

SAHYOG India honours specially abled children for winning laurels in Special Olympics Events

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JAMMU: 39th Foundation Day of SAHYOG India was organized at Hari Singh Club, Sehora, here on Friday. SSP Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Zorawar Singh Jamwal, senior journalist and chairman, Team Jammu was Guest of Honour on the occasion. "Divyangjans"- Specially Abled children of SAHYOG India and Jiger Foundation were the guests who won 14 gold medals in North Zone Special Olympics Events at Chandigarh and brought laurels to Jammu and Kashmir. Dr Ashwani Jojra founder SAHYOG India who is also President of Special Olympics Bharat, JKUT Chapter; in his welcome and key note address threw lucid light on the 39 years journey of SAHYOG India passing through all situations with



SSP Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar and Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal with SAHYOG India members felicitating Divyangjans.

passion and zeal as well as commitment to restore smiles on the sad faces of suffering humanity wiping out their tears n sorrows and also expressed his gratitude to the well-wishers and supporters from all quarters, Dr Jojra also sought cooperation with new commitments to continue this philanthropic journey to serve Humanity facing new challenges in changing scenarios. SAHYOG India is net out-

rels to the nation as special athletes of SAHYOG India and Jiger Foundation won gold medals in many state and national championships of special Olympics Bharat. He congratulated Dr Ashwani Jojra who has given his life for upbringing of such neglected sections of society. Zorawar also congratulated all SAHYOG India Parivar for landmark achievements in NGO sector which is remarkable and unparalleled. He said that he has closely witnessed the tireless selfless dedication and devotion of members of SAHYOG India and especially Dr Ashwani Jojra without any rest or halt, always on wheels and heels to shoulder the pains n responsibilities of unattended n unsung. Esther William president SAHYOG India in her presidential address said that It is a great honour being a part

of the organisation like SAHYOG India as I have three decadal association and learnt a lot. All the dignitaries honoured the special athletes by presenting gold medals won at Chandigarh. Thakur Jagdev Singh Manhas a spiritual mentor also blessed gathering. The persons honoured on the occasion included Esther William President Sahyog India, Pooja Malhotra Sr Vice President Sahyog India, Subash Gupta Advisor, Dr Gauri D Bajju Advisor Sahyog India, Mandeep Singh Chib, Social Activist, Gaurav Bhasin MD Bhawani Printers, a team of advisors of cultural wing of Sahyog India as Avtar Kour, Ajit Raj Sharma, Raju Bajgal and Sandeep Singh Chib Chairman JKDFA and Sandya Dhar, founder Jiger Foundation.

SSP Jammu inaugurates four-day training of capacity building in Cyber Crime handling



SSP Jammu, Vinod Kumar speaking at a training session in Jammu.

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JAMMU: The training for handling cybercrime cases and capacity building of police personnel is flagged off under the aegis of ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain. SSP Jammu, Vinod Kumar, inaugurated a four-day training session at Zonal Police Head Quarters, Jammu, organised by Cyber Police Station, Jammu,

Jammu Zone. As the cyber-crimes in the UT of J&K are becoming a menace, this training aims to make every district in Jammu Zone self-sufficient in handling cyber-crimes and providing instant relief to the victims so that the victims of cyber frauds may not have to travel from distant areas of the Jammu Zone to Jammu for registration of their complaints.

The trainees include a team of officers/officials from each district of Jammu Zone which will constitute Cyber Teams/Cyber Cells in their respective districts to provide immediate remedy to the victims of cyber frauds and are being assured to give all the technical assistance required in such cases.

Special prayer 'Salatul Istisqa' offered in Valley to pray for an end to dry spell

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SRINAGAR: To pray for a respite from prevailing dry weather conditions in Kashmir valley, a special prayer 'Salatul Istisqa' was offered at historical Jamia Masjid and other Mosques in Srinagar on Friday. Reports said that a large number of devotees participated in the prayers and sought end to drought-like weather conditions in the Valley. The faithful were seen crying before Almighty Allah and seeking respite from unprecedented dry weather conditions amid harsh winter period 'Chila-e-Kalan'. Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid and other committees had asked people to join the 'Salatul Istisqa' at the historic mosque and other places in all parts of Kashmir to pray for an end to the prolonged dry spell in the valley.

Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony to hold Shoba Yatra on Jan 17



Rajeshwar Singh, President Shree Ram Leela Club, Sainik Colony addressing the media persons.

