

State-level MDP for nursing professionals, tutors, students culminates

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JAMMU: The valedictory function of two-days State Level Management Development Programme (MDP) for Nursing Professionals /Tutors and M.sc Nursing Students of Govt and Private Nursing Colleges/ GNM/ANMT Schools of Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar, organized by the Academy of Hospital Administration (AHA), India in collaboration with Government Medical College Doda was held on Wednesday. Prof (Dr) Noor Ali, Principal GMC Doda was the Chief Guest and presented mementoes & certificates among participants and organisers. The event was attended by Dr Yodhvir Singh Medical GMCH Doda, Dr Varsha Sharma DIO Doda, Dr Suman Balla Asstt Professor and Coordinator Nursing Colleges Doda and Kishtwar, Dr Umesh Choudhary Professor and HoD Management Studies Bhadarwah campus of Jammu University, Chief Accounts officer GMC Doda, faculty of Nursing College Doda, GMC Doda, Organising team besides a number of students of Nursing College, Doda. The students of Bsc Nursing



Chief Guest presenting certificate to a participant.

College Doda presented a colourful cultural programme on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Principal GMC Doda congratulated National President AHA India and Coordinator New Medical Colleges J&K Dr Yashpal Sharma for accepting his request for organising the MDP in GMC Doda. Topics of two-day State Level MDP for Nursing Professionals and Tutors of Nursing Colleges/ ANMT Schools of Jammu Region include Medical Negligence, Communication & Soft Skills, Women Empowerment & Development, Role of Nursing In Prevention of Hospital Infection, Ethical & Legal Issues Related to Nursing Management in

Hospitals, Challenges in Management Clinical Services (Accident and Emergency Services Operation Theater), HR & Conflict Management, Disaster Management Role of Nursing Staff, Skilled Based Methods of Teaching and Learning & Bridging the Theory and Clinical Gap, Quality Assurance in nursing. Resource persons who participated in the event included Dr Beena Jad Senior Consultant & Head of Laboratories Narayana Hospital Katra, Dr Vijay Raina Medical Superintendent Govt Hospital Sarwal Jammu, Dr Yashpal Sharma Director (Coord) New Medical Colleges, Paramedical & Nursing Colleges J&K, Dr

Neelam Saba Asstt Professor Govt Degree College Doda, Dr Arun Sharma Medical Superintendent MCH Hospital, Jammu (Regional Secretary, AHA Jammu Chapter), Dr Yudhvir Singh Medical Superintendent GMCH Doda, Bincy Cherian Asstt Professor College of Nursing Kishtwar BGSBU, Ajit K K Asstt Professor (Coordinator), Dr Umesh Choudhary Asstt Professor (Bhadarwah Campus) University of Jammu and Dr Manoj Bhagat Principal Regional Institute of H&FW Nagrota Jammu. Moderators for sessions were Dr Sumat Ul Khurshid Asstt Professor GMC Doda, Dr Shalini Gupta Asstt Professor, GMC Doda, Prof (Dr) Tariq Azad Professor GMC Doda, Dr Shruti Sharma Asstt Professor GMC Doda, Dr Niraj Kumar Asstt Professor GMC Doda, Dr Suman Bala Asstt Professor GMC Doda, Dr Arun Sharma Medical Superintendent MCH Hospital GMC Jammu, M S Khan MEIO (National Trainer), Dr Varsha Sharma District Immunization Officer Doda and Dr Yudhvir Singh Medical Superintendent GMCH Doda.

Sadhu Samaj stages protest against Rahul Gandhi over his statement against 'Pujaris'



Sadhu Samaj raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Sadhu Samaj held a protest in front of Press Club of Jammu regarding statements of Rahul Gandhi. He had said in Haryana that Congress believes in 'Tapasya', while Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is an organisation of 'Pooja' and alleged that

BJP-RSS force people to worship them, adding that India is a country of 'Tapasvis' (ascetics) and not 'Pujaris' (priests). A number of Sadhus under leadership of Mahant Swami Rameshwar Das, Mahant Dutt Giri Maharaj, Mahant Rajesh Bittu raised slogans against Rahul Gandhi.

Rahul has also said that Congress is an organization of penance and BJP is an organization of priests. "Rahul and Congress are against Sanatan. Congress has always opposed Sanatan Dharam during its rule of more than 70 years. Rahul Gandhi has given introduction of being anti-Hindu. It is clear from Rahul's statement that he is of anti-Hindu mentality," said protestors, advising Rahul Gandhi not to take up religious matters in politics. "Jammu is city of temples and in all temples, only priests serve God. Rahul's statements have lowered the morale of priests and should apologize. Priests hold a key position in 'Sanatan Dharma'," they added.

