

LG felicitates Int'l Buddha Peace, Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Awardees

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha felicitated the Awardees of International Buddha Peace Awards and Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Awards, organised by Buddhanjali Research Foundation, at Srinagar.

The event was also graced by Ramdas Athawale, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his heartiest congratulations to all the award winners and lauded their significant contributions to the society.

"The contribution of each one of the Awardees is an inspiration for all. They are embodiments of courage, harmony, peace, selfless-service, nationalism and they represent the idea of India," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the youth to reaffirm their commitment to the noble values and ideals of Mahatma Buddha and Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, and make their



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valuable contribution to nation-building, while serving humanity with dedication and devotion and spreading the values of peace and harmony.

"The greatest art of living is one that includes the welfare of others. We have to give the message to the society that social values, such as selfless service, can only be preserved by adhering to the path of morality.

It is also our collective responsibility to inspire the society to be proud of its rich cultural heritage," he added.

The Lieutenant Governor observed

that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an aspiring India is moving towards becoming a Viksit Bharat.

"Along with self-reliance, a new self-confidence has also been awakened in our country and we remain focused on our goal of a developed India.

India is the hope for the world and it can show humanity the path to a prosperous and happy future," the Lieutenant Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor paid homage to the citizens

who have lost their lives in the recent natural calamities in Jammu Kashmir. He reiterated the commitment of the Government of India and UT Administration for the rehabilitation of the affected families.

He also said that the upliftment and respect of everyone from weaker and deprived sections of the society is our aim and it is our commitment to ensure youth and women are empowered to move forward on the path of development.

Neelam Sonker, former Member of Parliament; Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Kailash Masoom, Chairman, Buddhanjali Research Foundation; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner Pulwama; Dr. G.V.Sundeeep Chakravathy, SSP Srinagar; Dasbabu Jayswal, Yuvraj Kumar, Film Actor, senior officials, and people from different walks of life were present at the felicitation ceremony.



CM lauds HDFC Bank's growth in J&KICC

Invites delegates to explore Kashmir's beauty, visit again



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah addressing annual function of HDFC Bank at SKICC.

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, on Saturday evening, addressed the annual function of HDFC Bank at SKICC, where he lauded the institution's growth, resilience and long-term commitment to Jammu & Kashmir.

Highlighting J&K's tourism legacy, Omar Abdullah recalled the historic description of Kashmir as "heaven on earth" inscribed on the walls of the Red Fort centuries ago.

He remarked that while many regions now market themselves with catchy slogans, Jammu & Kashmir has always stood as the original symbol of natural beauty and tourism promotion.

He urged visitors to explore beyond Srinagar, assuring that

their experiences would encourage them to return with families and friends.

Emphasizing the importance of sustainable tourism, the Chief Minister said, "Our success will not be measured by bringing you here once, but by ensuring you return. Repeat visits are the true measure of our tourism efforts."

He noted that HDFC Bank has become an important partner in Jammu and Kashmir's economic progress. With 124 branches and a wide network of ATMs across urban as well as remote areas, the bank has extended its services to deposits, lending, priority sector financing and customer-driven initiatives, reflecting its deep-rooted commitment to the people of J&K.

The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to HDFC Bank for choosing Jammu and Kashmir for its prestigious annual function, remarking that such events reinforce the growing partnership of J&K with the banking sector.

"HDFC Bank's presence here today is not just a celebration of financial success, but a reaffirmation of faith in Jammu and Kashmir's potential and its future," Omar Abdullah said.

Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, legislators Farooq Ahmad Shah and Tanvir Sadiq, along with senior managers, representatives, officials of HDFC Bank and delegates who had come from different parts of the country, were also present on the occasion.

AIIMS Jammu hosts master trainers' training under RKJS Programme



ED & CEO AIIMS Jammu, Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta with other dignitaries at a programme.

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JAMMU: A three-day Master Trainers' Training session under the Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva (RKJS) Program was conducted at AIIMS Jammu, facilitated by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC).

