

Rapid growth of fisheries in J&K reflects pro-farmer approach of UT Govt: Union Minister

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TANGMARG (BARAMULLA), Mar 3: Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala, during his visit to Baramulla for Public Outreach programme has made operational the Aquarium

Minister instructed the officers to prepare estimates and submit DPR for upgradation of Fish Farm Bella, Baramulla, which was damaged during the floods of 2014.

Earlier, Union Minister distributed sanction orders amounting Rs. 193.1 lakh in favour of 28

the department is going to implement a project in Fisheries sector with a total cost of Rs. 232.85 crore during the next five years under Holistic Development of Agriculture plan (HADP) with an aim to double the fish production in the UT. Apart from increasing fish production and productivity, the project envisages creation of direct and indirect employment for about 2.50 lakh youth of UT.

Parshottam Rupala emphasized the need of adopting fish farming activity as it can contribute significantly in increasing the farmers' income in J&K.

While describing the importance of Kashmir region as an epicenter for development of cold water fisheries, Union Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, various steps are being taken up by the Central Government for enhancing the productivity as well income of the fishers and special subsidy component has been kept for the Cold water states/UTs to attract more farmers for adopting this profitable venture.

Union Minister said that farmers would be made more resourceful through implementation of various schemes for marketing of Trout and also for its export to other states to get remunerative prices for their produce.

Mohammad Farooq Dar, Director Fisheries, Purnima Mittal, Director Animal Husbandry, Kashmir and other senior officers of the department were present on the occasion.



Delegation of Laghu Udyog Bharti during meeting with LG Manoj Sinha at Jammu.

PRI representatives of Anantnag; President Laghu Udyog Bharti call on LG

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JAMMU, Mar 3: A delegation of representatives of PRIs from Anantnag led by Mohd Yusuf Gorsi, Chairperson District Development Council, Anantnag called on the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan here today.

The delegation of PRI representatives comprising DDC members of Verinag & Vessu and BDC Chairperson, Pahalgam, discussed with Lt Governor several matters of public importance.

Later, a delegation of Laghu Udyog Bharti, J&K led by its president Parveen Gupta called on the Lt Governor and submitted a memorandum of issues pertaining to development of Industrial sector.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation that the genuine issues and demands apprised by them would be redressed on merit.



BJP national general secretary, Tarun Chugh during a meeting with Union Minister of Railways, Ashvani Vaishnav at New Delhi on Friday.

Railways give Rs 111 cr bonanza for Punjab: Chugh

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JAMMU, Mar 3: BJP national general secretary, Tarun Chugh today said that Union Railway Minister, Ashvani Vaishnav has sanctioned four new projects worth Rs 111.13 crore for Punjab.

The projects include renovation of Rego bridge in Amritsar at the cost of Rs 48 crore.

A delegation led by Chugh and president of Amritsar Vichar Manch, Arun Mehra

Lt Gen Kotwal takes over as Dir & Commandant, AFMC Pune

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JAMMU, Mar 3: Son of the soil, Lieutenant General Narendra Kotwal, assumed the appointment of Director and Commandant of the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune today.

Lt Gen Kotwal hails from Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir and is first from the Chenab belt to rise to the rank of Lt General. Having completed his MBBS from Government Medical College Jammu, he did MD in Internal Medicine from AFMC. He is a Diplomate of National Board in Medicine and a Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (MNAMS).

Continuing his academic journey further, he acquired Doctorate of Medicine (DM) in Endocrinology from PGIMER Chandigarh. The General Officer is also an alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi where he was awarded an M.Phil. in Defence and Strategic studies.

The General Officer belongs to a respectable family. His father Professor JL Kotwal is a renowned educationist and social reformer. His mother Bimla Baloria is also an educationist and is Director of KNIT Institute. His spouse Dr Smedha Kotwal is an acclaimed Oncopathologist, a keen painter and environmentalist. She contributes immensely to conserving and nurturing wildlife.

The General Officer has the distinction of providing medical care to four Presidents of India. He has also held the coveted appointments of member of Specialist Committee under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana; Advisor, UPSC for empanelment of advisors; Member, Standard Treatment Workflows (STWs) by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). He has also served as the Vice President,

Canadian delegation led by Premier Saskatchewan meets Dr Jitendra, discusses Uranium supply

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NEW DELHI, Mar 3: A high-level Canadian delegation led by Premier Saskatchewan, Scott Moe today met Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed Uranium supply for Nuclear power projects.

In addition, cooperation and joint ventures in areas like Electric Vehicles, Cyber Physical System, Quantum Technologies, Future Manufacturing, Green Hydrogen Fuel, Deep Ocean Mining etc. also came up for discussion.

