

Annual Class X exams from Oct 1

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The J&K State Board of School Education (BoSE) will conduct the annual Class X examinations (regular) from October 1. The examinations will conclude on October 18.

The BoSE released the date sheet for the examinations today. Students would be taking exams in six subjects, including additional/optional subjects, sciences, English, mathematics, social sciences and Urdu/Hindi.

The BoSE has made the date sheet public more than a month before the commencement of exams which gives enough preparation time to the students.

400 SMC casual workers to be regularised; 200 to get promotions

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At least 400 casual workers of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) will be regularised, while 200 employees will be promoted.

This was announced by Minister for Urban Development and Urban Local Bodies Nawang Rigzin Jora while addressing an event on the SMC premises held today. He said formal orders in this regard would be issued in the next two or three days.

Stating that he had promised to resolve all issues of the SMC workers and employees after taking over as the Minister for Urban Development and Urban Local Bodies, Jora said the

government would take appropriate steps towards reorganisation of the body. He also admitted that the SMC was short of manpower.

The Srinagar Municipal Employees Coordination Committee (SMECC) had been holding frequent protests and strikes in the past while demanding regularisation and reorganisation of the SMC.

Speaking on the occasion, SMECC leader Nazir Ahmad Khan hoped that the government would soon take steps towards reorganisation of the SMC. He also thanked Jora besides Commissioner Secretary to Government, Housing and Urban Development Department, Satish Nehru and SMC

Commissioner GN Qasba, who were also present on the occasion, for announcing regularisation of the casual workers.

He hoped that the other demands of the coordination committee too would be fulfilled in the near future.

Another SMECC leader said reorganisation was the need of the hour as the SMC was short of manpower.

"Even as we need 8,000 safai karamcharis to keep the city clean, we only have 2,400 safai karamcharis as of now," he added.

Meanwhile, an SMC official said the total revenue realised by the corporation in 2013-14 stood at Rs 1,167.78 lakh as compared to Rs 1,058.50 lakh during the previous financial year.

Int'l film festival of Kashmir inspires Turkish film-maker

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International Film Festival of Kashmir (IFFK), 2014, has inspired Turkish film-maker Selma Koksak who will conduct special film-making classes for amateur film-makers and students in the Valley.

Selma expressed her pleasure to be part of the festival organised by the Experimental Moving Images and Theatre Association (XMITA) that started on August 18.

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professor of cinema studies in Turkey. Her feature film "Bahar Isyancidir" (Spring is rebellious) has been nominated for IFFK 2014 in the feature film category.

The film narrates the story of a theatre group in Istanbul - from the second half of 90s till present day.

Selma will conduct classes for the students of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Central University of Kashmir (CUK) and University of

Kashmir on August 22 in the Cultural Academy hall at 11am and Islamic University Auditorium at 2pm. Amateur film-makers and college students may also attend the class.

Pramod Payyanur, director of Malayalam feature film "Balyakalasakhi", which was also screened in IFFK, said his participation in the film festival gave him a boost.

"As a young film-maker, this was my first participation in any international festival. This will definitely open new ways for me," he added.

The all-time classic love story of Majeed and Suhra was enacted by veteran actor Mammooty and Isha Talwar.

The IFFK 2014 will conclude on Saturday with an award ceremony at Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre at 4pm.

SMC officer held while taking bribe

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An enforcement officer of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) was arrested while taking bribe from a commoner for carrying out construction in Bagiyas area. Bribe money of Rs 32,000 was recovered from the officer during the trap.

The complainant lodged a report with the SP north zone Srinagar city and the Khanyar tehsildar against the SMC Enforcement Officer for Karan Nagar, Qamarwari and Chattabal, Ghulam Rasool Dar, that he was repeatedly harassing him and asking for more money as bribe to continue his construction work in Bagiyas area. The SP, north zone, Srinagar city, and the Khanyar tehsildar completed all formalities of the case and laid a trap.