DSEJ initiates Capacity Development of teachers for social, emotional and ethical learning



Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma posing with participant teachers.

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JAMMU: To build a compassionate education system with essence of common humanity, Education, Jammu, in collaboration with the Piramal foundation- today initiated project SEE learning to train a cadre of 500 teacher counselors dealing with elementary classes on Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning (SEEL). The project started at SRML Model Higher Secondary School Jammu.

Social, Emotional & Ethical Learning envisages the education of heart and the mind with awareness and compassion to develop competencies for awareness of self, others appreciating Interdependence.

The virtual training will involve seven monthly workshops, biweekly Professional Learning Community meeting (experience sharing among peers, sharing of best prac-

tices and challenges, SEEL 101 course from Emory University US, Live Action Project (LAP) majorly accounting for the execution of concepts delivered in workshops with certain timelines and targets.

The project was virtually

launched by Dr. Ravi Shankar

Sharma, Director School

Education Jammu in the presence of HR Pakhroo Joint Director, Subha Mehta, Joint Director JSK, . Mamta Sharma DD Planning, Suraj Singh Rathore, CEO Jammu Anjali Gupta Principal SRML Model HSS Jammu, Anshu Dubey (Senior Program Director, Piramal Foundation), Zessan Hassan (Program Director Piramal Foundation), other team members from Piramal Foundation J&Kof School Education Jammu. trainees from all the 10 disbe master trainers for the project and they were present for orientation session by trainers. Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, while speaking on the occasion said that the purpose of education is more than merely improving the student's scholastic performance. Holistic approach of education with inclination towards happiness, compassion and resilience and secular ethics is the way ahead to prepare our future generation and SEEL will work as the basis for the same. He added that this capacity development

is in line with the aim of

Manodarpan initiative of the

Ministry of Education to pro-

vide mental health and

Psychosocial support to stu-

dents. Anshu Dubey, Senior

Program Director and

Resource person for the pro-

gram added that SEE

Learning will provide educa-

framework for the cultivation of social, emotional and ethical competencies; age-specific curricula comprised of easy to implement lessons; and a support structure for educator preparation, facilitator certification and on-going professional development.

Speaking on the occasion, Zessan Hassan (Program Director Piramal Foundation) said that SEE Learning aims to enhance attention and mindfulness with a system thinking approach along with creating awareness and compassion towards oneself and for others also.

"The ultimate aim of this training is to help students develop Attention, Self -Interpersonal awareness, awareness, compassion, Selfregulation, humanity, relationship skills, community and global engagement." said Dr. Kumar Romesh Counselling Cell Directorate ofSchool Education Jammu. The training will help develop a cadre of teacher counsellors for offering mental health and psychosocial support along with ethical development among students and teachers.

The Programme was moderated by Dr. Alka Sharma and Preeti Sharma Member Counselling Cell DSEJ whereas Bindu Kumari presented a formal vote of

PSPS Govt College for Women buzzes with Baisakhi celebrations



Joint Director Tourism, Sunaina Sharma Mehta lighting ceremonial lamp and students presenting cultural programme.

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JAMMU: Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar in collaboration with Department, Tourism Jammu on Monday celebrated Baisakhi with great fervour and gaiety. The vast college campus turned into a carnival of dance and music bonanza as 'Baisakhi Mahotsav 2023' drew a heavy crowd with stalls and presentation of traditional items relating to the rich culture of Punjab and Jammu on display.

As a continuum of the Baisakhi fervour, the students of the College resorted to impressive show of talent during various competitions. The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial Sunaina Sharma Joint Director, Tourism, Katra was the chief while Ambika Bali.

Assistant Director, Tourism Jammu was the Guest of Honour and Aamir Farooq, CEO Atlas Events, Srinagar was the special guest of the colourful function.

Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College forWomen, Gandhinagar, wished all a happy and cheerful Baisakhi and briefed the audience about the festival of harvest and acquainted them with rich cultural heritage. She also reminded the audience of the sacrifices made by our fighters freedom

Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar. Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director, Tourism, Katra congratulated everyone on the auspicious occasion of "Basoa-Baisakhi" and highlighted the significance and beauty of this cultural festival.

the college were decked up in beautiful attires. On this occasion, the students as well as the faculty performed Bhangra, Gidda and Folk dance. The beats of the dhol brought vibrancy to the environment. Prof Harmeet Kour and Dr Kusum mesmerised the audience with a beautiful traditional Punjabi couple dance. "KJ Bhangra and Gidda Group Punjab" enthralled the audience with

Dr Liaqat Jafri coordinated and Prof Neelam Thapa, Dr Chetna Mahajan, Prof Sugandha Mahajan and Prof Abhinay Sharma assisted in organising the program. Prof Neelam Thapa Prof Sugandha Mahajan conducted the proceedings of the event. The colourful event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr Liaqat Jafri, Head, Department of Urdu.

their energetic performance.

