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**LG exhorts educators...**

imparting ethical, moral, and social values alongside academic knowledge and skills.

The Lieutenant Governor said, "Our youth should have Science in one hand and Samskara in the other. Along with the advancement of science and technology, the teachings of traditional values, our cultural heritage and vision of great personalities should also be included in the main curriculum of education.

We need scientists as well as artists and spiritualists. Only the spirits of scientists, artists and spiritualists combined together can save education from being one-sided and succeed in making it a holistic education".

Speaking on the need to develop future-ready education systems and skill-driven learning environment, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted that the rapid pace at which change is taking place today, which will require constant skilling and reskilling as per the needs of the industry.

He urged all teachers to go beyond the subjects and curriculum and provide the students with skills to become successful future professionals. "The real power of education is its ability to transform. We can fulfil the demands of a modern society and build Viksit Bharat, if we can fully utilize the power of education and skilled human resources of the nation" the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor asked the students to embrace lifelong learning and realize their inner ability through self-exploration and self-awareness. "True Education shows the path to liberation. Liberation enables you to know yourself better so that you can achieve all the goals of your life. Education is not just about rote learning and exchange of information. Rather, education is a method, a medium. Through education you can achieve your individuality, awaken your consciousness, your passion, learn the modern skills to make your place in the world and achieve new heights in your chosen fields.

Nowadays the real aim of education is misunderstood. It is not about youth achieving the number one position or marks. Instead of numbers, students should focus on lifelong learning skills. Students should follow their passion and aim to reach the pinnacle of their creativity so that they can learn new skills according to the changing demand of the industry and achieve success," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He further called upon the educational institutions to aim for Zero Stress Campus and kindle the unique strength and talent of the students. "I would also like to request all the parents to help their children develop a strong personality according to their passion. I am sure that if youth are given the opportunity to choose subjects as per their passion, they will be able to achieve new heights," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also congratulated and extended his felicitations to Dr Priyaranjan Trivedi, all the members of Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar Vishwa Hindu Vidyapeeth, Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment (IEE), and everyone associated with the summit.

**HIGHLIGHTS...**

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**Matter taken up...**

standards. "Necessary modifications have been incorporated, and relevant departments, including Revenue, Law and Information Technology, have contributed to the process," he added.

The Chief Minister also mentioned that senior IAS officers were consulted in drafting the final syllabus.

"The final draft is now ready, and I assure this House that we will complete the process within a month," he said.

Addressing the query regarding the 2018 and 2019 batches of Junior JKAS officers, the Chief Minister clarified that existing operative rules do not provide for the declaration of Junior Scale JKAS officers as quasi-permanent.

Instead, the confirmation of their probation is contingent upon passing the Departmental Examination, as mandated by the following service rules: 1. Rule 22(1)(a) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956

2. Rule 4 of the Jammu and Kashmir Combined Competitive Service (Probation & Examination) Rules, 2000

3. Rule 16(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service Rules, 2008

As per Rule 16 of SRO 386, probationers must pass the Departmental Examination within two years of their appointment to be confirmed in service.

However, the Chief Minister highlighted that the examination could not be conducted due to major administrative changes brought about by the Jammu and Kashmir Re-organization Act, 2019, which restructured the erstwhile state into two Union Territories.

This reorganization necessitated a comprehensive revision of laws, statutes, and regulations, including those governing the Departmental Examination.

"As a result, the syllabus had to be thoroughly revised to align with the new administrative framework and updated legal provisions introduced by the Re-organization Act," he said. He further informed the House that Government Order No. 1514-JK(GAD) of 2023, dated 30.11.2023, had constituted a committee to finalize the syllabus for the JKAS Probationers' Departmental Examination. "We are making every effort to expedite the finalization process. Once the syllabus is approved, steps will be taken immediately to conduct the examination. The confirmation of probation for these officers, which depends on successfully passing the examination, will be processed without delay in accordance with the relevant service rules," the Chief Minister assured. Intervening to a supplementary in yet another question, the Chief Minister clarified that the land for creation of Industrial Estates (IEs) was placed at the disposal of the Industries & Commerce Department by the Revenue Department, which was then allocated to the aspiring entrepreneurs as per the established policy and procedures.

