

Judicial Academy organises sensitization workshop on 'Animal Laws'

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JAMMU: J&K Judicial Academy on Saturday organized one day Sensitization Workshop on 'Animal Laws' for judicial officers and prosecuting officers of Jammu Province at Judicial Academy, Jammu.

The workshop was held 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 guidance of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, members of Governing Committee.

The training programme was inaugurated by Justice Rahul Bharti, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh in presence of D.C. Raina, Advocate General, UTs of J&K and Ladakh. Gauri Manlekhi, a leading animal welfare laws expert was the resource person in the workshop. The training programme was conducted by Y.P. Bourney, Director, J&K Judicial Academy.



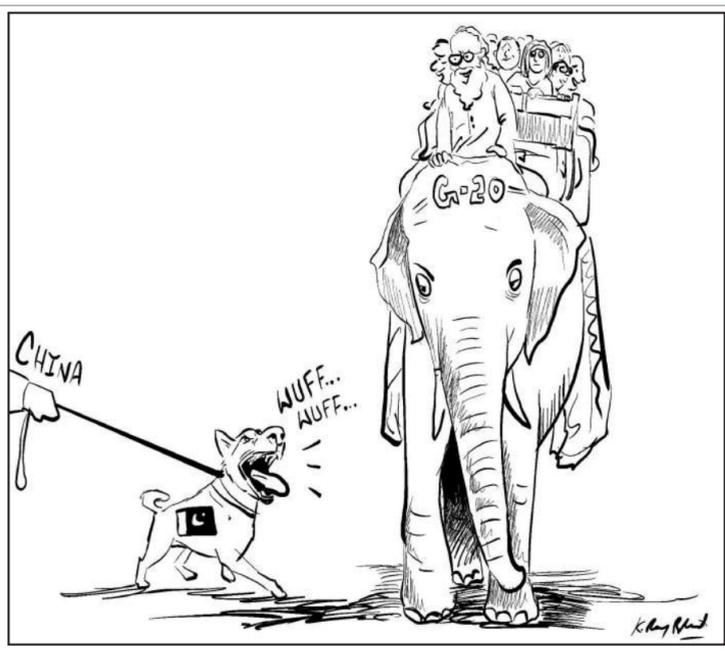
Justice Rahul Bharti, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh speaking at a workshop.

Justice Rahul Bharti, in his inaugural address, emphasised that purpose of law is to bring humanness out of a humans so that the society stays in peace with the environment and thereby evolves itself. He laid emphasis on how revered the animals are for their own existence. Animals are given rights to be next to the Gods just as humans and their supremacy is well mentioned in our religious books, he added. He gave illustrations from his various real-life experiences and discussed various case laws during his deliberation. He underlined the purpose of holding such training programmes to enhance knowledge of Judicial and other law Officers relating to the laws and to remove inhi-

bitions while applying the provisions thereof in their day-to-day work. D.C. Raina, in his special remarks, said that those who are well versed with customs and cultures of their religion know that God has always chosen one animal with them and this states the stature of animals. He stated that animals may be less wise but they are not senseless and our culture as well as our ecology is incomplete without them. He added that animals are the integral and inseparable part of our society. He said that we have several laws and Acts relating to animals but all those are not sufficient and we all have to contribute towards welfare of animals by introducing animal-friendly practices for dealing with cases of cruelty in a time bound manner. Y.P. Bourney, Director, J&K

Judicial Academy, presented the welcome address and gave an overview of the programme. He underlined that the human association with the animals perhaps is as old as the human civilization itself. Animals occupy a very crucial space in human existence. He added that with the change in times, bond between humans and animals has grown deeper and deeper. Not only that, we have a rich culture of not only protecting and preserving some species but also worshipping some of the species of animals. He highlighted that it is important for each and everyone of us to have clear understanding about laws and the legal provisions in vogue for protection of animals from wanton acts of cruelty. Vote of thanks was proposed by Rajni Sharma, Special Mobile Magistrate (T),

