

Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanad Dev Tirthji Maharaj meets Lt Governor

JAMMU, MARCH 17 : Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanad Dev Tirthji Maharaj today met the Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

Shankaracharya Swami ji discussed with the Lt Governor about the promo-



tion and preservation of spiritual and cultural heritage of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor sought the blessings of Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri Adhokshajanad Dev Tirthji Maharaj for the peace and prosperity of the people of J&K UT.

Lt Governor releases "Kartavya Marg", Annual In-house Magazine of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Evam Vedic Sansthan

JAMMU, MARCH 17 : Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, released "Kartavya Marg" - the annual in-house magazine of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Evam Vedic Sansthan at Raj Bhawan today.

The publication edited by Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailakh Jyotish evam Vedic Sansthan Trust features a number of research-oriented articles

written by renowned Sanskrit scholars and young researchers.

Mahant Rohit Shastri also shared his thoughts on further strengthening the efforts for the promotion, development and enrichment of Sanskrit.

The Lt Governor congratulated the editor, contributors and the publishing team. He said Sanskrit has a treasure of knowledge in Science, Mathematics, Arts and



Humanities and such publication will enrich Sanskrit Studies. Sh Ankush Sharma,

Prof Sharat Chander Sharma, and Sh Deepak Gupta were also present on the occasion.

Former Minister, former MLA, President JKNPF, JKSSB Aspirants call on Lt Governor

JAMMU, MARCH 17 : Er. Abdul Ghani Kohli, former minister called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today.

The former minister apprised the Lt Governor various developmental issues of district Rajouri including road connectivity. He also discussed welfare issues of Gujjar Bakerwal community of district Poonch.

Sh Balwant Singh Mankotia, former MLA met Lt Governor and discussed on promoting cooperatives in district Udhampur, among

other local developmental issues of district Udhampur.

(JKNPF), also called on the Lt Governor and put forth the

Governor and put forth the demand of expediting the selection process of the PSI exam conducted recently (December 2022) and timely completion of other exams of JKSSB. Adv. Altaf, Chairman Municipal Council Ganderbal also called on the Lt Governor and projected various developmental issues of Ganderbal area.

The Lt Governor while interacting with the visiting individuals and members of the delegation assured them of appropriate redressal of the genuine issues and demands put forth by them.



Earlier, a delegation led by Sh. Sheikh Muzaffar, President, Jammu & Kashmir

Nationalist People's Front

public issues and demands of district Anantnag.

Later, a delegation of JKSSB PSI aspirants met Lt

Bhupinder Kumar reviews progress on development works in B&J hospital, Jammu

JAMMU, MARCH 17 : Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, today reviewed progress on developmental works being executed in the Bone and Joint Hospital Jammu besides discussing strategy for early operationalization of the hospital. A detailed presentation was made by the Principal, GMC Jammu, delineating physical and financial progress on works in Bone & Joint Hospital, Jammu besides Action Plan for operationalisation of the hospital. Secretary emphasized that

the OPDs, Indoor Services, Physiotherapy Services and Elective Surgical Services should be made operational

of patients who move outside the UT for orthopedic and trauma related treatments. Further, other facilities shall



in the Hospital by first week of May-2023. He said that early operationalisation of Bone and Joint Hospital, shall cater to a large number

be gradually developed over a period of time in a phased manner for making it a "State of Art Institute", he added. Instructions were also

issued to the concerned to make all adequate provisioning for radiology and other Diagnostic Services and operational aspects of the hospital.

The meeting was attended by Principal GMC Jammu, Director Finance, H&ME, Director Coordination New GMCs Jammu, Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Managing Director JKM-SCL, Deputy Director Planning H&ME, Nodal Officer (Coordination) Bone & Joint Hospital Jammu besides other senior officers of H&ME Department.

Secretary reviews implementation of National AIDS Control Program

JAMMU, MARCH 17 : Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar today reviewed implementation of National AIDS Control Programme by the J&K AIDS Control Society (JKACS) in the region.

Project Director, J&K AIDS Control Society, informed that National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), MOH&FW, Government of India, has mandated JKACS for implementation of National AIDS

control programme in J&K. He gave a detailed presentation on various aspects of working of JKACS besides holding discussion on annual action Plans and measures for containment of AIDS in the Union Territory.

It was apprised that J&K AIDS Control Society has recently conducted PMPSE (Programmatic Mapping and Population Size Estimation) in the UT for identifying and mapping the High Risk Group (FSW, MSM, TG and IDU) population. Secretary

appreciated J&K AIDS Control Society for securing 3rd Position at national level, in research component for identifying new hotspots of high risk group population. He emphasized that although, the adult HIV prevalence in the UT of J&K is very low, efforts should be continued for proper awareness besides screening and testing of population especially among High Risk Group. Further, it must be ensured that all the HIV patients are brought under treatment through Anti

Retroviral Therapy (ART), he added.

