

2000 students attend seminar on IAS/KAS and Career Counselling

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Tribal Research Institute in collaboration with Chanakya IAS Academy has organised a Free seminar on IAS/KAS and career counselling with the IAS/IPS officers of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department & Chief Executive officer, Mission Youth along with AK Mishra (Chairman, Chanakya IAS Academy & Motivational speaker), Anjeet Singh (IPS-2021), Dr Abdul Khahir (KAS-Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs) Gaurav Gupta (KAS-OSD, Mission youth) delivered lectures and motivated aspirants and guided them how to prepare for IAS/KAS and other competitive exams. It was a much needed motivational lecture.

The architect of this event was Dr Abdul Khahir (Deputy Director,



Chanakya IAS Academy representatives talking to reporters.

Tribal affairs Department and Owais Ali Bhat, (Director, Chanakya IAS Academy, Jammu)

The seminar was held at Zorawar Singh Auditorium, Jammu University. The motivation for thousands of Civil Services aspirants, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, while addressing the candidates on Video Conference, shared his rich experiences and also shed light on important tips about how one should approach the exam and the important factors needed to prepare well for

Indian Administrative Service and Kashmir Administrative Service.

The seminar began with his success story followed by a deeper insight into the Civil Services Exam and the duties that must be followed during the job.

The participants were encouraged to actively participate and bring forward their queries which were further answered by Dr Shahid and AK Mishra and other speakers.

According to AK Mishra, Head of Chanakya IAS

Academy, the Academy has always endeavoured to provide quality guidance and education to Civil Services aspirants, state and create able administrators for the nation. Dr Shahid said that the aim of this seminar was to address all the queries and doubts of the participants regarding how to prepare for IAS/KAS, interview guidance, answer writing and also shed light on syllabus & effective preparation strategy for all the three stages of exam, or career counselling in general he added.

When Asked Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary he said that Tribal affairs and Mission youth department will keep inviting top civil servants, toppers of current batch from IAS/IPS/ KAS, top motivational speakers of the nation for such free seminars to encourage more and more students to appear for elite services from J&K.

GCoE Jammu students visit Krishak Mela



GCoE faculty and students during visit to Krishak Mela at SKUAST-Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: M.Ed students of Government College of Education (GCoE), Jammu visited Krishak Mela at SKUAST-Jammu on Monday under the guidance of M.Ed. Coordinator, Dr. Rajinder Kour, Prof. Shalini Rana and Prof. Anuradha Chaudhary.

The students visited the various stalls where they were briefed about different innovations in agricultural sector.

Students witnessed live demonstration of new varieties, got to know about rural sports, farmer and scientist interaction, and various awareness programs on agriculture techniques.

The experts of agricultural and allied departments helped the student's to explore high yielding agricultural varieties and organic farming.

They also observed various stalls of Eco friendly

products made by cow dung, handicrafts, various weed management ways etc.

Principal Prof. Aekta Gupta said to the students that being the teachers of future generations, the present day Pupil Teachers need to understand the importance of hard work done by farmers and develop a sense of rootedness along with learning about innovation in agriculture sector.

UJAA organizes Global Mentoring Programme

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: University of Jammu Alumni Association (UJAA) as part of its Global Mentoring Programme (GMP) organized an online interactive session on the theme "Personal Branding for Career Growth" with Dr. Taranum Khan, an international alumni of the Department of English, University of Jammu.

While speaking on the theme, Dr. Taranum Khan stressed upon the importance of creating personal brand, especially in the era when there is tremendous competition among professionals to position themselves in front of recruiters. Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, University of Jammu and President, UJAA is his welcome address briefed about the objectives of UJAA & GMP and informed that a series of events are planned under the banner of UJAA.

3-day Kala Utsav 2022-23 begins at Teachers' Bhawan



Director SEJ, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma lighting a lamp.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) on Monday inaugurated a three-day long 'Divisional Level Kala Utsav 2022-23, here at Teachers' Bhawan.

The event is being organized by the Cultural and Education Cell of the Directorate of School Education, Jammu, in which around 200 students from the 10 districts will display their talent in 10 different categories. These participants are the winners of district level

competitions held earlier for boys and girls.

Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, the Chief Guest, said that Kala Utsav, which is a regular feature of the academic calendar, aims to promote finer arts in education and plays a major role in creating awareness about the rich cultural heritage of India and its vibrant diversity.

"Such events and activities provide the students a platform to showcase and exhibit their talents in various fields" he added.

He said that one needs to think out of the box to succeed in life as in the present day world many career options have come up in the field of fine arts for the students to choose which are very rewarding. The Directorate is taking every possible step to help the students prepare and equip themselves for such avenues, he said.

On the first day of the Kala Utsav, 19 students competed in the Dance (Folk) category and 16 students participated in Dance (classical) category, while 18 students competed in the Acting (Solo) category.

