

Three-day CBP for librarians culminates at JKSCERT

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JAMMU: SCERT J&K, Divisional Office Jammu organised three-day Capacity Building programme for library professionals on handling of Library management software and e-resources and hands on e-library, which concluded on Saturday.

This programme was organized by Department of Library and Documentation, Academic Unit-I, JKSCERT Jammu under the mentorship of Director JKSCERT Prof. Dr. Parikshit Singh Manhas and able guidance and supervision of H.R. Pakhroo, Joint Director, JKSCERT Jammu.

The target group of the programme was 50 Librarians/Jr. Librarians five from each district.

The Programme was organised with an aim to provide the hands on experience for developing e-libraries as per the demand of NEP-2020 and to build the capacity of Librarians in handling the different softwares available for automation and digitization of libraries.

The inaugural ceremony



Prof. Swarn Singh Jaral and others at closing ceremony of three-day Capacity Building programme for library professionals.

was graced by H.R. Pakhroo. Other dignitaries present were Prof. Swarn Singh Jaral, Prof. Surjeet Kumar, Associate Professors NP Singh, Kishore Kumar (Head -AU-1), Romi Kumar and Assistant Professors, Parveen Akther (Head Library and documentation wing) Irvinder Kour and Dr. Sanjeevani, SCERT, Jammu.

While addressing the participants, Joint Director inspired everyone to keep pace with changing time and stressed upon the need to

digitise and automate the Libraries as envisaged in NEP 2020.

The Resource Persons included faculty of JKSCERT and librarians invited from various degree colleges and university.

Dr. Arun Gupta, Dr. Tarsem Singh, Dr. Sudesh Kumar Sharma, Mansha Khajuria and Usha Kumari were among the eminent experts who have contributed in the automation of libraries besides the creation of e-libraries.

SCERT faculty including Jeevan Singh, Ruchi Mohan

and Ashu Magotra also conducted sessions.

The experts provided a deep insight on the application and uses of ICT tools in libraries, innovative practices in library automation and use of e-resources in e-learning, Media and information literacy, Skills and competencies for library professionals and different softwares useful for creation of e-libraries.

The programme was coordinated by Bikram Singh (Academic Officer). Ruchi Mohan (Librarian) assisted in the coordination and

Parshotam Gorla (AO) was the technical coordinator.

The programme was managed by the team members namely Pratibha Jamwal, Dr. Shweta Kohli and Monica Sharma.

On the last day of the programme, participants presented group presentations and also shared their valuable feedback. Valedictory function was graced by Prof. Swarn Singh Jaral, Prof. Surjeet Kumar, Associate Professors N.P Singh, Kishore Kumar (Head -AU-1), Romi Kumar and Assistant Professors, Parveen Akther (Head library and documentation wing), Irvinder Kour and Dr. Sanjeevani, SCERT, Jammu.

N.P Singh urged the participants to disseminate the knowledge and experiences gained in the programme in the field and work on the automation and digitization of libraries as per the vision of NEP 2020.

The programme ended with motivational speech by Kishore Kumar Asso. Professor, JKSCERT Jammu and vote of thanks by Bikram Singh, AO, the coordinator of the program.

People of J&K in complete despair under BJP rule: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing a gathering at Khour.

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KHOUR: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Saturday attributed the delay in the conduct of the Assembly polls to the BJP's "rapidly falling graph among people".

"When they (BJP) can hold urban and local body polls then what is restraining them from holding Assembly elections," he asked, adding "they know they cannot form government on their own".

This was stated by former Minister while addressing impressive public gathering at Khour Constituency organized by Satish Sharma.

On this occasion, newly appointed office bearers of PYC also felicitated.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include

BDC President Praveen Kumar, Prem Singh, Prabhu Singh, Block President Prem Singh, Om Prakash, Des Raj Bhagat, Mohan Lal Bhagat, Vijay Kumar, Madan Lal Pragwalia Divyansh Singh, Sunil Singh, Nirmal Singh, Som Lal Bhagat, Chetan, Harshdev, Uttam Singh Corp, Vishal, Binny, Jyoti, Vikram, Rano Devi besides others.

Addressing largely attended public rally, Bhalla said BJP was perhaps not feeling "politically comfortable" as its "much-hyped pitch about generation of large-scale employment after its historical blunders in J&K did not happen on the ground".

