

Chief Justice visits Distt Court Complex Ganderbal; reviews functioning, infrastructure

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GANDERBAL: Chief Justice High Court, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, on Saturday visited the District Court Complex Ganderbal and reviewed functioning of the court besides taking stock of infrastructural facilities there.

Chief Justice was accompanied by Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Administrative Judge District Court Ganderbal.

On arrival, Chief Justice was given guard of honour by District Police Ganderbal.

Chief Justice and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi visited all court rooms and observed proceedings of cases. They also visited the office of District Legal Services Authority, Ganderbal and front office DLSA Ganderbal, and gave certain on spot directions to Judicial Officers and Police Department.

While interacting with the Judicial Officers and Administrative Officers,



Chief Justice High Court, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh interacting with Judicial Officers.

Chief Justice said that the purpose of visiting this district court complex was to assess the basic infrastructure issues here as courts are important public institutions and needs basic facilities including court rooms, enhanced e-court facilities, facilities for lawyers, public and litigants to function properly. He issued several directions for further streamlining of

infrastructural facilities in the court.

Chief Justice also reviewed the progress on land acquisition for new Court Complex.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal informed the Chief Justice that 40 kanal of land has already been identified and will be transferred after completion of codal formalities.

Chief Justice directed the Chief

Engineer, R&B to keep DPR ready as per revenue site plan so that work on new court complex could be started at an earliest once land get transferred to the law department.

Later, Chief Justice and Administrative Judge of District Ganderbal, chaired a separate meeting of District Bar Association Ganderbal who apprised them of several issues confronting them while discharging their legitimate duties and the Chief Justice has assured them all genuine issues will be looked into priority.

Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, M.K Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, Ritesh Kumar Dubey, Principal District and Sessions Judge Ganderbal, Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Registrar Judicial Srinagar, Rafiq Ahmad Rafiq, Chief Engineer, R&B, Shayimbir Singh, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Judicial Officers, Nikhil Borkar, SP Ganderbal, civil officers and Bar Members were also present.



J&K Biodiversity Council holds stakeholder consultation meeting



Chairman of J&K Biodiversity Council, Dr Mohit Gera chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: A stakeholder consultation meeting on the Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) was held on Saturday at Van Bhawan in Jammu. The BSAP is a roadmap for biodiversity conservation.

The meeting was chaired by Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council, Dr Mohit Gera, and began with a welcome address by Member Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council, Asaf Mehmood Sagar.

The meeting was attended by representatives from various departments and institutions related to biodiversity conservation, including Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Horticulture, Housing and Urban Development, Floriculture, Agriculture Production, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Revenue, Soil and Water Conservation, and Wildlife

Protection, Education, Tourism, Fisheries, Forest Ecology and Environment, and Social Forestry.

Dr Mohit Gera stated that the purpose of the consultation meeting was to gather input from all stakeholder departments on the action points highlighted in the BSAP. He added that the activities proposed under the BSAP needed to be evaluated by the stakeholder departments in light of their available resources. The final draft of the BSAP was submitted to the government for consideration and it was recommended that consultation meetings be held with all stakeholder departments.

The BSAP focuses on 11 action points, 38 strategies, and 161 activities covering all aspects of biodiversity conservation. Dr Gera mentioned that the BSAP would be a key document in the years to come due to Jammu and Kashmir's vulnerability to climate change and its link to biodiversity.

Earlier in the meeting, Member Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council, Asaf Mehmood Sagar, gave a brief background on the process involved in preparing the BSAP and the efforts made by the council to refine the document. The process for drafting the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Jammu and Kashmir was initiated following national guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in 1999.

The guidelines called for the development of national as well as state and union territory level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans. The process involved consultation with various concerned departments such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Urban Local Bodies, Floriculture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Wildlife Protection, and Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

Dr Jitendra asks PRIs to carry Modi's schemes to last mile



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a congregation of PRI (Panchayati Raj Institution) representatives at Amroha, UP.

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AMROHA: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday urged the PRI representatives to carry Prime Minister Narendra Modi's welfare schemes to the last mile.

Addressing a congregation of Panchayati Raj Institution representatives from Amroha District in Uttar Pradesh, Dr Jitendra said that they can be the most important messengers of Prime Minister Modi's people centric initiatives and programmes as they are directly in touch with the grassroot people. He said panchayats are continuously being empowered under Modi.

The Minister further pointed out that the PRIs being

elected representatives, know who are the most needy among the lowest strata of the society and can ensure that the benefits reach them without any vote bank consideration. Dr Jitendra Singh quoted Modi as saying, "The country has made this resolve to cover 100 per cent of the beneficiaries. When there is 100 percent coverage of schemes, the appeasement politics come to an end. There remains no space for it".

