NGO 'Healthy India Stronger India' distributes free books, stationary items to needy students



Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman of NGO 'Healthy India Stronger India' distributing free books, bags, stationery, copies among needy children.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Hira Lal Abrol, Chairman of the NGO 'Healthy India Stronger India' (HISI) organized a free books, bags, stationery, copies, chocolates among the poor and needy children of surrounding areas in a special free books distribution camp at Ward No 17, Ravi Dass Temple, Jammu East, here on Monday.

Hira Lal Abrol, in his address, motivated the children to study hard to be successful in life. He encouraged the youth to learn skills and get good qualification so that they earn well and raise the morale of their family by earning respectable income. He quoted examples of children who dwelled in slums, but by virtue of their hard work and sheer dedication, have cleared IAS examinations. recently. There is no substitute for hard work, he

Excited children assured Hira Lal Abrol that they will work with great zeal and come out of their life from slums to live a bet-

Healthy India, Stronger India is an NGO, established exclusively for charity. Its office is located at Raghunathpura, Jammu. The NGO is running a 'Free Training Centre' for skill development of needy and poor children from BPL families. The

training centre offers 3 months. free courses in Basic Computers; Cutting & Tailoring Classes; Beautician Course as well as Free Library for the stu-

Nearly 500 students have passed out after successful completion of courses from this cen-

The NGO has been organizing free medical checkup camps and has been distributing free medicines, books and relief material in the hours of need, Hira Lal

Others present in the free books distribution camp include Ward President Jagdish Singh, Priya Chauhan, Chetan Chouhan, Kamaljeet Kour, Dalbir Singh, Raj Kumar Sharma and others.

People expressed their gratitude to the chairman of NGO and thanked him for his vision of help for needy people

Training of Master Trainers on implementation of New Criminals Laws in CCTNS commences



SSP Amarjit Singh speaking at course on Implementation of New Criminal Law in CCTNS.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A five Days Training of Master Trainers course on Implementation of New Criminal Laws in CCTNS started on Monday at Crime Branch Headquarters

Amarjit Singh, SSP inaugurated the course on Implementation of New Criminal Law in CCTNS. 22 officers/officials from various districts/Wings of Jammu Zone are attending this course for comprehensive overview of

the new criminal laws integrated into the CCTNS, along with practical training sessions designed to enhance their investigative skills and procedural knowledge.

During the inauguration Amarjit Singh welcomed all

the participants and enjoined upon to actively participate in the program & spearhead the training mission by imparting training to officers/officials of district/wings for effective implementation of New Criminal Laws in CCTNS.

Col Dr Sahi urges LG to redress issues of war veterans

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A virtual meeting of the War Decorated India was held under the aegis of their State Director for J&K and Ladakh UTs, Col Dr Virendra K Sahi, Vir Chakra in response of various delegations of some veterans and other family members of posthumous awardees that called on

A delegation led by State Director Col Dr Virendra Sahi, VrC and Maj Gen Sunita Kapoor, VSM (Retd) also visited the Office of the Director Sainik Welfare Department and apprised him that the annual monitory allowances provided by J&K UT Government called "annuity" for the

financial year 2023-4 have

not been paid to a large

number of Gallantry

Despite assurances of payment, the issue remains unresolved, prompting Col Dr. Sahi to seek intervention from Home Minister Amit Shah and Lt Governor J&K Manoj

Sources suggest that insufficient funds allocated by the government exacerbated the situation, leaving veterans and their families in distress.

The delay in payments raises questions about the government's commitment to its armed forces and whether political motives are influencing administrative decisions.

Col Dr. Sahi emphasized the importance of honoring the sacrifices made by brave soldiers and their families, urging expedited action to rectify the situation.

were raised regarding the slow progress of constructing the Balidan Stambh in Srinagar and the exclusion of certain armed forces personnel from its memori-

Col Dr. Sahi advocated for a comprehensive tribute that encompasses all martyrs, highlighting the significance of such memorials in fostering national and emotional unity tourism.

Efforts to gather a complete list of names for the memorial were deemed inadequate, with only 140 names collected thus far compared to the extensive database available at the National War Memorial in

Rectifying these shortcomings is essential to ensure that the sacrifices of armed forces personnel are appropriately recog-Furthermore, concerns nized and commemorated.

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JAMMU: In a first of its International Dental Expert Congress conducted a dental masterclass in the J&K UT for the first time in association with Prof. Dr Azhar Malik, HOD Dept of Conservative IGGDC Jammu.

The programme was also attended by Dr. Rachna Dhani (Asst Prof) & Dr Shamim Anjum (Asst Endodontists from J&K.

