

College on wheels - Day 3

College on Wheels explores Ahmedabad's scenic beauty with Lake visit

STATE TIMES NEWS AHMEDABAD: On the third day of the innovative College on Wheels programme, the contingent of 780 students, mentors and administrative staff from University of Jammu, University of Kashmir, Cluster University of Jammu, Cluster University Srinagar, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Islamic University of Science & Technology, Kashmir besides the affiliated colleges of the varsities of Jammu, Kashmir and the Cluster Innovation Centre (CIC), New Delhi, on Tuesday embarked on an enthralling journey to discover the tranquil landscapes of Ahmedabad.



J&K contingent during visit to Ahmedabad under 'College on Wheels' innovative.

initiative, designed to break away from conventional academic norms, aimed to immerse participants in the rich cultural and environmental beauty of Ahmedabad. The enthusiastic students and dedicated faculty embraced the opportunity to learn beyond the confines of traditional classrooms. The highlight of the day was the exploration of one of Ahmedabad's renowned Kankaria lake, where the contingent engaged in a spectrum of activities. From insightful discussions on environmental sustainability to team-building exercises against the backdrop of the breathtaking scenery, the day unfolded as a harmonious blend of education and recreation.

University of Jammu to holistic education. By venturing into Ahmedabad's serene landscapes, we are aiming at providing a unique platform for students to connect theory with real-world experiences." As College on Wheels continues to pioneer unconventional learning approaches, the Higher Education Council, Government of Jammu and Kashmir and University of Jammu remains dedicated to shaping well-rounded students equipped for the challenges of the future. College on Wheels is at the forefront of redefining education through experiential learning. By pushing the boundaries of traditional teaching, the initiative aspires to mould students who are not only academically proficient but also attuned to the world around them. College on Wheels is committed to preparing students for a dynamic future.

Army Public School Samba organizes Bal Mela

STATE TIMES NEWS SAMBA: The spirit of childhood was celebrated during the Bal Mela (children's Fest), which was organised at the premises of the Army Public School Samba. It was an opportunity given to the children to plunge into a world full of merriment and laughter; an effort made to keep the spirit of childhood alive within every individual. The Bal Mela was inaugurated by Chairman APS Samba. After cutting the ceremonial ribbon, and declaring the event open balloons were also released. The entire APS faculty worked together to make this event a memorable one by establishing an array of sumptuous eatable stalls, joyful camel ride, lucky draw, tambola and many other exciting games which were the main attractions of the mela. The Chairman with other members inspected the stalls and relished the food and other items displayed for sale. The programme also



Chairman APS Samba inaugurating Bal Mela.

included a variety of cultural items like Talent Show, Dance performances, Nukkad Natak and a captivating Orchestra. Children had a extremely wonderful time hopping from one stall to another, taking part in games and enjoying various eatables. Music on demand was the highlight of the fete. Many children could be seen, eagerly waiting for their songs to be played, dedicated to their friends, teachers or other members of APS family. The event culminated with a raffle draw, in which many exciting prizes like LED TV, music system, microwave, wrist watches etc were awarded to the winners. The overall ambience was stunning, and fabulous. The Chairman congratulated the winners and appreciated the effort put in by APS Samba towards giving children a chance to enjoy their childhood. He added that such events of fun and enjoyment help in honing the life skills of the children. Sanjeev Pradhan, Principal APS Samba thanked the dignitaries and parents of children for gracing the occasion. He also expressed his gratitude towards the organising staff members for the good work done by them.

Cooch Behar Trophy Aarav, Dhruv dazzle; J&K wins by virtue of 1st innings lead

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Aarav Mahajan of Uttarakhand and Dhruv Sharma of Jammu and Kashmir shared the honours as J&K registered victory over Uttarakhand by virtue of the first innings lead in the U-19 boys Cooch Behar Trophy at Highlanders Sports Academy Kashipur. After scoring 134 in the first innings, Aarav Mahajan once again blossomed with the willow, scoring 77 runs off just 39 balls, studded with 4 fours and 5 sixes after Uttarakhand after conceding 133-run first innings lead was chasing a target of 279 runs in last one and a half session of the fourth and final day. Another first innings' centurion Abhyuday contributed 28 runs to the total as Uttarakhand finished at 203/5 at stumps. For J&K, Laith

