

DYSS, Gandhi Nagar organises Refresher Course for teachers

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Jammu, Mar 22 : The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Gandhi Nagar has organized a 06 days ‘Refresher Course’ for Physical Education Lecturers, Masters, Teachers and Rehbar-e-Khel at Guru Harkrishan Public School, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. The refresher course is being organised under the overall supervision of ZPEO, Gandhi Nagar, Smt. Chanderkanta wherein DYSSO, Sukdev Raj Sharma presided as chief guest & Principal of the School Rita Popli as guest of honour. The inaugural day of the course witnessed active participation from the entire field staff in accordance with the SoPs.



The officials play a vital role as per their experience to teach the trainees in different games and sports events. The latest techniques and skills are taught with new rules and regulations. The programme started with a healthy discussion with conduct of morning

assembly taken by Senior Master Chamail Singh to minor games and co-ordinative activities. Gurdev Singh, PE of the School is providing logistic support besides assisting the officials of DYSSO who are officiating as resource person for the successful conduct of the programme.

Book of Tara Smailpuri released by DS

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Jammu, Mar 22 : A book on the life and works of popular Dogri poet late Tara Smailpuri ‘Tunde Chete ch’, collated by the granddaughter of the late poet was released on 21st March, 2021 by Dogri Sanstha, Jammu, in a function at Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar, Jammu. Veteran Dogri writer Dr. Om Goswami was the chief guest on this occasion which was attended by the family members of Smailpuri and prominent Dogri writers. The highlight of the programme was the presentation of a paper by Samvedna Sharma, granddaughter of Smailpuri, which contained an account of first hand observations by her of her grandfather as an elder of the family and also as a renowned poet & writ-

er. The paper contained many interesting and intimate details of the persona of Smailpuri. Prof. Veena Gupta, Vice president of Dogri Sanstha and a senior writer also shared her views about the works of Smailpuri and the part being played in popularizing Dogri among the masses. Dr. Om Goswami, who has also written the foreword of the book and had a close association with Smailpuri, shed light on different aspects of the writings of Smailpuri, laying special emphasis on public appeal of his poems, the humour and wit in his works and his phenomenal knowledge of Dogri idioms and proverbs. He said Smailpuri was known as walking Encyclopaedia of Dogri folk lore. Earlier Prof. Lalit Magotra, President of Dogri Sans-

tha, while welcoming the audience said that Tara Smailpuri extended and followed the popular style of poetry introduced in Dogri by Dinu Bhai Pant. He said that Smailpuri was a great crowd puller in Dogri Mushairas and entertained all people around him by his jokes, of which he had an unlimited number stored in his memory. He has played a major part in collecting and publishing Dogri idioms and proverbs, Prof. Magotra added. The programme was conducted by the well known poet Susheel Begana, who is also the literary Secretary of Dogri Sanstha. He quoted extensively from the poems of Tara Smailpuri, while anchoring the programme. Sh. Gyaneshwar Sharma, Vice-President, Dogri Sanstha extended the vote of thanks.

PLS organizes Punjabi literary meet

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Jammu, Mar 22 : Punjabi Sahitak Sabha R S Pura Jammu organised a Punjabi literary meet in which the renowned Punjabi poets and writers participated. S.Harjit Sing Uppal President of PSS welcomed the participants and elaborated upon the challenged being faced by Punjabi language consequent upon its removal as official language in our UT. He also presented to the poets the Punjabi poetry book ‘Thandian Chhawan’ by Prof. Anmol Singh. Dr Baljit Singh Raina presided over the meet. The session started with the story ‘Ik Chamataar hor’ by Pritam Singh Anjan. It was followed by the poetry session in which S.Harbhajan Singh Upashak, Rahi Simbal Puria, Rattan Singh Kanwal, Balwinder Singh Deep, J P Singh Azad, Pritam Singh Anjan, Balwinder Singh Jammu, Suraj Singh Suraj and Harjit.

KVK Kargil-1 organizes awareness programme on World Water Day at Sodh Block

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Kargil, Mar 22 : Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kargil-I celebrated World Water Day under the theme of “Valuing Water” at Government Valuing Secondary School Yourbaltak here today. Executive Councilor for Horticulture Aga Syed Hassan Arman Musavi, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Kargil Ghulam Muhammad, Chief Agriculture Officer Kargil Kacho Muhammad Ali Khan, Scientist and Head KVK Kargil-I Dr Ghulam Mehdi Akhoun, Block Development Officer (BDO) Sodh Mehmooda Munshi Principal Government Higher Secondary School Yurbaltak Jigmet Dorjay, besides good number of farmers participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, EC Horticulture Aga Syed Hassan

Arman congratulated the KVK team for successfully organizing this important day in the most suitable area of the district. He emphasized on the implementation of various workable techniques and measures discussed during the day long programme, adding he stressed the need to develop Sodh Block as a model village for micro irrigation system. Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) in his address appealed the people to come forward with proper plans through public representatives so that some portion of Councilors CDF can be diverted for solving water crisis in the district. The session began with a power point presentation by Ahmad Ali, Agriculture Engineer on various techniques for efficient use of water especially in drought affected areas like Sodh.