HALEON - Bombay Dental initiative under banner International. Expert Congress has conducted this largest ever webinar in India, in over 51 major cities like Delhi, Chennai. Kolkata. Mumbai etc in our country and this initiative took by Dr Azhar Malik



Dr Azhar Malik, HOD Dept of Conservative IGGDC Jammu and others at a programme.

made it possible for the dentists of J&K to connect and nurture a scientific landscape in the field of Dentistry under this online programme.

The masterclass witnessed several insights and key points related to advanced clinical procedures and, research and technology in the field of dentistry. Eminent International

Speaker Dr Mohamad Zaafrany (HOD, Hola Dental Center Egypt) and Ahmed Shawky (Lecturer, Caira University Egypt) explained in details about the management of daily challenges in the dental practice and the future prospects in the filed of endodontics.

International Dental Congress in association with international organisations like FDI, IADR ,EFP etc is aiming to advance research and increase knowledge for the improvement of oral health worldwide by several Investigator sponsored studies, conferences , awards etc . This will instill among the dentists in J&K a sense of thriving in the field of research and attaining international standards in patient care. Dr. Azhar Malik said that such international collaboration could definitely foster a conducive environment for research in budding dentisits in.

J&K and will help to rep-Shopkeepers Association meets DC Jammu, urges to enhance

Many youths join KDP Wing of DPAP from Nagrota Migrant Camp

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A large number of youth joined Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) in front of KDP Wing Leaders Sanjay Dhar President, Piaray Lal Chairman, Raj Kumar Ticku General Secretary, Naveen Gosani

Youth President, Charanjeet Singh Publicity Secretary Ravender Singh Secretary and others in a held at Trt function

Gosani Youth Naveen President facilitated various youths from Trt Nagrota and he also appealed to all displaced people come and join our party and support Chairman DPAP J&K for peace and development.

After joining the KDP Wing Trt Nagrota displaced Camp Unit was also nominated with Sandeep Bhat as Youth General Secretary J&K. Vinkle Kitroo as Unit President Trt Nagrota, YogRaj Shera as Unit General Secretary Trt Nagrota, Vijay Kumar as Unit Secretary Trt Nagrota.

The leaders welcomed new joined members and advised them to work hard for the community in general and request the people to join and support our party for making the Party a strong one for overall redressal of the problems of common people.

Multi-Tier Car Parking Complex, Bus Stand facilities

JAMMU: In a proactive move to address pressing concerns related to the Multi-Tier Car Parking Complex cum General Bus Stand, the members of the Shopkeepers Association on Monday convened a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner Jammu at the DC's office.

Among the key points deliberated upon were the non-functioning ticket counters and the challenges surrounding the boarding and deboarding of passengers within the bus stand premises.

situation, $_{
m the}$ Commissioner, Jammu, advised the association members to provide tangible evidence of the identified discrepancies. Emphasizing the importance of substantiating claims with concrete proof, the DC encouraged the association to furnish video clips or photographs showcasing the observed shortcomings within the bus stand premises.

In response to this directive, the association members pledged their cooperation and commitment to the office of the Deputy

Commissioner. By offering visual documentation of the identified issues, they aim to facilitate a more comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by commuters and stakehold-

ers alike.

Once the evidentiary material is submitted, the Commissioner's office will proceed with further corrective measures aimed at addressing the highlighted

HC quashes selection process conducted for post of Asstt Prof Sociology under EWS category UGC, AICTE, NCTE etc

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Justice Sanjeev Kumar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court while quashing the selection process conducted for the post of Assistant Professor Sociology under EWS category, observed that there is no material available in public domain or otherwise, which would suggest that the University of Jammu has so far, by passing any resolution in the University Council, effected amendments in the Statutes making provision for reservation for EWS category. Neither any regulations made by UGC nor any directions issued to UGC by Central Government in terms of S.20(1) of UGC Act making provision for reservation in favour of EWSs in direct recruitment to Teaching posts in State Universities was brought to my notice.

This judgment has been passed by in a petition Advertisement Notification bearing No.Adm/TW/C&R/23/31 1 dated June 9, 2023 was issued by the Registrar of Jammu University inviting applications, complete in all respects, for making recruitment to various faculty positions. Advertisement Notification included one post of Assistant 17.01.2019 to call upon

