

LG launches AICTE's Personal & Institutional Happiness Index App- 'Your One Life-YOL'



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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday launched AICTE's Personal & Institutional Happiness Index App - "YourOneLife-YOL", at the Convention Center Jammu.

The 'YourOneLife' is a "Made in India" app that will show the index of personal and institutional happiness and around 12000 Higher Educational Institutions and more than 50 lakh students will benefit from it.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor congratulated the educational institutions, students, Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE and the founding team of Yogesh Kochhar and Anoop Bansal, who are associated with AICTE.

The Lt Governor noted that consistent technological interventions and fast connectivity have revolutionized almost every aspect of human life. Today, there is hardly any area where the digital revolution has not reached, he added.

"Technology is a great enabler. We need to bridge the digital divide and create a fine balance for online tools and value-based offline education", observed the Lt Governor.

DDOs of Jammu Distt asked to send GP Fund transferable cases by Dec 25

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JAMMU: The Fund Office Jammu on Monday enjoined upon all the DDOs of District Jammu to submit the GP Fund transferable cases of their employees latest by December 25, 2021.

"Attention of all the DDOs of District Jammu is hereby invited to Government Order No. 118-F of 2021 dated 31.03.21 issued by Finance Department whereby e-Transfer of GP Fund balances has been implemented w.e.f 01.04.21 via Gen-Profit Application. It has also been ordered that pending transferable GP Fund balances of the subscribers pertaining to the period prior to cut-off date i.e. 01.04.21, shall be transferred to the present place of posting of subscribers as per the procedure in vogue within a period of 02 months to the concerned District Fund Offices. However, the intended target date could not be achieved which has been viewed seriously by the higher authorities. Now, the date has been extended up to 31.12.21 which is last and final" a handout issued by the department stated.

It stated that this office has already informed all the DDOs having pending transferable balances to submit such cases but the response is very poor. It has regretted non-cooperation and non-seriousness from the DDOs regarding various orders, circulars and time line issued in this regard.

"Now, through this circular it is once again enjoined upon all the DDOs of District Jammu to submit the GP Fund transferable cases of their employees latest by 25/12/21 so that the Government instructions may be implemented well in time. It shall be the sole responsibility of the DDOs to furnish the requisite information within the prescribed timeline. Further non-submission of the same shall be construed as non-adherence to the instructions conveyed by the Government from time to time and causing hindrance to meet the deadline conveyed by Finance department for conversion of Manual T.E to e-T.E" it stated further.

Delimitation Commission's recommendations guided by BJP's political agenda, allege NC, PDP, PC

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SRINAGAR: Valley-based mainstream political parties on Monday expressed dismay over the recommendations of the Delimitation Commission in Jammu and Kashmir, alleging that it seems the exercise was carried out in furtherance of the BJP's political agenda.

"The draft recommendation of the J&K delimitation commission is unacceptable. The distribution of newly created assembly constituencies with 6 going to Jammu & only 1 to Kashmir is not justified by the data of the 2011 census," National Conference leader Omar Abdullah said in a series of tweets.

He said the commission appears to have allowed the political agenda of BJP to dictate its recommendations.

"It is deeply disappointing that the commission appears to have allowed the political agenda of the

post-covid world, both externally and internally, the launch of 'YourOneLife' app is a significant step towards a stress-free campus and a stress-free student in this transitory period, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor also urged All India Council for Technical Education to consider institutionalizing the rankings of Happiest Colleges in the country, as it is done in America where 25 top performers are selected from different states.

"There is an ancient saying that happiness is the real wealth and if you are happy on campus then your performance will increase tremendously", said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for laying special emphasis on maintaining an equal balance between technology and moral values in the New Education Policy and working tirelessly to make Yoga and Fitness an integral part of our lives.

Under his guidance, the reforms are being made in the education sector with a dedicated focus on training students in the technology of Industry 4.0 through

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, BlockChain, Big Data Analysis, 3D, Virtual Reality, Quality and Ethical Values Education, added the Lt Governor.

"An important thing has been recommended in the new education policy is that students should be educated according to their interest. Focus has been laid to inculcate the balance required in studies and professional life in the daily routine of all students and professionals", he added.