SSR Camp of Photo Electoral Rolls held at **GCW Parade**

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for Women, Parade, in Collaboration with Jammu Municipal Corporation. Ground, on Monday organized a one day Special Summary Revision Camp of Photo Electoral Rolls here on the College Campus. A Large number of students enrolled themselves in the electoral roll by filling the Form 6. Faculty members also availed the opportunity to get information regarding form 7 for voter application for objections, proposed inclusion/deletion of name in the existing electoral roll and Form 8-the voter application for shifting of Residence/correction of entries in existing electoral roll/ replacement of EPIC etc.

The organizer of the event was Dr. Shandilya Perminder Kour, Associate Professor/convener Literacy Club.

Neha Bharti qualifies NET

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JAMMU: Neha Bharti daughter Shakuntla Bharti and Vidya Parkash, resident of Jammu has qualified the

(UGC) recently

National Eligibility Test (NET) in Economics, the result of which was declared by University Grants Commission

PGCIL charges 11 KV Tabbay Nallah Feeder in Turtuk



PGCIL officials during charging of Feeder.

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Power Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) is executing rural electrification works under PMDP scheme in both the districts (Leh & Kargil) of

Twenty two villages in the UT of Ladakh are to be electrified under this scheme, out of which PGCIL has already completed electrification of 18 villages so far.

On 15th April 2023, 11 kV Tabbay Nallah feeder in Turtuk village which lies near charged by tapping 11Kv Bogdang Turtuk-(already constructed under PMDP by PGCIL). The challenging part in commissioning of this line was head loading of Poles, Erection material and Distribution transformers for about 12 KM.

The supply of Turtuk habitation still depends on state DG supply, due to lack of grid connectivity. However with the charging of above feeder six habitations of this area consisting of around 50 House-holds will first time get illuminated

Sikhs 4 All Foundation in collaboration with HCEF organises competition on Shabad Kirtan

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JAMMU: Sikhs 4 All Foundation in collaboration with Harman Cultural and Educational Foundation (HCEF) organized a competition on devotional Punjabi poetry and Shabad Kirtan in auditorium of Govt. Polytechnic Jammu.

About 90 children participated in different age groups including 0-8 years, 9-14 years and 18-24 years category. The program was attended by a large number of cross sections of the soci-

Prominent among those who were present included Balvinder Singh Vice President DGPC, Surjit Singh General Secretary DGPC, Bhupinder Singh Paras Cultural Academy, Ravinder Kour Principal Kidzee School Karannagar.

Manjit Singh gave a brief description on the activities of Sikhs 4 All Foundation



Participating students of competition posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Gurvinder Kour from Harman Cultural and Educational Society also gave account of the activities organized by the society and the role of institute in promoting art and culture.

Gurkaran Singh and Gurveer Singh of class 7th from Tiny Scholars School Kathua were presented a cheque of Rs. 10,000 as the best performers in Shabad Kirtan recitation. All other

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Department of English in

collaboration with Cultural

Committee of GDC Billawar

Bonanza', a programme to

celebrate Baisakhi Festival

under the patronage of Dr.

Alka Sharma, Principal,

GDC Billawar. The main

attractions of the programme were Rut Raade, Rangoli,

Vivah Mandap, Gagail and

Selfie Point which highlight-

ed the richness of Dogra

Culture. The programme

was started with welcome

address by Dr. Manu

Sharma, Head, Department

Secretary) fol-

lowed by lighting

of lamp. A dis-

play of the vari-

ety of tableaux

to depict the cul-

cance of the fes-

tival was organ-

The students

wore traditional

religious kaarks

(ballad songs)

and took selfies

with the dis-

played spectacle.

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The staff and students had a

walk through the tableaux to

take glimpses of the cultural

heritage that was displayed

for them. Dr. Alka Sharma

congratulated the organizing

members and the students

for organizing such events in

tural

dresses,

'Cultural

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participants were presented with gold, silver and bronze medals for individual and

group performance. Sikhs 4 All Foundation also showed a documentary on the occasion prepared by them to display the past performance and the role played by them for development of the underprivileged children in imparting free education and computer knowledge.

Baisakhi Festival celebrations

Sikhs 4 All included Jagjit Singh, Harsharan Singh, Jasmeet Singh, Gurvinder Kour, Jagjeet Singh and TP

Singh.

The medals and awards were given to meritorious children and their performances were judged by Baljeet Kour, Kulwant UpkarRajinder Singh Wazir, Dr. Harsimran Singh and Jagiit Singh Rajinder Singh ZEO, was the organ-

HPS students bring laurel in class 8th results

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Humanity Public School (HPS) students from 8th appeared in JKBOSE 8th Board Exams session 2022-23 and aced it with flying colours.

