

SCERT organises State Level Exhibition, Project Competition

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JAMMU: State Council of Educational Research and Training, Jammu and Kashmir Divisional office Jammu on Tuesday organised a State Level Exhibition And Project Competition (SLEPC) in the Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Shastri Nagar here under INSPIRE Award-MANAK Scheme- 2021-2023 of Department of Science and Technology Government of India Jammu.

The event was held under the overall guidance and supervision of Joint Director JKSCERT, Jammu, H.R Pakhroo.

The Exhibition was inaugurated by Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma and Director Finance, School Education Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu (J&K), Ifthikhar Hussain Chauhan. The exhibition was declared open with the lighting of the



DSEJ, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma inaugurating SLEPC.

ceremonial lamp. Other dignitaries from the School Education department including DIET Principals and CEOs were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ravi Shankar motivated the students to think out of the box and create wonders. He also asked the teacher and others concerned to motivate the students to take part in the events being organised by the government for exploring the new ideas of students so that they compete at national level and bring laurels for their institu-

tions as well as Jammu and Kashmir.

Director Finance, School Education Department, Ifthikhar Hussain who is also the UT level Nodal officer of the INSPIRE Award MANAK Scheme (J&K), applauded the participants for their innovative ideas and stressed the need for encouraging participation of maximum number of students in such kinds of activities .

Earlier, Joint Director JKSCERT, Jammu, in his welcome address, motivated the participants to think crit-

ically like the eminent scientists and develop higher order thinking skills. He also presented mementos to the dignitaries as a token of honour.

The dignitaries also inspected the exhibition of 42 innovative science models prepared by students of both government and private schools of Jammu province.

An independent jury comprising Dr Sanjeev Arya, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, University of Jammu, Dr. Balgar Singh, Puneet Thukral, Rohit Sharma, Sr. Academic officers JKSCERT, Jammu, Parvaiz Ahmed Mir, Shabir Ahmad Kutay and Irteza Fayaz from NIF, DST, New Delhi selected best exhibits in a very intellectual and professional way of selection for National Level Exhibition and Project Competition to be held at New Delhi.

The prizes were distributed among the students by the

Joint Director JKSCERT, Jammu H R Pakhroo in the presence of august gathering.

Preeti Devi (Reasi district), Akarsh Singh Bhau(Doda district) Jatin Sharma (Kathua Distt), Monica Devi (Jammu district), Arun Sambyal (Kathua district) and Angad Kumar (Jammu district) were declared as the Six top winners .

Two students named Chahat Sharma and Rammi Sharma from GHS Parangol Kathua along with their escort teacher Munish Narayan were also awarded certificates for their participation in Rashtriya Bal Vaighyanik Pradarshini-2022 held at Guwahati, Assam.

The programme was moderated by Deepak Sharma, senior Academic officer JKSCERT, Jammu.

Nodal Officer INSPIRE-SCERT J&K Jammu, Ashu Magotra presented the vote of thanks.

JU VC launches Wild Mushrooms Awareness Calendar 2023



VC JU, Prof Umesh Rai and others releasing Wild Mushroom Calendar 2023.

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JAMMU: To generate and create awareness among the masses on the importance of mushrooms, a Wild Mushroom Awareness Calendar 2023 was released on Tuesday by Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu (JU).

Prof. Rai thanked the Ministry of Environment, Forests, Climate Change, the Government of India, the National Mission of Himalayan Studies (NMHS) and the Departments of Botany, University of Jammu and University of Delhi for jointly supporting the calendar and

expressed the hope that raising awareness of wild mushrooms will aid in addressing the region-specific issues of food security and the environment facing the community and examining solutions.

He further exhorted that the Department should exhibit novel wild mushrooms of J&K and Ladakh as well as start skill-development courses on various facets of mushrooms and their economic significance. Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, the project's principal investigator, informed that the calendar features twelve distinctive, recent, and original field

images of wild mushrooms growing in a variety of Kargil (Ladakh) environments.

