

## Dulloo reviews functioning of Horticulture Department, MoU with NAFED

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JAMMU, Nov 12: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a review meeting of Horticulture Department regarding works being executed



ACS Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting.

under UT Capex, Centrally Sponsored Schemes, NABARD and various other deliverables. ACS reviewed works being executed by the Directorates of Horticulture Jammu and Kashmir in development and strengthening of new and existing nurseries respectively, support to high density plantation nurseries and assistance for establishment of walnut nur-

## DoPPW organizes camp for promotion of Digital Life Certificate at Jammu

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JAMMU, Nov 12: The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public



A 95 year old pensioner getting his life certificate for pension during a camp at Jammu on Saturday.

Grievances and Pensions, Government of India today organized a camp at Jammu Cantt, State Bank of India for the pensioners of Central Government in connection with the launch of a nation-wide campaign for promotion of 'Digital Life Certificate'.

During the program, some 120 pensioners participated and expressed satisfaction at the introduction of this new technology. Many super senior pensioners, including K R Gupta, aged 95 years, former CE, AIR attended the camp.

These pensioners were guided by the department officials on the procedure for downloading the 'Face Authentication Jeevan Pramaan App' in their mobile phones for providing Life Certificate from their phones. The Life Certificate is generated within 60 seconds and a link sent on the mobile phone from where the same can be downloaded.

The central team requested all the pensioners to visit the official YouTube channel of the department - DOPPW INDIA OFFICIAL where two videos in Hindi and English have been uploaded explaining the

## Electric dealers demand roll back on DC Doda's order

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JAMMU, Nov 12: In an urgent meeting under the chairmanship of Dinesh Gupta, secre-



CTF members and electric traders at a meeting in Jammu.

tary general Chamber of Traders Federation (CTF) and president Association of Electric Dealers at Narwal, it was urged to immediately roll back on an order of the district administration Doda, mandating production of electricity bill while purchasing electric goods like geysers, heaters etc.

The meeting took strong exception to the said order while requesting the administration to adopt a more pragmatic approach while dealing with issues like under recoveries of electricity charges.

Dinesh Gupta opined that the industry and trade reeling under recessionary pressure while still struggling to emerge out of impact of Covid-19 will be unable to bear the brunt of this order.

"We are all for extending help to administration and our

eries., establishment of soil testing labs, post harvest management centres, procurement of machinery and equipment and subsidies under schemes like PARVAZ, was also reviewed by the ACS. While reviewing High

Density Mega Fruit Nursery at Chakroi and expansion of area under cultivation of strawberry and aloe vera in Jammu region, ACS advised that promotional activities under the projects be scheduled well ahead of harvest season to ensure wide publicity.

Atal Dulloo reviewed progress on sanctioned Common Incubation Centres at Doabgarh, Achabal and Narwal.

## Fine Arts events organized under 'Display Your Talent' at JU

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JAMMU, Nov 12: On the fourth day of 'Display Your Talent-2022-23' being organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu, Fine Arts events of Collage Making, Poster Making and Rangoli were conducted today.

Nivedita Sharma from Jammu Institute of Ayurveda & Research and Mannat Bhardwaj from Dogra Degree College were awarded Certificates of Merit. Dr Vijay Saigal was the Teacher Incharge and Deepa Soni and Suresh Sharma were the adjudicators of the event.

The topics of the Rangoli event were 'Folk Art' and 'Nature at its Best'. Vasudev from GDC Paloura, Mohit Verma from GDC (Boys) Kathua and Chaman Lal from GDC (Boys) Kathua and Chaman Lal from IMFA stood First, Second and Third respectively. Certificate of Merit was awarded to Saloni Sambhal from GDC Samba. Dr Sonia Anjeja was the Teacher Incharge and Reecha Gupta and Chetan Bandral were the adjudicators of the event.

In Collage Making, students created wonderful collages on the topics 'My City Jammu' and 'Culture and Traditions of India'. Avantika Mahajan from The Law School, JU, Kham Raj from GDC (Boys) Kathua and Safia from GCW Parade secured First, Second and Third positions respectively. Sonia Sharma from Jammu Institute of Ayurveda & Research was awarded Certificate of Merit. Dr Mandep Singh was the Teacher Incharge and M A Almansoor and Kanav Gupta were the adjudicators of the event.

In Poster Making, students were given two topics viz 'Incredible India' and 'Health is Wealth'. Anurag Tyagi from the Department of Geology, JU stood First. The Second position was shared by Mehak Gupta from GCW, Udhampur and Ishwanku Saraf from Jammu Institute of Ayurveda & Research. Third position was shared by Nikhil Kumar from GDC Udhampur and Pranav Rajesh from IMFA. Lakshmi Narayan from GDC R S Pura,

industry as a whole has adopted modern technology thus producing and selling highly energy efficient gadgets, however, this order puts onus of preventing power losses on the trade fraternity and can also reintroduce "Inspector Raj" in an era where ease of doing business is the mantra.

