

J&K Teachers Forum calls on Principal Secretary SED J&K

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SRINAGAR, JULY 26: In a significant move towards addressing the pressing issues within the education sector, a high level delegation from the J&K Teachers Forum (JKTF), led by Chairman JK Teachers Forum and National Vice President of AISTF, Mohammad Ameen Khan, held a detailed discussion with the Principal Secretary of the School Education Department (SED) J&K, Shri Alok Kumar (IRS). The meeting focused on various critical issues facing the teaching community and the overall educational landscape in J&K.

Worthy Principal Secretary Shri Alok Kumar (IRS) commended Chairman M. Ameen Khan for his persistent advocacy of genuine and relevant issues through a well-defined manner. He congratulated Mr. Khan on securing the affiliation of AISTF, a renowned country wide organization, which marks a significant milestone for JKTF.

On this occasion, M. Ameen Khan praised SED J&K under the leadership of Alok Kumar (IRS) for making extraordinary decisions to improve the quality of education and streamline various components. The meeting discussed the issues like confirmation of left out lecturers, ZEOs, Principals and CEOs, transfer policy of G2 and G3. Uniform distribution of teaching staff in all schools.

The delegation, which included General Secretary Shaheer Ahmad Bhat, President Women's Wing Mymoon Khan, Provincial President Mr. Hameedullah Trumbo, and the Chief Spokesperson JKTF Mir Bashir Ahmad, also highlighted several key concerns to Shri Alok Kumar (IRS). These included the promotion of ministerial staff, teachers, masters, headmasters, and lecturers, and the urgent need to fill vacant DDO posts across J&K.

M. Ameen Khan expressed sincere gratitude to the Principal Secretary for the "One Time Exemption" benefit scheme for teachers and called for the timely settlement of this issue. He also requested exemptions for senior female teachers and teachers with lifelong diseases and underlying medical conditions from postings in Zone 5, advocating for more transparency in the process. Additionally, Mr. M. Ameen Khan highlighted the vacant JD North post, South and central, which has caused financial losses for teachers waiting for conversation from G3 to G2.

Commending the Directors of School Education Jammu and Kashmir, Khan noted their serious efforts to clear promotion cases of teachers. He emphasized the need to fill the maximum number of master posts in one go.

M. Ameen Khan lauded the educational improvements across J&K, attributing the highest ever pass percentages in 10th, 11th, and 12th class board exams to the dedicated efforts of the J&K administration, led by Hon'ble LG J&K Shri Manoj Sinha, Advisor to Hon'ble LG Shri R.R. Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary J&K Shri Atal Dulloo (IAS), and Principal Secretary SED J&K Shri Alok Kumar (IAS). He also praised the hard-working teachers for their contributions to achieving educational excellence. The Principal Secretary appreciated M. Ameen Khan's leadership and assured prompt action on the issues raised. He congratulated Mr. Khan and his team on their affiliation with AISTF, a reputed trade body known globally, and expressed his desire to visit Mr. Khan's native district. The delegation presented a memorandum to the Principal Secretary, expressing hope for due consideration of their demands.

BJP Kashmir Commemorates the Death Anniversary of Dr. Kalam



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JAMMU, JULY 26: A press conference was held at the BJP Head Office in Kashmir to mark the death anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the 11th President of India and a renowned scientist, which will be observed on 27th July 2024. The press conference was addressed by prominent BJP leaders including Bhat Imtiaz, Sheikh Bashir, Adv. Sajid Yousuf, Amarjeet Singh, and Harbinder Singh.

During the press conference, the leaders highlighted the remarkable life and contributions of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, fondly known as the "Missile Man of India" for his pivotal role in India's civilian space program and military missile development efforts. They emphasized Dr. Kalam's enduring legacy as a visionary leader, an exceptional scientist, and a humble human being who inspired millions across the globe with his words and deeds.

Bhat Imtiaz stated, "Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's life is a beacon of inspiration for every Indian. His dedication to the nation, his scientific achievements, and his commitment to education and innovation have left an indelible mark on our country. On his death anniversary, we aim to honour his memory and spread his message of peace, knowledge, and progress."

