

Private schools demand one time exception to appear in 10th, 12th in Annual 2024 for students

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JAMMU: Members of Central Executive Body of the J&K Private Schools Association, Jammu presented a memorandum to Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Chairman of JKBOSE and discussed the number of teething problems faced by the private schools.

While briefing, members highlighted the serious issues which included the tagging of students who are now studying in class 10th, 11th & 12th in the private schools which are constructed on the state land with the nearby Government institutions, abrupt increase of affiliation / inspection fee by the JKBOSE authorities with GST @18%, delay in publication of list of schools which are de-affiliated/derecognized and constructed on state land, delay in conduct of teachers capacity building program for the private school teachers by the JKBOSE and other allied departments etc. Members



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

unanimously demanded that all such students who intend to appear in 10th & 12th in year and session 2024 Annual (Regular) should be allowed to appear from the same school as one time exception from where they had been registered in class 9th & 11th i.e. in the session 2022-2024 as the tagging of the students of board classes at the end of academic session i.e. 2023-24 will not only hamper the education but also create a mental stress among the innocent students. They also demanded one time exception

to fill RR of those students who were admitted in the beginning of Academic session 2023 and studying in class 9th & 11th till now in the same school for the larger interest of the society as neither JKBOSE nor Education department has served any notice for the closure to such schools before the commencement of academic session i.e. 01/04/2023. Members also demanded the display of list of all schools which are de-affiliated/ de-recognized due to non availability of 'No Objection Certificate'

regarding land use before the commencement of new Academic Session i.e. before 01/04/2024 on all the official websites so that parents can migrate their children to any government/ recognized private schools at the beginning of the academic session.

Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas gave a patient hearing and briefed the delegates that JKBOSE has no other alternative than tagging the students in other Government schools to save the carrier at this critical juncture. He promised to conduct capacity building program for the private schools teachers at all the district headquarters to make NEP 2020 effective in JK UT.

He also gave assurance regarding the publication of unauthorized/unrecognized schools in a couple of days.

The prominent who accompanied the delegation included Kamal Gupta, Ajay Gupta, Deepak Handa, Sanjeev Luthra etc.

Anticorruption court awards 3 years imprisonment, Rs 50 lakhs fine in DA Case

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JAMMU: The Special Judge Anti-corruption court, Jammu Tahir Khurshid Raina, in a disproportionate assets case, while giving a deterrent message, has passed an unprecedented sentence order awarding three years' imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rupees fifty Lakhs (Rs. 50,00,000) on the convict public servant Nasir Khan the then Section Officer in Planning Section, D.C Office, Jammu, under the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, 2006.

Court further ordered that the fine amount, if not paid by the convict within a period of two months, shall be recovered by the district Collector from the disproportionate assets of the convict as arrears of land revenue. SSP Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB), Jammu, has been directed to follow the execution of the sentence awarded. While awarding sentence in the Court referred to the mandate of the Supreme Court that "judges who bear the sword of

justice should not hesitate to use that sword with utmost severity to the full and to the end, if the gravity of the offence so demands. Special Judge Anticorruption Jammu Tahir Khurshid Raina after hearing APP Irshad Ahmed Sheikh for the VOJ (now ACB) whereas Adv GS Thakur for the accused, observed that keeping in view the level of corruption/ misuse of official position prevailing in our officialdom and the huge ill-gotten wealth which is proved to be amassed by the convict, it is an appropriate case wherein to apply this mandate of the SC with its full rigour to give a bold, clear and deterrent message to the society at large and corrupts in particular of the consequences of the crime committed. Though, it is bygone now and time can't be reversed to compensate all those who would have been victims of the uncontrolled avarice of the convict. However, they can be compensated differently. It is in this context this court finds it an appropriate time and

opportunity to give a bold and deterrent message to the convict public servant and his ilk in the system that whatever has been acquired and amassed by him and proved to be disproportionate to his known source of income is to be taken back from him as fine amount to be deposited in the government treasury to be utilized for all sort of welfare activities, initiated by the government in the length and breadth of the UTs of J&K and Ladakh. This is how the society and victims of the greed of the convict public servant will be compensated at this stage. Court further observed that it was purely in this context that Sec. 8B was inserted in the J&K PC Act, Svt 2006, whereby power was given to the investigating officer to attach and seize the property of the public servant he has reason to believe to have been acquired by resorting to such acts of omission and commission which constitute an offence of "Criminal-misconduct" as defined under Sec. 5 of the said

Act. Unfortunately, said provision of the Act was not invoked by the IO in the instant case at the relevant time. However, this lapse will now be addressed by this court by invoking another provision of the said Act as envisaged in sub-sec. (4) of Sec. 5 of the Act, which mandates that where a sentence of fine is imposed under the provisions of this Act, the court in fixing the amount of fine shall take into consideration the amount or the value of the property, if any, which the accused person, has obtained by committing the offence and for which he has failed to account for.

