

Justice Sreedharan emphasizes importance of equal focus on fundamental duties alongside rights for nation's progress

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JAMMU: In an inspiring celebration of democratic principles and constitutional values, the J&K Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu and Government College for Women, Parade, on Thursday launched a week-long awareness programme in commemoration of the Constitution Day, 2024.

Justice Atul Sreedharan, Senior most Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, inaugurated the event.

On his arrival, Justice Atul Sreedharan accompanied by Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority was warmly welcomed by Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal, Government College for Women, Parade, Jammu, Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, Professor Jasneet Kour, HOD Political Science, Dr. Gurpreet Kour, NSS Programme Officer, Dr. Sunita Raina IOD Commerce, other staff members and students of the



Justice Atul Sreedharan, Senior most Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh with other dignitaries and students at awareness programme.

school.

The weeklong programme aims to deepen the understanding of constitutional values, fundamental rights and duties, as enshrined in the Constitution of India. It also seeks to create awareness about the pivotal role of the judiciary and legal institutions in safeguarding these values. Through interactive sessions, discussions, and cultural activities, the programme aspired to engage students and the larger community in meaningful discourse about the essence of justice, liberty and fraternity.

The Weeklong Awareness Programme aligns with this vision, aiming to inspire

active and informed citizenship across all segments of society. In his presidential address, Justice Atul Sreedharan emphasized the core values of the Constitution and their relevance in everyday life. He highlighted the principle of equality and brotherhood enshrined in the Constitution, urging citizens to uphold these ideals without any discrimination. He remarked that a deep understanding of the Preamble alone provides the key to grasping the essence of the entire Constitution, as it encapsulates the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

He also underlined the sig-

nificance of respecting the law, even in seemingly small actions like adhering to traffic rules even at late night when no person in uniform is standing there, as a mark of constitutional values. Stressing the need to prioritize good governance over caste or religion in leadership choices, he appealed for selflessness and sacrifices for the greater benefit of society.

Referring to Nani Palkhivala's book "We, The People", Justice Sreedharan reflected on the irony of giving ourselves the Constitution but failing to live by its principles. He emphasized the importance of focusing equally on fundamental duties alongside

rights and urged everyone to strive to become better human beings, free from corruption, contributing meaningfully to the nation's progress.

Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal, GCW, Parade, Jammu, in his welcome address, highlighted the necessity of creating the right awareness among the younger generations.

Vartika Sharma, a student of 3rd Semester, in her presentation eloquently highlighted the historical significance of the Constitution and its role as a guiding force for the nation. Her presentation resonated with the audience, especially the youth, who were inspired to explore their roles in upholding democratic values.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Smriti Sharma, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Jammu.

The event reflected the unwavering dedication of the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority to educate and empower individuals to contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress while staying true to the Constitution's ideals.



Dr Jitendra releases former Union Minister Alphons' book 'The Winning Formula'



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, flanked by Justice Manmohan and President India International Centre Shyam Saran, releasing the book "The Winning Formula" at the Indian International Centre, New Delhi on Thursday.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled The Winning Formula: 52 Ways to Change Your Life, authored by KJ Alphons former IAS officer and former Union Minister, at the Indian International Centre here on Thursday.

The book, a motivational guide filled with anecdotes of grit and determination, was praised by the Minister for its relatable and practical approach to self-improvement and success.

In his keynote address, Dr. Jitendra celebrated former bureaucrat and former Union Minister K.J. Alphons' unique ability to bring together stories of determination and grit.

He described the book as a guide that showcases the potential for success in anyone who dares to dream big and persevere.

"This is not just an autobiography; it's a reservoir of inspiration. Alphons has dedicated 39 out of 52 anecdotes

to others, making it truly a book for everyone to connect with and learn from," said the Minister.

Dr. Jitendra reflected on Alphons' life journey, highlighting his rise from humble beginnings in a large family of nine children, joined later by two adopted siblings, to becoming a celebrated bureaucrat, MP, and Union Minister. "Alphons has consistently defied odds, and this book captures his unwavering conviction to inspire and lead by example," he remarked.

The Minister also highlighted key stories from the book, including Alphons' groundbreaking role as the "Demolition Man" during his tenure in Delhi, his pioneering efforts in making Kottayam the first 100% literate district in India, and the uplifting accounts of unsung heroes such as doctors, artists, and young achievers who overcame tremendous odds.

"Alphons' book is a treas-

ure trove of pragmatic lessons-not just for civil servants, but also for corporate leaders, women, and senior citizens who aspire to live fulfilling lives. It's a testament to the power of determination, the courage of conviction, and the spirit of giving back," Dr. Jitendra emphasized.