Yogeshwar Singh and Romesh Parwana were the judges for the dance competition, while Dr. Sudhir Mahajan and Dr. Sanjeev Gupta were the judges for the acting category.

Surjit Singh, Cultural and Education Cell, DSEJ presented the formal welcome address on the occasion with Ashutosh Sharma and Supriya Sharma coordinating the event.

SBI donates ambulance to SVMMC Hospital under CSR



CGM SBI Chandigarh Circle, Vinod Jaiswal handing over ambulance key to SVMMC Hospital representatives.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: State Bank of India (SBI), under Corporate Social Responsibilities, on Monday donated one Ambulance bearing No. JK02CV-1368 to Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable (SVMC) Hospital, Ambphalla, Jammu.

Possession of the vehicle was handed over by the Chief General Manager SBI Chandigarh Circle, Vinod Jaiswal to Dr. Subash Gupta, Chief Patron, Amar Chand

Gupta, Senior Vice President, and other governing body Members of Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital.

Also present was Pawan Kumar, Deputy General Manager B&O and SBI Head Jammu Module along with other senior officers of Jammu Module.

Dr. Subash Gupta thanked SBI for its social initiatives as it will be boon for the economically weaker section of the society who cannot afford the private Ambulance charges.

Khatana urges to avoid tribals, forest dept conflict

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana on Monday directed the Forest Department to implement the Forest Rights Act in right earnest and not unnecessarily harass the tribals in Jammu and Kashmir Union territory.



MP Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana interacting with delegation.

He said that tribals in J&K are the most peaceful and nationalist people and department should take them into confidence before launching any drive.

Khatana was addressing a joint meeting of the Forest Department headed by Principal Chief Conservator Forest Dr. Mohit Gera and the representatives of tribal community.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi under Forest Rights Act has provided constitutional guarantees to the forest dwellers, use of forest produce, basic amenities without infringing upon the biodiversity of the forests.

He said that tribals are inhabiting these forest areas for hundreds of years and have never harmed the eco-

logical balance.

"It is the rapid urbanization with population explosion which has become a threat to the nature and environment but tribals have been living at ease with the nature and forests are protected by them not destroyed," said Khatana, adding that the Forest Department too is trying to do its duty but they should take tribals into confidence before launching any drive.

He said that tribal community has always cooperated with the Govt. departments but forced implementation of any scheme or orders result into conflict, which should be avoided.

The officers of the Forest department headed by PCCF Mohit Gera said that it has never been their intention to harass the forest dwellers. He assured that Forest Dept would take the local representatives into confidence before launching any drive.

They appreciated the efforts of the MP Gulam Ali Khatana to bring all the stakeholders on one table and discussing the issues threadbare.

Those who attended the meeting were Chief Conservator of Forests BM Sharma, Conservator Forests B Mohan Dass and DFO Jammu Anoop Soni.

Two-day Art of Living Prajna Yoga for SKK's Differently Abled students begins

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Art of Living in collaboration with the J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra (SSK) Jammu on Monday launched a 2-day Prajna Yoga programme for Hearing and speech impaired students of School for Hearing Handicapped, near Shahidi Chowk.

About sixty differently-abled students participated in two groups.

A special faculty of Art of Living comprising Shreya Chugh and Rukmani Devi flew from Bangalore for this first ever Art of Living specially designed programme for kids and teenagers for Deaf & Dumb students in Jammu. The specially con-



AOI faculty member addressing students during a programme.

ceived programme aims at imparting Prajna Yoga to ensure that these Differently Abled students get the 'right thought at the right time' through intuitive power. This programme makes them learn to perceive beyond their senses. The basis of the

programme is to blossom the deep and enigmatic faculties which is present in these deaf & dumb students in a latent form. The Intuition Process improves the differently-abled children's intuition and enhances their sensory abilities.

Today, after a two-hour

session, the blindfolded students were able to correctly identify and explain, through sign language, the picture or the number recorded on a paper sheet by just touching the paper. They did it by accessing the intuitive abilities which helped them to connect with the inner self. After the session, the participating Divyang students were found infused with a lot of confidence.

The President Samaj Kalyan Kendra, K B Jandial, State Coordinator & bureau of Communications and Sewa Projects of Art of Living Ajay Kapoor, Treasurer of SKK M D Sharma & Principal of the School Roshan Bhan were present.

Inter-Collegiate Archery (men) Tournament held at JU

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Inter Collegiate Archery Tournament in men section 2022-23 began in Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University Ground, here on Monday.

The introduction of the teams was done by Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU.

Among others present on the occasion were Jai Bharat, Vikas Karlopiya, RajKumar, P D Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Narinder Sharma, Sonu Kumari and Sanjeev Jamwal.



GDC Samba team posing with faculty members after receiving overall trophy.

Overall trophy was won by GDC Samba by securing 25 points and runner-up by GDC Basohli with nine points.

