

KVK Kargil-I observes World Soil Day; Stresses ‘Healthy Soil for Healthy Cities’

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DRASS: In Ladakh, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kargil-I celebrated World Soil Day at Mushku village in Drass block under the global theme “Healthy Soil for Healthy Cities.” Abdul Samat, Councilor LAHDC Kargil for Drass, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The program began with a welcome address by Dr. Nazir, Scientist (Agronomy), who also delivered an insightful lecture on soil health and sustainable agricultural practices. Dr. Nasreen Fatima, Head KVK Kargil, emphasized the growing need to shift towards



organic and eco-friendly farming methods. She highlighted that maintaining soil health is directly linked to food safety, human health, and environmental sustainability. She urged farmers to adopt soil testing, integrated

nutrient management, and minimal use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides to preserve soil fertility for future generations. She further assured that KVK Kargil will continue to support farmers through training, demonstrations, and regular awareness programs. Councilor Abdul Samat expressed gratitude to KVK Kargil for organizing World Soil Day in his constituency and appreciated their efforts toward farmer welfare. Noor Mohammad, former BDC Drass, also praised the initiative, welcoming more such programs in the region. Farmers of Mushku and nearby villages thanked KVK Kargil-I for organizing the awareness camp, stating that such programs help them understand various government schemes and adopt best practices for improving soil health and agricultural productivity.

KVK Kargil-II Zaskar observes World Soil Day with Mega Awareness Programme at Taisuru

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TAISURU: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kargil-II, Zaskar, organized a Mega Awareness Programme on Soil Health Management at Taisuru Block to commemorate World Soil Day 2025. The event drew a remarkable turnout of farmers—particularly women—from Namsuru and adjoining villages, showcasing the increasing awareness and commitment toward sustainable soil management practices in the region. Councillor Parkachik, Syed Ain-ul-Huda graced the programme as the Chief Guest. Officers from the Departments of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Rural Development, and Forest Department also participated, adding further significance to the occasion. In his address, the Chief Guest applauded KVK Kargil-II for organizing such an impactful event under the harsh winter conditions of Taisuru, where outdoor activities remain challenging. He appreciated the KVK team for successfully bringing farmers, scientists, and line department officials onto a shared platform for meaningful discussion and knowledge exchange.



He emphasized that the sessions conducted throughout the day deepened understanding on the critical role of soil as the foundation of agriculture, food security, rural livelihoods, and the planet's sustainability. Stressing that soil resources are often undervalued, he urged farmers to adopt sustainable soil conservation practices and maintain continuous communication with scientists and field experts for technical guidance. He encouraged farmers

to apply the innovative techniques demonstrated during the programme and assured full cooperation in improving agricultural development and rural prosperity. Dr. Mehdi, Chief Scientist and Head KVK Kargil-II, highlighted the dedicated efforts of the Kendra in developing and promoting agro-climatic-specific technologies for the Zaskar region. He outlined key achievements of KVK Kargil-II including: introduction of high-yielding vegetable

pea variety PB-89, promotion of onion variety Red Coral, initiation of high-density apple plantation in Barsoo Nallah, promotion of low-cost protected cultivation technologies, enabling successful cultivation of warm-season vegetables such as brinjal, capsicum, squash, and tomato, and introduction of non-traditional vegetable crops, boosting kitchen gardening even in extreme climatic conditions of Taisuru. Dr. Mehdi delivered an informative lecture on soil health management,

emphasizing the use of locally available resources and natural farming. He highlighted that preparation of natural inputs like Jeevamrut, Ghanjeevamrut, and Agniasthra is simple, economical, and highly effective. However, he expressed concern over the increasing reliance on chemical fertilizers supplied through government schemes, cautioning that excessive use could pose long-term threats to soil health in the Ladakh region. Raziya Banoo, District Agriculture Officer, also addressed the participants, presenting detailed insights on departmental schemes aimed at promoting profitable agricultural practices, enhancing productivity, and facilitating farmers to avail government support for new ventures. Representatives from the Forest Department, Animal Husbandry Department, and Rural Development Department shared their perspectives and highlighted the importance of soil conservation under the theme of National Soil Day. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the participation of farmers, officers, and stakeholders for making the event a success.

Financial awareness camp on Unclaimed Deposits organised

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RAMBAN: The Lead District Manager (LDM) Ramban today organised a financial literacy awareness camp to inform the public about the ‘Your Money, Your Right’ Campaign launched by the Government to facilitate citizens to claim their unclaimed deposits, insurance amount, pending pension etc. The general public was given insights into the procedures for identifying, verifying and claiming unclaimed bank deposits. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan was the chief guest. The event witnessed active participation from banks, district administration, PRI members and local residents. The public was made aware of the use of the RBI’s UDGAM portal (udgam.rbi.org.in), through which individuals can search details of unclaimed deposits lying in the banks and take steps to claim the rightful amount. It was also highlighted that a total of Rs. 6.15 crore is currently lying as unclaimed deposits in banks across Ramban district.



A key highlight of the event was the handing over of cheques to 13 beneficiaries, amounting to Rs. 15.43 lakh, who had successfully claimed their unclaimed deposits. The Deputy Commissioner handed over the cheques to the beneficiaries, encouraging others to come forward and utilise the facility. Speaking at the event, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the LDM and the banking fraternity for conducting the outreach initiative. He emphasised the importance of maintaining updated bank records, completing KYC

formalities, and ensuring regular account activity to prevent accounts from becoming inoperative. He urged people to utilise the UDGAM portal for easy tracking and settlement of unclaimed deposits. Earlier, the LDM briefed participants on the step-by-step process to claim unclaimed or dormant deposits and highlighted the role of banks in assisting customers. The Deputy Commissioner called upon all banks to intensify awareness camps across the district to further strengthen financial inclusion and customer service.

