

REPORT ON NATIONAL TEACHERS' TRAINING CAMP

A five day long National teachers training camp was organised by Hindustan Scout and Guide at Kalath, Kullu Manali from 24th to 28th May 2024. It was attended by Mr Manoj Kumar (TGT, SKT) and Ms Shalini Bhatia (PRT EVS).

The training was conducted by five National Trainers from HSGA i.e. Mr Kishore Singh Chauhan, Mr Rahul Sharma, Mr Mange Ram Chauhan, Mr Pushp Raj Sharma and Mr Sahir. There were 83 participants from eleven states of India i.e. Kerala, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand. It was a blend of theory and practical experiences.

Purpose: The teachers training camp aimed to equip educators with the necessary skills to lead and guide young Scouts and Guides effectively in their schools. Participants learn about leadership, outdoor activities, safety protocols, and how to engage students in meaningful learning experiences.

The training was started with flag hoisting and flag prayer which was followed by general instructions and rules to be followed during camp stay, allotment of separate tents to Scouts and Guides and uniform decorum.

To learn the core values of Scouting and Guiding, participants were asked to come out of their comfort zones and push themselves towards stretch zone.

Scout and Guide promise and Law were explained and encouraged Scouts and Guides to live by the promise. They further added that incorporating Scouting principles enhances not only academic learning but also personal growth and character development.

The days were started with warm up sessions with yoga and exercises.

The participants gained basic knowledge of Tent pitching, knotting, trekking, hiking, Group games, Mental and physical activities, Navigation skills with the help of compass and Maps, hand signals, uniform decorum, importance of different badges, uses of different whistle codes, Mottos of different levels, about tradition of left-hand shake, sign and salute, first aid and history of Scouting in India and world.

All these activities were assessed on a score card and participants were evaluated on the basis of their performance during Assessment.

The teachers' training camp in Manali took an exciting turn as participants embarked on a sightseeing day to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Rohtang Pass and experience the marvel of Atal Tunnel.

The highlight of the day was the Atal Tunnel, named after former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

This 9.02 km long highway tunnel burrowed deep under Friendship Peak, connecting Manali to Lahaul. The tunnel was well-lit, with safety features ensuring a smooth passage.

As they drove through, educators discussed its significance—how it shortened the distance between Solang Valley near Manali and Sissu in Lahaul by around 46 km. Amidst the beauty, they found metaphors for resilience, adaptability, and exploration.

The days were ended with campfire where participants from different states performed cultural programme of their respective states and showed unity in Diversity.