

Secy Forest visits Chenab region, reviews forestry related works

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment Sanjeev Verma along with Dr Mohit Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) & HoFF undertook two-day

fauna existing in the sanctuary and also understand the issue of human-wildlife conflict in the area. During the onward journey towards Synthan top, they assessed the degradation of slope in southern aspect.

Commissioner about climatic and edaphic factors of the area and challenges.

In Marwah Forest Division, they evaluated the efforts for conservation of Rare, Endangered and Threatened (RET) taxa Bhojpatra (Betula utilis). They directed to increase the efforts for conservation of this species in coming years in this region. They also inspected the forest nursery in Chingam area and directed for increasing the stock of saplings for future plantation.

On 2nd day of the tour, they visited the Batote and Ramban Forest Divisions. In the course of journey they assessed the success of Command Area Treatment (CAT) works in Doda area along Chenab River. Verma directed to treat the remaining open area in similar fashion. They also inspected the slope stabilization works along National Highway and directed to treat the other vulnerable spots to restore the greenery and stabilization of slopes along the highway.

During their visit Irfan Ali Shah, CF South Circle, Dr Jitendra Kumar Singh, CF Chenab Circle, Mohammad Ramzan, DFO Anantnag, Vijay Kumar, DFO Marwah, Sagar Singh, DFO Kishtwar, Chand Sekhar, DFO Bhaderwah, Kuldeep Singh, DFO Batote, Rajan Singh, DFO Ramban, Mazid Kitchloo, WLW Kishtwar, Rouf Zargar WLW South and other field staff accompanied them.



Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment Sanjeev Verma interacting with staff at Forest Nursery, Nashri.

extensive tour of Chenab region via Synthan top to review various forestry related ongoing works.

They first reached the Rajpariyani Wildlife Sanctuary, Daksum and interacted with the field staff of Wildlife department and stressed on the conservation of the diverse flora and

Sanjeev Verma directed the field functionaries to plan for the restoration of degraded slope and plantation of native species like Juniper, Rhododendron and other medicinal plant species. The Conservator of Forests, South Circle and Divisional Forest Officer, Anantnag Forest Division briefed the



VRS given JKRTC employees staging protest near Press Club, in Jammu on Monday.

VRS given RTC workers stage protest, seek release of arrears

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Voluntarily retired employees of J&K Road Transport Corporation held protest demonstration today demanding release of pending dues of the VRS given employees.

The retired/VRS accorded employees of the JKRTC under the leadership of Dev Raj Bali assembled outside Press Club here today and started protest demonstration. They were carrying banner in their hand, projecting their burning issues. They expressed serious concern over the delay being caused in the release of their COLA and Pay Commission arrears.

The protestors alleged that they have not been paid their COLA and 6th Pay Commission arrears by the RTC authorities despite the fact that Central Government has paid an amount of Rs 76.95 crore including payment of the arrears of the more than 700 employees.

Bali said that most of them are senior citizens and struggling for their hard earned money for the last more than nine years. But the authorities concerned have failed to pay their arrears. The officers in J&K administration are only harassing them and adopting delaying tactics. He pointed out that at least 49 retired employees have passed away during one decade and the Government did not pay their arrears to them or their families till date.

They appealed the Prime Minister Modi and the Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha to intervene into the matter and provide justice to over 700 VRS given RTC workers of J&K, struggling for the last over eight years for getting their own hard earned money.

Prominent among those present during protest included, Surinder Singh, Sat Bhushan, Deep Raj, B B Sharma, Romesh Bhatt, Ram Pal, Rajinder Sahni and others.

Management skill development program organised

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JAMMU, Oct 10: The inaugural session of the management skill development program for the administrative heads of Polytechnics and ITIs was inaugurated by Sudershan Kumar,



A dignitary being awarded with a trophy by management of IIM Jammu on Monday.

Director Skill Development, J&K in the presence of Prof Jabir Ali, Dean Academics and Dr Pankaj Agarwal, Chairperson, Executive Education at Canal Road Campus of IIM Jammu, here today.

The management skill development program is a three-day program which will culminate on October 12.

This training program is designed to help administrative heads of Polytechnics and ITIs with a motto to develop management skills with a variety of objectives, ranging from providing visionary leadership and strategic thrust to polytechnic and industrial training institutes leading to academic excellence.

The program will enable and lead the academic as well as administrative teams, and diverse workforce, through positive work culture and teamwork throughout the institution, to facilitate higher education leaders to competently deal with the leadership challenges which arise in academic institutions.

Dr Bijoy Rakshit and Dr V. Raj Kumar are the program directors.

the challenges faced by local industries in Jammu and discussed the solutions forward.

