

SRCC holds orientation workshop for IAS aspirants

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JAMMU: The SR College of Competitions (SRCC) organised a Workshop for the civil services aspirants in the College premises at Gandhi Nagar here today.

The Orientation Workshop was conducted by an expert faculty from Delhi. The faculty dealt with the nature and structure of the exam comprehensively. In a highly interactive session attended by aspirants from across Jammu and Kashmir and even from Ladakh all the aspects of Civil Services Exam were discussed threadbare. This included the scheme and pattern of the exam, approach for prelims and mains, sources of material and the books required, use of online resources and the relevance of newspaper reading in preparing for the current affairs. Various strategies for writing test series for both prelims and mains were covered thoroughly and to the best satisfaction of the aspirants.

During the session the entire syllabus, the focus



IAS aspirants at orientation workshop at SRCC.

areas and the kind of questions asked in the previous years were also taken up. Aspirants were also made aware about the CSAT and Essay papers.

The expert faculty from Delhi Mr Gautam Meena discussed in detail the entire syllabus of civil services examination conducted by the UPSC and JKPCS and suggested a comprehensive step by step strategy to prepare for both the Preliminary and the Mains examination. In a two and half hour long session, he dealt with all the four papers of the General Studies, Civil Services Aptitude Test and also about the selection of Optional subject. He attended to all the

queries raised by the aspirants regarding factors to be kept in mind while choosing a right and suitable optional. Also they asked about the cut off needed to qualify in the prelims and the mains examination.

He also drew the attention of the aspirants to essay paper and the answer writing practice. He suggested the aspirants to atleast attend one comprehensive test series for both prelim and mains examination. The resource person also stressed on the importance of current affairs and the relevant resources to prepare the same. Various other aspects like time management, study material, preparation of notes and

newspaper reading were handled in an exhaustive manner.

The response was overwhelming and the attendees appreciated the initiative taken by the SR College. The attendees included the aspirants preparing for IAS and JKAS 2022 and also undergraduates who will be eligible in a couple of years. SR College has also started a separate test series for both IAS and JKAS Prelims.

"SR College regularly conducts such workshops, seminars, webinars and interactions with the IAS officers, KAS toppers and various subject experts" informed Office Coordinator Neha Sharma. She also assured that SR College will always live up to its reputation by providing best coaching to the aspirants from Jammu and Kashmir.

Instead of unnecessarily displacing themselves to bigger cities just for the preparation, the aspirants from Jammu and Kashmir can avail best guidance at Jammu itself, she said.

For BJP Nation first & self last, says Kavinder at Prashikshan Shivir

Asks workers to dedicate themselves in service of people

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UDHAMPUR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a Prashikshan Shivir (Training cum Orientation Camp) at Udhampur on Sunday with the objective of educating the grass-roots level party workers besides volunteers at the lowest level of strata about the history, ideology and future goals set by the Party for the nation and especially for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In his address on the occasion the senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta said that the motive behind holding the party's Prashikshan Shivir is to educate the workers and activists of the party, who have been entrusted various responsibilities at Mandal level.

He said that the training programme is specifically tailored to ensure that those



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta along with others at a programme.

attending the camp give their best performance at the grass roots level absolutely in line with BJP's ideology which mainly focuses on selfless service to the nation and its people. He added that for BJP, the Nation and its people are the topmost priority while self comes the last.

Kavinder said that these Prashikshan Vargs will be spread over different sessions, with each session exclusively devoted to a particular subject with a senior

leader speaking on the subject at length. He said that this time BJP is organizing Prashikshan Vargs comprising different sessions whereby party workers and activists will be enlightened about 'History and growth of BJP over the years', 'Vision and Ideology of Bharatiya Janata Party and the Sang Parivar', besides other significant topics.

Asserting that the party workers at the grass roots level are the real strength of the organization,

Kavinder asked participants of today's programme to dedicate themselves to the service of the nation and its people and invoke all possible efforts for party's success in forthcoming political contests in Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls as well as for next Lok Sabha election in 2024.

President Puran Chand, DDC Chairman Udhampur, Lal Chand, Jeevan Lal, BDC member Balwan Singh were also present.

Dogri Sanstha Jammu organises Prof Ram Nath Shastri Memorial award ceremony



Dogri Sanstha Jammu members honouring Ashok Ambar with Prof. Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award-2022.

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JAMMU: In an award ceremony function organized at Dogri Bhawan, Karan Nagar, Dogri Sanstha Jammu on Sunday honoured Ashok Ambar with Prof. Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award-2022 which carries a cash award of Rs 21,000, a shawl, a memento and a certificate.

The family of Padam Shri Ram Nath Shastri had instituted this annual literary award in the memory of

father figure in Dogri in 2014 for encouraging the new writers and is given to a writer for his first book published in the last five years.

This was 9th award and before Ashok Ambar, Shailender Singh, Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', Shakunt Deepmala, Sushel Begana, Pitambar Nath Sharma, Ashok Datta, Raz Manawari and Ashok Angurana have the honour for being honoured with this prestigious award.