BJP's problems in J&K have increased in the wake of the demolition drive, imposition of

property tax, increasing unemployment and non-regularisation of daily wagers, he said.

Bhalla said that people of J&K will teach BJP a lesson like recent elections in Karnataka, as the ruling party committed great atrocities upon the common people and all sections of society are great sufferers due to the policies of BJP Government.

He said that BJP has let loose a reign of terror from tax terrorism to all sorts of other anti-poor, anti-farmers, anti-youth and anti-trade policies besides looting the local resources after the arbitrary disbanding and downgrading of historic Dogra State of J&K and offering jobs to outsiders at the cost of large scale unemployment in J&K.

KPS Jammu felicitates topper students of community

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) Jammu on Saturday felicitated the toppers of the Kashmiri Pandit community who have cleared the class 12th exams both from the CBSE and JK BOSE this year. Students who have scored above 93 per cent marks were awarded a certificate along with a memento and cash prize.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Kavinder Gupta former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K, Sanjeeta Dogra President Women Wing BJP J&K who along with the Sabha President K. K. Khosa gave away the awards to the toppers of the community.

18 students namely Sahaj Malla (97.80 pc), Tushar Bhat (97.20 pc), Shradha Raina (97 pc), Heeya Pandita (97 pc), Diksha Raina (96.80 pc), Suparsh Pandita (96.80 pc), Ujwal



KPS members and senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta posing with meritorious students.

Kitehloo (96.80 pc), Akansha Bhasin (96.40 pc), Himakshi Vinay (96.20 pc), Argh Raina (96 pc), Riya Razdan (95.20 pc), Ayushi Bindroo (95 pc), Aman Bhat (94.60 pc), Ritishi Pandita (94.40 pc), Khushi Pandita (94 pc), Bhumi Bhat (93.80 pc), Shradha Zutshi (93.80 pc) and Reyansh Sidha (93.60 pc).

President KPS advised the students that being toppers they had added responsibility towards the community as well as the society.

The President also advised the students to remember their duties towards the &K and join such streams which could enable them to remain in the state especially in the valley where comparative peace has returned.

"Students can look for opportunities in higher education and research where there are opportunities of gainful employment within the U.T. With two IIMs, two IITs and more than fifteen universities etc lots of jobs will be available for employ-

ment. This way you will also be able to look after your parents who have made huge sacrifices to help you reach where you are. Another area which many bright youth are looking at is establishing a Startup where GOI is providing greater support so that instead of being job seekers youth can become job providers. And lastly you must not forget that your state also needs your services which you can easily render by joining the civil services," he said.

Kavinder congratulated the students and their parents for their glorious success. He stressed that Children are the torch bearers of this nation and have to strive hard to find and compete at national and international level and glorify both their parents and nation as well.

Sangeeta Dogra stressed that Kashmiri Pandit Community always shown the academic excellence from times immemorial and created a niche at national and international levels for them. She advised the students that though they might go to different places in search of higher education and jobs yet they should be in touch with their parents and never allow them to feel forlorn.

The vote of thanks was presented by G J Kamposi while the programme was conducted by Dr Sujata Sathoo.

10-Day Calligraphy Workshop commences



A dignitary speaking at Calligraphy Workshop at KL Saigal Hall.

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAAACL) has begun on Saturday with a 10-Day Calligraphy Workshop at KL Saigal Hall premises in Jammu.

The workshop was inaugurated by Ashok Khajuria, former MLA in the presence of Rakesh Sharma, Head of Fine Arts Department, IMFA, University of Jammu. At the outset, Dr. Rattan Basotra, Editor welcomed the guests on behalf of

Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAAACL. Raghunita Gupta, Professional Calligrapher and Chairperson of the Calligraphy Foundation gave the introductory lecture. She said that calligraphers could gather, communicate, and exchange, which would build our community.

She was followed by Karambir Singh Rohilla, a Typeface Designer and Typographer with expertise in Latin & Indie Fonts development. Ashok Khajuria laid stress on using mother tongue

Dogri in addition to the National Language Hindi. He also said that modernisation do not mean that we forget our roots. Rakesh Sharma, in his address told about the importance of calligraphy which the new generation do not know. He said that calligraphy connects you to yourself.

