

Justice Tashi Rabstan visits Distt Jail, Palash, Parisha, OSC for women in distress, Home for aged



Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan and other dignitaries at a programme in Kathua.

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KATHUA: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee accompanied by Rajni Rabstan and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, who is also holding the charge of Member Secretary, Juvenile Justice Committee, on Friday visited District Jail Kathua, Palash (Home for Boys), Parisha (Home for Girls), One Stop Center/Shelter Home for women in distress and Home for the aged and infirm run by an NGO to take stock of the facilities being provided to the inmates there.

Principal District and Sessions Judge, Superintendent, District Jail Kathua, Deputy

Superintendent of Police Headquarters and Secretary, DLSA Kathua besides others were present on the occasion.

Justice Tashi was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour. He inspected various facilities available in the District Jail like Legal Aid Clinic, e-Mulakat center, VC facility, STD facility, Kitchen and dining area, 05 bedded dispensary and a dental Centre.

Justice Tashi also inspected the only female barrack and five male barracks and had an interaction with the inmates. He also enquired about their well being and progress of their cases.

During interaction, inmates requested for providing them Legal Aid Counsel as the privately engaged counsels by them

were not delivering as per their expectations. Considering their requests, Justice Tashi issued on the spot instructions to the Deputy Chief LADC Kathua to appear on behalf of Under trial whose Advocates fail to appear and conduct cases in the respective courts.

The inmates in the jail appreciated the jail staff for extending them quality services including proper diet and are being represented in their respective cases by the lawyers either engaged by them or provided by Legal Services Authority.

Regarding availability of Medical facilities, Justice Tashi expressed satisfaction especially on learning that a medical officer is posted in the jail on full time basis.

Justice Tashi also inter-

acted with Principal District Judge as well as Additional District Judge Samba through VC facility available in the jail.

Later, Justice Tashi visited Palash (Home for Boys) and Parisha (Home for Girls) at Kathua where he was briefed by District Social Welfare Officer Kathua and Superintendents of both the homes about the services being extended to the beneficiaries there.

Justice Tashi also interacted with the children staying there to understand problems being faced by them. He appreciated the availability of infrastructure facilities like AC dormitories, Recreation Hall with big LED, Computer Lab, well maintained kitchen and dining hall, facility for indoor games, open gym etc., He also lauded efforts of Social Welfare Department in maintaining required standards of living and hoped that similar kind of facilities shall be provided in all the CCIs.

On the occasion, a Cultural programme was presented jointly by the inmates of Palash and Parisha.

Lastly, certificates of participation were also distributed among the performers for their encouragement.

Afterwards, Justice Tashi visited One Stop Centre/Shelter Home for Women in Distress and Home for the aged and infirm being run by an NGO, since 1995. The said Home is having a capacity of 100 person, whereas, presently 30 old aged persons from all over India were putting up there.

Justice Tashi also interacted with the persons residing in the old age home and enquired about the facilities being provided to them. He appreciated the efforts of civil society Kathua in extending helping hand to the Home. He urged upon the gathering present over there to come forward and help such type of Homes in taking up social service works.

Cease fire violations by Pakistan in Arnia sector



IT Deptt sensitises officers about taxation, financial matters



Dy Commissioner Income Tax Jammu, Dr. Mohnish Digra speaking at a meeting.

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JAMMU: Income Tax Department and the office of the Deputy Commissioner on Friday organised an outreach and sensitisation program to promote awareness and understanding of taxation and financial matters.

During the program, Deputy Commissioner Income Tax Jammu, Dr. Mohnish Digra, along with Income Tax Officer Jammu, Rajneesh Gupta, led an interactive session with the Drawing and Disbursing Officers and Assistant Accounts Officers representing different departments.

Dr. Mohnish Digra, emphasised the importance of financial literacy and underscored India's aspiration to become a developed nation by 2047. He highlighted the consistent increase in net Direct Tax collections and the number of income tax return filed over the years.

Furthermore, Dr. Mohnish Digra, addressed the audience regarding a concerning trend of claiming wrongful deductions to secure fraudulent refunds, leading to losses for the government. DDOs were sensitised about their role in verifying the legitimacy of such deductions by employees, with a reminder that the Income Tax Department closely monitors such cases.

Rajneesh Gupta, stressed the serious consequences of claiming fraudulent refunds, including scrutiny of cases, tax recovery and the imposition of penalties under section 270A, amounting to 200% of the evaded tax. He noted that such actions can lead to prosecution under section 276C of the Income Tax Act, potentially resulting in rigorous imprisonment of up to seven years.