Prof Jabir Ali provided an insight into the various programs offered by the Institute and provided an overview of the collaboration of IIM Jammu with IIT Jammu.

Dr Pankaj Agarwal provided detailed insights about executive education at IIM Jammu and wished good luck to all the participants.

The administrative coordination of the program is being done by Nadeem Younus Zargar, Administrative Officer (AO), Executive Education & Consultancy, IIM Jammu.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDC, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Yatri Niwas, Bhawani Nagar, Gole Gujral, Talab Tillo, Trilokpur, Panjpeer, NITCO Lane, GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo, Gharota, Ranjan, Navodya, Amb, Vidyalaya, LaxmiPuran, Swarn Vihar, Bharat Nagar, Ganga Nagar, Bantalab, Radio Station, BSNL, CRPE, Ayush Hospital, Bhalwal, Kangarmohr, IRP, Hospital Bhalwal, Kopte, Thater, Nardani, Pooja Colony and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 11 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Patoli Brahmana, Domana, Barnai, Purkhoo, Mishriwala, Baba Talab, Shamachak GurhaSinghu, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dhramkhu, TirthTalab, GREF, Gumpul, Sua No.1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on

Experts share experience, pitch for max use of Jan Aushadhi products

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SRINAGAR, Oct 10: The experts who had assembled here to celebrate Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Mahotsav today pitched for the maximum use of Jan Aushadhi products in J&K for effectiveness in the treatment of various diseases.

The event in this regard was organized by the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) here at Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra, SMHS, Hospital.

The celebrations on the day began with medical camp for patients inside the Hazratbal Shrine complex which was inaugurated by Waqf Board Chairperson Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Dr S Mohammad Saleem Khan HoD Social and Preventive Medicine and was

attended by all stakeholders of Jan Aushadhi including Rifat Nazir Nodal Officer, PMBI J&K.

The medical camp was attended by a large number of patients who were examined by senior faculty members of Government Medical College, Srinagar.

On the occasion, patients were given free medicine followed by Kit distribution by chief guest Dr Darakhshan Andrabi. Rifat Nazir briefed about the benefits of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana.

"The program is aimed at creating awareness about the benefits of the scheme through which quality medicines are made available to the general public at affordable prices," she said.

She said that hundreds of such stores have already been established throughout J&K and the celebrations continue with Jan Aushadhi Paricharcha with eminent doctors of Government Medical College and its Associated Hospitals.



JMC Mayor Chandar Mohan Gupta kick starting development work of Dogra Shaurya Smarak at Amphalla.

JMC Mayor launches work on Dogra Shaurya Smarak

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Mayor, Chandar Mohan Gupta kick started the development work of Dogra Shaurya Smarak at Amphalla here today.

The Dogra Shaurya Smarak is being developed with state-of-art facilities by Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) under Smart Cities Mission of Ministry of Housing Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

JSCL, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Rahul Yadav; Additional CEO, JSCL, Hitesh Gupta; Councillor Ward-17, Nidhi Mangotra; Councillor ward-9, Suneet Kumar Raina; Project Director JSCL and other senior officials were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Chandar Mohan Gupta said that Dogra Shuarya Samark was established by the then mayor as a tribute to Dogra Martyrs. "Now this will be further devel-

oped by Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) under Smart Cities Mission," he said, adding that the JSCL is executing several projects to develop the city of temples as eco-city.

"After the completion of the work, the project will serve as a recreation spot for senior citizens as well as the morning walkers" he added.

Divulging details about the project, CEO, JSCL, Rahul Yadav said that Dogra Shaurya Smarak is being developed under Smart Cities Mission at a cost of Rs 20 Lakh.

"Under the project, a park will be developed around the Dogra Shaurya Smarak with adequate seating facilities and bollards," he said.

He further said that JSCL has also planned to establish an amphitheatre with a capacity of 60 people. He added that the open-air venue will be dedicated to citizens for entertainment, performances and sports.

Police register FIR against VHP, other organisers over 'hate speech' event in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Oct 10:

An FIR has been filed against the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and the other organisers of an event in Delhi, where certain speakers allegedly delivered hate speeches, police said on Monday.

The VHP dismissed the claim that permission for the event was not taken from the city police as "laughable" and said police personnel were deployed at the venue of the event in Dilshad Garden.

Delhi BJP MP Parvesh Verma courted controversy on Sunday after he allegedly called for a total boycott of a community at the event held to protest against the killing of a 19-year-old Hindu man in northeast Delhi.

Verma, however, said he did not refer to any particular community in his address.

"An FIR has been registered against the organisers under section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for not taking permission from police," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) R Sathiyasundaram said.