Khajuria laments Govt's inaction over private practice by doctors

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JAMMU: Senior social activist Suresh C Khajuria has lamented that no action has yet been taken by the Govt on his complaint even after passage of a month. He had written on December 12, 2022 to LG Manoj Sinha requesting him to enforce Govt's instructions against private practice by Government doctors during office hours but no action has been taken so far.

In a press statement issued here, Khajuria said that it is surprising that despite Govt order, all HoDs are still practicing at the cost of the health of the general public and administrative department is keeping a blind eye to it for reasons best known to the people at the helm of affairs. He had sought intervention from the LG Manoj Sinha to end this unethical conduct of doctors which is violative of service conduct rules. "While the government had been upgrading the infrastructure and medical equipment to address health issues of the people, doctors in the government run hospitals and dispensaries are indulging in private practice during their duty hours depriving the common masses of their services" he lamented, adding that as proof, he had sent a video of a lecturer of Government medical college Jammu who is blatantly performing an operation in a private hospital during duty hours. "I had also been fighting against

private practice by the heads of the departments of Government medical colleges and Dental colleges in J&K but to no avail," he added.

He said that as late as October 27, 2022, the health and medical department in its order has debarred three doctors from private practices who were indulging in it violating Standard Treatment Guidelines (STG) of the National Health Authority (NHA).

He further said that he had been constantly fighting the vested interest in health care system particularly on the issue of private practice by government doctors particularly senior doctors including Head of Departments which had impacted the health care adversely as common people are not getting adequate and specialised medical care as doctors encourage patients to get treated from them privately in their clinics and private hospitals where they work. He further claimed that a list of some of the doctors involved in malpractice has also been shared with Health & Medical Education Department but despite Govt. spending huge amount of money on building infrastructure, procurement of machinery/ equipment's, the common public is still suffering because of lack of better healthcare facilities due to menace of private practice by doctors and inaction of administration over the matter.

families of the DP's of 1947 from POK, Gurdev Singh President JKSAAC alongwith Pawan Kumar Sharma, Rajesh Khajuria and Makhan Singh strongly condemned the gruesome selective killing of PoJK refugees by the terrorists at Dhangri. JKSAAC President expressed his surprise that the terrorists after carrying out this mass selective killing escape and leave back planted an IED which remained untraced and exploded the second day killing additional two. He said that number of security agencies visited the area and carried out searches but the explosive could not be

traced. There is lot of resentment among the people of that area and they are feeling insecure. He appealed to the Govt to adopt a fool proof mechanism to protect the lives of people. He also demanded that Village Defence Committees (VDC) which were constituted decades back, have become totally defunct and should be re-constituted again and be equipped with latest weapons to combat such incidents. He further suggested that govt. should take immediate steps to recruit guards from DP's community with army background who can play vital role in stopping such killings in future.

T R Gupta Trust donates washing machines to Home for Aged & Infirm, Amphalla



T R Gupta Trust members donating washing machines to Home For Aged & Infirm, Amphalla.

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JAMMU: Continuing with its In its endeavour to provide help the needy and disadvantaged group of people, the TR Gupta Public Charitable Trust donated two Voltas' Semiautomatic Washing Machines, each of 14 kg capacity, for the use of inmates of the Home For Aged & Infirm, Amphalla

Jammu.

These machines were presented by the Trustees, Dr Ashok Kumar Gupta, Kailash Langer, S.K Sharma and Er Ajay Sabharwal. Raman Manager of the Trust was also present.

The Honorary Secretary Er Vijay Kumar Bhagotra expressed gratitude on behalf of the Managing Committee

of the Home & said that these machines would met the immediate requirement of the Home inmates. He described TR Gupta Public Charitable Trust gesture as noble.

Among those present include Vijay Gupta joint Secretary, R.C Vaid and Vinod Kumar, members of the Managing Committee of the Home.

Awareness on 'Mission LiFE' held at GGM Science College



NSS volunteers and faculty members during an awareness programme on 'Mission LiFE' at Jammu.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College on Wednesday organized an awareness programme in 'Mission LiFE' under the guidance of Principal, Dr. Rajesh Gupta and supervision of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan.

