

## JU to conduct JK Women Science Congress from Feb 11 Vice Chancellor launches website for congress

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JAMMU: University of Jammu in collaboration with J&K Science Technology & Innovation Council (JKSTIC), Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, is organizing JK Women Science Congress from 11th to 13th February, 2024.

University of Jammu aims to bring together women scientists, researchers, academicians, and students from diverse backgrounds and disciplines through this event.

To facilitate the participation in the congress, a dedicated website was launched by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Umesh Rai, in the presence of Dean Academic Affairs and convenor of the congress-Prof. Anju Bhasin (online), Dean Research Studies-Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Registrar-Prof. Rahul Gupta, Director IT-



Vice Chancellor JU Prof. Umesh Rai and other faculty at launching ceremony of website on Thursday.

Er. Anik Gupta and Co-convenor-Prof. Jyoti Vakhlu.

The aim of the congress is to create a platform for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas, fostering a supportive community for women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Women remain underrepresented in many fields including STEM. Organizing such

events helps in recognizing and celebrating the achievements made by women scientists in their respective fields. Such events play a very important role in inspiring and motivating young girls and early-career researchers to contribute and excel in their respective domains.

The challenges often faced by women such as work-life balance issues, gender bias, unequal opportunities and

limited access to resources will be openly discussed so that strategies can be made ways to overcome these challenges.

The website for JK Women Science Congress will serve as a centralized platform to provide comprehensive information about the dates, venue, agenda, speakers, and about the registration details.

The speakers from diverse backgrounds have been invited. The online registration process will start from 5th January, 2024.

After registration, participants can upload their abstracts either for poster or oral presentation. As a part of its institutional responsibility and first of its citizen registration to attend the congress is also available on the website that is free but with limited seats.

## PNB SC, ST Employees Welfare Association distributes stationery items at JRC Home of Handicapped

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JAMMU: Punjab National Bank ST, SC Employees Welfare Association (PNB-SCSTEW) donated books, notebooks, stationery and other related items to specially-abled children of Jammu Red Cross Home for Handicapped, Udhaywalla, here on Thursday.

These items were distributed by Circle Secretary Parshotam Kumar & President Balvinder Kumar of Team PNBSCSTEW Jammu Unit in presence of Secretary JRC HOME Satish Sharma.

Parshotam said their association is reaching out to the needy sections of the society with the motive to provide a lending hand to such organizations.

Balvinder added that Team PNBSCSTEW will in



PNBSCSTEW members donating books, stationery to specially-abled children of JRC Home for Handicapped.

future too try to help such organizations which are doing a yeoman service for such sections of the society. Satish Sharma acknowledged the efforts of team PNBSCSTEW for this noble cause of supporting the inmates of the Home.

Other members participated in the donation event were Gaurav Chalotra, Treasurer, Sachin Hans, Joint Secretary, Vinod Kumar, Organizing Secretary and Jyoti Devi, executive member of the association.

## ADGP Jammu Zone rewarded Cyber police Officers/Officials



On behalf of ADGP Jammu Zone, SP Cyber Jammu, Kameshwar Puri felicitating police official.

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JAMMU: Cyber police Officers/ Officials rewarded by ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, for their commendable professional discharge of duty

and refunding the defrauded money of victims of cyber fraud. A total amount of Rs. 22,65,000 was got refunded by the Cyber Police Station Jammu, Jammu Zone in the

year 2023 in various complaints/enquiries/FIRs by invoking provisions of IT Act and CrPC.

The Cyber team was rewarded with Commendation certificates and cash reward for their prompt and swift action on different types of bank fraud cases.

SP Cyber Jammu, Kameshwar Puri felicitated the team for their exemplary performance on behalf of ADGP to boost their efficiency, work ethics, professionalism and public dealing.

SP Cyber congratulated the team and wished them best for future endeavours and advised them to work with more dedication and devotion.

## RUSA sponsored General Training Course for Secretarial Staff of JU culminates

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JAMMU: The eight weeks long General Training course for Secretarial Staff of University of Jammu (JU) organised by UGC-Madanmohan Malvia Mission Teachers Training Centre and sponsored by Rashtriya Uchhatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) concluded here on Thursday under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor, JU, Prof. Umesh Rai.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed happiness over the different aspects that were covered by experts who delivered lectures in this course, wherein 18 secretarial cadre employees of the University were exposed, trained and sensitized towards Service, Conduct, University



Participants posing with VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai and faculty after receiving certificates.

Calendar and Financial rules including GFR-17, GEM potal etc.

A comprehensive report on eight weeks training was presented by Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma, the Course Coordinator.

Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, JU was complimented the UGC- MMTTC, in

General and Course Coordinator Dr Amit Kumar Sharma, in particular for the contribution in the organisation.

He advised that such training should now be a regular feature and all employees including officers should undergo such trainings to keep them abreast to the latest, that would lead to

progress of the University amidst fast changing administrative and financial codes.

Earlier Prof. S.K Pandita Director, MMTTC welcomed the guests and highlighted the importance of the course vis a vis it's practical usages in the day to day working of the secretarial staff of JU.

