

# Three-day workshop on Revitalizing Morning Assembly concludes at SCERT J&K



Director SEJ, Ashok Sharma posing with participants of workshop at SCERT Jammu

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JAMMU: A three-day workshop on Revitalizing Morning Assembly from June 26 to 28, 2024 concluded on Friday at SCERT J&K, Divisional Office Jammu.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director JKSCERT in the presence of Parshotam Kumar, Director Planning and Statistics J&K.

This programme was organized by Department of Teacher Education (Academic Unit-II) SCERT-J&K Jammu under the mentorship of Prof. (Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director JKSCERT Divisional office Jammu and able guidance and supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, JKSCERT Divisional Office Jammu.

The valedictory programme was graced by DSEJ, Ashok Sharma, whereas Prof. Dr. J.N.Baliya, Prof. Department of Education studies Central University of Jammu was the Guest of Honour.

Welcome address was given by Lakshmi Puri, Faculty, JKSCERT Jammu.

In this programme, 30 participants were invited from 10 districts of Jammu Division. The aim and objective of this programme was to orient the Physical Education Teachers (PETs) from different schools across Jammu Division about the need for reviving Morning assembly Practices for effective student engagement and overall well-being and to rejuvenate the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) as per NEP 2020.

A vision document on Morning assembly an important part of pedagogy will be released in due course of time after incorporating the suggestions from the participants and stakeholders in accordance with the guidelines of School Education Department under the able mentorship of Arti Gupta, Head Department of Teacher Education, AU-II, JKSCERT Jammu.

The Resource Persons namely Dr. Mohini Sharma, Naturopath and Head Ladies Wing and State Executive Committee Bhartiya Yog Sansthan, Navneet Gupta, AO, Arun Ambardar, Academic

Director, Playway House HSS Pounichuk, Abha Verma, Sr. A.O., Kamini Verma, A.O., Dr. Sandarve, A.O., Dr. Jyoti Sudan, A.O., Lakshmi Puri, Teacher, JKSCERT Jammu oriented the participants about different ways and means for revitalizing Morning Assemblies in Schools in accordance with the guidelines issued by Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

In addition to this, they deliberated interactive and engaging sessions on development of Indian Values, patriotism, ethics, sense of leadership, discipline, listening abilities amongst children.

The training programme was coordinated by Seema Mattoo Koul, A.O. She was assisted by Kavya Sharm, A.O. Deepak Kumar was the Technical Coordinator. The organizing team included Kamini Verma, A.O. Dr. Sandarve, A.O., Abha Verma, Sr. A.O., Amit Sharma, A.O., Sunita Sharma, A.O. Neeraj Jamwal, A.O.

A comprehensive documentary of the three-day workshop on revitalizing morning assembly was pre-

pared by Lakshmi Puri.

Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor greeted the Chief Guest and Guest of honour and briefed them about the vision of revitalizing morning assemblies in the present circumstances in view of NEP 2020. Director School Education Ashok Kumar Sharma enlightened the participants with his words of wisdom. He impressed upon all the PETs present to bring vitality and genuiness into the morning assemblies and enable physical, moral and mental developments of the students.

Prof. J.N.Baliya addressed the gathering with his valuable suggestions and inputs and experienced approach. Kavya Sharma A.O., highlighted theme of the workshop and Seema Mattoo Koul, Coordinator, presented a brief report of the workshop and the recommendations were shared with the participants as per the suggestions by Principal Secretary, School Education Department.

Swaran Singh Jaral, Professor, Dr. Sanjeevani Sharma, Assistant

Professor were also present on the occasion. Vote of thanks was presented by Abha Verma (Sr. A.O.).

# ABVP holds protests over inadequate posts of Dogri at Higher Secondary level

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JAMMU: The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) organized a protest at Jantar Mantar, Jammu University, drawing attention to a pressing issue concerning the Dogri language community.

The protest centered on the insufficient number of teaching positions available for Dogri at the higher secondary level. This inadequacy has deeply disheartened students and researchers who are passionate about Dogri language and culture.

The protest, attended by hundreds including students and scholars, aimed to urge the Director of School Education, Jammu Division, and the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir to address the matter urgently.

The participants criticized what they perceived as a step-motherly attitude towards Dogri language and culture by the administration. They

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JAMMU: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched a special Yatra Plan. BSNL offers a free SIM card with a recharge of just Rs.196, exclusively for pilgrims. This prepaid connection offers a range of benefits, including Unlimited Voice and Data for 10 days. . BSNL ensures highspeed 4G connectivity along the entire route, including the toughest terrains of the yatra.

