

DSEJ trains 61 teachers as Master Trainers on art based tools for social, emotional learning of students

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JAMMU: In order to impart Social Emotional Learning among students and teachers, Directorate of School Education, Jammu (DSEJ) in collaboration with Piramal Foundation (Kaivalya Education Foundation) and Red Pencil International trained a cadre of 61 teaching faculty as Master Trainers under the Art-based Capacity Building Training project.

The training was imparted by international trainers (viz, Yen Chua from Singapore, Renu Thomas from UAE Latika Joshi from Tanzania, and Roshni Bhatia).

The training was completed in 6 months, in two phases. The first phase comprised of an Introduction Training of 3 months and on the job coaching of 3 months in second phase, through hybrid mode (virtual plus offline).

The felicitation function was



DSEJ, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma posing with trainers.

organized on Tuesday at SRML Jammu in which master trainers were felicitated by Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu. He said that New Education Policy 2020 lays emphasis on the importance of Social Emotional Learning.

Therefore, the present education system must develop not only cognitive capabilities but also social emotional and ethical capacity of individuals, he added.

He further said that the intervention shall further be

implemented in cascade mode whereby cadre of trained counsellors will further reach teachers of the even remotest districts to ensure holistic development of each and every child in Jammu Division.

The ACBT project capacitated teachers on using Art-based tools with children to enhance their emotional well-being and support them perform better academically.

Director School Education Jammu also congratulated the Piramal Foundation and Red Pencil International for

successful collaboration of this project. He also congratulated the Team Counselling DSEJ for successful completion of the project.

He also acknowledged the need of such projects in reducing mental stress of students and also for holistic development of students.

Dr. Romesh Kumar, In-charge Counselling cell DSEJ said that the vision of the counselling cell DSEJ is to develop an expert cadre of teacher counsellors through such capacity development programmes for ensuring well-being of children.

Laurence Vandendorpe, Founder Red Pencil International, Jahangeer Bhat, Programme Manager, Piramal Foundation, Roshni Bhatia, Yen Chua, Renu Thomas, Arts Therapists along with the team of Piramal Foundation participated in the event.

Modi Govt pulls out J&K from darkness to light: Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and National Executive Member of the party, Priya Sethi on Tuesday said that the BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi has pulled J&K from the dark era to light by taking extraordinary steps including nullification of Article 370.

The former MoS Education J&K was speaking after inaugurating Decent Creations Boutique 3.0 here at Gujjar Nagar.

She was the chief guest during the launch of the aforesaid boutique offering an exclusive variety of ladies suits and hand bags with stitching, embroidery and customization also available at its workshop.

The senior BJP functionary said that the situation in J&K has witnessed 180-degree change after the Modi Government took over the reins of the country because earlier the people were longing



Senior BJP leader, Priya Sethi and others at opening ceremony of an outlet.

for peace and safety of life but today businesses have been flourishing and colossal development is in the offing as every nook and corner is witnessing the execution of new projects with rural areas also moving apace with their urban counterparts. She said that the BJP Government has created a strong pedestal for steering the UT of J&K towards pinnacle of development but the responsibility to make this dream a reality lies on the people, who are the real

stakeholders.

Other prominent persons who attended the launch function include Kabla Singh senior leader BJP, Ismail Malik senior leader BJP, Ajaz Magra Contractor, Abdul Rashid Contractor, M.S. Mir Advocate and Mohd Hafiz, President North IHRC, Sr.BJP leader Parveen Kerni, BJP Women wing leaders Neeru Anand, Savita Anand, Anita Gandotara, Anuradha Sharma Sharda Devi and others were also present.

Rich tributes paid to General Bikram Singh on 59th death anniversary



Dignitaries paying tributes to General Bikram Singh.

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JAMMU: General Bikram Singh Yadgaar Committee organised an impressive function to pay floral tributes to great General on his 59th death anniversary at Bikram Chowk on Tuesday, which was attended by a number of citizens from all walks of life besides prominent social, political & religious personalities. While addressing gathering, Balvinder Singh, Vice President DGPC high-

lighted prominent incidences of remembrance, especially role of Jammu people who defied taking his dead body to his native village Siana, and how his mother, who had come here to take dead body of her son, sensing emotional feelings of Jammu people agreed to cremate the same in Jammu. Charanjit Singh, President of committee, urged the administration to raise height of statue of General Bikram Singh and

develop the park in consultation with committee members. He also demanded construction of a community hall on land available behind statue to perform religious functions.

Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billowria was the Chief Guest on the occasion and while paying tributes to great General, assured the gathering that all demands of Committee members would be considered and a developmental plan shall be finalized in consultation with committee, at the earliest.

Lalita Sharma Chairperson of committee also threw light on the life of General Bikram Singh. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Davinder Singh Vishwnagrik, Vicky Mahajan, Gajan Singh, Kirtan Singh, Surjit Singh, Sat Sharma, Deepak Gupta, Yudhvir Sethi, Mohinder Singh Corporator, Prof Youdhvir Singh Corporator and Vikas Bhatti.

Dr Poonam Parihar from SKUAST-J conferred with Best Teacher Award

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JAMMU: Dr. Poonam Parihar, Associate Professor, working in the Division of Agricultural Extension Education of SKUAST-Jammu has been honoured with the Best Teacher Award by the Royal Association for Science-Led Socio-Cultural Advancement (RASSA) during National Conference on the topic, "Natural Farming for Sustainable Agriculture & National Prosperity" jointly organized by Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Royal Association for Science-Led Socio-Cultural Advancement & Akshay Krishi Parivar at SDAU, Krishnagar.

The award was conferred on Dr Parihar in recognition of excellence she achieved in teaching &



guiding the students and overall achievements and contributions in the area of

Extension Education in general & entrepreneurship development in particular.

The award contains a Certificate of Excellence along with a Memento. She is having a vast experience of teaching at different places.

She is teaching to UG, PG & Ph.D students in the different areas of Agricultural Extension Education, Entrepreneurship/Agripreneurship Development, gender sensitization & Communication Skills & Personality Development, Human Values & ethics & other allied subjects.

Amandeep Hospital honoured as North India's leading Orthopaedic Care Chain at Achiever Awards 2022

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JAMMU: Amandeep Group of Hospitals was bestowed with the Achiever Award in the 'Excellence in Healthcare Services' category at a grand event held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

In recognition of the efforts of Dr. Avtar Singh (Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon, Bone & Joint Replacement Specialist, Amandeep Hospital) in revolutionising joint replacement, Non-unions and trauma & fracture management, Dr. Shahbaz Singh (Director, Amandeep Group of Hospitals) received the award for 'North India's leading Orthopaedic Care Chain of Hospitals'. This accolade serves as a testament to Dr. Avtar Singh's exemplary work and dedication towards improving patients' lives.

It's pertinent to note that Dr. Singh has performed over 2000 robotic knee replacement surgeries. Dr. Shahbaz Singh



Dr. Shahbaz Singh (Director, Amandeep Group of Hospitals) receiving the award for 'North India's leading Orthopaedic Care Chain of Hospitals'.

got felicitated in a high-profile gathering as dignitaries from around the world attended the award ceremony.

Dr. Shahbaz Singh told the media, "It is an honour to receive this award, and I am grateful to the jury for recognising our efforts."

He added, "This further motivates us to work harder towards providing quality healthcare services to people."

It's a massive accomplishment for the whole region as Amandeep Hospital got acknowledgement at such a large-scale event.

Dr. Avtar Singh has played an enormous role in growing Amandeep Group of Hospitals, which has become one of the most trusted names in orthopaedic healthcare services since its inception three decades ago.

SKUAST-Jammu honours dairy farmers for Best Dairy management

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JAMMU: On the concluding day of five days long Rabi Krishak Mela 2022 organized by SKUAST-Jammu, five best dairy farmers of Jammu region honoured with memento and appreciation letter.

The awards were given to owners of the selected dairy farm by Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Department in the gracious presence of Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu and other dignitaries.