Prof. Parmil Kumar, H.O.D.

Statistics, JU, expressed satisfaction over the successful conduct of the course and appreciated the efforts of the organisers. Sourav, Unus and Deepak delivered brief speeches and as part of the customary participants feedback.

Ranjeet Kalra, Teaching faculty MMTTC presented the outcome of the two months training programme and ended the proceedings with a formal vote of thanks. The proceedings of the valedictory function were conducted by Komal Bakshi and those present included Dr. V K Shivgotra, Abhinandan Khajuria Asst. Registrar ADAM, Rakesh Chib, President -NTEU and Pankaj Gupta Gen.Sect. NTEU.

## VBSY merely a photo-shoot event and total failure: Ajay Sadhotra

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JAMMU: Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) and former minister, has asserted that Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) is merely a photography event being organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Govt to hide its failures.

He said that the people can't be fooled by holding such events for publicity and therefore this much hyped programme has proved to be a flop show rather total failure. The senior JKNC leader expressed this in his address during Party's review meeting of Chenani and Ramnagar Assembly Constituencies of Udhampur Rural District held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan Jammu.

The meeting was presided



Addl General Secretary JKNC, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and others at a meeting.

over by Ram Parshotam Sharma, District President Udhampur Rural. While welcoming the senior leaders of the party, he highlighted multiple problems and issues confronted by the people in the said constituency.

Ajay Sadhotra said that the incumbent Govt. has miserably failed to address people's issues particularly the educated youth of Jammu and

Kashmir because of its anti people policies. Moreover, these miseries of the people have further multiplied due to the shortage of manpower in administration. He said that thousands of posts in Govt Departments of J&K are lying vacant since long so much so that even the health centres and schools are without adequate staff.

Accusing the administra-

tion of being least bothered about filling the said posts, Sadhotra said that this stands proved by the existing scenario in Ramnagar and Chenani Assembly Constituencies where the problems of general public have increased manifold today.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, JKNC, said that BJP as well as the

UT Administration have betrayed the people of Jammu and Kashmir especially those of Jammu by promising the moon and delivering nothing on ground. He asserted that Jammu BJP leaders from top to bottom are in utter frustration today as they have no say in the party's high command and therefore they cannot address the people's problems.

The senior NC leader said that the performance of the BJP's proxy regime in J&K has been quite dismal as per the expectations of people which is evident from the fact that its Jammu leaders are shying away from meeting the people. He asserted that in the present hopeless scenario, holding of Assembly, ULB and Panchayat polls is the only panacea to end people's miseries.

## Journalism Deptt JU organises Freshers party to welcome new students



Journalism Deptt JU faculty and students during Freshers party to welcome new students.

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JAMMU: Adding yet another chapter to the Jammu University's legacy of organising freshers and farewell functions, the newly established Department of Journalism and Media Studies on Thursday its maiden freshers party, aiming to welcome new batch of students.

The celebration unfolded with enthusiasm as new students were welcomed into the academic fold. The event showcased a seamless blend of cultural performances, interactive sessions, and opportunities for the freshers to connect with their peers and faculty members.

Addressing the students, the head of the department, Dr Garima Gupta said that freshers and farewell functions are also significant part of University along with curriculum and co-curricular activities.

"Such events nurture a conducive environment for holistic growth and development of the students," she said and added that emphasis should be given to the importance of building lasting connections within the academic community and developing a sense of belonging among the students.

The Freshers Party not only served as a platform for students to acquaint themselves with the department's vibrant culture but also introduced them to the various academic and extracurricular opportunities available.

During the day-long event, students enthralled the audience with their mesmerizing performances spanning from singing to dancing and from reciting poetry to stand up comedy.

Prof Sham Narayan Lal, former head of the department of Journalism and Media Studies appreciated efforts of the students for taking the department to the new heights in such a short span.

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above, a review Departmental Promotion Committee/Selection process shall be held for promotion to the post of Tehsildars and if the appellants are found to be suitable for promotion to the post of Tehsildar, the appellants shall be given promotion to the posts of Tehsildars. DB made it clear that those private respondents, who may have been promoted earlier to any of the present appellants as Tehsildars, they shall not be demoted but shall be allowed to remain as Tehsildars by assigning appropriate seniority in the grade of Tehsildar below the appellants as per the recommendation of the Review Departmental Promotion Committee by adjusting against the promotion quota.

DB further ordered that the aforesaid exercise shall be conducted at the earliest, preferably within a period of one month from today, so that any subsequent promotion to the post of Tehsildar and higher posts is not unduly delayed to avoid any further complications.

## DBPS delegation meets Chief Secretary, seeks all official, administrative work in Hindi

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JAMMU: A delegation of Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) led by its President Ved Parkash Sharma met Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo and demanded to come out with executive order for performing all official and administrative work in Hindi.

Senior BJP leader and member of DBPS Chander Mohan



DBPS delegation calling on Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo.

Sharma said that Delhi and Chandigarh long established as Union Territories, the official work is performed in Hindi.

