

# Dr Indresh releases Dr Vivek's authored book 'Buddhism in India and Abroad'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Dr Indresh Kumar, National Executive Member of RSS and Chief Patron of Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) released the book entitled 'Buddhism in India and Abroad' authored by Dr. Vivek Sharma during a seminar at Computer Science & IT Seminar Hall, University of Jammu here.

On the occasion, Dr. Indresh Kumar was the main speaker whereas Rajinder Sharma, Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) was the Chief Guest; and Shakti Pathak- DIG JSK Range and Dr. Vikrant Sharma, Prant Karyawah, J&K were the Guests of Honour.

Prof Shohab Inayat Malik, HoD Buddhist Studies, Dr. Meenakshi Kilam, Rector Kathua Campus, Prof Rajeev Rattan, Director CDC, Prof Virender Kundal, Prof G.M. Bhat and Prof Mohd. Riyaz also graced the occasion. Giving brief



Dr Indresh Kumar, National Executive Member of RSS and other dignitaries releasing a book.

account of his book, Dr Vivek Sharma, who is Academic Coordinator of JU Kathua Campus and Faculty at Buddhist Studies Deptt, said, "It is based on Theravada Buddhism in India and abroad wherein the genesis of the Shakyas race in the matrix of historical Buddha's genealogy has been traced. He further apprised the august gathering that book was a refresh-

ing treatment of the Buddha's lineage.

"The core teachings of the Buddha are accorded in an authentic way from the standpoint of Pali Buddhism, which is the original source of Theravada Buddhism. The book vividly presents the Rainy Season Retreats of the Buddha, which is popularly known as the Vassavasa in the Buddhist tradition. "I have

enumerated four sacred places of Buddhism, which are directly related to the life of the Buddha. In fact, these four places, such as Lumbini, Bodhgaya, Sarnath and Kushinagar are mentioned in the Mahaparinibbana Sutta of the Digha Nikaya of the Sutta Pitaka. The book has given the history of Pali literature - canonical and extra-canonical - in a detailed

manner," he added.

Dr Indresh congratulated and lauded Dr. Vivek Sharma for authoring such a detailed study of Buddhism.

He said "Lord Buddha taught us non-violence and mutual co-existence. His teachings are more relevant in the contemporary world and emphasized upon the people to follow his philosophy for peace all around."

Pertinent to mention that the book 'Buddhism in India and Abroad' has delineated almost all the Buddhist Councils beginning from the First Buddhist Council to the Sixth Buddhist Council in a critical way. The Buddhist Councils are considered as the watershed developments in the history of Buddhism. The book also provides information about the contemporary kingdoms of the Buddha and post-Buddha dynasties, which have fruitfully contributed to the spread and development of Buddhism in India and abroad.

# Apni Party seeks 2 LA seats for Sikhs in Jammu, Kashmir regions



JKAP workers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu on Saturday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Apni Party on Saturday held a protest here demanding reservation of two Legislative Assembly seats for Sikh Community in Jammu and Kashmir.

The protest was organized by Provincial President, Jammu, Women Wing, Pavneet Kaur alongwith District President Jammu Rural-B Adv Harpreet Singh, Provincial President, Youth Wing Jammu, Vipul Bali, Provincial President Transport Union, Tirath Singh.

"The community has

remained neglected regarding their political representation in Govts, and Legislative Assembly while priority was given to other communities," said Pavneet Kaur.

"The community has a history of contribution and defending the borders of the country, but when it comes to their political representation or reservation of seats for them in both the regions, they face discrimination that needs to be addressed before it is too late," she said.

Meanwhile, District President Rural-B Harpreet

Singh also expressed concern over the discriminatory approach towards the Sikh Community and demanded reorganization of the Punjabi language as one of the official languages in Jammu and Kashmir.

District President Women Wing Jammu, Ritu Pandita, District Vice President Youth Wing, Abinav Gupta, Dalbir Singh, Mohinder Singh, Yash Pal Choudahary, Tara Jeet Singh, Rajinder Singh, Shikha Bhardwaj, Sheetal Rajput, Gurcharan Singh, and Darshan Singh were part of the protest.

# ABSS organized at Central University of Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: On the completion of three years of National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020 a week long programme was organized to commemorate "Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam" by the Office of the Dean Student Welfare, Central University of Jammu.

The events consisted of talks on Indian Knowledge System, poster making competitions, quiz on NEP, lectures and seminars.

The event was organised in the Patron ship of Prof Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, who himself has guided the University in fully adopting the NEP-2020 in letter and spirit. Today, an online live session of the Prime Minister of India on 3rd anniversary of NEP-2020 at Pragati Maidan Delhi was webcasted in the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium of the University.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, emphasised on the



CUJ faculty and students at a programme.

power of education and highlighted the greatness of Indian Knowledge system and successful journey of NEP in connecting the students from all spheres to building of India to a Vishwa Guru. The Faculty, research scholars, students and staff of the university along with teachers and students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Central University of Jammu attended and were benefited by the speech of PM futuristic approach and vision of

Education. Event marked the end of the five days of celebrations on NEP at CUJ with the National Anthem.