Best Dairy Farm with 'Elite Animal award' went to Punjab Singh of Punjab Singh Dairy Farm, Kirpalpur, Domana Morh. The 'Best Integrated Dairy Farm Award' went to Abneesh Khajuria of Krishna Dairy

Farm, Sohanjana while 'Best Dairy Entrepreneur Award' went to Vishal Kumar Choudhary, R.V. Brothers dairy farm, Kartholi, Bari Brahmana. 'Progressive Dairy Farm award' was received by Tejinder Singh, JK Dairy, Choulaha Kothey whereas, 'Promising Dairy Farm award' went to Balvinder Singh of Tara Dairy Farm, Baspur Bangla.

A total of twenty-one entries were received by the judging committee. Judging committee was comprised of members namely, Dr. J. S. Soodan, Dr. H.R. Bhardwaj, Dr. Utsav Sharma, Dr. A.K.Pandey, Dr. Nazam Khan and Dr. Suraj Amrutkar of Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, R S Pura SKUAST-Jammu.

JAC delegation calls on Farooq Abdullah, seeks withdrawal of JK University Bill

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JAMMU: A delegation of Joint Action Committee (JAC) against JK Public University Bill - 2022 comprising members from Jammu University Teachers' Association (JUTA), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology - Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ), SSTA SKUAST-Kashmir and Non-Teaching Associations of Jammu University and SKUAST-Jammu called on Member of Parliament and former Chief Minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah at his residence on Tuesday in presence of Babu Rampaul, Rattan Lal Gupta, Dr Vikas Sharma and submitted a memorandum demanding withdrawal of JK Public University Bill.



Joint Action Committee (JAC) members calling on MP, Dr Farooq Abdullah.

President SKUAST-TAJ Dr Vikas Sharma informed Member Parliament that when all existing Universities of Jammu and Kashmir have been established through Bills duly discussed / passed by the erstwhile State Assembly, then why is there a need for this new Bill? General Secretary JUTA Dr Ravinder Singh said that this anti-varsity bill is a blow to very concept of the University Autonomy both in

administrative and academic terms as many of the provisions of bill are retrogressive in nature and against academic freedom of the University.

Dr Rakesh Chib President JUNTEU termed the bill as the intention of the Government to erode the autonomy of Universities. KD Singh President NTEA-J also spoke on the occasion.

After giving a patient hearing, Dr Abdullah said that

present bill will turn the highest seats of learning, which Universities are, into Government offices which is unacceptable. He assured that he will make every possible effort for withdrawal of the anti-varsity bill.

Others members of the deputa- tion included Dr Manoj Bhatt Vice President JUTA, Varun Dubey, Dheeraj Rajwal, Arjun Jasrotia, Pankaj Gupta, Ram Singh and Kewal Kumar.

HC refuses to quash Preliminary Enquiry against KAS officer in disproportionate assets case

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JAMMU: Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul has refused to quash Preliminary Enquiry/ Verification No.09/222 of Anti-Corruption Bureau (NK) in a disproportionate assets case against a lady KAS officer. A petition was filed by a woman KAS officer, the then BDO Singhpora Pattan District Baramulla before the High Court at Srinagar on 28-08-2022 alleging therein that Enquiry officer, one DySP rank officer and SP ACB North Kashmir are harassing her since 2018 and she had prayed that proceeding initiated against her by ACB in verification No. 09/2022 for possessing disproportionate assets are not as per laid down law and may be quashed etc.

On 28-08-2022, High Court had initially passed following interim order that the respondents are directed not to undertake any further verification in respect of the complaint which is the sub-

jeet matter of the petition and they shall also furnish the status report before this Court relating to the verification conducted so far, the case listed on 30.09.2022. Accordingly a detail status report was filed by the Superintendent of police ACB North Kashmir before High Court through AAG Asifa Padroo, in which it was submitted that the woman KAS officer has accumulated property worth crores within a short span of her service of 10 years (check period) by indulging in corrupt practices in connivance with a class 4th employee of CAPD namely Mohd Shafi Rather and for indulging in corruption she was also recently placed under suspension by Govt for excess withdrawal of MGNREGA funds, when she was posted in District Baramulla. It was further submitted that preliminary probe conducted so far revealed that her bank accounts have huge suspicious cash deposits and huge