Welcoming the delegation, Dr Jitendra Singh said that 2.3 million Indian diaspora in Canada are reinforcing Indo-Canadian relations and contributing to the growth of both the nations.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Canada has one of the largest Indian diaspora anywhere in the world and they have achieved success in all walks of life. He said, the diaspora which contributes positively to both countries, would be a good bridge between the two nations, as Canada is one of the most favored destinations for Indian students for higher education.

The Minister also informed the delegation that last week on the occasion of National Science Day, the Indian Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, announced



A high-level Canadian delegation led by Premier Saskatchewan, Scott Moe calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at North Block, New Delhi on Friday.

Fellowship for Indian diaspora to connect the Indian researchers/academicians with Indian diaspora researchers/academicians.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that India, under the leadership of PM Modi, is keen to develop research collaborations with Canadian R&D institutions and technology collaboration with Canadian industries especially focusing on the following areas such as Sustainable Energy Technologies (generation, conversion, storage and conservation), Environment and Clean Technologies, Bio-based Economy, Bio based materials for different applications, Food & Agri Technologies, Affordable Healthcare (including Pharmaceuticals and Biomedical Instrumentation), Technologies for Advanced Manufacturing, Integration of AI and Machine Learning in all domains

Dr Jitendra Singh said, recently National Hydrogen Mission (NHM) has been launched by the Prime Minister while commemorating the 75 years of independence with an aim to cut down carbon emissions and increase

the use of renewable sources of energy. It is a futuristic vision that can help India not only cut down its carbon emissions but also diversify its energy basket and reduce external reliance, the Minister added.

Premier Scott Moe said that Canada and India relations have made great strides in recent years and have become truly multidimensional, spurred by a significant convergence of interests, mutual goodwill and exchanges. He said, Science and Technology cooperation is one of the strategic pillars of the bilateral relationship between the two countries. Academia, Research Institutions and Industries of both countries have strong bonding and are playing the role of catalyst in our strategic research and development partnerships.

Pension, ration card bifurcation among issues raised Mayor leads delegation to CS, resents non-cooperative attitude of Principal Secy

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JAMMU, Mar 3: Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma along with 25 Councillors of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), all from BJP, today met Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta and informed him that Principal Secretary PHE, Shaleen Kabra never attends to the phone calls of elected principal representatives while other principal secretaries do it very well.

"Whom will he respond then if he doesn't respond to elected representatives of public in a democracy," the Mayor said while expressing his resentment. The JMC delegation of elected representatives also raised the issue of pensions and ration card bifurcations.

"For getting pension from the Social Welfare Department income certificate is essentially needed and certificate showing Rs. 3000 as income while practically income of the pension seeker remains zero," Mayor Rajinder Sharma, said adding, "This on one side erodes the credibility of the authority issuing such certificates and on the other the integrity of person getting such certificate remains doubtful."

He also said that in nuclear families today old parents are not cared by the children and ration cards have names of parents and children together.

Sharma further said that for one over 60 year of age there should be no need of PHH category who is seeking Rs 1000 pension clearly is having a meagre income.

"For widow pension PHH ration card is needed while anyone can be widow. If someone in lower middle class family gets widowed she would not be eligible for pension for lack of PHH ration card. So this category must not be linked with pension

cases," the Mayor added. He said that executive engineers of JMC are not having drawing and disbursing powers due to which JMC Commissioner and Chief Accounts Officer are overburdened while in other departments drawing and disbursement powers are with executive engineers and they also clear bills of contractors and in JMC same is done by the Commissioner.

"If the Commissioner clears bills worth Rs. one crore daily how can he be able to do other



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma during a meeting with Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta at Jammu on Friday

be repaired in emergency and money is not there for that but Rs. 88 crore are there with JMC under Grant In Aid (non-plan) and this money should be allowed to be used by JMC.

The Mayor said that Health Centres and Primary Schools given to JMC should be completely handed over to the Urban Local Body so that Public Clinics could be opened there.

works of the local body," Sharma asked demanding the drawing and disbursing powers be given to the executive engineers. He further said that in AMRUT-2, money should be released as early as possible so that the much needed 26 tube wells might be dug as soon as possible and public may not face problem in coming Summer.



Union Minister FAH&D Parshottam Rupala during visit to Baramulla for Public Outreach Programme.

cum Awareness centre established at Trout Fish Farm Tangmarg for the upcoming summer season.

He inspected the Trout Rearing Unit Tangmarg and reviewed various Fisheries development schemes and activities being implemented in the district. He also had an exclusive interactive session with farmers.

