

## Seminar held on 'Communicating Indian knowledge through transforming Teacher Education'

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JAMMU: One-day national seminar on 'Communicating Indian knowledge through transforming Teacher Education: A vision of NEP-2020' was organized by the Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu under the aegis of School of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) - a national scheme of MHRD, Govt. of India in collaboration with the Vidya Bharati Uchcha Shiksha Sansthan (VBUSS).

The key-note speaker of the national seminar, Prof. C.B Sharma, School of Education, IGNOU, in his address emphasized that if we want to change the India, change the education system by framing the policies for the privileged people.

Further, he stressed on the education must be provided through vernacular medium therefore emotional attachment would be built among the children to work for their motherland. Prof. Sharma appealed that there is a need of



VC, CUJ, Prof. Ashok Aima speaking during a programme.

trained teachers to be employed at Aganwadi Centers too.

Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu in his inaugural address, he emphasized that our education system must focus on capacity development of youth by promoting vocational education, so that we can produce job creators rather than job seekers.

By talking about regional language, he stressed that one should not have an inferiority complex for communicating through mother-tongue. He pointed out that the many of the developed countries' economy is being managed by the Indians only".

Prof. Sharma stressed that India has a great strength of young minds so must have to look for various ways for utilizing their abilities and competencies.

Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu appealed that educational institutions should take the responsibility for implementing the guidelines of NEP while taking diversity of India in mind.

He highlighted that leadership plays a significant role in implementing the policies. He further emphasized that scientific research needs to be community oriented.

Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice-

Chancellor, Cluster University, Jammu while delivering the valedictory address urged the gathering that the commitment of the teachers is a key aspect of inculcating values among the students which is also the vision and mission of NEP-2020.

He further said that for implementing the policy, the role of parents and society is equally important along with the teachers.

Delegates across the country presented research papers on various themes. Earlier, Dr. J.N. Baliya, Head, Department of Educational Studies, CUJ, welcomed the dignitaries and conveyed the key objective of the national seminar, which seeks the constructive ideas for communicating Indian knowledge through transforming teacher education in the light New Education Policy-2020.

At the end, Dr. Naresh Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Supply Chain and Management, Central University of Jammu, presented a vote of thanks.

## JK Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association interacts with Commissioner CGST Jammu

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JAMMU: An Interactive Session was organized by JK Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association to honour Hir Bhagat Negi, Commissioner (CGST), Jammu and Mahesh Kumar Rustogi, Commissioner (Audit), (CGST), Jammu in the presence of C.L. Dogra, Additional Commissioner (CGST), Dr. Vishal Choudhary Joint Commissioner (CGST), Dr. Gaurav Mittal, Dy. Commissioner (CGST), Dr. Safdar Ali, Dy. Commissioner (CGST) Vikramditya Meena, Dy. Commissioner (CGST), Manoj Kumar Pandohi, Asstt. Commissioner (CGST), Ajay Kumar Tadia, Asstt. Commissioner (CGST).

Satish Kaul, President of the Association, highlighted the various issues related to the Industrial Sector of J&K which also includes the package of Incentives 2021 announced by Govt. of India in which the Existing Units and Units under Substantial Expansion not provided the benefit of Reimbursement of Gross GST and other fiscal Incentives and requested the Commissioner to take up the matter with concerned Departments for the grant of Fiscal Incentives at par with the new units. Lalit Mahajan, Chairman, Federation of Industries Jammu, while welcoming the Chief Guest, appreciated the working of the CGST Department, Jammu under the guidance of C.L. Dogra, Additional



JK Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association member presenting memento to a dignitary.

Commissioner, CGST Jammu, requested for the issuance of Sanction Order of IGST/CGST awaiting the release of Funds by DPIIT, enabling the Unit Holders to file their Claims of Reimbursement with the State Tax Department, resolve the issues of Industrial Sector by the Department at their Level before issuing the Show Cause Notices to avoid the Litigation.

Sh. Hir Bhagat Negi, Commissioner (CGST) and Sh. Mahesh Kumar Rustogi, Commissioner (Audit), CGST, Jammu gave a patient hearing to the issues highlighted by the President of the Association & Chairman FOIJ with an assurance to resolve their issues on priority basis.

The other members also presented during the interactive session were Ajit Bawa,

President, Kathua Industrial Association, Deepak Dhawan, President, Birpur Industrial Association, Arjun Malhotra, General Secretary, Samba Industries Association J.S. Manocha General Secretary and Anil Gupta Executive Member of JK Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association along with S.K Bansal, Rahul Bansal and other senior members of industries fraternity.

## Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua on Thursday has informed that for erection of poles and HT cables and reconductoring under CSS/IPDS/PMDDP Scheme, the power supply to Kaili Mandi, Main Chowk, Bhargava College, BDO Block and adjoining areas will remain affected February 26, March 02 and 03 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Similarly, the power supply to Ranghar Town will remain affected on March 03, 05 and 07 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Meanwhile, for stringing of HT Line, the power supply to Saidpur, Nagri, Khokyal, Nagri Industry, Muthi Jagir and Kalyanpur will remain affected on February 26 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## Govt Polytechnic Jammu inks MoU with ICT Academy Chennai



Officials of Govt Polytechnic College Jammu after inking MoU with ICT Academy, Chennai.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Government Polytechnic College Jammu on Thursday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICT Academy, Chennai to enhance the skills of the polytechnic students in latest technologies for better employability. The MoU has been signed under Jammu & Kashmir Employability Enhancement Training (JEET) scheme sponsored by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

The MoU was signed in presence of Sajad Hussain Ganai, Director Skill Development Department, J&K Government, between Er Arun Bangotra,

Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu and Lovetesh Kumar, Project Manager, ICT Academy.

Director Skill Development, J&K said that the purpose of this MoU with ICT Academy under JEET scheme, sponsored by AICTE for J&K UT is to enhance the competency of the Engineering and Technical students by imparting skill training on latest technologies through ICT Academy. He further congratulated the college for being the 1st Polytechnic of J&K to ink MoU with ICT Academy and start JEET scheme in the institute for the benefit of students. He instructed to train the students

in such a way that they will get job after successful completion of the course. Er Arun Bangotra, Principal of college said that selected skill oriented courses such as Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Fusion 360, Cloud practitioners etc by the college are in the vast interest of the students, for self-employability and reliability, with the changing trends of the contemporary technological world and these courses will make students industry ready.

Lovetesh Kumar, Project Manager and Arvind from ICT Academy gave a presentation focusing on the benefits, beneficiaries, and the process about the JEET and the reach of ICT academy Chennai. Er Shokat Ali of Computer Engineering Department provided the technical support and assigned the duties as coordinator for JEET Scheme.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by HODs, Er Inderjeet Singh, Er Zia-ul Haq Kohli, Er Kuldeep Bhatia, Ar Ritika Wadera, Sanjay Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Tariq Amin, Sukhdeep Singh, Rajeev Kohli, Vinay Gupta and Rajesh Khajuria.

## LG Mathur discusses PRASAD Scheme



Lt Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur chairing a meeting.

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur chaired a meeting to discuss Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme to be implemented in Leh at Raj Niwas on Thursday. Rigzin Samphel, Commissioner/Secretary Tourism and the consulting team from Delhi attended the meeting.

PRASAD is a scheme launched under the Ministry of Tourism, GOI with the aim to integrate the development of pilgrimage destinations in a prioritized, planned and sustainable manner in order to provide a complete religious tourism experience. Leh town has been declared a heritage town including Chokhang Vihara under this scheme by the Ministry of Tourism for

beautification and development as a pilgrimage tourism destination. The team of a consultant from the Ministry apprised the Lt. Governor about the prospective DPR of the scheme and its implementing plans in Leh based on their preliminary survey.

LG Mathur emphasized taking on board all the stakeholders having a common vision for sustainable development of Ladakh while conceptualizing the scheme. He exhorted to ensure an integrated plan in tandem with the existing schemes of urban development for Leh considering the concept of smart city, traffic plan, road, toilets and heritage walk, etc. He stressed on the need for timely implementation of the scheme and urged the consulting team to strictly adhere to the deadline in submitting their preliminary report.

## DB issues directives in PIL regarding non-implementation of SWM Rules 2016

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SRINAGAR: In a Public Interest Litigation focused on aspect of health and hygiene in matter of disposal of solid waste within Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, it was alleged that health and hygiene are not upto the mark due to non-implementation of provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016.

A Division Bench of J&K High Court Srinagar wing comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mishal and Justice Tashi Rabstan observed that under Environmental Protection Act, 1986 and Solid Waste Management Rules of 2016, the State has framed Solid Waste Management Bye Laws in exercise of powers under Sections 36 and 25 of Act in consultation with all stakeholders and same were notified on July 31, 2019 by the Government. According to aforesaid Bye Laws all local bodies are enjoined upon to take appropriate action for disposal and treatment of the solid waste material.

Adv Shafiqat Nazir, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the aforesaid Model Bye Laws are not sufficient and that certain crucial aspects have been left out. Moreover, the same are not being implemented by the local authorities. DB observed that in such a situation, we require counsel for the petitioner to first consider the Act, Rules & Model Bye Laws and then to suggest areas,

in which same can be improved for solid waste disposal.

DB further observed that as far as non-implementation of the aforesaid Rules and Bye Laws by local bodies is concerned, counsel for the petitioner may file appropriate application with affidavit stating specific local bodies that are not adhering to Rules and Bye Laws.

## 'Don't over-burden common man, subsidise 19 pc fare hike'

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JAMMU: Senior National Conference leader and former Minister, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Thursday expressed serious concern over 19 per cent hike in passenger fare.

He said it is unfortunate that common man has been over burdened in this time of COVID-19 when every common man is economically badly hit.

He further said BJP Govt

utterly failed to check frequent price rise in petroleum products and common man has to pay for the failure of it.

Transporters were really in need of passenger fare hike but not common man.

