

SKUAST-J Vice-Chancellor visits KVK Reasi

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, June 18: Prof Surinder Kumar Gupta, Vice Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) today visited Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi and presided over Kisan Goshti on organic and natural farming which was attended by a number of farmers from different villages of Reasi district.

Prof.SK Gupta inaugurated farmer exhibition in which various technologies were displayed including value added products of bamboo, lemon grass oil, turmeric powder etc. He also inspected KVK instructional farm and demonstration units.

Welcome address was presented by Dr Banarsi Lal, Sr Scientist & Head KVK Reasi. He apprised the Vice Chancellor about the technical support provided by KVK on organic and natural farming, medicinal and aromatic plants, spices production, value addition in agriculture etc. He encouraged women farmers involved in Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to promote and disseminate their valuable prod-

ucts across different districts of Jammu.

In his address, Prof Gupta laid emphasis upon establishment of Farmers' Producer Organization (FPOs) with marketing linkages and branding of agricultural products. He further advised that value addition of



SKUAST-J Vice-Chancellor distributing Napsack sprayers to farmers during visit to KVK Reasi on Sunday.

fruits, vegetables, milk products, medicinal and aromatic plants, adoption of protected cultivation, organic and natural farming etc are required to enhance the income and employment among the farmers. He also stressed on Atamrihar Krishi and discussed on development of local branded products. He explained

how farmers can get good price for their produce by grading and labeling. He also discussed on the HADP project undergoing in J&K for the upliftment of the farmers.

SHGs from UMEED, NISHA were also present. Kisan goshti was very interactive and farmers questions were answered by VC himself and other members of KVK. Napsack sprayers and vermicomposts were also distributed to progressive farmers.

Mixer grinders, Vermicompost, Spray Pumps etc were distributed to farmers under ARYA project.

Dr Mandeep Singh Azad presented formal vote of thanks. Other officials present during the Goshti were Dr Suja Nabi, Dr Lobzang Stanzen, Dr Arvinder Kumar, Jagdish Kumar, Manohar Lal, Preeti Choudhary and others.

Callous BJP Govt has left people of J&K in complete despair: Bhalla

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JAMMU, June 18: Alleging that BJP Government has left people of Jammu & Kashmir in complete despair, JKPPC Working President Raman Bhalla said that statehood is the biggest issue of J&K and the Congress will do everything possible to grant the same to J&K.

"Congress Party is with the people of J&K and will do everything to make sure that J&K gets full Statehood," he said while interacting with people of Seora Panchayat and adjoining areas in Bishnah constituency on Sunday. Bhalla said BJP snatched rights and statehood of the people and since then outsiders are ruling J&K while the administration doesn't listen to people's problems. Locals losing jobs and unemployment in J&K, especially in Jammu is highest in the country, he added.

Bhalla also slammed Govt for its failure to release pension of weaker sections, who are struggling for their survival. He expressed dismay over the

Government directive which forced these people in distress and rush from one Government office to another to get requisite documents such as Domicile Certificate, Age Certificate, Aadhaar and Disability Certificate to register themselves on SUGAM portal to avail the social welfare pension scheme. He said all types of beneficiaries, even those who have applied fresh on SUGAM portal, are without pension. "The present J&K administration is leaving no effort to harass the handicapped people," he alleged.

Bhalla further alleged that the entire trade in J&K is being controlled by the outsiders and

there is no one to listen to people's problems. He also castigated the J&K administration for the plight of poor people. "In J&K, the land of poor people is being taken away and there is no one to listen to their concern," he said.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Sarpanch Rinku Lengeh, Gurnam Singh, Jagjit Singh, Ghara Singh, Lakhvinder Singh, Monohar Lal Mottan, Deepu Sarpanch, Murad Ali, Miya Choudhary besides others.

Meanwhile Bhalla has demanded immediate restoration of electricity in affected areas after wind storm.

