

CJ lays foundation stone for Hiranagar Court Complex

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KATHUA: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, on Thursday laid foundation stone for Court Complex at Hiranagar besides inaugurating office building of Legal Aid Defence Counsel and Help Desk of e-filing in presence of Justice Vinod Chatterjee Koul who is also Administrative Judge of District Kathua at District Court Complex here.

Pertinently, the Court Complex building at Hiranagar is coming up with an estimated cost of Rs 9.42 crore and will be constructed by PWD (R&B) Kathua.

While speaking on the occasion, Chief Justice Magrey said that the Bench and Bar have huge role in reposing public faith in judi-



Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey at a meeting in Kathua.

ciary and justice delivery system. He said "People comes to the court with high hopes considering the courts as 'Temple of Justice' where justice would be meted out to them and it is the duty of the court to provide easy and accessible justice to all the litigants".

Referring to constitutional guarantees enshrined in the supreme law of land i.e The

Constitution of India, Chief Justice said, "With the technological intervention the objective of providing inexpensive and speedy justice to all is being realised which will ultimately pave the way for reducing burden of judiciary besides expediting the disposal of litigations".

Later, Chief Justice inaugurated 'Legal Aid Defence Counsel Office' and

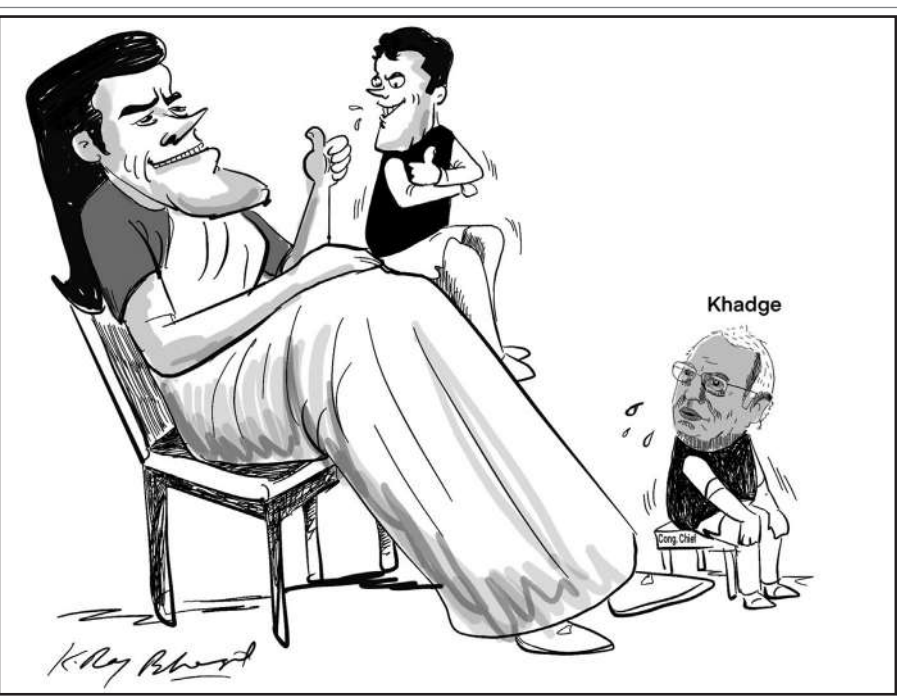
'Helpdesk for e-filing' at District Court Complex, Kathua. The facility has been established under National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) to facilitate the litigants who otherwise had to visit High Court to file petitions.

While interacting with members of Bar and Bench besides officers of civil and police administration, Chief Justice said, "Judiciary and Executive are like cogs in the wheel who should work together for imparting speedier and quality justice besides maintaining law and order for larger good of the society". He said that under the constitutional framework all the organs viz judiciary, civil and police administration have collective responsibility to provide justice as these are repositories of constitutional trust.

Chief Justice also inspect-

ed various sections of District Court Complex Kathua and Court Complex Hiranagar and gave certain on spot directions.

On the occasion, Principal District and Sessions Judge Kathua, Jaffer Hussain Beg, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, Registrar General, Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar Vigilance Shahzad Azeem, Member Secretary M K Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, Rajeev Gupta, Central Project Coordinator, Anoop Sharma, Protocol Officer, Dinesh Gupta, Judicial Officers of District Kathua, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kathua Ramesh Chander Kotwal and members of Bar Association Kathua were also present on the occasion.



