

National Lok Adalats held across UT's of J&K, Ladakh

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SRINAGAR: J&K and Ladakh Legal Services Authorities organized National Lok Adalat throughout the UT's of J&K and Ladakh, on Saturday under the leadership of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Chief Justice and Patron-in-Chief, J&K and Ladakh Legal Services Authorities and under the guidance of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Chairman, Ladakh Legal Services Authority and Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee.

In order to have maximum response and settlements between the parties in cases like MACT, matrimonial, cheque bounce cases under NI Act, Money recovery cases, etc., it was advised to organize pre-lok Adalat sittings or pre-counselling sessions well before the date of National Lok Adalat so that parties may get one or more chances for entering into negotiation/dialogue with the opposite parties.

Apart from this, webinars were organized to sensitize the officers of Legal Services Authorities/Committees, Panel Lawyers and PLVs about the importance of Lok Adalat as a mode for Alternate Dispute Resolution.



Chief Justice, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey handing over a cheque to the concerned claimants at Srinagar.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Chief Justice and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority inaugurated the National Lok Adalat in District Court Complex Jammu. Thereafter, Justice Magrey, inspected different benches of the National Lok Adalat in District Court Complex as well as in the Srinagar Wing of the High Court to have first-hand information about the cases being taken up and disposed of in the National Lok Adalat.

As per the information received from the districts, out of a total

number of 94,839 cases taken up by 119 Benches in the day long National Lok Adalat at various courts across the UT of J&K, 83,082 Cases were disposed of and an amount of Rs. 128,62,87,728/- was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases. Likewise in Ladakh a total of 256 Cases were taken up by 8 benches and 234 cases were disposed of and an amount of

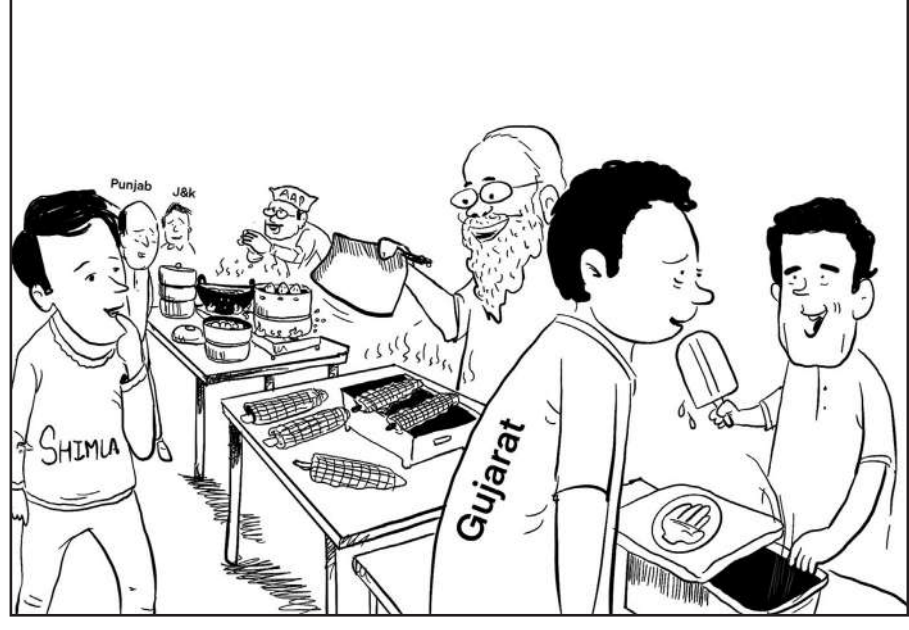
Rs. 6,84,355/- was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, M.K.Sharma thanked all the participants including the Judicial Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, representatives of insurance companies & banks, staff of the courts & Legal Services Institutions & litigants for their pragmatic approach in settlement of cases in such a large number.

Meanwhile, a National Lok Adalat was held on Saturday in the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Srinagar wherein a number of advocates and litigants participated to seek amicable settlement of their cases pending before the High Court. Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey handed over the cheques regarding various MACT cases, to the concerned claimants.

Later, the Advocates and litigants appreciated successful resolution of their disputes through such alternative dispute redressal system.

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Protest in Jammu for relocation of Kashmiri Pandit employees from Valley

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JAMMU: An organisation here on Saturday held protest for relocation of displaced Kashmiri Pandit employees from valley in wake of "selective killings."

The protestors also demanded constitution of an apex committee headed by union home minister to formulate and implement the rehabilitation of KPs in the valley with "security, honour and dignity."

Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj (YAIKS) said it is high time for government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring back the entire Kashmiri Hindu community living as "refugees in various parts of the country to valley and rehabilitate them with security, honour and dignity".

Led by YAIKS president, R K Bhat, young men and women from the community raised slogans in support of their demands and held protest near press club in the city.

The protestors were carrying placards that read- "We are refugees in our own country", "Struggle for existence continues", "I am a Kashmiri Pandit, I love my Identity" and "KP soul in exile."

"The situation, that is unfolding in Kashmir, it is right time for the central gov-



Kashmiri Pandits raising slogans during a protest.

ernment to announce a comprehensive package for return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits to valley," Bhat told reporters here.