Dr Jitendra Singh emphasised that Modi symbolises grassroot level democracy which is liberated from any dynasty politics as he himself has risen from the grassroots. He has always insisted on the strengthening of Panchayati

Raj Institutions and decentralising powers with the efficient utilisation of the central funds by discretion of the PRI representatives.

The Minister further added that the Prime Minister's faith in Panchayati Raj Institutions and grassroot level democracy is evident from the fact that after 70 years, it was due to his intervention that for the first time, Jammu and Kashmir district development council (DDC) elections were held.

Dr Jitendra Singh emphasised the need for time-bound completion of development programmes and underlined the need for adoption of newer technologies and innovations for faster completion of proj-

ects without compromising with any quality.

Dr Singh said, when Modi took over in May, 2014, almost half of the country's population was deprived of facilities like toilets, housing, vaccination, electricity connection and bank accounts. He said, with SabkaPrayas, the Centre has been able to bring many schemes closer to 100% saturation during the last 8 years. There is a new resolve to make India a front-line state in the world in the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal.

Dr Jitendra appreciated the efforts of the PRI representatives for strengthening grass root level democracy and making people aware about the benefits of the Government's welfare schemes. He said to PRIs that they should always keep in mind Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for maximising the reach and utilisation of government schemes in rural India so that no one is left out. He said, the Modi Government has reiterated on many occasions that there would be no shortage of funds for any of the central schemes.

Congress misused Art-356 93 times to topple opposition Govts: Rana

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SAMBA: Describing the Congress as the biggest pollutant in the Indian polity Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today said history is replete of instances when the fast dwindling political party of the country belittled democracy by imposing emergency in 1975, abusing Article 356 to topple the duly elected governments 93 times and customizing the national politics by coining the slogan, India is Indira, Indira is India' way back in 1974. Devender Singh Rana who was addressing prominent party workers here at Samba reminded the Congress of its dubious distinction of introducing Aya Ram Gaya Ram culture in the Indian politics. He said Congress demolished and mutilated all the institutions of Indian democracy and disfigured its federal structure. "Those were the times the people had been subjected to unprecedented repression and political exploitation by a family that pushed the stalwarts of the



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana speaking at party workers meeting.

Indian freedom movement to oblivion for lust of power", he added.

He blamed the Congress for bringing criminalization in Indian politics and dividing the society on caste and religious lines to create vote banks. The posterity will never forgive the Congress for sowing the seeds of caste-culture in the Indian polity that has adversely impacted the society over the decades, he added.

"Times have gone and the factotums of the dynasts must now learn to reconcile and adopt the new political culture of the greatest democracy of the world where a common man

belonging to Other Backward Classes can rise to become the Prime Minister and a tribal woman making it to the highest office of Head of the Nation", Rana said, adding this is New India, which is stepping towards becoming the Vishwa Guru.

The Senior BJP leader termed the euphoria of the opposition as a sign of deep frustration on the face of shrinking political space across the country due to acts of omission and commission and the open loot that has brought them together to form a coalition of corrupt. The fear of being caught for plundering the

public exchequer has snatched from them their basic sense of proportion, which is why the political discourse has gone down to the lowest depths of Indian history. In their attempt to demean the nation just because of hate Narendra Modi syndrome, they have started targeting the institutions, not only across the country but around the world as well, he said, adding that this is the least the people of the country will tolerate. Devender Rana said the joining of hands by north-pole and south-pole of Indian politics is not without an agenda either: Coming as it is at a time when India has emerged

as the fifth largest economy of the world and is all set to be the third in the next few years, some elements are desperate to scuttle the nation's growth story because they don't want India to shine under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Progressive India is an eye-sore for some nations as well, which is why the rejected politicians back home are getting oxygen to weaken the nation from within. He said all these forces will not succeed, given the resolve of Indians, irrespective of religion, region, caste or creed, to make their nation the world leader. Rana said the coalition of corrupt and inimical forces abroad are destined to fail in their machinations, adding that this is just a matter of time.

Prominent among others who were present in the meeting included Kashmira Singh, District President, Indeerjit Sharma, Sangathan Mantri, Th. Narayan Singh, District Prabhari, Munish Sharma, Seh-Prabhari, Sanjeev Kumar, Ramesh Chander, DDC, Samba, Shilpy Dubey, DDC Vijaypur, Omkar Padha, Amit Dubey and Mandal Presidents.

