Fleet review

President Droupadi Murmu, Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi during the International Fleet Review in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday. Murmu said the Indian Navy is vigilant in safeguarding the country's maritime interests and is contributing to stability across wider maritime commons. ANI

SC orders interim stay on forcible exhumations in Chhattisgarh

Amid plea over tribal Christians' burial rights

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THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday ordered an interim stay on the forcible exhumation of bodies in Chhattisgarh while hearing a plea that alleged that tribal Christians in the state were being denied the right to bury their dead in their villages and that those already buried were being forcibly shifted.

Issuing notice to the state government on the public interest litigation (PIL) filed by the Chhattisgarh Association for Justice and Equality and Others, a bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta ordered, "In the meantime, it is provided that no further exhumation of buried bodies shall be permitted."

On January 27, 2025, the Supreme Court had delivered a split verdict on a plea seeking permission to bury a deceased Christian pastor in the village graveyard or on his private agricultural land in the state.

While Justice B V Nagarathna stated that the petitioner be permitted to bury his father in his private land, Justice S C Sharma had held that through procedures pertaining to last rites and ceremonies fall under fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution, no citizen has an "unqualified right claim that such right(s) would encompass the unqualified right to choose the "place" of such ceremony (including burial)...".

However, given that three weeks had already passed since the death and the body was in the mortuary, the two judges had agreed that the body be buried in a designated burial ground for Christians in Karkapal village, 25-30 kms from his hometown.

On Wednesday, Senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves, appearing for the petitioners, said the split verdict is being misused by the state to stop the burials of tribal Christians even in places where there is no dispute at the local level.

The PIL urged the court to declare that all persons, irrespective of their religion, caste or SC/ST/OBC status, will be free to bury their deceased in their villages and to direct all gram panchayats in the state to demarcate specific areas in villages for burials.

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Democratising AI, respecting sovereignty

working on, India may also mention a charter for AI diffusion in a "democratic" way, the official said. This could be a voluntary and non-binding framework, but would focus primarily on "promoting access to foundational AI resources," while "respecting national laws," the official said.

As such, promotion of open-source AI services are also likely to feature in the upcoming Delhi declaration, a signal which counters AI development in the West, where frontier models like OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Gemini are proprietary services.

"Open-source AI applications and other accessible AI approaches and wide-scale diffusion of AI use cases can contribute to scalability, replicability, and adaptability of AI systems across sectors," the official said.

India may endorse the development of a voluntary platform to facilitate exchange of learning, knowledge, and scalable practices to advance AI adoption for social empowerment. It could also recommend the creation of a platform to connect scientific communities and pool AI research capabilities across regions.

India is also likely to nudge countries to recognise, in the declaration, the development of voluntary and non-binding "Trusted AI Commons," a collaborative platform consolidating technical resources, tools, benchmarks and best practices that all can access and adapt to their contexts. Along with it, a "Global AI Impact Commons" could also be developed, which would be a voluntary initiative that provides a platform to encourage and enable the adoption, replication, and scale-up of successful AI use cases across regions. The official said that the key idea behind why Delhi would push for the democratising narrative is because the government sees AI having the potential to "genuinely uplift all sections of society by enabling individuals to access knowledge, cross-border AI solutions, information, services, opportunities and enhancing participation in social and economic activities".

India is also expected to address AI's growing energy needs and is likely to insert language in the declaration reflecting the importance of developing energy efficient AI systems, and a redoubled focus on renewables to power this effort.

Noting that the promise of AI would require equipping individuals with relevant skills by expanding AI human resource development, Delhi may also endorse specific initiatives on education, AI workforce development, training of public officials, enhancing public awareness of AI capabilities, increasing AI literacy as well as upgrading vocational and training ecosystems.

There also could be voluntary guiding principles for reskilling and a playbook on AI workforce development.

Google subsea cables to link India-US

extraordinary trajectory with AI, and we want to be a part of it," he said in a media briefing.

