

JKBOSE organises consultative meet on JK State Curriculum Framework- Foundation Stage

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JAMMU: Next in its efforts to further the implementation of New Education Policy 2020, Academic Division of J&K Board of School Education organised a Consultative Meet to deliberate and discuss the draft of J&K State Curriculum Framework -Foundation Stage (JKSCF-FS) in which administrators and teachers from various wings of School Education Department participated.

JKSCF -FS is an adaptation of National Curriculum Framework-FS 2022 which focuses on the education of five-year foundation stage that starts from Pre-school-I upto class II.

The meet was chaired by Prof. (Dr) Parikshat Singh Manhas Chairman JKBOSE who in his inaugural address laid stress on thorough deliberations on JKSCF-FS draft by various stakeholders so that the document serves as a benchmark and guidelines to frame all future education policies for ECCE.

"JKBOSE has worked on the local contextualization of the NCF-FS to suit the specific needs of the students of the UT of J&K which carries a unique status because of its diversity and topography. It



Chairman JKBOSE, Prof. (Dr) Parikshat Singh Manhas chairing a consultative meet.

will be a perspicacious and progressive document, poised to revolutionize the educational panorama of Jammu and Kashmir. He lauded the diligent and assiduous efforts of the esteemed experts within the Academic Division of JKBOSE, whose concerted endeavors have yielded a curriculum that not only adheres to national benchmarks but also resonates profoundly with local exigencies. An effective approach towards foundational stage of education shall go a long way in creating such a citizenry which shall be instrumental in realising the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047," he added. The session commenced with an incisive introduction of the JKSCF-FS by Dr. Sudhir Singh, Director Academics. He elucidated that even though the

National Curriculum Framework (NCF) crafted by NCERT stands as a paragon of comprehensiveness and vibrancy, the exigency for its localization and contextualization to address the distinctive nuances and idiosyncrasies of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir remains imperative.

"The draft committee has judiciously worked on various aspects of this document, and the suggestions generated in this meet will add further to its effectiveness," he added.

Earlier, Dr Yasir Hamid Sirwal, Dy Director Academics-JD welcomed the august gathering. Subsequent to this, Dr Yasir Hamid Sirwal, Dr. Arif Jan, Deputy Directors of JKBOSE, and Iftikhar Inuran Academic Officer rendered a meticulous and

exhaustive exegesis on the SCF for the foundation stage. Their exposition accentuated the innovative methodologies and tailored strategies ingrained within the SCF-FS, aimed at augmenting the pedagogical framework and educational praxis of the region. The meet concluded with the remarks of Mohammad Rafi, Former Director School Education, Member, Draft Committee for JKSCFFS followed by Vote of thanks by Chander Kumar, Academic Officers.

Those who were prominently present in online/offline mode include Mohd Syed Khan, Additional Secretary, SED, Ajeet Sharma, State Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Abhishake Abrol, Deputy Secretary SED, Parshottam

Kumar, Director Planning SED, Dr. Sindhu Kappor, Joint Director (JD), JKSCERT, Principal DIET Kulgam, Principal DIET Budgam, Principal DIET Jammu, Principal DIET Samba, Mohammad Rafi, Former Director School Education, Member, Draft Committee for JKSCFFS, Dr. Sanjeev Goswami, Joint Secretary Publication, Suraj Singh Rathore, Joint Secretary Examination JD, Chaman Lal Joint Secretary General Principals of DIET Kulgam, Budgam, Jammu and Samba, Jameel Ahmed Asstt Secretary CDRW-JD, Dr. Aliya Qayoom & Naila Nilofer Asstt Directors CDRW KD, and Academic Officers Kashif Hashmi, Ashutosh Parasher, & Zubair Khatlani.

Tax Bar Association Jammu elects office bearers



Newly elected office bearers of Tax Bar Association Jammu posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Tax Bar Association Jammu elected its office bearers for the term 2024-26 on Saturday. The election was conducted under the supervision of Election Officer Advocate Pawan Sharma in the premises of Excise and

Taxation Complex, Panama Chowk, here.

The election officer was accompanied by Advocate Nitin Sharma and Advocate Bharat Kashyap.

There were ten candidates in fray who had filed nomination for various posts, out of which five can-

didates withdrew their names later.

The remaining candidates were unopposed declared as winners by the Election Officer. Advocate Vikas Chopra was declared as President, Advocate Rajender Kumar Sharma as Senior Vice President, Advocate Bageshwar Khajuria as Vice President, Advocate Gourav Arora as General Secretary and Advocate Ujwal Gupta as Joint Secretary-cum-Treasurer.

The BAR members honoured the newly elected team of office bearers and hoped that they will work for the betterment and upliftment of the Tax Bar Association Jammu and in the better interest of Tax Professionals.

BJP hatching conspiracy to weaken NC through proxies in Kashmir: Sadhotra



Addl General Secretary JKNC Ajay Sadhotra in a meeting with KP Migrant Cell leaders on Saturday.

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JAMMU: The Additional General Secretary of the National Conference and a former Minister, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, strongly criticized the BJP for allegedly attempting to weaken the National Conference by collaborating with proxies.