Bhupinder stressed upon the need for exploring the possibilities of providing free ration to the HIV patients for which J&K AIDS Control Society was asked to moot a proposal for taking up the matter with the appropriate forum.

Among other officers of Health & Medical Education Department, the meeting was attended by Director Finance, Additional Secretary, Health and Joint Director Planning.

Advisor Bhatnagar chairs AGMs of SCST&BC Corporation

Reviews performance, functioning of the Institute

JAMMU, MARCH 17 : Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today chaired 26th to 43rd Annual General Meetings (AGMs) of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, (SCST&BC) Corporation at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda; Managing Director SC, ST and BC Corporation, representatives from finance, Planning, shareholders of the Corporation and other concerned departments both in person and through video conferencing.

During the AGM, Advisor held detailed deliberation on financial position of the Corporation and also reviewed various aspects related to overall growth of

this corporation.

The AGM which was held after a gap of eight years took some significant decisions for improving the overall health of the corporation.

The AGM adopted the

for which it has been established.

Meanwhile, Advisor Bhatnagar also reviewed the performance and functioning of the SCST&BC Corporation.



accounts of the corporation which were pending till date since a very long time.

Advisor Bhatnagar, who is also the Chairman of Corporation, advised the management of Corporation to hold the AGMs on timely and regular basis so that the corporation can work effectively and reach to its zenith

Addressing the officers, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that the SC, ST, BC Corporation has been able to make a significant difference in the lives of the marginalized communities by providing them with financial assistance for education, housing, and entrepreneurship. He asked the management of

corporation to facilitate the people of marginalized communities especially the youth so that the desired objectives of corporation are achieved.

Advisor, during the meeting, also identified several areas for improvement, including the need for better outreach and awareness programs to ensure that the intended beneficiaries are aware of the schemes and their eligibility criteria. He also stressed on effective management of corporation, streamlining its loan approval process and addressing the issues of delayed disbursement and procedural complexities.

Highlighting the role of Corporation, Advisor Bhatnagar said that though the corporation is working tirelessly, there is a need for continuous improvement to ensure that its benefits reach all eligible beneficiaries.

Secretary Tourism holds introductory meeting with tourism stakeholders of Kashmir

Lists stakeholder consultation, tourist feedback, idea exchange as way forward to scale up the tourism sector

Srinagar, March 17 : Secretary, Tourism & Culture, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah today chaired a marathon introductory meeting with representatives of various segments of the tourism sector of Kashmir valley at TRC, here today.

This was the first such interaction of Dr. Abid Rasheed after assuming charge of the Tourism Department recently.

During the interaction, representatives of all segments of tourism trade including Kashmir Houseboat Owners Association, Hoteliers Club, KHARA, KHAROF, NTTA,

PILTOF, TAFI, DTOK, ADTOI, TAAI, shikara unions, representatives of tourism stakeholders from Pahalgam, Gulmarg and Sonamarg, travel bodies including TAAK, TASK and other such organization working in the tourism trade were present.

Interacting with the stakeholders, the Secretary Tourism underscored the need for upscaling the standards of the tourism industry of Kashmir, given its reach and scope. He said J&K is world famous for its hospitality and the tourism products offered need to be global in standard and scale.

Appreciating the role of the local stakeholders in promoting Kashmir tourism worldwide and the synergy attained between the Department and the tourism players, the Secretary Tourism assured all support to them in addressing their genuine issues and grievances.

He said he believes that constant and structured consultations on issues are the way to work out solutions and enhance the standards of the tourism sector. He also laid stress on taking tourist feedback and idea exchange between the stakeholders and the Department which he

termed was critical to the further growth of the sector in an environment of global competition.

In their remarks, the representatives of tourism stakeholders hailed the taking over of Dr. Abid Rasheed as the Tourism Secretary hoping that many of their issues would get resolved through his prompt, innovative and on ground interventions as seen in his previous assignments in the Government.

Managing Director, JKTDC, Minga Sherpa; Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb and other officers were present on the occasion.

One day training programme at Urja girls hostel SKUAST Chatha Jammu

Jammu, Mar. 17 : A training programme on "Processing and Value addition of Ragi millet" was organized by Division of Post Harvest Management SKUAST Jammu Chatha at Urja girls hostel SKUAST Jammu, Chatha on 17th March 2023.

Dr. Neeraj Gupta Associate Professor (PHM) coordinator of training programme welcomed students.

Dr. Anju Bhat Professor (PHM) discussed the importance of processing and value addition of millets. Dr. Neeraj Gupta and Dr. Monica Reshi Assistant Professor (PHM) gave practical demonstration on value addition of ragi into malt and



ladoo and their potential into various other processed products.

