

Workshop for CBSE school teachers held at MVIS



Resource person Sandeep Sethi, Director Academics Maharaja Savai Man Singh II Trust Jaipur with MVIS management, faculty and students at a workshop.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: A transformative capacity building programme for teachers from CBSE schools of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Akhnoor and Udhampur was conducted under the aegis of Jammu Sahodaya School Complex, Jammu at MV International School.

Sandeep Sethi, Ex-Education Officer CBSE and Director Academics Maharaja Savai Man Singh II Trust Jaipur, was the resource person.

Chairman of the school, Hira Lal Abrol, Director Gourav Abrol and Principal Kundan Lal Dogra graced the occasion. Abhishek Sharma shared valuable insights on the significance of attending workshops. He appreciated that the teachers in large numbers had

attended MV International School to learn and understand new pedagogies. He shared that even though technology has entered into every sphere of life including the teaching learning processes but there is no replacement for the role that teachers play in building aware human beings.

The workshop commenced with a ceremonious lighting of the lamp, followed by a heartwarming welcome song performed by the talented

students of classes 9th & 10th. The school's Principal, Kundan Lal Dogra, delivered a welcome address. Highlight of the program was the interactive skill development program by the resource person, Sandeep Sethi, who had traveled from Jaipur to conduct the programme.

Nearly 150 teachers from 38 prestigious CBSE schools were engaged in lively discussions and shared their experiences, enhancing their

professional growth.

The main aim was to equip teachers pedagogies of experiential learning; theatre in class rooms; graphic novels; developing test series and preparing students for CUET.

The workshop fostered a vibrant exchange of ideas and best practices among educators. Distinguished personalities in the education sector, including Rajesh Rathore, President Jammu Sahodaya School Complex and Principal JK Public School, Jammu and mentor of Jammu Sahodaya K.C.S Mehta, Director principals IDPS Akhnoor graced the occasion, adding to the event's significance.

The capacity building workshop proved to be a resounding success, equipping CBSE school teachers with valuable skills and insights to enrich their teaching practices. The event highlighted the commitment of MV International School to nurturing excellence in education.

Amit holds interactive sessions with faculty, students during maiden visit to Ladakh University



Secretary, S&T Ladakh, Amit Sharma posing with students and faculty of Ladakh University.

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: Amit Sharma, Secretary, Science & Technology, UT of Ladakh on Friday visited Leh campus of the University of Ladakh for an interactive session with the faculty and students.

Prof. S.K. Mehta, Vice-Chancellor of the University, welcomed Amit Sharma by offering khatags.

It is pertinent to mention here this was the first visit of Amit Sharma to the University of Ladakh after assuming charge as Administrative Secretary of multiple departments in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

While interacting with the

faculty and students, Amit expressed his intention to help the University on a large scale and also asked faculty members to develop new innovative projects.

He assured that the administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh led by LG Brig Dr B.D Mishra (Retd) and Advisor Dr Pawan Kotwal would leave no stone unturned to give Ladakh which it deserves since long.

He also shared that soon Science and Technology Council will be established in the UT of Ladakh which shall facilitate more and more customised projects here related

to the local needs and commitments.

Amit spelled several initiatives being taken by UT Ladakh wherein involvement of University of Ladakh would be paramount.

He also urged students and faculty to come-up with novel and innovative ideas for finding solutions to the prevailing problems of Ladakh.

Later, he appreciated the academic and administrative works being carried out under the guidance of Prof. S.K. Mehta, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ladakh and wished University team to achieve more heights for the UT in the times to come.

Two-day workshop held at "Scottish Hall"



Pooja Sharma (Art Therapy Practitioner) and Delight William Kler (Applied theatre Practitioner) posing with others at a workshop.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A two-day workshop was held at the historic and vintage "Scottish Hall" a space for Performing arts, Literary and Educational activities at Residency Road, Jammu. It was a two day workshop which was concluded today. It was a unique and pioneering collaboration especially in Jammu between Pooja Sharma (Art Therapy Practitioner, NLP Practitioner/Life coach and Artist) and Delight William Kler (Applied theatre

Practitioner, Actor, Director D-Drama Academy). The workshop was titled "Main Apni Favourite Hoon" and was all about women celebrating their identities through applied theatre, and creative expression through art, creating a joyful platform for an energetic exploration and exchange of ideas.

Accomplished women of all ages and interests participated each contributing their unique voice to this experience, making it a meaningful one.

Both facilitators are humbled by the overwhelming feedback and appreciation they received from everyone present, realising the potential and space for more such workshops with applied art.

Pooja and Delight, travel where their work and training takes them.

They hope, through their chosen professional modalities, to create awareness, about what a powerful tool Applied Art is (theatre and visual Art respectively) in creating self-awareness and helping children and adults realise their full potential, there by transforming lives.

