

# Three-day Regional Review and Planning Workshop of School Leadership Academies concludes

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JAMMU: The three-day Regional Review and Planning Workshop of School Leadership Academies (SLAs), organised by SCERT J&K, Jammu under the aegis of the National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL), NIEPA New Delhi having a rich history dating back to 1962, concluded today with renewed commitment towards strengthening school leadership and institutional effectiveness across participating States and Union Territories including Punjab, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

The workshop organised under the visionary leadership of Ram Nivas Sharma, Commissioner Secretary School Education Department J&K and able guidance of Naseem Javaid Chowdhary Director SCERT Jammu and Kashmir and Director School Education Jammu, was inaugurated on January 21 by Vice Chancellor NCSL- NIEPA and a renowned educationist Prof. Shashikala Wanjari in presence of Ritu Mahajan, Additional Secretary School Education Department, eminent Educationists, Shailesh Kumari, Joint Director,



Dr. Naseem Javaid Chowdhary, Director, SCERT J&K and other dignitaries at a programme.

Prof.(Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, Syed Shabir Ahmad Joint Director, Kashmir and Mushtaq Ahmed, Joint Director, Directorate of School Education Jammu.

In her inaugural address Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of evidence based leadership practices, interstate collaboration and peer learning to align school education with national priorities and global benchmarks. The NCSL has been spearheading efforts to strengthen the leadership capacities of school heads and educational functionaries across the country operating in 35 states and union territories.

During the three days, enriching sessions were facilitated by expert faculty from NCSL- NIEPA namely Dr. Charu Malik, Dr. Gyaneshwari

Longjam, Dr. Pankaj Singh and the themes included- Framework on School Leadership - Development Role of School Leadership Academies, Strengthening understanding of School Leadership, seven claims on School Leadership, Research study on Good Governance in School Education: Prospects and innovative practices.

A fruitful panel discussion on Viksit Bharat 2047 covering the topics: role of School Education in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat, the need for collaboration between School Education and Higher Education, Panchkosh, importance of strengthening teacher educators, was also held involving distinguished experts like Prof. J N Baliya from Central University of Jammu,

Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma from University of Jammu, Sheetal Pandita, Deputy Secretary School Education Department, Ruheed Gul, Sr. Lecturer DIET Anantnag, Jan Mudasir Gul, Sr. Lecturer OSD-CEW.

The valedictory session marked the culmination of intensive deliberations, experience sharing and collaborative planning aimed at enhancing leadership competencies of school heads and academic administrators in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020 and resulted in the formulation of concrete review mechanisms, actionable strategies and interstate collaborative frameworks for strengthening the functioning of School Leadership Academies.

The leadership of NCSL- NIEPA lauded the efforts of SCERT Jammu for successfully hosting the regional workshop and providing a vibrant platform for professional dialogue on transformational school leadership. Prof. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director ensured smooth academic and logistical arrangements throughout the programme.

Speaking at the valedictory session, Dr. Naseem Javaid Chowdhary, Director, SCERT

J&K and Director School Education Jammu, emphasised that effective school leadership is central to realising the goals of NEP 2020. He highlighted the need for School Leadership Academies to serve as hubs of continuous professional learning, collaboration and reflective practice, and urged participating States and UTs to translate deliberations into clear, outcome-oriented action plans for sustained school improvement.

The workshop concluded with a collective resolve to translate the deliberations into concrete action plans, strengthen mentoring and monitoring systems, and promote leadership excellence for improving school effectiveness and student learning outcomes. Certificates were distributed to the participants and a formal vote of thanks was presented by Riaz Ahmed Dar to NCSL- NIEPA, the resource persons, and the organising team for their valuable support and cooperation.

The success of the program was attributed to the dedicated support by SLA J&K Core team including Parshotam Singh, Coordinator; Manisha Chund, Associate Coordinator and the committed SCERT Jammu team.

