

JKSCERT's interactive program explores relevance of Indian Knowledge System in context of NEP 2020

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JAMMU: JKSCERT, Jammu division, successfully hosted an interactive program on Tuesday, featuring Dr. Swadesh Singh, Professor, media panelist and authority on Indian polity and Dr. Anil Sometra, Director Indian Institute of Mass Communication.



Dr. Swadesh Singh, Professor, media panelist being felicitated in a programme.

The program aimed to delve into the relevance of India's traditional knowledge systems within the framework of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The event, held at JKSCERT, Jammu division, provided a platform to the faculty members and HOT's to engage in insightful discussions.

Welcome address was

given by (Dr.) Neeraj Jandial, Associate Prof., Head of the Department of Education in Social Sciences, Humanities and Content Enrichment Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, JKSCERT, JD, felicitated the guests with souvenirs as token of honor.

She presented the brief overview of the program and interacted with the participants motivating them

to deepen their understanding of Indian knowledge system and explore the intersection of traditional wisdom and contemporary education policies in the light of NEP 2020.

Dr. Swadesh Singh, renowned for his expertise in Indian polity, history, and culture, delivered a thought-provoking lecture highlighting the intrinsic value of India's ancient

knowledge systems and their potential to enrich modern education practices. He emphasized the need to integrate traditional wisdom into the educational curriculum to foster holistic development and cultural preservation.

The program featured interactive session and discussions, providing participants with a platform to exchange ideas, share best practices, and explore practical strategies for implementing the principles outlined in NEP 2020.

The program underscored the importance of leveraging India's rich cultural heritage and traditional knowledge systems to shape a more inclusive, holistic, and value-based education system in line with the

vision of NEP 2020. JKSCERT, Jammu division extends its gratitude to Director, JKSCERT Prof. Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas for his vision and support to convene such programs. Joint Director, JKSCERT, Jammu division, Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor also thanked Dr. Swadesh Singh for his invaluable contributions to the program and expresses appreciation to all participants for their active engagement and commitment to educational reform.

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The program was moderated by Monica Sharma, Academic officer, JKSCERT, JD. Vote of thanks was presented by Surjeet Kumar, Associate Professor, SCERT J&K-Jammu Division.

MTBD unveils Mahindra CRUZIO BS6 bus

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JAMMU: Mahindra Truck and Bus Division (MTBD), a part of the USD 20.7 billion Mahindra Group, on Tuesday unveiled Mahindra CRUZIO BS6 bus chassis, its brand-new range of bus chassis.

The vehicle was unveiled by MTB ZBH Jitendra Bahadur, MTB ABM Hitesh Jain and Dharender Sharma, Managing Director, Prestige Truck and Bus Pvt. Ltd.

Present on the occasion were Ajit Singh (Chairman, All J&K Transport Welfare Association), Kuldeep Singh (ARTO Passenger Segment), Vijay Singh Chib (President, All J&K Transport Welfare Association), Sanjeev Choudhary (Sanjeev Travels) and noted transporters of J&K.

7 bus chassis keys were handed over to many prominent transporters at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Dharender Sharma said, "The unveiling of the new CRUZIO bus chassis today, is a defining moment for our Truck and Bus business as we have taken our LCV bus platform to a next level of customer experience."

Prof. Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Principal, MBSCET who accompanied the visit and emphasized on the significance of the relevant industrial visits by the students to get the first-hand experience of the developments and market scenarios which help them to excel in academics and induce critical thinking among them. Prof. Ravinder Kr. Bhardwaj, I/C (Training and Placement) and Prof. Anil Gupta from the ECE department coordinated the event on behalf of MBSCET and thanked the management, for extending their unparalleled support and commitment towards the students welfare.

"The Mahindra CRUZIO bears the testimony to



dignitaries and other members during launch of CRUZIO BS6 bus of Mahindra Truck and Bus Division at Jammu.

Mahindra's capability of bringing the best to the Indian customers, since it is based on meticulously gathered consumer insights. If you look at the bus operators in this segment, they are craving for a solution that can balance the end-user benefits and help them optimize costs as well. Comfort, Looks, Ergonomics, Operational Efficiencies through connected solution iMAXX and Safety are the key aspects which impacts the reputation of the new age transportation. CRUZIO will set new, higher benchmarks in these aspects and we are confident that it will become the preferred choice of passengers and the bus operators."