Court further said that as the convict is in his seventies and keeping in view the long drawn trial he has faced in the case and also being deprived of the company of his wife, who has died during the course of trial, this court does not feel it appropriate to award him full dose of imprisonment prescribed in the Act for commission of said offences. Accordingly, he is awarded three years of simple imprisonment and a fine, for commission of offence under section 5(1)(e) of the J&K PC Act r/w Sec. 5(2), PC Act. However, as put earlier the fine as the part of sentence will be based on the amount or the asset, illegally raised by the convict public servant for which he is unable to account satisfactorily.

It has got conspicuously proved that convict has failed to account for the disproportionate assets costing Rs. 76 lacs, (excluding the big chunk of state land at Bathindi and Anjan' land at Gandhi Nagar on which he has constructed two houses and more than 100 'Tolas of gold). Accordingly, he is awarded a sentence of fine of Rs. fifty Lakhs, to be deposited by him in the government treasury to be utilized for the welfare activities of the people of UTs of J&K and Ladakh. However, it is apt to put on record that recovery of fine from the illegally acquired estate of the convict will not amount to regulating his illegal possession over the state/Auqaf land, Court said.

Delegation of Board Members of JKAB for Development of Kisans meets Atal Dulloo



Jammu Based Board Members of Jammu and Kashmir Advisory Board for Development of Kisans calling on Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary.

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JAMMU: A delegation of Jammu Based Board Members of Jammu and Kashmir Advisory Board for Development of Kisans led by Abdul Hamid Wani, Secretary called on Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary,

UT of J&K on Monday in his office Chamber, Civil Secretariat, Jammu. They welcomed the new Chief Secretary and apprised him various issues pertaining to farmers of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Members of the delegation were J.L. Sharma, Ex-Director, Horticulture, Tejinder Singh, Kulbushan Khajuria, Basant Singh Saini, Punjab Singh, Muklader Singh and Smt. Balbir Kour.

BJP's motto is to take schemes of Modi led Govt to doorstep of people: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa said that the motto of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is to take the schemes of the Modi led Government to the doorstep of the people.

He stated this while interacting with the people during Booth Jan Samvad programme in Panchayat Hakkal of RS Pura Jammu South Assembly segment.

The meeting was organised to raise awareness among the people about the schemes and policies launched by the Central Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ayodhya Gupta J&K UT Secretary, Vijay Sharma Mandal President, Mand. Sarpanch, Sahil Mahajan, Ravinder Charak, Ved Parkash, Ramesh Kumar, Narinder



Former Legislator Vikram Randhawa speaking at a programme in Jammu.

Singh, Pushkar Sharma, Suraj Parkash, Inder Khajuria, Ashok Sharma, Santosh Kumari, Capt Rajinder Singh and many others were present. Former Legislator gave a patient hearing to the issues

raised by the people and assured them to take up the same with the concerned authorities for early redressal. "During the 9 year tenure, people especially poor have been immensely benefitted from the

schemes launched by the Modi led Government", Randhawa said and appealed to the people to extend their full support to Narendra Modi led Government in the forthcoming elections in 2024.

Former Legislator while referring to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi about Jammu and Kashmir "Central Government is providing Rs 6000 per year to a farmer family, which the successive Governments in the Centre failed during their tenures", he said, adding that Prime Minister realized the problems of the farmers and initiated Prahlan Mantri Kissan Samman Nidhi.

"If any genuine person had not been benefitted from the Central Government schemes, steps will be taken to provide benefit to him or her", Randhawa assured.

Poshan Abhiyan is the reminder of our fight against malnutrition: Rekha

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan visited and interacted with Anganwadi workers and helpers in the Belicharan area of District Jammu South. She appreciated the significant role of their contribution to the nation. Rekha Mahajan along with Mandal President and Vice Chairman Cantonment Bharat Bhushan, District Vice President Narinder Gupta, Rishil Langleh, Daler Singh, Lucky Manhas, and Rakesh Sharma distributed cereals such as rice, wheat flour, pulses, and oil among the



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan interacting with Anganwadi workers.

children, Pregnant women, and Lactating Mothers. She said that Poshan Abhiyan is the celebration of good health and a reminder of our fight against malnutrition. She added that the objective of the program is to reduce malnutrition in the country

in a phased manner and achieve improvement in the nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women, and Lactating Mothers in a time-bound manner.

Rekha emphasized that the Government has taken

this initiative to ensure proper nutrition and better health of the children and mothers. Poshan Abhiyan is a flagship program of the Government of India. Under the umbrella of visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership great care is provided to pregnant women and also for the child who has to give birth. A proper diet is essential from the very early stages of life for proper growth and development. There must be adequate focus not only on child nutrition but also on the mother's nutritional status.

Rekha said that an important step in ending

malnutrition is incorporating coarse grains like jowar and bajra into our diets. She mentioned that for centuries, the culture of consuming these grains existed in India, but processed foods have taken their place, leading to inadequate nutrition for people. Therefore, if we want to eliminate malnutrition, we must adopt coarse grains into our diet, and this change must begin from our homes. In this regard, our Anganwadi workers serve the indispensable role of educating people. Rekha also enquired about the facilities provided to the Anganwadi Centers under Poshan Abhiyan.