The Lt Governor said that the initiatives like 'Your One Life App' and New Education Policy is a combination of both digital and natural rivers which will emphasize on the holistic well being of all the students.

Human capital is the biggest asset in the knowledge economy today. We must utilize our human capital for the progress of the country, the Lt Governor noted.

The Lt Governor thanked Prof Phoebe Koundouri from the University of Athens who is also the Co-Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Network, Europe for con-

veying her greetings and profound message and acknowledging the launch of the happiness app from Jammu and Kashmir.

He hoped that her support will be an inspiration for the "YourOneLife-YOL" team, motivating them to bring real joy to the lives of the students.

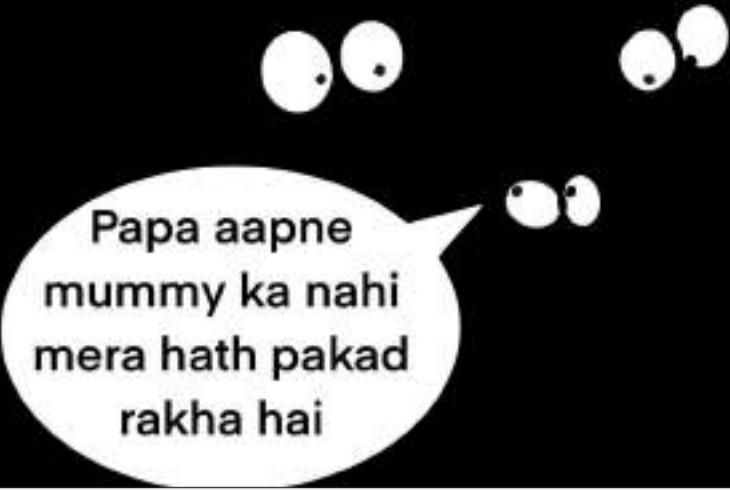
Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, speaking on the occasion highlighted the key features and benefits of the happiness app. He said, "Your One Life is a tool that collates, calibrates and celebrates Happiness.

He also threw light on the efforts of AICTE in improving technical education in various educational institutions across the country through capacity building of teachers, student interaction programs besides promoting universal human values.

Speaking on the occasion, the founder of the app, Yogesh Kochhar said, "This app will redefine 'USERS' and 'USAGE' and will show to the user in a fascinating manner, their own 'MINDMAP' and 'MIND-SHARE'. It maps and manages the user's stress and happiness levels. We will be building a unique blockchain with all the users and institutions as our 'partners' and not mere 'users', he added.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Chandigarh & President, Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions (FSFTI), besides a large number of students and people from different walks of life were present during the launch of the App.

POWER CUTS



Dr Jitendra inaugurates Good Governance Week campaign 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur'



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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday inaugurated the Good Governance Week campaign "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur" aimed at showcasing and replicating the best governance practices to grass-root level.

He said, the "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur" campaign during the Good Governance Week will create a national movement for good governance and motivate the stakeholders both in the government as well as outside the government. Dr Jitendra Singh said, as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations in the 75th Year of India's Independence, a Good Governance Week is being celebrated from December 20-25, 2021 with Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances as the Nodal Department. He said, through

"Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur"- a Nation-wide campaign for Redressal of Public Grievances and Improving Service Delivery will be held in all Districts, States, and Union Territories of India. The Minister said, over 700 District Collectors will be participating in "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur" and during the week-long event, will visit Tehsil/Panchayat Samiti Headquarters to provide timely grievance redressal and improve service delivery.

Dr Jitendra called upon the delegates to be the vehicles of transformation and underlined that Good practices become best practices when they get shared, and some of them can even excel in execution and set even higher standards. He said, the main aim is to provide governance which is corruption free, transparent and in adherence to established rules and

Total failure of UT Adminn, Centre: Congress on power crisis

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Monday expressed concerns over the acute power crisis triggered by the power development department (PDD) employees' strike, saying the union territory administration and the Centre have failed to deal with the situation.

J&K has been facing a major power crisis as the shutdown by the PDD employees protesting against the government's proposal to privatise power distribution through a joint venture entered its third day on Monday.

