

## No time to rest, pace up activities among masses: Raina



BJP State President, Ravinder Raina speaking at the meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Appreciating the work of Morchas and Cells leaders done among masses, BJP State President, Ravinder Raina on Thursday directed all BJP leaders to pace up their activities because there is no time to rest, as the date for elections has been announced. Raina was addressing a meeting of various Morchas and Cells, which was attended by party senior leaders, Presidents of morchas,

Convenors and Co-Convenors at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, State General Secretary Yudhvir Sethi, State Vice-President Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal, State Incharge All Morchas Munish Sharma, State Incharge All Cells Varinderjit Singh, State Spokesperson Priya Sethi and State Secretary Ajay Pargal were also present on the occasion. Ravinder

Raina, while addressing the meeting, asked all the Morchas and Cells leaders to put in dedicated efforts for upcoming general elections. He further said that the Government led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has ensured every required step for welfare of all communities. "All those communities have committed themselves for victory of Modi government, claiming that they were never treated such empathetically by any previous governments

and thus are eager not to just only vote for Modi, but also to work as a volunteer for ensuring emphatic win of Modi," he said.

Raina also assessed the ground work by Morchas and Cells leaders and asked them to expedite their working by mobilizing their teams to reap the crop of their hard works. We have to connect with more and more persons in the limited time, he said.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, while speaking during the meeting, laid stress on the prominent role of party Morchas and Cells in general elections and asked them to concentrate on party work with added zeal. Today, we have all the love and support of public due to dedicated works by PM Modi led government. Now, we just need to approach masses to seek their blessings for ensuring a great win, he claimed.

Munish Sharma conducted proceedings of the meeting.

## RBI holds 25th State level TAFCUB meet



Regional Director, RBI J&K, Thomas Mathew chairing a meeting at Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Cooperative Bank Ltd Supervision (DCBS), RBI, Jammu conducted 25th meeting of the Task Force on Co-operative Urban Banks (TAFCUB) for Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday. Thomas Mathew, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Jammu and Kashmir, presided over the meeting.

Surjeet Singh, Joint Secretary, Co-operative Department, Government of J&K; Gh Mohi-Din-Kulay, Assistant Registrar (Hqr) Co-operative Societies J&K; Subhash Gupta, Chief Executive, NAFCUB; MD /

CEOs of all four UCBS viz. The Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd (CCBL) Jammu, Devika Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd (DUCBL) Udhampur, Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd (UCBL) Anantnag and Kashmir Mercantile Cooperative Bank Ltd (KAMCO) Sopore along with officers of RBI, DCBS, Central Office and Jammu Regional Office participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, the RBI officials highlighted importance of KYC and Credit Information Companies (CICs) for co-operative banks. They also

emphasised upon cyber security in banks to protect them from cyber frauds.

Gh Mohi-din-Kulay, Assistant Registrar (Hqr) Co-operative Societies J&K, apprised the house that empanelment of Statutory Auditors is at final stage for financial year ending March 31, 2019.

Surjeet Singh, Joint Secretary Co-operative Department, also informed that the capital infusion for improvement in financials of UCBS is under process.

Subhash Gupta, CEO NAFCUB highlighted the importance of NPA management and advised UCBS to form a Board approved policy for the Bank for recovery of NPAs.

The financial performance of the four UCBS in the preceding quarters was reviewed during the meeting. The bank specific regulatory and managerial issues were also discussed with the banks, individually by A B Dutta, DGM RBI, who also presented formal vote of thanks.

## Tanishq celebrates its 21st anniversary with grand offers

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Tanishq, India's leading and most trusted jewellery brand, celebrated its 21st anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, Tanishq is offering its customers upto 25 per cent off on making charges of Gold jewellery and value of diamond jewellery and 100 per cent exchange value on old gold jewellery or free gold coin with every purchase. These offers can be availed across all Tanishq stores of India from 14th-18th March.