Talking about the key features of CRUZIO, Dharender highlighted that from the safety aspect, CRUZIO meets the Rollover Test norms as per AIS 031 and BUS Body code as per AIS 052. It is also compliant to the latest regulatory requirements of AIS 153, which has stringent noise and vibration standards. CRUZIO offers enhanced

visibility in both day & night and bigger brakes for efficient braking performance with short stopping distance. It has the highest ground clearance in the category to avoid bumper hit. CRUZIO Bus offers Best-in-class seat width which are contoured and ergonomically designed that provides full back support. Broad gangway and improved parabolic suspension leading to Best-in-class ride comfort. CRUZIO's Engine is equipped with the patented Mahindra FuelSmart Technology to optimize the fuel consumption. Highlight of this technology is the multimode switches to optimize the fuel consumption and engine power availability as per load and road conditions for Higher Savings in Fuel Expenses and More Profitability. CRUZIO is also equipped with inhouse developed world class telematic solution complied with AIS 140 norms, offers you utmost safety, tracking of bus, fuel theft, vehicle health monitoring and many other features enhancing efficiency for the fleet operator."

MBSCET organises Industrial visit in QE Electronics Pvt. Ltd., Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology (MBSCET), Jammu on Tuesday organized an industrial visit to QE Electronics Pvt. Ltd., Bari Brahmana, Jammu.

The visit was organized for students of 4th, 6th, and 8th semesters of the Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering Departments.

QE electronics is the first company in J&K to set up the complete Green Manufacturing Unit and have mission to make J&K as manufacturing hub for lighting and solar LED products and accessories.

During the visit, the students had the privilege of observing the intri-



MBSCET Jammu students and faculty during visit to QE Electronics Pvt. Ltd., Bari Brahmana.

cate processes involved in solar panel and LED bulb manufacturing. The students actively engaged in discussions, eagerly seeking clarification on various technical

aspects and enthusiastically exchanging ideas with the QE Electronics team.

The insight and guidance given by Er. K.P Sharma (Director, QELL),

Er. Upkar Khajuria (Manager, QELL) and Nitin Kashyap (Plant Head, QELL) added an enriching experience.

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BJP cadres reach out to voters with 'Booth Vijay Sankalp Abhiyaan' in J&K: Koul



J&K BJP General Secretary Ashok Koul lighting ceremonial lamp.

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JAMMU: Eye on Lok Sabha polls 2024, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Sangathan General Secretary J&K Ashok Koul chaired the series of meetings simultaneously, during one-day pravas in District Jammu South here at party headquarters, Jammu. The meetings are organized and coordinated by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan.

It was pioneered with the lighting of the lamp by Senior topmost political leaders namely former organisational General Secretary J&K Ashok Koul, former Deputy CM Kavinder Gupta, former Minister and State Vice President Sham Choudhary, former minister and Bahu Constituency Incharge Priya Sethi, Vice Presidents Anuradha Charak and Aseem Gupta, former District Presidents Vinay Gupta and IIS Purni, former MLC Vikram Randhawa, DDC and Incharge RSPura Jammu South Constituency Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, DDC Vidhya Mottan, senior leader Rajeev Charak including District General Secretaries Pushpinder Charak and Akash Chopra Sanyojak Pt. Ashok Khajuria and Sanjyok Vivek Patyal.

The meeting saw the pres-

ence of former Municipal Councilors including District Jammu South office bearers, District Prabhari, Vidhansabha Convenor and Prabharies besides Mandal President, Mandal Prabharies, Morcha Presidents, District Convenor of all cells and Department attended the meeting.

This interactive session, termed 'Mission 400 plus' (Abki Baar 400 Paar), shows Ashok Koul imparting strategies with key workers to ensure the party's victory at each booth in Jammu South.