The webcast of the program was also arranged in Girls' Hostel by Dr. Shaveta Kohli.

The event was attended by Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students' Welfare, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Assistant dean Students' Welfare, Dr. Pavinder Singh, proctor, Dr. Ajay Singh, Warden and other prominent officials from the University.

# Nawang Tsering to chair Tribal Poets' Meet in Bhopal

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

LEH: On the invitation of Department of Culture, Government of India and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, Nawang Tsering Shakspo, Director, Centre for Research on Ladakh, Leh will attend in the mega three days long International Literary Conference on Songs of the Soil: Tribal Poets Meet to be held at Ravindra Bhavan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from August 2, 2023.

In the literary meet as an expert on Ladakhi folk literature he will chair the session of Tribal Poets' Meet. Since the international event will be attended by 500 writers, poets, critics, eminent personalities drawn by 70 languages will surely help Nawang to share his

decades long study on the composite Ladakhi literature besides availing an



opportunity to project the region as the hub of folk culture and literature in the trans himalayan region of the country.

Earlier also Nawang Shakspo presented a scholarly paper on the Ladakhi Folk Songs and Folk Traditions at the Columbia University, New York in an international gathering of Tibetologists world over.

# JU showcases innovative initiatives at two-days Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam

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JAMMU: A delegation from University of Jammu headed by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai comprising Prof K S Charak, Dr Anil Gupta, Dr Daud Iqbal Baba, Dr Shalhu Sehgal, Dr Jitendra Manhas and Ameet Targotra, presented and showcased recent innovative initiatives of University of Jammu at two-days Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023 at IECC, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

University of Jammu showcased an innovative Four-Year Undergraduate Program, "Design Your Degree" at a dedicated UGC stall. Based on personalized experiential learning, problem solving through collaborative team work, practical application of AI, coding, Communication, GPT4 Data, etc., the programme witnessed a large flow of visitors and attraction for educators, industry representa-



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai interacting with students.

tives, academician experts from skilling institutions, teachers, scholars and students of various schools.

Another stall showcased Research and Development initiatives of University of Jammu, "College on Wheels"- JK Gyanodaya Express, a unique and innovative project, wherein around 800-1000 students of the universities of J&K shall get an opportunity to undertake a rail journey across the country and work on different projects to promote hands-on learning outside the classroom also drew wide-spread attention from students, scholars, academicians and industry professionals. Various other initiatives like Goonj - Listen to your inner calling, High Altitude Studies and Disaster Management, and Innovative Academic Initiatives in Online and

Blended Mode by Directorate of Distance & Online Education (DD&OE) and The Business School of University of Jammu were also showcased during the event. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai said that the design your degree program aims to create graduates who are not only experts in their chosen field but also possess a holistic understanding of the world enabling them to make meaningful contribution to society.

Under the program, students will be offered an opportunity to craft a personalized, interdisciplinary learning experience. University of Jammu's participation in the event strengthened its position as a leading institution committed to shaping the future of education in India and J&K in particular.

# JKSAC Women wing resents discrimination with DPs

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A meeting of the Women wing of Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) was held at Lower Gadi Garh Jammu under the Chairmanship of Savita Sharma President in which the participants strongly resented the discrimination with the Displaced Persons (DP) of 1947 for allotting them single Assembly seat as against 1/3rd of the freed 24 seats for POJK as recommended by the Joint Parliamentary Committee in its report.

Strongly reacting on the nomination of only one seat for DPs of POJK Maninder Kour Spokesperson alongwith Champa Devi, Amarjeet Kour, Seema Sharma and Rita Raina said that it is a matter of serious concern for DPs of POJK who have been once again ignored and ditched by the present govt. to whom they supported from the core of their heart. She said that people who left their houses out of fear and having certain social adverse conditions have been given two assembly seats out of DP's share while DPs who sacrificed



JKSAC women wing members during a meeting at Jammu.

their dignity and honour besides suffering loss of lives and properties are being given only one seat. She said this is a gross injustice and would not be tolerated.

They further said that DPs were demanding de-freezing of their constitutional share of assembly seats from the last many decades but their voice was crushed but JKSAC consistently struggled in this regard. She said that several commissions and committees were constituted to address the DPs concern and these commissions made several recommendations including de-freezing of the assembly seats for DPs who has gone through tremendous pain and suffering all along these years. She said

that the constituted JPC on Home Affairs after a ground study has also made recommendations to GOI to de-freeze 1/3rd share of assembly seats for DPs besides other issues.

All the members present in the meeting collectively appealed to the Prime Minister. Narendra Modi, and Home Minister Amit Shah to review the decision and de-freeze the DPs constitutional share of assembly seats in proportion to their population across the Jammu region.