Provide self-employment opportunities to 15 youth in each Gram Panchayat: CS asks MD J&K Bank

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired a meeting of Administrative Secretaries and Deputy Commissioners before commencement of the Back to Village-4 (B2V4) programme in the UT of J&K.

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Secretary remarked that much of the necessary infrastructure, especially schools, roads, colleges and power infrastructure, has been constructed throughout J&K and the B2V would provide an opportunity for its first hand assessment. The programme would serve as an occasion for building capacity and noting gaps in infrastructure and delivery of services against norms.

The Chief Secretary told the Managing Director of J&K Bank to ensure that at least 15 self employment loans are sanctioned in each Gram Panchayat. Its success would generate over 65 thousand self employment opportunities in over 4200 panchayats, the CS highlighted that bankers failing in this regard would be held accountable. Similarly, at least 20 youth would be given skilling opportunities under the HIMAYAT scheme in every Panchayat, he added.

"The IT Department must ensure that citizens are apprised about the 77 online government to citizens services during the programme. Respective departments have also been tasked to saturate Golden Cards, Aadhaar Cards and Shishu Aadhaar Cards during the period", said CS.

Dr Mehta encouraged



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting before commencement of Back to Village-IV.

opening of Bank Accounts of minors and providing sports kits in panchayats. In the agriculture sector, the department would conduct agriculture extension camps and saturate Soil Health Cards in panchayats.

The Visiting Officers would ensure that Pani Samiti meetings are held in every panchayat and are trained in water quality testing. The samitis must educate people about their functions and must inform them that all households would be provided with tap water by October next year, he added.

The Chief Secretary informed that the visiting officers would ensure that Gram Sabhas are being organised. They would ensure successful implementation of Swachh Gram initiative, door to door garbage collection and proper disposal of grey and black water in their panchayats.

"They have been tasked to ensure successful completion of Amrit Sarovar projects and see if there exists some scope of improvement. They would review government infrastructure in panchayats and report if they are being efficiently utilised."

The visiting officers must educate people about need for creating corruption free society and levels of transparency in governance, so as to improve accountability.

Principal Secretary Information and Higher Education, Rohit Kansal summarised that the programme has been greatly successful since its launch. Since its past three iterations, more than 4000 projects have been completed and over 4 lakh certificates issued to respective beneficiaries. More than 65 thousand grievances have been redressed and an equal number of beneficiaries have been registered under various governmental schemes, he informed.

The Deputy Commissioners and SSPs have been tasked to ensure overall safety and security during the programme. The Home Department was also directed to constitute a security monitoring team in this regard.

The Back to Village programme would help ensure creation of Nasha Mukta, Bhraashatcharu Mukta, Bhay Mukta and Rozgaar Yukt panchayats, the CS concluded.

Secy Health reviews implementation of DNB programme in J&K



Secretary H&ME, Bhupinder Kumar chairing a meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, on Thursday convened a review meeting regarding implementation of Diplomat of National Board (DNB) courses in Jammu and Kashmir under National Board of Examinations (NBE) at Civil Secretariat here.

Secretary appreciated the DNB District Hospitals and Government Medical Colleges especially new GMCs for bagging a significant number of seats during the current session 2022.

Pertinent to mention that under DNB courses, J&K institutions have got the sanction of 250 seats during the current session and this is the maximum number of seats allocated in the country as acknowledged by NBEMS itself. These seats are over and above the MD/MS seats of the UT.

Dr. Jitender Mehta, UT Nodal Officer, DNB Programme, J&K gave a detailed institution wise presentation and discussed the action plan for increasing the DNB institutions in the UT. He informed that 06 seats were approved for DHs in 2020 session and 145 seats (107 Broad-specialty and 38 Super-specialty) were approved for J&K in 2021 session. Of this, 2 students were admitted for 2020 session and 48 students were admitted for 2021 session in the DHs of J&K.

During 2022 Session, J&K has received an approval of 205 Broad specialty and 45 Super specialty seats. The counseling of All India quota seats is undergoing and till date, around 38 candidates from all over India have joined in the institutions of J&K.