"For countries like India, AI presents a chance to leapfrog age-old gaps and create new opportunities. These also happen to be the places where we see the greatest adoption and optimism for AI technologies, which I don't think is a coincidence," he said. He was present at the briefing along with Demis Hassabis, CEO of Google DeepMind.

Last October, Google had announced it will invest $15 billion over five years to set up an AI data centre in Andhra Pradesh, in what would be its biggest investment yet in the country. The tech giant has partnered with the Adani Group and Airtel to build the infrastructure for the project, which also includes the construction of a new international subsea gateway.

Pichai also announced that Google DeepMind, the company's AI research arm, will partner with Indian government bodies and local institutions on frontier AI capabilities. In a press release, Google said the company will partner with the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) to facilitate the adoption of AI models to advance science. "We're providing access to our frontier AI for Science models, including AlphaGenome, AI Co-scientist and Earth AI," it said. It also announced a partnership with Niti Aayog's Atal Tinkering Labs to incorporate robotics and coding into local curricula, integrate Gemini into teacher workflows, and build a "safely guardrailed AI assistant for students".

"In the global AI transformation, India is showing exceptional leadership in applying the technology to tackle its own biggest challenges. But India is going even further, playing a critical international role by convening this week the fourth global AI summit of governments, companies and civil society. International dialogue and collaboration will guide positive impacts and create the global frameworks required to prepare society for a future with AI," Google DeepMind said in a statement. Google announced the $30-million Google.org Impact Challenge: AI for Science, an open call for researchers, nonprofits, and social enterprises in India, and around the world, using AI to achieve scientific breakthroughs. Selected awardees will also be able to participate in a Google.org Accelerator, receiving engineering support, mentorship, and infrastructure from Google DeepMind and Google Research to turn their concepts into scalable discoveries.

AAP sarpanch shot dead

Villagers said Harbrinder was an active member of the ruling AAP and a close associate of Punjab cabinet minister Laljit Singh Bhullar.

The incident comes nearly a month after another sarpanch and AAP leader, Jharmal Singh of Valtoha village in Amritsar district, was shot dead during a marriage function.

Jarnail Singh had arrived at the venue to attend a wedding when unknown gunmen suddenly entered and opened fire. A video footage retrieved from the wedding hall show two attackers coming from behind and shooting him on the back of the head. The firing caused chaos at the ceremony, with guests scrambling for safety.

Later, police arrested two shooters and five other accused.

The killing took place even as the Punjab government is conducting the second phase of its anti-gangster drive, "Gangsteran Te Vaar".

Door closes on Muslim quota in education in Maharashtra as state scraps 2014 policy

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THE MAHARASHTRA government on Tuesday scrapped a decade-old resolution linked to the 2014 Muslim quota plan in education, sparking a political war of words, with the Opposition calling it anti-minority and the BJP dismissing it as an unimplemented Congress "appeasement" stunt announced ahead of elections.

The state's Social Justice Department has withdrawn a 2014 Government Resolution that allowed around 50 identified Muslim communities to obtain caste verification and validity certificates under the Special Backward Category-A (SBC-A), effectively closing the last administrative route to reservation claims in education.

Defending the move, Social Justice Minister Sanjay Shirsat said the reservation was announced by the Congress "just ahead of the elections" to appease voters, but the required legal and administrative steps were never completed.

Meanwhile, the Opposition on Wednesday attacked the Mahayuti government's move, calling it "anti-minority" and questioning the need to withdraw a quota framework that had lapsed years ago. The NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar) said the decision showed the BJP did not value Muslim leaders within its party and allies. "It also shows that these Muslim leaders won't get justice from the BJP," spokesperson Clyde Crasto said. AIMIM leader and former MP Imtiaz Jaleel also criticised the move, alleging that the ruling party did not want Muslim youth to rise topositions like IAS and IPS officers.