August and Mudhasir Abdullah took 2 wickets each, while Mohd Mousab Bhat claimed one wicket. Earlier, in the first innings, J&K's promising middle-order batters Dhruv Sharma and Bilal Ahmed Bhat slammed classic centuries and made a 6th wicket partnership of 232 runs to help Jammu and Kashmir score a huge total of 540 runs in the first innings against formidable Uttarakhand. Uttarakhand in reply scored 407 runs to concede a lead of 133 runs to Jammu and Kashmir. Opener Abhyuday had scored 117, while Aarav had played superb innings of 134 runs. J&K while riding on a big partnership between the duo of Dhruv Sharma and Bilal Ahmed Bhat had scored a massive total of 540 runs. Dhruv

Sharma scored 117 runs off 252 balls studded with 17 boundaries, while Bilal Ahmed made 118 off 108 balls, studded with 20 fours. Zaid Ahmed remained unconquered on 66 runs off 70 balls with 8 boundaries and 2 sixes. For Uttarakhand, Prabal Sachdeva had captured 4 wickets by giving away 86 runs in 32.3 overs, while Dev took 3 wickets by conceding 94 runs in his 29 overs. DP Singh and Aarav Mahajan had bagged 2 and one wickets respectively. "J&K boys played very well and registered victory over their counterparts from Uttarakhand. J&K team will take on Uttar Pradesh in their next outing on November 24 at JKCA Hostel Ground in Jammu," stated Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA.

DoPT keen to ensure timely promotions without slightest delay: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also Minister Incharge DoPT (Department of Personnel & Training), has said that DoPT is keen to ensure timely promotions without slightest delay. The Minister was speaking to a Central Secretariat Rajbhasha Seva Sangathan delegation that called on him at DoPT headquarters. The members of the delegation thanked him for clearing of the backlog of delayed promotion cases by ordering mass promotions and requested for similar disposal of remaining cases pertaining to Rajbhasha officials. Assuring that the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Ministry of Personnel is equally concerned about the timely promotions of Government



Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh interacting with Central Secretariat Rajbhasha Seva Sangathan delegation.

employees in various cadres, Dr Jitendra Singh said, earlier this year in the month of June the DoPT had approved the mass promotion of 1,592 officials working in the capacity of ASOs to the post of SOs on adhoc basis with immediate effect. The Promotions had been expedited on the directions of the Minister Incharge DoPT, Dr Jitendra Singh who personally reviewed the entire process. The Minister said,

last year alone about 9,000 mass promotions were made and prior to that the DoPT granted 4,000 promotions in the preceding three years. Expressing their gratitude to Dr Jitendra Singh for his personal intervention in approving mass promotions, the members of the delegation demanded the Minister Incharge DoPT review their promotion policy in their Cadre as the promotion prospects are

less, affecting the morale of the employees. Dr Jitendra said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is very keen that hardworking and performing officials should be provided with a work-friendly environment and at the same time, be provided with timely Service benefits so that they remain motivated to give in their best for nation-building. The Minister said that in the last over nine years, under the guidance of PM Modi, the Government has periodically reviewed the longstanding stagnation issues in the various Central Ministries that are a legacy of the past due to pending court cases, lack of vacancies in higher grades and other personnel issues. The Minister said, last year alone about 9,000 mass promotions were made and prior to that the DoPT granted 4,000 pro-

motions in the preceding three years. Dr Jitendra said, the Government is concerned about long stagnation in certain cadres and at certain levels where some of the employees working in the lowest rung of the administration spend their entire service tenure of 30 to 35 years without getting a single promotion. The DoPT Minister said he has discussed the issue with all the senior officers in the Department and several innovative steps have been initiated to avoid stagnation at middle and lower rungs of the administration. Dr Jitendra regretted that in a large number of cases, stagnation in promotions was the result of litigations prompted by inappropriate decisions taken or rules twisted to give out of turn promotions by the previous governments.