Sheikh Bashir added, "Dr. Kalam's vision for a developed India continues to guide us. Through various programs and initiatives, we strive to keep his spirit alive and work towards realizing his dream of a prosperous and self-reliant India."

Adv. Sajid Yousuf Shah emphasized the importance of youth in nation-building, a cause Dr. Kalam passionately advocated for. "Dr. Kalam believed in the power of youth to drive change and innovation. It is our responsibility to motivate and guide the younger generation to follow his footsteps and contribute to the nation's growth," he said. Amarjeet Singh and Harbinder Singh announced that various programs will be held across all districts of Kashmir on the 27th of July to commemorate Dr. Kalam's death anniversary. These programs will include educational seminars, discussions on his life and works, and the distribution of fruits to spread his message of generosity and compassion.

The leaders also called upon citizens to participate actively in these events and pay tribute to a man whose life was dedicated to the service of the nation and humanity. The BJP Kashmir extends an open invitation to all to join in the remembrance of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and take inspiration from his extraordinary life and achievements.

Kaith, others welcome Baba Swarnjit Singh of Tapsthan Gurudwara Manji Sahib at Chohala

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JAMMU, JULY 26: With Baba Swarnjit Singh of Tapsthan Gurudwara Manji Sahib, Himachal Pradesh (Gaddi Baba Wadhwa Singh Ji Maharaj) reached his native village Chohala today. Baba Ji was accorded a grand reception by R.L. Kaith, Vicky Kaith, Ramesh Chand, Janak Raj, Rakesh Kumar, Dhian Chand and others, who were overwhelmed to have a look at their Master who they love so dearly. Baba Ji met with each and every devotee who had come to welcome him. During the visit, Baba Ji participated in a satsang. While addressing, he said, Today there is a need to bring a modern change in every individual because due to lack of change the society.

Tarun Chugh, others address BJP Tridev, Morcha Sammelans

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JAMMU, JULY 26: Continuing with its extensive drive to connect with the people and the party activists at the ground level, Bharatiya Janata Party held Tridev and Morcha Sammelans at the Assembly Constituencies level across the region.

Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari J&K BJP addressed the Tridev Sammelan in Ramban. Sunil Sharma BJP General Secretary, Pawan Khajuria, J&K BJP vice-President, Rajeshwar Kumar, District President, Neelam Langeh, SC Morcha President, Puran Chand, Sham Katoch, Ramesh Sharma, Rakesh Thakur, Balbeer Bali, Jagdeep Thakur, Narayan Chand, Ravinder Singh, Jagveer Dass and others were also present.

In SC Sammelan organized in RS Pura Jammu South Constituency of District Jammu South, Former Minister Bali Bhagat was the main speaker. Former Minister Sham Choudhary, Vikram Randhawa, District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, DDC Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, DDC Vidhya Mottan, Sat Pal Pappi, Akash Chopra, SC



Morcha District President Umesh Kumar also spoke in the Sammelan.

In OBC Sammelan organized in RS Pura Jammu South Constituency of District Jammu South, Former Minister Sham Choudhary, District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, OBC Morcha State President Sunil Prajapati, Morcha State Prabhari Brahmjyot Satti, Morcha District President Rampaul, Akash Chopra, Mandal President Vikram Sandhu, Morcha Mandal President Tarsem Mehra DDC Vidhya Mottan, SatPal pappi and others addressed the Sammelan.

In BJYM Sammelan at

Doda West Assembly Constituency, J&K BJP Vice-President Shakti Raj Parihar, District President Doda Babu Ram, Pawan Sharma Prabhari Doda, BJYM District President Doda Ravinder Thakur and others addressed the Sammelan. In Kisan Morcha Sammelan District Jammu Border, Ex. Dy. Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria was the main speaker. BJP District President Sunil Dutt Shastri, Ex. MLA Ashwani Sharma, Kisan Morcha District, District Prabhari Rajinder Singh Chib, President Ragbir Singh, Kisan Morcha Gen. Sec. Rakesh Pant addressed the Sammelan.