The question was raised by Mir Saifullah regarding land allotments to firms, companies and individuals in J&K over the past two years in the Legislative Assembly.

Earlier, Health Minister, Sakeena Itoo, replying on behalf of the Chief Minister, who also holds the Revenue portfolio, assured the House that all land allotments have been carried out strictly in accordance with the policy provisions in place.

"Due procedure for allotment of land, as per policy provisions in vogue, has been followed during the allotments," maintained Sakina Itoo.

**LG, CM, Ministers...**

"The colours of Holi represent the vibrancy of life and the spirit of unity. May this festival fill everyone's lives with happiness, prosperity and cheer," the Chief Minister said.

He also prayed for peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir and wished that the occasion would bring new hope and joy to all.

Extending greetings to the people, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary emphasised that the festival of colours symbolizes love, joy and harmony. He expressed optimism that Holi would bring happiness and prosperity into the lives of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Deputy Chief Minister also hoped that people will celebrate the festival with enthusiasm while fostering unity and brotherhood among all communities.

Extending his hearty greetings to the people on the joyous occasion of Holi, Minister for Agriculture Production and Rural Development, Javed Ahmad Dar emphasised the significance of the festival in promoting communal harmony and brotherhood, saying Holi, as a festival of colors, reflects the rich cultural ethos of Jammu and Kashmir and strengthens the bonds of unity among people. He urged everyone to celebrate the occasion with joy and goodwill, fostering peace, love, and mutual respect in society.

**Over 15 lakh...**

Kanal has been allotted to PMAY (G) beneficiaries on leased basis during the past two years. Legislators; RS Pathania and Narinder Singh raised supplementaries.

**Higher reaches of...**

threat of avalanches, the authorities have ordered the closure of schools till March 15.

Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department has forecast intermittent spells of light to moderate rain at most places and snow in higher reaches till Sunday morning. Thereafter, the weather is likely to improve, it added.

**Tourism promotion in...**

"This diversification is intended to attract a wider range of visitors to Jammu & Kashmir," he added.

As Minister in charge of the Tourism Department, the Chief Minister highlighted that the government is actively promoting J&K's top tourist destinations through advertising campaigns on national and international platforms.

Additionally, the Tourism Department is focusing on the development of off-beat destinations to expand tourism beyond traditional spots. "We are working on developing lesser-explored destinations like Gurez, Keran, Bungus, Tosamaidan, Aharbal, Doodhpathri, Machail, Bhaderwah, Sukrala Mata, and Panehri to attract more tourists," he said.

The Chief Minister stated that tourist arrivals in J&K have seen a significant increase in the last two years. In 2023, J&K recorded 2,11,80,011 tourist visits and in 2024, the number increased to 2,35,90,081, he informed.

The Chief Minister also provided an update on infrastructure-related projects undertaken by the Tourism Department over the last three years: In 2022-23, 984 projects were initiated, with 549 completed; In 2023-24, 1,191 projects were taken up, and 516 were completed and in 2024-25 (till date), 1,914 projects have been started, out of which 1,057 have been completed.

"Our focus remains on strengthening tourism infrastructure, enhancing visitor experience, and ensuring sustained growth in the sector," the Chief Minister concluded.



MP Gulam Ali Khatana participating in meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy at Parliament, New Delhi.

**Crackdown on vagrants near Chitta hotspots continue; 15 more vagrants detained, sent to District Jail Kathua**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBHA: On third day of crackdown on vagrants wandering near chitta hotspots, Samba Police has detained fifteen (15) more vagrants under preventive sections of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Bari Brahmana & Vijaypur and sent them to district Jail Kathua.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmana and SHO PS Vijaypur during special operations around infamous chitta hotspots Balole Khad Bari Brahmana and Rakh Barotian Vijaypur have detained fifteen vagrants who were wandering suspiciously in these areas.