The decision also terminates all previous resolutions issued on the subject, bringing a formal closure to a policy first introduced in 2014 but never fully implemented. In November that year, the Bombay High Court had upheld the principle of allowing reservation for Muslims in government and government-funded educational institutions, even as the ordinance later lapsed.

The demand for Muslim reservation in Maharashtra took institutional shape in 2008 when the then Congress-NCP government set up a committee under retired IAS officer Mehmood ur Rahman to study the socio-economic condition of Muslims in the state.

After five years of study, the committee reported that nearly 60 per cent of Muslims in Maharashtra were below the poverty line. Representation in government jobs stood at 4.4 per cent and only 2.2 per cent of the community were graduates. The panel recommended 8 per cent reservation in state employment, education and housing, arguing that affirmative action was necessary to address structural backwardness.

Acting on the findings, the Congress-NCP government in July 2014 issued an ordinance granting 16 per cent reservation to Marathas and 5 per cent reservation to Muslims in government jobs and government-run educational institutions.

The Muslim quota did not apply to the entire community. Instead, it created a Special Backward Category-A (SBC-A) and included around 50 identified socially and educationally backward Muslim communities, largely comprising groups such as weavers, butchers, oil pressers and the fisher folk. Individuals from these communities were required to obtain caste and caste validity certificates.

The decision was challenged in the Bombay High Court. In its judgment on November 14, 2014, the court struck down Maratha reservation, but allowed 5 per cent reservation for Muslims in education.

The bench said: "We are accordingly satisfied about the existence of (an) exception of compelling or extraordinary circumstances for exceeding the reservation ceiling limit of 50% by another 5% in so far as reservations to state owned or aided educational institutions are concerned." It emphasised the broader constitutional goal of mainstreaming disadvantaged communities: "Interim stay of provisions in the impugned Ordinance providing for reservations of seats in educational institutions will certainly impede the process of drawing the Muslim youths into the mainstream of secular education in the State."

Though, the ordinance was not converted into a permanent law within the constitutional time frame and was allowed to lapse on December 23, 2014, after the BJP came to power in the state. While the government pursued legal remedies to restore Maratha reservation, no legislative effort was made to preserve the Muslim quota framework. As a result, the 5 per cent reservation in education ceased to operate and the Government Resolution issued under the ordinance gradually lost effect.

After the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi government came to power, the issue resurfaced briefly. In February 2020, Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik informed the Maharashtra Legislative Council that the government would bring a law to provide 5 per cent reservation to Muslims in educational institutions. However, within a week, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray clarified that no such proposal was under consideration.

The latest Government Resolution formally revokes all directions and administrative processes linked to the earlier policy, including issuance of caste and validity certificates under SBC-A for Muslim communities.

(with PTI inputs)

Bangladesh signals reset in ties with India after boycott of T20 World Cup

strained diplomatic ties. "You know that because of diplomatic complications, we could not play in the World Cup. If those issues had been discussed and settled earlier, our team might have participated," he said. Following its election victory, the new Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) government has indicated that it wants to recalibrate ties. Besides, there is a sense in Dhaka that the interim government under Prof Mohammad Yunus mishandled the situation by boycotting the World Cup. Although there is resentment over Mustafizur's exclusion from the IPL, and India for what is perceived to be an inappropriate response, the boycott decision is being seen as counterproductive.

Meanwhile, the Sports Minister also questioned the legitimacy of the recent BCB polls, indirectly questioning the standing of board president Aminul Islam. "Regarding the cricket board election, I have said before and I still say that it was questionable," Haque said.

"Look, this matter is regulated by the ICC. Within the framework of the law and regulations, whatever needs to be done will be addressed through discussions. After sitting down and reviewing everything properly, I will comment further," he said.

The Daily Star also reported that the BCB president Aminul Islam Bulbul had left the country citing personal reasons while the board's CEO Nizamuddin Chowdhury has departed for Australia to join his family residing there.

