

4 day NCERT CBP concludes at JKBOSE

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SRINAGAR: The four day Capacity Building programme (CBP) for Master Trainers of School Health and Wellness Programme (SHWP), under Ayushman Bharat scheme of Government of India concluded on Tuesday at Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) campus Srinagar:

Organised under the aegis of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi, this workshop focused on successful implementation of the School Health and Wellness Programme in Jammu and Kashmir by imparting orientation and training to the UT level Master Trainers who shall further train two teachers in each school designated as Health and Wellness Ambassadors to reach every student. About 50 Master Trainers drawn from School Education Department, SCERT, DIETs and Health Department of JKUT representing all the 10 districts of Kashmir Division were trained during this programme.

Professor Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT was the chief guest on the occasion while Pratayanshu Kumar Mandal, Secretary NCERT,



Officials along with participants posing for photograph.

was the guest of honour:

In his address, Professor Saklani underscored the importance of cultural and ethical rootedness in upbringing of children, especially the benefits of exercising mindfulness and Ayurveda. "Connect to the home environment of children to get a fuller view of their mindset and of the challenges that trouble their smooth growth as adults. NEP 2020 emphasizes cross-linkages and coming together of Health and Education departments shall go a long way in ensuring robust physical and mental health of the learners," he added.

Professor Mandal emphasized the crucial importance of mental health, interventions and techniques required to assess the mental well being of students in the present times.

Professor Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairperson,

JKBOSE, hoped that it would be a watershed moment in implementing SHWP in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Manisha Sarin, Secretary, JKBOSE, in her message, lauded the efforts of the Academic Division, JKBOSE for organising this event in which all the senior functionaries of NCERT interacted with the participants.

Eminent resource persons for this workshop included Dr. Indu Grewal, Additional Secretary, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Professor Dinesh Kumar, Head Planning and Monitoring Division, & Dean Research, Professor Gauri Srivastava, Project Coordinator, National Population Education Programme, NCERT, Professor Varda M. Nikalje, Dr. Bijaya Kumar Malik, Dr. Jitendra Nagpal, Dr. Satya Bhushan, Dr. Harish Kumar

Meena.

Others who were prominently present on this occasion included Professor Aijaz Ahmed Hakak, Joint Secretary Secreary and Administration KD, Dr. Harish Kumar Meena, Programme Coordinator, NPEP, NCERT and Assistant Directors Academics.

Earlier, the workshop was inaugurated by Professor Sudhir Singh, Director Academics, JKBOSE, who underscored the crucial role of teachers in a student's life. "Attitude of a teacher can make or mar students' experiences in their school life. It takes a special effort to understand a student's psychology," he added.

In her keynote address, Professor Gauri Srivastava, Project Coordinator, National Population Education Programme, NCERT, provided the participants a bird's-eye view of the health scenario in

the country and enlightened them about various strategies adopted under SHWP to leave no school-going child behind in terms of health and wellness.

Hem Raj Pakhroo, Joint Director, JKSCERT and Dr. Yasir Hamid Sirwal, Deputy Director, Academics, JKBOSE, highlighted the achievements made by the UT of Jammu and Kashmir in the School Health and Wellness campaign.

The components of the workshop included brainstorming participatory sessions, discussion, activities, on key areas of school health and wellness like implementation and monitoring of SHWP in light of NEP 2020, gender equality, nutrition, health and sanitation, value and responsible citizenship, promotion of healthy lifestyle, safe use of internet and social media, reproductive health and HIV prevention, etc.

The ceremony concluded with distribution of certificates among the participants.

As schools play a critical role in helping students establish lifelong healthy behaviours, school-based health promotion activities have been incorporated as a part of the Health and Wellness component of the Ayushman Bharat Programme.

AJKGEA hails historic mass regularization of engineers in JSD



Association members briefing media in Jammu.

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JAMMU: The All J&K Graduate Engineers Association (AJKGEA) (Civil) hailed the historic mass regularization of engineers in the Jal Shakti Department (JSD).

"This development saw a total of 1969 engineers being regularized within just one year, marking a significant achievement that the engineering community had been striving for over the past 22 years," association members said in the press conference here on Tuesday.

The association expressed its deep appreciation for Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary Shaleen Kabra, acknowledging his selfless service and tireless efforts in streamlining the regularization

process within the Jal Shakti Department (JSD). They also extended their gratitude to other key figures, including Manoj Sinha, the Lieutenant Governor of J&K, R.K Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Governor, and Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, the Chief Secretary of J&K, for appointing Kabra as the Administrative Head of JSD. The positive contributions of Satish Chandra, Chairman PSC, and Zubair Ahmad Raza, member PSC/Chairman DPC (Jal Shakti Department), were also recognized during the conference.