Concluding his address, Dr. Singh expressed gratitude for being part of the event, acknowledging Alphons' long-standing reputation for building bridges across political and bureaucratic circles. "Alphons has always been a man of action and integrity, a quality reflected in his ability to inspire and connect with people from all walks of life. This book is his latest gift to the world, reminding us of the boundless possibilities of human potential," he said.

Published by Bloomsbury, 'The Winning Formula' promises to resonate with readers seeking to transform their lives and make a meaningful difference.

PM Modi's strong leadership brought turnaround in J&K: Slathia

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SAMBA: BJP MLA from Samba Surjeet Singh Slathia on Thursday described peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir as one of the major milestones of the strong leadership under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying this has instilled hope among the people.

Interacting with Karykarts at Block Ghagwal and Sumb on the sidelines of various developmental activities, Slathia said turnaround in the situation unfolded socio-economic development that led to lasting peace and paved way for initiation of comprehensive strategy to promote inclusive growth and empowerment in the Union Territory. Through proactive governance post August 2019, this part of the country ushered in an era of hope and reconciliation, paving the way for progress



BJP MLA Samba Surjeet Singh Slathia inaugurating development work.

and prosperity besides instilling a sense of security among millions that has manifested in record tourism in both the regions of Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

"Seeing is believing", Slathia said while referring in detail to the steps taken across Jammu and Kashmir during five years. He said these are in tune with initiatives like infrastructural development, technological advancement Digital India, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

that have not only transformed the socio-economic landscape but have also instilled hope and confidence among citizens for a brighter future. PM Modi's unwavering commitment to the welfare of every Indian has further solidified his image as a leader who stands for the aspirations of all, he said, adding that his policies, aimed at empowering the marginalized, promoting economic growth, and fostering a conducive environment for

entrepreneurship, have further reinforced confidence in every section of society.

Earlier, Slathia kick started macadamization of Link road from Village Sagel to Shamsan Ghat Block Ghagwal at an estimated cost Rs 15 Lakh, link Road From Sumb to S.C Mohalla Katli Estimated cost Rs 85 Lakh, Approach Road To Mohalla Ram Lal and others at Village Taloor estimated cost Rs 58 Lakh, Construction of Lab Block

At Govt Hr secondary school Sumb Estimated Cost Rs 133 lakh, Construction of ACR and Examination Hall Estimated cost Rs 197 lakh and 100M Span foot suspension Bridge over river Basenter at Smotha estimated cost Rs 195 lakh which Gives Relief to thousands of people residing in the located areas

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Vice President Mohan Lal Sharma DDC Suresh Kumar Sharma, Balwan Singh, Ex BDC Ramesh Singh, National General Secretary OBC Rashpal Verma, ex-Sarpanch Sardar Singh, Suraj Parkash Verma, and others.

Slathia also listened to the problems of the locals and assured that these will be taken up at appropriate levels for early redressal.

Resolution on special status was unconstitutional: Sat



President J&K BJP, Sat Sharma speaking in a seminar on Thursday.

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JAMMU: The resolution seeking special status moved in the assembly was very unconstitutional and hence has no relevance.

Sat Sharma, president, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, said this while speaking in a seminar on "Unconstitutional Resolution" organized by BJP Legal Cell and Human Rights Cell and attended by state office bearers, MLAs,

district and moreha presidents, senior citizens, advocates, intellectuals, businessmen etc.

The seminar began with a welcome address by ALL Cells Incharge Rakesh Gupta, who said that the intentions behind this resolution were not good. He announced to organize such seminars at district levels in the coming days.

Sat Sharma strongly condemned the resolution,

adding that it undermines the democratic principle and federal structure of our nation. It is a blatant attempt to disturb the constitutional balance, which is very unfortunate.

Sham Lal Sharma, MLA, Jammu North, in his address, narrated the whole episode that took place in the assembly on the day of tabling resolution and the connected incidents there. He further said that the

business rules were not followed while tabling resolution.

U.K Jalali, senior advocate & former Advocate General, in his address, said that the resolution has no legal sanctity in the eyes of law. Any attempt to revisit this issue is unnecessary and will prove harmful.

Sunil Sethi, BJP Chief Spokesperson & senior advocate, in his address, categorically stated that abrogation of Article 370 has already been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court declaring that it has been done within the purview of the Constitution of India.

BJP General Secretary & MLA, Ramgarh, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, presented the vote of thanks. Dr. Rajesh Thappa, Convenor, BJP Legal Cell, conducted the proceedings in the seminar. All Cells Co Incharge Ved Sharma also addressed the seminar.

