

Justice Tashi celebrates Teachers' Day at Bal Niketan

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JAMMU: To commemorate the celebrations of Teachers Day and International Day of Charity, DLSA Jammu in collaboration with Global Peace Organization on Tuesday organized an awareness cum felicitation function at Bal Niketan Ved Mandir, Amphalla here.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Tashi highlighted the importance of Teacher's day and recalled the selfless services rendered by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan as a Philosopher, Scholar, Vice Chancellor of different Universities, first Vice president and Second President of Independent India. Justice Tashi impressed upon the students to follow the path shown by their teachers in order to prosper in life.

Giving details about the celebration of International Day of Charity, Justice Tashi said that to acknowledge the services rendered by one of



Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, HC of J&K and Ladakh and others at Bal Niketan Ved Mandir, Amphalla.

the greatest philanthropist of the modern world namely Mother Teresa, the United Nation General Assembly passed a resolution in the year 2012 to celebrate 5th September every year as International Day of Charity and since then this day is observed in the whole world as such.

Justice Tashi remarked that the best way for a teacher to do charity is by imparting education and knowledge those children who are unable

to get education, because of poor economic conditions. While congratulating the teachers of the Ved Mandir on being awarded Commendation certificates in recognition of their services, he urged them to work tirelessly to ensure that the children living in the said home are not left behind in this world, where competition is becoming tough day by day. He also hoped that the management and the staff of the Ved Mandir shall continue its great work which this

institution is doing for more than a century.

Principal District & Session Judge (Chairman, DLSA Jammu), Sanjay Parihar, in his welcome address gave a brief account of the purpose of organizing such an event at Bal Niketan to celebrate Teachers Day and International Day of Charity.

During the programme, Commendation Certificates were distributed among the teaching and non-teaching faculty of the Ved Mandir in recognition of the contributions made by them towards the lives of inmates of the said home. Justice Tashi also distributed appreciation certificates and gifts amongst the meritorious children.

The inmates on the occasion also performed Ved Vandana.

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta; Secretary DLSA Jammu, Snriti Sharma; Shafiq Ahmad, President Global Peace Organization alongwith other office bearers, Panel Lawyers, members of Child Welfare Committee Jammu and Para Legal Volunteers were also present on the occasion.



Sapna Kotwal visits Pahari Boys, Girls Hostels in Kupwara



Secretary, J&K Board for PSP, Sapna Kotwal with students and others at Govt. Girls Pahari hostel at Kupwara.

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KUPWARA: Secretary, J&K Board for Pahari Speaking People, Sapna Kotwal on Tuesday paid a visit to Govt. Boys and Girls Pahari hostels at Kupwara.

During the visit, the Secretary reviewed the status of facilities being extended to the students in these hostels besides interacting with the stu-

dents and staff there.

She also took stock of the quality of education being provided to the students at both the hostels. She received feedback from parents and PRIs to improve the facilities to be provided to the boarding students.

The Secretary issued on the spot directions to the Hostel Administrations to provide essential basic

facilities to the students residing in both the hostels and further asked them to improve the educational standards.

Secretary was accompanied by Chairperson BDC, Fareed Ahmad Khan; Warden, Firdous Ahmad Khan; Sarpanch, Mohd Khurshid Mir; Abdul Hamid Wani, Statistical Officer and parents.

DI administers pledge on 'Bhrashtachar Mukht' J&K to DIPR employees



Director Information, Minga Sherpa administering pledge on 'Bhrashtachar Mukht' J&K to DIPR employees and officers.

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SRINAGAR: Director Information, Minga Sherpa on Tuesday administered the pledge on 'Bhrashtachar Mukht' J&K to DIPR employees and officers at

Media Complex here.

On the occasion, the officers and employees pledged to continuously strive to bring about integrity and transparency in all spheres of their activities. They also

pledged that they shall work unstintingly for eradication of corruption in all spheres of life. More so, they also pledged that they shall do duty conscientiously and act without fear or favour.

Vikas gets Doctorate in Architecture

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JAMMU: Vikas Bhola, son of O P Bhola and Lata Bhola, a resident of Channi Himmat in Jammu has been declared qualified for award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Architecture by NIT Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh.



He worked on the topic 'Eco-Framework for Religious Tourism of Trikuta Hills: Study of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Mandir, Katra' under the supervision of Prof. (Dr) Minakshi Jain and Dr Inderpal Singh NIT Hamirpur.

During his research, Vikas also published two papers 'Importance of Water at Pilgrimage Holy Town, Mata Vaishno Devi Katra' in international journal of Landscape Planning and Architecture, and 'Waste Management Model for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Pilgrimage Holy Town, Jammu, India' in International Journal of Innovative Research in Technology.