Former MLA launches 'Chaurahay Pe Charcha' initiative

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RAJOURI, June 18: Former MLA, Ashok Sharma, today launched the 'Chaurahay Pe Charcha' initiative in Panchayat Dali-B, Kartwari, Sunderbani-Kalakote Assembly Segment of this border district.

As per a statement, the public awareness campaign aims to bridge the gap between local residents and the Government by conducting discussions and raising important issues for redressal.

A large number of people participated in the first session of 'Chaurahay-Pe-Charcha,' where various concerns were brought forward. These included pending road construction projects, the condition of school buildings, staff shortages, electricity unavailability, and outstanding payments to workers under MGNREGA.

During the discussions, demands were made for the inclusion of Naara Kas road, measuring a stretch of 2 Kms to Primary School, Katwari, in the ongoing PMGSY project. Upgrading the single-room

Primary School, Katwari, to a Middle School was also emphasized.

Former Legislator, Sharma, communicated these demands telephonically to Chairman DDC, Rajouri, and Secretary, RNB.

Furthermore, Block Development Officer, Kalakote, was urged to release funds for long-pending payments of MGNREGA workers and other small-scale schemes. The issue of phone line connectivity was also raised with the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer. The Government authorities present at the session assured the attendees that these issues would be addressed promptly.

In a unanimous resolution, the participants of the first 'Chaurahay-Pe-Charcha' session decided to assemble in large numbers at Kalakote on June 24th, 2023 (Saturday) to advocate for the construction of the Soit-Kalakote Road and its handover to GREF.

The session was presided over by Sukh Ram, a retired headmaster.

Natrang stages comedy play 'Jhootha Khwaab'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Theatre group 'Natrang' here today staged Urdu comedy play



A scene from Urdu comedy play 'Jhootha Khwaab' staged at Jammu on Sunday.

'Jhootha Khwaab' written by Shoukat Thanvi and directed by Neeraj Kant.

The play opens with 'Jhumman Miya' in his room screaming with fear after waking up from a bad dream where he saw his father and grandfather visited him and predicted that he is to die that very day at four in morning.

Jhumman believes his dream to be true and so his death prediction because according to him his father and grandfather would never lie to him. He checks the time and realises that he has only two hours left with him.

He calls everyone present at home and narrates the unfortunate incident. Rather than worrying about dying and leaving his family behind, he is more concerned about settling financial matters.

He updates his wife about all his financial transactions and how much money he still has to recover from people and gives stern direction that she shall not let a single penny unrecovered from the people after he leaves the world to which she replies that there would be no fun of collecting money if he is not with her and prays that this dream may not come true.

During all this discussion, the clock strikes four, Jhumman thinks he is dead and goes off to sleep. His grief-stricken wife starts wailing and crying so loudly that neighbours arrive to mourn his death.

A while later he wakes up realising that he isn't dead and it was a false dream.

Natrang artists who performed in the play were Mihir Gujral, Saanvi Anand, Aadesh Dhar, Abhimanyu Choudhary, Sheryaar Salaria and Sushane Dulloo.

Lights were designed and executed by Neeraj Kant whereas music was scored by Vanshika Pandoh, the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen and the presentations were done by Chirag Anand.

AIMCCC's concern over Govt's apathy towards displaced KPs

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: All India Migrant Camp Coordination Committee (AIMCCC) in a meeting at Jagti township today expressed concern over the apathetic attitude of Government in resolving burning issues of displaced Pandits who are refugees in their own country for over last 33 years. Desh Rattan Pandita, president AIMCCC in his address said that the community was targeted by militants and separatists because they were the nationalists by core. The KPs suffered a huge loss due to turmoil besides about 2000 members of the community were eliminated. He said the houses and other business establishments were either torched by militants or damaged. The traders, orchardists and agriculturists lost their entire property in shape of crop fruits or business.

