

Air Vice Marshal Praveen Vohra, Kerala Legislative Assembly panel meet LG J&K

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SRINAGAR: Air Vice Marshal Praveen Keshav Vohra, AVSM, VM, Air Officer Commanding Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh on Friday met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here.

The AOC and the Lt Governor discussed various important issues pertaining to the air defence management system in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lt Governor lauded the courage and valour displayed by the Indian Air Force personnel while discharging their duties and appreciated their valuable support to the population living in remote & high-altitude areas and the crucial role played by the IAF during emergent situations.

Meanwhile, Members of Kerala Legislative Assembly Committee on Welfare of Backward Class Communities called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here.

The Committee comprising of its members including



AOC Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh, Air Vice Marshal Praveen Keshav Vohra calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

Kurukkoli Moideen, K. Babu, A. Prabhakaran, KK Ramachandran and G. Stephen are on a study tour to the UT of J&K.

The Lt Governor observed that the end of Articles 370 and 35A has heralded a new dawn of equity, fairness and empowerment and due rights have been conferred upon the deprived communities and the J&K Government is working tirelessly towards social equality and justice for all.

Later, a deputation of BJP

leaders including Dr. Ali Mohammad, Incharge BJP J&K Minority Morcha and Umar Jan, District President, BJYM Budgam also called on the Lt Governor and apprised him of various developmental issues of Budgam pertaining to strengthening of road network of prominent tourist & religious places like Doodhpathri, Tosamidan, Yusmarg and Charar-i-Sharief; water filtration plant at Khansahib and repair of LT Poles.

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The Lt Governor assured the delegations that their genuine issues would be taken up for consideration and early redressal.

Later, Young Scientists of Kashmir University called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here.

The scientists led by Dr Ajaz ul Hamid Wani apprised the Lt Governor about the research initiatives they have taken in the UT of J&K.

Discussion was held to establish a world-class research and capacity-building ecosystem in the UT.

The Lt Governor assured all support and assistance from the UT Government in enhancing the research development activities. He extended his best wishes for the success in research of the young scientists, who have returned through "Brain Drain to Brain Gain" mission of the Government of India to take up research positions in various universities, and set up cutting-edge research programmes.



Amit Shah's public rallies bound to change political discourse in J&K: BJP



Jammu and Kashmir BJP Chief Ravinder Raina addressing a press conference.

Amit Kapoor, others restrained from holding any protest near Nagbani School

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JAMMU: Excise Magistrate, Jammu Umesh Sharma after hearing Advocate Rajat Gupta appearing for Maharaaja Hari Singh (MHS), DAV Cent Public School, Akhnoor, Jammu has passed a restraining order against Amit Kapoor, President Parents Association, Jammu & other parents from holding any protest as well as from causing any sort of obstruction/ interference into peaceful and smooth management, affairs of School or disturbing teachers, staff, students or any other person associated with School in any manner.

In a civil suit filed by school it was stated that on 16.09.2022, Amit Kapoor openly provoked and instigated parents of the students study-

ing in school by misleading them and blackmailing the plaintiff. Amit Kapoor along with few parents on 19.09.2022 gathered an unlawful assembly outside school premises and raised Anti-Administration, Anti-School Slogans which caused great hardships not only to the reputation of the school but also the teachers, staff and students studying in the school.

The court directed that Amit Kapoor should refrain himself from passing any remarks and instigating parents on issue of fee payment by parents to any private un-aided schools, particularly when the department is already addressing the issue. The Court after hearing the counsel for the school passed a restraining order against defendant and the next date of hearing has been fixed on 28.10.2022.

25,000 Kg narcotics to be destroyed in presence of Amit Shah

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GUWAHATI: About 25,000 kgs of drugs, seized as part of a massive drive carried out by the Narcotics Control Bureau and state agencies, will be destroyed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah here on Saturday, officials said. Shah will also chair a regional meeting on Drug Trafficking and National Security here to discuss drug scenario in the northeastern region and ways to mitigate it. Chief ministers and DGP's of all northeastern states will participate in the meeting.

About 11,000 kg of narcotic substances will be destroyed by the NCB here on Saturday. Additionally, approximately 13,675 kg of confiscated narcotics (heroin, ganja, codeine cough syrup, narcotic pills) will be destroyed by Assam (2,531 kg) and Tripura (11,144 kg), an official said, adding around 25,000 kg of drugs will be destroyed.

Exhibiting the commitment of the Narendra Modi government to make the society drugs-free, officials said.

Dr Jitendra holds 'luncheon interaction' with J&K IAS, IPS officers

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday held a luncheon interaction with IAS, IPS and also some Indian Forest Service officers belonging to erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir cadre, and presently posted in the national capital.

During the interaction, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accords highest priority to Jammu & Kashmir and therefore it is the added responsibility of All India Service officers to strive to transform into one of the best governed States/UTs of the country. He said, Jammu & Kashmir is witnessing a new dawn of development and peace. The Minister pointed out that Modi also fulfilled 70 year old demand of Kashmiris for international flights by starting direct flights from Srinagar.

