

Div Com Jammu, ADGP review action plans to tackle drug menace

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar and Additional Director General of Police, Mukesh Singh on Wednesday reviewed measures to curb drug abuse in districts of Jammu division during a video conference meeting with all Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police.

During the meeting, various issues related to drug addiction were discussed, including areas of concern, age groups of addicts and hotspots of drug use. The concerned Deputy Commissioners and SSPs apprised them of the situation in their respective districts and the measures taken by the district administration to control the drug menace.

The Div Com instructed the DCs to identify drug-prone areas and launch awareness campaigns. He stressed the need for a mas-



Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting in Jammu on Wednesday.

sive awareness campaign across all districts of the division, involving people from all walks of life including school children, youth, PRI representatives, social/religious organisations and the target public. He urged for hosting symposiums, seminars and workshops in educational institutions to raise awareness about drug addiction and its ill effects on society.

During the meeting, SSPs informed about the steps taken to curb drug abuse and enforcement in their dis-

tricts. They reported on the number of FIRs registered in their respective districts and informed that registration of vehicles involved in drug peddling were also cancelled and seized.

The ADGP directed the SSPs to maintain a database of all arrested drug peddlers and ensure strict surveillance in vulnerable areas. He asked them to step up vigil against drug proliferation and consumption and intensify awareness against such addictive substances.

Ramesh Kumar asked the

DCs to intensify awareness campaigns across their districts.

Deputy Commissioners and SSPs gave their suggestions to curb drug abuse while Div Com, Ramesh Kumar and ADGP, Mukesh Singh directed DCs and SSPs to share their respective district's action plans to curb the drug menace.

The Div Com stressed that hotspot areas and chemist shops should be covered with CCTV surveillance. He asked DCs to activate helpline numbers and main-

tain a database of calls received, actions taken and ensure resolution of each complaint received. He also asked them to review the functioning of drug de-addiction centres in their districts and ensure regular follow-up of each case. DCs were asked to involve youth clubs and organisations to complement the government's efforts in fighting against drug abuse in their districts.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Inspector General Jammu Kathua Range, Shakti Pathak; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; DC Kathua, Rahul Pandey; DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta; SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli; SSP Kathua, Shivdeep Singh Jamwal; Benam Tosh, SP Narcotics Vinay Sharma while all other Deputy Commissioners along with SSPs participated in the meeting through video conferencing.



Historic Eidgah renamed after Shah-e-Hamadan

Message of peace & harmony will go to world again from historic Eidgah: Darakhshan

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SRINAGAR: Chairperson J&K Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Wednesday announced the Waqf Board decision of naming the historic Eidgah at Srinagar on the name of Shah-e-Hamadan (RA) and laid the foundation stone for the new state of art Minbar being constructed by Waqf Board.

Accompanied by the Board Members Dr Ghulaam Nabi Haleem and Syed Mohammad Hussain Haqqani and the Waqf Magistrate Ishtiyak Mohiuddin, Dr Andrabi announced that the grandeur and majesty of this place will be restored by the Waqf Board in phased manner.

"Eidgah has remained the centre for religious gatherings for centuries and now we need to restore its importance again. After the completion of the state of art Minbar, Board will take steps for levelling and beautification of entire Eidgah ground. All required developmental works will be taken up soon", said Waqf Board Chairperson. She said that this land



Chairperson JKWB Dr Darakhshan Andrabi laying foundation stone for Minbar.

was acquired by paying the 'Laal-e-Badakshan' in kind and we have the responsibility of making it the real jewel in the crown of the historic city of Srinagar. Dr Andrabi laid the foundation stone after a brief religious ceremony of quranic recitation followed by darood-o-dua by the religious scholars. A huge gathering of local public was also present on the occasion.

While speaking to media after the event, Dr Darakhshan said, "The stillness of Eidgah will soon end with the message of peace and harmony for whole of humanity from this historic place will resonate in all directions.

This place will regain its importance and the message of spiritual excellence and peacefulness will echo from here".

Dr Andrabi thanked the people for their cooperation and support to Waqf Board.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, Dhalwal Miulu Hamipurkona, BSF and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 06 from 11 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Ghomanhasa, Chaklall Din, Sandawan, Ramgarh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 06 from 10 am to 4 pm. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to CTM Factory, Chackludan, GMC, Godrej Factory and Industries under SICOP Ist and SIDCO shall remain affected on April 06 and 07 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nanke Chack, Supwal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 06 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Dr Jitendra informs Lok Sabha about new Nuclear Reactors

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Wednesday informed the Lok Sabha about the new Nuclear Reactors being set up in India.

