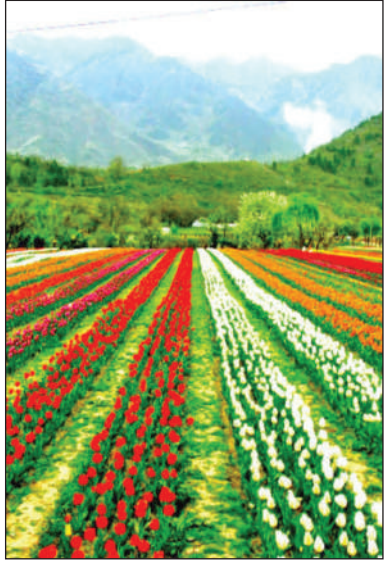


Tulip Garden gets UK award for being Asia's largest garden

Role of dedicated gardening staff, officers and officials make it possible: Commissioner Secretary

■ MASROOR AHMAD
SRINAGAR: Srinagar Tulip garden, largest garden in Asia spread over an area of about 74 acres, situated at the base of the Zabharwan range, and on bank of World famous Dal Lake with hundreds of tulip varieties and every year millions of visitors including foreigners enjoying tulip festivals known for its breathtaking beauty has been included in prestigious World Book of Records (London) for being Asia's largest Tulip Garden which displayed 1.6 million Tulip flowers of 68 different varieties during the Tulip Show 2023. In this connection, WBR London invited the Commissioner/Secretary to Floriculture, Gardens & Parks, Sheikh Fayaz to the felicitation ceremony to receive the certificate of Nobles of Commonwealth Nations award of World Book of Records (London) which was to be bestowed at British Parliament on 14th September 2023. The award ceremony was held on 29th of October 2023 at the Lalit, New Delhi, where delegates of 35 countries were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Fayaz thanked the jury of WBR for



choosing the Tulip Garden Srinagar for the prestigious award. He acknowledged the role of dedicated Gardening staff, officers and officials of the Department who worked tirelessly, planting meticulously millions of tulip bulbs every year in different colour schemes and patterns. He said, it is a testament to the power of col-

laboration and teamwork. Furthermore, he added that the Tulip Garden Srinagar has become unique selling point in tourism map of J & K, attracting Lakhs of tourists from all across the country and abroad during the tulip show which lasts for almost one month.

Last year, 3.77 lakh tourists visited the Garden during the period of 32 days which is all time highest record. Through the platform of WBR London he invited all the jury members of WBR present in the function, to visit Kashmir during tulip show 2024.

Speaking to The STATE TIMES over Phone from Delhi, Commissioner Secretary Shiekh Fayaz Ahmad said, this is not only a big achievement for the whole Jammu and Kashmir but a proud moment for the common people.

He said that for the last 16 years, every year the department of floriculture has been working hard and trying to set a new goal and man and machinery are making every effort to attract more tourists. This is why the Department of Floriculture wrote a history and got a prestigious milestone.

ASCOMS & Hospital organizes Divisional Round of 36th IAP Quiz for Undergraduates

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Department of Paediatrics, Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Sidhra, Jammu in association with Indian Academy of Paediatrics under the aegis of Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Prof & HOD, Paediatric organized Divisional Round of 36th IAP Quiz today in the College Auditorium on 28th October 2023 in which the students from all the medical colleges of UT of J&K and Himachal Pradesh have participated. Team comprising of Ms. Mahima Bhat & Sonika Manhas from ASCOMS & Hospital were emerged as winners and Team comprising of Mihika Gupta and Mudrit Sharma from ASCOMS were Runner Up, Ms. Khair Un Nissa & Kushal Kumar Bargath from GMC, Rajouri got 3rd position, teams from GMC, Jammu Ms. Saima Hymera



ASCOMS faculty and other doctors at a programme.

& Priya Sathu got and Aagosh Bhat & Dipender Bhat got 4th & 5th position.

Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal/Dean, Govt. Medical College, Jammu was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The other dignitaries present on the occasion were Mr. D.K.Batra, Secretary, ASCOMS, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS, Dr. Ashok Gupta, Ex-Prof & HOD, Paediatrics, SMGS Hospital, who while speaking laid stress on importance of academic activities in UG Curriculum, Dr. G.S.Saini, Prof & HOD, Paediatrics, SMGS Hospital & State President, IAP, while addressing the gathering lauded the efforts of organizers in organizing such a mega event flawlessly, Dr. Anil K. Gupta, Prof & HOD, Medicine, ASCOMS, Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal, Medical Superintendent, ASCOMS, Prof. Sanjeev Digra, Prof. Ashu Jammwal, Prof. Som Dutt, Dr. Anuj Bhatt from GMC, Jammu, Dr. Lucky Gupta from AIIMS, Jammu and Dr. Anand from SMVDNSSH, Kakriyal also

witnessed the quiz competition. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, lauded the efforts made by Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta, Prof. & HOD Deptt. of Paediatrics ASCOMS for organizing flawless Quiz Competition. He also praised the efforts of the Management of ASCOMS for holding this academic event for Undergraduates.

Dr. Upendra S. Kinjawadekar, National President, Indian Academy of Paediatrics, while addressing in virtual mode, highlighted the importance of such quiz and also appreciated the efforts of ASCOMS & Hospital in organizing such type of academic activity for undergraduates.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS in his address, highlighted the achievements of Paediatrics department in general and that of organizer in particular who started his journey in Paediatrics and also informed that as an undergraduate student, Dr. Ravinder Gupta was the first to start Paediatric Quiz organized by IAP way back in 1988 and rose to become National Coordinator for organizing the IAP Quiz for coming two years.