# ASCOMS celebrates World ORS Day-2023

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: World ORS Day 2023 was celebrated in the Department of Paediatrics, Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences (ASCOMS) Hospital in association with Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) under the guidance of Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Prof & Head and Dr. Sushil Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Paediatrics. Dr. Amarjeet Singh Bhatia, Principal, Govt. Medical College, Rajouri & Controller, J&K Paramedical Council was the Chief Guest on the occasion. A symposium on benefits of ORS was organized in which Aradhya Gupta, Akash Gupta, Mudit Sharma and Aradita Manhas presented the symposium enumerating various aspects of Oral Rehydration Therapy. Dr. Harshvardhan, PG, Department of Paediatric gave an account of frequently asked questions about ORT, while as, Dr. Anirudh Gupta and Dr.



ASCOMS faculty presenting memento to a dignitary.

Harshvardhan gave demonstration on "How to prepare home based ORS as well as readymade ORS available in the market".

A Nukkad Natak directed by Prof. (Dr.) Indra Moza, Principal, ASCON Education was presented by the students of Nursing Institute and College highlighting the awareness about the ORS among rural population residing in far flung areas. Dr. Ravinder K Gupta discussed the need regarding awareness of benefits of ORS to public at large and described the Oral Rehydration Solution as one of the modalities in saving precious lives.

Dr. Pawan Malhotra, Director Principal appreciated the presentation made by the Undergraduate as well as Postgraduate students. Dr. Amarjeet Singh Bhatia, the Chief Guest congratulated the organizers for including the Undergraduate students in this important academic activity. He also appreciated the students of Nursing Institute, Paramedical and Nursing College who presented the Nukkad Natak on awareness about benefits of ORS.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Shreya and all the participants were felicitated by the Chief Guest.

# Andrabi serves Langar at Ziyarat Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah, attends Urs celebrations

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: Minister of State and Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Saturday served Langar to devotees at the shrine of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah on Ashura day.

Dr Andrabi participated in many events at Shahdra Sharief in Rajouri on the second day her visit to the shrine complex in connection with the annual Urs.

She was accompanied by Waqf Board CEO Dr Majid Jahangir, Administrator Ashiq Rafiq Khan & SDM Thanamandi.

Dr Andrabi attended Ashura Day event conducted by Waqf Board in



Chairperson JKWB Dr Darakhshan Andrabi serving Langar to devotees at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah shrine.

which she spoke on the highest martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS), the illustrious grandson of Prophet

Mohammed (SAW). "The ultimate sacrifice for the truth by the great Imam, is an inspiration for all humanity. The

truth makes one eternal & the falsehood only perishes", said Dr Andrabi.

Dr Andrabi served Langar to the gathering in thousands. She addressed the Urs celebration also and requested all present to become the ambassadors of the spiritual message of the great sufis like Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah so that we are able to uproot the doctrines of hate, division and violence from our society.

Dr Andrabi later formally took over the administrative control of Ziyarat Zikri Shah at Mangot in Rajpuri which was notified years ago and was not taken over by the Waqf Board for years.

# DGP sanctions financial assistance of over Rs 1.20 cr

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Welfare loan and relief of over Rs 1.17 crore in favour of 95 Police officers and personnel of J&K Police to provide immediate financial assistance in order to meet their urgent requirements. He also sanctioned financial assistance of Rs 2.20 lakh in favour of NoK of Martyred Police personnel/SPOs.

The welfare loan sanctioned to the Police personnel is refundable and is recovered in monthly installments from their salaries without any interest. The amount has been sanctioned out of Central Police Welfare Fund.

Police Headquarters under different welfare schemes is providing assistance to all the ranks of Jammu and Kashmir Police including the families of Martyr Police personnel and SPOs.



# KK Gandhi to attend 11th International Art Camp 'Sarjana 2023'

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JAMMU: Jaipur Art Summit Foundation, who have been organizing art camps for the last 11 years is holding the 11th International Art Camp Sarjana 2023 in collaboration with Poornima University Jaipur from August 21 to 26, 2023.

K.K. Gandhi, who has the distinction of participating in more than 25 International art events and more than 100 National art events, has been

honored by inviting him for the second time exclusively to participate in the said art summit from Northern India.

Besides KK Gandhi, artists from South Korea, Iran, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, the five most senior artists from India, and scholars from Poornima University are also going to be part of the event.

# Dr Sakshi delivers awareness lecture on World Hepatitis Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: On the occasion of World Hepatitis Day, an awareness lecture was delivered to students of class 9th and 10th in Army Public School by Dr Sakshi Sharma.

Also immunity boosting medicines were distributed among staff and students of the school by Dr Vikas Koul and Dr Sukhpreet Kour. Principal M.S. Namrata, Vice Principal Pooja and Coordinator Sumet Koul were also present on the occasion and appreciated



efforts of Directorate of Ayush in promoting health and wellness.

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