Conceived by Prof Yash Pal Sharma and designed by the Project Fellow Syed Azhar Hashmi, the Wild Mushroom Awareness Calendar 2023 also highlights the basic information on the general life cycle and significance of wild mushrooms.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Venu Kaul, Head of the Botany Department, Dr. Harish, Dr. Skarna Nonzom, Dr. Tahir and Komal were present during the calendar release ceremony.

Exemplary work by party activists as whole timers to ensure BJP's CM in J&K: Ashok Koul



J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.), Ashok Koul chairing a meeting of party whole timers.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir conducted party whole timers (Sangathan Mantris and Vistaraks) at party Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here on Tuesday.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.), Ashok Koul chaired the meeting who was also accompanied by party All Moreha Incharge Munish Sharma and Doda District Prabhari Pawan Sharma.

Parliamentary whole timers, District whole

timers and Assembly whole timers participated in the meeting.

Koul apprised them of the party programmes needed to be carried out by these Vistaraks at the ground level. They will carry the message and the mission of BJP up to the ground level, Koul said.

"Initiating their field work in view of approaching Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir, these Vistaraks will make sure that the party policies and schemes initiated by Prime

Minister, Narendra Modi led Centre Government reach up to every single person residing in remotest village", said Koul.

Koul further asked them to boost Panna Pramukhs, as they will be playing major role in the conduct of party programmes as well as to write the success story of party in upcoming elections. He said that the exemplary work by the dedicated party activists as whole timers would ensure BJP's Chief Minister in Jammu & Kashmir.

Whole timers from Jammu -Poonch Parliamentary constituency Inderjeet Sharma, U d h a m p u r - D o d a Parliamentary constituency Vipran Kumar, Kathua-Bani-Basohli Vishal Parihar, Kishtwar District Harbans Singh, Jammu District Ashok Kumar and many others participated in the meeting.

AAROH celebrates 13th Foundation Day



AAROH members celebrating Foundation Day with children.

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JAMMU: Aradhana- A Ray of Hope (AAROH), self funded NGO has completed 13 years of its journey of educating underprivileged children and accelerating their comprehensive growth.

The organisation also takes active part in rehabilitation services, awareness workshops, healthcare and hygiene management among other things.

To celebrate the efforts of countless people connected for the cause, the team celebrated its 13th Foundation Day with glory and honour.

The event started with brief description of how the organisation operates and which prime areas does it focuses on. It was followed by lamp lighting ceremony and a welcome dance by the children.

Founder Chairperson Monika Mitter welcomed the

guests and presented the annual general report.

Aaroh kids danced their hearts out, performed a role play alongside the members and Sanjay Dogra, Jammu's Jackson gave a outstanding hip-hop performance.

Future plans and long term vision of the organisation was explained by the executive body. The yearly brochure was released.

The event was attended by Sarvesh Langer, Mishika Dhar, Simran Kour, Avinash Bogal, Shivam Gupta, Sumit Mahajan, Sriшти Gupta, Harsh Malhotra, Narinder Randhawa, Manish Sharma, Kiran Bharti, Rashi Gandral, Swati Gandral, Satish Mehra, Deevansh Anand, Deepak Anand, Varun Arora, KP Singh, Aruna Sambyal, Bhawna Dhar, Bhupinder Singh, Abhishak Sharma and Ritika Choudhary.

Traffic Police Rural Jammu organises piping ceremony for promoted officers

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JAMMU: SSP Traffic Rural Jammu, Mohan Lal Kaith on Tuesday convened the piping ceremony in respect of the officers (Asstt Sub Inspectors) of the Unit promoted to the rank of Sub Inspectors by Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu & Armed Police Headquarters, J&K(UT) on December 13, 2022 in the pay Level-6 "C", (35700-113100).

The officers have been promoted to their next higher rank after completion of their due promotion period.