Speaking at a meeting of the Kashmiri Pandit Migrant Cell of the Party, convened to strategize for maximum participation in the upcoming Parliamentary Elections on May 20th and 25th, Sadhotra accused the BJP of aligning with those responsible for the displacement of Kashmiri Pandits from their homes in Kashmir.

He mocked the BJP for not fielding its own candidates in the ongoing elections in Jammu and Kashmir and instead supporting rejected entities and individuals allegedly responsible for turmoil in the Valley.

Sadhotra accused the BJP of double standards, suggesting that their support for proxies aimed to destabilize the Valley and promote a culture inimical to peace.

He attributed this potential defeat to what he termed the "INDIA bloc," which he claimed was overturning the BJP's electoral prospects nationwide.

He expressed confidence that the BJP's decline would strengthen secular forces and proponents of the idea of India.

Sadhotra claimed that the BJP feared the popularity of the National Conference, which he described as a mass

movement representing the aspirations of all segments of society in Jammu and Kashmir. He accused the BJP leadership of conspiring against the National Conference due to this fear.

Regarding the Kashmiri Pandit community, Sadhotra criticized the BJP for allegedly neglecting their interests during the Modi government's tenure.

He praised the efforts of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, leaders of the National Conference, in addressing the concerns of Kashmiri Pandits and advocating for their safe return to the Valley.

Sadhotra urged Kashmiri Pandit voters to support Omar Abdullah and Mian Altaf Ahmed in the upcoming parliamentary elections, emphasizing the importance of their votes in thwarting what he described as BJP's conspiracy against the National Conference.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Bhushan Lal Bhat, Jatin, Kaka, Sumita Bhan and other senior leaders of the party Ram Paul Former Minister, Sheikh Bashir Ahmad, Mohd Ayoub Malik Provincial Secretaries, Qazi Jalal Din Ex-MLA, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary, Chander Mohan Sharma District President Urban, Binla Luthra Ex-MLA, Laxmi Dutta Former Provincial President Women Wing, Bhupinder Kour Ex-MLC, Ashwani Charak Block President, Ch Mohd Aslam, Sandeep Singh. In the meeting Ashanand was appointed as Joint Secretary of Jammu Urban National Conference.

Pilot Sakshi Khurana to honour with The India's Glory Youth Icon Award

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JAMMU: Sakshi Khurana, a brave pilot from Jammu, will be honoured with The India's Glory (Youth Icon Award) by international social activist Dr. Mahesh Yadav (Aman Gandhi) for her contributions as a Boeing pilot and fashion model. The award will be presented to Khurana at an award ceremony in New Delhi on May 26.

In addition to being a pilot, Khurana is also involved in social work and has gained national and



international recognition in the modeling industry. She has won the titles in modeling competitions which

include Miss North 2010, Miss Viewers Choice Miss Queen of India 2012, Miss India Continent Runner Up 2018, and Miss Asia Supermodel 2021.

Sakshi has faced many challenges in her life, including the loss of family members. Despite these hardships, she has continued to move forward with the spirit of a warrior. She has broken down the barriers that were once thought to be exclusive to men by becoming a pilot.

Sakshi is living life like a true female boss. She has

proven that one can be powerful even when alone and that a positive mindset can lead to a peaceful life. Her constant smile and positivity are a great inspiration to young women, which is why she is being honored with The India's Glory Youth Icon Award at the national level.

Dr. Santosh Kumar, National President of Akhand Bharat Mission, expressed his happiness and congratulated her, describing her struggle-filled life as an inspiration to the youth.

Sainik School Nagrota bids farewell to Principal A.K Desai



Sainik School Nagrota according farewell to Principal, Captain (IN) AK Desai.

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NAGROTA: Sainik School Nagrota bade farewell to its Principal, Captain (Indian Navy) AK Desai, who has successfully navigated the institution through unprecedented challenges during his tenure.

Appointed during testing times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Captain AK Desai guided the school to remark-

able achievements in academics and sports. Under his command, Sainik School Nagrota achieved numerous milestones, including hosting the North Zone Sports event with participation from eight schools, clinching victories in Inter-Zonal and IPSC volleyball championships, and facilitating the historic entry of the first female cadet into the

National Defence Academy (NDA).

Moreover, Captain AK Desai's tenure witnessed the realization of significant infrastructure projects, including the Foundation for construction of a Girls Hostel, expansion of the Academic block, and the creation of Mural walls commemorating the valorous battles fought.

The school organized a Dinner Night and special morning assembly to honor Captain AK Desai's contributions and to bid him farewell.

As Captain (Indian Navy) AK Desai embarks on a new chapter, the reins of Sainik School Nagrota are entrusted to the capable hands of Captain (Indian Navy) Shibu Devasia, who assumed the role of Principal on May 15, 2024. With a wealth of experience and a commitment to excellence, Captain Shibu Devasia is poised to lead the school to greater heights of success.