About 30 students from IMFA, Jammu, Govt. Women College, Parade, Govt. College for Women, Gandhinagar, M.A.M College, SPMR College of Commerce, Govt College for Engineering and Technology will participate in the 10 days' workshop.

The prominent persons present on the inaugural function were Prof. Rajkumar, Naresh Kumar Udas, Satish Kumar Sharma, Dr. Bansilal, SanjeevBhasin, Sheikh Mohd. Kalyan, Dr. Ashok Khajuria, Amita Mehta, Ram Krishan Dhar and Anju Sharma.

Reeta Kadyal, Asstt. Editor JKAAACL presented the vote of thanks.

Ajaz Kazmi criticises Anvil Cable Pvt Ltd for engaging unskilled workers in installing pre-paid meters in Jammu



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JAMMU: Apni Trade Union J&K President Ajaz Kazmi has strongly criticized Anvil Cables Pvt Ltd for sub-letting its work to the unskilled workers to install pre-paid meters in Jammu City that has resulted into unfor-

tunate fire incidents.

"The workers installing pre-paid meters are unskilled and there is no JEs or PDD to ensure that the work is done in a professional manner so that the possibility of harm to the public and private properties can be reduced," said Kazmi.

He said that it was unfortunate that the fire incidents in two areas have happened because of the unprofessional work done by these workers at 46A/B Gandhi Nagar, Sanjay Nagar, Canal Road, Gumat area.

"The Anvil Company officials are not settling the issue with the people in the above said localities where people have suffered because of the unprofessional work performed by the workers without the supervision of the respective JEs or other professionals," he added.

He demanded compensation for the people whose property got damaged due to blaze and penalty to the Anvil Company for causing damage to the property and posing risk to the lives of the people as well as to the workers.

"These workers can be seen working without protection gears and helmets," he added while warning the company that the people will come on the roads if the compensation is not given to the affected families.

Special awareness session on RTI Act organized at SKPA

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UDHAMPUR: A special awareness session on the Right to Information (RTI) Act was organized at the Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy (SKPA) for the Probationary Deputy Superintendents of Police (Prob. DySPs) who are currently undergoing a one-year Basic Induction Course.

The session aimed to educate and inform the officers about the significance of the RTI Act and its relevant provisions.

Monika Kohli, Additional Advocate General of Jammu and Kashmir/Ladakh High Court, was invited as the guest faculty for this awareness session.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended

by SSP Rajinder Kumar Gupta, Deputy Director (Indoor, Training) of SKPA. He provided a brief introduction about the Probationary DySPs and their comprehensive training curriculum.

During the interactive awareness session, Monika Kohli, provided a comprehensive overview of the RTI Act, emphasizing its importance and discussing relevant sections. She also highlighted the do's and don'ts for government officers and Public Information Officers (PIOs) while providing information under the RTI Act. Furthermore, Kohli shed light on the provisions of penalties for non-submission and delayed submission of information under the RTI Act.

The session witnessed active participation from the Probationary Officers, who raised various queries. These queries were collectively addressed by Monika Kohli and Rajinder Kumar Gupta. The faculty members of SKPA were also present at the awareness session, further enriching the discussions.

The event successfully enhanced the understanding of the Probationary DySPs regarding the RTI Act and equipped them with valuable knowledge to ensure transparency and accountability in their future roles. The Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy remains committed to providing comprehensive training to its officers and facilitating their professional growth.

Opposition should stop filthy politics on land allocation, prioritize identification of landless individuals: Gaurav

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JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, the former General Secretary of Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, has publicly praised the commendable efforts of the Lieutenant Governor for his proactive approach in providing plots to the economically disadvantaged individuals as part of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme. Pertinent to

mention here that the PMAY scheme, launched by the Modi Government, has been instrumental in ensuring affordable housing for all sections of society. Gupta, in a statement issued here today, highlighted the lack of attention given by successive governments in addressing the housing needs of the underprivileged. He criticized the previous administrations for their inaction and



expressed his disappointment that it took so long for the issue to be tackled effectively. Gaurav took a strong stance

against the opposition parties that have voiced their opposition to the government's decision. He urged the opposition to prioritize the identification of landless individuals, as it is their right to have a place they can call home.