Gupta also informed the audience about the available remedies for rectifying errors, such as filing updated returns under section 139(8A) of the IT Act for Assessment Years 2021-22 and 2022-23, with the payment of 50% and 25% penalties, respectively, in addition to the tax. Revision of ITR for Assessment Year 2023-24 can be done without any penalty.

Throughout the program, interactions took place, addressing various issues related to the accurate filing of ITRs, the utilisation of the Income Tax chatbot, different deductions available under the Income Tax Act of 1961 and the benefits of tax calculation under both the old and new tax regimes. In addition to the district officers, attendees included PO POSHAN, Renu Bhasin and Assistant Commissioner General, Manisha among others.

Sinha felicitates recipients of Social Bravery Award



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha presenting Social Bravery Award to Dr Beena Budki and others.

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday presented the Social Bravery Award to Dr Beena Budki, Faisal Shah, Muheet Butt, Dr. Sarasvati and V. Shankar at Raj Bhawan.

The Lt Governor congratulated the recipients of the award for their contribution in promoting the culture of Jammu Kashmir.

Dr Beena Budki, President Hindi Kashmiri Sangam expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for

the support in the successful conduct of Yagnopaveet organised at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple, Ganderbal from October 24 to 26, 2023 in which devotees of Kanchi Mutt from Tamil Nadu had also participated.

DM bans transportation of bovine animals from Jammu Distt

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JAMMU: District Magistrate (DM) Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya, in exercise of the powers vested under Section 144 of the CrPC, has imposed a ban on transportation of bovine animals from the district.

According to an order issued on Friday, bovine animals such as Cow, Buffalo, Oxen, Bulls, Calves etc cannot be transported from Jammu to other districts except with permission from the District Magistrate or Additional District Magistrate, Jammu.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for a period of two months from the date of its issuance till the same is rescinded, whichever is earlier.

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Mayor meets Principals of Colleges, will launch app for anti-Corruption campaign

Walkathon every month to aware people: Sharma

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JAMMU: The Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma is going to launch an app on which general public may mark registration for 'Shandaar Jammu, Imandaar Jammu', the ongoing anti-corruption campaign being going on in Jammu under the leadership of Rajinder Sharma.

In this regard the Mayor today met Principals of all the prominent Colleges of Jammu like Dr. Sanjay Karlupia, Prof MAM College; Dr. Mohd Majeed, Prof Women College Parade; Dr. Meenu Abrol, Principal Govt Degree College Bhagwati Nagar; Prof. Ravinder Tikoo, Principal GDC Kunjwani; Prof Surinder Kumar, Principal Govt SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu and Prof. Rajesh



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma chairing a meeting on Friday.

Gupta, Principal GGM Science College Jammu.

Principals of these Colleges informed the Mayor that his anti-corruption campaign is gaining success as the students of these Colleges have already made their minds to vote for such a candidate who will not spent money during campaign and who will be perfectly educated having sound knowhow about adminis-

trative matters. The Mayor said that political reorientation will soon be accomplished in the country and he was trying his level best that such a change begins from Jammu and that is why the campaign to eradicate corruption has been started by him.

"Motivational documentaries shall be shown in colleges highlighting works done for national

interest and for the welfare of the society," Mayor maintained while interacting with Principals of prominent colleges of Jammu.

He said that the students shall be asked to download commitment certificates making the commitment to eradicate corruption from the country.

Sharma further said that during the last Sunday of every month there shall be

a walkathon from Panjirthi to Maharaja Hari Singh Park to aware the people about three pledges—eradicating of political corruption, avoiding caste candidates while voting for a public representative and voting for an educated candidate having sound knowledge of administrative matters.

He said that he needs public support to make Jammu a starting point for revolution against the corruption and a change for the good.

Principals of the Colleges informed that the Mayor has done historic job by getting passed a resolution in General House of JMC that to contest elections for public representatives one should be a graduate.

They assured full support to the Mayor in the noble work.

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JAMMU: As a part of awareness campaign of strengthening Hindu religion in the society organized by Dharma Jagran Samanya Sanaaj, a Rath Yatra of Hindu deities of Duggars of Jammu and Kashmir including Raja Mandlik, Baba Kaliveer, Sukrala Mata, Baba Kailakhnath, Baba Siddh Gorla, Bawa Jitto, Bawa Naar Singh, Guru Gorakhnath etc, was taken out on Friday evening here in different parts of the City.

The Yatra has been organized under the overall supervision of North Regional Head, Dharma Jagran Samanya, Rakesh Kumar and Patron of Dharma Jagran Samanya, Dr Shiv Prasad Raina.