He said that instead of providing genuine facilities to them

the Government was adding to their miseries by forcing them to pay electricity tariff and this all happens only due to misinformation being provided to Central and State Government heads, by some vested interests.

He reiterated demand for cancellation of electricity Tariff and said that the community be rehabilitated back to Valley without delay by restoring its property and paying full compensations for damages suffered by it.

He also expressed concern over failure of Government to supply ration to displaced people at Jagti camp and demanded same be issued without delay.

Anjli Kaar, Priya Dhar, Santosh Hali, Basanti Raina, Asha Koul, Veena Bhat, Jolly Bhat J L Raina P N Jalai Manmohan Vinoo Misri S N Gurtoo, Roshan Lal Reshi, Sagar Koul, Rattan Lal Sharma, O N Koul, Satesh Nehru, C L Koul, Yogesh Chib, others attended the meeting.



Jugal Kishore and other DPAP leaders listening public grievances at Pancheri on Sunday.

DPAP leaders touch Pancheri block, listen public grievances

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, June 18: Former Minister and DPAP Jammu province President Jugal Kishore Sharma along with District President Ashwani Khajuria and State Secretary Preeti Khajuria today visited Block Pancheri and met locals.

During the visit, the DPAP leaders met the people of Kainthkali, Pancheri, Mir, Laddeyar, Katti, Landar, Karcha, Badota, Sadota, Godnu, Malti and Ruhaniyat villages and listened to their grievances. They observed that due to the extremely bad condition of the road from Kainthkali to Pancheri Landar, common masses of the area are suffering badly. The availability and condition of transport is also very bad and the students face many problems in coming to Udhampur for higher education.

"If someone falls ill, it takes a lot of time to reach Udhampur hospital and sometime the patient dies on the way. There is a huge power cut with no electricity meters and on the other hand, J&K Government is handing them bills in thousands. There is shortage of water also, lack of teachers in Government schools, lack of doctors and nursing staff in PHC. Lack of school building infrastructure etc," observed the DPAP leaders.

On the occasion, Jugal Kishore Sharma said that during his tenure as the minister, many development works were done like building new roads so that the far flung areas could be connected and other facilities may reach them. He fulfilled the demands like building new middle school or high school, Dak bungalow, youth hostel, ration depot, health center, etc in this area but after that nobody took initiative to move forward," he said.

District president Ashwani Khajuria alleged that in the last 10 years, only false promises have been received from the Jammu Kashmir Government. "Today the common man of J&K is troubled everywhere. This Government has completely rejected the poor, it takes decisions at night and imposes on people in the morning, due to which our young generation, our daughters, sisters, elders all are troubled. There are no jobs for the youth. Elderly and widows are also facing problems as their pension has been stopped," he said.

DPAP District youth President Sachin Sharma, Shriraj, Sarpanch Surjit Singh, Sarpanch Pushpa Devi, Sarpanch Shamsher Singh, Master Bishan Das and Master Krishna Lal, Panich Vimla Devi, Sarpanch Kalyan Devi, Munshi Ram and others were present on the occasion.

Nipun Sharma of Kathua gets IGSTC Fellowship

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Nipun Sharma of Kathua has been awarded with prestigious Indo German Science Technology Centre (IGSTC)- PhD Industrial Exposure Fellowship (PIEF).

Nipun Sharma, son of Santosh Kumari and Joginder



Nipun Sharma receiving the prestigious Fellowship on 13th Foundation Day of IGSTC at New Delhi.

of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Government of Germany to encourage young researchers towards applied research. This programme is aimed at encouraging PhD students/researchers in S&T with appreciable track record and having aptitude for applied research and technology development. This fellowship is aimed to provide exposure to

young Indian researchers at Krishna Colony Kathua, is currently pursuing PhD from IIT Jodhpur. He was awarded this prestigious Fellowship on 13th Foundation Day of IGSTC, recently held at New Delhi.