GDC Marh organises awareness program on 'Women Empowerment'



GDC Marh student talking with reporter.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: IQAC, Government Degree College Marh, in collaboration with Northern News India (NNI) under the patronage of the College Principal Prof. Dr. Rakesh

Kumar Koul, on Tuesday organized an interactive session on Women Empowerment. Principal of the college said that the Media is an important pillar of the society and organ-

izing such awareness programmes through this institution is of utmost importance. Kiran Sharma, Reporter of the channel interacted with faculty and students on different dimensions of Women empowerment. Students of BA 1st and 3rd semester namely Kapil Kumar, Abhay Singh Jamwal, Manish Kumar, Varun Kumar, Aman Verma, Kashish, Sneha Gupta, Harsha Kharoo, Komal Verma, Mishu Devi, Nerakshi Sharma expressed their views and raised queries on different gender issues. The programme was organized by, Prof. Sachin Kumar, Prof. Asha, Dr. Balwinder Saini, Dr. Sheetal, Dr. Shakun and Dr. Ruchika.

Dr. KD Multispeciality Hospital organizes medical camp

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A free medical health check up was organised by Dr. KD Multispeciality Hospital, Jammu today at Uflex Limited, Bari Brahmana, here. The seven members hospital's team arrived at the corporation including Dr. Sonam Bhat, Dr. Palak Kundal, Harsh Bindra and other staff members. Free physical examination along with free blood sugar, blood pressure and eyesight tests were provided by the hospital with free consultations in hospital. Hospital is also providing a package of full body profile tests under Rs 999 for this month, Dr. Sonam Bhat said. Camp was successfully organised under the guidance of Dr. J.P Singh (MD) and Dr. Sumit Sharma (CEO).



Dr. KD Multispeciality Hospital doctors and others at a camp.

FICCI FLO JKL delegation of 21 women entrepreneurs meets Vice President of India



FICCI FLO Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh delegation posing with Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar in New Delhi.

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Varuna Anand, Chairperson of FICCI FLO Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh, spearheaded a delegation comprising 21 distinguished Women Entrepreneurs representing a diverse array of expertise and achievements. The delegation convened at the residence of the Vice President, Jagdeep Dhankar, in New Delhi for an insightful and engaging dialogue centered around pivotal issues concerning women's empowerment and societal progress. Also present for the interaction were Dr. Sudesh Dhankar, wife of Vice President and his daughter Kamna. Accompanying Varuna Anand were members of the delegation included Ritu Singh, Ruchika Gupta, Mona Saraf, Pooja Gandotra, Chandni

Kapoor, Ridhima Dewan, Namrata Modi, Sanya Bansal, Payal Saraf, Naina Kukreja, Sapna Rohmetra, Neha Mahajan, Kanupriya Garg, Dr. Palli Sharma, CA Samriti Kohli, Adishree Singh, Aditi Chopra Puri, Dhriti Jain, Parakh Jain and Geetika G Mahajan. The meeting, a platform for meaningful discourse, delved into various facets of women's empowerment, advocating for policies and initiatives that promote gender parity, inclusivity, and empowerment across the nation. The Vice President patiently interacted with each member engaging them with his knowledge & wit. He also shed light on many women centric initiatives by the current government under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chairperson Varuna Anand underscored the need for collaborative efforts and robust policies to create an enabling environment for women to excel in diverse fields. The FICCI FLO JKL gifted him a painting created by artist Savanter Bhart during a two-day Art camp held by FLO JKL at Suchetgarh Border symbolizing, peace, growth Development and the role of BSF in keeping our Borders secure. The Vice President reiterated the government's commitment to fostering an ecosystem that nurtures and supports the aspirations of women from all walks of life. The meeting concluded with an immaculately well planned & guided tour of the New & Old Parliament House.

Ch Manmohan urges Govt to provide OBC reservation, ownership rights of custodian land to Jat community Will continue our fight till demands are met

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: All India Jat Mahasabha (AIJMS) organized the grand Jat Maha Adhiveshan at Tal Katora Stadium, New Delhi. This historic convention saw an unprecedented turnout of nearly 50,000 Jats from various parts of the country, underlining the solidarity and collective spirit of the community. Presidents of State and Union Territory, along with their teams, graced the event, marking it as a national summit of great importance. Ch Manmohan Singh, President of AIJMS, Jammu & Kashmir, attended with his dedicated team, highlighting the widespread participation across regions. Speaking on the occasion, the National General Secretary has commended Ch Manmohan Singh for his unwavering commitment and selfless service to the community. He praised Ch Manmohan Singh for successfully organ-



