

# J&K conducts Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024

JK SCERT plays pivotal role

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir marked a significant milestone on Wednesday with the successful completion of the Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024. This large-scale educational survey saw enthusiastic participation of students of Grade 3rd, 6th, and 9th, representing 2,099 sampled schools throughout the Union Territory.

The Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 formerly known as National Achievement Survey, is a flagship initiative aimed at evaluating and enhancing the quality of education in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Under the visionary leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the



Director SCERT, J&K, Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas visiting survey centers in Jammu.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been steadfast in its mission to elevate the educational standards of the Union Territory to the national level.

The success of Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 in Jammu and Kashmir owes much to

the leadership and efforts of Minister of Education, Sakeena Masood Itoo.

The Minister of Education's commitment for the successful conduct of the Survey is evident from the fact that a meeting with officers of School Education

Department, District Development Commissioners and District SSPs was held to ensure smooth conduct of the Survey.

The successful execution of Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 in Jammu & Kashmir stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment of Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, School Education Department.

His strategic guidance and meticulous oversight ensured the seamless coordination of this monumental survey, involving students across 2,099 schools in the Union Territory.

The survey was organized and executed under the stewardship of Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director of the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), J&K.

Prof. Parikshat ensured seamless coordination across all districts, with robust logistical support and standardized procedures to uphold the integrity and reliability of the survey.

To monitor and support the execution of Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024, Director SCERT J&K visited various survey centers in Jammu. He reviewed the arrangements, interacted with stakeholders, and ensured compliance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education.

Speaking at one of the centers, Dr. Manhas remarked, "This survey is not just about numbers; it's about understanding the strengths and challenges within our education system and paving the way for its improvement."

# CMD NHPC inaugurates commencement of Dam Concrete work of KWAR project



CMD NHPC, R.K. Chaudhary inaugurating commencement of Dam Concrete work of KWAR project.

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JAMMU: In a significant development towards the commissioning of the KWAR Hydro Electric (H.E.) Project (540 MW), the pouring of concrete at the deepest foundation level of the Concrete Gravity Dam was inaugurated via VC mode by R.K. Chaudhary, CMD of NHPC Ltd & SJVN Ltd, on Wednesday. The ceremony was attended by S.K. Singh,

Director (Projects & Technical), NHPC Ltd, and Santosh Kumar, CVO, NHPC Ltd, along with other senior officials.

R.K. Chaudhary congratulated the teams from NHPC, Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd. (CVPPPL), and Patel Engineering Ltd. for beginning the concreting work one month ahead of the scheduled timeline.

He urged the project offi-

cials to take full advantage of the current working season to reach the construction sluice level, which would ensure continuous concreting during the monsoon season, contributing to the early completion of the dam.

Ramesh Mukhiya, MD of CVPPPL, along with S.K. Giri, HoP KWAR expressed gratitude to the CMD of NHPC & SJVN for their unwavering support and assured full commitment towards the timely commissioning of the project.

KWAR H.E. Project is a joint venture between NHPC Ltd (Govt. of India) and JKSPDC (Govt. of J&K), and CVPPPL is entrusted with implementing four hydroelectric projects with a combined capacity of 3,094 MW in the Chenab River Basin.

# Kushal, Sanjay appointed Co-Chairs of PHDCCI Jammu Region Chapter



## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Kushal Magotra, a prominent Hotelier and President of Hotel & Restaurant Association, Patnitop alongwith Sanjay Gupta, a renowned businessman of Jammu dealing with wood, real estate and other businesses, has been appointed as Co-Chairs of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) Jammu Region Chapter by Hemant Jain, President PHDCCI.

The announcement comes shortly after

Rakesh Wazir assumed the role of Chair of PHDCCI Jammu Region.

Magotra's expertise in hospitality and Gupta's extensive experience in different businesses are expected to provide a dynamic boost to PHDCCI's efforts in fostering economic growth and supporting businesses community in Jammu Region.

Rakesh Wazir Chair of PHDCCI Jammu Region Chapter while speaking on the occasion, said that PHDCCI established in 1905, is one of India's oldest and most influential chambers of India representing industries across all sectors, and with a strong presence in Jammu, it plays a vital role in promoting entrepreneurship, trade, and tourism through advocacy, knowledge-sharing, and policy recommendations.

He further said that with the coming of these new Co-Chairs, PHDCCI is set to focus on enhancing opportunities for Industries, Tourism, and Trade and addressing various challenges facing the region, with PHDCCI's commitment to driving sustainable development and economic progress.