The Government has given bulk approval for the installation of ten nuclear reactors in different parts of the country, the Minister informed.

In reply to a question, Dr. Jitendra stated that the Government has roped in PSUs for the installation of the nuclear reactors and the exercise would be done exclusively by the specialised Government agencies.

He said, the Government has accorded administrative approval and financial sanction for 10 indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors of 700 MW each in fleet mode. As per the details, two nuclear reactors each had been approved for each of the three States of



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking in the Lok Sabha.

Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana while four were sanctioned for Rajasthan, the reply stated.

The Minister also informed that the Modi Government had amended the Atomic Energy Act in 2015 to enable the Joint Ventures of NPCIL with Public Sector Enterprises to set up nuclear power projects. These reactors are planned to be set up in 'fleet mode' progressively by the year 2031 at a cost of Rs. 1,05,000 crores, he

added.

In reply to another reply in the same House, Dr. Jitendra informed that during 2021-22, nuclear power reactors generated 47112 Million Units of electricity, which comprises about 3.15% of the total electricity generated in the country.

Dr Singh stated that the present installed nuclear power capacity is set to increase from 6780 MW to 22480 MW by 2031 on progressive completion of projects under construction and accorded sanction. The Government has also accorded 'in principle' approval for new sites to set up nuclear reactors in future.

Pertinent to mention that it was only under this Government after Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister that one of the North Indian States will get the first Nuclear Reactor at the Haryana town of Gorakhpur.

Ranjeet Kalra, Yogesh Sharma conferred DGP Medals & Commendation certificates



ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh docarting Member JKSC Ranjeet Kalra and Yogesh Sharma Reliance Jio DGM with DGP J&K's Medal and Commendation Certificate.

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JAMMU: Ace Sports Administrator & Member J&K Sports Council Ranjeet Kalra and Yogesh Sharma Reliance Jio DGM were decorated with DGP J&K's Medal and Commendation Certificate by ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh, at a special investiture ceremony at ZPHQ, Jammu.

While Ranjeet Kalra was conferred with the Medal & DGP's commendation for his outstanding contribution to Sports & Youth

Affairs, especially his contribution to the various sporting initiatives undertaken by J&K Police under its Civic Action programme, Yogesh Sharma and Reliance Jio were bestowed with the honour for their public service and support to the J&K Police.

ADGP Mukesh Singh congratulated the medallist on behalf of DGP J&K Dilbagh Singh, and hoped that they shall continue to contribute towards public good in their respective fields.

PCCF tours West Circle, reviews mechanisms to prevent damages

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JAMMU: Dr. Mohit Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Jammu and Kashmir, and BM Sharma, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu, conducted a tour of the forest areas of Jammu West Circle, including Katra Range of Reasi Forest Division and Mahore Forest Division on Wednesday, to review forest fire preparedness and damage prevention measures.

During the tour, officers from West Circle and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) presented their



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Dr Mohit Gera chairing a meeting.

measures and preparations to prevent forest fires. Vinay Khajuria, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF),

representing CEO, SMVDSB, Katra, informed the team about various measures like control burning, creating fire lines, spreading awareness among local communities, col-

lecting chir pine needles, clearance of bushes on both sides of the track, and wetting of Shrine slopes during May and June. A future plan for the installation of a rain gun on the

track was also discussed.

Range Officer Katra and Range Officer Reasi Forest Division informed that they had taken up massive fire lines creation and control burning, and coordination with Forest Protection Force, Police Department, SMVDSB, Katra authorities had been pursued to prevent forest fires in forests of Reasi Forest Division. Awareness Camps about the prevention of forest fires and subsequent penal action for inducing forest fires were also being conducted regularly.

Dr Gera inaugurated the Forest Guard Hut in Kanthan Forest block and interacted with the PRI members. Later,

plant distribution of various species was done among the local public in the light of 'Har Gaon Haryali' campaign of the J&K Government. Dr Gera and his team also visited Mahore Forest Division to review forest field staff and conduct a mock drill to check forest damage and prevent forest fires.

Dr Gera expressed satisfaction with the functioning of the West Circle and called for more focused efforts to protect and conserve the green wealth of Jammu and Kashmir.

The J&K Forest Department and its sister wings have successfully planted over 150 lakh saplings in the last financial year 2022-

23. The J&K Forest Department plans to distribute plants to the maximum number of rural and urban households in the upcoming financial year. The department is also committed to creating livelihood opportunities in association with J&K Rural Livelihood Mission and Tribal Affairs Department under the newly launched Non-Timber Forest Produce policy.