In similar lines, Chinar Primary School gave a warm farewell to Parveen Akhtar A Desai, who made valuable contributions to the school in the capacity of Honorary Headmistress of the school for the last three years.

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pretinidhi Sabha (DBPS) Parade on Saturday expressed their anguish over the continuation of reservation policy which is based on caste in derogation of lives and future of the members of non-scheduled castes and scheduled tribes etc.

Interacting with media persons here, Senior Member of the DBPS Adv. P. C Sharma said that it is deplorable that all the political parties/organisations are ignoring the sentiments and problems of the people who are badly hit by the perpetuity by such policy.

Enough is Enough, the time has come to say Good bye to such policies, he said.

While speaking on the occasion Youth President of the Sabha Ritiz Khajuria said that reservation can be afforded to economically financial aid in studies but not giving benefits in exami-



Dogra Brahman Pretinidhi Sabha members addressing a press conference.

nations competitive examinations and employment whereas upper castes meritorious students are being ignored in getting scholarships etc compelling them to be demoralized.

The press conference was managed by Ved Parkash Sharma President of the DBPS.

Pt. V.M. Magotra, N.C. Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma, Subash Shastri, Satyanand Sharma, M.L. Padha, Shiv Ram Sharma, Soujanya Sharma, B.S Jamwal, Jagan Nath, K.L.

Sharma, Rajesh Bargotra, Devinder Sharma (Baboo), Raman Sharma, Sunil Sharma, PremBalogra, Brita Ram, Gurdas Sharma, Sat Pal Sharma, Sanjeev Kerni, Deepak Sharma and Ramesh Sharma and others were also present in the conference.

Special lecture on Science in Sanskrit Literature organised at JU



Prof. Daya Shankar Tiwary, Sanskrit Dept DU being felicitated.

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JAMMU: The PG Department of Sanskrit, University of Jammu organized a special lecture under Innovative Programme in the Phonetic lab of the Department.

Prof. Daya Shankar Tiwary, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi delivered lecture on the topic "Science in Sanskrit literature".

During his special lecture, Prof. Tiwary emphasized that Sanskrit stands out as the most comprehensive language among all others. He delved into various Shastras, including Physics, Astronomy, Botany, Chemistry, Zoology, Vedanga Jyotish, and Mathematics, underscoring their significance

in his discourse. Professor Tiwary asserted that Sanskrit literature serves as the primary source for all sciences, highlighting Charakasmhita and Sushruta Samhita as pivotal texts in the field of medical science. Additionally, he highlighted the Prithivi Sukta of the Arthaveda as a cornerstone in the realms of botany and environmental science. Throughout his lecture, Professor Tiwary provided numerous references from Sanskrit literature to illustrate the depth and breadth of scientific knowledge encapsulated within it.

Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Dean of the Faculty of Arts Department, presented a formal welcome address.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Sushma Devi, former Head of the Department of Sanskrit, University of Jammu. The event was attended by faculty members, research scholars, and alumni of the department, as well as faculty members from Buddhist

Studies, Computer Science, Lifelong Learning, Dogri, and Mathematics, along with representatives from various degree colleges. A total of 30 individuals participated in the event.

Jamwal Pandit Biradari congregation on May 20



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JAMMU: Annual Congregation of All India Jamwal Pandit Biradari is being held on May 20, 2024 (Monday) at Data Dati Mandir, Purmandal.

All the Jamwal Pandit Biradari Members were requested to participate in congregation alongwith their families to seek blessing of Data Dati at Purmandal.

Govt Polytechnic College organises Mega Yoga Camp

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JAMMU: Government Polytechnic College Jammu in collaboration with Department of Ayush Jammu and Kashmir organized a seminar on "Personal and Menstrual Hygiene" for female fitness.

The seminar was organized under the guidance of Principal Government Polytechnic College Jammu, Er. Arun Bangotra and the directions from Director J&K Ayush Dr. Mohan Singh & Supervision of DAO Dr. Vandana Dogra, in which female staff and girl students of Government Polytechnic College Jammu participated.

The event was organized to raise awareness about the benefits of yoga among students. A mega yoga session was also conducted by Dr. Himani Butyal (Medical officer AYUSH) and her team Ishan Mansotra, Mamta Sharma, Vandana Sharma, Ratish Kumar, Vanshika



Students and faculty members posing for a photograph.

Gupta, Anika Uppal and Sheetal Khajuria (Yoga Instructors). The female staff and girl students participated in various traditional asanas and taught different methods of meditation.

The Program was led by Dr. Himani Butyal (Medical Officer) Incharge Camp. She delivered a lecture on Personal and Menstrual

Hygiene. She explained in detail about Do and Don'ts of Personal Hygiene, how to manage hygiene during periods. Queries by girl students related to this topic was clearly explained and answered by Dr. HimaniButyal (Medical officer). Er. Arun Bangotra expressed his views on the importance of Yoga and appreciated the efforts of the

team members of Ayush Department for the successful event.

He stressed on the need of coordination between the educators and youth to make Yoga a part of their life.

He also shared that the people have widely accepted the effectiveness of Yoga as a form of therapy.

He further stressed on