Jammu. In the technical sessions, the resource person Gauri Manlekhi gave an introduction about animal protection laws and prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 using a PowerPoint Presentation. She said that the mindless hunting, poaching and killing of animals for commercial exploitation in the recent times have not only led to the new challenges for humanity to preserve the much-needed ecological balance but also poses a threat to some species of extinction. The price tag, transportation by all available means, import/export etc. are some of the very aspects which attract the attention of one and all. The resource person also deliberated upon the rules regarding transport and slaughter of animals and discussed various case studies with the participants. They emphasised on the need to sensitize the public regarding cruelty to animals and its ill effects so that it can be prevented. Later, an interactive session was held during which the participants deliberated and discussed various aspects of the subject topic and raised queries which were addressed satisfactorily by the resource person.



Nine years of BJP rule has made country miserable: Bhalla

Govt has no time and commitment for welfare of people: Sawhney



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla speaking at party workers meeting.

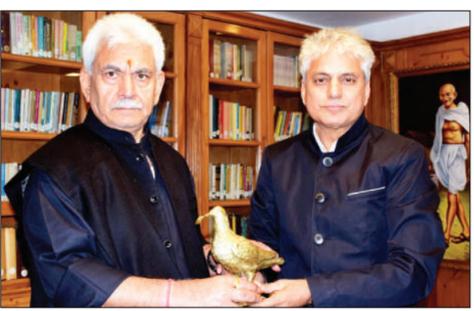
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JAMMU: The District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) on Saturday held monthly meeting at the Congress office at Shaheed Chowk to discuss important matters. The meeting was presided over by JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla and organized by District Jammu Urban Incharge Yogesh Sawhney and District Jammu Rural President Hari Singh Chib.

Hitting hard the BJP and its state leadership for cheating the people of Jammu, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla said that the BJP has lost the moral right to go to Jammu people after betrayal. Former Minister took a

dig at BJP leadership for celebrating nine years, nine deceits and a failed government in order to highlight the failures and performance of the Modi Government on various fronts, including economy, foreign policy, communal harmony, inflation, farmers' income, national security, welfare for the Scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes, and other backward classes. Yogesh Sawhney said Jammu people are now realizing their mistake committed in 2014 and 2019 as these people who were sent by the voters to raise their voice remained unheard for nine long years. It is hoped that the people of Jammu will surely correct the past mistake and

reject such opportunists and exploiters and show them their place in the future elections. It seems they have no time and commitment for the welfare of the people & country, and that electioneering, not governance is a priority for the NDA Government at the Centre. Hari Singh Chib said that If BJP has not been able to fulfill promises in nine years then what are they going to do now. "Right of our youth on government jobs has been snatched and given to outsiders despite knowing how our youth get education in troubling times of militancy and frequent border disturbance in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Renowned artist, painter KK Gandhi calls on LG



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STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: KK Gandhi, renowned Artist and Painter called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday. Gandhi apprised the Lt Governor about his sojourn in Austria, where he received tremendous appreciation for his artwork and solo exhibitions. In recognition of his work, Gandhi received a sculpture of a Bronze Dove that represents peace from The Silent Night Museum in Austria. The Lt Governor lauded the commendable work done by Gandhi through his art and congratulated him on receiving the Bronze Dove that will travel across India, before reaching back to Austria by November 25th.

Tributes paid to victims of Odisha train accident

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Various political leaders and students in Jammu paid tribute to victims of Odisha train accident on Saturday.

The accident involved Bengaluru-Howrah superfast express, the Coromandel Express and the goods train on three separate tracks at Bahanaga Bazar Station, Balasore district.

Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad, while extending deepest condolences to the families of the victims, said, "Deeply saddened by the terrible train crash in Odisha's Balasore. My sincere condolences to all the victims and their families. Grateful to all rescuers and medical staff on site.

Our thoughts are with the people of Odisha after this tragic event!"

Praying for speedy recovery of the injured, Azad said that in this hour of grief, his thoughts are with the bereaved families.

Azad urged upon the authorities to provide all possible assistance to those affected in this devastating accident.