In a video clip, he also narrated a success story of converting a desert into greenery. The programme was followed by a lecture by Dr Muhammad Mehdi, Principal Scientist and Head KVK Kargil-1 on selection and growing of different crops under drought effected areas and the potential crops which require long sunny days for attaining marketable size and quality. Chief Agriculture Officer Kargil congratulated the people of Sodh block for sanctioning of a mega project on micro irrigation worth Rs 12 crores which is expected to be implemented soon. Principal Government Higher Secondary School Yourbaltak urged people for discouraging wastage of water and stressed on promotion and use of dry toilets. The programme ended with pledge by all dignitaries and participants on valuing water.

DIPR Kathua centre organises Mushaira, Cultural bonanza

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Kathua, Mar 22 : To create awareness among masses regarding save the girl child campaign, Kathua District Centre of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), in collaboration with department of ICDS, organised a multilingual Mushaira cum Cultural Bonanza on the theme of “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” here at Rajiv Gandhi Memorial College of Education. Chairperson, of the College was chief guest on the occasion. The staff of the college and a large number of students attended the event. The programme started with traditional Saraswati Vandana by college students. During the Mushaira several poets presented their poetic work in Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi

and Dogri languages on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. Prominent among the poets who recited their poetic work included Vijay Sharma, T R Sumbria, R S Katal, Renu Padha, Dharamveer, Ramesh Galoch, Sham Lal Khajuria, Madan Lal Toofaan and others. A scintillating cultural programme featuring Dogri, Hindi and Punjabi songs was also presented by the artists, which received repeated thunderous applause by the audience. Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson Anu Dogra thanked the Information Department for organizing Multilingual Mushaira and cultural programme on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and appealed to the department for organizing more such programmes.

DC Kishtwar flags off exposure visit of farmers to Baderwah

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Kishtwar, Mar 22 : A group of 35 local farmers including 12 women farmers was today flagged off for one day exposure to Baderwah to learn about the latest agricultural techniques. Deputy Commissioner, Ashok Sharma flagged off the farmers here from Dak Banglow Kishtwar in presence of Chief Agriculture Officer, S.K Bhagat, District Saffron Development Officer, Amjad Hussain Malik besides other officers of Agriculture department. The group of farmers hailing from different parts of district Kishtwar was accompanied by District Saffron Development Officer. The one day exposure visit is aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills about soil health management for sustainable hill agriculture, besides to impart education and awareness regarding various beneficiary oriented schemes. During this one day exposure tour, the farmers will visit to spices, pickles, jam and jelly processing units in Baderwah to get acquainted with the process of value added products.

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LG calls for active participation

Schemes, Irrigation Schemes and Projects worth Rs 117.49 crores. Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor underscored the significance of Jal Shakti Abhiyan campaign for water conservation and administered a pledge for judicious use of water, saving water bodies and harvesting rain water.

He extended his heartiest gratitude towards the Prime Minister for launching the Campaign on the theme ‘Catch the Rain’ - Where it Falls, When it Falls, which envisages rainwater harvesting during pre and active monsoon season through the convergence of various schemes and initiatives of various departments of the Central and State Governments. The campaign is being launched as a Jan Andolan which intends to encourage the States/UTs and all stakeholders to ensure storage of rainwater, as rains falling in the four to five months of monsoons are the only source of water for most parts of the country, he added.

Terming Jan Bhagidari as a key component of the campaign, the Lt Governor called upon public representatives and the people of J&K to come forward, recognize their responsibilities to complement government’s efforts, and actively participate in rainwater harvesting and other water conservation activities using new techniques as well as traditional methods to revive water bodies. Our existence and prosperity is connected to water which is a great gift of nature. Our ancestors have done significant work in the past to harvest rain water and store it. Now, it is the responsibility of the new generation to work for the revival of traditional methods of rain water harvesting, the Lt Governor maintained.