The Yatra SIM card can be purchased from various tourist reception centers in Jammu and Kashmir, including Lakhanpur ,Base Camp Bhagwati Nagar Jammu,Chanderkot, Baltal, Pahalgam base Camps and other important locations BSNL has upgraded its network infrastructure to provide seamless 4G connectivity, ensuring uninterrupted communication and high-speed data access throughout the yatra up to the

Holy cave. Saurabh Tayagi, CGMT, BSNL J&K Circle said," We are committed to providing reliable and affordable communication services to the pilgrims during the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. With our 4G network, pilgrims can stay connected with their loved ones, access important information, and share their experiences on social media in real-time, even in the most remote areas.



ABVP activists raising slogans during a protest at JU on Friday.

emphasized that Dogri is spoken by millions and holds the status of an official language of the Union Territory, underscoring its cultural and historical significance.

Akshi Billowria, Secretary of ABVP J&K, emphasized the need for the LG administration to reconsider its policies regarding Dogri language education. She advocated for the introduction of Dogri in more higher secondary schools and an increase in the number of teaching positions to accommodate the growing demand and preserve the language's heritage.

Sahil Choudhary, President of ABVP Jammu University, echoed these sentiments, highlighting that recent decisions have not been favorable to students and scholars of Dogri. He stressed the urgency of filling vacant teaching positions and enhancing the overall support for Dogri education.

Sudarshan Dogra, a student from the Dogri department at Jammu University, expressed disappointment over the administration's approach towards Dogri language and culture. He urged newly elected Lok Sabha MPs

from the region, who had taken their oath in Dogri, to take proactive steps to improve the status of Dogri at both present and future levels.

In conclusion, the protesters affirmed their steadfast commitment to defending Dogri language and culture against any perceived neglect or indifference from the UT administration. They vowed to continue advocating for equitable treatment and enhanced support for Dogri education, ensuring its rightful place in the educational landscape of Jammu and Kashmir.

# IIT Jammu's Startup SAP Aerospace wins DRDO's Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest

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JAMMU: IIT Jammu's deep-tech startup, SAP Aerospace, led by Dr. Shanmugas K.P., and graduates, Ayush Divyansh, and Preetam Jamod has emerged victorious in the open category of DRDO's TDF Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest.

This prestigious win marks a significant milestone for SAP Aerospace and their groundbreaking work in the field of combat drone technology.

The DRDO's Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest is designed to support promising ventures

with innovative solutions, providing them with the crucial resources needed to advance their technologies.

SAP Aerospace's win is a testament to its cutting-edge aero-engine technology, specifically engineered for Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs).

Dr. Shanmugas K.P. and his team at SAP Aerospace are at the forefront of developing next-generation aero engines, with the potential to revolutionize the capabilities and functionalities of combat drones.

Their innovative engine solutions promise to enhance the performance,

efficiency, and operational capabilities of UCAVs, paving the way for a new era in unmanned aerial combat.

"We are honored and thrilled to have won the DRDO's Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest," said Dr. Shanmugas K.P., Founder of SAP Aerospace.

He added, "This achievement is a validation of our team's hard work and dedication to developing state-of-the-art aero engines for combat drones. The support and resources from DRDO will be instrumental in bringing our revolutionary

engine technology to fruition." The victory in the Dare to Dream 4.0 Innovation Contest propels SAP Aerospace into the spotlight as a leading innovator in aero-engine technology.

With this win, the company is well-positioned to accelerate the development of their next-generation engine solutions, bringing their vision of advanced combat drones closer to reality.

Recently, the team had the honor to demonstrate the technology to the Prime minister, Narendra Modi, during an event organized by JKEDI at Srinagar.

# FSSAI License-cum-Registration Camp held at Ware House

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JAMMU: To promote ease of doing business and bring Food Business Operators under the ambit of Food Safety and Standards Act, a special License-cum-Registration Camp was on Friday organized at Ware House Nehru Market here by Food Safety Wing of Drugs and Food Control Organization with the support of Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market Jammu.

tory mentioning of FSSAI License Number on the Invoices.

They were also directed to keep their premises neat and clean and destroy the rotten commodities themselves at the designated places.

The camp was held under the supervision of Madan Magotra, Dy. Commissioner Food Safety Jammu in which Assistant Commissioner Rajan Kapoor & Ajay Khajuria and their team mem-



President of Federation, Deepak Gupta and others at a camp.

With this, the Government opened a Tetkaal FSSAI License/Registration window from today onward which is a big step forward and great relief for traders of Food Chain in the country.

A total of 50 licenses were renewed and 25 new licenses issued to various Food Business Operators on the spot, which mainly included the wholesale dealers of this grain Mandi.

The members of Federation were sensitized regarding the advisories issued by the Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration J&K Hashmat Ali Yatoo on manda-

bers issued licenses on the spot.

