

JKAACL sets off EBSB program series from IIT Jammu



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and other dignitaries witnessing cultural programme.

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JAMMU: Under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Programme of the Government of India, the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), under the guidance of Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, has successfully begun a series of cultural programmes from IIT Jammu's Jagti campus and will continue for the next two days at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu

and Abhinav Theatre.

A troupe of 64 individuals that includes several officers, officials, and artists from Tamil Nadu are performing in Jammu & Kashmir to exhibit the indigenous culture of their region.

These cultural programmes strive to enhance interaction & promote mutual cultural understanding between the people of Jammu & Kashmir and Tamil Nadu.

At the outset, Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The event went ahead with the lamp-lighting followed by the welcome address by Dr Rajkumar Velu, faculty in charge of the EBSB programme at IIT Jammu.

The event continued with the felicitation ceremony of the Chief Guest, artists, and dignitaries with flower bouquets and souvenirs.

Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL extended his gratitude towards the Department of Culture, Government of Tamil Nadu, for the initiative.

The dance forms performed during the evening revolved

around the folk narratives of the region. Dancers dressed in traditional costumes showed a strong connection between nature and the Gods.

Mangala Isai, Bharathanattiyam, Thappattam, Kaniyan Koothu, Kavadiattam, Kakkali Kattaiattam, Oilattam & Kollattam, and Karagattam were a few of the many classical and folk performances of the evening.

The event was concluded by a vote of thanks by Dr Shahnawaz, Editor cum Cultural Officer at JKAACL.

APSICON 2022 begins, trailblazers in Plastic Surgery get unite

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AMRITSAR: 56th Annual Conference of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSICON 2022) commenced at Guru Nanak Dev University, here on Thursday.

Plastic surgeons from across the nation and the world have arrived at Amritsar to attend the Conference.

Dr. Ravi K. Mahajan, President of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India, informed that this five-day conference would feature a series of masterclasses, video lectures and workshops on the latest developments in plastic, aesthetic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Inderbir Singh Nijjar (Minister of Local Bodies Government of Punjab) was the Chief Guest and Giyani Girdhar (Director General, Association of Health Care Providers) and Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu (Vice-Chancellor, GNDU, Amritsar) were Guests of Honour in the inaugural ceremony.

Dr. J.S. Sandhu welcomed all the delegates and said, "I am glad to see so many scholarly Plastic Surgeons who have come together to promote



Dignitaries during lamp lighting ceremony at 56th Annual Conference of the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India.

plastic surgery as a science and art through this event."

It is pertinent to note that this is only the second time that APSICON is being held in Punjab, with the first one being held at Patiala 40 years back. Furthermore, the conference has 700 Plastic Surgeons from different parts of the country. About 20 Plastic Surgeons hailing from the UK, USA, Dubai, Australia, and Europe, are also attending the conference.

Dr. Girdhar Gyani said, "APSICON conference is espe-

cially focussed on quality healthcare and making all the delegates aware of the latest technologies in plastic surgery."

Dr. Ravi Mahajan said, "Over 400 research papers on various aspects of Plastic Surgery will also be presented. Intellectual discussions will enable Plastic Surgeons to develop skills and help people achieve the best possible results while maintaining their safety."

It is noteworthy that Amandeep Hospital's

Department of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery is organising this year's APSICON.

Dr. Avtar Singh, Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon and Director of Amandeep Hospital said that it is a matter of great pride for Amandeep Hospital as well as the city of Amritsar that such an event of National level is being held at Amritsar with the efforts of Dr. Ravi Mahajan & his team of Plastic Surgeons at Amandeep Hospital.

Yudhvir listens to public grievances at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan



Vice President J&K BJP, Yudhvir Sethi listening to public issues.

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JAMMU: Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir, Yudhvir Sethi, appealed to the government to take adequate measures in resolving the shortage of water being faced by the residents of Jammu East constituency once for all.

He was speaking during the public grievances camp held at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni here on Thursday.

During the camp, Yudhvir Sethi listened to grievances of the people. Dozens of people including Ram Talai Temple from Ward No 2,

Gumat Bazaar Shopkeepers and others attended the public grievances camp at the party office and put forth their woes pertaining to basic amenities including inadequate facilities at health centres and chaos in making new ration card, etc before the senior BJP leaders.

They sought immediate resolution of their pressing issues.

Yudhvir Sethi, gave a patient hearing to the people's genuine issues.

After getting some of the issues resolved instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on

phone, he assured to take up the rest of their issues with the concerned authorities and get the same resolved at the earliest.

Raising serious concern over the problems being faced by the general public due to shortage of water supply, Sethi, on the spot, called telephonically a senior functionary of Jal Shakti Department and asked him to look into the matter.

He asked the concerned authorities to address the water shortage issues so that people would not face any problem due to water scarcity.

