

EJAC delegation calls on Commissioner Secretary School Education

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JAMMU: A delegation of JK Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) headed by President EJAC and Chairman JK Teachers Forum called on Commissioner Secretary School Education and apprised him of various issues of all cadres of employees of the department pending for long and sought his personal intervention for speedy redressal in the interest of the department.

A detailed memorandum of demands containing issues of all cadres of employees of education department was submitted to worthy Commissioner Secretary School Education and a detailed discussion was held on each one of them.

The demands put forth by the delegation include Filling up of all vacancies of officers in the



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department, Transfer policy in favour of RRetts, promotion of teachers and masters, Confirmation of 2014 batch left out masters, Leave encashment in favour of vocational staff of the department, ACP in favour of lecturers, Confirmation of left out Incharge lectures, Transfer of all cadres with three years stay, Regularisation of CPWs, Charge allowance in

favour of promoted officials.

President EJAC gave a detail description of all the pending issues and suggested measures to remove impediments in the process of disposal of all such issues.

The main focus of the meeting was recent circular issued by the government with regard to removal of Deadwood under Article 226(2). Delegation expressed serious concern about the way circular is being misused to defame, demoralise and demean teaching commu-

nity. President EJAC Mohd Rafique Rather put forth the concerns and apprehension of the community in detail and said that whole community feels intimidated and humiliated as well.

Commissioner Secretary listened to all the issues raised by the delegation and said that all issues are being perused. He assured redressal of all issues in near future.

The leaders of JK EJAC who were the part of delegation include Mohammad Afzal Bhat President JKTF, Saleem Sagar Vice President JK EJAC/Chairman JKTJAC, Vinod Sharma President JKTJAC, Sukhdev Singh Sumbarya UT Secretary JKTJAC, Mansoor HV, Malik Ashraf UT Secretary JKTJAC, Muzafar Ahmad Dar Spokesman JKTF, Azad Hussain Chief Spokes Person JKTJAC, Nazir Ahmad President CPWs, Tariq Ahmad Lone, Javid Ahmad Khan, Tahir Sofi and others.

Congress holds all workers meet, financial arrangements for upcoming Punjab CM's visit to Jammu

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JAMMU: Congress party on Wednesday held an All Workers Meet of Jammu West Assembly Constituency at Shakti Nagar Jammu regarding Congress party's membership drive and the upcoming Tour Programme of Chief Minister of Punjab Charanjeet Singh Channi.

Meeting was chaired by Former Minister, Yogesh Sawhney General Secretary PCC Incharge District President Jammu Urban and Presided over by Vice president PCC Kanta Bhan, General Secretary JKPC Mannohan Singh and Co-Treasure Rajnish Sharma. Block Presidents, Ward Presidents, Contested candidates JMC, and others attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney discussed the preparation of the upcoming visit of Punjab CM to J&K and issued directives to party workers for



General Secretary PCC Yogesh Sawhney speaking during the meeting.

the same. The honourable Chief Minister of Punjab Charanjeet Singh Channi will also be visiting Jammu. Necessary preparations will be made in that regard by the party, he said. Discussions were also held around the ongoing membership drive of the Congress party. Sawhney guided the party workers to spread awareness on the campaign and get maximum interested people onboard to give maximum inclusivity and accessibility in politics. He said that the party wants to reach every nook and corner to cherry pick enthusiastic and moti-

vated citizens of the community who wish to become the members of the Congress party so as to serve their people.

Also speaking at the meeting, Vice president PCC Kanta Bhan said that workers are working diligently in implementing the party's Membership Drive and response has been massively positive which goes to show that people need a podium to voice their opinions.

General Secretary JKPC Mannohan Singh stated that the Congress party leaders are taking stock of the situation at the ground in J&K so as to mit-

igate prevalent issues that have been blatantly ignored by the BJP government. Although the BJP has proved to be ignorant and silent when it comes to the multiple problems of Jammu, the Congress party on the other hand is very much aware and conscious of the ills troubling the people today.

Co-Treasure Rajnish Sharma said that the organisational set up of the party will be strengthened by the process of the membership drive and masses are eagerly choosing Congress.

Along with Yogesh Sawhney, Kanta Bhan, Mannohan Singh, Rajnish Sharma, Dr. Ramakant Khajuria, Sanjeev Sharma, Rajeev Saraf, Pawan Sharma, Vijay Malohtra, Balbir Thakyal, Tamana Heer, Rakesh Sharma, Yashpal Sangral, H S Mehta, Anita Sharma, Santosh Sharma, Renu Baloria, Janak Raj, Pt. Vishavanath Sharma, Darshan Verma, Kartar Singh, Santosh Bhagat and Others attended the meeting.

