

VC BGSBU releases compendium of achievements

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RAJOURI: Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice-Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University released compendium of Achievements made by BGSBU during last one year in his office here today.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar said that BGSBU, despite its relatively young age, in terms of its establishment has been making significant strides in the field of academics, infrastructural developments and other extra-curricular activities so much so that it has reckoned its presence as one of the premier institutions of Jammu and Kashmir. Prof. Akbar mentioned that it has been a very successful year for us here at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University. Prof. Akbar said that during last one year BGSBU has unleashed several bold and transformational reforms that has bolstered its efforts to become a centre of excellence in teaching and



VC BGSBU Prof. Akbar Masood and others releasing a compendium.

research.

Prof. Akbar said that during the last one year the University has initiated significant academic and administrative reforms in line with National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 to promote the goals of equity, access and excellence. New infrastructure projects have been approved which will add new facilities, augment the existing ones and will give tremendous boost in making BGSBU as a favored destination for high quality academic attainments, Prof. Akbar said.

The Vice Chancellor said that the teaching faculties at BGSBU have rendered themselves creditably in teaching and research activities. During the last one year the university has got 21 Extramural Projects worth Rs.5.27 crores which is a significant achievement by any University of BGSBU magnitude.

Prof. Akbar said that one of the most significant reforms undertaken by the University during the last one year has been the up to 50 per cent fee reduction in most of the academic programmes offered by the University. Further, aiming at increasing the enrol-

ment of girl students in higher education, the University decided a 50 percent waiver of tuition fee for top two rank holder girl students based on the admission merit list in all Postgraduate programmes offered by the University from forthcoming academic session.

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Those who were present on the occasion included Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Dean Academic Affairs, Mohd Ishaq, Registrar, Suneet Gupta, Joint Registrar and Dr. Danish Iqbal, Media Advisor.

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DIPR hosts debate competition on 'Indian Freedom Struggle'

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THATHRI: As a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" Cultural Wing of DIPR Jammu organized a Debate competition on 'Indian Freedom Struggle' at Government Higher Secondary School Thathri, District Doda.

In all, 10 students of the School spoke on the topic and narrated inspiring stories from the life of the heroes of the Freedom struggle.

Chander Prakash, Vice Principal of the school was the chief guest on the occasion.

Lecturer Sunil Kumar, Master Touseef Ahmed and Teacher Sanjeeda Begum acted as judges. Officials of the Department of Information and Public Relations and staff members of school were also present on the occasion.

Sayma Banoo of class 12 clinched 1st Position and Amesha Thakur of class 11 bagged the 2nd position and Kanchu Devi of Class 12 secured 3rd position. They were awarded with Trophies, while certificates were also given to the other participants.

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Jats must rise above party politics to fight for OBC status: Ch Manmohan

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RS PURA: Ch Manmohan Singh, President All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) and former Mayor on Tuesday asked Jat community members to rise above party politics to jointly fight for getting the OBC status for the community in J&K.

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for Jat community of J&K, which is being deprived of this right despite many other states and the UTs readily extending the same to the Jats of their regions.

Addressing the meeting, Ch Manmohan Singh said that need of the time is to rise above party politics and get united to fight collectively to get OBC status for the Jat community members of the UT of J&K.

"Working individually for the respective political outfits is alright but when the cause is of entire Jat community then it is advisable that Jat representa-

tives should rise above petty politics and work together for getting the OBC status which can change the course of life of people belonging to Jat community", he said and anticipated that Jats will show solidarity in the matter and fight the forces in the UT which are act-

5-day Capacity Building Programme on FLN under NIPUN commences at DIET Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: District Institute for Education & Training (DIET) Kishtwar on Tuesday launched a five day Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) under NIPUN Bharat Mission. Around 250 teachers of five educational zones of Kishtwar, Nagrota, Padder, Drabshala and Inderwal are participating in the Capacity Building Programme.

Thirty five (35) Resource persons including DIET faculty members have been deployed in all the five zones to impart training at different venues.

The Programme aims to develop in-depth understanding of the basic concepts of FLN among the teachers and to make them realize the importance of attaining foundational literacy and

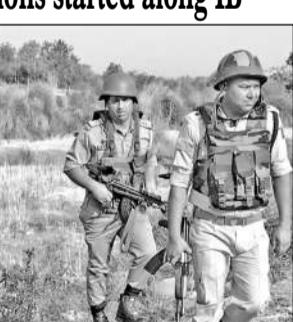
numeracy before entering grade-3. The main focus was to equip primary level teachers with the pedagogical skills and modern practices of teaching at the foundational stage.

Head of Departments (HODs) of DIET Kishtwar along with other senior officers, officials participated and encouraged the trainees to imbibe the modern day teaching skills.

The training programme was formally inaugurated by Ashok Kumar, Principal DIET Kishtwar.

He impressed upon the participants to update themselves with modern approaches of teaching and change methodology by making the learning process effective and purposeful. He advised them to apply new trends, modules and techniques etc as recommended under the new National Education policy.

Security forces on high alert ahead of Amarnath Yatra, search operations started along IB



Security personnel carrying out search operation.

