

Sinha releases ‘Shri Amarnathji Yatra Guide book’

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha released "Shri Amarnathji Yatra Guide book" published by Tourism Federation of Jammu, on Sunday.
The Lt Governor appreciated the Tourism Federation of Jammu for selfless service to pilgrims.
The Lt Governor also shared the key initiatives taken by the UT Government and Amarnathji Shrine Board to facilitate the hassle-free and smooth pilgrimage of the devotees.



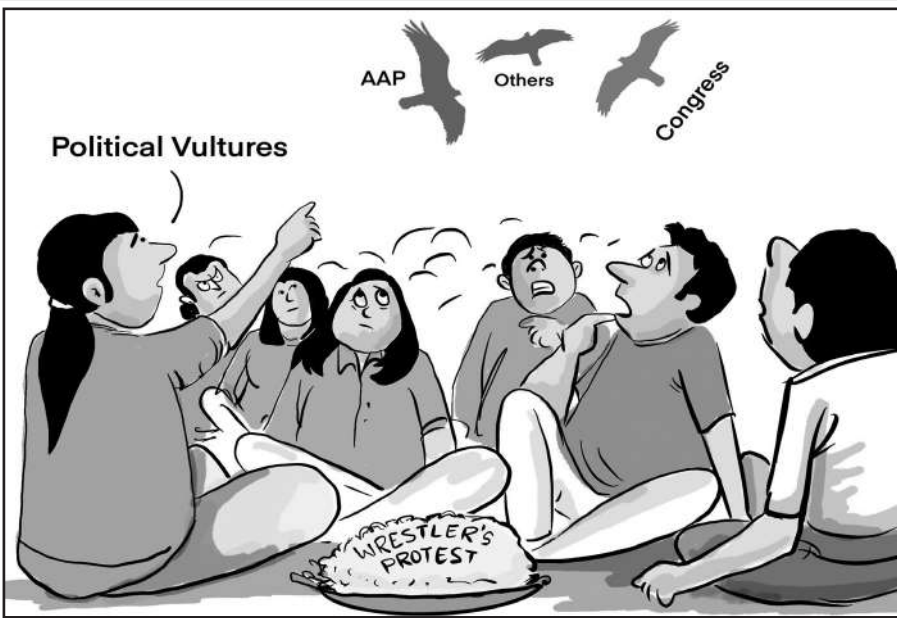
Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and others releasing "Shri Amarnathji Yatra Guide book".

He further highlighted the efforts to promote spiritual tourism in Jammu Kashmir. The representatives of

Tourism Federation of Jammu expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration and the

Shrine Board for augmenting the facilities for pilgrims and service providers. The 62-day long Shri

Amarnathji Yatra will commence on 1st July this year and it will culminate on 31st August 2023.
Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Rajesh Gupta, Chairman, Tourism Federation of Jammu; Ajay Gupta President Association of Religious Tour Operators; B.B Kotwal President Bhaderwah Travel Trade Association; Kuldip Luthra President Jai Hind Manch and office-bearers of Tourism Federation were present.



J&K Bank commissions one branch, three CRMs in Jammu



J&K Bank officers inaugurating ATMs on Sunday.

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JAMMU: Going forward on the ease of banking through digital channels and reaching to the unreached with banking outlets, J&K Bank on Sunday commissioned a new branch at Dharat in Nowshera taking the network in the District Rajouri to 39 besides dedicating Cash Recycler Machines (CRM) at Sunderbani, Doda and Bari Brahmana in Jammu.
Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan inaugurated the CRM in Doda in presence of Zonal Head (Doda/Kishtwar) Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, Branch Manager Satpal Singh amid a gathering of large number of people and esteemed customers of our bank.
Speaking on the occasion, DC Doda appreciated the Bank for providing the hi-tech banking facility to the

people of the area and urged the public to avail the banking services at their own convenience.
Zonal Head Fayaz Ahmad Bhat reiterated that the Bank's focus is to expand its digital and alternate channels infra-structure to ensure customer convenience through ease of banking.
Meanwhile, Zonal Head (Rajouri/Poonch) Satish Kumar e-inaugurated the Branch at Nowshera in presence of Branch Manager Shivalik Tuli with elected public representative Sangeeta Sharma amid a gathering of valuable customers at the branch premises.
While urging the public to avail financial services, Zonal Head said "As responsible financial institution, our role everywhere is to ensure economic empowerment of the people by ensuring ease of business and customer comfort". He assured the people of best customer services at the branch. He also e-inaugurated a new CRM at Sunderbani on the occasion.
Furthermore, the Bank's Zonal Head (Kathua) Sanjeev Kumar inaugurated the CRM at Bari Brahmana in presence of Cluster Head (Samba) Sanjay Kumar Belowo amid a gathering of valuable customers, local traders and residents besides Bank officials.
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Chief Justice concludes 2-day tour of Doda Distt