All administrative and official meetings and issuance of further orders should be in Hindi language, he added. Advocate P.C. Sharma on other senior member of the Sabha said that now Dogri/Hindi can also be used as medium language in

the official documents work in UT. He said these languages can be easily understood by every citizen of the UT. Sharma came out with suggestion to increase the circle of Sanskrit language and to double the efforts to popularize the same.

Other members of the delegation were Subash Shastri, Soujanya Sharma, M.L. Padha and Barita Ram Sharma.

## No claim on any post till completion of recruitment process: DB

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh and Justice Rajesh Sekhri holds that under our service jurisprudence, there is no concept of year wise vacancy unlike in the case of posts to be filled up by promotion. In case of direct recruitment, no one has a vested right to claim to be considered against any particular advertised post till the recruitment process is undertaken and completed. If the recruitment process for the advertised posts is not initiated or completed for any reason and if new posts are further advertised, all the persons who would have become eligible by then, will be also entitled to apply for the posts advertised earlier also. In other words, no direct recruitment posts could be kept reserved for a particular group of candidates. It must be made open to all those persons who become eligible when the posts are advertised. Thus, all the can-

didates who had applied under the advertisement issued in 2008 and were eligible for the posts of Naib Tehsildar would be entitled to be considered for all the posts advertised earlier in 2002 and 2005 as these posts could not have been reserved only for those who had applied in 2002 or 2005 as the case may be.

DB further observed that the position is different when it related to appointment by promotion when the concept of year wise vacancy comes into play. Under the promotional scheme, only those who become eligible when the vacancy under the promotion quota arises can be considered and if for any reason the selection for the promotion could not be held, it can be held in a subsequent year, but it will be confined to those candidates who were eligible during that period when the vacancy arose and not those who become eligible after the vacancy had arisen. Thus, the right of eligible candidates for consideration against vacan-

cies occurring in a particular year or period is confined to the posts to be filled up by promotion and not against direct recruitment quota unless, the rules specifically provide or the advertisements make it very clear and the recruitment process conducted accordingly.

DB observed that in the present case, there is no mention in the relevant service rules that vacancies occurring in a particular year against direct recruitment quota has to be filled up from amongst the eligible candidates of that period or advertisement. Further, it was not mentioned in the advertisements that the appointments will be made advertisement wise. It has been also noted that there was only one written test and one interview process.

There were no separate written tests and separate interviews for these different categories of candidates as per advertisements issued in 2002, 2005 and 2008. The interview was conducted as if all the posts were advertised

together and as per records, all the posts were clubbed together.

DB said that the inference is inescapable. If the open competition consisting of written test and interview is the same for all these posts advertised in 2002, 2005 and 2008, which is the position in the present case, for the purpose of determining seniority in the post of Naib Tehsildars, the merit position obtained by the candidates in the said common competitive examination must be the basis for determining inter-se seniority amongst them.

There cannot be any subsequent compartmentalization or segregation of the select lists/merit lists for the three advertisements within the meaning Rule 24 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956.

Any subsequent segregation based on advertisement though may be permissible for the purpose of ascertaining the number of persons to be appointed

against the vacancies occurring in 2002, 2005 and 2008, it cannot have any effect for the purpose of determining seniority as Rule 24 of CCA rules does not contemplate any other method for determining seniority except the merit position assigned to the candidates in the common competition, Court observed.

Accordingly, DB hold that the seniority list prepared on the basis of advertisement wise vacancy in terms of the advertisements issued in 2002, 2005 and 2008 is not only impermissible under law but also violative of the provisions of Rule 24 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956 for the purpose of determining seniority and to that extent the impugned seniority list dated 08.10.2013 prepared is not valid and accordingly, the same is quashed and set aside as far as the present appellants and private respondents are concerned, and not for others, as they have not questioned the said final seniority list

before us and we do not wish to disturb the position at this stage except for the appellants and the private respondents, DB ordered.

DB further observed that in our opinion, the principle for fixing seniority list of direct recruit Naib Tehsildars who were appointed as such on the basis of the common open competition held in 2009 and select list notified on 08.09.2009 is to be based on the positions attained by them and assigned to them in order of merit in the said competition by the selection body.

DB further observed that it has been submitted at the Bar that many of the Naib Tehsildars in the meantime have been promoted to the higher posts of Tehsildars. In the present case there are only four appellants. Accordingly, if any of these four appellants are found to be senior to any of the Tehsildars who are found to be junior to the appellants in the grade of Naib Tehsildars in the light of the principle and observation made

above, a review Departmental Promotion Committee/Selection process shall be held for promotion to the post of Tehsildars and if the appellants are found to be suitable for promotion to the post of Tehsildar, the appellants shall be given promotion to the posts of Tehsildars. DB made it clear that those private respondents, who may have been promoted earlier to any of the present appellants as Tehsildars, they shall not be demoted but shall be allowed to remain as Tehsildars by assigning appropriate seniority in the grade of Tehsildar below the appellants as per the recommendation of the Review Departmental Promotion Committee by adjusting against the promotion quota.

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