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JAMMU: Shree Ram Leela Club, Sainik Colony in collaboration with other social, cultural and religious organizations is organizing a Shoba Yatra in connection with forthcoming consecration of Lord Rama at Ayodhya. In this regard, Shree Ram Leela Club extended invitation to all to be part of the Shoba Yatra on January 17, 2024. Rajeshwar Singh,

President Shree Ram Leela Club, Sainik Colony, Jammu, while addressing the media persons, said that Maryada Purshotam Bhagawan Shree Ram has been the epitome of Dharma, valour, loyalty and compassion since times immemorial. Lord Rama is undoubtedly the guiding force for whole humanity irrespective of religion, caste, colour, creed as he is celebrated across the world, he

said. The consecration of the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya is the final culmination of five hundred year old struggle and needs to be celebrated for one and all. Since it is practically impossible for everyone to be present at Ayodhya for this celebration, Shree Ram Club is organizing a Shobha Yatra at Sainik Colony, Jammu. This Shobha Yatra is a sincere effort to showcase solidarity, unity, and immeasurable joy and the club invites all the citizens to be part of this great event and get blessings of Lord Rama, he said. Prominent among those who were present at the press conference include Rajeshwar Singh President, Rakesh Chowdhary Vice President, Narinder Singh Sr Leader, Ranjeet Singh and Vishal Sharma members.

POWERGRID signs MoU with TMC Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre Chandigarh for providing CT Scanner under CSR

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CHANDIGARH: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) signed an MoU on Friday with Tata Memorial Centre, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (HBCHRC), New Chandigarh, Punjab (A Grant in Aid Institution under Department of Atomic, Government of India for providing a Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner (128 Slice) under CSR. Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of POWERGRID, MoU was signed by Vinod P. Baxla, General Manager (HR) on behalf of POWERGRID and Dr. Ashish Gulia, Director on behalf of HBCHRC in the presence of A.H Khan, Sr. GM



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(Punjab & Haryana), POWERGRID, Senior doctors of the hospital and senior officials from POWERGRID. As per the MoU signed today the funds to the tune of Rs 6.5 Cr. for the procurement, to be provided by POWERGRID, shall be utilized by HBCHRC in the presence of A.H Khan, Sr. GM

Tomogra-phy (CT) Scanner (128 Slice), which shall be on immense benefit to the hospital in providing effective treatment to the needy patients. This project shall be an initiative of POWERGRID towards promoting health infrastructure in Northern Region. On this occasion, Director (HBCHRC)

thanked POWERGRID for taking up this CSR initiative for providing this particular infrastructure to the Hospital. POWERGRID has been continuously extending support for development of various infra-structure activities across India including the state of Punjab.

PSC Lecturers' Association calls on CS, urges him to fulfil demand of Career Progression

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JAMMU: A high level delegation of All JK +2 PSC Lecturers' Association led by its Provincial president Manjeet Chib called upon Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and urged him to fulfil the long pending demand of career progression. The delegation apprised him the issue of stagnation faced by the cadre. Chib informed Chief Secretary that stagnation in the cadre is a chronic disease which needs to be addressed on priority basis. Chib said that +2 lecturers are the worst sufferers because there is no provisions of Time bound / career progression. As per hand out issued, the delegation extended warm welcome to Chief Secretary and apprised him the demand of financial up gradation of +2 lecturers. Manjeet Chib informed Chief Secretary that



PSC Lecturers' Association members calling on Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo.

the file of Assured Career Progression is lying in the office of Principal Secretary GAD. Chib requested Atal Duloo to intervene and implement the scheme of career progression as envisaged in NEP 2020. Chib said that +2 lecturers are striving hard to convince the govt to fulfil the demand but still a distant dream. It is pertinent to mention here that it is for the first time under the administrative control of LG that the voice of +2 lecturers is being heard and serious initiatives have been taken to address the problem of stagnation. While sharing information, Chib said that after this meeting with Atal Duloo the Chief Secretary, +2 lecturers ae hav-

ing high expectations that the demand shall be fulfilled and it will be a historical decision in favour of nation builders who are deprived of financial growth. Chib said that it is really a matter of pride that the son of the soil Atal Duloo understand the plight and problems of the employees is heading the govt. The meeting was very fruitful and Chief Secretary gave patient hearing which is in fact a goodwill gesture to the cadre, he further added. The delegation also met with Administrative Secretary School Education, Dr. Piyush Singla and discussed the issue of deputation of lecturers to SCERT and associated DIETs. The administrative secretary assured that the grievances shall be examined and will be redressed accordingly. The delegation also met Special Secretary Kanta Devi and Naseer Ahmed Wani and submitted a representation forwarding suggestions with regard to ATD 2024.

A threadbare discussion was made over some important issues like continuation of CRCs, Duty slip in favour of lecturers and repatriation of left out lecturers appointed through SRO 202. Manjeet Chib thanked Atal Dulloo for showing great concern to the demand and giving patient hearing. He also thanked Commissioner Secretary GAD for showing positive response to address the core issues. Chib was accompanied with Mansoor Ahmed Khan provincial president Kashmir, M A Katooch General Secretary, Sandeep Sharma Chief Coordinator, Sanjay Gupta Chief Organizer, Mohd Shafi, Mohd Iqbal Paddhar, Sohil Riyaz, Sandeepan Gupta, Javaid Iqbal Naik, Sunil Kumar, Dr. Danveer Singh, Swarn Singh.

