

JKPS Panjtirthi students attend cultural event at Mubarak Mandi



Students of JK Public School Kunjwani during visit to Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex at Jammu with faculty members to attend an event.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The students of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi attended a cultural event at Heritage site

Mubarak Mandi organised by Directorate of School Education in collaboration with Art and Culture Department under Nasha

Mukt Bharat Abhiyan. Several speakers shared their views regarding the harmful effects of drugs and highlighted that it is one's

moral obligation and duty to help society to end this menace. Jakians were enlightened about the drug abuse and its devastating repercussions.

Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah lauded, "Our Heritage, Our Pride". She further remarked,

"Drug addiction is one the gravest issues that our youths are facing these days. The youth of India is intelligent and promising. Their enthusi-

asm and energy should be put to good use and such programmes leave an everlasting impact on the new generation and that is the need of the

hour." She appreciated and thanked the organisers for holding such a thoughtful event.

JKMEF delegation meets MD NHM Ayushi Sudan

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Leaders of Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) Jammu met with recently appointed Ayushi Sudan Mission Director National Health Mission UT of Jammu & Kashmir under the president ship of Sushil Sudan in the office of National Health Mission Nagrota, Jammu.



JKMEF Jammu delegating calling on Mission Director National Health Mission, Ayushi Sudan.

and central sponsored scheme working in different districts keep in view the major Hindu festival especially Depawali. MD NHM paid heed to the genuine demand and assured the federation that the demand of salary is genuine and will be

released before depawali. Those who present were Kamal Jit Sawhney, Parfulat Singh, Dr. S.S. Sambyal (NHM), Dr. Ankaush Chouhan (NHM), R.P. Singh, Darminder Singh, Madan Sharma, Kartik Sudan

(NHM) Mahroof Hussain (NHM), Deepak Sharma (PPM), Ashok Nanda (STS), Mohd Saleem, Vijay Kumar and Bhadur Singh.

KU defers exams scheduled on Oct 24

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Kashmir University on Tuesday announced deferment of all exams scheduled on October 24, 2022.

"On the eve of festival (Diwali), all the University examinations scheduled to be on 24/10/2022 (Monday) are hereby postponed and shall now be held on 28/10/2022 (Friday).

Dr Arya, Dr Rai of SKUAST-J awarded SCSi gold medals

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Dr. Vivak M. Arya, soil scientist & Dr G K Rai, plant biochemist working in SKUAST-J has been awarded with prestigious SCSi gold medal and leadership award by the prestigious Soil Conservation Society of India (SCSi), New Delhi in 31st National Conference held at Navsari Agriculture University, Gujarat on account of their contribution in the area of climate change, soil conservation, plant and soil health management. The award contains a gold medal, memento and excellence certificates which were presented by Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi to



both the scientists. The award is confirmed to Dr. Arya on his work related to nitrogen management through LCC a climate smart agriculture tools. Dr. Arya popularized the real time nitrogen management through LCC (leaf colour chart) in J&K which had reduced the losses of nitrogen & checked the nitrate pollution. The LCC distributed by

SKUAST-J are very popular among the farming community. Dr. Arya had adopted various scientific interventions on pilot basis for revival of village ponds in lower Shivaliks of Jammu region. His research regarding usage of resource conservation techniques (RCT's) is widely adopted for reducing the sediment yield and nutrient loss in Shivalik. He had handled externally funded projects on the themes soil quality, climate change and natural resource management. Dr. Arya has written more than 25 research papers in reputed international and national journals. He had authored two books, many book chapters and more than 30

popular articles. Dr. Arya has been awarded with various best research paper awards and other distinguished awards by societies & organizations of national & international reputations. He is an external expert to many prestigious universities & organizations viz. DST, DBT, ICAR, MIDH, NABARD, PAU, HPKV, IGKV, & SKUAST-J. Dr. G.K Rai has achieved numerous feats and accolades in the area of Plant and Soil Health Management. He has handled/ ongoing many externally funded research projects from DBT, DST and ICAR as Principal Investigator and Co-PI.

Zorawar inaugurates Viva Fitness Club

Jammu Youth have important role to play in upholding Dogra ethos: Team Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Calling upon youth of Jammu region to stand united and shoulder their responsibility in upholding Dogra ethos, Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal on Tuesday said that it was high time to mobilize masses to take the on-going battle against Drug Menace to a logical conclusion.

While inaugurating Viva Fitness Club, Lower Roop Nagar; here, Zorawar said, "the time has come when youth of Jammu region to lead from the front and come up to the expectations of the people. It is now the youth that have to step forward and take their fight against social evil like drug addiction to the logical conclusion."

"Jammu is standing on crossroads. On one side, it is facing through a very crucial juncture as forces inimical to communal harmony are hell bent to set this region on the fire for their petty political gains, while on the other side, Drug Mafia is trapping the youth to fall



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal after inaugurating Viva Fitness Club.

in their trap through drug abuse," pointed out Jamwal adding that "Now the youth have to come forward and fight out such elements."