Rajasthan HC

Amid ongoing security checks, Acting Chief Justice Sharma visited the court complex and carried out a surprise inspection of district, metropolitan and other subordinate courts. During the inspection, several courtrooms were found vacant and a number of judicial officers were not present at their seats. Taking a serious view of the lapse in discipline and punctuality, the Acting Chief Justice ordered immediate administrative action.

Among the judicial officers placed under APO, District and Sessions Judge Ajay Sharma has been directed to mark his presence at the Rajasthan High Court in Jodhpur, while the remaining seven officers have been instructed to report to the headquarters of the District and Sessions Judge.

Galgotias varsity made to leave expo passes off China-made robot as own

statement, saying "confusion" was created after one of its representatives provided "factually incorrect information" while manning the pavilion.

"We at Galgotias University wish to apologise profusely for the confusion created at the recent AI Summit. One of our representatives, manning the pavilion, was ill-informed. She was not aware of the technical origins of the product and in her enthusiasm of being on camera, gave factually incorrect information even though she was not authorised to speak to the press," it said.

"We request your kind understanding as there was no institutional intent to misrepresent this innovation. Galgotias University remains firmly committed to academic integrity, transparency, and responsible representation of our work. Understanding the organisers sentiment, we have vacated the premises," the university said.

The row erupted after Professor Neha Singh, a faculty member from the Communications Department at Galgotias University, speaking to a TV reporter about a quadruped robot dog on display, said: "This is Orion... and this has been developed by the Centre of Excellence at the Galgotias University." The institution, she said, was the first private university to invest more than Rs 350 crore in AI.

Within hours, social media users identified the robot as the Unitree Go2, a commercially available quadruped manufactured by China-based Unitree Robotics and priced at roughly $1,600.

On Wednesday, as criticism mounted, Singh said her comments had been misunderstood.

"I may not have expressed things very clearly," she said, attributing the controversy to the pace and enthusiasm of the interaction. "We did not change the branding. So how can we claim that we have manufactured this?"

Aishwarya Srivastava, a member of the project team, also denied that the university had ever claimed to have built the robot dog, saying it was procured as part of a broader investment in AI so that students could study and experiment with advanced technologies.

There was no clarity on who had cleared the Galgotias University exhibits.

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According to the India AI Impact Summit website, Indian and international corporates, startups, academic institutions, public sector undertakings, government bodies and ministries with AI-focused products, solutions or research innovations are eligible to exhibit.

Exhibitors are required to first submit an Expression of Interest through the official website, after which submissions are reviewed and confirmed via email, following which booth details, costs and allocation in thematic pavilions are shared.

Standard charges listed on the website show that academic institutions and research organisations are charged Rs 9,000 per square metre; domestic and international corporates Rs 25,000 per square metre; DPIIT-recognised startups Rs 12,500 per square metre; government ministries and states Rs 9,000 per square metre; public sector undertakings Rs 9,000 per square metre; and startup pods Rs 25,000 per pod. Standard shell scheme booths begin at 9 square metres.

A Ministry of Electronics and IT statement, issued on February 3, stated: "Eligible participants – Startups, enterprises, research institutions, and AI organizations can register via the official website... Once the 'Exhibit with Us' Expression of Interest form is submitted by the organisation, the submissions will be reviewed and confirmed via email. The organisations will then be provided booth details, costs, and allocation in the thematic pavilions."