Er. Gopal Sharma, the State President of GEAS-SOC, emphasized the inspirational role played by Shaleen Kabra in resolving complex issues and expressed

confidence that the regularization of engineers with missing documents would be completed soon. Er. Mujib Tak, the State Chief Patron, and Er. Anil Thapa, the General Secretary of the Association, also expressed hope that under Kabra's leadership, other pending issues such as cadre review and regularization of Chief Engineers would be addressed in the coming months.

The association also appealed to Shailendra Kumar IAS, Principal Secretary R&B, to address the issue of regularization at the AEE (Assistant Executive Engineer) level, which is currently facing roadblocks due to seniority disputes.

The press conference was attended by numerous engineers from both the Jal Shakti Department and R&B Department, including prominent individuals such as Er. Rahat Gupta, Er. Sumesh Hangloo, Er. Taj Mohd Choudhary, Er. Rajan Mengi, Er. Vijay Manhas, Er. Jagmeet Singh, Er. Jatinder Khajuria, Vikram Billoria.

MP Khatana interacts with IIM Jammu fraternity



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu honouring MP Ghulam Ali Khatana.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha for an interaction with the faculty, officers and staff at Jagti.

The session was graced by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, Cmdr Kesavan Baskaran, CAO, IIM Jammu, Dr. Nitin Upadhyay, Chairperson, MBA, Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Chairperson, IPM, along with all faculty, officers, and staff of the Institute.

Khatana emphasized on the significance of empowering the youth of the region with management skills,

acknowledging the pivotal role that institutions like IIM Jammu play in the development and progress of the rural areas of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

He urged the IIM Jammu fraternity to work in the interest of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and its brighter future by empowering the youth in areas of management, entrepreneurship, and skill development. He further mentioned that the Management education is a key driver of economic growth and prosperity and emphasized his constant commitment in supporting such noble initiatives. Prof. Sahay mentioned about the Centre for Entrepreneurship,

Innovation & Skill Development (CEISD) instituted at IIM Jammu with a motto to work towards the promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation at the grass-root level across the length & breadth of Jammu & Kashmir.

During his address, he mentioned about IIM Jammu setting up the first "The Diversity Cell" in India in association with the Dalit India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI) and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and being inaugurated by then former President of India, Ramnath Kovind, on 9th June 2022.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics IIM Jammu, provided insights into the institution's commitment to regional development, particularly in the areas surrounding the IIM Jammu campus.

He emphasized the vital role that IIM Jammu plays in contributing to the growth and well-being of nearby regions. He stressed on the need for creating a positive impact on the communities around the nearby regions near the campus.

Zorawar launches "City Green, City Clean" plantation drive in Jammu West Assembly Constituency



Former Minister, Sat Sharma along with former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta and BJP leader, Zorawar Singh Jamwal during the plantation drive.

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JAMMU: Former Minister, Sat Sharma along with former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta and BJP leader, Zorawar Singh Jamwal on Tuesday organised a plantation drive in Jammu West Assembly constituency and called upon City residents to become part of "City Green, City Clean" campaign.

Accompanied by members of Shakti Nagar, Rajpura Shopkeepers Welfare Association and number of BJP workers, the BJP leaders led by Sat Sharma today early morning started the plantation drive at Gurha Morh, Shakti Nagar and planted trees having Ayurvedic importance. Former Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta in his address stressed the urgency of not only planting more trees but also nurturing them to ensure their survival. He appealed to the people of city to make their respective locality green and clean.

While participating in the noble initiative of plantation drive, Chairman, Team Jammu and BJP leader, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that

"such initiatives carry great importance as world and nation is witnessing global warming. Every human being is feeling the heat and more and more plantation of trees would help a long way to minimize the global warming and natural disasters.

The city residents must become part of "City Green, City Clean" campaign and must contribute their services either by planting trees in their respective localities or by setting flowers pots on their terraces to spread greenery.

Among others who participated in the plantation drive included Chairman, Shakti Nagar, Rajpura, Shopkeepers Welfare Association, Gopal Sharma, Corporator Ward No 29, Surinder Chowdhary, BJP Mandal President, Atul Bakshi, General Secretary, Kushant Daffara, OBC Morcha Mandal President, Sanjay Verma, Rekha Sharma, Romesh Angurana, Nisha Kumari, Arya Verma, Avinash Sharma, Surinder Sharma, G L Angurana, Daleep Thappa, Dev Raj Angral, Sumit Rishi and Susheel Chand.