# JKPSA calls on JKBOSE Chairman, demands relaxation in syllabus, simplifying affiliation norms



JKPSA delegation led by Chairman Kamal Gupta calling on Chairman JKBOSE G.H. Sheikh on Friday.

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JAMMU: A delegation of Jammu and Kashmir Private School Association (JKPSA) led by its Chairman Kamal Gupta (Chairman JKPSA) on Friday called on the Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) G.H. Sheikh and to discuss issues concerning the academic interests of students and administrative challenges faced by private schools. During the meeting, the Private School Association, Jammu pleaded for curtailment of syllabus in the forthcoming annual examinations for Jammu division on the analogy of Kashmir division so that students do not suffer academic losses.

The delegates remarked that the students have suffered losses caused by adverse climatic conditions in August and September last year, which disrupted academic calendar.

Sheikh patiently listened to the concerns raised and assured the delegation that appropriate and timely measures would be taken to safeguard the academic interests of the student community. The

meeting also discussed the difficulties faced by schools in getting their managing committee files approved, particularly due to complications arising out of delayed CID and police verifications.

The Chairman while acknowledging the issues assured that a proper mechanism would be worked out to address their genuine grievances. He said there was a need for easing out the norms to provide enabling environment for private sector to grow hand in hand with government sector and give a huge fillip to literacy.

The Chairman assured the Association that Board is contemplating to moot a proposal for forwarding to the government to simplify the procedure for issuing NOCs for ensuring the smooth and hassle free functioning of private schools across the region.

The members present in the meeting include Deepak Handa (Sr. Vice President State Body), Sanjeev Luthra (Treasurer), Lal Chand Gandotra (President Jammu District), Vijay Sharma (General Secretary Jammu District).

# DHS reviews implementation of health schemes at DH Ramban

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RAMBAN: Director Health Services, Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar conducted a comprehensive visit to District Hospital Ramban to review the functioning of the Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) and the implementation of ongoing health schemes. The Director inspected the SNCU facilities and reviewed the availability and operational status of neonatal care equipment, position of trained medical and nursing staff, maintenance of infection control protocols and overall quality of care being provided to sick and low-birth-weight newborns. Emphasis was laid on strict adherence to standard treatment guidelines, regular monitoring of admitted neonates and strengthening of referral and transport mechanisms to ensure timely and effective neonatal care.

The Director also interacted with doctors, nursing staff and paramedical personnel and stressed the importance of strengthening maternal and child health services. The efforts of the hospital staff were appreciated and the administration was directed to address gaps observed during the inspection.

The Director also reviewed the implementation of major National and UT health programmes including RMNCH+A, Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), National Health Mission (NHM) initia-

tives, Universal Immunization Programme, NCD screening programmes and other public health schemes. Officers were directed to ensure effective service delivery, proper record maintenance and maximum beneficiary coverage under all schemes. An interaction meet-

ing was held with the hospital administration, medical officers, nursing staff and paramedical personnel. The DHSJ issued directions to promptly address gaps observed during the inspection and to further strengthen critical care and maternal-child health services.

# Sat, BJP MLAs offer prayers at Baba Ballo Ji Shrine on Basant Panchami

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JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir President, and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma CA, along with party MLAs and senior leaders, offered prayers and sought divine blessings at the revered Baba Ballo Ji shrine in Mathwar.

District President Nand Kishore Sharma, MLAs Pawan Gupta, Yudhvir Sethi, Mohal Lal, Rajeev Bhagat, and Devyani Rana, Adv. Pariloksh Sethi, Ravish



BJP J&K President Sat Sharma CA, along with party MLAs offering prayers at Baba Ballo Ji shrine in Mathwar.

Mengi, besides other senior party functionaries, accompanied the BJP President during the visit. The leaders prayed for peace, prosperity, and overall development of Jammu & Kashmir, and the well-being of its people.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that the Basant Panchami symbolizes new beginnings, wisdom, and positivity.