investments in Benami properties which are being thoroughly probed and instead of explaining source from which she raised these assets of crores of rupees and incurred huge expenditures on different heads that too without having any other legal known source of income except her salary, she resorted to false concocted allegations of sexual harassment against officers of ACB just to impede investigations. It was conveyed to the Court that no clean chit has been given to the woman KAS officer, neither her disproportionate assets have been enquired by any agency Mohd Shafi Rather and for indulging in corruption she was also recently placed under suspension by Govt for excess withdrawal of MGNREGA funds, when she was posted in District Baramulla. It was further submitted that preliminary probe conducted so far revealed that her bank accounts have huge suspicious cash deposits and huge

In its status report ACB submitted that there are allegations of the huge Benami property in form of investments in plots, real estate and other business by the lady officer and her conduit Mohd Shafi Rather

whether a criminal proceeding or complaint or FIR should be quashed in exercise of its jurisdiction under Section 482 Cr. P.C., must evaluate whether the ends of justice would justify the exercise of the inherent power. While inherent power of the High Court has a wide ambit and plenitude, it has to be exercised to secure ends of justice or to prevent an abuse of the process of any court," the Court observed, adding that instant petition, when looked from all angles, requires and demands full dress trial and examination of facts by this Court as if it is in appeal and acting as an appellate court and to draw its own conclusion vis-à-vis impugned FIR, complaint and proceedings emanating there from. "For the reasons discussed above, the instant petition is without any merit and is, accordingly, dismissed with connected CM(s). Interim direction, if any, shall stand vacated," the Court directed.

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DB disposes of PIL against charging of tuition, transport fee from Aug-2019 onwards till normal class-work resumes

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JAMMU: In a PIL filed by Sheikh Umar Farooq against charging of tuition fee, bus fee or any other sought of incidental fee charged from parents by any educational institute from August-2019 onwards till normal class work resumes, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Chief Justice Ali

Mohammad Magrey and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, disposed of the PIL with directions that the grievance, if any, of any of the individual parent can be addressed to by approaching said Committee/Government. This significant order has been passed by the Division Bench after Additional Advocate General submitted that the grievances of the

petitioner stands settled by formation of Committee for Fixation of Fee Structure of Private Educational Institutions, J&K. The Committee is said to be issuing the orders from time to time to regulate the matters within its ambit and the Committee is providing hearing to the various parent bodies as also the School associations, the Court observed.

Div Com, ADGP review arrangements for R-Day 2023

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar along with Additional Director General of Police, Mukesh Singh on Tuesday reviewed the preparations for Republic Day celebration 2023 here at a meeting of Heads of different Departments. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, SSP Jammu, SSP Security Jammu, besides senior officers of Police, Army, CRPF, BSF, SSB, Traffic, Jal Shakti, JPDCL, PWD, JMC, Health Services, Information, Education, Cultural Academy, Youth Services and Sports, Hospitality and Protocol, JKRTC and other concerned departments. The Div Com stressed on maintaining close synergy among the stakeholder depart-

ments for timely arrangements and conduct of the Republic Day. The Divisional Commissioner exhorted all concerned officers to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place well in time for smooth and successful celebration of the Republic Day. Necessary directions were issued to the concerned departments for selection of contingents, cultural programmes, rehearsals, transportation facilities for participants, traffic management, security, dare devils, refreshment, installation of screens/LEDs, illumination of Government buildings, Mangal Dawani for smooth conduct of the event. The Div Com also directed the Heads of Departments to appoint nodal officers of their respective departments for coordinating and finalising the arrangements.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Patoli, Shiv Nagar, Subash Nagar Govt. Quarter Sarwal, Shanti Nagar, Pal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 23 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Gandhi Nagar, Aqaf market, Bahu Plaza, Shastri Nagar and Div Com Office shall remain affected on November 23 from 8 am to 9.30 am. Likewise, the power supply to Patoli Brahmana, Purkhoo, Mishriwala, Baba Talab, Shamachak Gurha Singhu, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dhramkhu, Tirth Talab, GREF, Gumpul, Sua No.1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 23 from 9 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Reasi Town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 24 from 9 am to 12 noon.