

2- Day Regional Conference on Specialty Agriculture begins at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: A two-day regional conference on "Specialty Agriculture in the context of Farm Economy of Himalayan Region" commenced on Wednesday at SKUAST-Jammu. The conference is being organized by the Division of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management, SKUAST-Jammu in collaboration with Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai. In his inaugural address, Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of the University who was the chief guest on the occasion congratulated the Division of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management for organizing this mega event. He stressed upon processing, waste management, value addition and marketing



Former Pro VC CUHP, Dharamshala, Dr. H.R. Sharma and VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J.P. Sharma speaking at a regional conference in Jammu.

of the agriculture produce through promotion of FPOs and cooperative societies in the country to empower farmers. Dr. Krishan Bir Choudhary, President, Bharatiya Krishak Samaj and guest of honour of the function discussed about the diverse agro-ecological conditions of Himalayan region and termed them as the

treasure of knowledge and life supporter of the millions. He further revealed that the region supports diverse flora and fauna. He also pointed out that a large area of J&K is by default organic in nature and the need of the hour is to provide large area organic certification to these areas so that produce from such areas can be marketed

as organic products which will fetch good prices and enhance farmers' income. He stressed that KVKs should work as Krishi Gyan Kendras.

Dr. H.R. Sharma, former Pro Vice Chancellor CUHP, Dharamshala and guest of honour shared his experience of working in Himachal Pradesh and revealed how the hilly state has transformed itself from cereal based crops to high value crops keeping the need and demand of the market. He also stressed upon the cultivation of crops that can cope up climate change challenges. Dr. M. M. Jha, Director Central Sanskrit University, Jammu and special guest said that for sustainable agriculture development and livelihood, Indian Knowledge System based on

Vedic traditions needs to be followed. Dr. Jyoti Kachroo, organizing secretary of the regional conference said that around 315 delegates have registered for the conference which include around 150 members of the scientific community, 160 students along with industry corporate professionals throughout the country.

She further said that around 56 delegates shall be joining through online mode and 50 entries have been received for the poster presentation. First lady of the University Dr. Sumati Sharma and others were also present on the occasion. Proceedings of the inaugural programme were conducted by Dr. Sachin Gupta and Dr. Anil Bhat while vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi.

LG Mathur announces Rs 5 lakh ex-gratia to NoKs of 2 Ladakhi students

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R.K. Mathur expressed condolences to the bereaved families of Tsetan Dolma and Rigzin Lamo who lost their lives in an unfortunate road accident at Ramban in Jammu on September 19.

LG Mathur also announced an ex gratia relief of Rs 5 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased.

LG Mathur stated that the entire Ladakh is aggrieved by the loss of the lives of Tsetan and Rigzin and called them a source of inspiration for the youth of the region. Both Tsetan and Rigzin



were pursuing Masters in Physical Education (MPEd) from Jammu University. Both had repre-

sented Ladakh at the national level in ice hockey and football. Tsetan from Tharuk village had represented India in five international ice hockey championships and various national and local tournaments. She played in the team as a defender. Rigzin Lamo from Nubra was a part of the Ladakh women's football team and had participated in various national tournaments.

LG Mathur also condoled the loss of social worker Harman Anand who was operating Anjana Rural Charitable Organisation- an NGO working and contributing to social cause.

Director Horticulture (P&M) organises seminar on CSS



Vikas Sharma, Director Horticulture (P&M) J&K UT chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: A brain storming session on Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) viz One District One Product (ODOP), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural Infrastructure Development Fund (AIDF), Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) and Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) was held at Conference Hall of Kissan Ghar Narwal, here under the Chairmanship of Vikas Sharma Director Horticulture (P&M) UT of J&K wherein managers of all Lead Banks, Progressive Growers of Jammu Division participated.

Assistant General Manager NABARD and Deputy Director National Horticulture Board (NHB) and Technical Officer from Animal Husbandry Department Srinagar gave a detailed presentation on the various CSSs and also addressed the queries raised by participants.

The officers from lead Banks cleared the doubts about the sanctioning of loans and related formalities.

The participants showed interest in the schemes and wholeheartedly appreciated the role of Horticulture (P&M) Department in bringing together various agencies involved in these schemes at one platform. The Director Vikas Sharma directed the Lead Bank managers to streamline the processing of cases with special focus on grievance redressal mechanism.

The participants assured that they will now work with full zeal in establishing new projects with the help of Horticulture (P&M) Department, NHB, NABARD and also with the banks which will provide loans on subsidy on these projects.

Director (P&M) informed the gathering that J&K Govt has launched several pro farmer initiatives and advised the farmers to take full advantage of these schemes.

Ajatshatru, Ranvijay felicitate Yuva Rajput Sabha members

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former minister, Ajatshatru Singh along with his son Ranvijay Singh felicitated Yuva Rajput Sabha President Rajan Singh Happy and his team for successfully leading the movement regarding the holiday on birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh on September 23, every year. While honouring Happy, the former minister, who happened to be the grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh, the last ruler of undivided erstwhile State of J&K

PHE employees defer 'Kaam Chor Hartal'

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JAMMU: On the assurance given by the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu, the PHE Employees United Front has decided to defer call of Kaam Chor Hartal, which the front was going to observe from October 6 to October, 20.

