

ASN School holds Guru Vandana Chhatra Abhinandan Programme

Moral values empower an individual to perform better with human intentions: Ritesh Kapoor

Every Parent takes pride in his or her kid's good moral character: H C Vaid

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JAMMU: The Management of A.S.N. Hr. Sec. School, Channi Himmat, Jammu in collaboration with Bharat Vikas Parishad (Shivalik Branch, Channi Himmat) Jammu on Monday conducted "Guru Bandana Chhatra Abhinandan Program" inside the school auditorium to enhance the student teacher relation in order to improve the education system and to inculcate moral values amongst the students. The function started with lighting of traditional lamp, garlanding of mother India followed by "Vandey-Matram". Ritesh Kapoor, Administrator of the School highlighted the importance of such programmes inside the school. He said today in the era of change, everybody is moving away from his social responsibilities and not only adopting the western culture but also forgetting our own cultural heritage. He added that Moral values empower an individual to perform better with human



Students honouring a teacher during "Guru Bandana Chhatra Abhinandan Program" at ASN HSS Channi Himmat, Jammu.

intentions, motives, acts, and relationships with other individuals. Moral values form the basis of all religious practices. A student's life is a cycle of challenges and changes. As a child grows, he or she imbibes a lot of lessons and moral values. While some may get forgotten, some stick till the rest of life. Therefore, it is highly essential to inculcate moral values in students' lives as their hands lie in the future. Students with ethical values become responsible and accountable people,

while those spoiled become a threat to the society or culture. Speaking on the occasion, H.C.Vaid, President Shivalik Branch, Bharat Vikas Parishad presents the importance of Guru Vandana as per Gurukuls in the history and gave the symbolic representations of the same. He said celebrating Teachers Day in the schools is basically to show the real contribution of teachers in making the life and future of the students. He added that every Parent takes pride in his

or her kid's good moral character. Most Indian families follow strict instructions to imbibe ethical values. They highlight the importance of moral values and teach them at an early age. Various resource persons who spoke on the occasion are Ashok Gupta, Vice President State Body, Ashok Khajuria, Secretary Branch, Rakesh Sharma- Treasurer Shivalik Branch and Rajnish Gupta, Joint Secretary of Shivalik Branch. More than 200 students & around 20 teachers of the school attended this programme. Various students were also awarded for their outstanding performance in the school during the programme by members of Bharat Vikas Parishad.

Ramvijay Singh and Pratibha of 11th Class, Samar Pikhnan and Bhumnika of 10th Class, Rekha and Piyush of 9th Class, Manik Pratap Singh and Arizoo of 8th Class, Arvind Kumar and Poonam of 7th Class, Zoya and Arnab of 6th Class, Aksha Khan and Muzavir

of 5th Class, Radhika and Gandviy Singh Charak of 4th Class, Rashi Arya and Qutub-din of 3rd Class, Aryan and Piyush of 2nd Class, Shailja & Sanidhya of 1st Class, Aarvi and Rehan of U.K.G. Class, Taskeen, Tridham Pratap Singh and Divyansh of L.K.G. Class, Aadhira and Divam of Nursery Class were felicitated on the occasion of Guru Vandana Chhatra Abhinandan Programme.

The teachers felicitated the children are Suresh Sharma, Pankaj Jasrotia, Ruby Kumari, Sukhvinder Kour, Bhupinder Kour, Subha Gupta, Ankush Chib, Shashi Kesar, Sakshi Pikhnan, Heena Slatia, Manpreet Kour, Muskan Singh, Usha Mattoo and Kusum Lata.

The programme closed with National anthem followed by the vote of thanks presented by the Pankaj Jasrotia- Sr. Teacher of the School while the programme proceedings were conducted by Teacher of the school Subha Gupta.

Children from Jammu and Kashmir shine in Punjab



Harman Dance Institute members felicitating winner students of Jammu and Kashmir.

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JAMMU: About 40 children and youth from various localities of J&K participated in Mega Dance Fest Punjab State Level Dance / Bhangra Championship 2024, organized at Cambridge International School, Hoshiarpur, Punjab on April 28, 2024, in which children and youth participated from various states and regions and exhibited their talents in the field of traditional dance and folk dance categories and won

medals and certificates on the basis of their performance.