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Pvt schools constructed on own land will be de-tagged if owners submit NOCs before Jan 28: JKBOSE Chairman



JKPSA delegation calling on Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairman JKBOSE.

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JAMMU: A meeting was held in between the officials of Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education and the members of Central Body of the Jammu & Kashmir Private Schools Association to dilute the tension of tagging of those schools which are constructed on the proprietary/own land and whose affiliation/recognition was lapsed in 2021, 2022 or 2023 due to the non availability of NOCs from the differ-

ent departments. Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairman of JKBOSE and Secretary Sarita Sareen briefed the members that the issue of tagging of the schools was considered seriously by the all agencies of the education department. It was briefed by the Chairman JKBOSE to the members that a special affiliation committee meeting will be held in presence of Dr. Piyush Singla Secretary School Education on January 29,

2024. All such schools which are constructed on own/ proprietary land will be de-tagged if the owners/proprietors of all such schools will submit the required NOCs which are needed for the affiliation/recognition even through offline mode on or before January 28, 2024. No laxity will be given to those who will come to the JKBOSE after January 28, 2024, he added. He also promised to streamline the process of applying affiliation/recognition through online mode with seamless synchronization with other allied departments from which different types of NOC's are required. within couple of days to generate time bound mechanism. Kamal Gupta, Ajay Gupta, Deepak Handa, Gaurav Charak, the members of the central body were the part of the discussion for the burning issue of tagging of schools.

Former Legislator tours Panchayat Hakkal; lays thrust for construction of community hall, deep drain



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa visiting Panchayat Hakkal in Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: Several development works have been launched to improve the overall condition of lanes and drains, link roads and other amenities in neglected areas. This was informed by Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa during his tour of Panchayat Hakkal of Jammu South RS Pura Assembly segment, here on Friday. The visit to the Hakkal Panchayat was a part of the Public Outreach Programme, under which the former Legislator listened to the grievances of the people.

Randhawa was accompanied by Block Development Officer (BDO) Kirandeep Kour, Vijay Sharma Ex Sarpanch, Kunti Devi Ex Sarpanch, Ravinder Charak, Ved Parkash, Surjeet Singh, Pushkar Sharma, Suraj Parkash, Monnu Singh, Vinod Kumar, Abhi and Upkar. In his address, the senior BJP leader asked the people to identify developmental needs of their area so that the works can be enlisted for execution by the concerned departments on priority. Former Legislator asked the BDO Kirandeep to identify the development works in the Panchayat Hakkal for early execution. "Re-construction of the deep

drain is the need of the hour", he said and asked the BDO to take up this issue with the concerned authorities for the re-construction of the deep drain. He also asked the BDO to get a community hall constructed in the Panchayat Hakkal so that people can take benefit of it. "Public outreach programme has been launched by me to reach every nook and corner to listen and redress the grievances of the people", Randhawa said, adding that BJP is working to mitigate problems of the people and give them respite from miseries which they are facing in the last over seventy years. The residents applauded the efforts of the Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa for notifying the development works in the area. They assured their full support to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in future. On the occasion, the people also extended their full support to BJP in the forthcoming elections.

IIM Jammu's Education Leadership Training Programme concludes

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JAMMU: The 'Education Leadership Development Training Programme,' conducted by the Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C) division of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu concluded on Friday, following five intense and knowledge-packed days of sessions. This programme, specially curated for College Principals of Jammu and Kashmir, aimed to equip participants with essential leadership skills to align their vision with contemporary educational trends and the evolving needs of students and the community. The proceedings commenced with the presentation of the Programme Report by Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Programme Director. Subsequently, participants shared their compelling narratives, detailing their enriching learning experiences over the course of the last five days. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, reflected on



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay presening memento to Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department.

India's remarkable economic journey, progressing from the 10th position to the 5th position today. He urged academicians to actively contribute to achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He highlighted the pivotal roles of youth and women in this transformative journey, citing examples such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Ujjwala Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Emphasizing key compo-

nents such as cleanliness, youth empowerment, and the provision of quality education, he encouraged a shift towards becoming job creators rather than job seekers. He stressed the significance of dedication and commitment in this pursuit. Lastly, he extended an invitation to everyone to actively participate in the upcoming Seminar on NEP 2020 scheduled to be organized at IIM Jammu in February 2024. Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, Govt

leges to foster collaboration, unite, and actively contribute to nation-building. Furthermore, he underscored the importance of disseminating the knowledge gained from this training programme among their students, thereby ensuring a wider impact on the educational community. The key objectives of the program included the Implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Enhancing Instructional Leadership, Fostering Effective Communication, Promoting Cultural Competence, Encouraging Innovation and Adaptability, and Instilling Data-Informed Decision-Making Skills. The valedictory ceremony, held at the IIM Jammu campus, witnessed the distribution of certificates to all the enthusiastic participants who completed the programme. The event ended by a vote of thanks by Dr. Prateek Maheshwari, Co-Chaiperson, EE &C, IIM Jammu.