THDC India Ltd honoured with 'NTPC Rajbhasha Shield (Consolation) Award'

STATE TIMES NEWS
RISHIKESH: R. K. Vishnoi, Chairman and Managing Director, THDC India Limited extended his congratulations to all the employees of the corporation for being honoured with the 'NTPC Rajbhasha Shield (Consolation) Award for the year 2022-23'.

The presentation of the award was a moment with Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh handing over the accolade to Shallinder Singh, Director (Personnel), THDC during the Hindi Advisory Committee meeting of the Ministry of Power held in Delhi on 17 August 2023.

During the event, Sh. Vishnoi emphasized THDC's unwavering commitment to its constitutional and societal responsibilities alongside its core functions. He highlighted the organization's active engagement in diverse areas such as social welfare, rehabilitation,



Power Minister, R. K. Singh handing over award to Shallinder Singh, Director (Personnel), THDC.

training, development programs for project-affected individuals (PAPs), women's empowerment, and community development.

Sharing his thoughts on the occasion, Shallinder Singh, Director (Personnel), expressed immense pride and highlighted the significance of the award as a testament to THDC's dedication to implementing Rajbhasha across its projects and unit offices.

He emphasized the significance of performing daily tasks in Hindi as a tangible demonstration of dedication to the official language.

During this meeting, the

inauguration of Rajbhasha magazines from the various offices and undertakings under the control of the Ministry of Power took place. A special highlight was the release of the June-2023 edition of THDC India Limited's Rajbhasha magazine 'Pahal'.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh, Special Secretary & FA (Ministry of Power), Ashish Upadhyaya, Economic Advisor (Ministry of Power), Jithesh John and Director (Personnel), THDCIL, Sh. Shallinder Singh.

Dy Mayor visits Ward 55, reviews public issues

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria visited Ward 55 Hari Vihar in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency and took stock of the problems being faced by the people. On the spot, the Deputy Mayor immediately directed the officers of the Municipal Corporation to prepare an estimate of the lane and drain of the area. Additionally, he said that extensive road works would be undertaken to improve the overall connectivity within the ward.

He also said to the people about drinking water that the work of laying drinking water pipes would be started soon. He assured the local residents that all their grievances would be resolved and they would be provided with better basic services. Billawaria directed the officials of the corporation to strengthen the sanitation system in the area so that the residents could get clean and hygienic facilities.

Mandal President Ranjit Singh, Pawan Chib, Rajinder Singh (Popi), former Naib Sarpanch Balwan Singh, Joginder Singh, Bodh Raj, Mohinder Katal and other dignitaries were present.



Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria interacting with people.

Suspend Sarore Toll Plaza till NH is restored: Gaurav

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, has called for the immediate suspension of the Toll Plaza at Sarore in light of the recent damage to Tarnah Bridge on the National Highway in Samba district.



Gaurav Gupta speaking at a press conference.

Addressing a press conference at Press Club on Friday, Gaurav Gupta said that the Tarnah Bridge, situated between Dyala Chak and Chadval in Samba district, was collapsed on July 19, 2023 due to incessant rains and flash floods, leading to disrupting vital transportation routes. Gupta emphasized that commuters are currently enduring significant hardships due to the diversion onto an alternate road, which is notably narrow. The rerouting of traffic has resulted in congestion and extended travel times, particularly as the entire traffic load has been redirected to border roads.

He said no one can deny the fact that J&K has witnessed sea change under the stewardship of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. He said Artificial Lake, Jammu Zoo, Retreat ceremony at Suchetgarh Border, Laser & Fountain Show, Replica of Tirupati temple, etc are the major achievements of present dispensation.

Gaurav Gupta called upon Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene promptly and grant relief to the populace by suspending the Sarore Toll Plaza immediately to mitigate the hardships faced by the public until the restoration of the national highway.

He underscored that the suspension of the Sarore Toll Plaza would alleviate the burdens currently borne by commuters and facilitate their movement until the restoration of the national highway is realized.

Sadhotra slams BJP for pushing small traders to wall



Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra in a photograph with Swarnkars at Janipur in Jammu North Assembly Constituency.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior National Conference leader and Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Friday blamed the BJP double engine government for its anti-people policies, saying that the small traders have suffered hugely under its over nine years governance especially post demonetization and introduction of illegal GST regime.

He was interacted with the office bearers of Swarnkar Sanastha Jammu West at Janipur in Jammu North Assembly Constituency. The Swarnkar Sanastha was headed by Surinder Bhasin, Chairman and Ashwani

Babbar President. The interaction was organized by Ramesh Abrol and Gurnam Singh.

