

CS assesses functioning of BOPEE

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Saturday chaired a meeting of the Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (BOPEE) to take stock of its functioning regarding admissions to the professional courses being offered in colleges of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by ACS Forest, Principal Secretary Higher Education, Commissioner Secretary GAD, Secretary Health, SIO NIC, besides Chairperson BOPEE, Controller of Examinations, BOPEE and other concerned officers both in person and virtually.

The Chief Secretary had appraisal of the calendar of examinations and admissions made to the professional courses by the Board. He took serious note of the unfilled seats in the courses like B.Tech, MDS, M.Sc



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing meeting of BOPEE on Saturday.

Nursing, DNB and others.

Dulloo maintained that these professional colleges have requisite infrastructure and candidates desirous of taking admissions in such courses should be encouraged to study here.

The Chief Secretary asked about the total intake capacity of these colleges and the remaining vacant proportion. He delved upon possible reasons for such vacancies and the way forward to fill these in future.

He asked about the yearly recognition of degree courses in these colleges and exploration of the possibility to extend these to multiple years in the interest of students. He also asked about the status of recognition of B.Ed courses in government colleges.

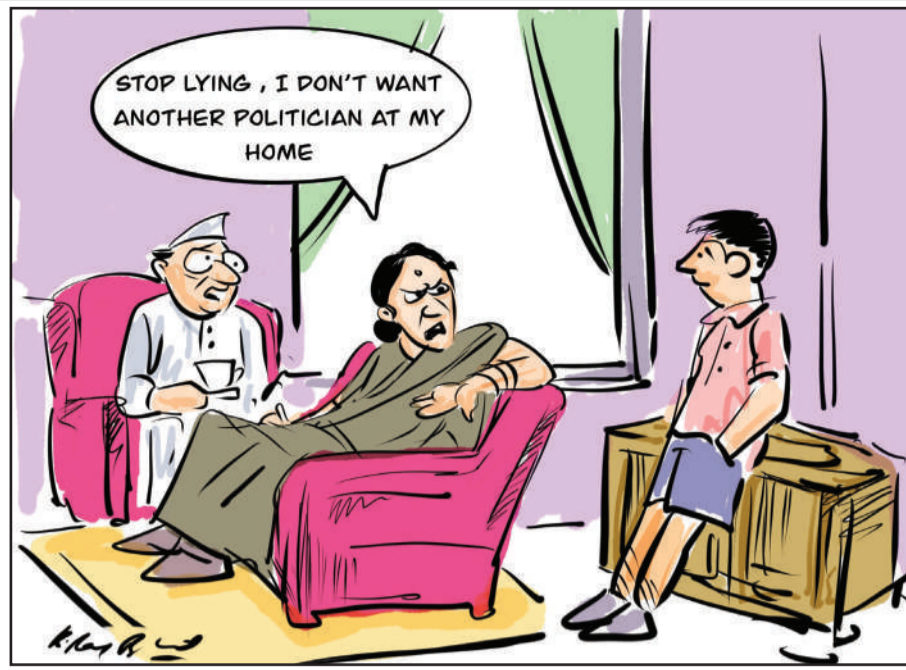
Regarding admissions made in B.E and B.Tech courses, the Chief Secretary advised for taking all possible steps to fill these vacancies in beginning of the academic year. He maintained

that the reasons hindering admissions to the courses should be looked into seriously to enable local students secure admissions in our colleges offering such degrees.

BOPEE Chairperson,

Minu Mahajan, apprised the meeting of functioning of the board. She threw light on the courses and the response of students for each of them. She gave details about the seats being offered for admission by the board in counseling and the proportion of seats filled against offered ones.

The Chairperson also highlighted the performance of the board in the past years. She highlighted the measures initiated by the board to make the admission process more transparent and time bound. She also pointed out some of the issues faced by the Board in its functioning.



CSIR-IIIM, NDTL extend MoU on collaborative work

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JAMMU: In their collective endeavour to work together to achieve excellence in the field of Dope Testing in Sports in India and to promote the Anti-Doping Science and Research in the country, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Canal Road, Jammu and the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), Government of India on Saturday renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for another three years.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director of CSIR-IIIM and Dr. Puran Lal Sahu, Director, NDTL New Delhi have signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institutes, for the continuance of their collaborative research and reference standard synthesis work for the next term.