In SC Sammelan Jammu East, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, Parmod Kapahi District president, SC president Neelam Langeh, Morcha District president Chaman Lal and others addressed the Sammelan. In OBC Morcha Sammelan Ramnagar, Former MLA Ramnagar Adv. RS Pathania was main speaker. DDC Jattu Ram, Rajinder Sharma, Mohinder Singh, Naresh Bhagat, Sham Lal Verma, Sagar Verma District President OBC Minority Morcha.

In Minority Morcha Sammelan at Dak Bungalow Bhaderwah, Dalip Parihar ex MLA, Manjeet Razdan ex Distt President, Kosar Natnoo

District President Minority Morcha, Mubasher Azad, Firdos Bagwan State Secretary Minority Morcha and others addressed the Sammelan.

In Minority Morcha Sammelan at Paddar-Nagseni Assembly Constituency in District Kishtwar, BJP District President Kishtwar Chuni Lal Shan, J&K BJP Minority Morcha Secretary Shakir Giri addressed and others addressed the Sammelan.

In Minority Morcha Sammelan at Banihal Assembly Constituency in District Ramban, BJP District President Ramban Rajeshwar Kumar, J&K BJP ST Morcha President Choudhary Hussain Roshan addressed the Sammelan.

In Kisan Morcha Sammelan in RS Pura Jammu South Assembly Constituency, J&K BJP Senior leader & BJYM Prabhari Munish Sharma, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, J&K BJP Kisan Morcha President Sarbjit Singh Johal addressed and others addressed the Sammelan.

In Rajouri, Kisan Morcha Sammelan was addressed by Rakesh Raina State working committee

member, District President Dinesh Sharma, Sourav Sharma Mandal President Dhangri, Vivek Sharma District President Kissan Morcha and others addressed the Sammelan.

In ST Morcha Sammelan at Marh Assembly Constituency, J&K BJP ST Morcha Prabhari Haroon Choudhary, BJP District President Jammu North Omi Khajuria addressed the Sammelan. In ST Morcha Sammelan at Bani Assembly Constituency, General Secretary ST Morcha J&K BJP Mukhtar Choudhary addressed the Sammelan.

In Kissan Morcha Sammelan, Jammu East & West organized at Booth no 62 Pouni Chak, former Minister Sat Sharma, former MLC Ch Vikram Randhawa, district President Parmod Kapahi and others addressed the Sammelan.

In Mahila Sammelan Chenani, Neha Mahajan, General Secretary Mahila Morcha was the main speaker. Nisha Mahajan, District Vice-President, Mahila Morcha District President Arti Sharma, DDC Pinky Devi, Incharge Mahila Sammelan, Vyant Gupta, Gayatri Devi, Shajia Banoo and others addressed the Sammelan.

AESL celebrates 15 'glorious' years of ANTHE; announces launch of ANTHE 2024; offers up to 100% scholarships, cash awards for class VII-XII students

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JAMMU, JULY 26: Marking 15 glorious years of its flagship scholarship examination ANTHE, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces the launch of the latest edition of the highly anticipated Aakash National Talent Hunt Exam (ANTHE) 2024. The popular and most-sought after exam offers students from Class VII-XII the chance to earn up to 100% scholarships along with significant cash awards, helping them achieve their dreams of a successful career in medicine or engineering. This year, an exciting addition includes a 5-day all-expenses-paid trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA, for five outstanding students. The John F. Kennedy Space Centre, located in Florida, is one of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) ten field centres in the United States. ANTHE scholarship recipients will benefit from Aakash's extensive coaching programs, which prepare students for exams such as NEET, JEE, State CETs and scholarships like NTSE and Olympiads. Mr. Deepak Mehrotra, CEO and MD of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), remarked, "ANTHE has