Expressing deep shock over a horror rail tragedy in Odisha, President J&K Pradesh Congress Committee has Vikar Rasool Wani and entire rank and file of the party conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members and prayed for peace to the departed souls. Expressing profound grief and sorrow over the

deadliest rail accident, Apni party has termed the fatal accident as a "national tragedy" and said the whole nation is mourning this deadly train accident.

"The tragic news of the unfortunate accident in eastern state of Odisha has wreaked pain and grief across the country. Apni Party stands in solidarity with the hundreds of families who lost their dear ones in the devastating train collision. The entire party leadership extends heartfelt condolences to the affected people," the statement reads.

"May Almighty bless the departed souls in eternal peace, heal the wounded, and give the bereaved enough strength to cope with the debacle." It added.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Sidhra, Malhori, Jagir, Bahufort, Jhajarikotli, Janipur, New Secretariat, Subash Nagar, Muthi, Rajinder Nagar, Rop Nagar, Sheetli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 04 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Keerian Local and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 06 and 07 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Panthal, Serli, Sundrani, PHE, Lalyna, Salehar, Rathana, Khour, Makhampur, Biaspur, Sai Kalan, Khanachak, Kotli,

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Makwal, Rathana, Jinder Mella, Bishnah, Kotli, Sarore, Deoli, Kheri, Pandorian, Rehah and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 06 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to JIO Reliance Office shall remain affected on June 06 from 9 am to 3 pm.

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Advisor Bhatnagar inaugurates Cath Lab, CT Scan Unit

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a significant leap towards providing advanced healthcare services to people of Kashmir valley, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, on Saturday inaugurated state-of-the-art Catheterization Laboratory (Cath Lab) and CT Scan Unit at Ujala Cygnus Super Speciality Hospital, Nowgam here.

This remarkable milestone affirms the commitment of J&K Government towards providing advanced and world class medical facilities to people of the UT with constant development of medical infrastructure across J&K.

Speaking during sidelines of the event, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the present LG led administration has made remarkable strides in establishment of high class medical infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir. He added that 13 Medical Colleges, 2 AIIMS, state-of-the-art Cancer Institute, Paediatric Hospitals and other related facilities have been established in Jammu and Kashmir which has rapidly transformed the health care system in the region. Advisor highlighted that the Ayushman Bharat



Advisor, R.R Bhatnagar inaugurating Cath Lab and CT Scan Unit at SSH Nowgam.

SEHAT scheme has been launched by J&K government with an aim to ensure that the people can get treatment facilities in any advanced medical care

establishment across the country.

Regarding the newly established Cath Lab at Ujala Cygnus Super Speciality Hospital, Advisor Bhatnagar said that this facility has been equipped with state-of-the-art technology which will enable diagnosis and treatment of complex cardiac conditions. He added that this advanced facility will play a crucial role in treating cardiac related issues leading to improved outcomes for patients with heart-related ailments.

Advisor further said that the hospital's new CT Scan Unit is a significant addition to their diagnostic capabilities which will facilitate effective treatment planning and better patient care. He emphasized the importance of accessible and advanced medical facilities in the region, enabling timely and accurate diagnosis and treatment for patients.

Pertinently, the state-of-the-art Cath Lab will ensure 24*7 treatment for all cardiac related issues under Ayushman Bharat SEHAT scheme. The Cath Lab and CT Scan Unit would significantly contribute towards improving patient care and reducing the need for patients to travel long distances for specialized medical services.

Kishtwar to be North India's major 'power hub': Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Saturday said that Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar will become North India's major "power hub" generating around 6,000 MW of power after the completion of the ongoing power projects.

Dr Jitendra Singh, who was scheduled to address two public rallies at Nagseni and Dachhan respectively, cancelled both the rallies as a mark of respect to the victims of tragic train accident in Odisha and instead convened a detailed meeting to review the progress of various Hydroelectric power projects in the Kishtwar and Doda districts.