Dinesh, however, welcomed the complete ban on selling of life threatening boilers.

He invited administration for discussion so that pain of the stakeholders can be understood before implementing any such order.

The meeting urged the administration to be sensitive to the needs of genuine traders and also expressed fear that "grey market players" can be the beneficiaries thus making the state loose on tax revenue also.

"Small retailers in such far flung areas would be directly hit economically," said Gupta while urging administration to keep the order in abeyance.

Prominent among those present were Ajay Gupta, Kanwaljeet Singh, Ravi Gupta, Atul Sharma, Pritam Rometra and others.

## DG Health Services visits SDH Paddar

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KISHTWAR, Nov 12: Director General Health & Family Welfare J&K and



DG Health Services Dr Saleem-ur-Rehman during visit to SDH Paddar.

Medical Officer Padder Dr. Anil Sharma for improving the services being rendered to the public.

A delegation of PRI members and prominent citizens, headed by Counsellor Hari Krishan Chauhan, welcomed DHSJ and appreciated his visit to the far-flung and down-trodden area. They also appreciated the efforts of BMO, Doctors and Paramedics of the hospital. Counsellor apprised DHSJ about the issues being faced by the public and also took up the issue of early restoration of Medical equipment in SDH Padder and filling of vacant posts of doctors in the Block.

## Hoteliers and banquet hall owners during a meeting with officers of ST Department at Lakhanpur on Saturday.

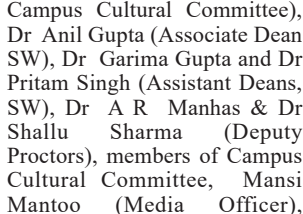
The DHSJ gave a patient hearing to the delegation and assured of every possible action at his end.

## ST Enforcement holds interactive session

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KATHUA, Nov 12: As a part of public outreach programme, started by Commissioner State Taxes, Rashmi Singh, the Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement (STE), Kathua (stationed at Lakhanpur), held an interactive cum informative session with the owners of banquet halls and hotels with banquet halls under the supervision of Ranjeet Singh, D.Y. Commissioner, State Taxes, Kathua and overall supervision cum guidance of Namrata Sharma, Additional Commissioner Administration & Enforcement Jammu Division. The Programme was attended by Sona Gupta AC, Sandeep Gupta STO, Inspector, Sunil Sharma and Sunil Khajuria. Among the participants Sohan Lal Avlon Resorts, Yash Khajuria of Khajuria Farms, Tangri of Saver Resorts, R. Sodhi of Sodhi Resorts, Sushil Gupta were prominent speakers. The hoteliers also highlighted problems faced by them. They highlighted that the tax rate be reduced from 18 % to 5% and they be brought under composition scheme. They also asserted that the resorts which are not under GST ambit must also be brought into it.

The vote of thanks was presented by Sandeep Gupta STO Circle 1 Kathua.



Director Tera Services, Kuldeep Sharma along with former Ministers Sat Sharma and Surjit Singh Salathia releasing Dogri songs at Jammu on Saturday.

## Tera Entertainment releases 11 Dogri Musical Songs

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JAMMU, Nov 12: Tera Entertainment, owned by Kuldeep Sharma and Raghav Sharma here today released 11 Dogri Musical Song Videos at Tera Farms.

A handout stated that motive in making these songs is to promote Dogra Culture and to provide opportunity to local talent.

The musical video songs were launched by former Ministers-Sat Sharma and Surjit Singh Salathia along with BJP Councillor, Lucky Puri.

Speaking on the occasion Surjit Singh Salathia appreciated unique steps taken by Tera Entertainment to promote Dogra culture.

Sat Sharma expressed surprise over performance of young talented artists.

Director Tera Services Pvt Ltd, Kuldeep Sharma said that their future plans are to introduce Dogra food of Dhaan and Duggar Graan displaying all ancient Dogri items at their Farm.

The promoters planted 650 plants including traditional trees and fruit plants.

The artists who will be seen in these songs include Brij Mohan, Music Director; Surinder Manhas, Music Director; Sameer Sharma, Director; Devinder Nanda, Director; Irfan Chowdhary, Director; Tariq Khan, Actor & Producer; Rahat Kazmi, Actor-Director-Producer; Mohit Garg, Film Editor; Kuldeep Saproo, Music Director; Muzaffer Butt, Director; Priya Dutta, Joginder Bral, Mannohan Singh, all Choreographers; Singers-Riyaz Malik, Lovely Chandra, Vanshika Jaral, Sonali Dogra, Antriksh Taroch; Actors-Namit Dubey, Ishu Sharma, Ridhima Kalsi, Gurpreet Jamwal, Nazuk Bhagat, Bhawana Gupta, Neha Sharma, Meenakshi



Relatives of vegetable vendor staging protest against police in Kalakote area of Rajouri.

