

ASN School wins Inter-School Quiz Competition "Bharat Ko Jano"

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JAMMU: Host ASN Higher Secondary School, Channi Himmat on Saturday win in both the categories of Inter-School Quiz Competition "Bharat Ko Jano" organized by Shivalik Branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad at the School auditorium.

Twelve teams from six schools participated in Junior and Senior level category.

The schools participated were ASN Higher Secondary School, Channi Himmat, Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School, Sainik Colony, Modern Public School, Channi Himmat, Himmat Learning Higher Secondary School, Channi Himmat, Bal Bharti Public Higher Secondary School, Channi Rama and J S Luthra Academy, Channi Himmat.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG JKS Range was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Ritu Mahajan, Additional Secretary School Education Department, J&K Govt was the Special Invitee whereas Sonu Pargal, Deputy Commissioner, Sales Tax Enforcement was the Guest of Honour.

Also present on the occasion



ASN Higher Secondary School Channi Himmat faculty with winner students and other dignitaries.

were Shiv Ram Sharma, Arun Sharma, H.C.Vaid, Ashok Khajuria, Rakesh Sharma, Ashok Gupta, Anju Bansal, Raina from Bharat Vikas Parishad those conducted the proceedings of the competition.

Tinka Gupta, Senior Teacher of the host school presented the welcome address.

H.C. Vaid and Ashok Gupta were the Quiz Masters for the competition whereas Ankush Chib, Pankaj Jasrotia and Ruby Kumari were the score markers.

The competition started with Junior category first where in

ASN HSS stood first with 86 marks, Bal Bharti School stood second with 51 marks and Modern Public School stood third with 50 marks.

In the Senior Category, ASN HSS got the victory again and stood first with 81 marks, Tiny Tots HSS stood second with 44 marks and Bal Bharti School stood third with 29 marks.

Speaking on the occasion, Shiv Kumar Sharma congratulated the participating schools for their active participation and appreciated the enthusiasm and energy of the students participating in this event.

He added that Inter-School Competitions like these foster a spirit of healthy competition, teamwork and learning.

Anita Mahajan, Additional Secretary School Education Department, J&K Govt appreciated the role of Bharat Vikas Parishad for taking keen interest in organizing events like to inculcate moral and ethical values amongst the students.

She said quizzes like these are not just about winning or losing, they are about the journey of learning, the thrill of discovery, and the joy of sharing knowledge with others.

Sonu Pargal congratulated the winners and the participants for their active participation. He said it is okay to make mistakes but it is not okay to not know something but what is important is that you learn from your mistakes and these competitions prepares us for correcting all such mistakes to have better tomorrow.

Ritesh Kapoor, Chief Editor Daily Excel Express lauded the role of Bharat Vikas Parishad for their yeoman services towards the society by inculcating values amongst the youth by various events and competitions.

He added that schools are the first step for the child's future and if they are rooted well, they will grow strong. The effective role of teachers, schools and organizations like these in shaping the young minds are highly needed so that they can well understand their moral duties and responsibilities towards the society and the nation at large.

The function closed with presentation of citations, souvenirs to the guests and prizes to the winners.

Manpreet Kour, Teacher of the host school presented the formal vote of thanks.

Mahant Bachittar Singh College organizes "Euphoria 2024" for freshers



Title holder students posing for a photograph with faculty of MBSCET.

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JAMMU: Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology celebrated the arrival of its 2024 batch with a vibrant fresher's event, Euphoria 2024.

The program began with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, signifying an auspicious start to the new students' academic journey.

Dr. (Prof.) Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the college, warmly welcomed the freshers and emphasized the significance of such events in fostering creativity, camaraderie, and overall personality development

among students.

The event featured a series of captivating performances, including orchestral renditions, traditional and Bollywood dance acts, soulful singing, heartfelt poetry, and a dazzling ramp walk. Engaging games further enlivened the atmosphere, keeping the audience thoroughly entertained.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of Fresher and Fresher, titles awarded to Tanvinder Pal Singh and Asis Kour from the CSE Department, respectively, after an enthusiastic competition.