Army organizes Special Screening of ‘Sitare Zameen Par’ for school children

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POONCH: In a heartwarming initiative to inspire the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, the Mendhar Brigade, under the aegis of the Ace of Spades Division of White Knight Corps, organized a special screening of the film Sitar Zameen Par for the children of Government Primary School, Tai Basti, Poonch. The event aimed to impart a message of hope, creativity and self-belief to the young minds in this remote region. The children watched with excitement as the film unfolded its inspiring narrative, resonating deeply with their own dreams and aspirations. To make the experience even more delightful, refreshments were provided to all students following the screening, turning the day into a celebration of joy and togetherness. The initiative left a lasting impact, filling the hearts of the children with warmth and encourage-



ment. Through such community outreach programs, the Indian Army continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people, nurturing their creativity and fostering a sense of hope for a brighter future. This event is another example of the

Indian Army’s ongoing commitment to uplifting local communities and inspiring the youth to reach for their dreams. The Mendhar Brigade’s efforts have been instrumental in forging a stronger bond between the Indian Army and the people of Jammu and Kashmir, fostering unity and positivity in the region.

Army provides Free Medical Aid, Promotes Local Talent at Kuchhal

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KISHTWAR: As part of its ongoing efforts under Operation Sadbhavana, the Indian Army organized a Medical and Talent Hunt Camp at Village Kuchhal in District Kishtwar. The camp aimed at enhancing community welfare by offering free medical services to the local population. The medical camp provided free check-ups and essential medicines to 120 residents, including 45 women, 55 men and 20 children. In addition to health

services, an awareness session was held, focusing on hygiene, nutrition and disease prevention, empowering the community with valuable knowledge for healthier living. Parallel to the medical camp, a Talent Hunt was conducted to offer local school children and youth a platform to showcase their cultural and academic talents. This initiative encouraged young



minds to express themselves self-confidence within the and promoted creativity and community.

EIACP-DEERS J&K Hub celebrates World Soil Day at GSI Jammu



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JAMMU: The Environment Information Awareness Capacity building and livelihood (EIACP) Centre J&K Hub, in collaboration with the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Jammu Friday organized a special program to celebrate World Soil Day under the theme “Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities.” The event, attended by faculty and students from Government Women’s Col-

lege Parade, aimed to raise awareness on how soil health directly influences urban sustainability, environmental resilience and the overall well-being of communities. At the outset, Director GSI D. Bharti welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of collaborative scientific outreach. This was followed by an address by Director GSI Dr. Vinod Kumar, who elaborated on the role of Geological Sur-

vey of India in Jammu & Kashmir, current geological studies and ongoing initiatives. They appreciated the joint effort of EIACP and GSI in making students aware about the critical link between soil health and the sustainability of modern cit-

ies. An insightful expert lecture was delivered by Senior Geologist GSI Mohammad Ibrahim, who explained soil formation processes, types of rocks, and their influence on soil characteristics—providing students with a deep

understanding of the geological foundations of soil health. Coordinator EIACP J&K Dr. Rajan Singh delivered the keynote address.

NOTICE

I, Tashi Tondop S/o Tsering Dorje R/o Skurbuchan, Leh-Ladakh UT do hereby inform that my name has been wrongly/ incorrectly recorded in Scheduled Tribe (ST) Certificate of my daughter namely Tsewang Chondol as Tashi Tondup instead of Tashi Tondop. That my actual and correct name is Tashi Tondop. Now, I have applied for correction of my name in my daughter's Scheduled Tribe Certificate. Objection, if any, conveyed to concerned authorities within seven

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Short Term e-NIT No. 18 of 2025-26

For and on behalf of President of India, e-tenders (in two cover system) **Cover-I**st containing Earnest Money (CDR/ FDR) including prequalification documents and **Cover-II**nd containing price Bid are invited on **Item- Rate** basis as per specifications in BOQ from Registered Contractors having upto date GST Clearance certificate.

S. No	Name of work.	Amount of Work (In lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Cost of Tender documents (In Rupees)	Class of contractor
1	Repair and Renovation of Division office building of Flood Control Division at Satwari Jammu	04.97	9940/-	45 Days	300.00	A, B, C & D

Position of AAA : Accorded
Position of Funds : Partially Available

Important Dates
i) Date of Publishing of Tender Notice : 04-12-2025 (06:00 Pm)
ii) Date of downloading Tender documents start : 04-12-2025 (06:00 Pm)
iii) Bid submission start date : 04-12-2025 (06:00 Pm)
iv) Bid submission end date : 11-12-2025 (04:00 pm)
v) Date and time of Bid opening : 12-12-2025 (12:00 PM)

1. The complete bidding process will be online.

2. The tenders shall be received online on or before **11-12-2025 upto 4:00 PM**. The Bids will be opened online on the same website www.iktenders.gov.in at above mentioned time and date in the office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Jammu on **12-12-2025** or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

3. Bids must be uploaded alongwith scanned copy of cost of Tender documents as mentioned in the above table in the form of Treasury Challan. The Cost of Tender documents (challan Receipt) will be obtained by the bidder simply by remitting the amount into Treasury under MH: 0702 in favour of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Jammu payable at Jammu.

4. The Original documents should be submitted by the lowest bidder within five days from the date of opening of financial bid and the documents should be the same as uploaded online (Scanned copies) otherwise the tender will be canceled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further/ future tendering process in this Division for a period of one year.

5. The bids of the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids and the tender shall be applicable for the financial year 2025-26.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Flood Control Division
Jammu

No: FCD/J/4216-27
Dated: 04.12.2025
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