

CUJ organise weeklong Camp SAGG Eco Village Kashmir

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Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu under the aegis of its fieldwork unit organized a week long Social Work Camp at SAGG Eco Village, Watlar Ganderbal in collaboration with Human Welfare Voluntary Organisation. This initiative as part of the compulsory fieldwork immersion training aimed to provide students with practical exposure and learning opportunities in diverse areas of social work practice.

The success of this event was made possible through the invaluable patronage and leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain whose principle of learning by ensuring that students are being brought out of their classrooms and immersed into the real world settings. The social work camp was attended by 23 students of the post-graduate programme of social work along with three research scholars and three field members.

The camp was coordinated by Dr. Bhat Iqbal Majeed, Director Fieldwork, department of social work under the supervision of HoD, Dr. Nancy Mengi.

Apart from introducing the students to the rural settings, the social work camp ensured that students are trained through in-house sessions at the camp place. The two sessions on capacity building were held for the students besides arranging the rural on site field visits in various groups to different sites of practice. The students were divided into three groups which were first briefed about the child protection mechanism by the UNICEF officials at the HWVO office and then taken for a grassroots visit. Two groups visited the village settings to witness the child protection groups' formed in those villages and one group visited the child care institutions. Apart from this the whole team of so-

cial work also visited the department of social work, university of Kashmir. The students from Central University of Jammu and social work students from University of Kashmir had thorough interactions and shared their ideas regarding the fieldwork undertaken in their respective locales. The Social work camp concluded with a brief visit to the Meer Behri, a fisherman community located in the interiors of Dal Lake, Srinagar. Throughout the camp, students engaged in a variety of enriching activities designed to broaden their understanding of social issues and enhance their practical skills. Sessions included orientation programs led by department faculty and scholars, capacity-building

workshops on social entrepreneurship, livelihood, and leadership conducted by SAGG Eco Village, as well as exposure sessions on pertinent topics such as "The Period Talk" facilitated by Zahida and Shahbaz from SKY Trust Kashmir. Culminating with cultural activities and certificate distribution, the camp was a resounding success, providing students with invaluable exposure and learning experiences. The Department of Social Work extends its heartfelt gratitude to all supporting organizations, including SAGG Eco Village, SKY Trust, Human Welfare Volunteer Organisation, and the University of Kashmir, whose contributions were instrumental in making this event possible.

Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal celebrates 55th Foundation Day

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Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Prant in collaboration with Central University of Jammu and Government College for Women, Parade, Jammu celebrated the 55th foundation day of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal in the auditorium of GCW Parade on 29th April, 2024.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, and president Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu Kashmir Ladakh Prant released the poster for Research Paper Writing Competition.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, BOPEE Chairman was the chief guest of the event whereas Brig. Rohit Kumar (Retd.), Dr. Jaspal Kaur, Akhil Bhartiya YuvaAyam, SehPramukh of BSM; Mr. Islam Khan, Assistant Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; Swami YagyadhraNandji, Sachiv, Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu were Guests of Honour.

Prof. Sandhya Tiwari, Dean, School of Languages, Central University of Kashmir delivered the special talk on Research for Resurgence. The program began with the recitation of Mission statement of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal and Saraswati Pujan followed by the formal welcome address by the Vice President of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Prant, Prof. Vandana Sharma who gave an overview of the five fold



framework of the activities of BSM pertaining research, awareness, orientation, training and team building. Moreover, Prof. Sharma introduced the research paper writing competition on Vision for Viksit Bharat for students and scholars at National Level.

The Chief Guest Prof. Minu Mahajan lauded the efforts of BSM JKLP in organising events to raise awareness about the Indianisation of Teaching and Research. The Keynote speaker Prof. Sandhya Tiwari dwelt at the significance for research for resurgence in India. She shared her experience of identifying lacunae

of existing corpus of research especially in IKs and highlighted the importance of having research acumen among the scholars. The Guest of Honour Dr. Jaspal Kaur gave a detailed overview of the idea objectives and rules and regulations underscoring the methodology of research paper writing competition. Swami YagyadhraNandji made an enlightening address about vision for Viksit Bharat vis a vis teachings of Swami Vivekananda.