President AIJMS J&K, Ch Manmohan Singh addressing Jat Maha Adhiveshan at Tal Katora Stadium, New Delhi.

izing the first-ever women's convention in Jammu, a milestone event with over 4200 participants. This convention played a pivotal role in the Jammu & Kashmir Government's decision to grant OBC reservation to the Jat community. Addressing the participants, Ch Manmohan Singh expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards the Jat Maha Sabha and the community for their support and recognition of his efforts. He asserted that whenever we get the opportunity to work for society in any position, we should respect the chair

and give our 100 percent to fulfill the assigned task. Ch Manmohan mentioned that more than 5 lakh Jat community members residing in Jammu and Kashmir, and out of which, 3.5 lakh Jats who belonged to the Chamb Sector were migrated to Jammu in 1947, 1965, and 1971. He mentioned that the then State and Central Governments had settled the migrated Jat community on Jammu borders and allotted them land chunks for their survival. He brought attention to the longstanding issue of land ownership rights,

stressing that the community, despite facing adversities, continues to be resilient and steadfast in their quest for justice. The Jat Maha Sabha leader mentioned that the aforesaid allotted land chunks are still under the occupation of custodian land, and the Jat Community is still deprived of ownership rights of aforesaid lands. He termed it unfortunate that the present and successive governments had failed to provide ownership rights to the Jat community for the last more than 70 years. To highlight the issues of the Jat community, several protests, rallies, and conventions were organized in Jammu, but the government did nothing for the Jat community. He said that the Jat community will continue its fight for ownership rights of that land and, in this regard, Ch Manmohan Singh sought support from the Jat Maha Sabha. Ch Manmohan Singh made a strong appeal to the

Central Government for direct compensation to Jat families affected by land acquisition for government projects, bypassing the custodian department. Additionally, he urged for the expedited clearance of the OBC reservation file, to bring J&K Jats on par with their counterparts across the country. The convention concluded with a powerful message of unity and determination. The participants unanimously pledged their support to the issues raised by Ch Manmohan Singh. The AIJMS leader also encouraged the youth to respect their elders and contribute positively to the nation. He also thanked the Central Jat Sabha team for honoring him. Avtar Singh, District President of Kathua, Reena CH, Mahila District President of Samba, and Sat Pal Ch, Tehsil President of Kathua, accompanied Ch Manmohan Singh from Jammu.

'One Act Play' conducted in 'Display Your Talent-2023'

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The event of 'One Act Play' was conducted on Tuesday in the ongoing 'Display Your Talent-2023' being organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu. Paying tributes to Mushtaq Kak, an eminent theatre director/actor of National repute, who left for heavenly abode recently, the Department of Students Welfare dedicated today's event to Mushtaq Kak. The first position was secured by the team of GCW, Udhampur and the Team of PG Integrated secured second position. In the individual category, Diksha Pandita from PG Integrated, Rekha Devi from GCW, Udhampur and Jhanvi Sharma from PG Integrated secured first, second and third positions respectively. The Certificate of Merit was awarded to Ritika Karthol from GCW, Udhampur, Anil Tickoo, Chakresh Kumar and Delight William were the adjudicators and Dr. Sandeep Dubey was the Teacher Incharge of the event. The events of DSW are conceived, planned and organized by the team consisting of Prof.

Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Prof. Monika Chadha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Garima Gupta (Assistant Dean, SW), Dr. Shalvi Sharma & Dr. A.R. Manhas (Deputy Proctors), members of Campus Cultural Committee, Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer), Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) and Ira Kak (Cultural Officer). The events were witnessed by the members of Campus Cultural Committee, teachers, students, scholars of the University of Jammu and prominent members of the civil society. The events were managed by Mohneesh, Idrees Fahali, Kanya Sharma, Angraz Singh, Suriya Banoo, Rishika Sharma, Night Mir, Bipasha Raina, Vivek Soodan (Cultural Representatives), Sachin Sharma. The sound was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur. On 22nd November, the events of Mime, Mimicry & Skit would be conducted from 10 am onwards at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

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