

Judicial Academy organizes workshop on 'Civil Trials' for Civil Judges

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JAMMU: J&K Judicial Academy, under the patronage of Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy) and stewardship of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy and guidance of Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Moksha Kazmi, members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, on Saturday organized one day workshop on "Civil Trials" for Civil Judges both Senior and Junior Division of Jammu Province at J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur, Jammu.

The training programme was inaugurated by Justice Rahul Bharti, Member, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy in presence of Rajinder Saproo, Registrar Rules, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Rajeev Gupta, Judicial Member, J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu who also happen to be the resource persons in the workshop.

Justice Rahul Bharti, in his



Justice Rahul Bharti, Member, Governing Committee for JKJA speaking at a workshop.

inaugural address, highlighted that all focus must be on the litigant who has come for justice. The judgment should be clear, lucid and with sound reasoning. He quoted, "As you know better, you do better." He exhorted upon the judicial officers to learn CPC and CrPC more seriously and deeply as these are the machines of law and judicial officers are the mechanics of these machines. He highlighted that one of the main causes of delay in litigation is the Judge himself because a committed judge cuts the delay.

Justice Bharti emphasised that the judges must reckon themselves as physicians as they are treating the litigating masses on the legal side. He said that application of

mind is important to make any decision as we are dealing with human sufferings. He shared many real-life examples and made request to the judicial officers to regard their duty not as a mere job but as the most graced profession.

Y.P.Bourney, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, presented the welcome address and gave an overview of the programme. He said the administration of justice is a heavenly function entrusted to the mortals. He highlighted the challenges being faced in terms of huge pendency and backlog of cases and that society has high expectations from them. He also highlighted the importance of examining the parties at the initial stage of trial i.e. before

settlement of issues for twin reasons; to zero down on the core of the dispute and explore the existence of the elements of settlement for adopting the appropriate mode.

The first and second technical sessions were chaired by Rajeev Gupta who educated the participants about the importance of Section 89 CPC and examination of parties under order X CPC which has been introduced with the sole object of empowering and involving the parties for the amicable and effective resolution so as to restore peace and harmony. He also discussed about case management hearing in terms of order XV-A and procedure in suits by or against the Government under sec-

tion 79, 80 CPC (Order XXVII), by or against minor and person with unsound mind in terms of order XXXII, relating to matters concerning family in reference to order XXXII-A, and by indigent person in terms of order XXXIII.

In third and fourth technical sessions, Rajinder Saproo delved upon the importance of identification of issues and recording of findings thereon separately in terms of order XIV including recording and appreciation of evidence. The learned resource person also deliberated on the art of writing judgment and Summary Judgment under Order XIII-A. He said that writing judgments and orders is virtually an art and often varies from judge to judge as no form or format has been provided in law as to how judgments and orders should be written by the judges.

All the sessions were interactive during which the participants actively participated and shared their experiences, and discussed various aspects of the subject topics. They also raised a number of queries which were answered satisfactorily by the resource persons.



ADGP Jammu Zone inaugurates six days Training Programme for police officers



Anand Jain, ADGP Jammu Zone speaking at training programme in DPL Jammu.

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JAMMU: To enhance the investigating abilities and skills of the Police officers a basic training program of six days started on Saturday at District Police Lines Jammu.

The program was inaugurated by Anand Jain, ADGP Jammu Zone in presence of DIG JKS Range Shakti Pathak Pathak, SSP Jammu Vinod Kumar, SP Hqrs Jammu Rammish Gupta and SrPO ,DPO Jammu Puja Nijohn.

ADGP Jammu Zone highlighted the investigating abilities and skills of Police officers.

He emphasized the importance of staying abreast of evolving methodologies and

technological tools to ensure a thorough and efficient investigative process.

This is a basic program and it involves everything from preparing the FIR to the submission of a charge sheet with options (either in Urdu Hindi or English), he said.

In the first phase the total of 60 police officers of the rank from SPO to SI are selected to attend the program who are further divided into 20 groups of 03 each.

Each group is headed by a SI, ASI or HC who has basic knowledge of investigation and he can assist other group members in learning and improving their skills.

It is a training programme plus hands on practice till the participants become well

versed to investigate and write the case. It is a practical oriented programme.

The participants are trained by officers having proven track record including senior prosecuting officers.