Result: Individual 30 mtrs: Ashutosh Singh (GDC

Samba), gold, Akshit Sharma (GDC Samba), silver and Rahul Kumar (GDC Samba), bronze.

Team event 30 mtrs: Ashutosh Singh, Akshit Sharma and Rahul Kumar

(GDC-Samba), gold, Munish Kumar, Sandeep Kumar and Mukesh Kumar (GDC Basohli), silver, Harsh Singh, Gursevak Singh and Kanveer Ragothra (GDC Paloura), bronze.

Compound 50 mtrs: Pankaj Kumar (GDC Kakryal Katra), gold.

Matches were officiated by Jai Bharat, Darshana Sharma, Simi Kumari and PD Singh.

Dy Mayor starts PHE pipe laying work at Durga Nagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In order to improve the water supply system in Ward 64 of Jammu city on Monday, Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria accompanied by Chairman Public Health and Sanitation Committee Raj Kumar Tarkhian, Local Corporator Kapil Singh Chib, started the work of laying PHE pipe at Lane No. 7 C, Durga Nagar with the estimated cost of Rs 10 lakh. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor said, "I am happy that awareness regarding the importance of water is growing and efforts too are increasing in this direction." An arrangement regard-

ing the drinking water/Health and Sanitation, has been reached today in the interest of millions of families of Jammu City and its surroundings which is a great initiative in realizing the dream of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, he added.

Corporator Chib said that the people of the colony have been demanding for the laying of water pipeline for many years, their demand is going to be fulfilled now under the leadership of Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria.

Abhit Sangautra, MK Razdan, Virendra Kumar, Ravi Kumar, Janak Singh and other dignitaries were present.

25 lakh Digital Life Certificates for Pensioners in 20 days: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a press conference at Media Centre, New Delhi.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh announced here today that 25 lakh Digital Life Certificates for Central Government Pensioners had been generated in just 20 days and lauded the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare for having undertaken this nationwide campaign.

Addressing a press conference, Dr Jitendra informed that Department of Pension organized special awareness camps from 1st to 19th November, 2022 in different cities all over India from Srinagar in the North to Nagorecoil (Kanyakumari District) in the South and from Guwahati in the East to

Ahmedabad in the West.

He said, out of 25 lakh DLCs, 2,20 lakhs have been created through Face authentication by latest Face Recognition Technology; thus providing a huge relief, specially to the aged and infirm elderly population.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the objective of this nation-wide campaign is to promote the use of Face Authentication technology and DLC thereby ensuring transparency and "Ease of Usage". He said, all the registered Pensioners' Associations, Pension Disbursing Banks, Ministries of Government of India and CGHS Centers had been directed to promote the Digital Life Certificate/Face Authentication Technique for

giving Life Certificate by organizing special camps for 'Ease of Living' of pensioners, thus setting an example of "whole of government" approach.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that the specific cities covered so far are Delhi, Noida, Chandigarh, Mohali, Jammu, Srinagar, Nagpur, Pune, Allahabad, Jalandhar, Gwalior, Thiruv, Madurai, Nagorecoil, Varodara, Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Ambarnath (Mumbai), Bhubhneswar, Balaasore, Cuttaek, Thiruvanthapuram, & Jaipur. He said, in the following two weeks this department will conduct 14 more DLC awareness camps in different parts of the country.

The campaign was widely appreciated by the pensioners residing in different parts of country, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, submission of Life Certificates is an important activity to be carried out by pensioners every year in the month of November (with special provision for pensioners aged 80 years and above to submit their Life Certificates in the month of October) to ensure continuity of their pension.

Dr Jitendra took pride in stating that Department of Pension was the first in India to develop a Face Recognition Technology system based on Aadhaar database in association with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to give Life Certificate from any Android based smart phone to overcome the challenge of certain pensioners not being able to give DLC due to fading bio-metrics.

NC committed to steer J&K to new era of peace, development: Farooq



NC President, Dr Farooq Abdullah welcoming newly joined members.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Prominent activists joined the National Conference in presence of Dr Farooq Abdullah President J&K National Conference.

Dr Farooq said NC is natural destination for all those public spirited political activists, who want to work for political stability, unity between various religions and regions, peace and progress of all the three regions of J&K. He said joining of political leaders reflects the growing realization among the people that NC is the only party that can uphold their dignity and steer the state to a new era of peace, progress and develop-

ment. Dr. Farooq Abdullah said with the joining of political activists into the party across the state, NC will be further strengthened at the grass roots level and play its designated role towards the wellbeing of the people and heralding a new era of hope. The joining programme was organized by Asha Mehra and Naresh Anthal of District Udhampur Rural. Those who joined the party fold include: Ramesh Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Sunil Mania, Mamta Mehra, Siraj Din, Haleem Khan Sub inspector Rtd, Mohd Shabeer, Mohd Latief Khan, Shah Mohd and others.