'Gumrah' film by J&K lawyers wins Special Recognition Award at International Film Festival



Adv. Narinder Sharma and Adv. Umesh Sharma receiving award and lawyers posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: At the ongoing International Film Festival Jammu, which was officially inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Bage-Bahu, the film "Gumrah" made by two J&K High Court lawyers, Adv. Narinder Sharma and Adv. Umesh Sharma, received the Special Recognition Award for Local Talent.

The film, which was showcased at Abhinav Theater Jammu, addresses critical societal issues, including the impact of drones and drugs, the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits, and the abrogation

of Article 370.

The jury members praised the film's creative approach and its powerful, positive message aimed at the youth and society at large. "Gumrah" was commended for shedding light on significant contemporary issues in a thought-provoking manner.

The film features performances by several prominent lawyers from the J&K High Court Bar Association, including Advocate Bindusar Abrol, Advocate Sriшти Paul Mengi, Advocate Abrar Sheikh, Advocate Abdul Ghafoor, Advocate Umesh Sharma, and Advocate

Narinder Sharma, among others.

The International Film Festival showcased films and documentaries from 29 countries, with a total of 59 short films, 14 documentaries, and 5 feature films being presented.

The recognition of "Gumrah" at such a prestigious event highlights the growing influence of local talent in the global film industry.

The award not only celebrates the creative achievements of the filmmakers but also brings attention to important social issues, encouraging meaningful discourse through the medium of cinema.

JK Fund Office Jammu to host Grievance Redressal-Cum-Awareness-Camp from Nov 25 to 27

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Fund Office is going to host a Grievance Redressal-Cum-Awareness Camp from November 25 to 27, 2024.

The Office has impressed upon all the DDOS and the subscribers/insurants of District Jammu to bring their grievances, if any, regarding G.P. Fund and State Life Insurance (SLI) to the office on the scheduled dates in between working hours i.e. 10:00 AM to 04:30 PM for the redressal.

Moreover, all the DDOS have been requested to inform their respective

subscribers about the Grievance Camp being organized and submit their grievances to this office, accordingly.

The activities during the Grievance Camp would include sessions to make subscribers aware of the advantages of auto/e-TF procedure/ adjustment and verification of previous balances adopted by the funds organization for the convenience of the subscribers; Making subscribers aware about viewing their Annual Accounts Statements on HRMS Portal.

The Camp would also offer the facility of on the spot Registration of sub-

scriber for availing SMS service.

It would ensure disposal of all pending and fresh grievances received during the mela/camp; Facilitate the aggrieved ex-subscribers and live subscribers and insurant in resolution of their grievances; Make subscribers aware about the e-services provided by the organization.

Subscribers must be aware about accessing "jkfunds.nic.in" for viewing their GPF balances using their credentials (User Name: 9-digit computer code) Pass Word "\$ a 9 d i g i t c o m p u t e r c o d e @ . "

Sham Lal starts development projects, promises better infrastructure for residents of Jammu North

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JAMMU: Continuing his commitment to infrastructure development and public welfare, Sham Lal Sharma, MLA Jammu North and former Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, on Thursday laid the foundation stones for two significant development projects in Ward No. 38, Janipur.

These projects, aimed at addressing the long-pending demands of the residents, include the construction of lanes and drains at Sultanpura and Nasseb Nagar with an estimated cost of Rs 35.10 lakh and at Basant Nagar with an



MLA Sham Lal Sharma interacting with people.

estimated cost of Rs 60 lakh.

Addressing the gathering, Sham Lal Sharma reaffirmed his dedication to the overall development of his constitu-

cy.

He said, "The projects launched today are a burning demand of the people in these areas. My commitment to the

residents of Jammu North is unwavering, and I will continue to work tirelessly to improve infrastructure and bring more development to the region."

Highlighting India's progress under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sharma remarked, "Under the stewardship of the Prime Minister, India is sealing new heights of development. Tremendous progress is visible across all sectors and segments, and various mega projects initiated across the country will lead us into a new era of growth and prosperity."

The foundation stone-laying

ceremony was attended by local residents, prominent community leaders, BJP workers, and officials, who lauded Shri Sharma's consistent efforts to address the needs of the people and his focus on grassroots development.

Other prominent who were present are Mandal President (BJP) Janipur Mandal)-Raveesh Mengi Ex. Councillor Ward No. 38 - Surinder Sharma, XEn JMC Nawaz Bandy, AEE JMC Hilal Wani, JE JMC Ranjan Sharma, Mandal General Secretary Sanjay Bhat were present.