The detained vagrants have been identified as Owais Zahoor, Rakesh Kumar, Subham Saroch, Aazim Ashiq, Vipin Kumar, Arun Kumar, Kunal Singh Manhas, Adil Bhamotra, Ansil Mahajan, Ankush Gupta, Sajid Salathia, Anil Kumar, Ankush Choudhary, Jimmy Thappa and Yogesh Sharma. This move aims to curb drug-related offenses and rehabilitate those involved in narcotics substance abuse.

**Samba police seizes 5 dumpers for illegal mining**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized five dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by Incharge of Police Posts Supwal and Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba and Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized five dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21G-7079, JK21G-6359, JK21J-5393, JK08L-0271 and JK02H-8683 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

**SSP Jammu reaffirming commitment to public safety, accountability**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Under the leadership of SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh (JKPS), Thana Divas was observed at Police Station Domana to

strengthen police-community relations and address public grievances. The event witnessed the participation of around 200 respected citizens, including sarpanches, panches, senior citizens, and youth representatives.



Senior officers, including SP Rural, SDPO Domana, SHO Domana, and SHO Kanachak, were also present. During the interactive session, citizens actively voiced their concerns and shared suggestions. Key issues discussed included drug abuse, thefts, the need for regular patrolling especially on Muthi Flyover and Ring Road and the importance of frequent police-public meetings. The attendees appreciated this initiative by the police.

Addressing the gathering, SSP Jammu emphasized the importance of community collaboration in crime prevention. He reiterated the police's commitment to tackling drug abuse and thefts and directed officers on the spot to ensure regular and intensified patrolling on Muthi Flyover and Ring Road. He also assured swift action on public grievances and urged citizens to share timely information about criminal activities.

**Kishtwar police observes Thana Divas**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: District Police Kishtwar observed "Thana Divas" at Police Station Kishtwar, reinforcing its commitment



to community engagement and effective policing. The event was chaired by SSP Kishtwar, Javid Iqbal Mir-JKPS, accompanied by Dy.SP Hqrs Dr. Ishan Gupta and SHO PS Kishtwar Insp. Firdous Ahmed.

The program witnessed active participation from civil society members, shopkeeper associations, and other prominent individuals from the concerned areas. Various public grievances and issues were discussed during the meeting, and SSP Kishtwar gave a patient hearing to all concerns. He assured that police-related matters would be addressed on a priority basis, while issues requiring civil administration intervention would be promptly forwarded for resolution, with timely feedback provided to the participants.

In his address, SSP Kishtwar welcomed the participants and urged them to extend their cooperation to the police and administration in maintaining law and order. He emphasized the importance of public assistance in identifying anti-national and anti-social elements, including drug peddlers, to ensure a safer society. Furthermore, participants were sensitized about the increasing trend of cybercrime and the deceptive methods employed by cybercriminals.

Additionally, SSP Kishtwar shared important insights on the three newly introduced criminal laws-highlighting their significance in strengthening the justice system and ensuring more effective law enforcement.

He emphasized how these laws would help in speeding up investigations, ensuring fair trials, and enhancing the overall security framework. The public was encouraged to be aware of these legal changes and cooperate with law enforcement in their effective implementation.

**Kathua police organizes PCPG meetings**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: In its efforts to promote peace and harmony during the upcoming festive occasions of "Holi" and Ramzan(Friday Prayer's) & Navratras, J&K Police Kathua under the supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saksena organized Police Community Participation Group (PCPG) meetings across various police establishments in Kathua District.

These meetings were chaired by concerned Supervisory



officers/officials as well as brought together representatives from different communities, emphasizing the importance of maintaining communal harmony and tranquility during these celebrations. The chairing officers/ officials urged both communities to work together in fostering a spirit of mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation.