Translation Day celebrations held at CUJ



A dignitary being felicitated during the event.

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JAMMU: Department of English, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) celebrated Translation Day by holding a series of activities in the university campus.

The department organized a series of events event centred on the theme "Translation Unveils the Many Faces of Humanity". The event kick started with an inaugural lecture by Prof. Raj Kumar from Delhi University who spoke on

Indian Literatures in Translation. Prof. Kumar also highlighted how translation is a phenomenon of discovery and recovery with illustrations from notable translations in India.

Earlier, Prof. Vandana Sharma, Head, Department of English underscored the relevance to raise awareness about language and translation among students.

On day Two, Mohan Singh, Padma Shree awardee deliberated over the nuances of the

process of translation and richness and profundity of Dogri literature. Singh motivated the young students to stay connected to their roots and culture so as to uphold their identity.

Dr. Neena Gupta delivered the vote of thanks. On this occasion, students of the department, Hiteshi, Parvez, Shubham and Radhika presented a skit on the importance of translation which was well appreciated.

Sham Sharma review Jan Sampark Abhiyan in Jammu North

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led by its senior leaders on Tuesday reviewed the programmes under Jan Sampark Abhiyan in Jammu North District at Mishriwala.

Dr. Devinder Manyal, J&K BJP General Secretary & convener for "Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyaan" along with J&K BJP Vice-President & former minister Sham Lal Sharma addressed the meeting. Bharat Bhushan DDC Chairman Jammu, Omi Khajuria, Ajay Sharma, Surinder Bhagat, Vinay Gupta, Shiv Dev Manhas and JD

exercise under the Abhiyan. He stressed upon the party leaders to devote more time for the planning and successful conduct of all the programmes under Jan Sampark Abhiyan. Sham Lal Sharma, said that for every programme and event like Amrit Kalash Yatra; the participation of the party activists and working of various teams need to work in unison. He said that while celebrating the 9 years of Modi government, the party is going to organize different programmes at different levels. He said that under the Leadership of PM Modi lot of work has been



BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma speaking during the meeting.

Singh were on the stage. Dr. Manyal led the lengthy discussions to gear up the cadre to ensure their full contribution for the massive

done for the common person. During these 9 yrs, people have seen numerous structural transformations, which cover every section of the Society.

'Khadi Pe Charcha' awareness workshop organised at GGM Science College

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JAMMU: NSS unit II Of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized an awareness workshop 'Khadi Pe Charcha' in the college campus under the aegis of Khadi Mahotsav. NSS unit II organized screening of Documentary movie Khadi Vocal for local building Aatm Nirbhar Bharat.



Faculty members along with students during the workshop.

Khadi Mahotsav is basically to promote handicraft, handloom and local products. NSS volunteer Sana

Thakur made Basohli painting supporting local artisans. NSS unit II volunteers along with PO took E pledge.

AIIMS Jammu conducts 3-day training on Medical Laboratory System & Internal Audit Programme

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JAMMU: "Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection." The words of Mark Twain seemed to have continuously resonated in the lecture rooms of AIIMS, Jammu where a 03-day training was conducted on Medical Laboratory system & Internal audit program as per ISO 15189:2022 from 06th to 08th October 2023.

The program was attended by 34 faculty members of AIIMS, Jammu representing different speciali-



AIIMS management along with participants during the training programme.

ties who will be the face of promoting quality in healthcare and laboratory testing in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. The Executive Director & CEO Prof. Shakti Kumar Gupta emphasized about his vision to steer AIIMS, Jammu as a champion to

the cause of providing quality healthcare. He talked about Quality being a continuous process and something that does not come by chance, instead it is the result of serious intentions, sincere efforts, right direction coupled with meticulous execution.

The focus of the training was the promotion of patient welfare and satisfaction of laboratory users through confidence in the minds of its clientele with respect to quality and competence of the medical laboratory. In summary, training in medical labora-

tory systems and internal audit programs, leading to accreditation, plays a crucial role in improving the quality and safety of healthcare services. This, in turn, enhances patient outcomes and experiences by providing accurate, efficient, and reliable diagnostic services. Accredited laboratories follow standardized procedures, leading to consistent and reproducible test results. This consistency is crucial for healthcare providers to make accurate diagnoses and treatment decisions.