He said the entire Pandit community should return back to valley along with the employees under the rehabilitation plan.

"We demand setting up of an apex committee headed by the Union home minister Amit Shah for formulation of comprehensive road map on how Kashmiri Pandits will return and be rehabilitated back in valley," Bhat said.

He said it will be true tribute to "KP martyrs" that the entire displaced community returns back to Kashmir and settles there.

Bhat alleged that the rehabilitation package for Kashmiri Pandits announced by the Centre a few years ago

is an eyewash.

"We urge government to restructure, redesign and revise this package by holding a proper dialogue with KP representatives immediately as a confidence building measure," he said.

YAIKS is a Jammu-based organisation advocating for interest of the youth, unemployed, educated persons from the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community.

The displaced Kashmiri Pandit employees working under PM special employment package in the valley are on the protest for the past over 6 months demanding relocation from valley to Jammu in wake of "their selective and targeted killings."

They also demanded relocation of employees till the entire community is rehabilitated back in the Kashmir.

Centre committed to dev of J&K, any assistance required to be extended: Union MoS

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ANANTNAG: Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), B L Verma on Saturday said that the Union Government is committed to the development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and any assistance required will be extended.

"Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has taken various steps for welfare of the common man and rapid development is being witnessed across J&K", the minister said while beginning his two day tour of Anantnag district as part of the ongoing public outreach programme of the Central Government and reviewed the development scenario of the district. The Minister also remarked that the UT administration under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has designed suitable interventions to address the problems



Union MoS DoNER, B L Verma interacting with people at Anantnag.

of the common man and has made unprecedented efforts at ensuring transparency and accountability in implementation of welfare measures.

On the first day of his visit, the Minister visited the Martand Sun temple, Ranbirpora here. During the visit, the Minister was apprised of the rich history of the sun temple and the fact that it is the oldest of the three sun temples in the country. The Minister on the

occasion also interacted with the employees and local populace of the area and gave patient hearing to them. Later, the Minister visited Pahalgam and held a detailed interaction with local delegations as well as District Development Council Chairman and members, BDC Chairpersons, President MC Pahalgam and Sarpanches there. The delegations included representatives of Association of Sumo Stand Pahalgam as well as

local residents of Pahalgam. The delegations put forth several suggestions and the minister gave them patient hearing. The Minister while interacting with the delegations said that the suggestions put forth by the delegates will be taken into account and appropriate action will be taken.

During the interaction, DDC Chairman Anantnag, MY Gorsi apprised the chair that development in Anantnag is progressing at a rapid pace. He said that the departments are organizing awareness camps throughout the district to ensure that every beneficiary is covered under the welfare schemes of the government. He said that there has been significant progress in coverage of people under PM Sehat, E Shram Cards, Social Security for old aged, widows, PM POSHAN and prosthetic aids for the specially abled. In the mean-

while, the Minister inspected the stalls erected by various departments like Industries and Commerce, Agriculture Production, Handicrafts and Handlooms, Fisheries, Health and Family Welfare, AYUSH, ICDS and Social Welfare. He also distributed Golden cards among PM SEHAT beneficiaries, Artisan cards among craftsmen, sanction letters among industrial unit holders, PMMSY beneficiaries, etc. Interacting with the beneficiaries, he inquired about the process they had to follow for receiving the benefits and the time taken.

Later, the Minister also visited the under construction Sub District Hospital at Pahalgam being constructed at a cost of Rs. 19.9 crores. He also visited the under construction Court Complex of Munsiff, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Pahalgam.

Present generation youth children of technology-driven world: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a congregation of Student organisation, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad at Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday said, present generation youth are children of technology-driven world.

Addressing a congregation of student organisation ABVP here, Dr Jitendra Singh said, his generation was born and brought up in technology-transition world, as newer innovations were happening at very slow pace.

The Minister recalled that when he was a child, there was only radio and nobody had heard of a television but his teacher used to wishfully say that one day we might be able to see the face of the news-reader on the radio and the advent of television proved right the prophecy.

Dr Jitendra told the youth to embrace boldly the fast paced changes as today is an era of innovation. He said, they are lucky to have a government at the Centre, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which wholeheartedly supports the new scientific endeavours and through policy interventions enabled the youth of India to dream big.

The Minister added with emphasis that in the last 8 years of Modi Government, Indian youth esteem reached all-time high in the world.

Dr Jitendra gave full credit to the futuristic vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had given a call

for "Start-Up India Stand Up India" from the ramparts of Red Fort in his Independence Day address of 2015 that initiated a mass interest, as a result of which the number of Start-Ups in India has increased from mere 350 in 2014 to over 80,000 in 2022 with more than 105 unicorns. India ranks 3rd in the world start-up ecosystem.

Similarly, Dr Jitendra informed that it was Prime Minister Modi who removed the veil of secrecy from India's Space Sector two years ago and allowed private sector to tap new opportunities in joint missions. He said, today 102 Start-ups are working in the space sector in cutting-edge areas of space debris management., nano-satellite, launch vehicle, ground systems, research etc.