**Medical shop sealed in connection with NDPS case**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: In connection with the investigation of Case FIR No. 24/2025 under relevant sections of the NDPS Act at Police Station Kandi a search was conducted at M/S Dar Pharmacy a medical shop located near



Abdullah Bridge Gujjar Mandi Rajouri. The shop owned by the arrested accused Ajaz Ahmed was searched under the authority of a warrant obtained from the Court.

During the search which was conducted with the assistance of the Drug Control Officer Rajouri the shop was found to be in violation of relevant laws. Medical Shop has been sealed under Section 22(d) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Further investigation in the case is ongoing.

**"People's expectations pivotal in deciding our priorities : DIGP DKR"**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: The Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, DKR Range, Shridhar Patil, IPS presided over the Thana Divas function at Ramban, reiterating that "People Centric Policing is our priority". This event, held in Ramban aimed to strengthen the bond between law enforcement and the community.

During the event, Addl. SP Ramban, Gourav Mahajan, JKPS, emphasized the importance of resolving public issues, combating crime, and ensuring a safe environment for law-abiding citizens.



DIG DKR Range expressed gratitude to the public for participating and sharing their expectations, highlighting the significance of community involvement in shaping policing priorities.

The event also featured discussions on the New Criminal Laws, which are designed to be more victim and citizen-centric, differing from the colonial-era laws. The visiting officers listened to public grievances and assured prompt redressal.

The DIG appealed to the participants to collaborate with the police in eliminating crime and reporting suspicious activities. The community expressed appreciation for the police, particularly the DGP J&K, for organizing the Thana Divas event.

**Jammu Police organizes awareness programme on "New Criminal Laws"**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BISHNAH: Jammu Police in collaboration with the District Administration, organized an awareness programme on the newly enacted criminal laws on 12.03.2025, at Panchayat Hall Ratnal, Bishnah under the jurisdiction of Police Station Bishnah. The event aimed to educate government officials and the local community about the key provisions, significance, and impact of the legal reforms.

The programme witnessed the participation of senior officials, including Ankush Tripathi (Tehsildar Bishnah), Sh Hussain Bhatti (APP Bishnah), Advocate Smt Rajni Bala along with SHO P/S Bishnah and a large gathering of local residents.

Legal experts from the Prosecution Department and legal fraternity provided insights into the new criminal laws, focusing on citizen-friendly reforms such as Zero-FIR, e-FIR, and Preliminary Enquiry (PE), along with a victim-centric approach aimed at ensuring faster justice. The session also highlighted the integration of digital/electronic evidence, forensic science, and technology-driven investigations to enhance policing efficiency.

Additionally, the programme addressed the growing concern of drug abuse, emphasizing its harmful effects on individuals and society. Officials encouraged youth to engage in cultural and constructive activities, fostering a stronger police-community relationship, particularly in border areas, to deter illegal activities.

With an active participation of approximately 80-90 attendees, the awareness programme proved to be a vital step toward enhancing public understanding of legal reforms and reinforcing law enforcement efforts in Bishnah.

**Absconder evading arrest for five years arrested**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: In a significant achievement, J&K Police District Kishtwar apprehended an absconder who had been evading arrest for the past five years.

Acting on specific information, a police team led by SHO PS Kishtwar Insp. Firdous Ahmed assisted by IC PP Drabshalla PSI Ankush Sharma under the supervision of Dy.SP Hqrs Kishtwar Dr. Ishan Gupta-JKPS, conducted a raid at a suspected location and arrested the absconder Kuljeet Kumar @ Bablo, S/O Prabhu Lal, R/O Balgran, T e h s i l Dhrabshalla, D i s t r i c t Kishtwar. The accused had been on the run since 2021 and was wanted in connection with a FIR registered against him. SSP Kishtwar Javid Iqbal Mir-JKPS has issued a stern warning to all fugitives, urging them to surrender at the nearest police station.

He further emphasized that strict action under Sections 82/83 CrPC will be taken against those who continue to evade the law.

