

More govt officers to get promotions in next two-three weeks: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: After granting mass promotion to over 8,000 government employees, the Department of Personnel & Training is now ready with the next lot of officers to be promoted in the next two to three weeks.

The announcement was made by Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday while meeting a delegation of the Central Secretariat Official Language Service Group-A officers, who had called on him.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, assured the delegation that



A delegation of Central Secretariat Official Language Service Group-A officers calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at DoPT headquarters, North Block, New Delhi on Tuesday.

their promotion cases will also be expedited as per rule, as there is a mandatory provision of training of officers ranging from one

year to 18 months before the promotions.

He told the delegation that he will look into their demands sympathetically

and hurdles, if any, in granting promotions will be resolved.

He said it was disheartening to see government employees attaining retirement from service without getting one's due promotion and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking personal interest into the whole matter, according to a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry.

Singh said henceforth all future promotions will get streamlined as all legal hurdles were sorted out in granting promotions to

8,089 employees -- 4,734 are from Central Secretariat Service (CSS), 2,966 from Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service (CSSS) and 389 from Central Secretariat Clerical Service (CSCS).

On July 1, 2022, the DoPT had said that it granted mass promotion to 8,089 government employees belonging to three key secretariat services in one go.

The minister said that the secretariat services are an essential tool of governance and form the bedrock of government policies.

Modi govt is vindictive towards congress leadership: Bhalla



Congress leaders staging a protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Congress on Tuesday under the leadership of working president Raman Bhalla on Tuesday staged a strong protest at Shaheed Chowk here

against the alleged vindictive actions of Modi govt towards Congress leadership and termed it dictatorial and anti democracy approach of BJP.

Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, General Secretaries Yogesh Sawhney, Th Balwan Singh, Former Minister Jugul Kishore

Sharma and others were present. Bhalla said the case of money laundering was hollow and baseless and Congress shall not be intimidated by such cheap tactics.

The fake and fabricated case of AJL, Associated Journals, is an attempt by the BJP's propaganda machinery to divert the attention of citizens from the failures and vital issues of inflation, falling GDP and social unrest, divisiveness in the country under Modi regime, he said.

Kargil Vijay Diwas: DC Jammu unveils JSCL's mural art dedicated to war heroes

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JAMMU: On the occasion of 23rd Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jammu, Avny Lavasa on Tuesday unveiled a mural art made by Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) to commemorate the victory and to honour the martyrs of the 1999 Kargil war.

Additional CEO, JSCL Hitesh Gupta, project director Sunil Thusoo and other officials of JSCL as well as prominent citizen were present on the occasion.

A group of enthusiastic youth also presented a dance on patriotic song to mark 23rd Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Each year, Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on July 26 to honour the valour and sacrifice of the soldiers who laid down their lives in the



DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa unveiling a mural art being made by JSCL to commemorate victory of 1999 Kargil war.

line of duty during the Kargil War.

Paying glowing tributes to the war heroes, Deputy Commissioner Avny Lavasa lauds the initiative of Jammu Smart City Limited for mural art to honour the Kargil war heroes.

"I am sure that this mural art will educate the people of Jammu about the highest values of the Indian Army and inspire them," she said.

Skill training, Academic Bank of Credits,; feedback systems to revolutionise education sector: Rohit Kansal

Mentor, Hub, Spoke Model; three-step feedback system novel initiatives of JK government J&K's Academic calendar now in sync with rest of India

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JAMMU: "The National Education Policy-2020 aims to break down silos and create a multi disciplinary, flexible educational ecosystem that will equip learners to be not just employable but also better equipped for fast changing world", Higher Education Department, Rohit Kansal said on Tuesday while chairing the inaugural session of the Two-Day National Conference on NEP, at the Padma Shri Padma Sachdev, Government PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Padma RK Sinha; Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, Prof Bechan Lal; Special Secretary HED, Rakesh Badyal and Director Colleges and Patron, Dr Yasmeen Ashai were also present on the occasion. Affirming that Jammu and Kashmir would be among the first in the country to fully implement the NEP, he called upon the colleges to reorient their curriculum and teaching methodologies and be ready to impart education in new courses which include technical, skill, language and other courses under the multidimensional approach of the NEP. He informed that the students would also now have the option of subscribing up to 40 percent of the courses through online-only mode. They would be able



Principal Secretary, Rohit Kansal speaking at a programme.

to study through Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) under SWAYAM Platform. This system would do away with the disadvantages of geography being faced by far flung colleges or newly established institutions. The policy also provides for Academic Bank of Credits which would allow a student to study different courses online from colleges located anywhere in India. The credits thus earned would be stored in academic credit account in a college of choice of the student and would also reflect in his/ her final marks sheet. In this regard, institutions would have to encourage students to open Digilocker accounts to store these credits. The redesigned curriculum under the NEP would also enable multiple entry and exit points in courses and students would be allowed to complete the 4 year UG course in a maximum period of seven years.