Mission LiFE was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The mantra of Mission LiFE is 'Lifestyle For Environment'.

Emphasizing the benefits of Mission LiFE, the Prime Minister said that it connects the powers of the people for the protection of this earth, and teaches them to utilise it in a better way. He underlined that Mission LiFE makes the fight against climate change democratic, in which everyone can contribute within their capacity.

"Mission LiFE inspires us to do all that can be done in our everyday life to protect the environment. Mission LiFE believes that the environment can be protected by making changes in our lifestyle", the Prime Minister said.

The Principal Dr. Rajesh Gupta appreciated the efforts of volunteers and adopting nature as lifestyle.

Dr. Arti Sharma, Resource Person and judge was the guest of today's event highlighted the simple things one can do to help protect the earth: reduce, reuse and recycle; conserving resources, choosing sustainability, plant a tree.

NSS PO emphasized the role of volunteers in swatchta, educating the masses bringing awareness.

NSS volunteers participat-

ed in group discussion, made posters, wrote slogans and spoke on the topics Air pollution and Awareness and Renewable energy for students.

Aakriti Sharma stood first

in speech competition; Tina and Iesha Bhat got first and second rank in slogan writing; Shanaz Aslam stood first, Zeenat second and Aakriti Sharma stood third in poster competition.

School uniforms distributed amongst students by ATIPL

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JAMMU: Ascend Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited (ATIPL) J&K circle distributed school uniforms amongst students at Ved Mandir, Bal Niketan School (Orphanage/House/School) Amphalla, Jammu, UT of J&K on Tuesday.

This school is being run by NGO & its up to 5th standard and its located in Jammu city, wherein most students belongs to far-flung areas, orphanage and from very poor families.

The Programme was organized under the provision of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of the Company, wherein school uniforms -sweaters



ATIPL J&K circle members distributing school uniforms and sports items amongst students at Ved Mandir, Jammu.

along with sports Items such as football & badminton etc were distributed amongst the students (approx. 50).

The event was inaugurated with National Anthem performed by the students. The school principal, staff and students also found very cooperative and seems

to be enjoying each other's company.

The whole team of Ascend Telecom Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. enthusiastically participated to make to the drive successful and also assured for the best possible support to the orphanage students in future too.

Seniority of SIs in JKP be prepared as common seniority only prospectively: CAT

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JAMMU: Central Administrative Tribunal Jammu, led by Bhagwan Dass Member (A) while deciding controversy over the promotion of 1995 Executive and 1998 Armed Police officers, held that seniority of Sub Inspectors in various wings of J&K Police should be pre-vided and maintained as common seniority only prospectively.

CAT after hearing Sr. Advocates Abhinav Sharma, Rahul Pant and Sunil Sethi for petitioners whereas Amit Gupta, Additional Advocate General for the UT, Amit Gupta carefully considered reliefs sought in the TAs, the contentions of the applicants in these TAs and in arguments of their counsels as well as reply of the respondents along with arguments of counsels of the official respondents and the private respondents. "I have studied the order prepared by the two members of this Bench and difference in them.

On careful consideration and analysis of the issues involved in these cases, the position emerges as follows that the Jammu and Kashmir Police is governed by the provisions under the Police Act of 1927 and Jammu & Kashmir Police Rules, 1960. Since the main issue under dispute in these TAs is related to fixation of seniority of the applicants vis-a-vis private respondents i.e. direct recruit Sub Inspectors, working with the Executive Wing of J&K Police

and Armed Wing of J&K Police and their subsequent consideration for promotions to higher posts of Inspectors and Dy. Superintendents, relevant stipulations under the Act and Rules are required to be appreciated. For maintaining seniority, there are stipulations under the J&K Police Rules, 1960. Rule 172(4) provides that seniority of Inspectors and Sub Inspectors shall be inter-range. This means seniority of Inspectors and Sub Inspectors was to be maintained by the respondents across the ranges i.e. it was to be maintained as common seniority for the two ranges i.e. Jammu range and Kashmir range (as well as other ranges if created subsequently) of J&K Police Force.

As per notification issued by Home Department, Government of J&K dated 01.07.2021, sub-rule 4 of Rule 172 has been amended and now it provides that seniority lists of Sub Inspectors appointed after issuance of this notification against direct recruitment in the Executive and Armed Wings of Police Department shall be maintained common as per the applicable rules," he observed.