As per a press statement issued here on Wednesday, a delegation of the senior leaders of PHE Employees United Front, comprising Balbader Vaid, Rajesh Janwal, Mohd. Mushtaq, Darshan Kumar, Varun Kumar, Kartar Chand Dubey and Subash Verma called on the Chief Engineer and during the meeting, the Chief Engineer informed that all demands of permanent employees are under active consideration of Government and may be resolved shortly.



Senior BJP leader Ajatshatru Singh and his son Ranvijay Singh felicitating YRS President Rajan Singh Happy.

said that Yuva Rajput Sabha has scripted the history by successfully leading the movement for holiday on the Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday. He appreciated the approach of Rajan Singh in leading the peaceful stir for seeking the holiday on September 23.

He said that the role played by Yuva Rajput Sabha members was exemplary in the whole gamut which led to declaration of holiday on the aforesaid date by LG Manoj Sinha as they didn't allow anyone to play politics of opportu-

nity in the matter. Ajatshatru Singh also recalled that he had also raised the issue in the Legislative Council of erstwhile state of J&K as the matter was concerning the sentiments of hundreds of people belonging to Jammu and Kashmir.

Ranjay Singh also appreciated the role played by the Yuva Rajput Sabha members in leading the agitation. He also assured the Sabha members of joining the victory rally being taken out on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh on September 23.

Nepal delegation visits CISF Hqrs; discusses various aspects of training, security



CISF officers posing for a photograph with delegation of APF officers of Nepal.

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NEW DELHI: A delegation of Armed Police Force (APF) officers of Nepal led by Kalidas Dhaubaji, DIG, APF (Nepal) along with 15 members visited CISF Hqrs, New Delhi on Wednesday.

A meeting of senior officers of CISF led by Udayan Banerjee, IG (Adm), CISF Hqrs and Nepal delegation

was held which was attended by IGs & DIGs of CISF Hqrs, IG(APS) and IG (DAE & DoS), CISF.

During meeting, an understanding with respect to mutual co-operation on use of technology, indigenous experience, best practices used by each other, incident response & management system, inter agency co-ordination, train-

DLSA for creating legal awareness amongst masses: Sub-Judge Rajni Sharma



Secretary, DLSA, Udhampur Rajni Sharma along with students and faculty.

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UDHAMPUR: Following the Common Minimum Programme provided by J&K Legal Services Authority and under the chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Udhampur Y.P. Bourney and overall Supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur Rajni Sharma, a legal awareness programme on POCSE Act & Public Utility Services & Central/State Government Welfare Schemes was organized by District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur at Govt. Higher Secondary School Majalta on Wednesday. The resource persons of the Programme were panel lawyers Adv. Pawan Gupta and Adv.

Akhil Dubey and the programme was assisted by PLV's Rajni Sharma and Sonu. The Resource Person Adv. Pawan Gupta (Panel Lawyer) deliberated on the provisions of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and explained the procedures and process of filing complaints under the said Act in a very lucid manner to all the Participants.

Further, the resource person Adv. Akhil Dubey (Panel Lawyer) sensitized the gathering about various Welfare Schemes of Central/State Government and other Public Utility Services identified by the Government for the common benefit of the people.

The programme was attended by the TLSC

Chairman Majalta Ms. Madhu Sharma; Nazir Ranjit Parihar and all PLV's of TLSC Majalta. The programme was also attended by Principal Mr. Raman Kishore, Vice Principal Mohan Lal, Teachers and Students of the School.

Later Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur Rajni Sharma informed all the participants about the various endeavors undertaken by the Legal Services institutions to provide all possible help to the down-trodden sections of the society. She also reiterated the mission of District Legal Services Authority Udhampur to create Legal Awareness amongst masses especially the Underprivileged.

KIIT's engineering programmes get ABET (US) Accreditation



JAMMU: The prestigious Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), USA has accredited KIIT Deemed to be University's six engineering programmes.

ABET is the premier global accreditation organization of engineering and engineering technology programmes.

Regarded as the 'Gold Standard' for engineering education, it assures that programs meet the quality standards that produce graduates prepared to enter a global workforce.

With this recognition, KIIT has become the only institution in the country to have accreditation from ABET (USA) in all six engineering programmes.

Besides, KIIT Deemed to be University has also been accredited by all the

statutory bodies of the Govt of India.

Six programs of KIIT-DU have received the ABET (US) accreditation at a time due to its quality education and other aspects. ABET's peer-review process is highly regarded worldwide because it adds critical value to academic programs in technical disciplines, where quality, precision, and safety are

paramount.

Congratulating the students and faculty of KIIT, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said that it is yet another recognition for the high-quality programmes of KIIT, which effectively prepares students for global careers. Getting ABET accreditation is very prestigious for any technical University, Dr. Samanta added.

Justice delayed, justice denied; accused continues in jail for 22 years without processing of case

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar, Judge High Court Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in his order dated September 19, 2022 in case of Jai Parkash v/s UT of J&K and others expressed sorry state of affairs for keeping complainant in jail for 22 years without processing case.