"It is a total failure of the UT administration to deal with the power and the water crises in entire Jammu and Kashmir. There are serious concerns over

the issue," newly appointed J&K Congress working president Raman Bhalla told reporters here. He termed it the worst-ever crisis which is causing great hardships to citizens, especially aged and ailing people. Opposing the privatisation of power, the Congress leader said the move was against the overall interests of poor consumers in the long run as common people will not be able to

bear high power tariffs.

He justified the demands of the agitating employees and extended full support to them, while also appealing to them to take care of the sufferings of common people due to the blackout.

The senior Congress leader asked the government to immediately resolve the issue and restore power and water supply without any delay.

Sikh outfits to take out Nagar Kirtan on Jan 3

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JAMMU: The Parkash Utsav (birthday) of 10th Guru Gobind Singh will be celebrated on January 3, 2022 and a Grand Nagar Kirtan will be taken out on January 3, from Gurdwara Guru Nanak Dev, Chand Nagar. It was informed by Jagjit Singh, President, District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Jammu, while addressing a Press Conference in Jammu on Monday.

Jagjit Singh informed that in view of restrictions of COVID-19, DGPC Jammu has curtailed the route of Nagar Kirtan, which will now start at 10 AM from Gurdwara Guru Nanak Dev, Chand Nagar and after passing through Dogra Chowk, Bikram Chowk, Asia Hotel, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar Road and Gole Market will culminate at Gurdwara Shri Singh Sabha, Nanak Nagar at around 4 PM. He further requested all devotees to take full precautions and follow COVID SoPs during the Kirtan. President DGPC has requested public transport system to extend their cooperation by taking alternate routes to reach their destinations during Nagar Kirtan.

He further said that Bhai Harjinder Singh Majhi, Bhai Harmeet Singh Makhanpur Wale, Bhai Nirmal Singh Dhadi Jatha, Babi Davinder Kour, Bhai Sulakhan Singh Arshi, Bhai Balbir Singh Kamal and Bhai Ranjeet Singh Kalsada Jagadhar Wale will throw light on the life history of Guru Sahib and recite Gurbani Kirtan. "Main celebrations will be held at Gurdwara Guru Nanak Dev, Chand Nagar from 10 AM to 4 PM on January 3, 2022 wherein Bhai Gurdeep Singh Kapurthala Wale, Ragi Bhai Davinder Singh, Hazoori Ragi Shri Darbar Sahib, Bhai Jasbir Singh Jamalpuri Hazoori Ragi Shri Darbar Sahib, Bhai Gurpreet Singh Johal and local Ragi Jatha Bhai Jagtar Singh, Bhai Randhir Singh and Bhai Surjeet Singh will recite Gurbani Kirtan. Guru Ka Langer will also be served," he added.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Kuldeep Singh Vice President DGPC Jammu, Mohinder Singh Joint Secretary DGPC Jammu, Jathedar Mohinder Singh, Avtar Singh Khalsa, Manmohan Singh Khalsa and Harjinder Singh Raina.

Lawyers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu (JKHCBAJ) under the leadership of its President, Senior Advocate M K Bhardwaj held a protest Dharna in District Court complex, Janipur on Monday.

The major demands highlighted during the protest included hassle-free provision of essential services in Jammu like electricity, water supply, health facilities etc, shifting of all judicial work (like CAT, registration work, DRT and Tribunal) to Court, establishment of Consumer Forums, establishment of Consumer Commission and Human Rights Commission etc.

Speaking on the occasion, Senior Advocate M K Bhardwaj urged the Government to resolve all highlighted demands/issues of legal fraternity and demands of general public in the larger interest of people.

He further emphasised that calling Army for providing essential services in Jammu is utter failure of administration.

"UT administration should immediately restore

essential services, so that people of Jammu may not suffer more due to their failure," he added.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Mohinder Pal Singh Pali Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra General Secretary, Aditya Sharma Joint Secretary, Amandeep Singh Treasure, Rohit Sharma YLA President, Yaseer Farooq Khan YLA General Secretary, Karanjeet Singh Johal YLA Joint Secretary and Naresh Kumar YLA Treasurer.

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shelved the proposal of privatisation.

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Power shutdown continues in J&K with employees' strike

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gives them in writing assurance for their four