# Our Constitution is enshrined with values of liberty, equality & fraternity: Balbir

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP senior leader & former Vice Chairperson, Balbir Ram Rattan, has said that the Constitution of India is a living document enriched with values of liberty, equality and fraternity.

He expressed these views while receiving a book titled "Constitution of India" in Hindi from Prof. (Dr.) Kulbhushan Mohtra, Incharge Nanaji Deshmukh Library & Documentation Department.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that our Constitution is vital to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of this important document. Dr. Ambedkar's vision and leadership in framing the Indian Constitution has cemented its status as a guiding light of democracy, equality, and



Prof. (Dr.) Kulbhushan Mohtra presenting book to former Vice Chairperson, Balbir Ram Rattan.

justice worldwide.

Balbir said that the Constitution of India was adopted on November 26, 1949, and implemented on January 26, 1950. It is more than a legal

framework, very carefully crafted by Dr. Ambedkar to enshrine the values of liberty, equality, and fraternity, creating a foundation for a pluralistic democracy. Recognizing India's diversity, he ensured that the Constitution accommodated varied languages, religions, and cultures, fostering unity in diversity.

Dr. Ambedkar's most remarkable contributions were his unwavering commitment to social justice. Through the inclusion of provisions aimed at eradicating untouchability, abolishing caste discrimination, and ensuring equal rights for all citizens, he sought to uplift historically marginalized communities. The reservation system, a pioneering measure introduced under his leadership, continues to provide opportunities for education and employment to underrepresented

groups, he said.

Prof.(Dr.) Kulbhushan Mohtra, on this occasion, shared that Nanaji Deshmukh Library has a large number of books on different subjects and many scholars, educationists and intellectuals, often visit this library for compiling information related to lives, struggles, sacrifices of patriotic citizens. Those preparing for competitive exams and undertaking research works also find written material of their requirement from this library.

Prof. (Dr.) Mohtra further said that the library is further upgraded with new books of different subjects. He said that the library is equipped with hundred books on the Constitution of India in hindi language, which will surely help readers to have in depth information about the Constitution.

# JKEEGA presses for regularization, announces protest on Dec 30

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduate Association (JKEEGA), after exhausting all democratic means to prompt the government to resolve longstanding issues, has called a meeting of its apex body, the Guidance Council.

The meeting, attended by Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, and Junior Engineers, addressed serious concerns over the administration of the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department (JKPDD).

Despite repeated efforts by JKEEGA, various issues



General Secretary JKEEGA, Er. Sachin Tickoo chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

regarding the regularization of engineers, assured career progression, filling of vacancies, and recruitment of Junior Engineers have been left unresolved. In a joint press statement, Er. Pirzada Hidayatullah, President of JKEEGA, and Er. Sachin

Tickoo, General Secretary, highlighted the grievances of JKPDD engineers. They expressed that engineers feel alienated and neglected, with their basic HR issues consistently ignored by successive governments, causing immense distress within the cadre. These

unresolved issues include the regularization of engineers, the issuance of promotion orders, charge allowances for in-charge promotions, and delays in recruitment.

Despite Cabinet decisions, many of these matters have been systematically delayed. One of the most concerning issues is the failure of the administrative department to implement the Special Administrative Committee

(SAC) order of 2019, which mandated the regularization of all power engineers within two months. Additionally, promotion files for Superintending Engineers have been tossed back and forth, causing irreversible harm to retiring engineers. Despite significant reforms in the power sector, which were only made possible by the tireless efforts of JKPDD engineers, the administrative department has failed to create an enforcement wing or disburse salaries through PaySys.

In response, the Guidance Council has resolved to issue a 26-day notice to the government, demanding the implementation of SAC's decision on regularization. If not addressed, JKEEGA will hold a one-day protest on December 30, 2024, with support from the All India Power Engineers Federation.

# SVMMC Hospital launches evening modernized dental OPD

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JAMMU: In response to the growing demand for accessible dental care, Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable (SVMMC) Hospital, Ambphalla, here has launched an Evening Modernized Dental OPD.

The inauguration ceremony, held on Wednesday, was attended by Amar Chand Gupta (Senior Vice President of the hospital) and other key members of the hospital's Management Committee, including B.S. Janwal (Secretary), Mohan Singh Chouhan (Treasurer), Subash Gupta (Retd. Principal District & Session Judge), Dr. Sachin Gupta, and Dr. Ramesh Gupta (Administrator).

The new Evening Dental OPD is designed to cater to



Senior Vice President SVMMC Hospital, Amar Chand Gupta inaugurating evening modernized dental OPD.

those who cannot access healthcare services during regular hours, offering consultations at a convenient time. The consultation fee has been set at an affordable price of just Rs 10, making dental care accessible to all sections of society.