Children and youth from Harman Dance Institute, Upper Gadigarh, Jammu exhibiting their talent and performing brilliantly won medals and trophies along with certificates on the basis of their brilliance and performance.

The Bhangra group in junior category was declared first runner-up and senior Bhangra Group was declared second runner up and in super mom

category, Rubby was declared second runner up. They were felicitated by dignitaries present on the occasion.

The J&K group was accompanied by parents of participants along with Tajinder Singh, President, HCES and Gurvinder Kour, CEO and renowned Choreographer of HDI.

The jubilant performers were felicitated by management of Harman Dance Institute and HCES, Upper Gadigarh, Jammu on Monday.

Dr. M.L Dogra honoured with Rashtriya Pratibha Samman

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NEW DELHI: Dr. M.L Dogra, an Indian theatre / multifaceted personality and scholar of Jammu and Kashmir, was honoured with Rashtriya Pratibha Samman 2023 for his outstanding tremendous contribution in Performing art and Education by the Chief Guest Sudha Chandran, Famous Bollywood actress and an Indian Bharatnatyam Dancer and Films and at Teen Murti Bhavan, New Delhi India.



His contributions to Dogri and Hindi theatre, along with his scholarly pursuits, have garnered him significant recognition, including the prestigious Rashtriya Pratibha Samman in 2023.

Dr. Dogra's legacy spans over five decades, during which he has produced numerous dance dramas, authored plays and books, and composed thousands of songs in Dogri

and Hindi languages. His commitment to social awareness and youth empowerment has been evident through his involvement in organizing campaigns and providing opportunities in the arts and culture domain.

Born in a small mountain village in Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Dogra's upbringing in a family of traditional artists laid the foundation for his lifelong dedication to the performing arts. His academic achievements, including a Ph.D. in Performing Arts and Education, further underscore his expertise and passion for his craft.

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Dogra has been recognized with numerous awards from both government and private institutions, reflecting his impact and influence on cultural heritage and societal development. From the Ministry of Information Broadcasting's Cultural Bonanza Award to the Global Human Rights Foundation's Icons of Asia accolade, his accolades speak volumes about his enduring contributions to the arts and beyond.

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GROZNY: On a global platform at BRICS in Grozy, Mir Junaid once again delivered a powerful call for unity and peace in the world and rejects cross border terrorism, violence, external aggression and discord for larger peaceful and prosperous world. Addressing a distinguished assembly of global leaders, diplomats, government officials, and cultural influencers at the BRICS forum in Grozny, Mir Junaid, a noted advocate for peace and cultural integration from Jammu and Kashmir, delivered an inspiring speech that highlighted the power of diversity and the strength of syncretic cultures in the face of adversity.

In his address, Mir Junaid eloquently shared the history of Jammu and Kashmir; a region that exemplifies the harmonious coexistence of diverse religions, ethnicities,

and cultures.

Junaid described Jammu and Kashmir as the "jewel in the crown of India," where diverse religions and cultures coexist in harmony.

He celebrated the region's Kashmiriyat ethos, which promotes peace and unity across different communities, evident in the mingling sounds of azans, temple bells, Shabad Kirtan, and prayers-an evidence to the region's age-old ethos of Kashmiriyat, which champions universal brotherhood, peace, and harmony.

Highlighting the leadership of both India and Russia, Mir Junaid praised the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Russia Vladimir Putin, and leader of Russian Federation Chechenya, Ramzan Kadyrov in creating inclusiveness and unity within their respective territories.

He drew compelling paral-



els between the historic resilience of Kashmir and Chechnya, emphasizing that peace is not merely aspirational but a tangible outcome of determination and national loyalty.

Mir Junaid spoke about the challenges imposed by external aggression and cross-border terrorism, which have sought to destabilize Kashmir's intrinsic fabric of tolerance. He critiqued the actions of neighboring countries that have created discord and violence, challeng-

ing the long-standing unity and peace of the region.