The initiative marks another milestone in the Government of India's large-scale mission to instill Seva Bhaav (spirit of public service) and Svadharma (sense of purpose) among civil ser-

vants.

The RKJS Program, implemented by the Capacity Building Commission, is the largest behavioural training initiative which aims to cover 7 lakh central government officials.

Through interactive and team-oriented workshops, the program seeks to equip officials as Master Trainers who will further cascade the training within their respective departments.

This ripple effect is intended to foster a shift in govern-

ance - from a process-driven approach to a purpose-driven, citizen-centric mindset.

The program was formally inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, who in his inaugural address deliberated on the Panch Pran of Prime Minister for Viksit Bharat 2047, highlighting the Char Sankalp of Garv, Vikas, Ekata, and Kartavya, which will be realised through the four

Gunas - Svadhyaye, Rajyakarma, Svadharma, and Sahkaryata.

The programme was coordinated under the stewardship of Shailender Slathia, Assistant Controller of Examination & Nodal Officer, who ensured its effective execution in close association with the leadership of AIIMS Jammu.

Over the course of three days, participants engaged in interactive sessions facilitated by lead trainers from the Capacity Building

Commission, including Sanjeev, Shreshtha Bansal, and Anshuman Tiwari.

The discussions and activities revolved around the key learning themes of understanding who is a Rashtriya Karmayogi, expanding the vision of success and fulfillment, creating the Karmayogi moment, and embracing the role of the Rashtriya Karmayogi as a nation builder.

The event concluded with a valedictory function, where certificates were distributed to the trained Master Trainers, recognizing their role in carrying forward the mission of citizen-centric governance.

This training at AIIMS Jammu stands as a testament to the Commission's vision of building a responsive, empathetic, and service-oriented bureaucracy aligned with the goals of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Div Com flags-off annual Gangbal Yatra from Naranag



Div Com Kashmir, Anshul Garg flagging off Gangbal Yatra from Naranag Temple, Ganderbal.

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GANDERBAL: The annual Gangbal Yatra commenced on Saturday with great religious fervor after being ceremoniously flagged-off by the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg, from Naranag Temple, Ganderbal.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore; SSP Ganderbal, Khalil Poswal, besides other civil and police officials were present on the occasion.

A group of pilgrims from the Kashmiri Pandit community began their spiritual journey from the historic Naranag temple following

the revered Charri Puja. The devotees, escorted by SDRF teams, police personnel, officials from health and other departments set out on the 15-km trek to the sacred Gangbal Lake, nestled at an altitude of around 14,500 feet in the Harmukh mountain range.

Speaking on the occasion, Div Com commended all stakeholders for their coordinated efforts in ensuring seamless arrangements for the Yatra. He extended his best wishes to the pilgrims and the supporting teams accompanying them.

The sacred rituals will be performed on the banks of Gangbal Lake, after which

the pilgrims will return the next day.

On the occasion, the organizers and devotees expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the district administration, police authorities, and the local community of Naranag for their invaluable cooperation and support, which have been instrumental in the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, SDM Kangan, SDPO Kangan, Tehsildar Kangan, and other concerned officers were also present during the flag-off ceremony.

District administration Jammu regulates private water tankers for equitable supply

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JAMMU: In view of disruption of potable water supply due to incessant rains and flood, District Magistrate Jammu Dr Rakesh Minhas on Saturday invoked Section 163 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita- 2023, to regulate the operation of private water tankers. The step has been taken to safeguard public health and ensure equitable distribution of drinking water.

As per an order issued by the DM, all private water tankers operating within Jammu District have been immediately prohibited from independently supplying or selling water to any household, commercial establishment or institution. All such tankers stand requisitioned by the District Administration and placed under the control of the Jal Shakti (PHE) Department for regulated distribution.