The event was graced by the

presence of Dr. (Prof.) Amrik Singh (Vice Principal), Ishpal Singh (Professor of Practice), Heads of Departments, Hardeep Singh Gill (Dean of Student Welfare), and faculty members.

The program was skillfully coordinated by Prof. Sarbjot Kour (HOD APSH) as the convener and Prof. Surinder Kour Bali (Assistant Professor, IT) as the co-convener.

Organized by the second-year students, Euphoria 2024 successfully welcomed the first-year students, leaving them with fond memories of their grand introduction to college life.

Union Minister Manohar Lal visits NHPC Nimoo Bazgo Power Station in Leh

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LEH: Manohar Lal, the Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, visited the 45 MW NHPC Nimoo Bazgo Power Station in Leh District. He was accompanied by R.K. Chaudhary, CMD of NHPC, and senior officials, including Ram Swaroop, Executive Director (Jammu), Suprakash Adhikari, Executive Director (O&M), and Jitendra Kumar, Head of Power Stations at Nimoo Bazgo and Chutak.

During the visit, the Minister toured various facilities of the power station, R.K. Chaudhary briefed the Minister about the station's power generation activities and its wel-



Union Minister of Power, Manohar Lal with other dignitaries at NHPC Nimoo Bazgo Power Station in Leh.

fare initiatives for the local community under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The Minister praised the NHPC team for their dedication and hard work in maintaining operations in such challenging conditions, emphasizing the government's commitment to renewable energy and environmental sustainabil-

ity. He encouraged NHPC to continue ensuring a stable power supply while exploring further green energy opportunities in the region.

The 45 MW Nimoo Bazgo Power Station, developed by NHPC, plays a vital role in Ladakh's energy sector, utilizing the Indus River to generate clean, reliable energy.

SCERT J&K's 5-day workshop on creation of children's material concludes

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir State Council of Educational Research and Training, (JKSCERT), Divisional Office Jammu, successfully concluded a highly enriched 5-day workshop on the creation of children's material in Dogri, Gojri, Urdu and Sanskrit, with effect from November 19 to 23, 2024.

The workshop brought together fifty educators representing ten districts of Jammu Division, showcasing a collaborative effort to develop culturally rich content material.

The programme commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, graced by the esteemed Academic Unit Heads including, Shailash Kumari, Associate Prof., Swarn Singh Jaral, Associate Prof., Sultana Koser, Associate Prof., Tahira Parveen Associate Prof. Pushpa Kaith,



Participating educators posing for a photograph on concluding ceremony of five days workshop.

Head, Language Wing, Coordinator of the workshop and others.

A heartfelt welcome address was given by Sultana Koser, Head AU-1, who highlighted the importance of workshop in creating children material to promote multilingualism.

The overview of the workshop was presented by Monica Sharma, Coordinator, who outlined the objectives, methodolo-

gy and expected outcomes, emphasising the focus on creating stories, rhymes, big books, charts and posters, aligned with NEP 2020. Her detailed roadmap inspired participants to work synergistically towards meaningful outcomes.

Over the five days, participants brainstormed ideas and strategies to design and refine materials that are visually

appealing, culturally rooted and pedagogically sound. The main focus was on making the material engaging, vibrant, appealing and culturally relevant. The workshop culminated in a formal valedictory function, presided over by Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT Jammu Division, who applauded the collective efforts of participants, who worked diligently to produce innova-

tive, child-friendly educational material. She emphasised that these initiatives not only strengthen cultural identity but also enrich the educational landscape by making learning more inclusive for children.

The coordinator expressed gratitude to the Joint Director SCERT, for her inspiring leadership, Associate Coordinator Dr. Sandeep Singh for his pivotal role in ensuring the smooth execution of the workshop, the participants for their dedication and collaborative spirit, and the organising team including Shamin Nazki, Rukhsana Gullbadan, Paawan Vivek, Rakesh Chobber, Rukhsana Koser, Meena Thakur and Madhu Sharma, for their meticulous management.