While reviewing the institution wise status, Bhupinder Kumar applauded the work of CHC Kupwara, that has become the first CHC to bag the DNB seats in the country. He instructed all the institutions to implement and complete modalities for Quality certification and Kayakalp for improving the health care and quality standards. He further added that the results of DNB implementation shall be visible over the years as this shall drastically improve the healthcare services in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mission Director, NHM, J&K, Ayushi Sudan while giving details about the development said that the implementation of DNB courses in district hospitals of J&K is an important endeavour to address the key concerns of shortage of specialists and providing quality care, and added that District Hospitals shall be strengthened more so that the healthcare in the UT of J&K gets improved over a period of time. She informed that with adequate Quality certification, the institutions are likely to receive 10% extra incentive on Health Benefit Packages (HBPs) under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.

While applauding the institutions, Secretary instructed all GMCs and District Hospitals to focus on filling the gaps and sticking to the timelines.

Director SKIMS Soura and SKIMS Bemina, Principals of Government Medical Colleges, Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir, all Chief Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents and DNB Nodal Officers of all DNB District Hospitals were present.

Union Minister inaugurates road projects worth Rs 5.35 Cr in Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL: Union Minister of AYUSH, Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal on Thursday visited District Ganderbal under Union Government's Public Outreach programme. The Minister distributed financial assistance under various schemes amounting to Rs 12.35 lakh among the beneficiaries. He also handed over sanction letter under PMEGP, hearing aids, prosthetics and orthotics, wheel chairs, land passbooks, income certificates, Golden Cards, sports kits and sanction letters



Union Minister of AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating road project from Khurhama to Chewa.

for construction of Trout and Carp fish ponds here at Mini Secretariat Ganderbal among the beneficiaries. Earlier, the Minister visited stalls installed by various departments to showcase their products and schemes being offered in the lawn of Mini Secretariat Complex Ganderbal. The Minister took a round of the stalls along with DDC Vice-Chairperson Bilal Ahmad, DC Ganderbal Shyamir, Director AYUSH Dr. Mohan Singh, SSP Ganderbal Nikhil Borkar and other officers who keenly

whose guideline, India is becoming Atmanirbhar.

Later, the Minister visited Boys Higher Secondary School Manigam where he witnessed Yoga session and also visited herbal garden developed within the School premises.

Meanwhile, the Minister also inaugurated 3.2 km road from Khurhama to Chewa being constructed at a cost of Rs 222.90 lakh and road to Kaachnambal from NHW via Chinner of length 3.65 km constructed at a cost of Rs 311.95 under PMGSY phase III.

Agriculture Deptt Jammu celebrates Vishwakarma Day

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JAMMU: Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, Jammu, K. K. Sharma on Thursday highlighted the importance of Agriculture Mechanization for bringing about another agriculture revolution by enhancing productivity as well as quality of food and non-food crops. He was addressing the officers and workers at Government Agriculture Workshop, Jammu during the celebration of Vishwakarma Day.

A Puja ceremony of Bhagwan Vishwakarma was organized by the Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu and others at the Government Agriculture Workshop, Talab Tillo. Special worship of tools and machines with special prayers for safety of the operators and workers was done followed by distribution of Prasad. After interacting with the workers of Government Agriculture Workshop, the Director inspected the installed machines like Sheet Cutting Machine, Sheet Bending Machine, Beading Machine, Power Hammers, Sheet Rolling Machines, Swaging machines etc.

Meanwhile, Vishwakarma Puja was also held at Seed Processing Plant, Seed Multiplication Farm Chinore and Seed Multiplication Farm Chakrohi.

Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs), Jammu, Agriculture Research Engineer (ARE) and other senior officers and workers of the department also attended the programme.

New Education Policy seeks delinking degree from livelihood: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing College students at Krishna Mahavidyalaya, Thakurdwar, Moradabad on Thursday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MORADABAD: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said, National Education Policy (NEP-2020) seeks delinking degree from education and livelihood opportunities.

Addressing the students and the youth at Krishna Mahavidyalaya at Thakurdwar in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, Dr Jitendra Singh said, NEP-2020 also supplements Start-Up ecosystem with the promise to open new career and entrepreneurship opportunities for students and youth in India.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, NEP- 2020 introduced by Prime Minister Modi will reorient India's Education Policy as per global benchmarks. Describing it as the biggest path-breaking reform in India since independence, the Minister said, the new policy is not only progressive and visionary but is also in keeping with the emerging needs and requirements of 21st century India. He said, it gives due priorities to the inherent talent, knowledge, skill and aptitude of the students, rather than focusing only on degrees.