Speaking on the occasion of brand's 21st anniversary, Deepika Sabharwal

Tewari, Associate Vice President, Jewellery Division, Titan Co Ltd, said, "True to the tradition of TATA'S, Tanishq has proudly evolved as the most trusted jewellery in India. 21 years back, when lack of transparency was the norm, Tanishq was the very first national brand that brought about a change in the highly unorganised jewellery sector. It gives a sense of pride as Tanishq stands tall and proud for 21 years and counting in the jewellery sector, and we want our customers to celebrate with us. We are proud to show-

case how each year we have introduced new collections with improved designs leading us to achieving the distinction of being India's most trusted jewellery brand. We strive to continuously improve and innovate our jewellery in order to keep up with our commitment of providing the best to our customers."

"Today Tanishq rightly epitomizes consumer trust, purity of gold, quality assurance, strong design aesthetics, and an unwavering commitment to bringing the best-in-class products to its customers," Deepika said.

## Vote on agenda of developmental politics not divisive politics: Sat

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Amidst preparations going on for Lok Sabha polls, former State President BJP and ex Minister, Sat Sharma held a series of meetings in various wards including Gujral Mohalla of Jammu West Assembly segment and asked people to vote on the agenda of developmental politics of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and not on the agenda of divisive politics of opposition. He also inaugurated development work after public meetings at Gujral Mohalla, which were sanctioned under the CDF scheme of the former MLA Jammu West.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said, "Today our nation has reached a spot among global leaders which was a dream before 2014 but pro-active approach of the Prime Minister and his vision for India led the nation to touch

## Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Chemical Sciences-2019' begins

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences, Central University of Jammu on Thursday organised two-day national conference on 'Emerging Trends in Chemical Sciences-2019'.

The conference was held with special emphasis on the State-of-the art research in emerging area of Chemistry like catalysis, supra-molecular chemistry, organic synthesis, green chemistry, organometallics, materials science and computational chemistry.

The event was inaugurated by Prof Ashok Aima, Vice-Chancellor Central University of Jammu; Prof Manoj K Dhar, Vice-Chancellor University of Jammu; Prof Devanand, Dean of School of Basic and Applied Sciences, Central University of Jammu; Prof S Chandrasekaran, Honorary Professor from Indian Institute of Science



Vice-Chancellor CUJ, Prof Ashok Aima along with others during the inaugural function.

Bangalore and Dr V Sridharan, Head Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences, Central University of Jammu. The conference has brought over 200 participants across the country to interact and share their research on different areas of chemistry.

The inaugural function started with a welcome address by Peehu Sharma, an under-graduate student from the Department of Chemistry CUJ, followed by lighting of auspicious lamp by the guests along with Saraswati Vandana by the students.

Prof Ashok Aima emphasised upon the need of high-

quality research in his inauguration speech. He highlighted that the event will enable the young minds to have interactions and inspirations from eminent scientists.

Wishing success of the conference, Prof Manoj K Dhar talked about the importance of chemistry in day-to-day life and emphasised upon the need of lifting the boundaries in different fields of science.

Whiling extending best wishes to the Department of Chemistry and the conference, Prof S Chandrasekaran urged students to be passionate of the research than merely publishing the research articles in high-impact factor journals.

Prof Devanand said that such conference is aimed to motivate quality researchers in the emerging areas of chemistry.

Dr V Sridharan extended gratitude towards distinguished scientists and participants, who traveled from various parts of the country to attend this event. The inaugural function ended with the vote of thanks by Dr Tapta Kanchan Roy.

The first day of the conference consisted of three sessions including four plenary lectures, three invited lectures and a poster session. Thirty researchers presented their research work in the poster sessions.

## Legal literacy programme, medical camp held

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu organised a legal literacy programme on Plea Bargaining and general health check-up camp at District Jail Amphalla in collaboration with J&K Medical and Health Department.