While giving detail of the work to be done under the MoU, Dr. Zabeer said that in



CSIR-IIIM and NDTL representatives after signing MoU on Saturday.

2021, a groundbreaking scientific collaboration was initiated jointly by CSIR-IIIM and NDTL for the synthesis of reference standards and cell-based and pharmacokinetics studies on the metabolites with the main emphasis on the national goals in the area of Dope Testing and Global Positioning.

"Quite significant work was done during the initial phase of collaboration" he underlined and mentioned that to meet the pressing need for reference materials essential in accurately detecting and deterring prohibited substances in sports,

CSIR-IIIM has accomplished the successful synthesis of multiple secondary metabolites intricately associated with substances banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Dr. P.L. Sahu strongly advocated for future collaborations between CSIR-IIIM and NDTL, envisioning a roadmap for global projects aimed at advancing research in doping analysis. To achieve the excel-

lence in the field of Dope Testing in Sports in India and to advance the Anti-Doping Science and Research in the country, he underscored the need to put together the expertise of both the partner institutions, offering substantial value in elucidating metabolic pathways and augmenting detection capabilities of drug in sports.

Dr. Qazi Naveed Ahmed, Head of the Natural Products

and Microbial Chemistry (NPMC) Division attributed these accomplishments to the institute's leadership, which has elevated the institution's national standing in scientific and societal endeavours.

The MoU signing ceremony was witnessed by the notable dignitaries, including Er. Abdul Rahim (Chief Scientist & Head of the Research Management, Business Development and Information Sciences and Technology and Head of IIIM Srinagar Branch), Dr. Qazi Naveed Ahmed, Dr. Mir M. Asrar, Dr. Rajkishor Rai, Dr. Kapendra Sahu, Dr. Saurabh Saran, Dr. Sheema Mahajan, and Dr. Ashiq Hussain Padder.

Er. Abdul Rahim presented a vote of thanks.

VC JU visits Udhampur Campus; reviews academics and infra development



VC JU Prof Umesh Rai, with students and faculty of the Udhampur Campus on Saturday.

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UDHAMPUR: Vice Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu (JU) Prof Umesh Rai, undertook a comprehensive evaluation of the Udhampur Campus on Saturday.

Accompanied by a delegation, Prof. Rai assessed the newly constructed infrastructure and ongoing developmental endeavours to foster academic brilliance within the campus premises.

Prof. Yash Pal, Rector, Udhampur Campus provided an insightful overview of the campus's recent strides and emphasized pivotal initiatives and achievements.

Prof. Yash Pal underscored infrastructural necessities essential for the seamless execution of academic programs and student accommodation.

Acknowledging the diligent

efforts of Prof. Yash Pal and his team, Prof. Rai directed the accompanying officials to redress various campus issues highlighted during the visit promptly.

Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development, JU pledged unwavering support towards fulfilling infrastructural requisites.

Engaging with the faculty, staff, and students, Prof. Rai stressed the imperative of identifying new skill development courses, particularly tailored to meet the needs of Udhampur District students. He also urged the establishment of Smart classrooms to facilitate dynamic interaction between Udhampur Campus students and senior faculty from the Main Campus and other premier institutes nationwide.

In recognition of their con-

tributions to the holistic advancement of Udhampur Campus, Prof. Rai distributed commendation mementos among the deserving students, faculty, and staff.

Prof. Meena Sharma reiterated the commitment to address infrastructural challenges, ensuring the seamless execution of diverse academic and skill development programs at Udhampur Campus.

Among those who accompanied the Vice Chancellor included Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to Vice Chancellor; Er. Rahat Gupta, Executive Engineer UWD; Er. Akash Bhola, Er. Santosh, Er. Varinder, Irfan Goni, Campuses Development Officer; Dr. Sushma Devi, Assistant Registrar Development and other members.

Justice Tashi Rabstan inspects progress on upcoming Munsiff Court Akhnoor

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JAMMU: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Administrative Judge, District Jammu and Chairman Building and Infrastructure Committee for Subordinate Courts for Jammu division, on Saturday visited Munsiff Court Akhnoor to review progress of work on new Court Complex building being constructed there.

JMIC Jammu, Girija Shavan, briefed him about the progress of works on the building.