Emphasis timely completion of new court complex Bhadarwah, holding Lok Adalats for speedy justice

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DODA: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, along with Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Administrative Judge of District Doda, on Sunday concluded their two-day visit of Doda district.
On day one yesterday, Chief Justice along with Administrative Judge, Principal District Sessions Judge, Sunit Gupta, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan, SSP Doda, Abdul Qayoom, other Judicial Officers, Rector Bhaderwah Campus and others were present on the occasion.
He emphasized the role of discipline and knowledge in the lives of the youth in building a strong nation.



Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh posing with students and faculty members.

Encouraging the students and the audience to choose the right path and adherence to law, he interacted with them and had detailed discussion on various relevant issues.
Later, Chief Justice visited court complex Bhadarwah and interacted with Judicial Officers of the district and reviewed the working of judicial system. He also distrib-

uted wheel chairs and Hearing Aids at court complex Bhaderwah.
Chief justice also inspected the progress on work at the new court complex at Sarna and directed the concerned agency that the project be completed within the timeline.
On day second, Justice Kotiswar and Justice Nargal inspected Court

Complex Doda and inaugurated lawyers' chamber at district Court Complex here.
Besides reviewing functioning of courts, they also interacted with lawyers and judicial officers here and took a detailed review of the working of different courts and the mechanism of serving justice to the people.
During his address, Chief Justice emphasized on the

need to ensure fair and speedy disposal of cases with special emphasis on priority to the old cases. He reminded all the members of the legal fraternity of their important role they have in making our systems just for welfare of the common masses. He interacted with the Members of the Bar; who projected various demands before him. The Administrative Judge assured the Members of the Bar that their genuine demands would be addressed without any delay.
Justice Nargal spoke about the role of the advocates in ensuring justice to the people. He thanked the Chief Justice for inaugurating the lawyer chambers as he described them the places where ideas of justice are conceived.

Minor fire breaks out in AIIMS Jammu



Police visiting AIIMS at Vijaypur to check fire incident.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A minor fire broke out on the first floor of under-construction building

CEO AIIMS Jammu, Dr Shakti Gupta informed that a minor fire broke out on first floor of OPD Block in the under-construction building of AIIMS Vijaypur.
He added that Air Conditioning work was going on and the AC material caught fire.
"Fire tenders reached on the spot in time and no loss or injury to workers reported," Dr Shakti Gupta said and added "I will review the SOPs tomorrow morning along with CPWD and contractor M/S Ahluwalia and submit the report".

of AIIMS Jammu at Vijaypur in district Samba on Sunday.
Executive Director and

GoI must explain why Assembly elections not being held in J&K: Bukhari



Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari addressing gathering at Poonch.

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POONCH: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Sunday asked the Election Commission of India and Govt of India to explain why the Assembly Elections are not being held in Jammu and Kashmir.
"The elections are being delayed without justification in J&K. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Election Commission of India and Govt of India to explain as to why the Assembly Elections have been delayed," said Altaf Bukhari while addressing a public rally at Mandi in Poonch District. Bukhari said that "How can a country object to the formation of Govt in J&K? This decision has to be taken by the Election Commission of India or Govt of India as there is no role of any of the neighbouring countries." Therefore, he said that the Govt of India must explain why the elections are not being held in J&K. "Who will conduct elections in J&K? As far as we know, the elections are conducted by ECI / Govt of India and no other power on this earth has any right to interfere in J&K," he asked.
Referring to the terror attack in Poonch, he said, "We are concerned over the terror attack in which our five soldiers were martyred. The innocent people should not be harassed. However, those people who provided any kind of support to the terrorists should be handled as per the law."
Countering those questioning the nationalism of the people, he said, "No one is more nationalist than the border residents from Kathua to Uri who have braved all odd situations and lived back in their respective border villages."
Meanwhile, he criticized the traditional political parties for misleading the people of Jammu and