Speaking on skill education and training, Rohit Kansal announced that the Jammu & Kashmir government is also providing students with an optional and voluntary Skill Curriculum in addition to four-year undergraduate programmes. The curriculum would have (12+18) credit format, which would entail 12 academic and 18 practical course credits. Upon successful completion, the student would be provided an appropriate skill certificate by the National Skills Development Council (NSDC), thereby providing an extra edge in employment opportunities to him. For this purpose, the Principal Secretary urged colleges to identify suitable skill courses to be provided to students, and to collaborate with local industries for practical work and for tying up with NSDC for these provisions. The Principal Secretary elucidated the Mentor, Hub and

Spoke Model for fostering research and innovation in J&K. He informed that under the model, universities would provide mentorship in their respective fields of expertise while bigger colleges would serve as hubs. The 'hubs' will provide support by lending their workshops, labs and faculty. Other colleges would be designated as 'spokes', the students of which would be able to use resources from their respective 'mentor' and 'hub' institutes. Highlighting the need for continuous feedback for betterment of the education system, the Principal Secretary said that a three-step feedback system has been formulated by the government. Feedback from students about the quality of learning, feedback from teachers and students about infra-

structure and facilities and quarterly evaluation of faculty members by Principals- all of this would be part of the feedback system, he informed. In a couple of weeks, we would also launch 'Feedback Portal', wherein all the three feedback systems would be live, he added. The Principal Secretary assured all support for higher education, fellowship and presenting research papers abroad. Two-Day National Conference on NEP is being organised jointly by 4 colleges of Jammu namely Maulana Azad Memorial (MAM) College, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar; Govt. College for Women, Parade Ground and Sri Pratap Memorial Rajput (SPMR) College of Commerce, Jammu.



J&K Bank ties-up with Omkar Nests

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JAMMU: J&K Bank has entered into a tie-up with M/s Omkar Nests Pvt. Ltd. for its new housing project - Royal Nest Hill View Apartments - in Sainik Colony at Jammu.

Zonal Head Rajesh Dubey signed the agreement on behalf of the Bank while as General Manager Vimal Kumar put in his signatures as Director of Omkar Nests Pvt. Ltd. in presence of Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar at the Bank.

Expressing pleasure on the signing of agreement, Sunit Kumar said that customers of the Bank will be the real beneficiaries of the agreement.

"Besides speedy and hassle-free disposal of their loan cases,



Zonal Head Rajesh Dubey and General Manager Vimal Kumar after signing the agreement.

our customers will majorly benefit from the concessions being extended to them by the Bank and the company under the agreement."

"More such tie-ups and arrangements are being lined-up in future for the benefit of customers of the bank", he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Vimal Kumar commended the bank for its support to every section of the society

especially the business community by encouraging the entrepreneurship in J&K. "Such projects pave the way for employment generation and at the same time benefiting various other small businesses related to the construction activity", he said, adding that the company, under the agreement, is offering special discounts to the buyers who get their loans approved by J&K Bank.

DB expects Govt shall ensure uniform implementation of NEP in all schools

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking implementation of National Education Policy 2020, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, disposed of the PIL with expectation that Government shall ensure uniform implementation of the policy in all private schools. The PIL filed by one Kaiser Ahmed Bhat seeking directions to the official respondents to evolve policy of admissions in private schools which should be fair and just for the economic and social status of the society. The ASGI appearing for the Union of India submitted that there is National Education Policy, 2020,

already in place issued by the Government of India and it takes care of all matters relating to admissions in private schools and, as such, no further policy is required to be formulated. Petitioner, who appeared in person, accepted that a very good policy has been framed by Government but still the private schools are behaving in an arbitrary and illegal manner. DB observed that the issue of illegal behavior of some of schools is distinct and unconnected with the subject matter of the PIL which can be raised independently by persons aggrieved and disposed of the PIL with the expectation that the respondent-Government shall ensure uniform implementation of above policy by all private schools.

Kargil Vijay Divas celebration at Balidan Stambh