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Deep Hospital, 481-Model Town, Ludhiana
For more information contact : 0161-5299999

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महिलाओं को साबुन बनाने का दिया प्रशिक्षण

महिलाओं को साबुन बनाने का प्रशिक्षण देते हुए। संवाद

शिमला। नेहरा-धमरोग पंचायत में बुधवार को साबुन बनाने का प्रशिक्षण शुरू हुआ। 35 महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षण दिया जा रहा। मास्टर ट्रेनर पूनम चंदेल महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षण दे रही हैं। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन हेल्पिंग हैंड संस्था की ओर से किया जा रहा है। पूनम चंदेल ने बताया कि यह प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम 20 दिन तक चलेगा। संवाद

दुकानदारों को दिया फर्स्ट एड का प्रशिक्षण

सिविल अस्पताल जुन्गा में फर्स्ट एड का प्रशिक्षण देते हुए। संवाद

जुन्गा (शिमला)। सिविल अस्पताल जुन्गा में बुधवार को सड़क सुरक्षा और प्राथमिक चिकित्सा उपचार (फर्स्ट एड) पर एक दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण शिविर लगाया गया। इसमें स्थानीय व्यापार मंडल, होटल, ढाबा व दुकान करने वाले व्यवसायियों ने भाग लिया। अस्पताल के चिकित्सा प्रभारी डॉ. मनोज वर्मा ने बताया कि जब भी कोई सड़क दुर्घटना होती है उस दौरान सबसे पहले सड़क के किनारे कार्य करने वाले दुकानदार और होटल, ढाबा तथा स्थानीय लोग घायल व बचाव कार्य करते हैं। इन्हें फर्स्ट एड और बचाव संबंधी तकनीकी कौशल के बारे में प्रशिक्षित करने के लिए सरकार की ओर से कार्यक्रम शुरू किया गया है। शिविर में प्राथमिक उपचार और सीपीआर आदि के बारे में जानकारी दी गई। संवाद

द व्हाइट ट्रुथ का दूसरा एपिसोड और पोस्टर लॉन्च

ज्ञान विज्ञान समिति के पोस्टर को लॉन्च करते शिक्षा मंत्री। संवाद

जुन्गा (शिमला)। शिक्षा मंत्री रोहित ठाकुर ने हिमाचल ज्ञान विज्ञान समिति की ओर से तैयार की गई इकोसेटिव वेब सीरीज द व्हाइट ट्रुथ का दूसरा एपिसोड और पोस्टर बुधवार को लॉन्च किया। शिक्षा मंत्री ने हिमाचल ज्ञान विज्ञान समिति की ओर से प्रदेश को नशामुक्त बनाने के लिए किए जा रहे प्रयासों की सराहना की। कहा कि आज का युवा नशे से निपटने की चपेट में आ रहा है, जो गंभीर चिंता का विषय है। उन्होंने कहा कि वेब सीरीज युवाओं को नशे की बुराई और इससे बाहर निकालने में सकारात्मक भूमिका निभा सकती है और समाज में सकारात्मक बदलाव लाने का सशक्त माध्यम बन सकती है। सरकार ने प्रदेश को चिट्टा मुक्त बनाने का संकल्प लिया है। अभिभावकों को जागरूक होना अति आवश्यक है तथा उन्हें अपने बच्चों की गतिविधियों पर कड़ी नजर रखनी चाहिए। राज्य सचिव सत्यवान पुंडीर ने बताया कि इस वेब सीरीज का प्रसारण डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म पर ज्ञान विज्ञान स्ट्रीम और सोशल मीडिया पर किया जा रहा है। संवाद

सीबीएसई स्कूलों में शैक्षणिक सत्र शुरू बाजारों में नहीं पहुंचीं नौवीं की किताबें

पाठ्यक्रम बदलने के कारण अभी बाजारों में उपलब्ध नहीं हैं किताबें, अभिभावक काट रहे चक्कर

अनिल पंवार

शिमला। राजधानी में सीबीएसई बोर्ड से संबंधित शीतकालीन स्कूलों में नए सत्र की कक्षाएं शुरू हो गई हैं। स्कूलों में नौवीं कक्षा के विद्यार्थियों की पढ़ाई भी शुरू हो गई है। हालांकि, इस कक्षा की किताबें अभी बाजार में नहीं मिल रही हैं। अभिभावक बुक मार्केट के चक्कर काट रहे हैं।