Amid a round of applause, Dr Jitendra Singh announced that India will launch its first privately developed rocket, Vikram S, from the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO's) launchpad at Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota in a couple of days. Vikram S is developed by Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace and it will carry two Indian and one foreign customer payloads in a sub-orbital mission.

Dwelling on a number of policy initiatives and support system by the Centre to

promote alternate sources of livelihood, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the youth must come out of the government job mind-set, which is hampering the blooming of their full potential. Giving the example of the 'Purple Revolution' originating from Jammu & Kashmir, the Minister said, it offers attractive StartUp avenues and those who have entered the lavender sector are making a fortune out of it. He said, it is important to take note of some of the exemplary instances of many young entrepreneurs who are seen quitting their lucrative jobs in the MNCs to establish their own Start-Ups, as these young entrepreneurs are now beginning to realise the possibility of greater fortunes in this.

Dr Jitendra Singh urged the ABVP office bearers and members to organize workshops to educate and enlighten the young generation about the benefits of alternate sources of livelihoods through Start-ups and other innovative ventures. He said, ABVP should also undertake capacity building programmes and the Minister promised all kind of technical and financial support for them

Dr Jitendra Singh exhorted the oldest student body to come forward and prepare a blueprint of India@2047 with scientific vision.

Pension Dept's DLC Camp, Jammu got a good response

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JAMMU: The one-day Digital Life Certificate (DLC) camp held at SBI Jammu Cantt branch on Saturday evoked a very positive response. The Department of Pension, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Govt of India organised this camp for the Central Govt Pensioners and pensioners of the Ministry of Defence (SPRASHI) in collaboration with the SBI, UDI and Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) in which more than 120 pensioners were benefited with generation of DLC through Face Authentication Technique.

The Senior Consultant of the Department of Pension, Ramanjit Kour, who headed the visiting team, apprised the pensioners of the initiative of the Department to make the exercise of the Life Certificate easy. This certificate is required to be submitted to the concerned Pension Disbursing Bank in November every year (pensioners aged 80 years in October) to ensure continuity of their pension in the bank concerned.

She explained the steps to be followed on their android mobile to generate the DLC through Face Authentication Technology based on UIDAI Aadhaar database'. Then she & other members of the team helped the pensioners in generating DLCs. In many cases she did it herself.

The first pensioner whose DLC was generated at



Sr Consultant Dept of Pension Ramanjit Kour taking Face Authentication of oldest pensioner K R Gupta at DLC Camp on Saturday.

today's camp was 95 years old K.R Gupta, former Chief Engineer, AIR and founding President of the CGPWA.

Speaking to the media on the sideline of the function, he lauded the initiative of the Pension Department of Govt of India in making the life of pensioners easy. He also complimented the CGPWA

DNOs review workshop on 'Mainstreaming of Out of School Children' held

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JAMMU: Directorate of Samagra Shiksha Department of School Education J&K, in collaboration with the National Development Foundation with support from Unicef, organized a workshop at Tawi Conference Hall Udheywala Jammu to review the progress on enrollment and mainstreaming of Out of School Children in Jammu & Kashmir.

Around 30 participants from all ten districts of the Jammu division comprising of DNOs and Education Officers who are Nodal Points in their respective districts on enrollment and mainstreaming of Out of School Children participated.

Vikas Khajuria, Assistant programmer, Dr Jagdish Raj Panotra, and Dr Pourash Sharma Nodal



A dignitary speaking at a workshop in Jammu.

officers from the Directorate of school education Jammu also participated and interacted with the DNOs.

Ajeet Sharma, the coordinator of Quality Samagra Shiksha, advised DNOs to enrol children on Portal and not to see progress through the portal.

Syed Fayaz, the Assistant Coordinator of Quality Samagra Shiksha, discussed procedures to be adopted with regard to the

age-appropriate admission process as per RTE Act 2009.

He informed that special training centres would be established on a need basis.

A group exercise was also organized in which participants deliberated on the challenges faced on the ground and the way forward.

Samagra Shiksha also facilitated the DNOs by awarding them Certificates of

Appreciation for their role in conducting the web-based Talaash Survey.

A special certificate of appreciation was also awarded to National Development Foundation for their outstanding work and support during the Talaash Survey. Bilal Mir Dy. Director Planning Samagra Shiksha J&K distributed the certificates.

Rajiv Khajuria, President/CEO National Development Foundation, in his address, lauded the role of the Education Department in conducting the Talaash Survey in a time-bound manner.

He appreciated the directorate of Samagra Shiksha for making the Talaash Survey web-based which will remain on record and is easy to track. He also thanked UNICEF for their support.

He extended full assistance and coordination of the National Development Foundation and Civil Society sector in Community Mobilization and mainstreaming of Out of School Children.

Bilal Mir Dy. Director Planning Samagra Shiksha, in his address, informed that the top priority of the J&K Government at this moment is to enroll and mainstream Out of School Children in Jammu & Kashmir.

This also remained a principal focus in the back-to-village programme.

He sought the support of PRIs, Civil Society and all field functionaries of the Education Department to facilitate enrollment and mainstreaming of Out of School Children at ground level.