He firmly believed that political differences should not come in the way of providing basic necessities to the most vulnerable members of society.

Gupta appealed to the public and relevant authorities to work together in identifying eligible beneficiaries and ensure the successful implementation of the initiative.

He expressed his optimism that this effort would bring about positive changes in the lives of countless families, enabling them to build a brighter and more secure future.

SCI Jammu along with Health Department starts providing cancer screening facilities in Jammu District

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JAMMU: There is an increasing trend of cancer incidence and deaths due to cancer in India and according to Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) study, one in every nine Indians will develop cancer during their lifetime.

The number of cancer cases in the country is projected to go up from 14.6 lakh in 2022 to 15.7 lakh in 2025 (ICMR-NCRP). Recent data of Hospital Based Cancer Registry Jammu has shown that the cases of malignancies in Jammu district are on the rise. In females, Breast Cancer is the most common malignancy followed by Cervical cancer in Jammu District. Cancer of the oral cavity is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in India affecting young and middle-aged population. For cancer prevention, early detection and widespread public awareness remains an integral part as it plays a pivotal role in effectively treating and managing cancer.

In an effort to raise awareness about the importance of early detection and to promote the overall well-being of our community, Preventive Oncology Unit of State Cancer Institute (SCI), GMC Jammu led by Dr Bhavna Langer, Associate Professor Department of Community



Medicine and Nodal Officer Preventive Oncology Unit shall be organising multiple Oral, Breast and Cervical cancer screening and awareness camps in 9 Blocks and urban wards of Jammu District.

These camps shall be conducted on a fortnightly basis to provide easy access to Preventive Healthcare services with the primary goal of detecting potential Pre-cancerous conditions in their early stages and ultimately saving lives. The screening camps will offer comprehensive screening and examination services, facil-

itated by a team of doctors. These camps shall be held in collaboration with Department of Health services Jammu, National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases and National Tobacco Control Programme Jammu.

At these camps, along with the screening of the masses, healthcare facility assessment will also be done and comprehensive training shall be imparted to the healthcare workers to equip them with the necessary skills to effectively screen for oral, Breast and

Cervical cancer. The healthcare workers will receive in-depth training on conducting thorough visual oral examination, Clinical Breast examination and Visual inspection after application of Acetic acid for cervical cancer screening and recognizing warning signs and symptoms of these cancers.

By offering specialized training, Preventive Oncology Unit of State Cancer Institute, GMC Jammu, aims to empower healthcare workers with the latest knowledge and strengthen the skills, ensuring accurate and timely diagnosis thereby enhancing better outcomes, strengthen the overall quality of cancer screening services provided to patients and ultimately contributing to overall well-being of our communities.

The first camp was held on 8th of July 2023, at PHC Arnia in Block Bishnah of Jammu District. At this camp healthcare facility assessment and hands on training of the healthcare staff to screen Oral, Breast and Cervical cancer was provided.

Awareness and screening of the participants was done by a team of doctors from the Department of Community Medicine which included Dr Bhavna Langer, Dr Kamna Singh, Dr Nahida Chowdhary,

Dr Jyoti Bala, Dr Sakshi Manhas, Dr Sumaira, Dr Imran Zaffer, Dr Hemaal Koul, Dr Amani Majeed, Dr Raheel Murtaza and Dr Burhan Hameed.

Dr Shamim Ahmad Choudhary BMO Bishnah and Dr Mridula Singh Nodal Officer NTCP were also present and provided an overwhelming support.

The camp was organised under the guidance and supervision of Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal and Dean GMC Jammu, Dr Rajeev Sharma Director Health Services Jammu, Dr Rajiv K Gupta, HOD Department of Community Medicine, Dr Harbaksh Singh CMO Jammu and Dr Deepak Kumar Dy. Medical Superintendent State Cancer Institute Jammu.

Preventive Oncology Unit of State Cancer Institute, GMC Jammu welcomed community members to participate in these screening camps and those who cannot attend the screening camps, they should get themselves screened for oral/Breast/Cervical cancer at Preventive Oncology OPD at State Cancer Institute Jammu. Early detection can significantly improve treatment outcomes and increase survival rates for individuals diagnosed with pre-cancerous or cancerous lesions.