स्कूलों के अनुसार बोर्ड ने नौवीं कक्षा के पाठ्यक्रम में बदलाव किया है। नए पाठ्यक्रम के अनुसार किताबें अभी मार्केट में उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। इसके कारण सत्र के शुरुआत में ही नौवीं कक्षा के हजारों विद्यार्थियों और उनके अभिभावकों की परेशानियां बढ़ गई हैं। किताबें कब तक उपलब्ध होंगी, इसका जवाब न स्कूलों के पास है और न ही बुक विक्रेता कोई जानकारी दे रहे हैं। इससे स्कूल में शिक्षकों को भी दिक्कतें पेश आ रही हैं। उन्हें बिना किताबों के ही पढ़ाना पड़ रहा है। अभिभावकों का कहना है कि स्कूल शुरू हो गए हैं लेकिन बाजार में किताबें नहीं मिल रही हैं। दुकानदार कह रहे हैं कि अभी तक किताबें आई ही नहीं हैं। इसके कारण खाली हाथ वापस आना पड़ रहा है। उनका कहना है कि किताबें कब तक आएंगी इसके बारे में कोई ठोस जवाब नहीं मिल रहा है। इसके कारण बच्चों की पढ़ाई प्रभावित होने का डर सता रहा है। अभिभावक सुरेश पुंडीर ने बताया कि स्कूल खुल गए हैं। कुछ स्कूलों में पढ़ाई भी शुरू हो गई है। ऐसे में बच्चे बिना किताबों के कैसे पढ़ पाएंगे। चिंता इस बात की है कि किताबें कब आएंगी, इसका कोई पता नहीं चल पा रहा है। एक अन्य अभिभावक दीपक ठाकुर ने बताया कि बाजार में किताबें लेने गए थे लेकिन किताबें नहीं मिलीं। दुकानदार कह रहे हैं कि अभी किताबें नहीं आई हैं। संवाद

शिमला के लोअर बाजार में किताबों की खरीदारी करने के लिए पहुंचे अभिभावक। संवाद

दुकानदार भी कर रहे इंतजार

बुक मार्केट के दुकानदारों का कहना है कि अभी तक स्टॉक नहीं आया है। किताबें आने में कितना समय लगेगा, इसके बारे में कुछ नहीं कहा जा सकता है। लोअर बाजार के बुक विक्रेता अमित अग्रवाल ने कहा कि अभी नौवीं की किताबें नहीं आई हैं। बाकी कक्षाओं की किताबें उपलब्ध हैं और इन्हें बेचा जा रहा है।

सीबीएसई बोर्ड की 12वीं की परीक्षाएं शुरू, शारीरिक शिक्षा का दिया पेपर

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शिमला। सीबीएसई की बुधवार से 12वीं कक्षा की परीक्षाएं शुरू हो गईं। पहले दिन शारीरिक शिक्षा विषय की परीक्षा हुई। शहर में विभिन्न परीक्षा केंद्रों पर सुबह 10:30 बजे से दोपहर 1:30 बजे तक परीक्षा हुई। परीक्षा देने के बाद छात्र उत्साहित नजर आए। छात्रों ने बताया कि पेपर अच्छा हुआ। शारीरिक शिक्षा का पेपर स्कूल में पढ़ाए गए पाठ्यक्रम में से ही आया था। डीएवी टुटू की छात्रा अदिति ठाकुर ने बताया कि परीक्षा केंद्र काफी अच्छा था। पेपर अच्छा हुआ है। अच्छे नंबर मिलने की उम्मीद है। छात्र अंकित ने बताया कि आज पहला पेपर था। स्कूल में जो शिक्षकों ने पढ़ाया था, उसी से पूरा पेपर आया था। पेपर अच्छा हुआ है। डीएवी टुटू के शिक्षक ने बताया कि पेपर पाठ्यक्रम में से ही आया था। पेपर के बाद बच्चों ने बताया कि पेपर अच्छा हुआ है। मंगलवार को 10वीं कक्षा का पेपर हो चुका है। संवाद

