

Agriculture not only means of earning living but also good business: Sham Lal

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JAMMU: On the occasion of the closing ceremony of Sanskrit Fortnight celebrations, today, a one-day national seminar was organized under the joint aegis of Agricultural Produce and Farmers Welfare Department, Jammu and Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust at Baba Jitto Kisan Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The programme was presided over by KK Sharma, Director, Agricultural Produce and Farmers Welfare Department, Jammu.

Former minister and Jammu and Kashmir BJP vice president Sham Lal Sharma was the Chief Guest while the special guest was senior advocate, Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu president Vikram Sharma. The keynote address was delivered by Gold Medalist Jyoti Prakash Shastri,



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma lighting a ceremonial lamp.

Principal, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Rehari Jammu. Speaking on this occasion, Sham Lal Sharma said that at present agriculture is not only a means of earning a living but is also proving to be a good business. If nature supports the farmers, a lot of money can be earned from this work also. Many types of diseases and natural outbreaks destroy the hopes of the farmers.

The crop gets burnt in no

time. Where quintals of grain were expected, one has to be satisfied with a few kilograms of grain. In such a situation, if Indian Vaastu Shastra and Astrology are coordinated along with scientific methods in the fields, then they can get a lot of benefits.

He also said that Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur, Bantalab is playing an important role in promoting Devvani Sanskrit.

Vikram Sharma said that

the planets and zodiac signs have a direct impact on the crops yield. Jyoti Prakash Shastri said that the effect of water, air and fire is that the moon revolves around the earth in about 27 to 29 days. During this time, it passes through all the 12 zodiac signs. He stays in one zodiac sign for 2.5 to 3.25 days. These zodiac signs directly affect land, water, air and fire, which affects roots, leaves, flowers and fruits. Such programs should be organised.

Agriculture Director KK Sharma said that the movement of the planets not only affects the farmer but also his crop and yield. Along with the moon's Uttarayan and Dakshinayan, the rain, sunshine and weather required for the crop also depends on the effect of planets and zodiac signs. Professor Sharat Sharma, a member of the trust, told that a few days ago, under the guidance of Mahant Rohit Shastri, head of the trust, the Sanskrit fortnight was inaugurated by DIG Shakti Pathak, and Askok Sharma, Director School Education, Jammu by conducting a Sanskrit seminar at Government

Higher Secondary School, Muthi. After that, the trust launched a signature campaign in Akhnour, Purani Mandi, Jammu, Katra and other districts for the demand of a separate Sanskrit University in Jammu and Kashmir. The members of the trust went to different places in the schools of the state and taught Sanskrit to the students. A Sanskrit Rally was taken out from Raghunath temple to the parade ground, Jammu. Chief Trustee of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli was felicitated on Sanskrit Day. Sanskrit Vahan Mobile Gurukul went to rural areas and imparted Sanskrit education. A book entitled "Saral Sanskrit Bodh" published by Trust was released by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha. The Trust also carried out plantation drives in many schools and programs were also organized to promote Sanskrit language.

Dignitaries like Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, Uttam Chand Sharma, Prabodh Sharma, Advocate Pawan Khajuria, Rakesh Gandotra etc. were present on this occasion.

Ladakh pitches for 4G Saturation & USOF towers before onset of Winters '23



Secretary IT, UT of Ladakh, Amit Sharma and others at a meeting.

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NEW DELHI: Amit Sharma, Secretary Information Technology, UT of Ladakh happened to visit Ministry of Telecom yesterday to meet top brass in the Ministry wherein he held series of meetings for ensuring 4G Saturation and USOF towers erection in the Union Territory before the onset of Winters 2023.

During the course of meetings with Deputy Director General Telecom Bhagwat Vishwakarma, Director CM BSNL Sandeep Govil, GM BSNL 4G Reena Malhotra and Finance Head Sathish Kumar, Secretary Ladakh Amit Sharma stressed upon the need to install 4G BTS & USOF towers in all remaining spots of the Union Territory in twin districts of Leh and Kargil before the onset of brash winters other-

wise the same shall get delayed for a long period leading to long public suffering due to non-connectivity in those areas.

Amit clearly mentioned that it is one of the top-most priority of UT Administration to provision mobile connectivity in all the nooks and corners of the Union Territory and it can be gauged from the fact that LG Brig Dr B.D Mishra (Retd) himself recently held a detailed talk with Union Telecom Minister Ashwani Vaishnav flagging this important issue who assured him for earliest action on same and in fact, this current visit is also a follow-up of same.

Amit Sharma also mentioned that necessary clearances were also given to sites falling in forest areas and they also got cleared by National Wildlife Board and

finally, requisite Demand Notes have been raised so that tower installation work can expeditiously start on same sites after deposition of requisite fees by BSNL in such cases for which they need to act swiftly.

