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### Zero tolerance policy...

using popular mass media tools for awareness and evaluating the impact of the campaign to accelerate efforts against drug menace.

Successful models must be replicated for self-motivated campaigns by the community. I urge the Sarpanch of each village and the ward members of ULBs to run a campaign to make their village, their locality drug-free, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor directed the Social Welfare Department to make drug de-addiction centre for girls and Juvenile centres functional at the earliest. He also passed a direction to set up more Integrated Rehabilitation Centers and ensuring their effectiveness.

The Lt Governor recounted the administrative reforms introduced by the UT Government and efforts made in the last two years, to bring the youth of J&K out of the darkness of drug addiction.

J&K has been ranked second in the country for the outstanding performance in anti-drug campaign and was honored by the Home Minister. The ranking and award is a tribute to each and every stakeholder who is dedicatedly working to make J&K drug-free. In the last two years, we have been running a Jan Andolan to make the drug free campaign successful in 10 majorly affected districts of Jammu and Kashmir, and I believe, our ranking is also the result of this spirit of public participation. However, much more is required to be done in this direction to eradicate the drug menace from the society, said the Lt Governor.

Our Police and Anti-Narcotics Task Force have been campaigning against drug trafficking by adopting a zero tolerance policy and we have to strengthen our resolve to destroy the entire network of drug dealers and drug traffickers. The seizures of large quantity of drugs in the last few months indicate that our strategy is proving effective, he added.

PRIs and ULBs members together with the parents must ensure that no youth in their village and locality fall prey to drug menace, besides bringing back the misguided youth to the mainstream by ensuring that the drug addicts get immediate administrative and medical help for recovery, he observed.

I am sure that the campaign of drug-free village, drug-free city and drug-free town will prove to be helpful in making Jammu and Kashmir free from drugs, the Lt Governor further added.

With the support of voluntary organization 'Mashwara', a dedicated focus is being given in treatment and rehabilitation of the victims of drug abuse in Jammu Division, noted the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor asked all the Deputy Commissioners to ensure that sports camps are also organized to channelize the young energies through sports activities.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor flagged off a Swasth Rath and a Police bike rally for spreading awareness among people against the harmful and fatal effects of the menace of drug abuse. A pledge against Drug Abuse was also administered, besides a short Skit on Drug Abuse by the students of GGM Science College was also presented.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary while speaking on the occasion informed that Drug de-addiction centers will be established in each district of the UT. He stressed the need for people's involvement and administering pledge against drug abuse in schools and colleges of J&K regularly.

Dr Abhishek Chowhan, Psychiatrist, on the occasion threw light on the psycho analytics of the drug abuse leading to detrimental effects on the social as well as personal life of the drug abusers. He also laid down the ways and suggestions to make

the society free from this serious malady.

Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department; Sheetal Nanda, Commissioner/Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Vivek Sharma, Director General Social Welfare Jammu; Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma, Director School Education Jammu; Pally Project Director, State Level Coordinating Agency, besides other officers and people were present on the occasion.

### Action against corrupt...

district, and it will hugely benefit the youth of Kerala. To develop modern infrastructure, the BJP government is spending around Rs 1 lakh crore on multiple projects in Kerala," he said.

### Minor's rape, murder...

it came to the light that on August 28, 2005, the appellant-accused visited the house of PW-1 at Rani Park, Jammu and on the pretext of purchasing a candle from the market, he induced the deceased to accompany him and enticed the victim to the place of occurrence where she was subjected to forcible sexual intercourse and was later killed.

Accordingly, final report under section 173(2) of Cr.P.C. was filed against the accused.

The accused pleaded not guilty and claimed trial, therefore, prosecution was directed to lead the evidence. The prosecution examined as many as 23 witnesses to bring home guilt of the accused.

DB after hearing Adv YE Tak for the appellant, observed that it is manifest that the appellant, at the time of commission of the offence was a juvenile in conflict with law and since he is about thirty years of age now and ceases to be a juvenile, he is entitled to be released forthwith.

