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Minister of Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport, Daryl Vaz, converses with Executive Director of the Scientific Research Council (SRC), Charah Watson, on the first day of the 31st Science and Technology Conference, at the Jamaica Conference Centre, downtown Kingston.

Agro-Industry

Agriculture Ministry Assists Thousands of Farmers



The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining has supplied approximately 19,000 farmers with critical inputs, to include seeds and fertilisers to support their recovery efforts following the impact of Hurricane Beryl on July 3. Portfolio Minister, Hon. Floyd Green, made the disclosure while addressing the St. James Bee Farmers Association's Healthy Lifestyle Day ceremony, held at the St. James RADA Office [...]

Coffee Farmers to Get Help to Determine Price of Crop



The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining will be conducting a study to help local coffee farmers determine a fair market price for their crop. Speaking recently at the handover of fertilizers and herbicides to coffee farmers in the Buff Bay Valley area of Portland, portfolio Minister, Hon. Floyd Green, said that although the Government is not responsible for setting prices, [...]

Crop Restoration and Expansion Programme for Coffee and Cocoa Farmers



The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining will be embarking on a crop restoration and expansion programme for coffee and cocoa farmers. Portfolio Minister, Hon. Floyd Green, provided an update on the programme during the International Coffee and National Cocoa Day celebrations at Emancipation Park in St. Andrew, on October 1. [...]

\$5 Million Allocated to Assist Beekeepers



The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, through its Apiculture Unit, has announced a \$5-million support package for beekeepers affected by Hurricane Beryl. Portfolio Minister, Hon. Floyd Green, who made disclosure, noted that the funds will be used to provide essential inputs like sugar, as well as help to restore colonies and equipment for beekeepers who suffered losses. [...]

Consumers Assured of Adequate Chicken Meat for Christmas



Consumers are being assured that there will be an adequate supply of chicken meat for the upcoming Christmas season. This, according to Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, Hon. Floyd Green, who says the poultry sub-sector is rebounding from the fallout experienced in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl's passage, just south of Jamaica on July 3. [...]

Business News

Seven Entities to Benefit from Third Cohort of DBJ Cluster Fund



Seven companies in four business clusters will benefit from support to scale up their operations under the Development Bank of Jamaica's (DBJ) Jamaica Business Fund (JBF) cluster programme. Agreements between the DBJ and the cluster leads were signed during a ceremony held at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Head Office at 5 Montrose Road, Kingston 5 on Thursday (October 31), [...]

Climate Change

Government Continues to Prioritize Disaster Risk Financing for Jamaica



Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, says the Government continues to prioritize disaster risk financing to strengthen Jamaica's ability to respond to and recover from natural disasters. He said these financial measures will enable the Government to manage and recover from the impact of frequent weather events associated with climate change that would, in other circumstances, derail national plans [...]

Health and Wellness

Herbal Medicines Not a Cure for Breast Cancer – Dr. Fray



Clinical Coordinator at the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA), Dr. Delroy Fray, is advising the public that herbal medicines are not a proven cure for breast cancer. Speaking with JIS News, Dr. Fray expressed concern about the rising cases of late-stage breast cancer diagnoses despite widespread information on early detection. He attributed this, in part, to some patients seeking treatment [...]

Eight Entities Get \$160 Million in Grant Support from DBJ



Eight medium-sized entities have received grants totalling \$160 million to support their business ventures or innovations. The support was provided by the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ) under its Boosting Innovation, Growth and Entrepreneurship Ecosystems (BIGEE) Innovation Grant Fund, which is being implemented in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). [...]

LFJ Encourages Broadscale Support for Persons Living with Lupus



The public is being encouraged to support individuals living with lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease which affects thousands of Jamaicans. This urging comes from Lupus Foundation of Jamaica (LFJ) President, and Rheumatologist, Dr. Désirée Tulloch-Reid. Speaking during a Jamaica Information Service (JIS) ‘Think Tank’ on Tuesday (October 22), Dr. Tulloch-Reid informed that support from family, [...]

Significant Number of Medical Facilities Now Linked to the Electronic Health Records System



Nearly all medical facilities islandwide targeted to be linked to the electronic health records system established by the Government have been onboarded. This, according to Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton. “You may recall that we had signed a contract with Cable and Wireless to connect 105 health centres and hospitals digitally, [...]

3,476 Procedures Performed under Jamaica-Cuba Eye Care Programme Since September 2023



A total of 3,476 sight-saving procedures have been performed under the Jamaica-Cuba Eye Care Programme since September 2023, says Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton. The Minister said approximately 1,192 cataract and 655 pterygium procedures were done, and 1,246 diabetic retinopathy laser treatments – 852 at Kingston Public Hospital (KPH), and 394 at St. Joseph’s Hospital. [...]

Men Encouraged to Do Breast Examinations



Men are being encouraged to do breast examinations, as they, too, are at risk of getting breast cancer. The plea was made by Medical Officer of Health for Westmoreland, Dr. Marcia Graham, during the monthly meeting of the Westmoreland Municipal Corporation, which was held on October 10. “Everybody has two breasts and whereas breast cancer affects women much more than men, there are recorded cases of men getting breast cancer, [...]

Employers Urged to Foster Emotional Wellness at the Workplace



A call has been made for employers to foster emotional wellness in the workplace, as a means of increasing productivity, reducing illnesses and building motivation. Making the call, Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Dr. Kevin Goulbourne, said that employees spend a lot of time at the workplace, and if the environment is unhealthy, [...]

Science and Technology

[SRC Encourages Participation in Science and Technology Conference](#)



The Scientific Research Council (SRC) is encouraging participation from all sectors during its 31st Science and Technology Conference, scheduled for October 29 to November 1 at the Jamaica Conference Centre, downtown Kingston. Themed ‘Harmony and Innovation: Unleashing the Power of Nuclear Applications for Sustainable Development’, [...]

[Minister Calls for Greater Collaboration on Nuclear Technology](#)



Minister of Science, Energy, Telecommunications and Transport, Hon. Daryl Vaz, has called for enhanced collaboration in leveraging nuclear technology to meet Jamaica’s sustainable development goals. He made the appeal on Tuesday (October 29), while speaking at the Scientific Research Council (SRC) 31st Science and Technology Conference, which lasts from October 29 to November 2 . [...]

[Jamaica and India Collaborate in Digital Technology](#)



Jamaica and the Republic of India have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to strengthen collaboration between the nations in digital technology. Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, in providing details in the House of Representatives on Tuesday (October 8), said the agreement will see “co-operation in sharing successful digital public infrastructure aimed at promoting financial inclusion [...]

[Government Signs MOU to Advance Nuclear Technologies Adoption in Jamaica](#)



The Government, on Tuesday (October 22), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Limited for the advancement of nuclear technologies adoption in Jamaica. Addressing the signing ceremony at Jamaica House, Prime Minister, Dr. the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, said the partnership reflects the Government’s unwavering commitment [...]

[MSMEs Encouraged to Help Shape Country’s Digital Future](#)



Operators of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are being encouraged to play their part in shaping Jamaica’s digital future. The call came from Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC), Harold Davis, who recently participated in the JIS TV programme, ‘Get the Facts’ . [...]



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November 21, 2024



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