30. Tight security arrangements have been made in the UT.

On Tuesday, SOG Team Samba and CRPF 38 Battalion launched search Operation at 5 am in view of upcoming Amarnath Yatra and recent identification of a terror tunnel in Chak Faqira of Samba Sector where it is believed that Sunjwan terrorists might have crossed over to Indian side and attacked security forces.

In order to check such possibility, SOG team Samba led by DySP Operation Guru Ram Bhardwaj launched a search operation in villages like Dayala Chak, Phulpur, Pangdour, Galar and finally culminated at Chak Faqira covering a distance of 6 km.

UDHAMPUR: A online quiz competition on the theme "Cyber Crime" was organized by Govt Degree College (GDC) Neeli Nallah, in which students of the college taken part in online quiz related to cyber crime. Principal of the college, Prof.(Dr) Satinder Kaur congratulated the students of the college for their excellent performance in the competition. She said that such type of competitions will create awareness

among students regarding cyber-crime and make them more alert and active. She told that Cyber-crime or attack is the systematic criminal activity occurring digitally and done by attackers. She told that this is the reason government agencies and companies are investing more on the maintenance and hiring cyber-crime experts.

She said that need of the hour is Cyber-security for all the digital devices because it not only helps to secure information but

also our system from virus attack. She motivated the students to secure themselves and their families against these cyber-attacks.

The convenor of the programme was Prof. Shabista Yasmeen. She said that such things happen more with younger generations. So, it is more important for them to know about cyber crime.

Dr. Radha Rani, Prof. Swati Dutt and Miss Mandeep Kaur are the organizers of the event.

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SAMBA: The search operation has been launched by Police, Special Operation Group (SOG) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) along IB in view of annual Amarnath Yatra from June

issues. "Cyber hygiene aims to maintain hardware and software; basic health and security, ensuring they are protected from threats such as Malware," he added and said that if practiced regularly, cyber hygiene helps to keep data safe and secure.

"As with any habit we want to entrench, cyber hygiene requires routine and repetition. Building a routine around cyber hygiene will help prevent cybercriminals from causing security breaches or stealing personal information. It will also help us to keep up to date with software and operating systems" he elaborated.

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has to be practiced regularly. She said one can create habits by setting automated reminders or adding dates to the calendars for different tasks. These might include scanning for viruses using antivirus software, changing our passwords, keeping apps, software, and operating systems up to date, and wiping your hard drive. Once we get the hang of cyber hygiene, it becomes part of your regular personal cyber security routine.

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UDHAMPUR: Government Degree College Chenani, under the auspices of its NSS Unit, Anti-Cyber Crime Wing, IQAC and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, organized a webinar on Cyber Crime hygiene in consonance to the initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs to implement a scheme under Indian cyber crime coordination.

The Resource Person Wahid Farooq stressed on the need for spreading mass awareness about cyber crime in view of the increased dependence on IT. He enumerated the steps that should be taken to secure personal information.

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DC Reasi reviews implementation of District Skill Development Plan

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal on Tuesday convened a meeting of District Skill Committee and took a detailed review of the training being imparted to youth by Polytechnic, ITI, Social Welfare department, Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Agriculture department, Rural Self Employment training institute and National Rural Livelihood Mission Reasi.

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DC Reasi, Babila Rakwal chairing a meeting.

project who are later adjusted in the different Institutions.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Principal Polytechnic Reasi to furnish the details of the meritorious pass out trainees, so that possibilities are explored to adjust them in the Private Companies engaged for Railways construction work in District Reasi.

The concerned departments gave a presentation on the skill/ trainings imparted under different schemes in the last financial year and the proposals for the current year.

Superintendent ITI informed that the Institute has been adopted by NHPC Salal Power Station, Jyotipuram and every year a good number of pass out trainees are selected under Apprenticeship Scheme in the

District Social Welfare Officer, Reasi to compile data of the persons with disabilities in the District to enroll them for imparting skill training and to make them self sustainable.

The meeting was attended

by Additional Deputy Commissioner, General Manager DIC, District Social Welfare Officer, Director RSETI, District Manager SC/ST Corp, Principal Polytechnic, Superintendent ITI and other District Officers of Ramban Forest Division.

The DC exhorted upon the Officers to implement the Skill Training Schemes in letter & spirit to benefit the maximum number of un-employed youth. She also directed the

particulars.

The meeting was attended

by different user agencies,

representatives from PWD,

PMGSY, PHE, RDD, PHE etc with all Range Officer

and Block Officers of Ramban Forest Division.

During the interaction

session, a detailed deliberation

was given by Dr Rajan

Singh through PowerPoint

presentation. He said that

many developmental proj

ects need forest land which

needs to be diverted for the

non-forestry

purposes under the provisions of the

Forest Conservation Act,

1980 by applying on online

PARIVESH Portal.

It was informed that a lot of

user agencies are facing

issues while uploading and

processing of the cases of

forest clearances on the

online Portal as a result of

which faulty proposals are

being submitted and EDS

are raised at the levels of

Regional Office/Nodal

Officer/DFO.

In the end, the queries

were raised by the user

agencies which were replied