Deepak Gupta, President of the Federation said that Traders Federation had organized this special camp for its traders under Ease of Doing Business. The Federation has decided to do the paperwork of its traders at its level so that the traders can focus on their business.

Others who were present on this occasion include Munish Mahajan Senior Vice President, Abhimanyu Gupta Vice President, Sham Lal Langer General Secretary and Vishal Gupta Secretary of the Federation.

# Summer science camp concludes at IIIM



Director CSIR-IIIM Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed speaking at a programme.

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JAMMU: A five-day summer science camp organized by CSIR-IIIM in collaboration with Royal Society of Chemistry, under the flagship of CSIR Jigyasa program and Yusuf Hamied Chemistry camps, was concluded on Friday.

The summer science camp commenced on 24th June, 2024, and was inaugurated by Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education, Jammu. The summer camp was filled with a celebration of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration in which 55 students of 9th & 10th grade drawn from 20 government schools across the Jammu region, along with their faculties, got the opportunity to explore the wonders of science, during the camp.

A spokesperson informed that the days were filled with exciting crystallization, color formation experiments, slime preparation, coin battery experiment, clock reactions, forensic challenge

water testing, DNA extraction and germ buster activities, making it a resounding success from the start. Campus tour, virtual science games and fun activities, including a captivating laser show, ensuring an unforgettable experience for the students.

Earlier, on 4th day yesterday, an interactive and scientific discussion session was also held at the C.K. Atal Auditorium for students and their faculty members, wherein Ashok Kumar Sharma, Director School Education, Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu, Shubha Mehta, Joint Director, DSE and other officials were presented.

On last day, a quiz based on the learnings of the camp was organized for the participants. All the participants and their escort teachers were felicitated by Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu. The mentor teachers Dr. Showkat Rashid, Senior

Scientist, Dr. Yedukondalu Nalli, Dr. Ravindra S. Phatake, Dr. J S Momo, Dr. Anol B. Gade, Dr. Bharitkar Yogesh, Scientists of NPMC Division, scholars and volunteers were also felicitated during the ceremony.

On the occasion, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM said that it was a significant event for the organization to host such a residential science camp for the government school students. Further, Dr. Ahmed said that we are committed to serve the society and educational institutions in the field of Science and Technology. Ms Bhakti Dhandhere, Program coordinator, Yusuf Hamied Chemistry Camps informed that such camps can be frequently organized for government schools students to make them familiar with basic science experiments. Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist, Coordinator, Summer Science Camp and Nodal scientist Jigyasa program briefed about the activities organized during the camp and encouraged the students to actively participate in such activities to be carried out in future.

The event was attended by HoDs, scientists, research scholars and students. The proceedings were conducted by Arusha Tickoo, project associate.

# RVS iGlobal felicitates Dogri folk artist Padma Shri Romalo Ram



RVS iGlobal members felicitating legendary Dogri folk artist, Padma Shri Romalo Ram.

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JAMMU: RVS iGlobal on Friday hosted a felicitation ceremony to honor the legendary Dogri folk artist, Padma Shri Romalo Ram, on being bestowed the prestigious Padma Shri award by the Government of India.

The Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian honors, recognizes Shri Romalo Ram's exceptional contributions to the field of art and his tireless efforts in reviving Dogri folk dance and songs.

During the ceremony, Sandeep Sharma, COO of RVS iGlobal, expressed his deepest respect and admiration for Shri Ram's dedication to preserving and promoting Dogri culture. "Taking the Dogri language from the village to the international level is a matter of pride for all the people of

Jammu and Kashmir residing around the globe," said Sandeep Sharma. Sharma further added that personalities like Romalo Ram and Sars Bharti are the true volunteers of society, promoting our culture and traditions.

Romalo Ram addressed the gathering, expressing his gratitude for the recognition and his commitment to continuing his artistic endeavors. He mentioned that he is actively promoting Dogri and related activities within the state.

He also stated that receiving the Padma Shri award from the President of India is not just an honor for him but a source of pride and recognition for all Dogri enthusiasts. He added that organizations like RVS iGlobal are the backbone of society, helping and promoting Dogri and

other traditional artists by organizing such events.

The ceremony was a joyous celebration of Dogri music and culture. The event served as a platform to acknowledge Romalo Ram's immense contribution to Dogri art and inspire future generations to preserve this rich cultural heritage.

RVS iGlobal staff members were delighted to host Romalo Ram at their office and were exhilarated by his spontaneous performance during the interaction session.

RVS iGlobal remains committed to nurturing local talent in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, offering platforms for growth and learning to the youth, and actively supporting initiatives that promote indigenous talent.