DDG Telecom Ministry and BSNL Authorities present in the meeting assured IT Secretary Ladakh Amit Sharma during the meeting that all efforts shall be made to meet the target of installing a minimum of 75 towers in remote areas of Ladakh before the onset of winters and they shall mobilise all infrastructure and Human Resources for same in the coming days.

Amit emphasised that it got revealed during recent apex-level reviews taken by Advisor UT Ladakh Dr Pawan Kotwal and even by himself that the vendors of Auction like Jio, TCS and Pace Digitex have to move quickly as they are being facilitated for 4G saturation & raising USOF towers towards which the Ministry officers assured that it shall be reviewed at their end on weekly basis in near future so as to ensure 4G Saturation in Ladakh well within the prescribed timelines.

'A step towards climate-sensitive inclusive growth'

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JAMMU: "We are nearing the critical point of no return," warned UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the International Climate Conference in 2020, raising serious concerns about its devastating impact. While economic growth and prosperity have improved the quality of lives worldwide, they have also posed significant environmental challenges, leading to erratic changes in global climatic conditions, threats to global food security, and the degradation of the world's natural resources.

In some ways, climate change is a threat to human existence itself. That's why it has become the top priority issue on the agenda of global leaders representing various governments.

India, too, is taking serious steps to address environmental concerns as its rapid economic growth emphasizes green and inclusive growth. Initiatives related to renewable energy, electric vehicles, and the goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070 reflect India's commitment.

In this context, one New Delhi-based company stands out - Microcounts Infosystem Pvt. Ltd., co-founded by Prashant Sinha. The company, with around 50 employees spread across northern India, specializes in cash handling products like note counting, note sorting, counterfeit note detection machines, and note sanitizing devices.

Prashant Sinha, an environmentally sensitive

individual, has made it his mission to empower and economically uplift the educationally, socially, and economically weaker sections of society through his company's hiring practices. "We recruit these individuals as raw talents and then provide in-house training to optimize their operational efficiencies," he explains. This commitment represents a significant effort towards uplifting and empowering disadvantaged members of society. Sinha also credits his business partner, Deepak Kumar, for sharing the same vision. Moreover, the company has been an early adopter of the 'work from home' concept since 2005, a practice that has become the new normal, demonstrating the organization's forward-thinking approach. Microcounts Infosystem's employees, along with Sinha and his co-founder, actively engage in regular tree planting and other environmental activities without seeking financial contributions from anyone else. They also participate in various environmental programs and seminars to raise awareness and contribute to environmental protection.

Prashant Sinha is humble about the company's efforts, stating, "This is just a small contribution on our part to the larger cause of our nation - achieving inclusive green growth and securing our place as an economic powerhouse on the global stage, with a strong focus on education and the environment."

Veterinarian from Jammu represents India at Gothenburg in international dermatology congress

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JAMMU: Dr Anisha Tiwari, a small animal veterinarian from Jammu running Suvridha Pet Care and Derma Centre clinic at Trikuta Nagar, delivered lecture (clinical short communication) on "treatment of refractory aeral lick dermatitis in dogs with gabapentin" in international Veterinary Dermatology



Congress held in Gothenburg. She is the only

Indian who is selected. She is also a renowned veterinary dermatology speaker and has been invited as expert speaker in universities and has delivered many lectures. The congress was taken place in Gothenburg, Sweden, from August 31 to September 2, 2023, and was attended by vet dermatologists from different parts of world.

Rajasthan Chief Minister offers Rs 10 lakh aid and govt job to Pratapgarh assault victim

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PRATAPGARH: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has taken decisive action in response to the disturbing incident in Pratapgarh district. The victim, a 21-year-old tribal woman who was stripped and paraded by her husband and others, will receive significant support from the government.

Gehlot announced financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh along with a government job for the victim, as per an official statement released on Saturday.

The Chief Minister personal-



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot briefing media.

ly met with the victim and her family in Dhariyawad,

Pratapgarh, on Saturday afternoon, displaying his commitment to addressing the issue. Gehlot made it clear that the criminals involved in this heinous act would face the strictest punishment through a fast-track court proceeding.

He emphasized the need for society to condemn such tragic and inhuman incidents and asserted that the prevention of crimes against women is a top priority for his government.

Regarding the circumstances of the incident, Gehlot noted that it stemmed from a matri-

monial dispute and condemned the actions of the in-laws involved. He praised the swift response of the police, who arrested seven accused and detained four others within hours of the incident coming to light.

Director General of Police Umesh Mishra confirmed that the incident was a result of the ongoing dispute within the family. In response to the incident, a case has been registered against 10 accused under relevant sections of the IPC and IT Act.

DSS urges LG to redress Jammu's issues on priority

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JAMMU: Former cabinet minister and president of Dogra Sadar Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak demanded that the Toll Plaza should be immediately abolished and collection of toll tax stopped forthwith, as even the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways of India, Nitin Gadkari and the LG of J&K UT Manoj Sinha had assured that Toll Plazas established within a distance of 60 km were illegal and shall be abolished.

