

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 RREts, 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, Conformation 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 JKTF, Vinod Sharma President JKTF, Sulshad Singh Sumbary UT Secretary JKTF, Mansoor HV, Malik Ashraf UT Secretary JKTF, Muzafar Ahmad Dar Spokesman JKTF, Azad Hussain Chief Spokes Person JKTF, Nazir Ahmad President CPW, Tariq Ahmad Lone, Javid Ahmad Khan, Tahir Sofi and others.

Course on 'Concept of Leadership & Management in Police' concludes at SKPA



A participant officer being given certificate.

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UDHAMPUR: Two days training programme on "Concept of Leadership and Management in Police" organized at S.K Police Academy Udhampur on January 4th, 2022 culminated on Wednesday. 20 officers of the rank of Inspector participated in the said training Course. The Course was designed as a tool for understanding the basic rules of Management to get work done with the help of others through better planning, coordination and control under a dynamic leadership.

Further in his valedictory address, Vinay Kumar, SSP, Dy. Director (Administration) SKPAU stressed upon the thematic Management, which is considered as a science to produce more from less available resources. To meet the basic objectives of the training programme, experienced, qualified guest faculty from renowned institutes which include Dr. Mahesh Koul, Post Doctoral Fellow Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) New Delhi, Swati Basotra, consultant IIT Jammu and Dr. Rashi Taggar Asstt. professor; School of Business, SMVDU Katra were invited to share their rich experiences.

Suraj Singh, Dy. SP, AD/Trg/R&D/ Administration Officer also delivered lecture to the participating officers.

The course was coordinated by Sumati Gupta, Dy. SP, AD(Q) and Insp. Nasser Mahmood Naik member faculty SKPAU Udhampur.

Animal Husbandry Department Jammu organises Farmers Awareness Camps



Dept 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.

Suri asks teenagers to get vaccinated, help eradicate COVID-19 pandemic

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JAMMU: Expressing his satisfaction over the beginning of vaccination for teenagers in the age group of 15 to 17 years, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri said that a positive response by youngsters across the nation, especially in Jammu and Kashmir, has brought much relief to their parents who were worried for the safety of their wards.

Appreciating the youngsters who got themselves vaccinated on Day One and Day Two of the opening of slots in Jammu and Kashmir, Raman Suri said that this shows their maturity level, safety concern and a zeal to get rid of the COVID-19 pandemic as

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.

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.

The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's administration had done a commendable job by arranging vaccines in schools and colleges besides at various health centres to facilitate students.

Appreciating the young-

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 JKPPCC Manmohan 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 JKPPCC Manmohan 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-Treasurer 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, Manmohan Singh, Rajnish Sharma, Dr. Ramakant Khajuria, Sanjeev Sharma, Rajeev Saraf, Pawan Sharma, Vijay Malhotra, Balbir Thakyal, Tamana Heer, Rakesh Sharma, Yashpal Sangral, H S Mehta, Anita Sharma, Santosh Sharma, Remu Baloria, Janak Raj, Pt. Vishwanath Sharma, Darshan Verma, Kartar Singh, Santosh Bhagat and Others attended the meeting.

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.



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

Chitrangali, 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 and 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"

Felicitation 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.

PDP opposes curbs on pilgrims at Vaishno Devi Shrine

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party has lambasted the administration for its casual approach to regulate pilgrims rush at Mata Vaishno Devi shrine despite tragic incident on the eve of new year resulting death of around a dozen visitors.

In a statement, on Wednesday, spokesperson of the party Advocate Anil Sethi said that the administration seems to have woken up from its slumber after the catastrophic incident of stampede but the measures

are being taken from within the four walls of civil secretariats and Raj Bhawan without understanding the ground realities.

"Curbs and restrictions seem to be the only way this administration takes refuge under", Advocate Sethi said adding, "The administration has come up with the dictate making it mandatory for all the pilgrims to make online registration prior to visiting the Shrine putting disadvantage to the thousands of visitors who are not aquainted with the technology".

He said that instead of finding the loopholes and

fixing the problems on the ground the officials at the helm of affairs has just shifted the blame on the visitors, who might have arrived at the cave shrine for blessings on the eve of new year.

"At present the pilgrims were free either to get themselves registered online or on their arrival at Katra town", he said adding that as per the new direction only the pilgrims with online registration would now be allowed to the Shrine.

Quoting media reports, the PDP leader said that restricting the number of pilgrims to 25000 per day was another curb the administration was imposing. "Pilgrims from across the country wait for the festival seasons to visit the holy Shrine and the proposed restrictions would only create hindrance for the visitors".

He said that the government and Shrine Board should instead focus on the widening of the 13 kilometer long track, strengthening of the existing infrastructures and putting in place the required security apparatus in order to avoid such incident in future.

Ministries, Departments asked to take up joint projects: Dr Jitendra

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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.

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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.

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 Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of 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.

WSAR 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.