"The contention of the applicants' counsel that Sub Inspectors of the Executive Wing also have participated in anti-militancy operations does not have weight. Such duty is not a continuous, full-time, normal, consistent duty to be performed by them. Only occasionally some of them might have been involved in

anti-militancy operations. But because of special training and functional responsibility of special tough nature, the Sub Inspectors in the Armed Wing have to keep themselves all the time combat ready and this wing has been set up similar to infantry battalion of the Army based on recommendation of All India Police Committee," they Court observed. CAT further observed that while applicants' counsel submitted that the applicants had represented for maintaining common seniority in 2005, but a close perusal of copies of those representations claimed to have been made by some of the applicants in 2005 reveals no evidence of acknowledgment of receipt of such representations by the concerned respondent authorities.

Thereafter if there was no response from the concerned official respondents, the applicants ought to have agitated on this grievance but they did not do so. The undisputed fact is maintenance of combined seniority lists of Police Inspectors. The official respondents have explained that from the date of promotions to the post of Police Inspectors, common seniority is maintained irrespective of whether Sub Inspectors promoted come from the Armed Wing or Executive Wing or any other wing of J&K Police such as Reserve Police, Auxiliary Wing, etc.

Another contention of the applicants' counsel is that whole of J&K Police is one single force and therefore, it is

necessary to maintain common seniority list of Sub Inspectors of different wings in the police. While the J&K Police Force can be said to be one force for the State/UT, within it there are separate units maintained based on functional requirements such as Armed Wing, Executive Wing, Telecommunication Wing, Reserved Police, etc. While the duties and functional requirements in these different wings vary, depending upon vacancies available from time to time for promotions, the members in the different wings also get promoted as Inspectors at different times but not necessarily at the same time in all the wings. It is also a fact that the personnel recruited in the different wings are not transferred from one wing to another wing as a normal, regular feature. There might have taken place a few transfers from one wing to another wing based on specific requests for different reasons, but it is not a regular feature in the career of the Sub Inspectors recruited in different wings.

"I concur with the reasons mentioned by the Administrative Member in his proposed order that because of no objection by the staff of the Executive Wing to the anomaly in maintaining seniority of Sub Inspectors highlighted by the applicants in these TAs may not be restricted to them. There may be similarly placed other staff members of the Executive and other wings of the J&K Police and the TAs

should not be allowed to give benefit of retrospective re-fixation of seniority and granting of promotions only to the applicants in these TAs when similarly placed other Sub Inspectors have not been made parties to these TAs. To avoid repeated litigations by similarly placed other Sub Inspectors, the direction to be given by the Tribunal should be of general application. While giving orders/directions, the established practice is to implement such orders/directions only with prospective effect because giving retrospective effect in matters like fixation of seniority is fraught with numerous administrative complications.

Therefore, it is prudent to give directions with prospective effect only. Therefore, I concur with the view of the Administrative Member that the current practice of maintaining separate seniority lists of Sub Inspectors in J&K Police should be discontinued and by treating the J&K Police Force as one unit as provided under Rule 172(4) of J&K Rules, 1960, seniority lists of Sub Inspectors should be inter range i.e. across the ranges and should be common and henceforth the official respondents shall maintain single common seniority for all the wings in the J&K Police. The seniority for the purpose of promotion as Inspectors should be fixed based on the length of the service from the time of joining as Sub Inspectors," the CAT observed.

VHP delegation meets families of Dhangri victims

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JAMMU: A high level delegation of VHP Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh led by Working President Rajesh Gupta visited village Dhangri, Rajouri and met with the families of victims as also the other prominent persons of the area, to have a thorough study of the situation.

The delegation is of the opinion that our neighbouring country getting offended of the Jammu and Kashmir UT heading speedily towards the progress and prosperity, has escalated its nefarious designs which need to be strongly checked.

The delegation of VHP Working President Rajesh Gupta accompanied by Vice President Shakti Dutt Syharma, Mantri Karan Singh, Bajrang Dal Convener Kartik Soodan and Dharmacharya Sampark Parmukh Apaar Sharma, has demanded that effective investigation be carried out in the Dhangri massacre to trace out the terrorists and their helpers, steps be taken to restore confidence among Hindu minority, CRPF posts and patrolling be carried out in sensitive areas, VDC force be strengthened and licenses be issued for the latest weapons in the sensitive areas and even in the cities, Fresh licenses be issued, appropriate medical treatment to the injured be given, encroachment of the forest land be removed, the compensation to the families of earlier two victims be enhanced.