Kashmir with their divisive agenda on the name of autonomy, self-rule and other things. "They created a wedge among the people with their false narrative and promises which could not be fulfilled. However, when they go to Delhi they speak differently. Their double faces have been exposed before the public," he said and questioned that these politicians blame others but they themselves go to Delhi to protect themselves.
However, Apni Party leaders go to Delhi to protect the interest of the people i.e., land, jobs and other things so that outsiders may not grab resources or jobs, he added.
He said that his party took risks and stood up when no other politician was ready to speak for the people of J&K who were troubled with the abrogation of special status and downgrading of J&K State into UT. Citing an example, he said that one leader from J&K had gone to Delhi in 1947 and returned as Administrator and for 72 years, the political parties continued to fool people on different agenda. "We promise what can be achieved. Our agenda is peace, prosperity and equitable development in J&K. The divisive agenda adopted by traditional political parties was responsible for unaccounted deaths and destruction for the last 72 years. The people faced the brunt of divisive agenda, and these politicians enjoyed their luxury on the other hand," he said.
The people were divided on the name of region, religion, Pahari, Gujjar, Kashmiri but the time has come when everyone should come forward and get united for the peace and prosperity of J&K. He appealed to the people to give a majority to the Apni Party in the assembly elections to form a Govt.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: An extensive forty hours Mandatory Mediation Training programme for the Advocates of various districts of Jammu province spreading over five days concluded on Sunday at J&K Judicial Academy, Jammu with the valedictory address delivered by Justice Tashi Rabstan Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairman, Mediation and Conciliation Committee.
In his address, Justice Tashi said that considering the shortage of trained mediators the present training programme was devised for the Advocates of Jammu Province. Justice Tashi who has been heading the Mediation and Conciliation Committee from last about 8 years said that the Mediation rules framed by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh are exhaustive and referral judges are required to identify and refer the cases having potential of being settled through the process of mediation. He further said that now-a-days many big companies having enormous economic activities are witnessing upsurge in disputes which they want to be settled through the process of Mediation.
Justice Tashi appreciated the participants in the training programme for showing keen interest besides actively participating and interacting with the trainers during the said programme. Justice Tashi impressed upon the trainees to work with dedication and ensure that the mediation becomes result oriented.
Speaking on the occasion V.K. Bansal, Principal Judge, Family Court, Tis Hazari, Delhi and Senior Trainer said that this was his 5th or 6th programme as a trainer in Jammu and Kashmir and was more than happy to receive an invitation from MCPC, Supreme Court of India for being deputed as a train-

Mediation always existed in Indian culture as dispute resolution: Justice Tashi Rabstan



Justice Tashi Rabstan Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh speaking at a programme.

er to Jammu and Kashmir.
He further said that he was overwhelmed by the reception and hospitality extended to him and appreciated the enthusiasm with which the trainees participated in the programme.
Dr Aditi Choudhary, Director Delhi Judicial Academy also acknowledged that the participation of the trainees in the programme was beyond her expectation and queries raised by them during the programme gave a food for thought to the trainers. She hoped that the participants would prove to be an asset for carrying on the mission of mediation in UT of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
The Training Programme was spread over a total of 12 sessions and day one started with the inaugural session followed by technical sessions on various aspects of mediation that included Ground Rules, Principles of Learning and Training, Conflict Management and Resolution, Role Play, ADR with special reference to Section 89 of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and its types.

On the second day of training various aspects including Role of Lawyers and the concept of Mediation and Conciliation Rules, were discussed. The focus was on meaning and process of communication, its effectiveness including its types and modes. Special emphasis was laid on various communication skills like active listening, body language, questions and empathically with neutrality.
On 3rd and 4th day of the training, priority was given to the concepts of Bargaining, Negotiation, Impasse including its causes, stages, management and strategies, false and avoidance impasse. During these two days the participating advocates were practically involved in experiencing various techniques learnt during these sessions. At the end of day 04, various professional ethics including ethical principles for a mediator; role and responsibilities of a referral judge u/s 89 of Code of Civil Procedures 1908, were targeted.
The concluding day, commenced with the concept of ethical principles for Judicial and Advocate mediators followed by an informative documentary. The highlight of all the days of training program was the Role Play on Mediation by the participants which also boosted their morale for mediation process.
While concluding the training programme Amit Kumar Gupta, Coordinator, Mediation & Conciliation Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh thanked and expressed deep gratitude towards Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chairperson and Justice Sindhu Sharma and Justice Mohammad Akram Choudhary, Members, Mediation and Conciliation Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh for conceiving this training programme. He also thanked Director, J&K Judicial Academy for extending logistics support.