

Agriculture Attache from Embassy of Israel calls on Dulloo

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Agriculture Attache at Embassy of Israel in India, Yair Eshel today called on Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo and briefed him about the Indo-Israel Agriculture Project (IAP) of establishing proposed Centers of Excellence (CoE) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Project Officer MASHAV, Brihama Dev; Director Agriculture Jammu, KK Sharma; Director Agriculture Kashmir, Mohammad Iqbal Chowdhary; Director Horticulture Jammu, Sevak Ram, Joint Directors Inputs/Farms/ Mushroom/ Apiculture and other concerned were also present during the occasion.

Briefing the ACS, the Agriculture Attache informed that India and Israel have a strategic cooperation on the Government-to-Government (G2G) level in the field of agri-



JKPC working president Raman Bhalla interacting with the Party's district president, Sarpanchs and block presidents at Samba.

Words alone won't suffice to improve situation on ground: Bhalla to Govt

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SAMBA, Nov 4: JKPC working president Raman Bhalla today castigated BJP Government for indulging in dirty politics instead of concentrating on governance and public issues.

It is time for the Government to solve accumulated problems faced by the people, Bhalla said while interacting with the Party's district president Samba, Sarpanchs and block presidents. He said that the BJP Government took off with anti-people, especially anti-youth policies, which have boomeranged as a result of which the insensitive dispensation was now resorting to vitiating the atmosphere to divert attention of people from real issues.

Bhalla said the people are totally disillusioned as the administrative inertia has impacted the deliverance at the grass roots level. He alleged that poor governance has rendered the administration completely paralyzed. He exhorted the administration to wake up from deep slumber and attend to the public issues. He claimed that

Bhairav Ashtami on Nov 16, celebrations start with bikers rally

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Mahant, Rumil Sharma of Pracheen Bhairav Mandir at Chowk Chabutra

area in the heart of Jammu city has stated that Bhairav Ashtami is falling on November 16 this year and there shall be different programmes in this regard. In a handout he stated that a bikers rally is being organised in this regard on November 6, 2022 (Sunday) at 10 am which will start from the temple and will move through different places in the city and its adjoining areas and will culminate back at the temple.

"Purpose of the rally is to inform the public about the

IGNOU organizes students' grievance redressal camp

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Jammu regional centre of IGNOU is organizing students' grievance redressal camp at its Regional Centre with effect from 31st October, 2022 to 6th November, 2022.

The students have been informed through emails, SMS alerts to visit the RC in case there are any long pending queries or grievances. Regional Centre is simultaneously organizing grievance redressal sessions in online mode through Google Meet as well.

A number of students visited the Regional Centre whose queries were attended by the grievance handling team of RC under the supervision of Regional Director I/C, Dr Sandeep Gupta. The Assistant Regional Directors, Dr Asha

culture. He said the IAP aims at introducing crop diversity, increasing productivity and optimizing water use efficiency and added that IAP is being implemented via establishment of Centers of Excellence (CoE), in which Israeli Agri-Technologies and knowledge is disseminated and tailored to local conditions.

He added that the Israeli stakeholder, MASHAV will guide the standard of the CoE and transfer the Israeli knowledge into the IAP.

He apprised the ACS about his visit to three farms in Jammu division, which include SM farm Chinore, SM Farm Chakrohi and Burmal Farm Hiranagar, while informing him that the region has potential to produce vegetables and fruits by using modern technology for which MASHAV is ready to extend guidance and support in the form of expertise and technical knowhow to the farmers and the department alike.

Speaking on the occasion, Dulloo said that J&K has some niche crops like apples, walnuts, saffron, etc where we can focus while seeking guidance from Israeli experts and make these crops export worth internationally.

He said J&K has extensive plans to develop agriculture scene for which it is seeking expertise and technological interventions to increase productivity and make the crops worth for competition at international markets.

today democracy in the Union Territory is facing onslaught from no other than the ruling party itself.

He expressed utter disappointment over BJP's lip service regarding burning issues of J&K and termed their governance as futile exercise to reach out to the common man and address public issues. He said BJP Government is turning a blind eye towards the apprehensions and concerns of people of J&K, especially Jammu region.

Expressing his anguish over mounting problems of the common masses, Bhalla said that during last eight years Union Government has done nothing to solve basic problems of the people. He said Government has totally lost its credibility due to its mis-governance, which led to the failure of Government on all the fronts.

Words alone won't suffice to improve the situation on the ground," the JKPC working president said, adding, Government has failed to live up to the spirit of accommodation and reconciliation towards realization of the legitimate political aspirations of the people of J&K.

upcoming Bhairav Ashtami on November 16, 2022 which is an annual festival organised by the temple," he maintained, adding that there shall be a Bhandara on November 17 and on November 10 the temple will organise Peer-Fakir Bhandara at 1 pm.

Sharma further said that apart from this Jagran is also being organised by the temple authorities on November 14 from 8 pm onwards wherein popular local singer Sonali Dogra will recite devotional songs.

"Also there will be congregation of 52 Biradaries on November 16 from 4 am to late night and Bhandara will be there throughout the day and night," the Mahant further said.