played a crucial role in bridging the gap between the aspirations and abilities of countless students. Celebrating these 15 years of ANTHE, we have worked to make our courses accessible to deserving students across the nation, regardless of their location. ANTHE enables students to prepare for NEET and IIT-JEE exams at their own pace, wherever they are. We anticipate strong participation in ANTHE 2024 and are dedicated to guiding students towards a bright future. "Celebrating its 15th successful year, ANTHE has a distinguished record of nurturing top achievers. Over the years, many of its students have excelled in prestigious examinations, including top ranks in NEET UG and JEE Advanced. Some notable achievers who enrolled in Aakash through ANTHE and secured top ranks are: Rishi Shekhar Shukla (JEE Advanced 2024 AIR 25); Krishna Sai Shishir (JEE

Advanced 2024 AIR 67); Abhishek Jain (JEE Advanced 2024 AIR 78) among others. In NEET 2023, our top scorers were Kaustav Bauri (AIR 03); Dhruv Advani (AIR 05); Surya Siddharth N (AIR 06); Aditya Neeraja (AIR 27) and Aakash Gupta (AIR 28). ANTHE 2024 will take place from October 19-27, 2024, in both online and offline modes across 26 states and union territories in India. In addition to scholarships of up to 100%, top scorers will also receive cash awards. ANTHE offline exams will be conducted on October 20 and 27, 2024 starting 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM at all 315+ centers of Aakash Institute across the country while online exams can be taken from October 19 to 27, 2024 anytime during the exam window. Students can choose a one-hour slot convenient to them. ANTHE will be a one-hour test carrying a total of 90 marks and comprising 40

multiple-choice questions based on the grade and stream aspirations of students. For Class VII-IX students, the questions will cover subjects such as Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Mental Ability. For Class X students aspiring for medical education, the questions will cover Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mental Ability, while for engineering aspirants of the same class, the questions will cover Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Mental Ability. Similarly, for Class XI-XII students who aim for NEET, questions will cover Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology, while for engineering aspirants they will cover Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. The last date for submitting the enrolment form for ANTHE 2024 is three days before the commencement of the online exam and seven days before the offline exam. The exam fee is INR 200 for both offline and online mode. Students can also avail a flat 50% discount on the registration fee if they register before 15th August 2024. Results for ANTHE 2024 will be declared on November 08, 2024, for Class X students, November 13, 2024, for Class VII to IX, and November 16, 2024, for Class XI and XII students.

Sadhotra assails BJP's Double Engine Sarkar's massive Power Crisis in Jammu

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JAMMU, JULY 26: Castigating the BJP's Double Engine Sarkar for depriving the people of even the minimum basic necessities, especially during the ongoing humid and scorching monsoon across Jammu region, Former Minister and National Conference Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra today expressed serious concern of erratic power supply and drinking water scarcity.

In a statement, he said the unscheduled and frequent power cuts have become a norm that results in breakdown in water, little water supply remains available in the Jammu City occasionally and at times after days together.

He described the laxity of the so-called Double Engine Sarkar in meeting the requirements of the people as highly deplorable and inhuman, saying the concerned departments cannot shirk their responsibilities so casually. Amidst the unbearable humidity and frequent downpours, the government's inability to manage the power supply is causing immense hardship to the people, especially as the unscheduled power cuts have become a daily ordeal, disrupting lives, businesses, and essential services, he added.

Sadhotra referred to the vulnerability of the people, including the elderly and those with health conditions aggravated by the heat and humidity. He also referred to the statement of a senior official, asking the Power Development Department to ensure hundred percent electricity in smart metered areas and better the supply in other places and called it most insensitive diktat, amounting to discrimination with sections of the society. How can a government think in such terms, he asked and said such administrative tantrums were unacceptable, as the people of all categories, smart metered or otherwise, are equally suffering due to callousness of the government.

On the one hand, there is acute shortage and frequent unscheduled cuts of power and on the other hand, people are being given huge electricity bills under the garb of smart meters. In view of scorching heat and humidity, proper electricity supply is ensured as scarcity of power also affects the drinking water and Irrigation water. He alleged that anti-poor policies of the Double Engine Sarkar have created hell for the poor people.