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शिमला। शीतकालीन अवकाश के बाद हिमाचल प्रदेश विश्वविद्यालय में बुधवार से शैक्षणिक गतिविधियां आरंभ हो गईं। विभिन्न संकायों और विभागों में नियमित कक्षाएं शुरू कर दी गईं।

हालांकि पहले दिन विद्यार्थियों की उपस्थिति अपेक्षाकृत कम रही। विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन ने बताया कि अधिकांश स्नातक और स्नातकोत्तर पाठ्यक्रमों की समय-सारिणी जारी कर दी गई है। विद्यार्थी विश्वविद्यालय की आधिकारिक वेबसाइट के माध्यम से अपनी कक्षाओं और परीक्षाओं से संबंधित जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

समय-सारिणी जारी होने से विद्यार्थियों को शैक्षणिक योजना बनाने में सुविधा होगी। पहले दिन प्रशासनिक कार्यालय भी खुले रहे और प्रवेश, परीक्षा तथा अन्य शैक्षणिक कार्यों से संबंधित औपचारिकताएं सामान्य रूप से संपन्न हुईं। पुस्तकालय और अन्य शैक्षणिक सुविधाएं भी विद्यार्थियों के लिए उपलब्ध रहीं। संवाद

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लाइफ स्किल-माइंडफुलनेस पाठ्यक्रम पर शिक्षकों की कार्यशाला शिमला में शुरू

शिमला। समग्र शिक्षा ने भारती एयरटेल फाउंडेशन के सहयोग से लाइफ स्किल-माइंडफुलनेस पाठ्यक्रम तैयार किया है। इसी क्रम में बुधवार को शिमला में लाइफ स्किल-माइंडफुलनेस पाठ्यक्रम पर शिक्षकों की दो दिवसीय कार्यशाला आरंभ हुई। कार्यशाला में समग्र शिक्षा के निदेशक राजेश शर्मा बतौर मुख्यातिथि उपस्थित रहे।

समग्र शिक्षा निदेशक राजेश शर्मा ने शिक्षकों का आह्वान किया कि वे अपनी दैनिक शिक्षण प्रक्रिया में जीवन कौशल को प्रभावी रूप से समाहित करें। लाइफ स्किल पाठ्यक्रम लागू करते समय विशेष ध्यान रखा गया है कि शिक्षकों पर किसी प्रकार का अतिरिक्त शैक्षणिक भार न पड़े। यह पहल मौजूदा पाठ्यक्रम के साथ समन्वित रूप में विकसित की गई है, ताकि इसे सहज और व्यावहारिक रूप से शिक्षण का हिस्सा बनाया जा सके।

उन्होंने शिक्षकों से कहा कि वे इस प्रशिक्षण से प्राप्त ज्ञान, दृष्टिकोण और गतिविधियों को अपने-अपने जिलों में अन्य शिक्षकों तक पहुंचाने की महत्वपूर्ण जिम्मेदारी निभाएं। भारती एयरटेल फाउंडेशन के समीर शाह ने कहा कि इस पहल को इसे वर्तमान शिक्षण प्रक्रिया के साथ समन्वित करते हुए लागू किया जाएगा। कार्यान्वयन के दौरान आने वाली चुनौतियों का निरंतर मूल्यांकन किया जाएगा और समय-समय पर इसकी प्रगति की समीक्षा भी की जाएगी, ताकि इसे और अधिक प्रभावी बनाया जा सके।

कार्यशाला में प्रशिक्षक शिल्पी भाटिया प्रतिभागियों को जीवन कौशल के विभिन्न आयामों पर व्यावहारिक प्रशिक्षण दे रही हैं। प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त शिक्षक आगे अपने-अपने जिलों में अन्य शिक्षकों को प्रशिक्षित करेंगे। ब्यूरो