The organisers have invited people from across the Jammu to join the celebrations and get blessed by Bhairav Dev Ji.

Upadhyay and Dr Vikram Singh were also present and listened to the grievances and queries of the students.

The students came up with a variety of queries and grievances pertaining to assignment updation, practicals, dissertations, old assignments, online admissions, refund of fee, scholarships, SC/ST fee reimbursement, non-receipt of Grade Card, Degree, Diploma, etc. Majority of the queries were resolved on the spot.

Dr Sandeep Gupta, informed that the Regional Centre would organize more such camps in the coming days at the Regional Centre and also at the Learner Support Centres. He also informed that grievance redressal sessions would be held every week through the online mode and students would be informed accordingly.

DDC Kishtwar reviews achievements under District Capex Budget

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KISHTWAR, Nov 4: District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav today chaired a meeting to review the progress on different works taken up under the District Capex Budget 2022-23.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Sham Lal; Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Iqbal; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Varunjeet Singh Chark; Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Atul Dutt Sharma; DPO, Sunil Bhutyal; DYSSO, Kharati Lal Sharma; CEO, Sudershan Kumar Sharma; ExEn REW, Bashir Ahmed, EXEn PHE and EXEns of PWD besides other concerned attended the meeting.

The District Development Commissioner reviewed scheme-wise physical and financial status of the District Capex Budget under Area Developmental Plan, Jal shakti, Education, Health and other sectors.

The Joint Director Planning informed the meeting that out of 2391 works proposed under the budget, Administrative Approval of 2336 works has been accorded and 2253 works have been tendered out, while 1020 works are under execution and 640 works have been completed till date.

Besides, district officers gave detailed presentations on the physical and financial progress achieved under different works being executed under the District Capex Budget 2022-

Under the Health sector, ExEn R&B was directed to submit the estimates of the work on NT-PHC Machail besides tender out the work of Sub Centre (SC) Padyama and SC Drabshalla within a week.

Further, it was informed that 95% work has been completed on SC Ligri and the work on the SC Buddhhar is under progress.

The DDC stressed upon the concerned functionaries to complete the left out works in a time bound manner.

He expressed dissatisfaction over the slow pace of work under the elementary Education sector and directed BDOs to coordinate with ExEn REW and submit the estimates and the current status of works under the sector by 9th Nov 2022.

The CEO was directed to personally monitor the pace of work for achieving tangible results in a timely manner.

The DYSSO was directed to expedite the pace of sports sector works, besides re-tender the left out works to complete the same in stipulated time.

The DPO Kishtwar was asked to enquire about delay in allotments of tendered works, while the BDOs were directed to submit the list of completed works to ExEn REW by today evening and the latter was asked to furnish bills for the treasuries by Saturday.

The progress on the NFB was also reviewed in the meeting and necessary directions were passed to the concerned to expedite the construction works.

Team constituted to resolve issue of streetlights

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Jammu Municipal Corporation Mayor Rajinder Sharma today reviewed the installation and functioning of street lights here at a meeting attended by officers of JPDC along with concerned contractors and EESL team.

The Mayor observed that complaints are pouring in about defunct streetlights so synergised efforts are required to improve the system.

He directed the concerned to form special teams to ensure that all wards are provided streetlights and ensure the functioning of already installed lights. He asked the concerned functionaries to take concrete measures to ensure that there was no dark spot in the city. "Every area should be covered on war footing to facilitate early installation and proper functioning of CCMS (central control and monitoring system). He asked to follow a well devised strategy for the success of the whole project.

The Mayor also reviewed the implementation of the Power Amnesty Scheme. He said this scheme aims to benefit every strata of society and every Councillor of JMC will ensure that the citizens of his area take the benefit of the power Amnesty Scheme- 2022. He urged upon officers of JKPDC to ensure that all the cases under this scheme are dealt on priority.

J&K witnessing unprecedented development : Bali Bhagat

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Jammu and Kashmir has been witnessing unprecedented development in every sector since PM Narendra Modi took over the reins at Centre. Earlier people of Jammu region were subjected to discrimination due to which Jammu remained neglected in terms of development. People are now witnessing equitable development that stands proved by the development works

Bali Bhagat kick starting blacktopping of road at Lower Roop Nagar on Friday.

This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Minister, Bali Bhagat while starting development work of upgradation of pipeline in Sector 5 of Ward No 66, EWS Colony, Lower Roop Nagar with an estimated cost of Rs 4.44 lakh. Meanwhile, Bali Bhagat also started blacktopping work at Sector No 6, Ward No 66, Lower Roop Nagar with an estimated cost of Rs 37 lakhs. Both the works were started in presence of local corporator Tripta Devi and prominent people of both the areas.

The former Minister stated that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government stands committed to the overall development of all the areas so that all the areas move ahead in consonance with each other. He said that the Prime Minister is specially inclined towards Jammu and Kashmir and its people and that there is no dearth of funds when it comes to the development of this Union Territory.

Authorities adopting discriminatory approach towards Sidhra: Manjit

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Apni Party (AP) provincial president and former Minister, Manjit Singh today accused authorities for adopting discriminatory approach towards the development of Sidhra.