Sadhotra expressed solidarity with the swarnkars and marginalized traders and said such an insensitivity on the part of the government had never been comprehended. The daily earners, the Rehrwallas and vendors have been undergoing very tough times due to economic mel-down and wrong policies being pursued by the government at the centre and in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

Sadhotra said all the issues of Swarnkars would be brought to the notice of the

concerned through National Conference President and Member Parliament Dr Farooq Abdullah.

He further added that inflation has crossed alarming portions breaking backbone of the poor, small traders and middle class segments of the society and held the BJP responsible for unprecedented economic crisis across the country.

Those present during the interaction included Dr Rajinder Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Charanjeet Lal, Amit Thothla, Anil Abrol, Rajesh Kumar, Nirmal Kapoor, Mukesh, Aman Mehta, Ravi Kohli, Manav Kohli.

APS Damana organises spectacular Career Fest

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Damana organised a Career Fest on Friday at the Multipurpose Hall of the School. The programme witnessed Ghina Vivek Puri, as the Chief Guest. The event was graced by Pushpinder Kaur, Principal, APS Damana, Lt Col. PS Lata, and Col Sagar D Rai, SO School, Shalhu Kapoor, Vice Principal, Career Consultants from various pres-

Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), National Institute of Fashion Design (NIFD), Amity University, DAV, OP Jindal Global University, Apee Jay University, University of Life, UPES, Vidya Mandir Classes, DIT University, Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Chitkara University and Parul University established their booths at the Career Fest. The motive behind this

tunities, providing them with a clear understanding of how their choices today will pave the way for their success tomorrow.

This Career Fest enabled students to interact directly with representatives from Universities known for their academic excellence, allowing them to ask questions, seek guidance, and make accurate decisions about their future paths. The Chief Guest acknowledged APS Damana's



Students participating in career fest at DPS Damana.

tigious Universities, parents and students of classes IX-XII.

Distinguished Career Advisors from institutions like IIT Jammu, The Institute of

Career Fest was to equip students, particularly those from an army background, with valuable insights into various educational and career oppor-

commitment to holistic education and applauded its efforts in providing a conducive environment for students to explore potential career endeavours.

M.Ed students of GCoE Jammu visit Old Age Home Amphala



Students and faculty of GCoE Jammu at Old Age Home, Amphala.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: M.Ed students of GCOE, Jammu visited Old Age Home, Amphala under the guidance of M.Ed. Coordinator, Dr. Rajinder Kour and Prof. Radhika Mahajan as part of M.Ed Sem 4th Internship curriculum.

The students interacted with the manager of Old Age Home and came to know about the grave menace of a living ones parents is spreading fast in the society. Vinod, the committee member of Home for Aged and Infirm, told the students in detail about

the foundation of HFAI. It was established by philanthropist Ram Nath Prabhakar. It acts as a secure home for the old and infirm. Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal of GCOE also implored upon the students to take a resolution to come forward and deal with such sensitive issue so that all of us can develop a congenial environment and uphold Indian family values. Later on, the students observed the condition of old people and empathized with them. The students also resolved to eradicate this social evil from the society.

FICCI FLO JKL & Scheam India collaborate for Startup Investment Programme - 'Uday: Naya Ummeedon Ki Shuruat'

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant step towards fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, FICCI FLO Jammu Kashmir Ladakh, and Scheam India joined hands to formalize a memorandum for the pioneering startup stage investment program - 'Uday: Naya Ummeedon Ki Shuruat.'

The memorandum was signed by Varuna Anand, Chairperson of FICCI FLO JKL, and Nikhil Gowda Kedambadi from Scheam India in presence of core team of FICCI FLO JKL.

Briefing media persons after



Varuna Anand, Chairperson of FICCI FLO JKL, and Nikhil Gowda Kedambadi from Scheam India after signing MoU.

signing the memorandum here today, Varuna Anand underscored that 'Uday' seeks to invigorate the startup ecosystem by identifying and supporting young individuals with exceptional ideas, empowering

them to translate their concepts into successful ventures. This, in turn, contributes to talent discovery and the strengthening of the economies of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. Elaborating further,

Varuna Anand shared that the 'Uday' Start-up Stage Investment Program is meticulously crafted to identify and nurture talented youth with groundbreaking startup ideas. The program entails offering financial support to selected students whose ideas exhibit the potential for growth and success. Varuna Anand emphasized that the investment program is structured to cater to two distinct categories based on age: students falling within the range of Class 9 to Class 12, and students pursuing undergraduate studies. The primary focus of 'Uday' is to

engage and nurture young entrepreneurs, equipping them with essential resources, mentorship, and financial backing to refine their innovative concepts. This strategic approach aims to inculcate an entrepreneurial mindset from an early age, fostering a culture of creativity, problem-solving, and sustainable economic growth within the targeted regions, she added.

Among those who were present in the press conference included Ruchika Gupta, Aarti Chowdhary, Sona Mehta, Pooja Gandotra and Mona Saraf.