Justice Tashi Rabstan issued on spot instructions to officers and officials of

PWD authorities and the Contractor to complete the project within the stipulated time frame. He also directed them to furnish status report of the work progress on regular intervals.

Later, Justice Tashi Rabstan also interacted with the members of Bar Association, Akhnoor and gave a patient hearing to their grievances assuring an early redressal of the same.

Justice Tashi Rabstan also participated in the plantation drive organized by the Tehsil Legal Service Committee, Akhnoor.

Ravinder Raina, Dr Jitendra release book 'Untold story of terrorism and proxy war in Jammu'



BJP Senior leaders releasing book of Prof. Kulbushan Mohtra at Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Union MoS & BJP MP Candidate Dr. Jitendra Singh, MP & BJP MP Candidate Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Rajya Sabha) Er Gulam Ali Khatana, former Minister Sat Sharma, former MP (Rajya Sabha) Shamsher Singh Manhas on Saturday released a book at party headquarters, here.

J&K BJP General Secretary (organization) Ashok Koul and General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal besides other state office bearers and senior leaders of the party were also present on the occasion. The Book titled 'Untold story of terrorism and proxy war in Jammu', released on the occasion, is written by Prof. Kulbushan Mohtra, State Incharge Library & Documentation Department, J&K BJP.

Ravinder Raina, while releasing the book, appreciated the

hard work by the author and said that the Nanaji Deshmukh Library is well equipped and books written by Prof. Kulbushan Mohtra consist of rare information. He added that these books are helpful for party workers and people alike, who are curious to know about the history of Jammu & Kashmir in detail.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that this book will prove to be of help to the scholars. He pointed out that the terrorist acts during the past 30 years in Jammu were not penned down appropriately and hence remained under dogged. He praised Prof. Kulbushan Mohtra in compiling all the incidents related to terrorism and proxy war.

Jugal said that the books hold the knowledge and we have to go through them to seek it and improve our personality and mature ourselves and requested all to go through the books in the Library department of BJP. Ghulam Ali Khatana, said that while there is a lot of

information available in the market to create confusion and mislead the people, we should brush up ourselves with the authentic source of information. Sat Sharma praised the library department of BJP and said that it comprises physical library as well as e-division which have the copies of the rare books and the manuscripts.

Shamsher Singh Manhas appealed to all the party leaders to spend a few hours in the library and go through these books and the documents.

Prof. Kulbushan Mohtra thanked all the senior leaders of the party for their appreciating words and said that as a dedicated activist of BJP, he was given the responsibility of Library & Documentation, in which he tried to put facts and figures in 9 books for the use of party activists and general masses. He added that the information in this and other books is obtained from authentic and rare sources.

AIIMS Jammu hosts 6th Annual Congress-Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Surgeons-Young Surgeons Forum India Chapter Conference

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JAMMU: The All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu organised the "6th Annual Congress Asia-Pacific Orthopaedic Association Young Surgeons Forum India Chapter," marking a significant milestone in the Orthopaedic surgeons' community of Jammu and Kashmir.

This prestigious conference, the first of its kind hosted by AIIMS Jammu, brings together eminent orthopaedic surgeons across Jammu and Kashmir state, the rest of India and the international faculty. The event was held at the Hotel Radisson Blu, Jammu, on April 26 and 27, 2024.

The event was inaugurated with a lamp lighting ceremony by the Director of AIIMS, Jammu, Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta, along with Dr Jamal Ashraf (President of APOA), Chairperson Dr Sanjeev Gupta, Organising Secretary Dr Rashid Anjum and other eminent orthopaedic faculties.

The Department of Orthopaedics at AIIMS Jammu is privileged to welcome all delegates, speakers, and other participants to this groundbreaking conference. The theme of the conference was "Current Controversies in Orthopaedics".

The event aimed to serve as a platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and innovation in orthopaedic surgery, fostering a spirit of academic excellence and professional growth among young orthopaedic surgeons.



Director of AIIMS, Jammu, Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta along with other dignitaries at a conference in Jammu.

The conference program was meticulously curated to address many topics relevant to orthopaedic surgery in the contemporary healthcare landscape. From discussions on the latest advancements in Orthopaedic surgical techniques to sessions exploring the role of technology in enhancing surgical outcomes, the conference provided attendees with comprehensive insights into the current trends and future directions of orthopaedic practice.