The hospital's dental department has also been upgraded with the latest digitized technology, ensuring accurate diagnostics and efficient treat-

ment. The modernized section is led by Dr. Rohin Gupta, In-Charge of the Dental Department, while Dr. Akriti Gupta will oversee the evening OPD, assisted by a skilled team of dental professionals.

Amar Chand Gupta emphasized the hospital's commitment to providing high-quality, affordable dental care to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, aiming to serve the community better.

# DC Jammu reviews functioning of Nagrota Tehsil Office



DC Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya addressing public grievances at Tehsil Office Nagrota.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Wednesday visited Tehsil Office Nagrota to review

## Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Bahu Fort and Industrial area will remain affected on December 05 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Badhori and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 05 and 07 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Meen and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 06 from 7 am to 1 pm.

under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) guidelines. The DC also reviewed land-related disputes, assuring residents of swift action to resolve their concerns in a fair and transparent manner. Tehsildar Nagrota Sumit Kohli, Block Medical Officer, police and other officers accompanied him during the visit.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the importance of strict measures to tackle illegal mining and other illegal activities, directing officers to achieve measurable outcomes within stipulated timelines. He also called on the public to assist the administration by reporting such activities to ensure effective enforcement through public participation.

# Police recovers 50 Smartphones worth value over Rs 15 lakh

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant achievement, the Jammu Police, under a special Operation "Re-Connect," successfully recovered 50 lost smartphones, valued at over 15 lakh rupees, in the past six months. Recognizing the personal and emotional connection citizens have with their mobile devices, the Jammu South Police worked passionately to return these smartphones to their rightful owners.

The operation was carried out by the Tech/ESU team of Jammu Police, South Zone, comprising of PSI Dhanraj Singh, Ct Vishal Sharma, Ct Dharinder Choudhary, Ct



SP City South Jammu, Ajay Sharma briefing media persons on Wednesday.

Sheetal Koul, who worked dedicatedly and professionally to trace the missing smartphones.

The phones had been reported as lost across various police stations in South Zone,

Jammu. The team under the command of the Ajay Sharma, SP City South, Jammu and under the overall supervision of SSP Jammu- Joginder Singh, managed to successfully track

and recover these devices from various parts of the country. The list of recovered smartphones is enclosed herewith.

After successful recovery, the phones were returned to their

rightful owners on Wednesday. SP City South also advised the public to take extra care with their communication devices, as smartphones not only store valuable contacts but also contain sensitive personal information, such as photographs, emails, text messages, and financial details.

The owners of the recovered phones expressed their deep gratitude toward the Jammu Police for their efforts in retrieving their devices and protecting their private information. The operation has been widely appreciated for its impact on both public service and the safety of citizens' valuable property.

# GDC Marh organises Literary Forum in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi

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JAMMU: Government Degree College Marh, in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi New Delhi, on Wednesday organized a Maiden Literary Forum on 'Poetry Reading by renowned Dogri Poets', in which well known poets of Dogri language participated. Padam Shri Mohan Singh (Convenor, Dogri Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi New Delhi) was the chief guest of the occasion.

The programme started with the lighting of the



Padma Shri Mohan Singh (Convenor, Dogri Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi New Delhi) speaking at a programme.

lamp and Sarastwati Vandana. The College

Principal, in his address, stressed on the importance

of organizing such forums for the promotion of

local/regional language at National level. The event featured the release of the 8th edition of the college Newsletter 'AIKYAM' marking a moment of academic pride for the institution.

Padam Shri Mohan Singh, in his introductory speech, talked about how Literature and languages are reflections of the social, economic, and political values of their time. He added that everyone should feel proud of their language and literature while studying its

positive aspects faithfully. He also praised the college fraternity for hosting this maiden initiative.

The main highlight was the recitation of Dogri poetry by the well-known and prominent poets Puran Chand Sharma, Daya Ram Daya, Chanchal Sharma, Lalit Sharma.

Other poets who graced the occasion were Nariender Singh Chib and Sushil Begana. All the poets received applause from the students of middle school, college, alumni,

presidium and faculty. The students Anjali of sem V sang the melodious maiden College song, while another group of students presented dance. Plantation Drive was also carried out in the college campus by Padam Shri Mohan Singh and invited dignitaries.

Dr Sheetal Sharma HOD Dogri showcased Dogra culture, Kitchenware comprising folk earthen utensils, shikha, etc and also served Dogra cuisine "Quer" which was admired by one and all.