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शिमला। स्टूडेंट्स फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया शिमला जिला कमेटी ने विश्वविद्यालय कैंपस में यूजीसी विनियम 2026 के समर्थन में संगोष्ठी आयोजित किया। कार्यक्रम में विभिन्न महाविद्यालयों और विश्वविद्यालयों के विद्यार्थी, शोधार्थी, अधिवक्ता और शिक्षाविद शामिल हुए। कार्यक्रम में हिमाचल प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय के अधिवक्ता मुख्य वक्ता रहे। वक्ताओं ने उच्च शिक्षण संस्थानों में बढ़ते जातिगत भेदभाव पर चिंता व्यक्त की। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रस्तावित यूजीसी विनियम समानता की दिशा में कदम हैं, लेकिन इन्हें प्रभावी और लोकतांत्रिक स्वरूप में लागू करना आवश्यक है। समान अवसर और एससी-एसटी प्रकोष्ठ को विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन से स्वतंत्र बनाया जाए तथा इनमें चुने हुए प्रतिनिधियों को शामिल किया जाए। एसएफआई ने रोहित वेमुला के नाम पर रोहित एक्ट लागू करने, शिकायत निवारण तंत्र को मजबूत करने, दोषियों पर आपराधिक कार्रवाई सुनिश्चित करने और राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर निगरानी आयोग गठित करने की मांग दोहराई। संगठन ने कहा कि समानता और सामाजिक न्याय के लिए उसका संघर्ष जारी रहेगा। संवाद

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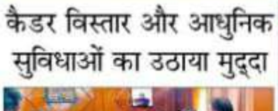

तहसील कल्याण अधिकारी संघ के साथ समीक्षा बैठक करते प्रदेश सरकार के अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव श्याम भगत नेगी। संवाद

जुन्गा। प्रदेश सरकार के अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव (सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता) श्याम भगत नेगी की अध्यक्षता में बुधवार को तहसील कल्याण अधिकारी संघ की समीक्षा बैठक हुई। इसमें विभागीय योजनाओं के जमीनी स्तर पर कार्यान्वयन और फील्ड अधिकारियों को पेश आ रही परेशानियों पर चर्चा की गई।

तहसील कल्याण अधिकारी संघ के अध्यक्ष सुरेंद्र किमटा ने तहसील स्तर पर कार्यों को डिजिटल बनाने को लेकर आधुनिक कंप्यूटर, हाई स्पीड इंटरनेट और बुनियादी ढांचे को और अधिक मजबूत करने की मांग दोहराई। कहा कि वर्तमान में पदोन्नति के अवसर अत्यंत सीमित हैं जिससे अधिकारियों का उत्साह प्रभावित होता है। संघ ने कैडर के विस्तार और पदोन्नति प्रक्रिया में तेजी लाने का आग्रह किया। संघ ने कार्यालयों में रिक्त पड़े पदों और बुनियादी सुविधाएं प्राथमिकता के आधार पर भरने की मांग की। कहा कि दुर्गम क्षेत्रों में आवागमन के लिए वाहन सुविधा प्रदान की जाए। इससे विभाग की कार्यकुशलता बढ़ेगी। साथ ही योजनाओं को सुगमता से पात्र लाभार्थियों तक पहुंचाने में भी मदद मिलेगी।

अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव श्याम भगत नेगी ने संघ के प्रतिनिधियों को आश्वासन दिया कि विभाग फील्ड स्तर के कार्यालयों को सुदृढ़ करने के लिए जल्द ही आवश्यक कदम उठाएगा। बैठक में निदेशक (एससी, एसटी, ओबीसी) सुमित खिमटा, अवर सचिव डॉ. गोपाल कृष्ण, तहसील कल्याण अधिकारी संघ के महासचिव नितिन कुमार, तहसील कल्याण अधिकारी देवेंद्र कुमार, चंचल, जगदीश, कमलकांत, करण पाठक, विपुल, गोविंद और सुभाष मौजूद रहे। संवाद