The event marked a significant step toward preserving regional languages through education.

Good governance policies behind BJP's triumph: CM Yogi

SHAHZAD AKHTAR

LUCKNOW: The BJP-RLD alliance's sweeping victory in seven out of nine Assembly seats during the recent Uttar Pradesh bypolls reflects the success of good governance and welfare policies, said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the dedication of party workers for this achievement.

At a press conference held at



the BJP state office on Saturday Yogi Adityanath emphasized that the victory underscored the public's faith in the "double-engine government" and lauded PM Modi's campaign slogan: "Ek hai toh safe hai" (Together, we are safe).

He stated, "This victory is a testament to the people's unwavering trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

The results are a reflection of good governance and development initiatives reaching every citizen."

The slogan, extensively used

during the Maharashtra campaign, resonated with voters and contributed to BJP's remarkable performance. Maharashtra witnessed the BJP securing its highest-ever tally, reinforcing its dominance in the ruling coalition. Yogi extended congratulations to the BJP-Mahayuti alliance in Maharashtra for their electoral success.

Labeling the triumph as a Vijayotsav (festival of victory), CM Yogi remarked that the BJP's success in UP, Maharashtra, and other by-elections highlights a strong mandate for the leadership of PM Modi. He reiterated that the double-engine government prioritizes security, governance, and prosperity, ensuring that public welfare schemes are effectively implemented.

Yogi attributed the victory to people's trust in Modi's policies, which address the needs of various sections of society, includ-

ing farmers, women, youth, and the underprivileged. He also criticized opposition parties for resorting to communalism and appeasement politics, affirming that the public rejected such tactics.

Yogi expressed gratitude to voters and BJP workers for their commitment to the party's vision, calling the victory a symbol of unity and progress under PM Modi's leadership.

The press conference was attended by senior BJP leaders, including State President Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary, Deputy CMs Brajesh Pathak and Keshav Prasad Maurya, and Cabinet Ministers Swatantra Dev Singh and Dara Singh Chauhan. The gathering celebrated the BJP's historic achievements and acknowledged the tireless efforts of party workers in conveying the government's achievements to the public.

Flower Growers appeal to Omar Abdullah for support in promoting local floriculture industry

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JAMMU: Flower growers from the Jammu Division gathered on Saturday under the leadership of Tejinder Singh Wazir, Member of the Jammu & Kashmir Kissan Advisory Board for the Development of Kissan.

The group welcomed Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory (UT) and the concerned Minister for Floriculture, for his initiatives to promote the local floriculture sector. The event was held at the newly created Bagh-e-Gul-e-Dawood theme garden and Polo View Nursery in Srinagar.

The gathering focused on promoting the sustainability of local, indigenous flower and plant production in the UT, particularly advocating for increased local involvement in the floriculture industry.



They discussed the potential for Jammu & Kashmir to produce its own flower bulbs and plants, particularly varieties like Gul-e-Dawood, rather than relying on imports.

Tejinder Singh Wazir highlighted that for the last decade, the flower growers of Jammu & Kashmir have been pushing for a concrete policy to promote the commercial floriculture industry in the region.

He expressed astonishment at the fact that despite the state's untapped potential, bil-

ions of rupees have been spent on importing tulips from other countries.

"Our growers are fully capable of propagating varieties like Gul-e-Dawood, and we must now focus on fulfilling the 'Local for Local' slogan by promoting local flower production," said Wazir.

He further emphasized the need for the administration to develop a mechanism that actively involves local farmers and nursery men in the creation of theme-based gardens like Gul-e-Dawood Garden.

He suggested that similar gardens should be established in Jammu province to capitalize on the tourism potential, particularly Flori-Tourism, which could become a significant driver for the region's economy.

Wazir also expressed gratitude to the CSIR Floriculture

Mission, under the Ministry of Science & Technology, for generating a revenue of Rs. 15 crore through the flower growers of the UT.