NHPC Chairman Rajiv Vishnoi, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Devansh Yadav and officials of Central and UT governments updated the Minister about the progress of the projects.

Later, Dr Jitendra Singh also visited remote, far flung, hilly region of Dachhan. Former J&K Minister Sunil Sharma, DDC Members, local PRI representatives and prominent political leaders, BJP President Chuni Lal, senior lead-

ers Tariq Keen, Pradeep Parihar, Cap Hukam Chand as well as a number of political persons of the region accompanied the visit during the visit.

Dr Jitendra said, the surplus power from Kishtwar will not only be utilised for other parts of the UT, but could also be availed by other States. He lamented that the rich natural resources of Chenab were not exploited by the previous governments which ruled J&K for 60-65 years.

This, the Minister said, makes Kishtwar region as a major power hub of North India. He also assured 100 percent reservation for locals in unskilled jobs for these projects and promised to give preference to local talent in skilled manpower requirements.

Pertinent to mention that the largest capacity project is Pakal Dul with a capacity of 1000 MW. Its estimated cost, as of now, is Rs.8,112.12 crore and expected timeline of competition is 2025. Another major project is Kiru Hydroelectric project with a capacity of 624 MW. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 4,285.59 crore and the timeline in this case is also 2025.

Another Project located about 43 km



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, along with NHPC Chairman Rajiv Vishnoi, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Devansh Yadav as well as Central and UT government officials, inspecting the progress of work at Hydropower project site at Dul Hasti, Kishtwar on Saturday.

from Kishtwar is Kwar Hydroelectric project with a capacity of 624 MW. The estimated cost of this project is Rs.4526.12 crore and the timeline of competition is 54 months. About 25 kilometres upstream of Kiru Hydroelectric project is another Hydroelectric project Kirthai II Hydroelectric project with a capacity of 930 MW. At the same time, 850 MW Ratle project has been revived as a joint ven-

ture between the centre and UT of J&K. In addition, the existing Dulhasti power station has an installed capacity of 390 MW, while Dulhasti II Hydroelectric project will have a capacity of 260 MW.

Dr Jitendra said these projects shall not only augment the power supply position thereby making up for the shortage of power supply in the UT of J&K, but the huge investment being made for construction of these projects

is also a boost for direct as well as indirect opportunities for the local people.

Dr Singh said, before 2014, road travel to Kishtwar was cumbersome and on the slightest landslide, the Doda-Kishtwar road got blocked. But today, the road travel time from Jammu to Kishtwar has reduced from over 7 hours in 2014 to less than 5 hours now. Similarly, he said, during these 9 years, Kishtwar has come up on the Aviation Map of India and has been sanctioned an airport under Centre's UDAAN Scheme, which nobody had ever imagined.

The Minister said, Kishtwar has got an AYUSH Hospital, while Padar was given a Kendriya Vidyalaya under Centre's RUSA scheme, because the then State Government had declined to do so.

Similarly, Dr Jitendra said, three new national highways including Khilani-Sudhahadev Highway, a series of Degree Colleges, mobile towers enroute Machail Yatra and other remote areas have also come up during the Modi government, he said.

Dr Singh called upon the citizens to motivate the youth to avail maximum benefit of the StartUp avenues under

Aroma Mission which has already picked up in the neighbouring Bhandarwah and is seen as a hitherto unexplored source of livelihood.

Dr Jitendra said that areas like Jammu & Kashmir, North-Eastern States and other hilly States suffered on many counts during the last 60-65 years, due to myopic policies of the successive Central Governments, but soon after the Modi government took over in 2014, Prime Minister had stated that every effort would be made to bring the North Eastern region, J&K and other backward regions at par with the more developed regions of the country.

Dr Singh said here today that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will always be credited for having introduced a new work culture in India wherein each of the pro-poor and public welfare schemes were designed in such a manner so as to reach the most needy or the last man in the last queue, regardless of cast, creed, religion or vote consideration. Similarly, considering the emerging scenario of contemporary India, Modi has constantly boosted StartUps who should be capable of earning their own livelihood, he said.