Taking to reporters here, Charak flanked by Sheikh Abdur Rehman Ex MP, Ratan Lal Gupta Provincial President NC, Naresh Gupta former MLC, Col. (Ret.) Karan Singh Jamwal VP DSS, condemned the non-considerate and dictatorial



DSS president, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak talking to reporters.

attitude of the authorities, there were reports of some fasting youth having been hospitalized.

"If any harm occurs to these people, the entire responsibility for the consequences shall lie with the government," he said that the Toll Plaza should be abolished immediately without any further delay.

He also condemned unmindful installation of electricity Smart Meters and

demand was made to put a halt to this whole exercise which had infuriated the people. He demanded that the reported move of shifting historical documents, archives and about 8 lakh files from Mubarak Mandi heritage complex to any outside place should be abandoned and no palace should be converted into hotel in any case as these unethical steps will render this historical place worthless. In another resolution,

the participants demanded that the pristine Ranbir Canal must be declared a state heritage and developed on the pattern of Sabarmati River Front with solar paneling to ensure its proper upkeep and maintenance, enhancing utility and making this lifeline of Jammu attractive for tourists.

It was demanded that Statehood must be restored and elections held for the Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly immediately.

The participants appealed to the people to remain peaceful in every case and maintain brotherhood during their struggle for genuine rights.

It was also decided to constitute an Action Committee of prominent leaders to decide future course of action.

Other prominent personali-

ties among the participants who expressed their views included I D Khajuria Convener IDP, Prem Sagar Gupta General Secretary DSS, Gambir Dev Singh Charak I/C Youth Wing DSS, Amanat Ali Shah Joint Secretary DSS, Manish Sahni President Shiv Sena (UBT), Sanjeev Kholi Vice President Shiv Sena, Sohni Sharma Distt President PDP, Ashwani Pardhan CPI, S. Narinder Singh Khalsa Akali Dal A, Mir Shahid Saleem of United Peace, Com. Sukhdev Singh DBYC, Quadar Hussain , Amrik Singh Member CWE, Anil Chopra IPTA, Hardeep Singh President IPTA, Shiv Charan Singh Sambyal President DSS Samba, Rakesh Sambyal President Sambyal Bradari and Davinder Slathia DSS.



President BJP J&K, Ravinder Raina receiving 'Mitti' from martyrs family at Sainik Colony.

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JAMMU: 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' honours India's land and bravery. The campaign is essentially a mission to reproduce a blend of scents from different cultures across the nation, an elated feel of patriotism in the heart of the nation. It will essentially give rise to a feel of belongingness to every Indian, whenever he/she visits the 'Amrit Vatika', said Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir.

Raina visited the statue of Subedar Major Nain Singh Jamwal, house of Amar Shaheed Major Ajay Singh Jasrotia, house of Colonel Balbir Singh Bhau, house of Major Joginder Singh, Shaheed Major Inderjit Singh Babbar Chowk, Sainik Colony, Jammu during the collection of the 'Mitti'.

J&K BJP Secretary Ayodhya Gupta (District Prabhari), District President Rekha Mahajan, Vistarak Ashok, District General Secretaries Pushpinder Singh & Akash Chopra, JMC Councillors Gurmeet Randhawa &

Narendra Bunt, Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Narendra Koki, Shailu Gupta, Rohin Chandan, Parmod Singh Chib and others accompanied the BJP President.

Raina said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi spearheads the campaign in which 'Mitti' collected from the houses and the ground near the statues/memorials of the martyrs will be transported to the National capital where it will contribute in the making of 'Amrit Vatika' in front of 'Rashtra Pati Bhawan' on 'Kartavya Path'. He said that the Vatika will have the essence of the ultimate sacrifices made by the Military, Para, Police and other forces in the service to the nation and its people. The 'Vatika' will essentially remind us of our uniqueness as 'Bharatiya' and our rich history of culture, valour and sacrifices.

"Modi government is steadfastness to give correct place to the patriots and the martyrs in the nation's history", said Raina.

Rekha Mahajan thanked all the party leaders for their participation in the campaign and

said that the campaign would be run with the 'Jana Bhagidari'.

Lok Sabha MP Jugal Kishore Sharma visited the homes of the martyred brave soldiers in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Assembly Constituency of district Reasi under the campaign 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' and bowed down to them by collecting holy soil in the urn.

J&K BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta launched the Amrit Kalash Yatra under the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' campaign from the house of Shaheed Ajit Singh at Amb Ghrota in Nagrota Assembly Constituency.

Former DY CM Kavinder Gupta, BJP Vice-presidents Yudhvir Sethi & Former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, former MLA Ashwani Sharma, Corporator Anil Massom, Praveen Kermi and other BJP leaders participated in a 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' programme organized by Chandigarh Prabhari SC Moreha BJP Surinder Bhagat at Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath samarak park, Shalamar opposite secretariat, Jammu.