Sadhotra demanded that hike in fare be subsidized so that common man is not burdened. In present situation common man is not in a position to bear this burden of 19 per cent passenger fare hike.

## JKOPA celebrates Printer's Day with children of Bal-Ashram



JKOPA members handing over a cheque to members of Bal-Ashram, Amphalla.

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JAMMU: J&K Offset Printers Association (JKOPA), celebrated the birthday of the Father of the Printing, Johannes Gutenberg here on Thursday. Gutenberg was a German blacksmith, goldsmith, printer and publisher who introduced printing to the world and his birthday is celebrated as Printers' Day. JKOPA members celebrated this Day with the children of Balashram, Amphalla Jammu by giving small amount of cheque of their daily needs including meal, chairs etc. These children are in the age group of 4 to 16 years. The members of the association present on the occasion were President JKOPA Sudesh K. Gupta, Sr. V. President Rahul Mahajan, V. President Sharat Sharma, General Secretary Avnish Anand, Secretary Rajneesh Koushal, Finance Secretary Satish Raina, Joint Secretary Kukoo Ji Bhan, IPP, Ravi Gupta, Arun Gupta, Pankaj Sethi, Satish Jandyal, Sanjay Soni, Vipin Mahajan and Avinash Gupta. The Accounts officers of the Balashram thanked JKOPA for its contribution towards the needy children of the school.

## J&K suffered at hands of dynastic rulers: DDC Chairman

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JAMMU: The BJP-led Government at the Centre and leadership in the Union Territory is committed for the overall development of Jammu and Kashmir which has so far suffered at the hands of the dynastic rulers. This was stated by DDC Chairman Jammu District, Bharat Bhushan while addressing a Janta Darbar at Panchayat Ghar Ghaink. Vice Chairman, Suraj Singh; President Raipur Domana Mandal Ashok Kerni and officers of various government departments were also present during the Darbar.

They listened to the problems being faced by people of various villages falling under the Raipur Domana Constituency. The DDC Chairman said that democracy is such a form of government wherein each and



DDC Chairman Jammu District, Bharat Bhushan addressing a Janta Darbar.

every process decides the present and future of its citizens in a transparency manner. The government is accountable to the general public. He said that the PM Modi government

remains committed to the welfare of the common masses and its flagship welfare schemes have been uplifting the people in Jammu and Kashmir in every way possible.

## Billawaria for timely completion of de-silting work



BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: To ensure timely completion of de-silting work of canals, senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria urged Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to set up a committee for inspecting progress of the same.

While addressing a press conference, Billawaria said that Department of Irrigation releases water in canals on Baisakhi and prior to that, canals are closed for three months to ensure de-silting but there is no check on the work. He urged Lieutenant Governor to set-up an inspection committee for checking de-silting work, which will submit report on daily-basis to the LG.

He further said that cleaning of canals has not started yet in urban areas, and water will be released in a hurry, without completing the same. "Farmers need water for irrigation. This time due to no rain, farmers have started demanding water. Steps should be taken in this direction without delay," he said. Billawaria also expressed gratitude towards Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for repealing SRO-302 and bringing in new SRO 60 for Stone Crushers, as it would curb black marketing of sand, concrete, stones etc. JMC Councilor Anil Masoom and Jammu District Vice President Ramesh Gupta were also present during.

## Brahman Sabha urges LG to use Hindi as official language of J&K

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha Parade on Thursday appealed to the Lt Governor J&K to come out with executive order for performing all official and administrative work in Hindi as Hindi and other languages have already declared official languages.

"Since erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir has now become Union Territory, all administrative and officials meetings and issuance of further orders should be in Hindi language," said Ved Parkash Sharma, president of DBPS, while addressing a meeting with office bearers and active members of the Sabha here with maintaining social distancing. Sharma said that in Delhi and Chandigarh also, long established as Union Territories, the official work is

performed in Hindi. "Hindi is a beautiful language combining in it all elements of national integration which is the need of the hour," he added.

Sharma further said that the people of State were always with the UT Lt Governor's every bold decision for speeding up development activities, strengthening democracy at grass root level and ensuring accountability and good governance. Demanding fresh census and delimitation of UT assembly segments Sharma expressed deep concern over the nefarious agenda of some bureaucrats in J&K to enslave Jammu region by manipulating population figures of Kashmir in last census. Hence he added, delimiting of UT assembly constituencies should be done on the basis of upcoming census instead of previous census.

Senior member advocate P C Sharma came out with suggestion to increase the circle of Sanskrit language and to double the efforts to popularize the same. He appealed the community members to impose self-motivated guest control on marriages and other functions.

Sabha Vice-President V M Magotra, Satyanand Sharma, Subash Shastrri, Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, Nanak Chand Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Shiv Ram Sharma, Gurdas Sharma, Sunil Sharma, K.L. Sharma, Brita Ram, ML Padha, S SBaru, PremBalotra, Som Nath Magotra, Som Nath Sharma, Devendra Sharma (Babu), Rajesh Bargartha, Satpal Sharma, Ramon Sharma and B S JanwalEx DC were present on the occasion.