He prayed that Baba Ballo Ji's blessings guide our efforts towards building a peaceful, prosperous, and developed Jammu & Kashmir.

# Two-day Capacity Building Programme on Financial Literacy concludes at NZATI Jammu



Fayaz Ahmed Lone, DGAT, J&K with CA Vineet Kohli, member PRC ICAI, Rajesh Talwar, Principal NZATI, CA Amit Gupta Vice Chairman, JK ICAI and CA Shalaj Razdan.

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JAMMU: The two-day intensive Financial Literacy & Capacity Building Programme, organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), J&K Branch, in partnership with the Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute (NZATI), culminated on Friday at the Muthi campus. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony graced by Fayaz Ahmed Lone, Director General, Accounts & Treasuries (DGAT), J&K, as the Chief Guest.

In his address to the participants, Lone congratulated the officers on their engagement with the training.

He emphasized that mastering these technical financial subjects is not merely a matter of compliance, but a cornerstone of effi-

cient governance and fiscal responsibility. The workshop, which began on January 22, featured specialized technical tracks. CA Vaseem Ahmad conducted sessions on the preparation of Trial Balances and the analysis of Profit & Loss accounts. CA Vineet Kohli shared expertise on the Income-tax Act, 1961, focusing on the specific responsibilities and liabilities of DDOs. CA Shalaj Razdan updated participants on the evolving landscape of GST.

CA Sourav Pargal, Chairman of the ICAI J&K Branch, and Rajesh Talwar, Director Finance and Principal of NZATI, expressed their satisfaction with the high level of participant interaction. The sessions were moderated by CA Sanehit Aggarwal, Treasurer of the ICAI J&K Branch.

# Yudhvir Sethi inaugurates 1st Jammu Gold Cup Football Tournament

SCFA, J&K Bank Academy win opening ties

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: MLA East Constituency Yudhvir Sethi on Friday inaugurated the 1st Jammu Gold Cup Football Tournament 2026, organized by Young Hero Club Jammu in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council, under the aegis of the J&K Football Association at Mini Stadium, Parade, here on Friday.

Addressing the gathering during the opening match, Yudhvir Sethi said that such tournaments play a vital role in promoting sports culture among the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and help in nurturing local talent.

He appreciated the efforts of the organizers for providing a competitive platform



MLA Yudhvir Sethi with officials and winner team.

to young footballers and assured continued support for sports development in the region. The opening match was played between

Jammu United and SCFA, in which SCFA emerged victorious by 1-0. The second match saw J&K Bank Academy defeat Young

Sports by 3-1. Goals for J&K Bank Academy were scored by Abhi (1st goal), Sourav (3rd goal), and Ariz (4th goal), while Abhijyot

scored the lone goal for Young Sports.

The event was graced by Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director of Physical Education, Cluster University Jammu, as Guest of Honour, along with Adarsh Jathir (East Mandal President), Harvinder Singh (East Mandal General Secretary, BJP), Jeevan Sharma (SSP), Ramesh Chander (International Player), Kamal Kumar (National Player), Moon Madan Stephen, Abhay Samnotra, and Abhinandan Samnotra.

Sethi congratulated all participating teams and wished the tournament great success, emphasizing the importance of discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

# Piyush Singla reviews progress on Meghraj Cloud Services

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JAMMU: Secretary, Information Technology Department (ITD), Piyush Singla, on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the hiring and operationalisation of Megh Raj Cloud Services, a flagship initiative aimed at strengthening the government IT infrastructure and accelerating digital transformation in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by the CEO, JaKeGA; State Informatics Officer (SIO), NIC, Special Secretary IT Department; Deputy Secretary, IT Department; representatives of NICS; National Government Cloud (NGC) and other officers,



Secretary ITD, Piyush Singla chairing a meeting on Friday.

ensuring comprehensive stakeholder participation.