French Club Jammu felicitate winners of inter school poetry recitation competition

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JAMMU: French Club Jammu & Samarpal Institute of Languages (SPIL) had organized Inter-school French Poetry Recitation Competition and among the participating schools, Jammu Sanskriti School secured the first position, KC Public School and Banyan International School shared second place and IDPS stood third.

Sarang Veer Singh of Jammu Sanskriti School Clinched the first position, 2nd position was shared by Arushi Pandita from KC Public School and Anahat Parteet Kaur from Banyan International School and Ansh Bakshi from IDPS Jammu bagged the 3rd position in the competition.

Rakesh Gupta, President, Jammu Pharmaceutical Distributors Association who was Chief Guest on the occasion said "French is the official language of many



Member of French Club along with winner students.

International Organizations like WHO, WTO, UN and those who know French they get an edge to fetch the jobs in these Organizations, it's good to learn Foreign language but we should preserve our Dogri language too"

On this occasion, Samarpal Singh, MD, SPIL who was Guest of Honor said, "French is the sweetest language and it is the medium to interact with the French people who do not know our native lan-

guage and we can showcase worth of our cultures and traditions to the French speaking nations if we know French"

Chitrantjli, French Club Senior member who was Special guest on the occasion said, "French Language and its propagation in the state is not at all a threat to any other language including the local languages in the state, it will help in translating rather Dogri literature into

French and vice versa, thus paving a way for global exposure, Our culture and tradition will be better known to various European nationals"

Felicitations Ceremony was held under the supervision of Arun Sharma Founder and President, French Club Jammu.

French Club Senior members who were present on the occasion were Ravinder Pal Singh, Malvi Gupta and Sakshi Gupta.

Director Research conducts review meeting of stations, schemes of SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Director Research, Prof. Pardeep Wali conducted a meeting with the Heads of Stations, sub-stations, centres and centrally sponsored schemes of SKUAST-J located in different regions of Jammu Division to review the progress of their mandates, resources available and gaps to ensure their smooth functioning.

Dr. Mahital Jamwal, Dy. Director Research welcomed and introduced the participants of different stations and centrally sponsored schemes. The participants discussed about their respective mandates and research achievements. Prof. Wali thanked the participants for keeping their spirits high in delivering their duties and directed them that all the communications should be routed through proper channel and should be disposed off in a time bound manner. He informed the Heads to direct the concerned scientists to work in the line to release crop new varieties on priority and all scientists should submit project proposals to various external funding agencies. Prof. Wali informed that the budget year is near to close and every effort should be made to finish the activities, trainings and other assignments related to financial matters well in time and directed for judicious use of funds and clearance of pending bills before March 15th, 2022. Prof. Wali intimated the Heads for updating of respective websites with their achievements and latest activities, in consultation with Nodal Officer, Data Centre and Nodal Officer, P&ME Cell. He suggested that impact analysis of the projects/ schemes may be studied by the Principal Investigators in involving Head of the concerned Department/ Station and KVKs through Directorate of Extension and Department of Agriculture/ Horticulture, Jammu. He impressed for timely submission of their Monthly Progress Reports to the Directorate of Research for onward submission to the concerned quarter.

Dr. Shahid Ahmad, Associate Director Research, extended the vote of thanks.

Animal Husbandry Department Jammu organises Farmers Awareness Camps



Deptt officials along with locals during the camp.

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JAMMU: In a bid to create awareness amongst farmers about the various schemes and programmes run by the Animal Husbandry department Jammu, Awareness Camps were organized at Chilla Block Nagrota and Dansoo Block Dansal villages of district Jammu.

As per the directions from the Director Animal Husbandry Jammu Dr.

Sagar D. Doifode regarding the need for generating mass awareness about the departmental schemes in the interiors of the rural areas, these camps were organized by the team of Extension and Publicity Wing of the department in cooperation with the local PRI members and other prominent persons. Speaking on the occasion at village Chilla, the Extension Officer Dr.

Vinay Kumar said that the Animal Husbandry department Jammu is working on a mission mode for promoting the dairy on scientific lines. He further said that the department has launched various welfare schemes aimed at increasing the milk production in the region but to avail maximum benefits out of these schemes a farmer first needs to be aware about those schemes and that's why these awareness camps are being organized.