Owners and drivers of private tankers operating within Jammu Municipal

Corporation limits have been directed to report to Er. Vineet Nanda, AEE, Company Bagh (9419182053). Those operating outside JMC limits are to report to Er. Kulwant Singh Chib, XEN, PHE Mechanical (Rural Division) Jammu (9419137260) without delay. Fuel charges for requisitioned tankers will be borne by the District Administration, JMC and Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

All private borewells used for filling tankers in Jammu District have also been requisitioned and placed under the control of the Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) have been instructed to immediately identify at least 25 borewell filling stations in their areas and submit the details to the Technical Officer, SE PHE Urban Circle, Jammu.

The SDMs have also been directed to identify individuals and establishments

running private tankers in their jurisdictions and hand them over to the Jal Shakti (PHE) Department. The Senior Superintendent of Police (Traffic), City Jammu, has been directed to impound any tanker found operating without an official duty slip issued by the Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

Strict enforcement of this order will be ensured by all SDMs, XENs, Tehsildars and SHOs within their respective jurisdictions. Any violation will invite penal action under the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and other applicable laws.

Deputy Commissioner Dr Rakesh Minhas said that the move aims to ensure that there is no exploitation, no overcharging and no supply of unhygienic or unfit water. He appealed to the citizens to cooperate with the administration in safeguarding public health and ensuring fair distribution of water during this crisis.

DIPR bids adieu to Ajeet Singh



It Director Info Jammu, Deepak Dubey and officials according farewell to Ajeet Singh, In-charge Info Assistant.

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JAMMU: The Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) on Saturday accorded a warm farewell to Ajeet Singh, In-charge Information Assistant on his superannuation at a function, held here on Saturday.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Joint Director Information Jammu, Deepak Dubey (JKAS); Deputy Director (HQ/PR), Ashu Kumari

(JKAS); Youth Information Officer, Monika Sambyal (JKAS); Field Publicity Officer, Mukesh Kumar (JKAS); besides officials of the department.

Speaking on the occasion, the officers lauded the dedication and sincerity with which Ajeet Singh served the department during his tenure spanning over three decades. They extended their best wishes for his good health and a prosperous post-retirement life.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Dogra Hall, Rehari, Resham Ghar Colony, Bus stand, Jewel, Hari Market, Raghunath Bazar, Kaleeth Mohalla, Kanak Mandi, Manda, New Plot, Sarwal, Part of Karan Nagar, High Court Complex, Ambedkar Nagar, Vikas Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on August 31 from 7 am to 1 pm and September 01 from 4 pm to 7 pm.

JKBOSE organises Advocacy Program on Central Scholarship Schemes at Amar Singh College

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SRINAGAR: The Academic wing of Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) organised an advocacy and awareness programme in collaboration with Govt. Amar Singh College Srinagar.

The event witnessed active participation from key stakeholders including faculty members and students of the college. The objective of the program was to disseminate information regarding the financial support available under various central scholarship schemes, coordinated by JKBOSE for meritorious students, with limited means.

Prof. Sudhir Singh, Director Academics JKBOSE, who is also State Nodal Officer, PMUSP-CSSS, NMSS J&K reiterated the commitment of



Prof. Sudhir Singh, Director Academics JKBOSE speaking at a programme.

JKBOSE towards fostering educational opportunities and emphasized that students across Jammu and Kashmir must have access to quality

education.

Referring to the vision of NEP 2020, to prevent the dropping of students due to limited financial resources, he

said that NMSS and PMUSP-CSSS schemes are like panacea for such problems. "These schemes envision that merit should not suffer for

want of means," he added.

The programme was presided over by Prof. Aijaz Ahmad Hakak, Principal, Government Amar Singh College, who

applauded the effort of the organizers and ensured full support in the awareness and implementation of the scholarship scheme.

"As awareness is imperative so the youth and teachers must work as ambassadors to disseminate this information among the needy students," he added.

Earlier, Dr. Arif Jan (Deputy Director, CDR Wing, JKBOSE) delivered an insightful technical session regarding various dimensions and benefits of the scholarships, especially the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana-Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (PM-USP CSSS).

The event was attended by Dr. Aliya Qayoom (In-charge Scholarships, JKBOSE), Ifitkhar Imran (Academic Officer, JKBOSE) and faculty members of the college.