Sadhotra urged the government to realise its responsibilities and take immediate steps to resolve the power crisis. It is the government's duty to provide power and caution the concerned departments not to test the patience and resilience of the suffering masses.

Workshop on Soft Skill Development concludes at SKUAST-Jammu



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JAMMU, JULY 26: The Career Development Center (CDC), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu, under the aegis of ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad, organized a four-day workshop on Soft Skill Development for students. The workshop culminated in a valedictory function graced by Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, as the chief guest.

In his address, Prof. Tripathi underscored the significance of such workshops in enhancing students' soft skills, crucial for excelling in both social and professional spheres. He highlighted the current era's demand for strong communication skills and empha-

prehensive lectures on self-organizational skills, career-launching skills, career enhancement skills, and twenty-first-century skills. Topics covered included communication, critical thinking, self-management, time management, goal setting, and resume writing, ensuring students are well-prepared for job applications and interviews. The workshop also emphasized teamwork, empathy, and public speaking, aiming to develop well-rounded individuals ready for the professional world.

Earlier, Dr. Sanjay Guleria, HR Executive Officer, Career Development Center, SKUAST-Jammu, and Organizing Secretary of the workshop, welcomed the dignitaries and presented the workshop report. The event was attended by Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director of Research; Dr. Anil Kumar, Registrar and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; Head of the Divisions; faculty members, and students. Dr. Vinod Kumar conducted the proceedings, while Dr. Bupesh Kumar presented the vote of thanks.

GDC Udhampur Commemorates War Heroes on Kargil Vijay Diwas

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JAMMU, JULY 26: NCC Cadets, 2 J&K Girls Battalion and 2 J&K Boys Battalion, of GDC Udhampur commemorated the supreme sacrifices made by our Kargil War heroes. In a series of events, including a guest lecture on the theme "Kargil Ke Veeron Ko Salaam" by Hony Capt Koshal Kumar Sharma, screening of a documentary on the Kargil War, Plantation Drive, and floral tribute to the war heroes at Dhruva Shradhangali Park, Udhampur.

The whole programme was organised under the able guidance of the worthy principal of the college, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma. On 25th July 2024, the lecture was delivered by retired Hony Capt Koshal Kumar Sharma. The event began with a formal welcome of the guest, Hony Capt Koshal Kumar Sharma, by the worthy principal of the college. During his welcome address, the principal paid his heartfelt thanks to the speaker, and appreciated the ANO Prof Vijay Kumar, and NCC Cadets of the college. While reflecting on the Kargil War and its aftermath



repercussions, the principal brought into light the courage, patriotism and sacrifices of our soldiers.

During his lecture, Capt. Sharma shared his heart wrenching lived experiences of the Kargil War. He said that it was very challenging to counter the enemies hiding at the top of steep rocks coupled with harsh weather conditions. Sometimes, stones shooting downward would take the shape of sharp weapons and wounded many Indian soldiers.

Despite all the difficulties and adversities, our soldiers, including Capt. Vikram Batra, Grenadier Yogendra Yadav and many other Bravehearts led to an unprecedented victory over Pakistan. He advised the NCC cadets to join the Indian armed forces and

serve the nation with utmost honesty and sincerity. Among faculty, Prof. Babu Lal Thakur, Prof. Suresh Dogra and Prof. Ashok Sharma were also present on the occasion. A formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Vijay Kumar. In another event, followed by the guest lecture, a documentary on Kargil war was screened wherein more than 70 NCC cadets and college staff were present. It was followed by a plantation drive during which more than 50 saplings were planted by the dignitaries, faculties and NCC cadets.

On 26th July 2024, NCC cadets, 2 J&K Girls Bn and 2 J&K Boys Bn, accompanied by ANO Prof Vijay Kumar, paid floral tribute to the Kargil war heroes at Dhruva Shradhanjali Park, Udhampur.