The names of officers, who have been promoted to the next higher rank are ASI Farid Hussain, , ASI Ajay Khohar, ASI Hem Raj, ASI Sat Paul, ASI Payar Singh, ASI Mohd. Aslam, ASI Gulab Singh, ASI Bhupinder Singh, ASI Mohd. Araf, ASI Rakesh



SP Traffic Rural Jammu, Mohan Lal Kaith with Asstt Sub Inspectors during piping ceremony.

Kumar, ASI Mohd. Sadiq, and ASI Mohd. Tariq.

SSP Traffic Rural Jammu congratulated the newly promoted officers and also their families. The officer also advised

them to serve with a high degree of honesty, zeal and zest to brighten the image of J&K Police.

The DTIs Samba and Vijaypur were also present on the occasion.

Court awards five years RI in a case of intent to outrage modesty

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JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Bhaderwah Sunit Gupta awarded five years rigorous imprisonment to Yasir Hussain Lone in criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty case.

The facts of the case which has culminated into the instant charge sheet are that on 26.06.2021 the complainant in the case (name withheld) W/o Akhter Hussain Sheikh R/o Thathri, has appeared before SHO Police Station, Women Cell, Doda, alongwith her husband and submitted a written report against one Yasir Hussain S/o Lal Din Lone R/o Sherote, Tehsil Kishtwar, alleging that he made an intent to outrage her modesty. She said that she was married to her husband Akhter Hussain about four months back. Her husband is a driver by profession and on 21.06.2021 her husband while driving LP Truck bearing No. JK017-0575 from Jammu had also taken her in the said journey. Her husband had loaded cement bags from Jammu and on 25.06.2021 they had left Jammu at about 4.00 PM and when they reached at Chakwa Nallah, Batote, halted there for taking meals.

There they met with one Yasir Hussain who happened to be a Tipper driver and was also taking meals in the same shop. The husband of the complainant used to having training of driving with the said Yasir Hussain and because of the said closeness the accused Yasir Hussain had told her husband that he would drive the vehicle of her husband for onward journey to which her husband agreed. Thereafter, the accused started driving truck of her husband and her husband started driving the Vehicle of Ysair Hussain while she remained lying on the backseat of the vehicle which was being driven by the accused. Since it was night, as such, the complainant fell asleep. The husband of the complainant was driving the vehicle of the accused and he was ahead of their vehicle. When she was sleeping on the backseat of the LP Truck, the accused Yasir Hussain tried to take undue benefit of her sleep and he had opened the string of her Shalwar and sit upon her and he tried to commit rape upon her. She had raised alarm, upon which, the accused threatened that if she would raise alarm, he would kill her and throw her in the Nallah, upon which,

the complainant remained silent. Thereafter, husband of the complainant who was waiting for the accused and the vehicle, but when the accused did not stop the vehicle near him, he had started running on foot towards the vehicle and thereafter he had succeeded in boarding the said truck. When her husband found her in weeping condition, he asked her that what happened, upon which she narrated the whole story to him, by that time the accused had already alighted from the vehicle of her husband and proceeded towards his own vehicle.

Principal Sessions Judge Bhaderwah Sunit Gupta after hearing both the sides observed that the convict is a married person having two small kids who are solely dependent upon the convict. It is understandable that the convict has to pay for his misdeeds but at the same time for the misdeeds of the convict, his wife and small kids have also heavily to pay in the society. Besides this, there must not be any other source of livelihood for the wife and kids of the convict except the income to be earned by the convict himself. Only because of shameful act of the convict, the wife and the small kids of

the convict should not be derived towards the starvation which would also not meet the end of justice. Therefore, while taking into consideration the trauma of the prosecutrix and the sufferings to be made by the small kids of the convict, a balance is required to be stroked between all the mitigating circumstances. Hence keeping in view the larger interest of the society, the following punishments are imposed on the convict to meet the ends of justice. Under Section 354 IPC the convict/accused is sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for a period of two years and to pay a fine of Rs. 5000/- and in default of payment of fine the convict shall undergo further rigorous imprisonment for three months. Under Section 8 of POCSO Act, 2012, the convict/accused is sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for a period of three years and to pay a fine of Rs. 5000/- and in default of payment of fine, the accused/convict shall undergo further rigorous imprisonment for a period of three months. All the sentences imposed upon the convict/accused shall run concurrently. The amount of fine, if paid, by the convict shall be delivered to the prosecutrix.