He was selected as one of the top-10 fellows spread across various research institutions in India and only one from UT of J&K. As a part of this fellowship, he will be carrying out his research work at Fraunhofer Institute of Reliability of Berlin, Germany, fully sponsored by IGSTC. Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), established by the Department

of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Government of Germany to encourage young researchers towards applied research. This programme is aimed at encouraging PhD students/researchers in S&T with appreciable track record and having aptitude for applied research and technology development. This fellowship is aimed to provide exposure to

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LPEF deputation meets CAHO, ARTO Kishtwar

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, June 18: A deputation of Government Low Paid Employees Federation (LPEF) district Kishtwar headed by its chief patron, N H Malik met with Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kishtwar, Dr S K Ken regarding some employees issues being faced by them while discharging their duties.

The CAHO Kishtwar after hearing all the issues assured that all the genuine problems shall be redressed within stipulated time. The deputation also assured full cooperation to CAHO from employees end and complimented him for employees friendly approach.

The deputation also met ARTO Kishtwar and discussed various problems being faced by the general public with regard to fare charges and privilege to physically challenged persons, students and patients of Kishtwar distt. The ARTO assured that the rate list of all mode of transport shall be worked out and be affixed on the vehicles. The deputation was headed by NH Malik chief

patron and accompanied by others include Manzoor Ahmad Kichloo district president, Bhuri Singh Rathore general secretary, Farooq Ahmed Butt vice president, Akhter Hussain Qazi office secretary, Ashok Pandita, Mushtaq Ahmed, Mohd Iqbal and others.

Two injured in road accident

Excelsior Correspondent

BARI BRAHAMANA, June 18: Two persons suffered injuries in a road accident here today, police said.

They said a scooty was hit by a car at Bari Brahamana area today, resulting in injuries to two persons.

They were shifted to Government Medical College Jammu, where they are undergoing treatment. The injured have been identified as Parveen Kumar (60) son of Chajju Ram, and Ritik Verma son of late Pawan Kumar, both residents of Jammu.

Police have registered a case under relevant sections of the law and taken up further investigation.

YCET organises online session on 'Campus to Corporate'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology (YCET) organized a session on "Campus to Corporate: Corporate expectations and attitude training", a knowledgeable session for the pre-final and final year students of YCET.

The key value of these sessions is that it helps to turn young talent into tomorrow's leaders. It also helps in increasing employee satisfaction and decrease in employee turnover.

The session began with welcome address by Rajneesh Magotra, HoD Civil Department, YCET. He welcomed the resource person Nidhi Jamwal (B.Tech,CSE, SRM University Chennai, MBA from IMS, University Topper of the batch. Area of specialization - HR & Marketing.)

Nidhi is currently working as Chief Coordinator in IMS since 2015. She is handling academic and administrative operations. She also provides Soft Skill Coaching for Corporate around Coimbatore & Chennai.

She started the session with introduction on the Campus to Corporate: Corporate Expectations and Attitude Training. She further continued

with addressing the students to the benefits of Resume: How to make resume, she explained how a good resume can give students an edge over other competitors.

Nidhi Singh Jamwal then discussed industry expectations and key characteristics that a candidate must exhibit in order to be a competent employee for the organization, such as commitment, loyalty, self-assurance, and teamwork.

She also encouraged students to take classes outside of their regular track education beginning in the first semester in order to develop their skills and become more marketable.

The session was summed up with the vote of thanks by Lovneesh Talwar, HoD Electrical Department, YCET.

This session was organized by training and placement cell, well coordinated by Er. Rajneesh Magotra, HoD Civil Department, YCET.

Chairman Vidhi S. Singh Jamwal, Vice-Chairman Shiv Dev Singh Jamwal, Managing Director Renu Bangroo, Director, YCET Dr. (Prof.) Mukesh Kumar Rana, Dean Academics, YCET Dinesh Gupta, and Chief Coordinator, YCET B.R Verma appreciated the efforts of YCET Team for successfully organizing the session.