This is a basic programme and the participants will be monitored for a period after this program and then they will be offered the next level of training.

After this training programme more such programmes shall be organised to improve investigating skills of police officers to meet the deficiency of investigating officers and bring down the pendency of the cases of District Police, IGP Jammu said.

Dream of Int'l flights from Srinagar Airport remains incomplete even after decades

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SRINAGAR: More than two decades after the Srinagar Airport was opened for international flights, there is still no traffic from major cities of the world to the place known as 'Paradise on Earth'.

The Srinagar Airport has only those international passengers, who leave for Haj on domestic flights.

In October 2021, the government started international airline operations at Srinagar International Airport to re-establish direct aviation service between the UAE and Srinagar. The Srinagar- Sharjah corridor was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. However, after Pakistan disallowed flights, taking off from Srinagar International Airport for Sharjah, from flying its airspace, the flight operation became difficult for the airlines to sustain.

As per a document, the



Aviation Ministry cited the economic viability of the route and other associated factors as the main reason behind the non-operation of international flights. The flight got an hour and a half longer as planes had to fly to Sharjah via Udaipur and Ahmedabad and overfly Oman. The flight service was halted on March 27, 2022, as the airline also filed for bankruptcy before the National Company Law

Tribunal.

According to the Director Srinagar Airport, the flight service couldn't operate as there were not enough bookings. "It was difficult for the airlines to sustain the flight operation as there were few bookings in the sector. Passenger availability was a major concern for the airline," he said.

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) does not expect any foreign carrier flying in

and out of Srinagar till FY26.

Despite successive announcements by authorities, airlines have shown no interest in international flights from the airport and some of the major reasons include lack of traffic, geopolitical issues with Pakistan and Delhi being used as a gateway to Kashmir.

The first international flight from Srinagar to

Dubai was started in 2009 by Air India Express. However, the once-a-week service was discontinued due to 'low demand' by the authorities. Also facing regular weather disruptions, the airport doesn't have an advanced instrument landing (ILS) that can allow low-visibility landing.

An airline executive said that there was not enough direct traffic from Srinagar to justify the cause of a direct flight. "The cost of operations is high as Pakistan doesn't allow flights originating from Srinagar to use its airspace," he said.

Disability dialogue on challenges and prospects of inclusion organized

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JAMMU: An interactive panel discussion on the theme 'Challenges and prospects of building an inclusive social order' was held under Disability Dialogue at University of Jammu.

The panellist for the discussion were Prof. Kusum Lata Malik, President of the Blind Federation, and a renowned academican and a researcher; Anil Joshi, Former member Board of Directors for National Trust Act, GoI and an accessibility diversity and inclusion expert; Ranjit Kalra member of the J&K Sports Council and Senior faculty at University of Jammu; Pradeep Dutta, Senior Editor Times Now; and Prof. Sarika Manhas, Coordinator, Disability Initiatives, University of Jammu.

Iqbal Lone, Commissioner, Person with Disabilities, J&K chaired the panel discussion. In his opening remarks he highlighted that the persons with disabilities are an integral part of the society who need our



Dignitaries at a programme in JU.

compassion and acceptance. He shared that J&K stands at sixth place in national UDID card enrolment, pointing towards the earnest efforts of the UT administration.

Prof. Kusum Lata Malik suggested that inclusive education should be promoted through solemn efforts and discrepancies in employment opportunities should be minimized.

Anil Joshi emphasized on the need of channelizing the energies of persons with disabilities. Ranjeet Kalra shared that the Sports Policy of J&K has inputs and special provisions for disabled sports persons. He highlighted the recent achievements of Blind cricket team,

wheelchair bound basketball players, and disabled archers to point that bodily limitations can be conquered successfully through personal perseverance, strong support network, and sustained training.

Pardeep Dutta underlined the need of breaking off the 'Victim mentality'. He focussed on developing feeling of humanism - which appreciates all without any prejudice. He suggested that sensitization workshops should be carried out for both bureaucracy and media, and exhorted upon the need of collective effort towards the cause of inclusion.

Prof. Sarika Manhas,

Covener of the panel discussion in her concluding remarks mentioned that all stakeholder-persons with disabilities, NGOs, media, academia, students and volunteers need to participate and generate a disability discourse that successfully addresses the issue of inclusivity. She also pointed that inclusion is not a concept but rather a way of life that all of us need to imbibe.