Presently, he serves as senior expert consultant on different projects in the country funded by World Bank, Landscape expert for Srinagar Smart City under Fortress Infracon Limited and doing research on sustainable development through landscape managing and designing in a way that promotes environmental conservation, social equity, and economic viability.

Yasha Mudgal reviews progress of various initiatives of Cooperative sector



Commissioner Secy Cooperatives Department, Yasha Mudgal chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives department, Yasha Mudgal on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review progress on different initiatives of cooperative sector across Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Mohammad Akbar Wani; Additional RCS, Jammu/Kashmir; Director, Finance besides other senior officers and officials attended the meeting both in person and

virtually.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations and discussions were held on various issues pertaining to Co-operative department.

Registrar Co-operative Societies J&K briefed the chair about the various initiatives carried out in the Co-operative sector. The meeting was informed that the Cooperative Department is registering Cooperative Societies and Cooperatives on-line through a portal developed by NIC.

The meeting was also informed that Jan swachatta abhiyaan Village is being launched in September 2023.

The Commissioner Secretary directed the Deputy Registrars to ensure participation of Cooperative societies/ cooperatives in the swachatta campaign. She delved on them that the required targets of holding awareness camps and training as per deliverables need to be attained during the campaign.

The Commissioner Secretary further asked them that Action Plan for Tribal Cooperatives has to be got prepared through Tribal Affairs Department as envisaged in the deliverables on priority. She also asked the officers that the Cooperative Societies/ cooperatives having

suitable land need to be encouraged to avail benefit of the scheme.

Mudgal called upon the officers that preparation of developmental plan for the FY 2024-25 shall commence at grass-root level in the month of September. She asked them to ensure that Cooperative Plan is embedded in the Panchayat Plan which will subsequently form the part of District Plan.

The Commissioner Secretary further asked them that the initiative of having one PACS in every Panchayat has to be taken up vigorously. She also asked them that registration of new PACS in uncovered Panchayats and splitting of existing PACS having coverage over more than one Panchayat need to be carried out simultaneously.

The meeting was informed that the portal of cooperative super bazaars has been developed recently for popularizing products sold by cooperatives and also manufactured by cooperatives.

Additional RCS, Kashmir gave a power point presentation regarding developmental initiatives being taken in Cooperative sector in Kashmir Division.

LG addresses Foundation Day ceremony of JU, inaugurates Community Radio Station Education is journey of endless exploration, learning: Sinha

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the Foundation Day Ceremony of the University of Jammu, on Tuesday.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students of the university on the occasion and highlighted the key role being played by the Higher education institutions like Jammu University in all-round and speedy development of the nation.

"With several landmark initiatives such as 'Design Your Degree' and 'College on Wheels', Jammu University is making an immense contribution to brighten J&K's image globally in research, innovation and economic development," the Lt Governor said. He said the futuristic approach of the University and the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 have ensured the best academic practices and top-class skilled workforce to meet future challenges. The Lt Governor impressed upon the higher education institutions and the teaching community to promote independent thinking, creativity, research and new inventions in the campus. All the inventions of the world, all the institutions that have been formed, all the new ideas that have become possible in the humanities, are products of someone's imagination. The prime objective of every University should be igniting that imagination in young minds, he said. "Education is the journey of endless exploration and learning. It is the responsibility of teachers to innovatively set up a system in their classrooms to encourage new ideas, provide clear goals and inculcate dedication, confidence, optimism and curiosity for the journey ahead," the Lt Governor said.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha addressing Foundation Day ceremony of JU.

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In the last three years, our higher education institutions have made efforts to eliminate the barriers that exist between departments, tried to make the curriculum more flexible to promote lifelong learning, and continue to reinvent the classroom concepts, encouraging mentoring rather than teaching, the Lt Governor added. Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu gave an overview of the key initiatives taken by the university.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor was conferred with Shikshan-Kul Gaurav Samman by Higher Education Institutes of J&K. At the University, the Lt Governor inaugurated the Community Radio Station of Jammu University - 91.2 FM-Dhwani JU. This radio station will play a key role in Jan-Bhagidari, strengthen the education ecosystem, connect with the society and it will generate awareness about various

issues concerning the common man, he said. University of Jammu also inked a Memorandum of Understanding with IIM Jammu that will help in fostering the advancement in the key areas ranging from teaching, research, and cultural understanding and promoting entrepreneurship, innovation and incubation.

A book titled "Applied Solid State Physics" published by Wiley and authored by Prof Rajni Kant was released. Former and working employees of the University were also felicitated for their meritorious services.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Padma Shri Prof. JS Rajput; Padma Shri Mohan Singh; Padma Shri Balwant Thakur; Alok Kumar; Principal Secretary, School & Higher Education, Vice-chancellors of various Universities, Directors IIM, IIT Jammu, senior officials, faculty members and students of the Jammu University were present.