NDS, IYA organise Yoga event

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: NDS and Indian Yoga Association (IYA) here today celebrated International Yoga Day.



Dignitaries posing for a group photograph on International Yoga Day.

Vikram Randhawa, former

Nidhi Sharma, a Dogri Poetess was special guest and the day was celebrated at Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha, Parade.

Dr. Jain explained about the history of Yoga Day and need of Yoga in the present scenario.

He also talked about stress management and wellness and educated the gathering on symptoms, causes and treatment of tension, stress, anxiety, insomnia, depression and blood pressure.

Sudha Chander demonstrated different Yogic postures and Pranayama (breathing exercises).

Susheel Bhola recited a Yoga song and Lalit Sharma presented vote of thanks.

The programme concluded with Vedic prayer and National Anthem.

Yash Pal Yash coordinated the programme.

AIBCU questions non issuance of data on reservation in J&K, BJP-ruled States

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: All India Backward Classes Union has asked the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) to issue the reservation data of BJP ruled States, including Jammu Kashmir Union Territory.

"Chairman NCBC has issued its findings over the OBC reservation of the only non-BJP ruled States viz West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab and Bihar where there is quota less than @27% as per the apex court's judgement of 1992, but there is no mention of the States like Jammu & Kashmir where BJP itself is ruling," said Prof Kali Das, general secretary of AIBCU.

In a press statement, he lamented that even after abrogation of Article 370, OBCs of Jammu and Kashmir have been deprived of their fundamental

right of 27 percent reservation. "Union Govt has implemented all Central rules after abrogation of Art 370 except reservation rules for OBCs, a deliberate attempt to loot OBCs in J&K," he alleged and added that this was also not in tune with "Ek Desh... Ek Qanoon.... UCC."

Prof Kali Dass said that the Government should not criticise the selective State Govts but also take up the matter of other States on the whole with less reservation or no reservation like Jammu and Kashmir where BJP is itself ruling and Art 370 has been abrogated for smooth implementation of all Central rules.

"OBCs of J&K must be aware of their constitutional rights and should remain alert from the cheating agencies which have been doing nothing except false promises and false assurances," he said.

Chhari Yatra of Saroli Mata flagged off by Yudhvir, Baldev Billawaria

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice-President of the J&K BJP, and Baldev Billawaria, Deputy Mayor, jointly flagged off the Chhari Yatra of Saroli Mata from Mahalaxmi Temple in Pacca Danga, Jammu today.



Yudhvir Sethi and Baldev Billawaria jointly flagging off the Chhari Yatra of Saroli Mata from Jammu on Sunday.

As per a statement, the Yatra,

perity of the Union Territory. Addressing the devotees present at the event, Yudhvir Sethi stressed the significance of communal harmony and social cohesion.

He extended his prayers and good wishes for the well-being of people across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir. Sethi emphasized that pilgrimages like the Chhari Yatra provide devotees with an opportunity to seek spiritual solace in the serene atmosphere of the pilgrimage site.

He expressed hope that the Chhari Yatra would contribute to peace and tranquility among different sections of society.

Sethi further highlighted the importance of the Chhari Yatra in bringing together people from diverse backgrounds, promoting unity, and celebrating cultural diversity.

He praised the efforts of the Nav Durga Trust in organizing this spiritual journey, as it not only strengthens religious sentiments but also fosters brotherhood and unity among individuals.

organized by the Nav Durga Trust, concluded at Pancheri Block in Udhampur district. Before the commencement of the Chhari Yatra, Yudhvir Sethi, Baldev Billawaria, Parmodh Kapahi, District President, Kuldeep Khandari, Karan Singh, Mahant Karanath, Mahant Rajinder Nath, Rajesh Bhardwaj, Chairman of Nav Durga Trust, and other prominent personalities performed Pooja and offered prayers for the peace and pros-