The event was organised by several right-wing outfits, including the VHP.

VHP spokesperson Vinod Bansal said it is laughable that the police is saying no permission was taken for the programme, during which thousands of people, including police personnel, were present.

"Let alone permission, we

fixed the venue at the Ramlila Ground in Dilshad Garden after suggestions and recommendations from senior police officers. We had earlier planned to organise the gathering near Manish's (the man killed in northeast Delhi) house but on the request of the police, changed the venue to the Ramlila Maidan," he claimed.

In a video purportedly of the event, Verma is heard saying, "Wherever you find them, there is only one way to straighten them -- total boycott. Do you agree with me?"

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP told PTI, "I did not name any community. I just said those involved in the killing of Hindus need to be boycotted."

Manish was stabbed to death in Delhi's Sundar Nagri earlier this month.

The Delhi Police has arrested all the accused in the case -- Aalam, Bilal and Faizan -- and said they killed Manish due to

an old rivalry. The police had on Sunday said it was obtaining the details of the event held in east Delhi's Dilshad Garden and added that no permission was taken for organising it.

Verma is heard in the video seeking a response from the crowd to his call for a "total boycott" of the community and asking them to raise their hands if they agreed with him.

"We will not buy anything from their shops or pay them any wages. This is the only treatment for them," he is heard saying in the video.

Manish's killing was captured on a CCTV camera. In the footage, three men are seen walking down a lane and accosting the victim.

The footage shows one of the three men grabbing Manish by his collar and slapping him. The other two also join in and start stabbing the victim with knives. (PTI)



Models walking on the ramp during a fashion show organized by ZNS NIST Shiksha Academy at Jammu.

ZNS NIST Shiksha Academy organizes 'Fashion Fusion'

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JAMMU, Oct 10: ZNS NIST Shiksha Academy, Gandhi Nagar (Jammu) organized a fashion show titled 'Fashion Fusion 2022' today.

The show was inaugurated by former Minister of State Priya Sethi, who was the chief guest on the occasion. Eminent journalist Sohail Kazmi, Sunaina Mehta and Pardeep Dutta were guests of honour and Shwetima Jamwal & Pallavi Sareen were celebrity guests whereas Ashish Kohli, Kusum Tickoo and Netika Aggarwal were special guests.

The event witnessed different fashion styles and segments of designing. Stage theme was fully white to enhance beauty of the garments on the ramp. The show was comprised of four rounds. The students of the Academy focused on innovation and creativity while designing their garments for Fashion Fusion.

In the first round of the Fashion Fusion, modern outfits were showed. The students had used silver shine to give sparkle in the dark shaded clothes. In the second round, hand dyed veils over the shoulders were showed to represent Indian culture. The outfits had also cuts and silhou-

ettes, giving western look.

Third round showed the bridal theme inspired by the Mughal era during with models showcasing silhouettes like Anarkali, Gharana, Lengha, etc using off white to enhance the purity of brides and highlight the silver and golden shades. Fourth round was fully formal round that was showcased by Jammu's top influencers like Sars Bharti, Sonali Dogra, Amar Chouhan, Monica Gupta, Kritika Khanna, Divya Jamwal, Medhavi Sharma, RJ Chaitanya and Juhi Singh on ramp.

More than 150 students participated in the fashion show. Around 40 professional models also showcased outfits by gracefully walking on the ramp. The show belonged to fashion designers and makeup artists of the Academy.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi said this kind of events give wings to the youth of J&K in designing and makeup industry while Sohail Kazmi emphasized that ZNS NIST Academy is doing great job by training youth in Fashion and Makeup.

The event was directed by Irfan Choudhary and managed by Infobug.



Shiv Sena activists raising slogans during a protest demonstration at Jammu on Monday.

Sena protests against soaring prices of essential commodities

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Shiv Sena J&K here today staged a protest demonstration against soaring prices of essential commodities.

The protest was led by Manish Sahni, president J&K Shiv Sena and the protesters raised slogans against the government and demanded relief.

Sahni told reporters that price of bread, cloth, house, health, education and everything is going high with each passing day.

"After flour, ghee, mustard oil, the prices of vegetables are also touching sky," he maintained adding that the cost of cauliflower has gone up to Rs. 80 per kg while the cost of beans has reached Rs. 120 per kg.

Sahni said that the government should focus on providing

relief to the common man.

Those who were present in the protest were Shiv Sena Women Wing president, Meenakshi Chhibber; general secretary, Vikas Bakshi; senior vice president, Balwant Singh; president Kamghar Wing, Raj Singh and others.