Dr.Jitendra Singh said that linking degrees with education has taken a heavy toll on our education system and society as well and one of the fall-outs has been an increasing number of educated unemployed. The Minister said, NEP-2020 is having the provision of multiple entry/exit options thus providing academic flexibility to the students. He said, this will have a

positive impact on the students related to the availing of different career opportunities at different times, depending upon their intrinsic learning and inherent aptitude.

Referring to Skill India Mission, Dr Jitendra Singh urged the students to imbibe multiple skills to be successful in life as there are ample number of examples to show that those equipped with the latest skills are doing wonders in the world today.

Dr Jitendra Singh also urged the students and the youth to explore livelihood opportunities in the booming Start-up sector in the country. He informed the gathering that only in August this year, the Uttar Pradesh government injected Rs 4,000 crore into the state's start-up corpus for employment generation and economic activity. The fresh infusion of capital has been made to constitute the maiden 'UP Innovation Fund' that will be mandated to provide seed capital to start-ups.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Noida has turned to be the most preferred destination for startups followed by Ghaziabad, Agra, Lucknow and Gorakhpur in Purvanchal region and now is the time for the innovative minds of the Western UP to take a lead in Startups movement. He said, the green and farm rich belt of Western region can be a fertile ground for Agri-tech and Dairy startups. The Minister promised all support from Ministry of Science and Technology ecosystem.

CBC concludes outreach campaign in Ladakh

Information a powerful tool for social upliftment: CEC Feroz Khan

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KARGIL: The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Government of India on Thursday concluded a two week long public outreach campaign in the union territory of Ladakh by organising the final Integrated Communication & Outreach Program (ICOOP) in Kargil.

The programme aimed at mass awareness about the Prime Minister's 15 point programme for minorities under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) was organised by CBC's Field Office Anantnag at Syed Mehdi Memorial Auditorium in Kargil.

This was the fourth programme organised by the bureau in Ladakh region during the month of October for mass awareness about various schemes and welfare measures being implemented throughout the country.

Feroz Ahmed Khan, Chief Executive Councillor, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, presided over the programme as Chief Guest.

In his presidential address, he appreciated CBC for organising the outreach programmes in Kargil district especially in remote Zaskar region.

He said that in the present



Students and others during a public outreach programme at Syed Mehdi Memorial Auditorium in Kargil.

age, information is a very powerful tool for empowering masses and there is a need to reach out to the people living in the rural areas.

Khan impressed upon the people to avail benefits of different welfare programmes being implemented across various sectors by Government of India as well as the administration of the union territory of Ladakh.

He mentioned various subsidy schemes being run by the LAHDC, Kargil for the benefit of the people and informed that a scheme to provide assistance to patients who undertake journeys by air to New Delhi or other places for treatment under Ayushman Bharat is under active consideration of the council.

Santosh Sukhadeve, Deputy Commissioner Kargil said that the aim of the outreach programmes is to com-

municate with the last person in the last village in order to ensure development at the grassroots level.

He informed that apart from Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSS), LAHDC, Kargil and district administration run various schemes for the people, making a special mention of laptop subsidy scheme for the students. He urged students to avail benefits of various scholarship and skill development programmes and advised them to use social media judiciously.

Welcoming the guests, Ghulam Abass, Joint Director, CBC, Regional Office, Jammu said that the onus to avail benefits of the government schemes lies with the citizens.

He said that a joint effort by the policy makers, communicators, citizens as well as those responsible for the

implementation at the ground level is needed to ensure the welfare schemes serve the intended purposes.

He said under PMs 15 point programme for minorities, special attention is given to the states and UTs where a substantial minority population is present.

In his address, Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Anantnag and Leh thanked the Hill Councils and district administrations of Leh and Kargil for support at all levels in the successful organisation of the outreach programmes in Ladakh region.

Lone said that no programme or policy is going to be successful until all the stakeholders join hands for its implementation.

Nodal Officer Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY), Dr. Oliyath Ali gave a detailed presentation on various programmes being implemented by the department of health.

Others present during the programme were Sikander, FPA Srinagar and Mohammad Iqbal Khan, FPA Anantnag.

Theme based cultural programmes were presented by cultural parties sending across messages about various welfare schemes as well as displaying the amazing local culture. Students took part in an open quiz, the winners of which were felicitated at the end of the programme.