Additionally, Nagarvans projects, beautification of water bodies/wildlife areas, and plastic-free forest campaigns are being taken up by involving the public and school/college students en masse.

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IRP 11th Bn organises 'Cyber Awareness Day'

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ANANTNAG: "Cyber Awareness Day" was on Wednesday organized at IRP 11th Battalion Hqrs at Anantnag. The programme was attended by officers/officials of the unit.

The objective behind conducting the programme was to sensitise the police personnel about the Cyber Crimes prevalent in the society, their latest trends and to make them aware about remedial measures.

Sandeep Mehta-SSP, Commandant IRP-11th Bn delivered the inaugural speech regarding online cyber frauds carried out by cyber criminals. Various facets of Cyber Crimes and Cyber criminals were discussed in detail.

Asst. Professor from Government Degree College (Women) Anantnag, Malik Durafshan Afroz was the resource person for the event, whereas both the Dy. COs of the Battalion namely Sajjad Shah, SP and Altaf Ahmed, SP also presented their respective talks on the topic.

The programme was designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of various types of cybercrime, including phishing, online banking fraud, Social media crime, identity theft and online fraud etc. and the techniques to prevent them.

Speaking on the occasion the guest faculty advised the participants to be aware while surfing the internet and do not fall prey to cyber criminals. The speakers advised the participants not to open/click links without knowing the source of origin and mode of transmission through different internet applications.

They also appealed participants to spread awareness among others as well the risks associated with digital transactions and social media applications in use.

The participants were taught about safe internet practices, such as using strong passwords, being cautious of clicking on suspicious links, and avoiding sharing personal information online. The program was interactional and participants were encouraged in understanding of cyber crimes and preventions therein.

The program ended with the formal vote of thanks and presentation of the memento to the resource person by the Commandant and other officers of the unit.

I&C Deptt, DPIIT conduct 'Workshop cum Capacity Building Programme'

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JAMMU: The Department of Industries and Commerce in conjunction with Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), GoI, on Wednesday conducted one day 'Workshop cum Capacity Building Programme' for effective implementation of 'New Central Sector Scheme [NCSS], 2021 in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir at Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, here.

In the morning session, R K Singh, Joint Secretary, DPIIT and Dr. Kajal, Director, DPIIT along with team from DPIIT, Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry, E&Y, addressed officers of Directorate of Industries and Commerce and District Industries Centres of Jammu division on 'New Central Sector Scheme [NCSS], 2021

Anoo Malhotra, Director General, Industries and

Commerce, Jammu, gave a detailed presentation on the industrial ecosystem of J&K and shared the progress made in registrations and claims in respect of Jammu division.

The officers from DPIIT appreciated the progress made by the UT tea and emphasized that J&K needs to play a proactive role for attracting investments and making the New Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of J&K a big success.

Director General also highlighted the challenges that need to be addressed in respect of IDS-2017, NCSS portal for registration of units, Working Capital Interest Subvention, Term Loan Interest Subvention, Capital Investment Incentive and GST linked incentives claim application forms and subsequent uploading of documents.

The officers from DPIIT assured to resolve the issues and requested the

Industries & Commerce Department to activate their field teams and conduct interactions with the entrepreneurs. They also asked the department to identify specific sectors and set targets for New Central Sector Scheme for its effective implementation

In the afternoon session, the team held a thorough interaction with various entrepreneurs and representatives of various Industrial Associations of Jammu division.


The DPIIT team apprised the association members of various financial and tax benefits under the New Central Sector Scheme to attract new investment in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, both in manufacturing and service sectors. The team also explained various features of NCSS portal, clearing their doubts about various aspects of the scheme.

The representatives of various Industrial associa-

tions highlighted the outstanding points in the earlier IDS - 2017 as well as the registrations under the new NCSS policy. The delegates of various Industrial Associations also put forth their suggestions for further improvement in the scheme and streamlining ease of doing business in the UT.

R.K. Singh, Dr. Kajal, assured full cooperation in implementation of their projects and availing various incentives being extended by the State / Central Government. They also highlighted that the Government has taken keen view for the sustainability of the existing enterprises and inviting new investments in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir as well.

Representatives of Industrial Associations of Jammu division welcomed efforts of both Central and UT governments in supporting industrialisation of J&K.




Our deepest condolence
on the sad and untimely demise of

Sh. D.K. GUPTA JI
(S.E Rtd. PDD)
MD of Nidaan Diagnostics
Director of Nidaan Kids School

R/o. 175 A/D Green Belt Gandhi Nagar
on 5th April 2023

May god grant everlasting peace to the departed soul & give
courage to the family to overcome this irreparable loss.

Relatives & Family

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