Akram Choudhary, Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority inaugurated the programme in presence of Superintendent of Prisons, S. Ahmad and Secretary District Legal Service Authority, Nawshad Ahmad Khan besides Mastertrainer Legal Services Authority, Advocate Jyoti Sharma.

In his address, Akram Choudhary focused on the need to take advantage of 'Plea Bargaining' provisions as per the Supreme Court guidelines by the accused involved in petty offences. He also stressed upon the need of welfare activities for people behind bars especially medicare.

Later, Jyoti Sharma defined and elaborated

the concept of Plea Bargaining to the under-trials lodged at District Jail Amphalla Jammu.

Medical camp was a day long activity where-in specialists from Government Medical College and Directorate of Health Services remained busy in screening more-than 500 prisoners, duly supported by medical staff of Amphalla Jail. The specialists deputed for the event included Dr Dharminder Kumar, Associate Professor Cardiology, Dr Himanshu Department of Cardiology, Dr Abishak Chouhan Psychiatrist, Dr Shivani Assistant Professor Dermatology; all from Government Medical College while Dr Neelu Sharma Gynecologist District Hospital Samba, Dr Tejinder Kumar Physician SDH Akhnor and Dr Ashwani Kumar Pediatrician from Director Health Services also attended the camp. Superintendent Jail welcomed the guests while Secretary DLSA presented formal vote of thanks. CMO Jammu donated some basic medicines for jail dispensary.

## Progressive farmers call on Director Agriculture; discuss issues

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To discuss a number of issues, a group of progressive farmers from Agriculture and allied sectors of Jammu division called on the newly appointed Director of Agriculture Jammu, Pawan Singh Rathore here on Thursday.

Joint Director (Inputs), Bulesh Kumar Zutshi; Joint Director (Extension), Anil Arora; Deputy Director of Agriculture (Central) Jammu, K K Sharma and Subject Matter Specialist (RL) Jammu, Vinod Raina were also present on the occasion.

Various issues discussed on the occasion were related to Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna, Ravi-Tawi/Ranbir Canal, Irrigation facility, Supply of Electricity, Marketing of Agri- Produce etc.

Director Agriculture gave them a patient hearing and



Director of Agriculture Jammu, Pawan Singh Rathore along with progressive farmers at Jammu.

assured visiting farmers to work for improvement in performance of the department at all levels for the welfare of farming community.

Rathore said that timely and proper utilization of funds under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State level schemes is his utmost priority and he would ensure early achievement of all targets for welfare of farmers. He further assured the farmers that extension agency of the department shall be mobilised positively to create mass awareness about various farmers' welfare schemes

and programmes at grass root level.

The members of the delegation included Kulbhushan Khajuria of Sohanjana, Tajinder Singh Wazir (Member State Advisory Board for Welfare of Kisans), Sat Pal Singh (Member State Advisory Board for Welfare of Kisans), Tunda Singh of Dayala Chak, Raghunandan Khajuria, Diwan Chand Khajuria, Ranjeet Singh, Madan Mohan, Mohd Yousof, Kuldeep Raj, Varun Kumar, Suraj Parkesh, Ram Lal, Baba Ram, Baldev Singh and Subash Chander.

## Agri Vision J&K celebrates International Women's Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Agri Vision Jammu and Kashmir celebrated International Women's Day at SKUAST Jammu. Newly appointed Vice Chancellor of SKUAST Jammu, Dr K S Rissam was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr K S Rissam, while expressing his views regarding role of women in extension activities in agriculture, said that women are real future of universe.

Dr D P Abrol, Dean FoA, who was the Guest of hon-

our, expressed his views regarding importance of women's day besides role of women in the society.

Ali Haidar Shah, Convener Agri Vision presented welcome note while the proceedings of the programme were conducted by Yashavi Khajuria.

Dr Divya, Dr Poonam Parihar, Dr R Katoch, Dr Nomita Laishram, Dr Arti Sharma, Varsha Jandiyal and Dr Kiran Kour were also present on the occasion. The programme was managed by team of ABVP, SKUAST Jammu.