Dr Jitendra also underlined that the new comprehensive Film Policy launched with much fanfare is attracting film-makers for shooting after decades and within a year of notification of this policy, as many as 140 shooting permissions for films and web-series have been issued. He said, there is a proposal to set up a film studio with state-of-art facilities catering to the young talent of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Singh also informed the senior officers of IAS, IPS and IPS from erst-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh holding a luncheon interaction with IAS, IPS and IFS officers of erstwhile J&K Cadre, currently posted in Delhi, on Friday.

while J&K cadre that deputation rules of Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) have been relaxed to encourage IAS and other All India Service Officers as well as officers of Central Services to get posted in J&K. He informed that due to this relaxation, 22 officers belonging to various services and different cadres have been posted in Jammu & Kashmir at various levels.

Dr Jitendra said, DoPT has played a major role in facilitating induction of Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Services Officers into IAS by coordinating with UT of J&K, Ministry of Home Affairs and UPSC. As a result recently 16 officers from JKAS have been

inducted into IAS and another 8 such vacancies will be filled up shortly giving opportunities to the JKAS officers to become part of prestigious IAS service after a long gap of 12 years.

The Minister also added that Mid-Career Training of JKAS officers of various seniority was carried out in collaboration with LBSNAA and this has provided a new level of exposure to the JKAS Officers and more than 200 officers. Senior IAS officers including Pradip Kumar Tripathi, Secretary, (Coordination) in Cabinet Secretariat, Sundeep Kumar Nayak, Director General, National Productivity Council (NPC), Department for Promotion of

Industry & Internal Trade, Shantnam, Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Manoj Kumar Dwivedi Joint Secretary DoPT, Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Niraj Kumar ARC, JK House among others exchanged views with Dr Jitendra Singh over a luncheon meeting at his residence.

The IPS officers posted in crucial organisations like CBI, NIA, BSF, ITBP, CRPF, SSB were also present at the interaction. S.M. Sahai, Joint Secretary, Lalatendu Mohanty, DG, BSF Academy, Pankaj Saxena, Joint Secretary, Abdul Ghani Mir, IG, ITBP, Rajesh Kumar, ADGP, CRPF, T. Namgal Kalon, IG, SSB, Vipul Kumar Choudhary, DIG, NIA, Vidi Kumar Birdi, DIG, NIA, Amit Kumar, DIG, NIA, Keshav Ram Chaurasia, DIG, CBI, Tejinder Singh, SP, NIA, Shailendra Kumar Mishra, SP, NIA, Rajiv Omprakash Pandey, SP, NIA, Nitish Kumar, S.P. Pani, Atul Kumar Goel, Rahul Malik, Ambarkar Shriram Dinkar, Uttam Chand joined the interaction.

Among the Indian Forest officers, Biswajit Kumar Singh, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Tiwari, Roop Avtar Kaur, Preet Pal Singh, Naveen Kumar Shah, Praveen Kumar Raghaw, Mohammad Sajid Sultan took part in the deliberations.

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Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma inspecting working of Gypsum Mines at Ramban.

tus of gypsum from Parlanka site. He was further apprised that these gypsum mines have helped the Corporation become self-sufficient to a great extent in last couple of years. This has greatly supported the Corporation in smooth conduct of routine affairs including timely pay-

ment of salaries and other dues.

Later, Secretary had a review meeting regarding current mining activities in the district.

District Mining Officer, Kulwant Singh, informed that two new mining blocks, one for Gypsum and other

for River Bed Mining, have been recently identified in the district.

Secretary directed the concerned to expedite the requisite paper work of these newly explored gypsum sites so that the pressure on Parlanka mines can be reduced, as sole dependence for gypsum on Parlanka mines should be done away with, since Parlanka sites would get submerged in Chenab waters after commissioning of Sawlakote Hydel Project.

Secretary also discussed critical issues concerning the mining sector in the district with Additional District Development Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner especially regarding pending land

acquisition cases. He asked for settling private land related issues at the earliest so that the public could get their legitimate compensation.

Amrit Sharma mentioned that there should be full utilization of latest e-Governance initiative of department regarding launch of G2B2C Portal geologymining.jk.gov.in through which all transac-

tions should be done through issuance of e-Challans only.

He asked the district authorities to organise more awareness camps on procurement of mining material through e-Marketplace on this website to achieve the objective of transparency and accountability without human intervention.

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proved in the present case are that convict was in conscious possession of 10 Kg Heroin. "Drug has become a major problem not only in our UT but also in the country. The younger generation may be, due to the exposure of latest electronic technology and other factors in fast paced life, has got a particular temptation towards the use of drug which is nothing but destruction of the youth and the mankind. The persons, who deal with the Narcotics, are not only a menace to the society but also to the entire social environment. Therefore, in order to effectively control and eradicate this proliferating and booming devastating menace, causing deleterious effects and deadly impact on the society as a whole, the sentence should be deterrent to the perpetrator of the crime which should serve a message to the persons involved in the narcotic trade. Though convict is first time offender as there appears to be no past history of convict but having indulged in such acts of big quantity so recovered, the maximum sentence as provided under law is required to be imposed in this case so as to act as deterrent for other wrong doers. Consequently, convict Sanjeev Kumar is convicted under sections 8/21 of NDPS Act and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of twenty (20) years and a fine of Rs 2,00,000. In case of default of payment of fine, the convict shall undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year; the Court directed adding that copy of sentence along with copy of finding of guilty shall be provided to convict free of cost in open court. The case was investigated and challenged by the then SDPO Gandhi Nagar, DySP Rafiq Manhas.

Principal Sessions Judge Jammu Sanjay Parhar after hearing Public Prosecutor Kulbhushan Sharma for UT and Adv. Fahim Shawkat Bhat for accused, observed that facts as