Addressing the deleterious impact of external aggression and cross border terrorism, Mir Junaid criticized the external aggression of neighbouring countries aiming to destabilize the peaceful coexistence in Kashmir.

He called on the international community to take a firm stance against entities that propagate violence, terrorism and discord, undermining regional and global stability.

"As we stand together in this forum, dedicated to international cooperation and development, we must draw lessons from the experiences of Kashmir and Chechnya," Mir Junaid stated.

"It is Imperative for global platforms like BRICS to acknowledge and support societies that are defending their cohesion against divi-

sive external forces."

Mir Junaid called for an international commitment to cultural diplomacy as a strategic tool against intolerance and extremism, urging the attendees to leverage the collective power of diverse cultures to build a more peaceful and prosperous world.

"In the richness of diversity lies the strength of nations," he asserted. "We must cherish, protect, and celebrate this diversity, not just as a heritage but as the very foundation of our global future."

Concluding his speech, Mir Junaid expressed his anticipation for the productive discussions that would follow, emphasizing that together, the global community can advocate for a world where no culture is threatened by geopolitical conflicts and cross border terrorism.

VKMI confers 'Life Time Achievement' Award to ID Soni

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JAMMU: Vichar Kranti Manch International (VKMI) conferred 'Life Time Achievement' award to I. D. Soni, a well-known name in the fields of education, social & public service, motivational writing and speaking, research, morality and religious values and philanthropy at a function. K B Jandial IAS (Retd) was the Chief Guest while Prem Gupta, IPS (Retd) presided over.



VKMI conferring 'Life Time Achievement' award to I.D. Soni in a programme.

Soni, who recently celebrated his 97th birthday, is still very active and is associated with several social organisations. He heads the Home for Aged and Infirm, Ambhalla were the Guests of Honour. SC Rekhii, General Secretary Retired Officers Forum was Special Invitee.

Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, State Chairman Indian Yoga Association President Vichar Kranti Manch International presented his poem specially composed on Soni, highlighting his qualities of head and heart for the occasion.

Not a curse and How to Live a Peaceful Life. His new book "Scripts That Motivates" is near completion.

Hailing from Bhaddu, Billawar, Soni joined the Govt service as a teacher in 1948 after completing M.A. B. T. and retired as Dy Director School Education in 1983. He was given an assignment of Project Director Evolution of Education in J&K by the HRD Ministry. He became Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts & Guides in 1985 and held this position till

2020. He has received several awards including President's award of 'Silver Elephant' for rendering a very dedicated, sincere, diligent service as Scouter to Scouting Moment, Certificate of Appreciation from Rajya Sainik Welfare Department, Gandhian Centre for Peace & Conflict studies, University of Jammu, From Union Ministry of Education for rendering his services as Project Director, Evaluation J&K State, Best Administrative Award of J&K, Best Teacher Award

from DBN, Best Social Worker Award from VKMI. He has been associated with many NGOs including Munshi Ram Khajuria Trust.

C M Sharma, General Secretary, VKMI & State coordinator Annamalai University, conducted the proceedings. Ashok Gupta Vice President VKMI presented vote of Thanks.

Present on the occasion included Dr SK Jain, Dr Usha Ticku, Prof Sarla Kohli, Er. KS Sambyal, Ashok Gupta, G N Jain, Yash Paul Sharma, Anju Bansal, DK Gupta, Er S K Gupta, Jaipal Singh, representatives of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Samaj Kalyan Kendre, Retired Officers Forum, Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre, Hari Prabhu Sanstha, Skill Development, NSK Sawera, Sai Shyam College of Education, Shiksha Niketan/RMPS, Sarv Uthan Trust, J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides, JRC Home for Handicapped. All members wished ID Soni on his 97th Birthday. Anju Bansal & Er. Sambyal presented Bhajans.

Massive Entrepreneurship opportunities in Horticulture Sector under HADP:VC SKUAST J

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JAMMU: Five-days' training program on "Marketing and Business Opportunities for Horticultural Crops" was concluded on Monday at KVK-Jammu, SKUAST-Jammu.