Expressing concern over the issue raised by Shopkeepers of Gumat Bazaar with regard to ongoing development work under the Smart City project, Sethi appealed to the authorities concerned to make sure that while carrying out development works the business of shopkeepers of Gumat Bazaar may not be affected at any costs.

Mission Director J&K Dairy Mission visits JKMPCL's Milk Plant



Mission Director, J&K Dairy Mission, Er. B.N. Singh visiting JKMPCL's Milk Plant at Satwari in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Er. B.N. Singh, Mission Director, J&K Dairy Mission visited JKMPCL's Milk Plant, Satwari, Jammu on Thursday and took stock of the activities being implemented under Central Sector Scheme- National Program for Dairy Development.

He discussed the project components threadbare with the officials of JKMPCL and directed them to expedite the execution of the work on double-shift

patterns.

He assured to facilitate the allotment of suitable land to JKMPCL in Jammu Division for establishment of another Dairy Plant of 5 LLPD capacity expandable up to 10 LLPD.

Further, Singh explained that all these activities are indirectly generating employment for the youth of Jammu and directed JKMPCL to keep him informed incase of any help is needed in future for execution of work on fast track mode.

Demanding release of 11-month wages, Anganwadi workers hold protests, court arrests

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JAMMU: Hundreds of Anganwadi workers on Thursday held massive protests and courted arrests here in support of their demand for regularisation of their services and release of salaries pending for the past 11 months.

They sought a hike in honorarium to Rs 18,000 for Anganwadi workers and Rs 9,000 for helpers, regularisation of their services and formulation of promotion policy in their favour.

Under the banner of Anganwadi workers and helpers association, they shouted slogans against the Jammu and Kashmir administration for failure to provide them salaries pending for release since January.

The workers, supported by the Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), began the march from the Jammu Press Club but police did not allow them to move ahead. Consequently, they held a 'dharna' at the Jewel Chowk, one of the busiest road intersections in the city, briefly



Anganwadi workers detained by police during a protest.

throwing the traffic out of gear.

Police officials were persuading the workers to stop their march. After brief pulls and pushes with police, they courted arrests and some of them were forcibly taken away in the vehicles.

"The protests are being held against the government. Anganwadi workers are angry. They have not being paid their honorarium from January to November this year. Our demand is that honorarium should be released immediately", BMS General Secretary Neelam Sharma told reporters here. She also demanded that the government should regu-

larise their services as permanent employees. "Unless they are regularized, the Anganwadi workers should be given Rs 18,000 as honorarium and Rs 9,000 to helpers", she said.

There should be a promotion policy for anganwadi workers and helpers, she said.

She warned their protest would intensify if the demands were not met. Due to the strike of the workers, close to 30,000 anganwadi centres were shut in the region on Thursday.

Sharma said that honorarium should be increased immediately. There are about 28,000 anganwadi workers and helpers in the state.

Annual Northern Command Principals Meet 2022 held

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UDHAMPUR: Headquarters Northern Command hosted two-day Annual Northern Comm and Principals Meet 2022 at Army Public School, Udhampur. The theme of the meet is re-imagining 'Vocational Educational and Skill Building' which highlights the provisions of the NEP 2020.

The Chief Guest of the event was Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Staff, HQ Northern Command.

The other dignitaries present were Major General Ravindra Singh, MG-ic-Adm and Major General SS Patil, GOC, Headquarters 71 Sub Area and Principals of Northern Command as well as Principals of other Commands.

Major General RK Raina, MD AWES and Patrons and



Lt General NS Raja Subramani, CoS, HQ Northern Command and others at Northern Command Principals Meet.

Chairmen of outstation Army Public Schools attended the meet in virtual mode.

Colonel MS Rawat, Director AWES, HQ Northern Command appraised all about academic update.

Various Command Schools and faculty members were awarded for their performance for in the Academic Year 2021-22.

The academic trophies were bagged by APS Akhnoor for Class XII and APS Alhora for

Class X respectively, whereas the co-curricular activities trophy have been lifted by APS Udhampur.

Ruchi Bahl, Principal APS Nagrota, Rajeev Kumar Choudhary, Principal APS Srinagar and Namgal Dolker, Principal, APS Leh, besides four distinguished PGT & TGT of various APS were awarded GOC-in-C Commendation Card.

Also Geeta Devi, Principal APS Akhnoor has been award-

ed with the Best Principal Award for the session 2021-22. In PGT category, Veenu Gupta from APS Rakhmuthi has been awarded, Himani Khajuria from APS Dhar Road & Manju Sharma from APS Rakhmuthi have been awarded best TGT and best PRT respectively for the session 2021-22.

A number of informative and valuable points have been suggested by Col Sachin Warty, Director Schools, HQ AWES in the open forum.

IIM Jammu welcomes academic delegation from RMIT University Australia

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JAMMU: An academic delegation from the RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia on Thursday visited IIM Jammu Transit Campus at Canal Road.