KC College of Education organizes "Memory enhancement and personality development program" at KSPS



NGO member Tamana Parveen addressing students of KS Public School.

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JAMMU: The 'Bal Sanskar Vibhaga' of a Delhi based NGO 'Mahila Jagriti Shankhnaad' was invited by the NSS Wing of KC College of Education to conduct a Memory Enhancement and

Personality Development program at KS Public School (KSPS) premises wherein the students of concerned school, college and locality participated.

Tamana Parveen from the aforesaid NGO was the resource person of the event. The program consisted of Yogik Kariyas and Pranayams.

The students were

apprised of Personality Development Skills to enable them to develop their memory power and to recognize their inner energies. This was followed by 'Tulsi Pujan' by the students and teachers.

The vote of thanks was presented by Priya Gupta, NSS Programme Officer and the event was reported by Taranjeet Kour.

NC committed to women empowerment in J&K: Sadhotra



NC Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra addressing gathering.

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JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Monday strongly pitched for larger role to women in shaping destiny of the society, saying their presence in the democratic institutions could be catalyst of change in this regard.

"The women continue to suffer from discrimination and conditions are required to be created for their rapid growth as equal partners in the decision making", Sadhotra said while addressing public meeting at Bantalaab in the Jammu North Assembly Constituency.

He said, the women those

marginalized shall have to come forward for their empowerment and economic emancipation.

On its part, the National Conference has all along provided a platform to them to grow politically, economically and socially, he said while referring to the reservation of 33 percent seats in the civic bodies and now vehemently supported women reservation bill in the Parliament. As also the various other grass root level democratic institutions.

He recalled the political foresightedness and sagacity of the party leadership in incorporating political empowerment and economic emancipation of women in Naya Kashmir Charter way back in 1931.

Sadhotra said the National Conference has pioneered several landmark initiatives like 50 percent seats in the Medical Colleges across Jammu and Kashmir including Ladakh to open up avenues for girls in medical profession.

The Former Minister, however, lamented over undoing the progressive measures taken during the National Conference led governments and criticized the BJP for robbing the people of their special identity by repealing Article 370 and bifurcating the vast Princely State. It is a grievous assault on culture, identity and glorious ethos of the three distinct Regions of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, he added.

Surjit of J&K UT wins three gold medals in 3rd Khelo Master Games

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JAMMU: Surjit Choudhary of UT of Jammu and Kashmir shined in 3rd Khelo Master Games held at common wealth sports complex New Delhi on December 15, 2023.

Surjit won three individual gold medals in long jump, triple jump and 100 meters run. He was honoured by Manoj Tiwari, Member Parliament for this



Surjit Choudhary honouring with gold medal.

achievement. Seema Kharyal of J&K,

also clinched three medal including one gold.

RK Wattal appointed as Presiding Officer Food Safety & Appellate Tribunal Jammu

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JAMMU: R.K. Wattal, Former District & Sessions Judge is appointed as Presiding Officer Food Safety & Appellate Tribunal Jammu as per Notification vide SO. 616 Dated 15/12/2023, for a period of 05 years or till 65 years of his age, whichever is earlier, approved by Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K.

He completed his LLB Hons from Kashmir University with first position and Post Graduation

(LLM) from Kurukshetra University Haryana.

He was enrolled as an Advocate of High Court of J&K, joined J&K Judiciary as Munsiff in the year 1995, was promoted as Sub Judge in the year 1997, as District & Sessions Judge in the year 2008 and placed in Selection Grade in year 2013 and Super Time Scale in year 2017.

During his service, he served as Munsiff and Sub Judge/CJM at different stations in Jammu and Ladakh

Provinces, 1st Additional District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar/Baramulla, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kargil/Reasi/Samba/Udhampur/Jammu, as Judicial Member, J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu, Presiding Officer, J&K Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, Registrar Vigilance, High Court of J&K and as Special Judge Anti-Corruption CBI Jammu.

DernierCri concluded auditions in Jammu

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JAMMU: DernierCri successfully concluded auditions for Mr., Miss & Mrs. J&K at Flim City Jammu.

Around 50 youth including boys and girls participated with enthusiasm in Mr, Miss and Mrs J&K 2024.

While addressing media on the occasion, Devrishi Krishan Sharma, Founder & Director of DernierCri



DernierCri jury and participants during auditions.

said, "The main objective of the audition was to provide platform to the young talented youth of Jammu and Kashmir at their home place Jammu and Kashmir UT."

Devrishi Krishan Sharma was also a jury on

Records; Harsh Kataria Director & Founder of Right Records and Esha Modi, Designer - Esha Creations.

DernierCri Mr. Miss & Mrs. J&K 2024 event will be conducted in January 2024.