While addressing the karyekartas, Ashok Koul held threadbare discussions with the local leadership including the party breadwinners holding the important responsibilities reviewed the progress of such programmes and suggested more measures to further polish the grass root level activists to reach the people and mobilize their support for the BJP by educating them about numerous mega projects of development and welfare schemes of Modi government in the last ten years of good governance. Giving tips to the activists, Ashok Koul told the workers that the election bugle has been sounded and that BJP cadres should be prepared for the upcoming polls. He

asserted that BJP cadres reach out to voters with "booth vijay sankalp Abhiyaan" in the union territory of J&K.

Ashok Koul in the presence of Rekha Mahajan including senior leadership also noted that all Mandals and Morchas Presidents presented their reports on organizational and political activities in their respective Mandals and Morchas to enhance the party activities for upcoming parliamentary polls.

Kavinder Gupta expressed confidence in the BJP's track record and its ability to secure a landslide victory in the upcoming polls, she asked the party activists to make sure that the policies and plans of the party are on the tips of the common masses as the same is a pre-requisite for winning Lok Sabha polls.

Priya Sethi discussed the party's ideology, principles and concepts and said that "the party workers will have to focus on the welfare schemes and achievements of the central and UT governments."

She furthermore communicated on organizational matters and the desire to bolster the party fabric at the booth level. In her presidential address Rekha Mahajan, said that the majority of development projects aimed at rejuvenating the union territory of J&K have been completed and the foundation stone of many development projects worth crores has also been laid under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi ji. She added that now, the BJP party's focus is on micro-management to ensure that every voter reaches the booth to cast their vote. Rekha Mahajan further said, "Our target is to reach every voter and beneficiary of government schemes at their doorstep.

JU concludes two-day 23rd National Conference of NWISA

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Department of Sociology, University of Jammu (JU) successfully concluded the two-day 23rd National Conference of NWISA on the theme "Marginalised communities in North-West India: Emerging Trends and Challenges".

The valedictory session of the conference was marked by insightful discussions and valuable networking opportunities for all participants.

Prof. Vishav Raksha, Head, Department of Sociology, expressed her gratitude to all the participants, sponsors, and organisers who contributed to the success of the conference. She highlighted the importance of such academic gatherings in fostering intellectual growth.

Dr Hema Gandotra presented the complete report, summarizing the two days of conference which included



Prof. Vishav Raksha, Head, Department of Sociology and other dignitaries at a conference.

eight technical sessions and one symposium covering extensive areas of marginalization in the North West Indian region.

The valedictory session featured keynote address from prominent sociologist Prof. Paranjit Singh Judge, former Professor, Dept of GNDU, Amritsar and former President ISS.

While delivering the valedictory address, he emphasized the significance of the theme of the conference, addressing the emerging challenges of the margin-

alized in North-West India. He extended the discussion from conceptual premises to empirical examples from the region.

He emphasized the emergence of 'exclusion' in the context of labour referring the idea of 'marginal man' which has been reduced to marginalisation of communities.

Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, JU was the Guest of Honour. She congratulated the department on the successful organisation of

this conference and pressed on the role of social sciences. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar, JU presided over the session and enlightened the audience with the academic pertinence of organising such events and congratulated the Department of Sociology. Dr Manoj Kumar, secretary NWISA offered the formal vote of thanks.

The conference held on 18th and 19th March, 2024, brought together esteemed scholars, researchers, and students from across the country to explore and dis-

cuss a wide range of topics related to sociology. Attendees had the opportunity to exchange ideas, share research findings, and collaborate on innovative projects that aim to address pressing social issues.

The proceedings of the valedictory session were conducted by Dr Saranjit Kaur, Lecturer, Centre for Women's Studies, JU. Around 200 delegates and students, including delegates from different states and universities across India participated.

Prominent among those who were present included Prof Satish Sharma, Prof Sukhdev Singh, Prof. Neetu Andotra, Prof Kavita Suri, Dr Monica Narang, Dr Monika Bharadwaj, Dr Kuljit Singh, Dr Vandita Sharma and faculty from the Department of Sociology, both Rannagar and Reasi Campus, Psychology and Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu.

ECCE Leadership Workshop for Educational Administrators held

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JAMMU: A capacity-building workshop on Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) Leadership for the Cluster Heads/HOIs of the Government Schools of Jammu and Samba was held here on Tuesday at the Tawi Conference Hall, Udheywala, here.