At Dansoo awareness camp the Extension Officer stressed upon the rural youths including women to come forward and avail benefits to establish new dairy and poultry units by availing subsidy under the departmental schemes in vogue and set an example for others to

follow by becoming employment providers. Application forms for applying under different departmental schemes viz Integrated Dairy Development Scheme, Integrated Poultry Development Programme, Feed and Fodder Development Scheme etc were also provided on spot to the farmers present in the camps. Krishan Singh, Sarpanch of Panchayat Chilla & other PRI members of Dansoo, present in the Camps.

JK Congress President felicitates people on Guru Gobind Singh's Jayanti

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Ghulam Ahmad Mir on Wednesday felicitated people especially Sikh brethren on Shri Guru Gobind Ji's Jayanti.

In his message JKPCC President Ghulam Ahmad Mir paid rich tributes to Shri. Guru Gobind Ji on his Jayanti, describing him (Guru Ji) as a staunch promoter of peace, who always taught to espouse the path of honesty and truthfulness, he said.

Guru Ji's teachings shall continue to lead the entire mankind at the path of righteousness, inspiring them to serve the humanity irrespective of caste or colour, Mir said.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh disclosed here today that different Ministries and Departments in Govt of India have been asked to take up joint science based projects on common themes, instead of working in Silos. The Minister said this while launching theme of National Science Day (NSD) 2022 Integrated Approach in S&T for Sustainable Future. Dr. Jitendra Singh said that NSD Theme has been chosen for the purpose of raising public appreciation of the scientific issues involved and added that celebrations of important scientific days should not remain a one-day event and there is a need to build upon this on a regular basis.

Dr. Shekhar C Mande, Secretary, DSIR and DG, CSIR, Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Bio-Technology, Dr. S.Chandrasekhar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology and senior officials of DST, DBT and CSIR attended the launch event.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that our greatest asset is Prime Minister Narendra Modi who not only has a natural predilection for science but is also forthcoming in supporting and promoting science and technology based initiatives and projects in the last 7-8 years.

India's scientific prowess is going to have a major role in the making of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', he added.

Dwelling on the theme of Integrated Approach, Dr. Jitendra Singh reiterated that the era of working in Silos is over and he stressed the need for integrated theme based projects. He said, Integration of Science is based on four pillars and these are: a) Coming together of all science Ministries and Departments to work on theme based approach of problem solving, b) Extended Science Integration aligned with technical, engineering and medical institutes, c) Extra Science Integration that is alignment with Line Ministries/Departments of Central Government and finally d) Extended Science Driven Approach involving industries and start-ups leading to a sustainable future.

Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled that six years ago, on the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an extensive brainstorming exercise was held in the national capital where representatives from different ministries and departments engaged in an intense interaction with scientists from ISRO and the Department of Space. He said, the purpose behind the exercise was to work out how best space technology could be utilised as a modern tool for supplementing, improving and expediting infrastructural development as well as implementation of various welfare schemes. The Minister said that he is planning a National Science Conclave

in coming days involving Science Ministries and Departments from the Centre and all States and UTs to deliberate upon pressing problems facing India and effective Solutions for the same.

Referring to the success of Integrated Approach, Dr. Jitendra Singh informed that 168 proposals/requirements were received from 33 Line Ministries/Departments for Scientific Applications and Technological Support & Solutions by all the six S&T departments including Space and Atomic energy.

Pertinent to mention here that National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated every year on 28 February to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'. Government of India designated 28 February as National Science Day (NSD) in 1986. On this day Sir C.V. Raman announced the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930. On this occasion, theme-based science communication activities are carried out all over the country. Many institutions organize open house for their laboratories and appraise students about career opportunities available in a particular research laboratory/institution. Department of Science and Technology (DST) acts as a nodal agency to support, catalyze and coordinate celebration of the National Science Day throughout the country in scientific institutions, research laboratories and autonomous scientific institutions

associated with the Department of Science and Technology. National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC), DST has supported various programmes countrywide by giving grants to its State S&T Councils & Departments for organization of lectures, quizzes, open houses, etc. The DST instituted the National Awards for Science Popularization in 1987 to stimulate, encourage and recognize outstanding efforts in the area of science and technology communication and popularization as well as inculcate scientific temper among masses. These awards are presented every year on National Science Day along with the SERB Women Excellence Award by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) supporting basic research in frontier areas of science and engineering. It provides grants to women scientists below 40 years of age who have received recognition from any one or more of the National Academies such as Young Scientist Medal, Young Associateship and so on.

AWSAR award, an initiative of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India to recognize the dissemination of Indian research in Science, Technology & Innovation being pursued by PhD Scholars and Post-Doctoral Fellows in popular science writing format, is also presented on the day.