He urged Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Minister of Science & Technology, to continue supporting initiatives that focus on indigenous propagation of flowers, particularly tulips.

He called for the creation of a "Push Kranti Mela" (Flower Revolution Fair), where flower growers, nursery men, and stakeholders could come together to explore the commercial potential of floriculture.

Wazir also advocated for integrating various government initiatives such as the Holistic Agriculture Development program and the CSIR IIM Floriculture Mission to ensure the benefits of a robust floriculture sector for the state's flower growers.

St. Xavier Convent School triumphs at Big Jammu Talent Competition by 92.7 Big FM



St. Xavier Convent School students receiving trophy at Big Jammu Talent Competition by 92.7 Big FM.

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JAMMU: St. Xavier Convent School has emerged as the overall champion of the Big Jammu Talent Competition, hosted by 92.7 Big FM.

Competing against a multitude of schools from across Jammu, our students delivered stellar performances, securing top honors and leaving an indelible mark on the prestigious event.

Dr. Ahmed highlighted that the graduates embody the promise of Indian science and expressed confidence in their potential to drive transformative advancements in their respective fields.

The competition was a

thrilling journey, beginning with vibrant auditions and progressing through intense semi-finals, leading to a spectacular Grand Finale.

With talent, teamwork, and creativity on full display, St. Xavier Convent School rose above the rest, earning the top spot amidst fierce competition with first prize in Group Dance, first prize in Skit Competition and special performance in Rhythmic Yoga.

The school proudly took

home three prestigious trophies, a total cash prize of Rs 42,000, and Cambridge blankets for all winners.

The Principal shared their pride in the students' accomplishments, stating, "This victory is a testament to the immense talent, hard work, and dedication of our students and staff. Competing against so many exceptional schools and coming out triumphant highlights our school's focus on holistic development."

Three-Day awareness campaign program on AI, Indigenous Culture, Industry 4.0 held

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JAMMU: A three-day Awareness Campaign Program was organized by the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha in collaboration with EdCIL (India) Limited, targeting educators from elementary and secondary schools across several clusters in Jammu, including SRML Parade, GGHSS Canal Road, HSS Muthi, HSS Paloura, and GHSS Sarwal.

The program, which focused on trending topics like Artificial Intelligence (AI), coding, EdTech, Indigenous Culture, skill upgradation, and Industry 4.0 courses, aimed to equip educators with the knowledge and skills to stay ahead in an evolving educational landscape.

The program was inaugurated at Government SRML Model HSS Parade by Kishore Sharma, State Project Coordinator, along with key dignitaries including Dr. Satya Bhushan Raina, Vice-



Directorate of Samagra Shiksha and EdCIL officials at a programme.

Principal SRML HSS Parade, Sushila Devi, ZEO Jammu, Sachin Goel, District Nodal Officer, and Poonam Gupta, Zonal Nodal Officer and others at Government SRML Model HSS Parade.

The training sessions were led by experts from EdCIL, with Master Trainers Tamana Koul and Mohd. Teyeb handling technical aspects of AI and coding, while Master Trainer Meenu Devi conducted non-technical sessions on entrepreneurship, skill enhancement, and Industry

4.0. The sessions were monitored by Mehak Fatima, Program Manager, and DNO Sachin Goel and ZNO Poonam Gupta to ensure smooth execution.

The program was conducted with prompt infrastructural help and guidance of Vice-Principal SRML HSS Parade Dr. Satya Bhushan Raina and his team.

Over 60 participants attended, showing strong commitment from educators eager to enhance their teaching skills. The program also featured

engaging sessions on the preservation of Indigenous cultures in J&K, where stories and experiences from various community members enriched the discussions.

The campaign was successfully organized under the leadership of Jagdeep Padha, Chief Education Officer, Jammu, reinforcing the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha's commitment to providing inclusive and equitable education that caters to diverse student needs and backgrounds.