Dr. Shilpa Sood Professor, Veterinary pathol-

ogy R. S. Pura (Warden) presented vote of thanks.

IIM Jammu inks a pact with Estonian Business School, Estonia for Academic & Research Exchange

JAMMU, MARCH 17 : Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the internationally renowned Estonian Business School for Academic and Research Exchange. The MoU was signed by Director IIM Jammu, Prof BS Sahay and Rector Estonian Business School, Prof Meelis Kitsing, in the presence of Dean

Academics, Prof Jabir Ali; Chairperson of International Relations, Dr Sarbjit Singh and Co-Chairperson of International Relations at IIM Jammu, Dr Somu Gorai.

The MoU signing began with a welcome by Dr Sarbjit Singh followed by an overview of IIM Jammu by Prof Jabir Ali and an overview of Estonian Business School by Prof Meelis Kitsing.

During the MoU signing ceremony, Prof BS Sahay, expressed his optimism about the collaboration with Estonian Business School. He said that it is a positive step towards absorbing best practices in research and teaching from top business schools worldwide.

Prof Meelis Kitsing, Rector of Estonian Business School also spoke at the event and gave an overview

of his institution. He mentioned that collaboration between both institutes will help develop competence in key areas ranging from development of educational and training programmes to long-range planning and institutional development.

Prof Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics at IIM Jammu also spoke on the occasion and gave an overview of IIM Jammu.

Indian Army organised Career Counselling Session at Govt Senior Secondary School Keri, Akhnoor

Jammu, Mar. 17 : To motivate and guide young children of Keri Village, an educational campaign and counselling session was conducted by the team of Indian Army at Govt Senior Secondary School, Keri, where children were given an insight of different career options and means to accomplish them. The gesture by the Indian Army was positively appreciated by the School and also by the Sarpanch of the village.

Meanwhile, in keeping with popular aspirations of the youth of the region, Indian Army initiative to conducted Stitching and Tailoring Course at Marhot, Poonch. The course conducted in collaboration with National Skill Development Centre, trained 25 women in stitching & tailoring. During

the closing ceremony, certificates were provided to the trainees, to assist them in seeking employment or establishing their own ven-

ture in future. The participants acknowledged the efforts of the Indian Army towards providing them with vocational skills and improving their employment prospects.



Meanwhile, in its efforts to connect with and simulate

the young minds of future generation, Indian Army organised a drawing competition for the children of Bhardiya Vidya Mandir at

of art, thus drawing their vision of a modern and well developed state. The competition ended with prize distribution for the winners, with consolation prizes among all participants. The children were overjoyed to participate in such a creative event.

Meanwhile, Indian Army conducted a basic computer skill course for students of Govt Senior Secondary School, Jourian border areas of Akhnoor (J&K). To motivate and impart knowledge to students of Potha and Ratnapur Village, a Basic computer course for duration of a month was organised and conducted in line with the educational campaign. The gesture by the Indian Army was positively appreciated by the Parents of the students and also by the villagers and Sarpanch.

First withdraw property tax notification, then discuss with stakeholders : Amit Kapoor

Jammu, Mar. 17 : Aam Aadmi Party's Jammu provincial vice-president Amit Kapoor has demanded that the LG administration should first withdraw the property tax notification and then hold a meaningful discussion with the elected representatives, local bodies and stakeholders. He accused the government of misleading and fooling the innocent people of Jammu and Kashmir in the guise of seeking suggestions from people only to cover up its failure to follow due process of law in levying property tax.

Aam Aadmi Party's provincial vice-president Amit Kapoor said this while addressing a press conference in Jammu. He accused the administration of the Union Territory, headed by the Lieutenant Governor, of failing miserably on all fronts. He

said that the Central Government is claiming that places with tourism potential in Jammu and Kashmir will be developed as per international

standards but nothing is visible on the ground in the border areas including various areas of Jammu division. While there are many areas in Jammu division which have solid potential to attract tourists and the government needs to pay attention to develop infrastructure in these areas.



Referring specifically to

border tourism, the senior AAP leader said that today the famous Gharana Wetland of Jammu region, which is the abode of migratory bird species in winter, is in a pathetic condition at present. He said that there is a need to pay attention to this but the government is not bothered about it.

Kapoor asserted that there has been virtually no development in the rural and border areas as a result of which the people have remained the

worst victims of the government's apathy. He said that people are troubled due to irregular power cuts in other areas including Jammu city. The most trouble is being faced by the children whose examinations are going on. Apart from this people do not have availability of civic amenities like drinking water, irrigation system and other medical facilities. On the other hand, the promise of raising border battalions for the border youth proved to be a big joke and they have been betrayed by the administration. He demanded the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to initiate measures for setting up of Police Border Battalions by starting a recruitment drive at the earliest in the general interest of the youth especially living in the border areas.