According to order, the complainant was booked under FIR No 30/2000 under section 3/25 of Arms Act, in Police Station GRP Jammu and after investigation the charge-sheet was submitted before the Court of JMJC (City Judge) Jammu mentioning therein that person booked for the offence appears to be

lunatic. It appeared to Justice Sanjay Dhar that the Magistrate vide his order dated 03-1-2001 sent the accused to Judicial Lockup in default of furnishing bail bonds and Superintendent, Central Jail Jammu was directed to get conducted medical examined of accused from CMO Jammu. It seemed to Justice that the file was consigned to records without any further order.

Justice Sanjay Dhar on September 19, 2022 has issued notice to respondents asking them to file personal affidavits indicating present status of petitioner and has fixed next date of hearing on September 27, 2022.

PHDCCI Jammu calls on Joint Secretary DPIIT, discusses issues



Chairman PHDCCI Jammu Chapter, Rahul Sahai presenting a memento to Rajendra Ratnoo, Joint Secretary DPIIT.

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JAMMU: Chairman PHDCCI Jammu Chapter, Rahul Sahai along with Shantam Gupta, Anil Sharma, Members of PHD Jammu Chapter, who were having issues with DPIIT, Umesh Gupta Head, Deepak Sood Head Finance of Chenab Textile Mills and Anarpreet Singh, Resident Officer, PHDCCI Jammu, called on Rajendra Ratnoo Joint Secretary DPIIT, Govt. of India in Jammu, as all the organizations were invited to discuss and deliberate on New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of J&K.

Rahul Sahai thanked the officer for inviting and providing

PHDCCI an opportunity to discuss and deliberate on New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of J&K. He further said that that the New Scheme will take industrial development to block level in J&K, which will happen for the first time in any Industrial Incentive Scheme of Government. Officials of NIC gave a detailed presentation of portal for the New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of J & K. Various issues related to the registration of the units on portal were also discussed.

Rahul Sahai raised the point that incentives for existing units should also be given GST linked benefits so that they can

compete with new units who are availing a lot of benefits. Other points discussed on the occasion included negative list products of New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of J&K, clarification regarding which type of refineries covered in the scheme etc. He also requested to impart guidance on low value addition activities in goods as per preservation during storage, cleaning, operation, packing, repacking sorting alteration of retail sales price etc. Rahul Sahai suggested that regular workshops on portal operations should be conducted after launch to guide industrialists.

Rajendra Ratnoo, gave a patient hearing to all issues and clarified most of them. He further said that due consideration will be given to resolve others. The meeting was attended by Chairs and representative of different industrial association, officials of DPIIT, NIC and Vikas Gupta Director Industries (on addl charge) Jammu and other senior officials of Director Industries & Commerce Jammu.

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JAMMU: In a petition filed by one Sheetal Verma, whose husband died in suspicious circumstances under police custody at Police Station Reasi on December 15, 2010, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has directed that departmental enquiry be initiated against erring Investigating Officer and three others, which would be concluded within a period of one month.

The petitioner and other family members alleged that Manoj Kumar died due to third-degree torture given to him by the police. Further, stand of the petitioner is that on December 14, 2010,

deceased Manoj Kumar had gone outside in evening but didn't come back in night and on December 15, 2010 i.e. next day, someone from market intimidated petitioner and other family members of deceased that their son (Manoj Kumar) has been taken by police officials in a gypsy towards District Hospital Reasi.

The further stand of the petitioner is that she along with other family members rushed towards hospital and found deceased lying unconscious on bed, surrounded by three police constables. The petitioner and her family members were informed by the police constables that deceased Manoj Kumar was

arrested on December 14, 2010 on charge of keeping illegal liquor under Section 48 of Excise Act and during midnight, he suffered massive heart attack and fell down on his head, due to which deceased got an head injury. It was further urged by the petitioner that during medical examination, Doctor Incharge, namely, Inderjit Singh had persuaded the petitioner and her family members to take deceased-Manoj Kumar to Govt Medical College, Jammu for further treatment. It was also stated that petitioner and other family members of the deceased approached SHO Police Station, Reasi and requested him to take deceased to GMC

Jammu as he was arrested under Excise Act, but SHO concerned refused to take the deceased to Govt. Medical College, Jammu and meanwhile, other three constables also escaped from the hospital.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal after hearing both the sides, observed that in the enquiry report, the Enquiry Officer has observed that though death was not caused/occurred because of torture or harassment of the police but there was dereliction of duty on the part of those who were deputed to accompany the deceased for his treatment i.e., Investigating Officer and three others, namely, Yash Paul Head Constable,

Constable Safiq Ahmed, Constable Shiv Charan for which the Enquiry Officer has recommended that departmental enquiry must be initiated against erring officials.

Court observed that in the light of the aforesaid magistrate enquiry report, nothing survives in the present writ petition and the same, as such, samedoes not survive and, accordingly, is disposed of. The petitioner, is however, is at liberty to challenge aforesaid enquiry report, if so advised. Court further directed that the departmental enquiry be initiated against erring Investigating Officer and three others mentioned above which would be concluded within a period of one month.