While congratulating educated un-employed and volunteer of Team Jammu, Vishal Mahajan Vishu for opening Viva Fitness Club for the youth, Zorawar said,

"it is the most appreciable part that our well educated unemployed youth are making themselves self-employed, that too by such means where the youth including students, college/university pass-outs get a chance to remain physically fit and healthy. By participating in such co-curricular activities, they also remain away from drug abuse or other social evils". Zorawar also appealed to the State Government to raise more infra-structure like open and indoor Stadiums and promote sports activities in each and every district of the State so that our young generation remains healthy and physically fit. "All political parties are also duty-bound to evolve a mechanism to deal with Drug menace because State is virtually slipping into the tight grip of drug mafia; parents are helplessly watching their teenage children dying slow deaths due to failure of the authorities to crack down on Drug mafia" he added.

HC quashes FIR against KAS officer in alleged fake RBA certificate case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has quashed FIR to the extent of petitioner; Indra Thalair (KAS) in alleged fake RBA Certificate case. The petitioner challenged FIR No. 16/2015 for offence under Section 5(2) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, 2006 registered with Police Station, Vigilance Organization, Jammu (Now, ACB Jammu).

As per impugned FIR, on basis of a complaint against officers/officials of J&K PSC regarding concealment of facts and inclusion of fake RBA/OSC/ALC certificates by most of the selected KAS candidates, an investigation was conducted by Vigilance Organization, Jammu. After verification, it was revealed that RBA certificate in favour of petitioner has been issued in violation of the provisions of J&K Reservation Act 2004, inasmuch as, the annual income of father of the petitioner exceeded the prescribed ceiling limit and that the petitioner had not completed her entire school education from the local area. It was found that aforesaid facts are reflected in the report of the concerned Patwari, but in spite of this, the then Tehsildar Banihal

Jitender Mishra issued RBA certificate in favour of the petitioner in contravention of the provisions contained in the Act of 2004. It was also revealed that petitioner has, on the basis of aforesaid RBA certificate, got selected in KAS 2001 batch thereby depriving deserving candidates of their right. As per aforesaid verification, offence under Section 5(2) of the Act of 2006 stands disclosed against the then Tehsildar Banihal Jitender Mishra and others.

The petitioner has challenged impugned FIR by contending that she was a law graduate and after completing her Degree in Law, she got herself enrolled as an Advocate in terms of Notification No. 622 dated 11.02.2009 issued by the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir. It is further averred that petitioner started her practice as an Advocate in the office of Adv Ved Raj Wazir and was getting independent salary of Rs 2500 per month. It is averred that the moment the petitioner joined the profession as an Advocate, she ceased to be dependent upon her father for the purpose of the Act of 2004 and the Rules framed there under. It is contended that, though the annual income of her father exceeded the ceiling limit prescribed under Section 2(o) of the Act of 2004, yet, for

the purpose of issuance of RBA certificate in favour of the petitioner; it is only her income which was to be taken into account and not that of his father; as the petitioner, at the relevant time, was gainfully employed. On this ground, it is urged that the then Tehsildar concerned, while issuing the RBA certificate in favour of the petitioner, has not violated any statute or rule. It is further submitted that the petitioner has not suppressed any facts from the relevant authorities, nor has she obtained the certificate by any deceitful means. Thus, it cannot be stated that then Tehsildar concerned, while issuing the RBA certificate in her favour; has misused or abused his official position.

Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing Sr Adv Sunil Sethi with Adv Sonika Thakur for the petitioner whereas AAG Raman Sharma for ACB, observed that it is clear that dishonest intention is the gist of the offence under section 5(1) (d) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act punishable under Section 5(2) of the said Act. Unless it is shown that a public servant has, by corrupt or illegal means, abused his position, it cannot be stated that he has committed the offence of criminal misconduct. In the instant case, the then

Tehsildar concerned has, on the basis of a possible interpretation of the statutes and the rules, taken a view that the petitioner is entitled to grant of RBA certificate. "Merely because another view relating to interpretation of these rules and statutes is possible, it cannot be stated that the then Tehsildar concerned has committed the offence of criminal misconduct while issuing the certificate in favour of the petitioner," the Court observed.

Justice Sanjay Dhar further observed that a bare perusal of Section 13(1)(d)(ii) of the PC Act would reveal that a public servant can be prosecuted under that provision, only if he has abused his position as public servant and obtained for himself or for any other person any valuable thing or pecuniary advantage. "Material on record shows that the petitioner has not concealed any relevant fact from the Competent Authority. It is not a case where the applicant has obtained the certificate by resorting to suppression of relevant facts.