Others participated in the disability dialogue were Umesh Sharma (Disabled Care), Dr. Piyali Arora (Associate Prof. GDC Udhampur) Kamal Nain Bhan (Association of Aphasic and Deaf), Ritika (Beloved Grace), Shriya Abrol (RCI Counsellor), Balkis Razia (Occupational Therapist), along with faculty, research scholars and students of University of Jammu and University of Kashmir: Officers from the Office of Commissioner Persons with Disabilities J & K, Relief and Rehabilitation Department also graced the occasion with their presence.

Short circuit led to fire in mattress factory; goods worth lakhs gutted

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JAMMU: Massive fire broke out at Nidra mattress factory at Gangyal in Jammu's Industrial area on Saturday apparently due to the short circuit. Soon after the raging flames and thick smoke emerged out of the factory, the fire tenders from J&K fire and emergency services department immediately rushed to the spot to douse the blaze.

No casualty or injury has been reported in the incident. However, goods worth lakhs of rupees have been damaged in the fire incident. As per factory employees, the owner of the factory is out of the country at present.



Fire tenders extinguishing flames at Nidra Industries Gangyal on Saturday.

Yasha Mudgal reviews progress on HADP, assesses achievements of SSR

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DODA: Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives, ARI & Trainings Departments and Mission Director of the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), Yasha Mudgal on Saturday convened a meeting with district heads of Agriculture and allied departments, to review progress on Holistic Agriculture Development Programme in the district.

She had a detailed assessment of physical and financial status of all 26 projects under implementation by Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Animal Husbandry, and Sheep Husbandry. She reviewed and evaluated implementation of the programme for Holistic development of Agriculture sector in the district.

Commissioner Secretary stressed on the stakeholder departments to motivate the farmers for taking benefit of HADP for their overall progress and prosperity. She



Com Secy Cooperatives, ARI & Trainings Departments, Yasha Mudgal chairing a meeting.

affirmed that HADP is aimed to tap the huge potential of agriculture in transforming the rural economy and bring sustainable livelihood and development of the farmers.

She asked the officers of allied departments for ensuring saturation of schemes under their purview for benefit of the farming community.

Yasha Mudgal specifically asked for completion of all the approved projects within the stipulated time frame, ensuring the programme is implemented in the district as per the guideline for the farmer's welfare.

Commissioner Secretary asked the officers to be available for the farming community throughout the year and handhold and redress

their issues for sustainable development in the agriculture sector, especially in rural areas. She reiterated synchronized efforts of all the stakeholders for holistic development of the agriculture sector in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Doda, Pran Singh, ADC, Dr Ravi Kumar Bharti, CPO, Suresh Kumar, SE PWD, CAO, CHO, CAHO, DSHO, Deputy Director Sericulture, AD Fisheries, AD Floriculture and other concerned officers and officials.

Yasha Mudgal, who is also designated Roll Observer of Electoral Roll for Doda also reviewed the progress on Special Summary Revision (SSR) in the district.

She had exhaustive interaction with EROs, AEROs, BLOs, and other stakeholders regarding progress on the Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Roll in the district.

Div Com reviews arrangements for R-Day celebration at MA Stadium



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar reviewing the arrangements of UT level R-Day Celebration at MA Stadium.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar reviewed the arrangements of UT level Republic Day Celebration 2024 at MA Stadium on Saturday. DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua, Shakti Pathak; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; SSP Jammu, SSP Security

Jammu, SSP Traffic besides senior officers of Police, Army, CRPF, BSF, SSB, Air Force, Jal Shakti, JPDCL, PWD, JMC, Health Services, Information, Education, Cultural Academy, Youth Services and Sports, Hospitality and Protocol, and other concerned departments were present.

The Div Com took stock of

the arrangements to be made by each department. He directed the HoDs to make all the respective arrangements including repair works, whitewash, parking facilities, sanitation, decoration, security, and convenient entry into the venue for the public after proper frisking.

Each head of the department was asked to appoint nodal officers to meticulously coordinate the preparations for the Republic Day Parade-2024. Arranging buses for ferrying the general public to the stadium and wide publicity of parking spaces and public entry points was also emphasised. Directions were also issued for setting a Joint control room for ensuring seamless preparations and hassle free celebration of the Republic Day 2024.