During the meeting, representatives of the National Government Cloud (NGC) briefed the participants on MeghRaj Cloud 2.0, outlining its architecture, service offerings, security framework, compliance standards and onboarding process for Government

Departments.

Detailed deliberations were held on conceptualization, scope definition and implementation framework of the project to ensure to settle the payment modalities. The Secretary stressed on following the GFR guidelines and organising proper training of the module besides close alignment of

NICS with Cloud committee.

While briefing the participants, the Secretary highlighted that MeghRaj 2.0, implemented under the National Government Cloud (NGC) framework and facilitated by NICS, represents a next-generation cloud eco-system designed specifically for government workloads. He empha-

sized that MeghRaj 2.0 offers secure, scalable, resilient and sovereign cloud infrastructure, enabling departments to host applications and data within India in compliance with government security and data-localization norms.

He further stated that MeghRaj cloud services will significantly enhance data management, cybersecurity resilience, disaster recovery capabilities and efficiency of service delivery, while reducing dependency on fragmented infrastructure. The initiative aligns seamlessly with the Digital India vision, promoting innovation, interoperability, and optimal utilization of IT resources across departments.

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**(HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION)**  
**CIVIL SECRETARIAT, J&K**  
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**Subject: Final seniority list of PG Masters/ PG Teachers in the discipline of Kashmiri as it stood on 01.01.2026.**

**Government Order No. 38 - JK (Edu) of 2026**  
**Dated: 22.01.2026**

**WHEREAS**, the tentative seniority list of PG Masters/ PG Teachers in the discipline of Kashmiri was issued vide Notice dated 05.12.2023 for inviting objections, if any, from the members;

**AND WHEREAS**, after issuance of the tentative seniority, the Department received some objections/ representations through the concerned Directorates for inclusion of names/up-dation of service particulars of members in the seniority list;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objections received by the Department have been examined thoroughly and the genuine objections have been entertained;

**AND WHEREAS**, the incumbents who have obtained their PG degrees through regular/distance/private mode during service, have also been incorporated in the seniority list, with the condition that their inclusion in seniority is subject to the condition that proper permission has been granted by the Competent Authority for acquiring the PG degree during service;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Designated Committees have recommended fourteen (14) incumbents in light of Government Order No. 188-JK(Edu) of 2024 Dated 15.03.2024, as detailed in "Annexure-D" to this Government Order, who have obtained their PG degrees through distance/private mode during service without obtaining proper permission from the Administrative Department and the recommendations made in their favour have been accepted by the Competent Authority.

**Now, therefore**, in terms of Rule 24 of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, the final seniority list in respect of PG Masters/PG Teachers in the discipline of Kashmiri, forming "Annexure-A" to this order, is hereby issued, subject to the conditions that the dates of birth of the incumbents recorded in the seniority list shall not be taken as authentic and shall be subject to further verification from service records as also with reference to the original Matriculation certificates of all the concerned. Further, the places of posting shown against the members in the seniority list shall also not be taken as final as the same may have changed over a period of time during the process of up-dation of the seniority list.

**Moreover**, twenty (20) incumbents have been included in the final seniority list at appropriate places as detailed in "Annexure-B" and seventy-five (75) incumbents have been deleted from the final seniority list as detailed in "Annexure-C" to this Government Order, for the reasons as shown against each.

The seniority list so issued will be subject to outcome of writ petition(s) pending, if any, before any Competent courts of law.

Any member of the service who is either not included or is aggrieved with the position assigned to him/her in this final seniority list can file a review petition within 07 days from the date of issuance of this updated final seniority list along with supporting documents, through the concerned Directorates which shall be decided on case-to-case basis as per merits. No petition shall be entertained after the expiry of stipulated time period.

The final seniority list is available on the official website of School Education Department (i.e. <https://schooleducation.jk.gov.in>).

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Sd/-  
**(Ram Niwas Sharma), IAS**  
 Commissioner/Secretary to the Government,  
 School Education Department.