcement Officers of department inspected several outlets and lifted 5 samples

under the Act while 3 FBOs were Challenged for insanitary conditions.

66 years of LIC- Creating value & sustaining trust

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JAMMU: Life Insurance Corporation of India, a leading financial conglomerate with operations in 14 countries, is entering into 67th year of its existence on 1st September 2022. A premier financial institution of the country, it has immensely contributed to propagate the message of life insurance to reach all insurable people at an affordable cost. Beginning with an initial capital of Rs.5 crore in 1956, LIC at present has an asset base of Rs 42,30,616 crore, with Life fund of Rs 37,35,759 crores. Despite two decades of opening up the insurance sector, the company remains the market leader and holds the majority of the market share viz 63.25 per cent in First Year Premium income and 74.62 per cent in number of Policies. During the year 2021-2022, LIC sold 2.17 crore new policies and registered a growth of 7.92 per cent in terms of First Year Premium income by collecting an amount of Rs.1.98 Lakh Crore as at 31st, March 2022. Our Pension and Group Superannuation Business vertical crossed one trillion mark successfully for three years in a row by collecting Rs.1,43,938 crore as New Business Premium Income. In the current year also LIC is holding 64.96 per cent market share in First Year Premium. In 2021-2022, LIC settled 267.23 lakh claims amounting to Rs.1,92,568 Crore. Through its 8 Zonal Offices, 113 Divisional Offices, 74 Customer Zones, 2048 Branch Offices, 1564 Satellite Offices, 44900 Premium Points and Life Plus Offices, over one lakh employees, 13.26 Lakh Agents, Customers are assured to be provided with best of our services. In addition, LIC partners with 74 Banks to enhance productivity and reach. LIC has an impressive distribution channel that provides qualitative and quantitative improvements in business.

To facilitate servicing of the policies in an efficient manner, LIC has embraced latest technologies to keep pace with the times. Policyholders can pay their premiums through various online modes. The adoption of Artificial Intelligence in Digital Initiative is continued with the launch of Jeevan Saakshya Mobile Application which is an AI based digital existence certificate submission for Pension Policyholders.

Bar Association to hold General House meeting today, continues protest

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JAMMU: The agitation of J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, in support of its demand regarding construction of multi-storey building within Janipura court premises for housing various judicial and quasi-judicial institutions like CAT, Registration authorities, Consumer Courts, AFT, DRT and similar other Tribunals, continued on Tuesday and work remained suspended in all Courts.

J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu in consultation with other Bar Associations of Jammu province has demanded similar facilities at District and Munsiff courts level also in Jammu province. This demand of lawyers is in the public interest for the benefit of general public as well as lawyers, as having different institutions under single roof will prove as a great convenience to all. Expressing displeasure and anguish over non-responsive attitude of Government towards genuine issues raised by Bar, the Association decided to hold General House meeting of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu on September 1, 2022 (Thursday) to discuss current scenario.