IIT Jammu conducts ICSI's first Jammu State Conference 2023



IIT Jammu and ICSI members during a conference in Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu in collaboration with Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), conducted the first Jammu State Conference 2023 of Jammu chapter on Saturday at Jagti Campus. The theme of the conference was "Role of CS in Start-up/Entrepreneurship". Prof Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Rohit Gupta, Chairman M/S Sarveshwar Foods Limited, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

Prof Manoj Kumar Aggarwal, IIT Jammu;

CS Kamakshi Singh; and CS Sahil Gupta were amongst the list of eminent speakers who shared their expertise on the role of CS in Startup and Entrepreneurship with the members.

The conference witnessed the presence of dignitaries such as CS Neha Sharma, Chairman, ICSI's Jammu Chapter; CS Devandra Suhag, Chairman NIRC of ICSI; CS Himanshu Harbola, Vice Chairman NIRC; CS Jatin Singal Regional Council member; CS Anuj Vaid, Secretary Jammu Chapter of ICSI; Members of Jammu chapter of ICSI; and Promoters/Directors of incubatee companies.

Dr Karan Singh appoints Brig RS Langeh as new President J&K Dharmarth Trust

Reconstitutes Dharmarth Council for a period of two years

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JAMMU: Chairman Trustee of Jammu & Kashmir Dharmarth Trust, Dr. Karan Singh, today appointed Brig. R.S Langeh as the President of J&K Dharmarth Trust.

In an order issued here by Dr. Karan Singh, Brig. R.S Langeh has been appointed as President of the Trust with effect from 1st April 2023.

Ashok Kumar Sharma welcomed Brig. R.S Langeh to the Trust by presenting him a bouquet in presence of Additional Secretary Varinder Singh Jamwal and staff of Trust's Central Office. He hoped that with the joining of the new President, the Trust would gain new heights with his rich experience.



Newly nominated President JKDT, Brig. R.S Langeh and others.

On the occasion of his appointment, Brig. R.S Langeh said that he was grateful and felt privileged to have

the opportunity to be a part of such a historic organization, with a prestigious legacy and a colossal contribution to society and religion in Jammu & Kashmir. He added that he would provide his best services, with full dedication for achieving the purpose of the Trust.

Later, the newly appointed President Brig. R.S Langeh also held a brief introductory meeting with the Dharmarth Trust's employees.

Meanwhile, the Chairman Trustee has reconstituted the Dharmarth Council with effect from 1st April 2023 for a period of two years upto 31st March 2025. The newly appointed Council members are Vishwamurti Shastri, Sunil Trakroo, S.M Sawhney and Vishal Abrol.

North Zone Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Surge meet held



Principal GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma and other Surgeons at a meeting.

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JAMMU: North Zone Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Surge meet was organised on Saturday by the Jammu team of CTVS Surgeons of CTVS Department of Super Speciality Hospital, GMC Jammu.

Leading Cardiothoracic Surgeon of New Delhi, Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Bathinda participated in the meeting along with Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Jammu region.

The Principal and Dean GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma inaugurated the scientific session and appreciated the ANZ CTVS for holding this meet in Jammu. She emphasized the need for

expanding the facilities in Cardiothoracic Surgery Department and providing the best facilities to the patients of this region. She highlighted the need for training and skill enhancement in CTVS.

Present on the occasion were Petron ANZ CTVS Dr H.S Bedi, President Dr. S.S Rana, Dr Gurjit Singh, Dr Ashwani Suri and senior CTVS Surgeons of Jammu, Dr Mukund Lal, Dr Noor Ali and another faculty of CTVS Department Dr Mohit Arora, Dr Vivek Gandotra, Dr Javed, Dr Rouf, Dr Romil from NH Katra, Dr Bhumika from Ankur Maitrika and cardiac anesthetist Dr Rashmeet, Dr Rahul from AIIMS

Bathinda.

The scientific session has a plethora of presentation in the field of the cardiothoracic and vascular surgery by speakers Dr H.S Bedi, Dr Ashwani Suri, Dr Sidharth Garg, Dr Meenakshi Mandal, Dr Shyam Singh and Dr Arvind Kohli.

Later in the evening session of trans aortic valvular replacement for surgeons was held in which leading CTVS surgeons from New Delhi Dr Yugal Mishra presented the current perspective in the field and interactive session participated by cardiologist Dr Sushil Sharma and all panelists. The participants from GMC Jammu were residents and staff of the CTVS Department got benefitted by the scientific sessions. Dr Ishtiyahq Ahmed Mir presented the vote of thanks.

The Organizing Secretary of the meet, Dr Arvind Kohli emphasized the role of interaction between the CTVS Surgeons of the region that helps in discussion for the patient care, also sharing each others' expertise in the management of newer techniques for needy patients of the region.