The workshop was organized by the National Development Foundation Jammu in collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education Jammu and in partnership with UNICEF India.

Around 60 Educational Administrators participated in the workshop.

Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT



Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT speaking at a workshop.

Divisional Office Jammu, inaugurated the workshop in the presence of Rajiv Khajuria, President National Development Foundation (NDF) and Arti Sharma, CEO NDF.

The afternoon session was presided over by Jagdeep Padha, Chief Education Officer Jammu. Jaswinder

Kour, Coordinator Pre-Primary, Dr. Sarita Sharma, Assistant Coordinator Pre-Primary, and Sunny Kumar, Programme Manager NDF, were Resource Persons, while the stage was conducted by Nisha Pandita from NDF.

Ajeet Sharma, Coordinator Quality Samagra Shiksha J&K, was the key Resource

Person and highlighted the government's achievements with regard to ECCE. He sensitized the HOIs to their role and responsibilities in delivering the ECCE component effectively in J&K.

Rajiv Kumar Khajuria, President NDF, in his address, said that the Cluster Heads/HOIs are the Education Leaders, and their understanding and leadership will determine the quality of ECCE component delivered through the Pre-Primary classes of the kindergartens established in the government schools after coming up of National Education Policy 2020.

Jagdeep Padha said that the National Education Policy 2020 has laid importance on the universalization

of Early Childhood Care & Education by the year 2030 target to ensure that all students entering Grade 1 are school-ready.

Prof. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT, in her address, called upon the Educational Leaders to work on the domains of holistic development of children and work towards developing social behaviour, good habits and basic life skills among children.

She emphasized that early years of education are crucial and lays the foundation for lifelong learning in children. She complimented the role of the National Development Foundation for collaborating with the School Education Department for the effective delivery of ECCE and FLN.

Prominent political, social activists join Apni Party

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SRINAGAR: Several prominent political and social leaders from Srinagar and Kulgam districts joined Apni Party during event held at the party headquarters in Srinagar on Tuesday.

The party president, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, gave a warm welcome to the new entrants and assured them that the entire party leadership would stand by them when they go out to serve the people in their

respective areas. The new entrants from Srinagar included prominent social activist from Srinagar's Nowgam area Sheraz Malik, Irfan Ahmad from Sonawar, Shabir Ahmad from Lasjan, Burhan from Zewan, Danish from Bemina, Shabir Ahmad from Sonwar, Ashraf Wani from Lasjan, and their associates.

The party leaders present on the occasion included party's Provincial President Mohammad Ashraf Mir,



Media Advisor Farooq Andrabi, State Convenor and District In Charge Ganderbal

Haji Parvez Ahmad, District President Srinagar Noor Mohammad Sheikh, Senior

Vice President (first) Srinagar Mohammad Shafi Mir, Provincial President for

the party's Youth Wing Khalid Rathore, Provincial Organiser Kashmir and DDC member Harwan Shabir Ahmad Reshi, General Secretary of the party's ST Wing Khalid Bhadana, Provincial President ST Wing Rafiq Ahmad Balote, State Secretary of Youth Wing Tanveer Hussain Pathan, Senior Vice President Srinagar and In Charge for Habbra Kadal constituency Jeelani Hamid Kumar, District Youth President and

In Charge for the Khanyar constituency Mohsin Zaffar Shah, District Publicity Secretary Adil Bhat, District Organiser Srinagar Sheikh Nisar, Senior Worker Parvez Ahmad, and others.

The new entrant from Kulgam was Sareer Ahmad Sheikh, former Vice Chairman Municipal Committee Kulgam. Bukhari along with several senior party leaders greeted these new members into the party fold.

The prominent party leaders who were present on the occasion included the party's Media Advisor Farooq Andrabi, Vice Chairperson DDC Kulgam Shazia Jan, General Secretary of the party's ST Wing Khalid Badhana, Constituency IN Charge Langate Khwaja Munawar, Senior Leader Dawood Lodhi, District Youth President Kulgam Mohammad Ashraf Dar, Youth President Uri Sajad Ahmad Sheikh, and others.