## Science Conference culminates at Cluster University



Vice Chancellor CLUJ, Prof Anju Bhasin along with others during the conference at Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The two-day long 1st Basic Science Conference organised by the School of Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) concluded here on Thursday with huge response from students and faculty, who attended technical sessions on varied topics ranging from Mathematics to Physics and Geology.

Prof Anju Bhasin, Vice Chancellor CLUJ and Patron of the Conference presided over the concluding ceremony of the conference. She urged the students and faculty to make the University a hub of excellence in Research, Innovation and Academic Development that generates 'Entrepreneurship and Employability'.

The Resource Persons for the 1st technical session, chaired by Prof S K Khosa, Dean Faculty of Sciences, Central University of Jammu, were Prof Vinod Kumar Bhardwaj, from Department of Mathematics, Kurukshetra University and Prof Raghav Verma, Department of Physics IIT, Mumbai. The second session deliberated by Prof Arun Deep Ahluwalia, former HoD Geology, Punjab University Chandigarh, stressed upon the importance of preserving fossils and studying them for research. The session was chaired by Prof G M Bhat from Department of Geology, University of Jammu.

The evening session chaired by Prof Meena

Sharma, Rector Kathua Campus, University of Jammu included two significant talks by Prof Fozia S Qazi from Department of Mathematics, Islamic University, Srinagar and Prof Rajeev Gupta from Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi.

The concluding ceremony of the conference was attended by Dean Academic Affairs, Registrar, Controller Examinations, Deans of all faculties, Coordinators, Associate and Assistant Deans and other members of teaching fraternity. The organising team of the conference was led by Prof S.P Sharma, Dean Sciences along with Dr Sanjay Verma and Dr Naveen Anand as Organising Secretaries and Dr Chanchal Khajuria, Dr R S Pathania, Dr Anil Verma and Dr Rajinder Sharma as Coordinating Members.

The programme was anchored by Dr Deepa Singh and Dr Sakshi from School of Sciences while Dr Amrit Kour and Dr Renu Rajput were the Rapporteurs for the conference.

## Training-cum-workshop held on Verbal Autopsy

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Basharat Saleem, the Director of Census Operations J&K on Thursday inaugurated two-day training-cum workshop on Verbal Autopsy here at the Conference Hall of Preventive & Social Medicine Department of Government Medical College, Jammu. The workshop was organised with a view to highlight the importance and rationale of Civil Registration System, Sample Registration System and need for Verbal Autopsy to estimate proportional causes of death in India.

Speaking on the occasion, Basharat Saleem highlighted that the importance of data collection during the forthcoming census 2021, intricacies and accuracy in collection of data with help of information technology will be the key to success for all.

Dr Dinesh Kumar, HoD, Preventive & Social Medicine, Government Medical College, Jammu in his key note address called for two way interaction from the partici-



Dignitaries during the workshop at Jammu.

pating Supervisors as well as faculty members, resource persons and facilitators. He further informed that the workshop has been organized in collaboration with AIIMS Verbal Autopsy Network (MINERVA).

Dr Rakesh Bahl, Associate Professor was also present on the occasion. It is pertinent here to mention that the training of supervisors of Directorate of Census Operations J&K for canvassing Verbal Autopsy forms is a part of the Sample Registration System (SRS) survey, which is a large-scale demographic survey for providing reliable annual estimate of Infant mortality rate,

Birth rate, Death rate and other fertility and mortality indicators at the national and sub-national levels. Dr Bhavna Sahni, Assistant Professor, Department of PSM coordinated the entire workshop with the help of Dr Deepika Dewan, Dr Anjum Ara, Dr Najma Akhter, Dr Shalvi Bavaria and post-graduates from the department. Rajesh N Malvia, Joint Director and Dheeraj Kumar Johar, Assistant Director of the Directorate of Census Operations J & K were instrumental in organising the workshop. S S Sharma, Assistant Director and M S Loomba were also present on the occasion.