There is a need to implement interventions for water conservation like mapping of water resources, preparing water conservation plans through Gram Sabhas, cleaning traditional water bodies, removing encroachments and obstructions in water channels to achieve the desired results on the ground, he added.

The Lt Governor made valuable suggestions for rainwater harvesting and water conservation. He stressed on the need to focus on five aspects - water conservation and rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies, reuse of water and recharging of structures, watershed development, and intensive afforestation.

While making special mention of the extraordinary work done in J&K including rainwater harvesting through 850 water harvesting tanks in Kulgam, Jeevika project in Udhampur and water harvesting by SMVDSB, the Lt Governor called for exploring possibilities for expansion of similar progressive works in other districts as well.

He also suggested organizing competitions on Rainwater Harvesting to acknowledge

the efforts put in at Panchayat and Block level for promoting rainwater harvesting. Emphasizing on preparing an integrated plan for water stressed areas and to tackle challenges of climate change, the Lt Governor asked for establishing Rain centres for technological guidance on rain water harvesting and Jal Samitis in every Panchayat to support rain water harvesting initiatives.

LG Mathur for sustainable

and Sanitation in Cold Climates- All Year 24x7 Water Supply, Waste Management’ held at Kargil today.

Speaking on the occasion, LG Mathur said that water has always remained a crucial issue. He thanked the participants from outside Ladakh for sharing their knowledge and expertise in water managing that would help Ladakh address the water shortage and conservation issues. He expressed concerns over the receding glaciers and dried up springs which are resulting in water shortages in villages. He informed that UT Administration has drafted a Ladakh Vision 2050 in which an efficient water management plan with a sustainable solution is one of the primary focuses.

The Lt. Governor observed the need to address water shortage issues in Ladakh in a sustainable way, incorporating scientific techniques and traditional good practices. He cited the example of a pilot project being executed at Latoo village in Kargil where through solar power water is being lifted about 200 meters into a reservoir of 1 lakh liters capacity. He also emphasized on the need to correlate water problems and women work. We need to make them free to contribute to the economic growth of the family and the region.

Four LeT militants killed,

The militants were identified as Rayees Ahmad Bhat, who was active since October last year, Amir Shafi Mir, active since last month, Raqib Ahmad Malik, active since December last year and Aftab Ahmad Wani, active since November last year. An Army jawan was injured in the encounter and is undergoing treatment at a hospital here, he added. The IGP said so far this year nine encounters have taken place in the valley with most of them - eight - in south Kashmir, while one in the north. “In these nine encounters, 19 terrorists have been killed, out of which nine alone were from Shopian district and two were top commanders,” Kumar said. He said 18 youths have joined the militant ranks this year, out of which five have been killed in various encounters and three have been arrested.

“The rest are still active and we have been appealing to their parents to bring them back to the mainstream. Some may return. Also, seven youth who had joined the militancy have been brought back

with the help of their families. The parents have increased their trust in the security forces,” he added.

‘Sticky bombs a new

while addressing a presser here. Inputs about ‘sticky bombs’ to use on vehicles by terrorists have emerged as a new concern for security agencies in Jammu and Kashmir with the CRPF, Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Army gearing up to tackle this probable threat which could add a new dimension to the insurgency in the region. The IGP said that there will be round the clock patrolling of yatra routes by the security forces personnel during day time and through 360-degree camera fitted Mobile Bunker Vehicles (MBVs). “No pilgrim vehicle will be allowed to mingle with civilian vehicles. There will be proper timing for the pilgrim vehicles on all routes,” Kumar said.

Parra a crucial player

Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti, was arrested by the NIA in the case on November 25 last year. “The investigations revealed that charge-sheeted accused Parra was part of the conspiracy for raising and transferring of terror funds to Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) militants for procurement of terrorist hardware and was also a crucial player in sustaining political-separatist-terrorist nexus in J&K,” the spokesperson said. About Mr. Lone and Mr. Parimoo, the spokesperson said the investigation revealed that the charge-sheeted accused were involved in gunrunning from across the LoC for the militants of banned terrorist organisations Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and were also channelizing funds to the militants for sustaining terrorist activities in J&K at the behest of handlers located in Pakistan.

“Further investigation in the case continues,” the spokesperson said.

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assets in his name and in the name of his family members, the spokesman said. Besides this, he said, huge deposits in bank accounts, investment in insurance companies, gold and silver in bank lockers belonging to Gupta and his family members were also discovered. Gupta has been found to have incurred huge expenditure on the education of his daughter, the spokesman said. The assets acquired as well as possessed, and the expenditure incurred by the chief engineer and his family were found disproportionate to his known source of income which constitute the offences punishable under various sections of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, he added.