He distributed fishing material among 39 beneficiaries including 14 women covered under beneficiary oriented schemes of PMMSY.

On the occasion, Union

beneficiaries of Baramulla under various components of PMMSY/UT CAPEX scheme Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla was also present during the function.

Union Minister was briefed that fish production in J&K has reached 25.40 thousand tons. The UT has the monopoly of Trout culture and the Trout Production here has reached to 1663 tons. During the year 2021-22, the department has produced 148 lakh of Trout seed and 14 lakh Trout seed was exported to other cold water states of the country. Union Minister was told that



JU VC Prof Umesh Rai along with Director DDE Prof Neelu Rohmetra and others during a function at JU in Jammu.

DDE JU celebrates 47th foundation day

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JAMMU, Mar 3: Directorate of Distance Education (DDE), University of Jammu (JU) today celebrated its 47th foundation day with an impressive function.

Prof Umesh Rai (Vice-Chancellor of JU) in his address said that the future of Country lies in the direction, University will offer all the requisite support. He said the distance mode of education offers lot of flexibility and students can learn while doing some job or sitting at home at their own pace. The student can achieve through idea incubation, innovation and start-up.

In her welcome address, Prof Neelu Rohmetra, Director DDE JU said that the new initiatives under the

leadership of Prof Umesh Rai is all set to bring in a new era of transformation with strategic orientation towards distance mode of learning. She said that the Directorate is all set to introduce Non-Collegiate Women Education Board for the girls of Jammu region, the two online programmes MCOM and MA (Eng) as per the given UGC guidelines 2020, starting of Diploma in Gyani, Ma (Punjabi) and rechristening the Executive MBA programme already approved in 2010.

Keynote Speaker, Dr Sumeet Gairola, Principal Scientist, IIM, Jammu and Nodal Officer for Purple revolution and Aroma Mission, J&K spoke on the theme Purple Revolution- Avenues, opportunities and Benefits. In his address, he assured participants that CSIR-IIM is fully equipped to provide adequate support for development of aroma industry in the region.

Vinod P Baxla, GM-HR, Power Grid Corporation of India, Jammu in his expert talk dwelt in detail on the theme "Role of Personality

Development in Career" while Rajat Salgotra, Founder/CEO Samast Eco-Alternatives Private Limited shared his startup journey which according to him has been full of challenges and rewarding as well.

Prof Sandeep Kaur Tandon presented a formal vote of thanks in the inaugural. Following the inaugural ceremony, various concurrent interactive sessions were held. It is pertinent to mention here that nearly 1000 students registered during the day, and various dignitaries, faculty members, officers, scholars and students also visited Fun Fair stalls.

The foundation day ceremony culminated with a colourful cultural bonanza in the evening by UG/PG students of DDE, a musical performance by Narinder Wazir and his team and Sufi and Folk performance by Vibha Bharti, Bharti Sangeet Vidyalaya, Kathua. Prof Bechan Lal (VC, Cluster University of Jammu) was the chief guest during the cultural bonanza and Prof Umesh Rai presided over the foundation day celebrations.

Div Com reviews progress on JMRDA Projects

*Asks DCs to submit details of identified projects for approval

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JAMMU, Mar 3: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, who is also the Additional Chief Executive Officer- Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority (JMRDA) today chaired a meeting and reviewed the progress of work on the projects executed under JMRDA in five associated districts and discussed additional projects to be taken up under the Capex budget of JMRDA.

The JMRD Authority covers 5 districts of Jammu, Reasi,

development of pathways, green spaces at Hiranagar Town, development of pathways amenities under Tawi River Front View project Jammu, development of Bus stand at Thandi Khui Vijaypur and other development projects

The concerned executing agencies apprised the Div Com about the progress on each project. It was informed that the work was in progress on the projects while some projects are at different stages of execution.

The Div Com directed all the concerned departments to expedite the pace of work on all the ongo-

ing projects for their timely completion. He also instructed the DCs to personally monitor the pace of work and also resolve land issues if any.

During the meeting Div Com also discussed new projects to be taken up under the Capex Budget of JMRDA. The Deputy Commissioners apprised the Div Com about identified projects for the infrastructural development in their respective districts.

He asked the DCs and con-



Div Com Jammu chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

Udampur, Samba and Kathua comprising 30 tehshils and over 1107 revenue villages.

The Authority prepares Infrastructural Development Plan (IDP) for the maintenance of a responsible standard of livability in the JMR including Roads, water supply, sewerage disposal, drainage, electricity, solid waste management, public transportation, parking and other amenities.

During the meeting, the Div Com took stock of present status of ongoing projects including construction of Parking/ Bus terminal,

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