On this occasion, while presiding over the function, Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu recalled his everlasting memories with Prof. Ram Nath Shastri and spoke about the significance of this award.

He also congratulated Ashok Ambar for this award and hoped that his literary journey will enrich Dogri literature with regular publications in future also.

Ajit Khajuria, son of Prof. Ram Nath Shastri, chief guest on the occasion also shared his memories about his father and his sheer dedication for mother tongue Dogri and cultural heritage of Duggar Pradesh.

The proceedings of the function were conducted by Promila Manhas and vote of thanks was given by Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General Secretary, Dogri Sanstha Jammu.

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JAMMU: The official inauguration of newly constructed Lawn Tennis Court was held at MA Stadium on Saturday in presence of Divisional Sports Officer, Ashok Singh in which EX-MLC and senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa was Chief Guest while Manager Indoor Sports Complex and other concerned coaches were present.

A completion was also organised in which many players participated and the final match was played between Amar J Sharma and Chirag Dogra in which Amar emerged as champion with 6-4.

Earlier, Randhawa interacted with Lawn Tennis and boxing players in the ongoing "My Youth My Pride" competitions being organised by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council at M A Stadium Lawn Tennis



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa interacting with Lawn Tennis players.

and Boxing Ring.

The chief guest declared the Lawn tennis and boxing competitions open by releasing balloons and pushing few punches in air to test his boxing skills.

Earlier while briefing about "MY YOUTH MY PRIDE" initiative of sports council and Competition details, the hosts of the programme informed that it is the first of its kind tournaments ever being held by J

and K Sports Council which spreads for a period of year started from two months back which was declared open by Chief Secretary Government of Jammu and Kashmir at Srinagar and Principal Secretary Alok Kumar at Jammu.

Chief guest, while terming the initiative historical, said that the sportspersons are the messengers of peace, harmony and prosperity. "It was really a great ini-

tiative of the Sports Council as well as organizations which involves around hundreds sportsperson, across Jammu and Kashmir UT," he said.

Later- on -Ashok Singh presented vote of thanks and extended the same to the chief guest and other dignities for gracing the occasion and presented special thanks to the media fraternity for giving wide coverage to the event.

More than 100 Boxers have attended the boxing competitions said Divisional Sports Officer. interacts with boxing pyouth my pride initiative of Sports Council.

Among other Wakil Singh, Ravinder Kumar, Anil Kumar boxing Coach, Vinod Bhardwaj, Sanjay Kumar, Amar Sharma Lawn Tennis instructor and Sanjay Sharma, Ariff wani were present at the venue.

J&K MEGA hails LG's administration for initiating reformative measures

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JAMMU: J&K Engineering Community in general and mechanical engineers in particular have expressed gratitude towards LG Manoj Sinha, Advisor R R Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta and Principal Secretary PWD Shalindera Kumar and his team for taking various historical reforms in the department like JKPWDOMS, PWD Manual, transparent placement mechanism, impartial transfer policy and initiation of regularization process.

In a press statement issued here on Sunday, President J&K Mechanical Engineering Graduates Association (MEGA), Firdous Ahad Bhat said that in present mechanized world, better public service is impossible without proper utilization and management of engineers and engineering in all departments /wings /sectors.

"MEGA welcomes implementation of Administrative Decision for re-organization of engineering staff in R&B and Mechanical Engineering. We appeal to the re-organization committee that before taking any final call for the reorganization of Mechanical wing, some points may kindly be taken into consideration like creation of a full-fledged Mechanical Engineering Health Services Department for providing services to all Hospitals across J&K, expansion of Divisions /sub-divisions in Jal Shakti Department (PHE), giving due role to Mechanical Engineering Department in Disaster Management so that department can act properly in case of any eventualty, increase and expansion of Mechanical staff in sister Departments like JKPCD, JKPC, H&UDD, Agriculture, Horticulture, Motor Vehicle Department, Industries etc," he asserted.

JPDF to hold protest in support of demands

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JAMMU: Jammu Progressive Dairy Farmers (JPDF) has decided to hold a protest against UT administration seeking hike in price of milk and other products. It was informed by Punjab Singh from JPDF in a press statement issued on Sunday. Singh further said that JPDF has been repeatedly taking up the issue with concerned authorities besides holding meetings with various Self-Help Groups and milk producing cooperatives, but nothing has been done in this regard.

"We are demanding a hike in milk price and provision of Rs 7 per Kg financial assistance to save dairy business, which is suffering great losses at present, but it is really sad that nothing has been done to fulfill the genuine demands. In West Bengal dairy farmers are getting Rs 7 per Kg, while they are being provided Rs 5 and Rs 4 per Kg in Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand respectively as financial assistance," he added. Highlighting the issue of lack of fodder, Singh asked the Government to take up the matter with Punjab government for allowing moment of material from Punjab, so that dairy farmers may not face any problem. He further urged the administration to initiate necessary measures for fulfilling all genuine demands of JPDF, like increase in milk price, granting financial assistance etc, for welfare of dairy farmers of J&K, who are presently facing huge financial crisis.