Sh. Islam Khan underscored the relevance of value education to be imparted to the youth of India for Viksit Bharat. Brig. Rohit made an

exhaustive presentation about what vision for Viksit Bharat entails.

The convener of the event Prof. Sharma thanked the illustrious speakers for their gracious presence particularly Prof. Ravinder Tickoo, Principal, GCW for his support. Dr. Neelika Arora, Associate Professor, Central University of Jammu presented the formal vote of thanks and Dr Vandana Sharma Dept. of Hindi conducted the proceedings. Dr Sham Singh Kotwal, Pramukh Yuva Ayam, JKLP, Mr Anirudh PrantVistarak, Prof. Bharat Bhushan and various other members attended the celebrations.

CS reviews progress on implementation of multiple reforms in Transport Deptt

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today reviewed implementation of different reforms in the Transport Department.

Besides Secretary Transport and IG Traffic, the review meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Finance; Secretary PWD; MD RTC; Director Motor Garages; Joint Transport Commissioner; Regional Transport Officers and other concerned officers in person and virtually.

The Chief Secretary sought a precise brief about the progress achieved, so far, on different initiatives being taken up by the department from time to time to streamline its overall functioning. He asked about the progress made, inter alia, in clearance of backlog driving licenses to be dispatched to the applicants.

Dulloo also asked about the initiatives being taken up by the department towards traffic management on roads. He took note of the action initiated by the officers against repeated offenders of traffic rules and called for stern action against habitual violators, including cancellation of Driving Licenses or Registration Certificates of their vehicles.

The Chief Secretary assessed implementation of Transport Subsidy Scheme and enquired about the response of transporters towards it. He had a detailed discussion on various novel initiatives aiming at reforming and transforming the transport sector in the UT. He enquired from the concerned officers about the progress made in ITMS based bookings meant for bringing respite to commuters, installation of Vehicle Location Tracking Platform (VLTP), ITMS for rural areas, City Surveillance System and Integrated Road Safety Database for marking dark spots leading to accidents on roads.

Regarding framing of different policies for smooth functioning of the department, Dulloo sought status report on formulation of Registered Vehicles Scrapping Policy, Electric Vehicles Policy, Accident Victim Fund, implementation of recommendations of SC Committee on Road Safety and reconstitution of Road Safety Committees.

Reviewing working of JKRTC, the Chief Secretary asked about the impact of inclusion of new bus fleet for the travelling public, especially in unconnected rural areas. He enquired about the cost and earnings of the running JKRTC Buses/Trucks.

Secretary Transport, Neeraj Kumar, in his presentation, threw light on different aspects of working of the department. He informed the meeting about the performance of the department till date besides highlighting different

plans in pipeline. The meeting was also informed about the physical status of Transport Bhawan being raised at Bemina in Srinagar, 95 percent work of which is completed.

Regarding progress on the Institute of Driving, Training & Research (IDTR), Kot Bhalwal, Jammu and Inspection and Certification Centre (ICC) at Samba, it was revealed that the work is going on in full swing and likely to be completed within the stipulated time frame.

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JKAACL dedicates 34th Balidaan Diwas to Amar Shaheed Sarwanand Koul Premi

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The Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) organized the 34th Balidaan Diwas in tribute to the esteemed poet, Amar Shaheed Sarwanand Koul Premi, at K L Saigal Hall, Writer's Club Jammu.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, was the chief guest on the occasion.

During his address, the Chief Secretary emphasized the importance of honoring the legacy of Premi ji by following his path in true spirit. He highlighted the significance of recognizing and celebrating the contribution of artists and poets towards preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

The session commenced with address by Rajinder Premi followed by Principal Secretary Culture,

Suresh Kumar Gupta and Secretary JKAACL, Sanjeev Rana, who offered high tributes to the literary legend, Amar Shaheed Sarwanand Koul Premi.

The event witnessed presence of distinguished personalities and enthusiasts who celebrated the profound contribution of late poet to the cultural tapestry of the region.