The Rath Yatra of Hindu deities of Duggar land was jointly flagged off by Mayor, JMC, Rajinder Sharma and Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal on Friday at Shiv Temple, Shiv Nagar that passed through upper Shiv Nagar, Subash Nagar, Rehari, Education

Board Road, Rajpura Mangotriani, main Bazaar Shakti Nagar, Gurha Morh, Bakshi Nagar, Maheshpura Chowk and finally concluded at Dev Sthaan of Bawa Kaliveer ji at Resham Ghar.

The people including women and youth, on way, offered their prayers and floral tributes to deities and prayed for peace and brotherhood in Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides, members of Dharma Jagran Samanya Sanaaj, volunteers of Team Jammu gave rousing reception at various places enroute, by showering flow-

ers on devotees. They also raised slogans like "Satya Sanatan Dharam Ki Jai", "Bawa Kaliveer, Raja Mandlik, Mata Sukrala, Bawa Surgal and Bawa Siddh Gorla Ki Jai".

While leading the Yatra, Chairman, Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that this Yatra will awaken the Hindu society on the issues like attacks on Hindu society by heretics, religious conversion, love jihad, land jihad etc.

He appealed the people of Jammu region to welcome this Rath Yatra in their respective villages and cities.

"The aim of the Yatra is to enhance good habits like Gau-Poojan, Mata-Pita Poojan among the Hindu community besides spreading Hinduism in the society", said Zorawar Singh Jamwal and added adding they are confident that the Yatra will aware Hindu people and motivate them to respect their deities.

Among others who participated in the Rath Yatra include Shakti Sharma, Ashwani Sharma, Mulkh Raj Sharma, Yogita Chib, Ved Parkash, Sanjay Verma, Rekha Sharma, Nisha Kumari, Tinnu Sharma, Surinder Sharma, Ashok Kumar, Avinash Sharma, Gopal Sharma, Ramesh Angurana, Mangal Dass, Yogesh Kumar, Bijju Sharma.



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal and others participating in Rath Yatra.

Modi took several path breaking decisions for martyrs' welfare: Dr Jitendra

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SAMBA: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken several path breaking decisions for martyrs' welfare over the last nine years and unlike the earlier governments, the government headed by him is deeply sensitive and concerned about the welfare of Armed Forces and their martyrs. No other Government has come out with so many benefits and welfare measures to take care of the families of martyrs as initiated in the last more than nine years, he said.

"Though the loss of a precious life is irreparable to the family and the nation, the Government is very sensitive to the welfare of the families of the



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh speaking after inaugurating 'Shaheed Gate' named after Martyr Col. Narayan Singh at Samba on Friday.

martyrs and bears this responsibility with extreme care and concern," said Dr Jitendra Singh.

D Jitendra was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Shaheed Gate (Gate in memory of Martyr) named after Colonel Narayan Singh

(OBE) at Samba district of J&K.

The Union Minister said the Govt. provides an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 25 to 45 Lakh to the next of kin of the martyred soldiers.

In addition to this, Rs. 8,00,000 is provided in the

form of ex-gratia by the Army Central Welfare Fund. State governments also provide an ex-gratia amount as per their provisions. This is in addition to the Liberalised Family Pension and regular service benefits.

In case of the death of Agniveer in the line of duty, the

next of kin will receive over Rs. 1 crore, he added. Dr Jitendra Singh said, welfare measures include reservation in jobs and financial support and scholarships to their families for various education needs of the dependent children. The Minister said, reservation of seats has been ensured in Medical/Dental Colleges for the wards of defence personnel as Government of India nominees. A total of 42 MBBS seats and 3 seats in BDS courses are allotted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. For this, priority is given to wards of personnel killed in action.

Reservation of jobs has also been provided in CPSEs and public sector banks. SAFAL outlets are provided to widows/

dependents of service personnel who passed away in service/ ex-servicemen in Delhi and NCR region. Complimenting the organisers, 'Ek Eint Shaheed ke Naam' institution, Dr Jitendra Singh, who represents Udhampur constituency of J&K in the Lok Sabha, said we owe our secure borders to the supreme sacrifice of our Armed Forces soldiers.

"We all, the citizens of the country, are able to carry on with their daily life in peace thanks to the gallant soldiers who valiantly guard our frontiers throughout the year, 24x7," he said.

Dr Jitendra said there is a sharp decline in the cross-border firing incidents along the LoC and International Border

and violence is also down in the Union Territory of J&K during the last nine years, especially in the four years since Article 370 was revoked in August 2019. But the sporadic firing incidents in the recent days and continuing infiltration bids across the LoC prove that we cannot lower the guard against mischief from Pakistan and territories under its illegal occupation. "India's attitude changed since PM Modi took over charge in 2014, first the surgical strikes by Indian Army in September 2016 and later the Balakote airstrikes by IAF in February 2019 sent a clear signal across the border that terrorist attacks sponsored from across the border will be sternly dealt with, said the Minister.