University of Ladakh, Fire & Fury sign MoU



Representatives of University of Ladakh and Fire and Fury Corps after signing MoU.

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LEH: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between University of Ladakh (UoL) and Fire and Fury Corps in the presence of Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, GOC 14 Corps and Dr SK Mehta, Vice Chancellor, UoL. Various other senior Army officers and civil dignitaries were also present on the occa-

sion.

The constant pace of technology change has created a need for widening the professional base of the human resource of Indian Army. Towards this, University of Ladakh is offering a number of courses for professional development of Indian Army personnel posted in the region.

These include courses on

national security, area studies, international politics, disaster management, Chinese language and remote sensing.

The signing of Memorandum of Understanding will ensure enrichment of professional education of Indian Army personnel in various disciplines and will result in their overall development.

Dogri song 'Happy New Year' released

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JAMMU: Film Industry Jammu and Trinetra Productions released their very first song of 2023 titled Happy New Year, a Dogri Song in the premises of Golf Course, Sidhra Jammu.

The song is the collaborative effort from all the artists of Jammu. The main motive of this song is to show unity and love towards each other. The concept of the song was written by Shilakha Sharma, who has also written the story of Aaun Aan Shinda, feature film.

The lyrics of this song were written by RKT, renowned writer of Punjab and J&K and Shayari was penned by Randeep Singh Bhau.

Musie was done by Wazir X Music who has done 30 songs in the last year and the song was directed by celebrated Director of our state Aaditya Bhanu.

The Singers who have

given their voices in the song includes Randeep Singh Bhau, K Raman, Isha Andotra, Chetan Slathia, Rohit Verma, Sandhya Sharma and Rajjot Singh.

The song was choreographed by renowned Choreographer Mann Salhan. Vikran Mehta and Milind Verma did the cinematography while post production was done by Trinetra Productions.

Manav Gupta, Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course and SP City Kulbir Handa, presided over the function as Chief Guests while RJ Juhie 92.7 BIG FM Jammu presided as Guest of Honor.

Neha Lahotra, Renowned Theatre and Film Actress was the special guest on the occasion.

While congratulating Aaditya Bhanu, SP Handa appreciated the efforts and appeals to the general mass to promote Dogri and try to

educate their children to speak in Dogri.

The star cast of this song includes Kuldeep Hans, Amit Singh Andotra, Divya Kapoor, Gaurav Kapoor, Surya Bhanu Pratap Singh, Dhvani, Rekha Sharma, Urja Singh, Ajay Slathia, Vivek Sangotra, Tariq Khan, Nitin Gupta, Shweta Gupta, Neelam Malvi, Dr Himja Mengi, Savita Khajuria, Vinay Daggar, Mila Raj, Vikrant, Sagar Thakyal, Karishma Bogal, Kulvinder Kour, Mj Sunny, Rahul Khatri, Yuvraj Singh, Shalini, Supritika Sharma , Rohit Sharma, Nitin Sanotra, Neha, Simran Rajput, Akhil Bhagat, Vikramjeet Singh Manhas, Ishan Mansotra, Nitu Sangria, Khwaish Gupta, Kamal Asla, Rahul Kahi, Mahi, Sanam Sudan, Sugam Bral, Varun Sharma and Kulwinder Kour.

The song was released on youtube channel Shining Star Productions.