Topics such as trauma management, complex intra-articular fracture fixations and rehabilitation strategies were explored in depth, offering participants a unique opportunity to enhance their clinical proficiency and surgical expertise. The conference program also addressed critical challenges and opportunities in orthopaedic sports medicine and explored newer techniques.

One of the conference's focal points was the discussion of the latest advancements in joint replacement techniques. With an ageing population and an increasing prevalence of conditions such

as osteoarthritis, joint replacement surgeries have become increasingly common. Newer alignment techniques and the role of robotics in joint replacement surgeries were discussed in detail.

The conference delved into the transformative role of technology in orthopaedic surgery. Rapid technological advancements, such as robotic-assisted surgery, 3D printing, etc., are revolutionising how orthopaedic procedures are performed and how patient care is delivered. Faculty from IIT, Jammu, attended the conference and delivered lectures.

Expert-led sessions have covered topics such as minimally invasive spine surgeries, tumour surgeries like limb salvage surgeries, deformity corrections, and paediatric orthopaedic surgeries. These sessions have provided attendees with evidence-based guidelines and best practices for managing a broad spectrum of orthopaedic conditions, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to deliver high-quality care

to their patients.

One of the conference's highlight was the presentation of research findings and clinical case studies by young orthopaedic surgeons. Abstract submissions from across the region have been carefully reviewed, and selected presenters have the opportunity to showcase their work through oral presentations. This platform provided recognition for their contributions, engaged academic discourse, and shared best practices among peers.

There was a session called Learning from Masters in which topics like evidence-based medicine, Ayushman Bharat Scheme: journey so far, soft skill development and work-life balance were deliberated & experts from the field of orthopaedics shared their experiences with the young budding surgeons.

The conference has facilitated networking opportunities for participants to interact with faculty members, mentors, and industry representatives. Informal gatherings and social events had been incorporated into the

program to encourage meaningful connections and collaborations beyond the confines of the conference venue.

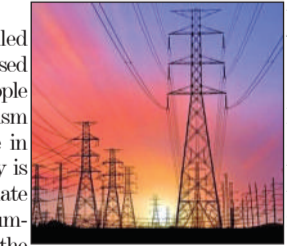
AIIMS Jammu is committed to fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and inclusivity in orthopaedic surgery. Through initiatives like the "6th Annual Congress Asia-Pacific Orthopaedic Association Young Surgeons Forum India Chapter," we aim to empower the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to address the evolving healthcare challenges and improve patient outcomes.

We thanked the Director and other staff members, of AIIMS Jammu the organising committee, sponsors, partners, and supporters for their unwavering dedication and contributions towards making this conference a resounding success. Together, we embark on a journey of discovery, learning, and collaboration that will shape the future of orthopaedic surgery in India and beyond.

Unscheduled power cuts in Kashmir, tourism sector badly affected

MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: The unscheduled power cuts in Kashmir has raised concerns among the common people and those associated with tourism sector. This is for the first time in decades that the Kashmir valley is witnessing a power crisis in the late spring season and the arrival of summer season. This issue arose at the



tors with a negative impression, and would undermine tourism sector and the destination promotional efforts by government and stakeholders. Secretary-General of the J&K hoteliers Club, too highlighted the struggles faced by hoteliers due to the electricity crisis. "We have to rely on gensets which inflict huge expenditure. This is going beyond

our limits," he stated. He said that they had raised the issue with the Union Minister for Railway and Petroleum during his recent visit to Kashmir, receiving a positive response. "If our room has a tariff of Rs 5000, we have to spend almost the same amount to keep the room lit up with facilities and when there is an increase in tariff, there is hue and cry. This is going beyond our limits, how can we run our business with limited electricity," he said. He added that there is a necessity of ensuring at least 20 hours of electricity availability for the hotel industry to function smoothly. Notably, KPDCCL earlier this week, stated about the limited power availability and an unavoidable increase in power curtailment in the valley. The corporation urged consumers to bear with the situation and ensure judicious use of power, especially during peak hours.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), KPDCCL stated, "Due to limited power availability, there has been an unavoidable increase in power curtailment. These restrictions will be eased once power availability improves." The corporation appealed to consumers to avoid exceeding sanctioned loads and hooking, emphasizing responsible power usage.

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