Lecturer held for issuing

“A preliminary inquiry was initiated and involvement of Khan has prima facie been established for his role in issuing fake

and fictitious orders of appointment and transfers/posting in School Education Department, which also includes his own transfer from government Higher Secondary School Jakyas, Doda to Kishtwar among others, the statement said. After his arrest, the accused was produced before a court.

JKPCC protests against rising

detained briefly by police and then let off. The protesters claimed inflation has broken the back of the common man and the prices of petrol, diesel and cooking gas are touching the sky.

“This is a country wide agitation by the Congress against rising inflation, fuel and LPG prices, and unemployment. We are also holding protests here as a part of the agitation started by Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi,” Patil told reporters here. She demanded that the BJP government provide “immediate relief” to the people. “Petrol and diesel prices have been raised relentlessly and all BJP luminaries who protested vociferously and wittily about oil prices during the UPA rule are now silent,” she said.

Mir too lashed out at the BJP for making “false promises” to the people to hide their consistent failures.

“So far, the BJP has only befooled people with false promises. Being the ruling party at the Centre and having secured heavy mandate in the elections in Jammu region, it totally failed to address the genuine problems and concerns of the people,” he said.

He claimed that the central government and UT administration took several decisions against the wishes and aspirations of the people and the decision to levy property tax in Jammu and Kashmir is one of them.

“The public will be adversely affected and there is possibly no good that can come out of this (levying property tax) that outweighs the hardships it will cause. It is not plausible that a tax like this is being implemented at this point,” Mir said.

Lakhs of jobs have been lost and the economy is at its lowest ebb but still petrol and diesel prices and inflation are increasing day by day, he alleged.

“We have to keep challenging the government unless it wakes up and rolls back these decisions,” he said.

132 more test Covid 19

Positive, 125362 have recovered and 1981 have died; 732 in Jammu division and 1249 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 5773118 test results available, 5644439 samples have been tested as negative till 22th March, 2021.

Till date 1439982 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 28965 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 1336 in isolation and 123644in home surveillance. Besides, 1284056 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Providing district-wise breakup, the Bulletin said that Srinagar has 28117 positive cases (including 77 cases reported today) with 694 Active Positive, 26958 recovered (including 41 cases recovered today), 465 deaths; Baramulla has 8501 positive cases (including 06 cases reported today) with 118Active Positive, 8205 recovered (including 09 cases recovered today), 178 deaths; Budgam reported 8046 positive cases (including 04 cases reported today) with 90 active positive cases, 7836 recovered (including 06cases recovered today), 120 deaths; Pulwama has 5933 positive cases (including 06 cases reported today) with 37 Active Positive, 5804 recovered (including 04 cases recovered today)and 92 deaths; Kupwara has 5736 positive cases (including 01 cases reported today), 19 Active Positive, 5620 recoveries, 97 deaths; Anantnag district has 5111 positive cases (including 02 cases reported today)with 15 Active Positive, 5002 recovered (including 05 cases recovered today), 94 deaths; Bandipora has 4736 positive cases (including 02 cases reported today), with14 Active Positive and 4660 recoveries,62 deaths; Ganderbal has 4696 positive cases (including 02 cases reported today)with 14 Active Positive, 4635 recoveries (including 01 cases recovered today)and47deaths; Kulgam has 2762 positive cases (including 03 cases reported today)with 18 Active Positive, 2690 recoveries (including 01 cases recovered today)and 54 deaths while as Shopian has 2638 positive cases (including 01 cases reported today),27 active positive cases, 2571 recoveries(including 02 cases recovered today) and 40 deaths.

Resolving issues with Pakistan

figure among them. India in particular had progressed despite Pakistan’s perfidious attitude towards Kashmir and evolved as a powerful, financially vibrant, democratic nation. In fact, Kashmir is a million times more developed and secure than the exploited provinces of Punjab like Balochistan, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa not to speak of Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK) that is in a dire state with no formalised political identity to speak of.

Gol committed to skill

reads that as far as UT Ladakh is concerned, PMKVY 2.0 has been implemented in 24 training centres, in which 2,267 trainees are trained so far and 1,568 certified.”

It reads that the Directorate General of Training (DGT) in Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has started an extension Centre of National Skill training Institute (NSTI -W) Jammu at Leh. “In this - NSTI Extension Centre two New Age Courses under Craftsmen training Scheme have been introduced from this training session which include Technician cum app tester Electronics & Hardware with 24 seats, Solar Technician (Electrical) Environmental Science with 20 seats”, the reply reads.