The delegation consisted of Dr. Kevin Argus, Program Director-MBA, Prof. David Smith, Dean of Accounting, Dr. Konrad Peszynski, Head of Teaching & Learning, and Program Director, School of Business IT and Logistics, Abhishek Tulsian, RMIT University, Australia.

The academic delegation from RMIT University, Australia met and interacted with Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and the faculty members of the Institute. Prof. B.S. Sahay said, "IIM Jammu is looking



Faculty of RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia and IIM Jammu posing for a photograph.

forward to collaborating with RMIT University Australia. This will be a vital part of IIM Jammu's international endeavours and helpful in fostering the advancement in teaching, research, and cultural understanding as well as the international reputation of both the institutes through student exchange, faculty exchange, technology transfer, and research programs."

Prof. David Smith, Dean of Accounting, RMIT University, Australia said, "Collaborating with IIM Jammu, an Institute of national importance will help us to develop our competence in many key areas ranging from the development of educational and training programs, long-range planning, and Institutional development. We at RMIT

University are looking forward to fruitful outcomes in the interest of both Institutes'.

The academic delegation from RMIT University visited IIM Jammu permanent Campus site located at Jagti, Jammu for understanding the project intricacies in detail. The discussions were fruitful and ended on a positive note.

JKATA delegation calls on Atal Dulloo, discusses issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of Jammu & Kashmir Agriculture Technocrats Association (JKATA) called on Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo in Jammu on Thursday. Led by Dr Surinder Radotra President JKATA, the delegation discussed several core issues of agriculture fraternity and others related to Prime Minister's vision of doubling the income of farmers. JKATA President extended full support in implementing developmental strategies of Atal Dulloo, as caliber and experience of Dulloo will help APD to achieving further heights & goals for welfare of the farming class. During the meeting, JKATA delegates demanded holding of DPCs for promotion of Incharge JAEs in both divisions. The delegation further asked for fixation of inter-seniority list at UT level for purposes of promoting JAEs to AEOs as per qualification & merit. They further asked for in-situ promotions for the cadre. Delegation also discussed framing of transfer policy of AEOs



Dr Surinder Radotra President JKATA calling on Financial Commissioner APD Atal Dulloo

(Agriculture Extension Assistant) in order to groom young agri technocrats with variety of field knowledge. The visiting delegation was satisfied with patient hearing of APD Head and assurances given by him for looking into genuine demands of young agriculture technocrats of the department.

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LEH: ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (ICAR-CAZRI), Regional Research Station Leh Union Territory of Ladakh organized a day-long Training Programme on "Technological Interventions for Livelihood Security and Income Enhancement" under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) at Shang Village Leh on Thursday.

During the programme, staff of ICAR-CAZRI, RRS Leh Stakna including Dr. R.K. Goyal (Principal Scientist) Head CAZRI, Dr. Mahesh Kumar Gaur (Principal Scientist), Dr. M.B. Noor Mohamed (Scientist, Senior Scale) Changchuk Lamo (Scientist), Stanzin Landol (Senior Technical



Staff of ICAR-CAZRI, RRS Leh and others at a programme.

Assistant), Yogendra Singh (Technical Assistant), Sr. Technician Rigzin Dorje and Mohd Raza and Bhuvnesh Verma (Sr. Clerk) were present.

The programme was attended by around 40 farmers including Panch Tsewang Norboo of the village and 30 farm women.

Dr. M.K. Gaur elaborated the theme of the training program. Head CAZRI, Regional

Research Station Leh Dr. R. K. Goyal shared detailed activities of the station and importance of the training with the farmers.

Stanzin Landol elaborated the 'Agroforestry System practices in Cold Arid Ladakh'. She explained that farmers can improve their wasteland by turning into livelihood security and boost up farm income through the adaptation of Agroforestry

Systems in Leh.

While Rigzin Dorje deliberated on 'Importance of Orchard Sanitation' and explained the importance of keeping orchard and vegetable garden free from debris to control insect and pest infestation. Dr. Changchuk Lamo delivered a lecture on 'Post-Harvest Processing and Preservation on Agricultural Produce'. She highlighted the need of post-harvest processing and solar drying is an important and cost-effective processing technique, especially for Ladakh region.

Farmers expressed their concern and interacted with the team of CAZRI on various related issues like Onion maggot Infestation and rust in willow in their village.

Stanzin Landol explained the 'Onion Maggots Management and Organic Control Methods' in detail. Mohd Raza demonstrated the technical skill of proven technologies of CAZRI to the farmers.

Farmers expressed their satisfaction regarding fruitful training for the tribal people of the region.

Panch Tsewang Norboo requested to provide good seeds, Mulching polythene, and Greenhouse polythene for the farmers of Shang village.

Dr. R.K. Goyal, Principal Scientist, and Head CAZRI appreciated the farmers of Shang village for their interest and participation in the training.