The competent authority on the basis of full disclosure regarding residence and financial status of father of the petitioner; issued the certificate in favour of the petitioner by following the view which is definitely a possible view relating to

interpretation of the relevant provisions of the Act and the Rules. If at all the Competent Authority has taken an erroneous view, its order is subject to correction in appeal or revision in terms of the provisions contained in Sections 17 and 18 of the Act of 2004. But this erroneous decision in the absence of any material to show dishonest intention on the part of the Competent Authority cannot be made the basis of criminal prosecution against the petitioner," the Court observed, adding that in the instant case as already noted, the contents of the impugned FIR and the material collected during verification of the case, do not disclose commission of any cognizable offence by the petitioner; as such, continuance of criminal proceedings against the petitioner would amount to abuse of process of law.

With these observations, High Court allowed the petition and the impugned FIR to the extent of the petitioner is quashed. It is, however, made clear that the Court has not returned any finding as regards the validity of RBA certificate issued in favour of the petitioner. The issue has been examined only from the perspective whether or not offence of criminal misconduct is made out against the petitioner.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A globally acclaimed competition among researchers and academia popularly known as 3MT, Three-Minute Thesis Competition was held at Central University of Jammu (CUJ) wherein young researchers participated and presented with full gusto.

3MT is evolving as one of the best practices of the Central University of Jammu as CUJ has taken a lead in registering with the University of Queensland to organise 3 MT which has been adopted by 200 universities across the globe. Young enthusiastic researchers of sciences stream from CUJ and various other universities, participated in the 3 MT.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor and Patron of CUJ 3MT shared his vision to make research relevant to societal growth and national progress.

He further stated that CUJ 3 MT initiated by convener, Dr. Sharma is a constructive step in the direction of galva-



Prof. Sanjeev Jain handing-over the certificate and cash prize to the winner of CUJ 3 MT.

nizing researchers to chisel their research acumen by participating in 3 MT. He hoped that the CUJ 3MT will growth further at PAN India level in the times to come.

In the welcome address, Dr. Vandana Sharma Head, Department of English, and Convener of CUJ 3MT said that under the leadership of Vice Chancellor CUJ is committed to amplify the research output. Around thirty young researchers from different disciplines of Sciences presented their research in Three minutes who were adjudicated by a panel of judges who were Prof. Vivek Gupta from University of Jammu; Dr. Qazi Naveed Ahmed, Senior Scientist from

IIM, Jammu; and Dr. Ratna Chandra, Head, Department of Biotechnology.. The first prize with a cash money of Rs. 10,000 was won by Anant Ganjoo from IIM, Jammu; second with prize money of Rs. 5000 was won by Mokshi Sharma from CUJ and the third prize with cash money of Rs. 3000 was won by Dhiksha Sharma from CUJ.

Dr. Samantha Vaishnavi, conducted the proceedings and other members of 3 MT Core Organising team who executed the competition were, Dr. Ashok Yadav, Dr. Tanuj Deswal, DR. Anjali Dhar; Dr. Deepthi Malhotra, Dr. Sanjay Kumar and Dr. Vinay Dhimani.

Ambrane announces Bigger & Bolder Display Smartwatch in 4 bright colours on Flipkart, priced for Rs 1799

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Ambrane, a leading Mobile Accessories brand, adds a new extension to its range of Wearables with the bigger display smartwatch in the 5K segments, Wise Eon Pro Smartwatch. Compared to the standard displays available in its segment, the smartwatch flaunts a bigger screen with a 25% brighter display for the users at a competitive price. Wise Eon Pro Smartwatch comes in 4 colour variants - Red, Blue, Green and Black. The product is exclusively available on Flipkart along with the company website.

The smartwatch is a trend-setter among the GenZ generation, with 100+ sports modes that include standard running, walking, and cycling, as well as extreme sports like gymnastics, yoga, hiking, cross fit, dancing, karate, taekwondo,

horse riding, disc games, and many more. It also keeps records and can provide users with insights on a weekly, monthly, and annual basis. Along with fitness measurements, the Wise Eon Pro Smartwatch also supports Wellness, monitors blood oxygen (SpO2) levels to warn you about oxygen deficiency, tracks sleep, sends sedentary and drink water reminders, and tracks menstrual cycle for females. Furthermore, it is certified IP68 water resistant, allowing users NOT to be concerned about the smartwatch's health while wearing it while cooking, cleaning, or doing underwater activities such as swimming with it.

Wise Eon Pro Smartwatch is equipped with a 280mAh battery for hassle-free and typical usage of up to 10 days and 25 days of standby time once fully

charged. It has Bluetooth v5.0 connectivity and supports Bluetooth calling feature, and also comes enabled with voice assistance, bringing convenience to everyday use. Users can also directly control music playback and camera functions on a paired smartphone from the wearable.

Ashok Rajpal - Director, Ambrane India, said, "In recent years, the smartwatch industry in India has been buzzing, with rapid evolution in technology making it more pocket friendly for the masses. The new Ambrane Wise Eon Pro Smartwatch becomes the perfect fit, with an unprecedented experience at entry price points, which will drive the growth of this segment."

Ambrane, shall be further announcing the launch of 2 more smartwatches by the end of next month.