

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, Directorate of School 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 and appreciating Interdependence.

The virtual training will involve seven monthly workshops, biweekly Professional Learning Community meeting (experience sharing among peers, sharing of best practices 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&K and Directorate of School Education Jammu. 70 trainees from all the 10 districts of Jammu Division will

be 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 provide mental health and Psychosocial support to students. Anshu Dubey, Senior Program Director and Resource person for the program added that SEE Learning will provide educators with a comprehensive

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-awareness, Interpersonal awareness, compassion, Self-regulation, humanity, relationship skills, community and global engagement," said Dr. Romesh Kumar Head Counselling Cell at Directorate of School 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 thanks.

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 for Women, Gandhinagar, wished all a happy and cheerful Baisakhi couple dance. "KJ Bhangra and Gidda Group Punjab" enthralled the audience with their energetic performance.

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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 Tourism Department, 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 lamp. Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director, Tourism, Katra was the chief guest, while Ambika Bali,

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 their energetic performance.

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JAMMU: Government College 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/convenor Literacy Club.

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JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) is executing rural electrification works under PMDP scheme in both the districts (Leh & Kargil) of Ladakh (UT).

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 Indo-Pak Border was

charged by tapping 11KV Turtuk- Bogdang line (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 society.

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 and their services to humanity.



Participating students of competition posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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.

Members present from

Sikhs 4 All included Jagjit Singh, NP 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 Singh, Upkar Singh, Rajinder Singh Wazir, Dr. Harsimran Singh and Jagjit Singh. Rajinder Singh ZEO, was the organizer of the event.

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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.

Sunil Dutt, 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.

Raina prompts new entrants to work with 'Nation First' policy

Prominent Doctors, CAs, Lawyers join BJP



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

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JAMMU: Prominent professional personalities like Doctors, CAs, 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 BJP 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 Jatinder 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 party.

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 proceedings.