Diksha Yadav secured first position with 96 per cent marks while Niharika Charak got second position with 91.5 per cent marks and Akshara Charak, Kannav and Afreen shared third position with 90 per cent marks each.

To celebrate the pod moment

Vice Principal, Anku Charak, Akashdeep Raina, Senior Incharge, Keshav Raj Sharma, Incharge Higher Wing, Namrta Sharma, Incharge High/Middle Wing, Vandana Sharma, Incharge Primary Wing, Aparna Billowria, Incharge Pre Primary Wing. Gaurav Charak also honoured the class teachers of 8th Rity Jamwal, Shakeela and Shubam for their dedication and hardwork through token of

The coordinators Suni

appreciation.



Class 8th passing-out students posing with faculty members.

honoured with Best Wishes were also felicitated during the Appreciation by the Principal,

Raina prompts new entrants to

work with 'Nation First' policy

Prominent Doctors, CAs, Lawyers join BJP

and support to teachers and

DSRS JU organises talk on India-China relations



Thiruvananthapuram with faculty members of JU during a talk on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional (DSRS). Studies University of Jammu (JU) on Monday organized a talk on "India-China Relations: An Analysis".

The talk was delivered by Prof. Josukutty C.A from the Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, for the Research Scholars and the students of the master's programme of the department.

Prof. Josukutty focused his talk on different methods and approaches Indian policymakers need to adopt to avoid conflict with China, particularly by following the strategies of internal and external

balancing. $_{\mathrm{He}}$ stressed that India should focus on expanding its influence in Southeast Asia where it is effectively connected through cultural connections and population linkages.

Likewise, associations with the West Asian states and major powers, particularly through the Indo-Pacific and the Quad arrangements, needs to be strengthened and actively explored so that India can simultaneously neutralise China and present itself as a viable alternative rising

power, he added. Prof. Josukutty also stressed that India needs to work on its economic capacity so that it would help it to get a political and military edge in duty

to settle its border dis-

putes with an upper edge. Prof Josukutty further underlined that India ought to refocus on its neighbourhood with a specific approach to take political leaders and elites into confidence so that India can strengthen its political currency in the domestic politics of neighbouring countries.

Prof. Virender Koundal, Director DSRS, delivered a welcome address. Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam presented a formal vote of thanks

The function was also attended by Dr. attended Mohammad Monir Alam, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Surinder Mohan, research scholars and PG students of the department.

held at GDC Billawar the campus which help in fostering the overall development of the students. She also stated that our culture is our pride and the display of such cultural panorama is commendable to link our present with our traditional

> heritage. The culmination of the event was done with formal Vote of Thanks by Prof. Sunita Devi, Co-organising Secretary of the event. The faculty members who attended the event were Prof. Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Bandey, Dr. Arun Sharma, Dr. RajniKumari, Dr. Pinkey, Prof. Anil K. Verma, Dr.



Dr. Alka Sharma, Principal, GDC

Billawar lighting ceremonial lamp. Physical Director Ravi Kumar, Prof. Naresh Khajuria, Dr. Rimmi Verma, Dr. Renu Bala, Dr. Shakeeb Manzar, Dr. Adil Firdous Wani, Prof. Umar Wani, Prof. Mohd. Akbar Bhat



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina posing with senior leaders and newly joined members.

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JAMMU: Prominent professional personalities like Doctors, ĈAs, and lawyers joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in presence of senior party functionaries at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by former Dy CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, All Cell Convenor Rakesh Mahajan, Co convenor Ved Parkash, President Office Incharge Ajay Pargal, Convenor Professional Cell SK Sharma, Co convenors Ramit Khurana and CA Amit Gupta welcomed new entrants into the party fold as members of BJP Professional Cell.

Dr Brij Mohan Gupta

(Retd Principal GMC, Rajouri), Dr Sunita Puri, Ritika Mahajan, Anu Talwar, Anila Charak, CA Anish Abrol, CA Jatin Malhotra, Nikhil Mahajan, CA Aditya Suri, Advocate Amit Gupta and Advocate Ish Mahajan were amongst the prominent to join BJP in presence of senior party leaders.

All the new joiners belong to a very intellectual class of society and are well established in their fields.

Ravinder Raina, welcoming the new entrants, reposed his trust and faith in them that their presence in the party shall bring new energy and enthusiasm in the Cell and the

He said that the new entrants have contributed to the society as resource

persons.

He said that these prominent personalities have trust that the BJP is the only right platform to serve the society selflessly.

He also wished them the best in their political endeavor working with the theme of "Nation First". Dr. Nirmal Singh said

that people from all lifestyles are joining the party. He termed the professionals as the backbone of the society.

Kavinder Gupta said that BJP has changed the narrative of politics in India, which has led to the development of faith of intellectuals and well-educated persons of the society in the political system and Modi government. Ved Sharma conducted the pro-