The former Minister was addressing an outreach programme organised by State general secretary, Youth Wing, Abhay Bakaya at Ward Number 71 in Sidhra.

He said that "The Government pumps funds worth crores for the development of Jammu. But Sidhra still remains a neglected area with little development."

He said that the authorities provide basic amenities including road connectivity, clean drinking water, electricity, proper lanes and drains to the people in Sidhra.

Addressing the party men, he asked them to intensify the outreach programme and make the people aware about the policies and programmes of the party.

He said that the Apni Party is committed to the equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir with the protection of rights for the local people.

"Apni Party's main agenda is to provide equal opportunities to the people of both the regions and development to them," he said.

Woman injured in mine blast in Uri

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SRINAGAR, Nov 4: A 32-year-old woman was injured in a landmine blast along the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district today.

An official said that the woman, Saleema Begum wife of Abdul Rasheed Khatana, was injured near Chruna Uri. She has left foot injury and the incident happened while she was collecting timber in a nearby forest area.

She was shifted to SDH Uri for treatment where from she was later shifted to GMC Baramulla for further treatment.

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Man arrested with rifle

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JAMMU, Nov 4: Bus Stand Police arrested a man along with 12 bore rifle.

As per police sources, a team from Police Station Bus Stand led by SHO Inspector Vishal Dogra during patrolling intercepted a person, who was moving under suspicious circumstances.

During checking, police team recovered 12 bore rifle from the possession of the person and arrested him.

The arrested person was identified as Altaf Ahmed, son of Mohd Azam of Behramgalla Tehsil Surankote District Poonch.

After checking the gun licence, police team found the licence was issued in the favour of his brother Mushtaq Ahmed and Altaf Ahmed was carrying it illegally and has violated the order of the District Magistrate.

A case FIR Number 58/2022 under sections 188 IPC and 3/30 Arms Act has been registered at Police

Station Bus Stand and investigation started.

Accident victim succumbs to injuries

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JAMMU, Nov 4: An accident victim succumbed to his injuries at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) today evening, police source said.

The victim was identified as Yogesh Kumar, son of Kavi Ram of Chattisgarh, at present Bagga District Reasi.



BJP leaders listening public grievances at party office on Friday.

Sham, Arvind listen public grievances

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JAMMU, Nov 4: J&K BJP vice-president and former Minister, Sham Choudhary accompanied by BJP secretary and Grievance Committee Coordinator, Arvind Gupta listened to public grievances and took up same with concerned officials for early solutions at BJP Headquarter, here, today.

Many individuals and deputations visited the BJP office to meet the party leaders and narrated their woes and problems. The issues presented by common masses before the senior party leaders were related to



JKTF members meeting to discuss long pending demands of teachers.

JKTF highlights demands of Teachers, Masters

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JAMMU, Nov 4: A meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum was held under the chairmanship of Ganesh Khajuria to discuss the burning and long pending issues of the teaching community.

The meet demanded conducting of much awaited DPC of Teacher to Master which has not been held since February 2014 causing frustration among the teachers due to such a long spell of stagnation.

JKTF also demanded release of ATD- 2022 after considering the genuine claims of Teachers and Masters working in far-flung areas for the last so many years, transition of Teachers Grade-II and Grade-III, framing of clear cut transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under RET scheme, adjustment of all the promotee Headmasters

and Lecturers in different subjects at an earliest and regularisation of all cadres pending since long.

JKTF announced that further course of action shall be decided in the next meeting, which will be held at Green Belt Park Gandhi Nagar on 6th of November.

Those who attended today's meeting, included Surat Singh Toofani, Gopal Singh, Darshan Sharma, Rajinder Gupta, Ravinder Singh, Raj Singh, Gopal Sharma, Kuldeep Verma, P D Singh, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Narinder Chib, Rangil Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Pawan Sharma, Davinder Singh, Naresh Gupta, Parveen Sharma, Ajeet Singh, Manjeet Singh, Ajay Kumar, Ravinder Singh Maini, Jeevan Singh, Shanti Savroop, K D Singh, Mohd Qayoom and others.

AAP expresses concern over illicit sale of drugs

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UDHAMPUR, Nov 4: In a meeting Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has expressed concern over the alleged non-seriousness of Udhampur administration regarding the menace of drugs.

AAP J&K provincial body & Udhampur body has said that steps taken so far by the Udhampur administration are insufficient to tackle the menace of drug addiction.

AAP leader, Surinder Singh Shingari flayed Udhampur administration and said that AAP will raise this issue with police administration and will work with them to save the future of J&K from drugs.

He quoted a recent study to claim that J&K has 600,000 people involved in drug-related

issues. A handout stated that people told AAP leaders that Udhampur administration is not doing enough to stop the illicit sale and purchase of drugs, which is destroying our present generation.

AAP urged the Udhampur administration to form district, village and booth level committees to control and tackle the illicit sale and purchase of drugs.

The meeting was organised by Col. Somnath, AAP district, president Udhampur.

Those who were present in the meeting were Ravi Shastri, vice president Jammu province; Amit Kapoor, vice president Jammu province; Rajesh Padgotra, vice president Jammu province and others.

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