Dr. Ravinder K. Gupta Quiz Master and Prof. & Head Paediatrics highlighted the importance of IAP Quiz and described all the rules and regulations of the Quiz to participants. He was assisted by Dr. Sushil Sharma who was a local quiz master. Dr. Vikas Mahajan and Dr. Manoj Sharma were the other quiz masters. D.K. Batra, Secretary, ASCOMS felicitated Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, the Chief Guest by presenting him a memento and thanked for gracing the occasion.

The participants were felicitated by the Chief Guest.

LG inaugurates 32 development projects of ULBs in Kashmir Division

We are strengthening physical, social infrastructure for growing urbanization: Sinha



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurating development projects of Urban Local Bodies.

atory administration," the Lt Governor said.

He said the realization of future development goals depends on the effective implementation of plans and policies to make cities and towns more vibrant and sustainable.

Smart city and town is not just a slogan but a way of life. The well-planned infrastructure projects are being developed as a confluence of ease of living and economic progress for sustainable growth so that

and heritage, supports disadvantaged sections of society and attracts private sector for investment with a focus on economy and ecology, the Lt Governor said.

In the coming future, Tier-II, Tier-III cities and small towns will also become important centers of economic development. We need to change the regressive mindset and facilitate the private investors to tap the potential of diverse sectors, he added. On the occasion, Heads and representatives of Urban Local Bodies expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration for empowering the ULBs and addressing the development needs of the people.

Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; Sh. Sujit Kumar, DIG CKR Srinagar, senior officers, HoDs and representatives of Urban Local Bodies were present.

Workshop on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace held



President The - Sara, Gurjeet Kour Ghuman at a workshop.

Sharma, General Manager Hotel Country Inn & Suites Jammu.

The session covered aspects related to salient features of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) for the employees of Hotel Country Inn & Suites by Radisson Jammu.

The session was conducted by Gurjeet Kour Ghuman President of The - Sara.

Gurjeet said, "Sexual harassment at workplace does not only results in mental and/or physical damage to the person harassed; but also, seriously curtails opportunities at work by creating a discriminatory work environment".

Session began with welcome address by Praveen

regarding sexual harassment and spreading awareness about gender-related issues and functioning of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).

Other facilitators of the workshop included Manya Sethi, Human Resource Manager at Country Inn & Suites by Radisson Jammu.

SRCC organizes interaction-cum-workshop for aspirants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The SR College of Competitions (SRCC) organised an interaction-cum-workshop for the aspirants in the college premises at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The session was taken by Anmol Rathore who has qualified the JKCSE examination 2022 with 1st Rank.

While interacting with the aspirants Anmol shared her journey right from the beginning when the idea of civil services struck to her mind and she started preparing for the same during her college days. She shared in detail her strategy for the competitive examinations, the problems she faced and the solutions attempted to



Anmol Rathore (JKAS topper Rank 1) Interacting with IAS/JKAS aspirants at SR College.

overcome those problems.

She discussed in detail the syllabus, various papers of General Studies, Optionals and the Essay Papers.

All the aspects including the scheme and pattern of the exam, approach for Prelims and Mains, sources of study material and the books required, use of online sources, need for coaching and the relevance of newspaper reading in preparing for the current affairs and the writing test series for both

taken up. Aspirants were also guided about the CSAT and Essay papers.

Further, aspirants clarified their confusions about the ethics, integrity and aptitude paper and the approach to handle the theory and the case studies part. Aspirants were suggested to atleast attend one or two comprehensive test series for both prelims and mains examinations.

She also motivated the students about answer writing practice on regular basis. She also shared the details of her JKAS interview/ personality test.

The response to the workshop was overwhelming and the attendees appreciated the initiative

taken by the SR College of Competitions. The attendees included the aspirants preparing for IAS 2023 & 24 & JKAS 2023 (mains) and JKAS 2024 and also undergraduates who will be eligible in a couple of years.

"Such interactions encourage, motivate and inculcate a sense of confidence in the aspirants that if she can do it why can't we" told Parveen Sharma, Director of SR College.

"SR College keeps on organising such online and offline workshops, seminars, webinars and interactions with the IAS officers, KAS toppers and various subject experts "informed Office Coordinator Shikha Sharma.

Eight weeks capacity building training programme for Secretarial employees JU begins



A dignitary speaking at a programme at JU.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Eight weeks long second capacity building training programme for Secretarial employees of University of Jammu under the coordinatorship of Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma was commenced on Monday.

Prof. Rajeev Ratan, CDC and Incharge Registrar was the Chief Guest.

In this course various resource persons with in the university and outside were going to deliver lectures on conduct rules, finance rules, service rules, University procedures, accounts and audit rules etc. Prof. Rajiv Rattan highlighted the basic duties of the secretarial staff and guide them as stress managers of students community.

Others present were Prof Sandeep Pandita Direct HRDC JU, Prof Pawan Kumar Incharge Head department of Statistics, Dr Rakesh Chib and Pankaj Gupta President & General Secretary NTEU.

The proceedings were conducted by Dr Amit Kumar Sharma Course Coordinator of General training course.



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