## Vegetable vendor commits suicide, relatives protest

\*Probe ordered, cop suspended

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Nov 12: A vegetable vendor in Kalakote town of district Rajouri committed suicide by consuming poisonous substance while family members and relatives of the deceased blocked Rajouri-Reasi road demanding justice for the family.

Reports said Sunil Kumar, a vegetable vendor in Kalakote town and a resident of Sair Kalakote, consumed some poisonous substance. The family members and the relatives of the deceased blocked Reasi-Rajouri road near Thermal Gate, on Friday and lodged strong protest for more than 6 hours demanding justice for the victim's family.

They family alleged that he (Sunil Kumar) was being harassed by Kalakote Police. "A complaint against, Sunil Kumar was lodged at Police Station Kalakote, by a widow, namely- Safia Begum, resident of DC Colony, Rajouri, that she had wrongly transferred an amount of Rs 44,000 in the bank account of (deceased), Sunil Kumar, she had approached him but he was not willing to return the money", a police official said.

He said based on complaint lodged by the woman, the Police summoned Sunil Kumar. "It was a routine matter. He was summoned and asked to return the money transferred in his bank account accidentally, to the woman", said Police official, adding that Kalakote Police have also registered a case under section 174 to investigate the matter (suicide committed by the vegetable vendor).

Meanwhile, SDPO Noushera Tausif Ahmed said that a Constable posted in Police Station Kalakot, Musavar Husain has been placed under suspension and investigation initiated to bring the truth out.

## Admin imposes blanket ban on use, sale of electric heating appliances

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SRINAGAR, Nov 12: The district administration in Ganderbal has imposed a blanket ban on the sale, possession, storage, and use of Electric Heating Appliances in the District to avoid the heavy load on the transmission system and to avoid unscheduled power shutdowns.

In this regard, the officials said that Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal has also issued the necessary directions to ensure the enforcement of the order across the district to curb the non-judicious use of electricity.

Any violation of the directives, the directives said, shall attract punitive action as warranted under relevant laws, while the authorities of the KPDCCL are also set to carry out

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The employees have warned that if their 11-point demands are not met soon, then Railway employees across the country will go on a nationwide agitation, the responsibility of which will be on the Ministry of Railways and the Government of India. They briefed former minister that on the call of All India Railwaymen's Federation, Railway employees across the country are protesting against their long standing demands but the Railway Ministry and the Government of India are not taking the demands of seriously.

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## One more dies of dengue, toll reaches 18

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JAMMU, Nov 12: With one more death reported this morning, the death toll due to dengue in Jammu and Kashmir has reached to 18 in this season while as 7,343 people have been found positive for this dreaded disease so far in the Union Territory.

Giving information about the recent death, a Health official said that a 53-year-old man belonging to Bale-da-Bagh (Akhnoor) area of Jammu succumbed to dengue fever this morning in Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu.

He informed that as on date, tests of 23,692 people have been conducted for dengue virus, of which 7,343 turned out positive for the virus. He said that 4,995 cases have been reported alone from Jammu district, followed by 692 from Udhampur, 277 from Samba, 217 from Doda, 131 from Kathua, 106 from Reasi, 90 from Rajouri, 47 from Ramban, 34 from Poonch and 25 from Kishtwar district.

In Kashmir region, the official said only 11 positive cases have been reported so far while 16 cases of locals were reported from other states/UTs. He further informed that a total of 476 tests for dengue were conducted today in the Union Territory and out of these 137 were found positive with 83 cases reported from Jammu district, 20 from Udhampur, 14 from Samba, 8 from Kathua, 6 from Doda, 4 from Ramban and 1 each from Reasi and Rajouri districts.

Giving figures of dengue cases reported from the UT in last 7 days, the official said 126 people were found positive for dengue on November 6, 52 on November 7, 59 on November 8, 96 on November 9, 86 on November 10 and 63 on November 11.

The necessary drives to ensure enforcement.

The officials of the KPDCCL told Excelsior that the directives were much needed and that the enforcement of the same will ensure hassle-free electricity supply in the district.

"With regard to supplying the electricity, we are up to the mark, but when the people use electric heating appliances, the same ends up putting a heavy load on the system, forcing us to go for the load shedding," Executing Engineer, KPDCCL Ganderbal, Mehraj U Din said.

He said that for the enforcement of the orders, the market drives will be conducted so that the sale of the heating appliances is stopped. "We will also ensure that these appliances are seized from homes during the enforcement drives," he said.

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