Dir Colleges appointed Inq Officer in Asst Prof Aslam case

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SRINAGAR, Oct 10: Government today appointed Director Colleges J&K as Inquiry Officer (IO) in the case of Mohammad Aslam Bhat, Assistant Professor (Sociology), Government Degree College, Magam.

"Sanctioned is hereby accorded to the appointment of Director Colleges, J&K as an Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry into the serious allegations/charges leveled against Mohammad Aslam Bhat, Assistant Professor (Sociology), Government Degree College Magam," says an order issued today by Higher Education Department.

According to the Order, the Inquiry Officer shall conduct speedy enquiry and furnish factual report to the Administrative Department within 15 days on priority.

Annual General Body Meeting, election of WCWS held

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JAMMU, Oct 10: The annual general body meeting (AGBM) of We Care Welfare Society (WCWS) was held and WCWS president, Dr. R.K Gupta presented details of overall activities which WCWS has organized since its inception in 2019 to till date.

He also talked about contribution of chairman, Prof. M. Sadiq Nargal who spearheaded all the programmes from time to time.

The general secretary, Rajinder Gupta conducted proceedings and briefed on accounts and pinpointed salient features of all the programmes which were undertaken so far.

Treasurer, Kuldeep Uppal presented Financial Accounts for the last 3 years and submitted Audited Report, Income & Expenditure statement for 2021-22. Prominent members DIG (Retd), Deepak Kumar Slathia and Shashi Pal Sharma, from the audience also spoke on the occasion.

The election for office bear-

ers was also held in the meeting in which Ravinder Kumar was Election Commissioner.

Prof. M. Sadiq Nargal was elected as chairman; Dr. R.K Gupta, president; vice president, Col. G.C Raina; vice president women, Sudershan Gupta; general secretary, Rajinder Gupta; treasurer, Kuldeep Uppal and information & organizing secretary, Nikhil Gupta.

Executive members elected were T.K Zutshi, Ravinder Kumar, Rakesh Arora, D.P Saini, Sham Jandyal, V.K Suri, Venu Uppal and Surjit Kour.

Four Advisors elected were V.K Sharma, Rattan Singh Gill, Arvind Khajuria and Subash Jandyal.

In addition to this, 15 patrons nominated were DIG (Retd), Deepak Kumar Slathia, V.K Tandon, Ravij Luthra, Anil Gupta, S. Davinder Singh, Sanjeev Gupta, Satya Vrat Gupta, S. Surinder Singh, Naresh Suri, Raj Kumar Gupta, K.K Pargal, Ruchinder Jain, Shashi Gupta, Saloni Subharwal and Sanjay Sharma.

Extension lecture on 'Cyber Laws' organised

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JAMMU, Oct 10: Government College for Women Bhagwati Nagar organised an extension lecture on "Cyber Laws" under Cyber Jagrookta initiative of Ministry of Home Affairs, wherein Advocate Shivani Jalali, J&K High Court was the resource person on the occasion, today.

The cyber law is a term used to describe legal issues related to use of communication technology, particularly cyber space i.e. internet to prevent cyber crimes which aim to damage the network for reasons like money and other profits. Adv Shivani Jalali gave an in depth lecture related to legal informatics and how it supervises the digital circulation of information, software, information security and e-commerce.

She also enlightened the students about intellectual property, privacy, freedom of expression and expressed that cyber laws play an important role to integrate the challenges presented by human activities on the internet with the legal system of laws applicable to the physical world.

She further elaborated that due to the anonymous nature of the internet, it is possible to engage into a variety of criminal

activities, and hence the need for cyber laws in India are very important as it touches almost all aspects of transactions and activities on and concerning the internet.

Principal Dr Meeru Abrol also spoke on the occasion about the fraudulent practices on worldwide web and cyber space and urgency to provide ways to deal with cyber crime.

The programme ended with an interactive session wherein the students raised various queries regarding cyber crimes and cyber laws. The programme was organised by Prof Nisha Bhagat, Convenor Cyber Jagrookta Initiative.

LMD books edible oil brand

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ANANTNAG, Oct 10: Legal Metrology Department (LMD) has booked a Kathua based Edible Oil brand for selling underweight products in Anantnag.

As per the official sources, during inspection by Legal Metrology officials today in Anantnag, the mustard oil namely 'Golden Agmark' was found to be sold by lesser quantity as per the declared value on the pack-

age. The 5 litre oil tins were found short by 160 ml and 15 litre pack was found short by 210 ml.

The quantity was checked by the officials of LMD in the presence of general public at Main Chowk Anantnag after which the officials seized 245 such packs.

On packages of the oil brand, quantity was declared as 5 litres but when the same was measured, it showed less.

Similarly, the 15 litre pack was found short by 210 ml.