Professor Sociology earmarked for reserved category of Economical Weaker Section (EWS). The petitioner, claiming to be a member of EWS category, also applied for the said post. Amongst other applicants for the post, respondent No.4 had also sought consideration under EWS category. The process of selection, conducted by the University, culminated into issuance of the Provisional Select List by the Registrar vide his No. Adm/TW/C&R/24/1743 dated 29th January, 2024. Respondent No.4 was shown as provisionally selected for the post in question under EWS category. Feeling aggrieved, petitioner has $_{
m the}$ approached this Court through the medium of instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to throw challenge to the selection of respondent. Justice Sanjeev Kumar

after hearing both the sides observed that with a view to find out as to how the issue of EWS reservation has been dealt with by UGC, I logged onto official website of UGC. It is seen that the Central Government, immediately after notification of Constitution amendment of 2019, issued F.No.12-4/2019-UIdated

to implement reservation for EWSs for admission in Central Education institutions in tune with Office Memo dated 17.01.2019 issued by it. In compliance thereto, UGC issued F.No.87-2/2019 (SU-I) calling upon all Central and State Universities to give effect to EWSs reservation in admissions from the academic session 2019-2020. A communication of UGC F.1-8/2014(SCT) $_{
m dated}$ 19.10.2020 indicates that UGC did issue instruc-Central/State/Deemed to be Universities to implement reservation policy in Universities. However, a careful reading of communication would show it was meant for maintenance and display of roster. State Universities were only obligated to follow percentage of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs as prescribed by State concerned Governments.

As a matter of fact, there is no material available in public domain or otherwise, which would suggest that $_{
m the}$ University of Jammu has so far, by passing any resolution in the University Council, effected amendments in the Statutes making provision for reservation for EWS category. Neither any regulations made by UGC nor any directions issued to Government in terms of S.20(1) of UGC Act making provision for reservation in favour of EWSs in direct recruitment to Teaching posts in State Universities was brought to my notice. Despite my best efforts, I could not locate any such provision in official website of UGC or the Ministry of Education, Court said. Court has e arrived at a

definite conclusion that the advertisement notification issued for filling up one post of Assistant Professor in Sociology under EWS category is not sustainable in law unless the University, through proper channel and by following due process of law, lays down and prescribes reservation for such category. At the cost of repetition, it may be stated that reservation in favour of Economical Weaker Sections of the Society was recognized for the first time only on 12th January, 2019 when the Parliament passed and promulgated Amendment Act of 2019 inserting Clause 6 into Article 15 and 16 of the Constitution of India. Under the enabling pow-

ers conferred upon the

State under Clause 6 of

Article 16, Government of India issued Office Memo dated 31.01.2019 to provide 10% reservation in direct recruitment in civil posts and services under the Government of India to the persons belonging to economically weaker sections provided they are not covered under the scheme of reservation for SC/ST and OBC. Similarly, Government of Jammu and Kashmir amended the J&K Reservation Rules, 2005 to provide similar reservation in favour of EWSs. Court could not lay my hands either on the Jammu University Statutes framed under Section 40of the Act of 1969 or on any UGC Guidelines on reservation, if any, issued in or after the year 2019 Universities across the country to implement the

mandating policy of the Government of India providing reservation for 'Economically Weaker Sections'.

For the foregoing reasons and the discussion made above, the advertisement notification notifying post Assistant Professor in Jammu University under EWS is not sustainable, Court said. The view, which Court had taken, has necessitated modifying the relief prayed for in this petition. Since the

University of Jammu has not so far provided reservation for EWS nor it is so mandated by the UGC guidelines or Central Government, as such, posts of Assistant Professors in the State Universities including University of Jammu cannot be filled up under EWS category. The preparation of Roster in accordance with S.O.127 dated 20.04.2020 by a Committee constituted by the Jammu University cannot be taken as a mandate for providing reservation in favour of

Justice Sanjeev Kumar disposed of the petition with the observations that as on date there is no reservation for EWSs in the University of Jammu, therefore, the advertisement notification notifying the posts of Assistant Professor Sociology under EWS category is without jurisdiction and authority of the University. The advertisement notification to the extent aforesaid and consequent process conducted for the post of Assistant Professor Sociology under EWS category is held bad and is hereby quashed.

University TheAuthorities are directed to issue fresh advertisement notification for making selection to the amendments to the post in question in accordance with law. The desire, provide reservation for EWS category and categories other than SC/ST by effecting by UGC.

Statutes in terms of Section 40 and 41 of the University shall, if so Act of 1969 subject of course to the Rules, Regulations Guidelines, if any, issued

Police organizes drug awareness program



Police officer chairing meeting at Police Station Janipur.

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JAMMU: J&K Police has launched a stringent campaign against drugs and drug peddlers to combat drug menace in society.

In this regard, a meeting was organized on Monday by Jammu Police at Police Station Janipur with the chemists of the area to ensure collaboration and aware them about the various drugs and modusoperandi being followed by drug peddlers.

In the meeting it was pressed upon all that banned substances/ drugs

should not be sold without

doctor's prescription Chemists were asked to

maintain registers of the critical/ sensitive medicines which are prone to drug abuse and install CCTV cameras in and around

Police and public cooperation was given the prime importance to combat the drug menance.

Locals of the area have applauded the efforts of Jammu & Kashmir Police in taking pivotal role on all the fronts to eliminate the menace of drugs from society.