The training programme was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jammu in collaboration with Division of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management, FoA and sponsored by CCS-National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Dr B. N. Tripathi Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J was the Chief Guest, who stressed upon adoption of various schemes being run under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme of UT of J&K.

He advocated the participants to remain in touch with the KVK officials for utilizing maximum benefits from the government run schemes.

He emphasized the role of startups, value addition, and supply chain management, citing examples of successful ventures that will empower local



VC SKUAST-J, Dr B. N. Tripathi and others at a programme.

communities and agricultural innovations in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

While also inaugurating fifteen days certificate course on Integrated Nutrient Management at KVK Jammu, he focused upon the adoption of precision agriculture along while minimizing/judicious use of fertilizers/pesticides.

Dr. Amrisha Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu, shared insights into marketing strategies and enhancements in agricultural production.

Earlier, Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Student Welfare and Course Director of the training programme provided a comprehensive overview of the training program.

Dr Rajesh Katoch Dean FV&S&AH was also shared his

experiences during the programme.

At the outset Dr. Punit Choudhary, Chief Scientist and Head, KVK, Jammu welcomed all the dignitaries.

He also informed that certificate course on Integrated nutrient management with generate more no of friendly ambassadors for the farming community of Jammu region.

Dr. Ravneet Kour, Dr. Sheetal Badyal, Dr. Prem Kumar, Dr. Muneeshwar Sharma, Satbir Singh and Dr. Poonam were also present during the programme. The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Prem Kumar, Scientist, Fisheries.

Proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Poonam.

Regional PF Commissioner holds Awareness and Outreach programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0

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POONCH: Employees Provident Fund Organization Jammu Office conducted an awareness program of Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 in the presence of Rizwan Uddin, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I, along with District Nodal Officer Devinder Singh, Enforcement Officer.

There were other dignitaries present like Yasin M. Choudhary, Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, Sandesh Kumar Sharma, Addl. DDC, Poonch, Arif Mohd., Assistant Labour Commissioner, Dr. Sarfraz,

Professor, GDC, Poonch, Javed Iqbal, District Mineral Officer, Poonch.

While welcoming the officials of the EPFO, the Addl. DDC began with the introductory speech and welcomed Yasin M. Choudhary, DC Poonch and Rizwan Uddin, RPF-C-I, Regional Office Jammu for organizing such program Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 in District Poonch. The Deputy Commissioner, Poonch has also directed all the establishments like Contractor/Sub-contractors, Mining department to strictly comply with the provisions of the EPF & MP Act



Rizwan Uddin, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I speaking at a programme.

1952 and shall pay their dues on time.

On the occasion, the Addl. DDC, Poonch has also advised to come forward and

put forth the difficulties, if any being faced by the employer or employee so that their issues can be resolved. Rizwan Uddin,

apprised the stakeholders about various initiatives undertaken by EPFO under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 such as E-Nomination, UAN

Activation, KYC Updation, Bank, Aadhar Seeding, Online ECR Filling, Salient Features of Employees Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Scheme, 1976, Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 benefits from the Registered Employees and other benefits.

The handholding session was also provided to the employers for registration of DSC/E-Sign, filing of ECR challans etc.

During the course of discussions, the members present raised numbers of issues pertaining to the EPFO Office and on spot directions has been given by Rizwan

Uddin, to resolve the issue on priority basis. A death case grievance of Parvinder Singh was received in the NAN 2.0 program bearing UAN 101537301786 who claim Form 20 (provident fund) amount was settled on the same day.

One Joint declaration form was processed in respect of Madassar Hussain shah which was processed on the same day after necessary instructions were by Regional P F Commissioner. Nine claims which were forwarded for rejection by the concerned officials were ordered to process immediately after interventions

made by the Regional Commissioner.

The workshop lasted for more than one hour, where P. F. Commissioner Rizwan Uddin heard the issues being faced by the establishments and employees. A hand holding and interactive session continued for another hour in which various stakeholders went live and learnt how to deal with the problems faced by them.

The programme was also held at DIHAR, Det Ranbirpura, Ladakh by Sandeep Kumar, SS where representatives of establishments and employees were present in the program.