The session culminated with vote of thanks by Rajinder Premi. Following the inaugural session, another captivating paper reading session followed, featuring insightful presentations by the eminent scholars.

Professor P N Trisal

delved into a comparative analysis of Sarwanand's translation of Bhagwat Gita alongside other translators while Vinod Kumar Pandita presented a poignant paper titled 'Sarwanand Koul Premi: A Poet of Love and Harmony', and R L Jowhar shared 'Views of Different Scholars, Critics and Writers about Late S N Koul Premi' in Kashmiri.

The session was graced by the presence of Professor Rattan Lal Hangloo, former VC of Allahabad University, who shed light on the literary accomplishments of Sarwanand Koul Premi.

Professor Rattan Lal

Shant presided over the session while Arwind Karwani, Commissioner Relief and Rehabilitation, graced the event as chief guest.

The poetry session featured esteemed poets including B N Betab, P N Shad, A K Naaz, Santosh Shah Nadaan, J K Bezaan, Ashok Gowhar, B N Abhilash, Dolly Tickoo, Moti Lal Masroof, Tej Sagar, Dildar Mohan, Rajinder Agosh, Vijay Wali and Kusum Dhar, who mesmerized the audience with their poignant verses.

A musical tribute to the poetry of Amar Shaheed Sarwanand Koul Premi captivated the audience.

Secretary Health chairs Executive Committee meeting of State Health Society, NHM

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Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, today chaired Executive Committee meeting of State Health Society, National Health Mission, regarding execution of approved activities under State Programme Implementation Plan for FY 2024-25 and other related issues.

The Secretary, while reviewing the budget allocation for various schemes, stressed upon reducing out of pocket expenditure at public health facilities through proper implementation and availability of funds for various welfare schemes under Ma-

gramme Implementation Plan and budget sheets for 2024-25 and other related issues.

He had discussion on various issues regarding the welfare and career progression of NHM employees.

Dr Abid Rasheed directed the concerned for strengthening the existing process of recruitment at district and UT level to bring more transparency in the system and avoid litigations.

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The meeting was attended by Principals of Government Medical Colleges, Jammu/ Srinagar, Director (Budget), Finance Department, Director Finance H&ME, Managing Director J&KMSCL, Director Health Services, Jammu/ Kashmir, Director AYUSH, Director Rural Development, Kashmir, Director Planning, H&ME, Additional Secretaries, H&ME, Controller, Drug Control Organization, Director Planning, NHM, Joint Director, Planning, H&ME, FA&CAO, SHS, NHM, representative from Planning and ICDS departments, Programme Managers and other officers from State Health Society, NHM.

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today reviewed progress on providing Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to the beneficiaries under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) across the districts of J&K.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Mission Director, JJM, Chief Engineers of Jal Shakti Jammu/Kashmir besides other senior officers of the department.

The Chief Secretary enquired about the status of Panchayats fully covered under the mission and households certified as 'Nal se Jal' during the 3rd party evaluation. He took stock of work progress on different schemes and asked for completion within the given deadline of June, 2024.

Dulloo also enquired about the status of issues raised in the last meeting. He exhorted upon the Engi-

neers of the department to be proactive in the field and closely monitor the quality of works. He asked the Superintendent Engineer and Executive Engineers to visit the sites for proper supervision and timely completion.

The Chief Secretary had PHE division wise appraisal of allotted, under execution and completed works till date across all districts of the UT. He also enquired about the scheme wise performance of the department.

He asked about the moni-

toring of water quality of completed schemes besides assessing the feasibility of labs established by the department for this purpose. He asked for imparting necessary training to the Pani Samities and those who would run these schemes in the villages as per guidelines of the Mission.

ACS Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, presented a detailed outline of the progress made in implementation of this mission in the UT. He revealed that till date the Mission has achieved 78%

of its target. He gave scheme-wise allotment for each division of the department.

Besides, the JJM authorities presented details about Har Ghar Jal certified Panchayats/villages. They also gave the status of testing done in their labs established across the districts. It was added that the testing is being done by the Schools, Anganwadi Centers and village women through use of Free Testing Kits (FTKs) made available to them by the Department.