Backward Classes Federation holds convention, seeks 27 pc reservation for J&K OBCs

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JAMMU: All India Backward Classes Federation (AIBCF) Jammu & Kashmir unit held a daylong convention on Sunday, which was attended by a number of eminent citizens and members of the federation. The National President of federation Justice V Eswaraiha (former Chairman National Commission for Other Backward Classes) was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Justice Virendra Singh Yadav, Judge Allahabad High Court was the Guest of Honour.

The major points highlighted during the convention included 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in J&K at par with other UTs, OBC Census and OBC reservation in Political, Municipal &



AIBCF members during a convention at Jammu.

Panchayati Raj institutions etc. All delegates were of the view that J&K OBCs should be provided reservation as part with their counterparts living in other states /UTs of the country. They were of the opinion that earlier J&K OBCs were deprived of their right of 27 per cent reservation since 1993 on pretext of article 370, but now when Article 370 has been scrapped and J&K is

being governed by Centre as an UT, there is no reason to keep Reservation Act 2004 in place, which was enacted under the constitution of erstwhile state of J&K. A memorandum highlighting various issues of J&K OBCs was also sent to Prime Minister with an appeal to address all of them at the earliest.

Prominent members from various parts of the country who attended the con-

vention included Hans Raj Jangid, Shrikant Pal, Dr Bardani, Jaspal Singh Khiviya, Bahadur Singh Lodi, Raj Kumar Rajput, Prakash Malviya, Avdesh Kumar, Bansi Lal Choudhary, Shashi Verma, Rajinder Sikka, Ramesh Angotra, Mukhtyar Kalra, Ramesh Kumar, Jeet Singh Sangotra, Shabir Sambyal, Mohd Rashid, Murari Lal, R D Thapa, Sham Lal Bassan, Ashok Basotra, Mohd Rashid Hajam, Aijaz Ahmad, Advocate Pawan Kundal, R K Kalsotra and Mehar Singh while the team of organizers included Raj Kumar Chalotra, Balwant Kataria, Om Kataria, Dr Nek Prajapati, Surinder Satia, Ravinder Satia, Hritih Malgotra, Madan Baldotra, Kartar Singh, Vijay Prajapati, Joginder Angotra, Krishan Lal & Munna Prajapati.

Sikh leaders express concern over withdrawal of security cover of TS Bajwa

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JAMMU: To discuss various issues confronting Sikh community, a meeting of various prominent Sikh leaders and organisations J&K was held in Jammu on Friday under the leadership of Mohinder Singh, Chief Organiser Bhai Kanaiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K. During the meeting, besides discussing a series of issues, the participants raised concern over withdrawal of security cover of Tarlok Singh Bajwa, former Rajya Sabha Member. The participants expressed anguish over the decision of administration to withdraw security of a former MP, when District Presidents of various political parties, ex-MLCs, ex-MLAs and ex-Minister are enjoying the privilege. The Sikh leaders urged Home Minister Amit Shah, LG Manoj Sinha and DGP Dilbag Singh to continue providing security cover to Tarlok Singh Bajwa. "It is unfortunate that disparity and discrimination is being done with minorities in all spheres of life. Situation in J&K is not normal and as incidents of selective killings are happening at repeatedly. As such, security should be provided to former MP to avoid any untoward happening," they added.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Darbinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Raja Singh, Ravinder Singh, Kulwant Singh Khajuria, Gajan Singh, Kuldeep Kour, Gurmeet Kour, Charanjeet Singh, Prof Yudhvir Singh, Charan Singh Bali, Harpreet Singh Chhotu, Surjeet Singh Kukoo, Manmohan Singh, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Rashbir Singh, Paramjeet Singh Raina, Tejpal Singh and Kultar Singh.

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VC SKUAST-J releases 6th National Agrivision Convention poster

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JAMMU: Two-day National Convention entitled 'Natural Farming- Modern Technology; Coordination and implementation' is being organised by Student Welfare Trust, Bhopal and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi on May 20-21, 2022 at NASC Complex, ICAR Pusa, New Delhi.

Various themes of the convention are based on farm sustainability and Natural Farming.

Poster of the convention was released by Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu, Prof. J.P. Sharma along with Agrivision State Incharge Dr. Arti Sharma, Agrivision State Convenor



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J P Sharma and Team Agrivision releasing poster of National convention.

Sourav Manhas, NEC Member Radheyshyam Kumawat, Unit Media incharge Manjot Singh. Prof. Sharma pull back the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi speech on Independence Day in 2019 wherein he said that fertilizer and pesticides are damaging the

health of soil. "Government of India through its cabinet decision has taken up strong initiative for the promotion of natural farming in the country" he added. Talking about current status Prof. Sharma informed that at present 11 states in India are practicing

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