Tibetan Parliamentary delegation calls on Bukhari to seek his support to Tibetan cause



Tibetan Parliamentary delegation calling on JKAP President S.M.A Bukhari.

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Tibetan parliamentarians met with Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari to brief him on the long-standing violations of fundamental and human rights faced by the people in Tibet. They explained the historical background of the Tibetan dispute and its occupation, urging the Apni Party President to openly support their cause. The Tibetan parliamentarians, including Dawa Tsering, Yeshe Dolma, and Tenpa Yarphel, are presently on an advocacy tour in Srinagar. They held a meeting with Apni Party's president at the party's headquarters in Srinagar, during which they presented a memorandum to Bukhari. The party's Senior Vice President Ghulam Hassan Mir was also present. The memorandum reads: "Tibetan people have been traumatized by systematic violations of their most fundamental human rights and threats to their distinct cultural and national identity since the People's Republic of China (PRC) invaded Tibet in 1949. Over the last seven decades, the situation in Tibet has been deteriorating to the extent that it is now facing the imminent threat of cultural genocide and total annihilation of Tibetan identity." Bukhari patiently listened to the delegation members and assured them that his party and its leadership would always stand for the fundamental and other rights of people worldwide. He stated, "Apni Party stands for democracy, democratic values, and the protection of fundamental and human rights guaranteed to everyone by the UN charter in each and every country."

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SRINAGAR: As a major step towards realizing its digital banking objectives, J&K Bank launched the first phase of its new mobile banking app Mpay Delight + to provide 'Bank-in-a-Pocket' experience to its customers.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash formally launched Mpay Delight + on Tuesday in presence of General Managers, Deputy General Managers and senior officers of the Bank here at the Bank's corporate headquarters.

While congratulating the participants for the new application, MD & CEO J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash said, "Today I am happy to see that the first-phase of Mpay Delight + is in our pockets and well ahead of the timeline. With the new app we have overcome the most severe pain-point in our banking services while covering an important milestone



MD & CEO Baldev Prakash launching Mpay Delight + app on Tuesday.

in our digital journey to ensure ease-of-banking for our valuable customers."

"The second phase will be completed by December this year with all the necessary digital banking features like online journeys for loans, deposits and investment product line. Thereafter, the customer won't have to go to branch any more as all the core functions of the branch

will be managed on Mpay Delight + with much ease and efficiency," he added.

In his remarks on the occasion, MD & CEO further said, "Best quality products and timely delivery of services are the two critical components of a good strategy that enables organizations to thrive in any kind of competition. And when it comes to banking, the new-age cus-

tomers is not ready to compromise on either of the two."

He urged the entire staff to promote the app aggressively so that the Bank's valuable customers can enjoy the ease, convenience and safety of managing their bank accounts anytime, anywhere without any hassles.

"With so many digital initiatives of the Bank currently in 'work-in-progress' stage, I assure all our stakeholders that J&K Bank will be one of the digitally best banks in the country by the end of current financial year", he asserted while appreciating the entire team of Mpay Delight + for their hard work in devising a highly competitive and feature-rich mobile banking application.

"All of us should continue to do the good-work as a team because the new-age banking calls for more of an advanced and integrated mode of functioning possible only through team-work", he added.

Earlier, in his welcome address Bank's General Manager (Strategy & IT) Imtiyaz Ahmad gave an overview of the new application along with its features. He said, "Our previous application has 2 million users which makes it evident that of all the digital banking channels, J&K Bank's mPay is the mostly used platform by the common people. Today, as of now, the Mpay Delight + has already been downloaded by 1 Lakh Ten thousand users."

"And with enhanced features and ease-of-function, I am sure we will cross the 2 million mark sooner than we expect after this formal launch", he added.

The function ended with a vote of thanks presented by the DGM (IT & BPR) Mohammad Muzaffar Wani, wherein he expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries for sparing their valuable time besides thanking organisers of the event. "It might look a

very small tool or app that every other bank has. But for us, Mpay Delight + will be a vehicle for achieving our digital transformation goals and it is going to help us in scripting a new business growth story of the Bank", he said.

Notably, Mpay Delight + is a state-of-the-art mobile banking application with an intuitive and user-friendly interface, making it easy for customers to navigate and access various banking functions. Some of the prominent features include easy account/s management, debit card management, utility bill payments, mobile deposits, alerts and notifications, loyalty management, Chatbot etc. The app has robust security measures in place such as encryption, biometric authentication (like fingerprint or facial recognition), and two-factor authentication (2FA) to protect user data and transactions.