Having regard to what has been discussed, the present appeal is allowed in part. The appeal, as against conviction, is dismissed and consequently, the impugned conviction of appellant is upheld. However, the appeal, as against the sentence is allowed and since the appellant at the time of commission of offence was a juvenile in conflict with law, and has attained majority now, he is directed to be released immediately.

### J&K crime graph...

315 cases of rape, 1,041 cases related to abduction, 751 cases of rioting and 131 cases of arson.

The report noted that the abduction cases crossed the three digit mark in 2021 as the previous two years reported 961 such cases in 2019 and 868 in 2020. The chargesheeting rate remained at a low of 33.6 per cent.

Majority of the abducted persons are women, many of whom were kidnapped to force them into marriage.

The report said the number of unrecovered abducted persons till the end of 2021 was 1,882 who included 957 women who were abducted during the year and 811 other women who were kidnapped before 2021 but could not be traced during the year.

However, 1,051 abducted persons were recovered during the year 2021. Two of them were found dead after abduction, while the rest of the victims including 811 women were found alive.

The report said the crimes committed by juveniles also marked an increase in 2021. While 299 such cases were registered in 2019, the number jumped to 323 in

2021 with 2020 recording only 171 cases.

According to the report, Jammu and Kashmir registered 289 cases under the the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, two under the Official Secrets Act and 300 under offences against state-related acts last year.

As many as 247 cases were registered under arms and explosives related acts and 29 under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 35 Finance and Economic Act and 718 under the Excise Act.

Jammu and Kashmir also registered 1,681 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

### Terrorist hideout busted...

in Baramulla's Dudbug-TY Shah forest area in the early hours of Thursday, they said. During the operation, the team recovered two boxes of ammunition from an underground hideout, officials said. The ammunition recovered included 1,460 bullets of AK-47 assault rifle.

### Four Pvt Secys...

Department, has been transferred and posted in the office of Custodian General, J&K, on ex-cadre basis.

Sanjay Kumar Pandita, Private Secretary (HoD Cadre), has been transferred from Youth Services & Sports Department and posted in the School Education Department, on ex-cadre basis; Sameer Ahmad Bhat, Senior Stenographer, Youth Services & Sports Department, has been transferred and posted in the School Education Department to work with the Administrative Secretary; Rajeev Kumar, Senior Stenographer, General Administration Department, has been transferred and posted in the Home Department to work with Special Secretary; Akash Langer, I/c Senior Stenographer, Home Department, has been transferred and posted in the J&K Public Service Commission, on ex-cadre basis; Qysir Ahmad Mir, I/c Senior Stenographer, School Education Department, has been transferred and posted in the Science & Technology Department to work with Administrative Secretary.

### Wool project to...

network. Farmer Produce Organisations and SHGs are to be constituted under the project to avail benefits under various components of the project.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, in a detailed presentation, highlighted the potential of tribal wool as sheep population of nearly 25 Lakh, migrating to highland pastures and in absence of value addition and marketing facilities the tribal farmers do not receive attractive returns.

Interventions under the project will provide massive opportunities for sale of wool and wool products with direct benefit to the sheep breeders, he said.

The tribal affairs department has already provided 20,000 sheep to tribal farmers over last year and half under specific intervention through mini Sheep Farms through Sheep Husbandry Department.

Apart from expanding the sheep population the department is focusing on marketing of wool to ensure an organised market for optimum returns to sheep farmers.

Training will be conducted by Tribal Research Institute in collaboration with Universities and institutes of excellence in sheep husbandry sector.

### J&K reports 147...

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 21 cases, Rajouri and Poonch 02 each, 01 while no fresh case was reported in the remaining districts during this period.

## Mahant Manjit Singh felicitated at Takhat Damdama Sahib

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Mahant Manjit Singh Ji of Dera Nagali Sahib Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir UT, who was a special invitee during celebration of Sampoornta Divis of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji at Takhat Damdama Sahib, Bathinda (Punjab) on 30th August, 2022, was felicitated.

In his address at this big religious function Mahant Manjit Singh Ji explained that Sant Bhai Pheru Singh Ji who became the founder Parcharak of Sikhism in the North West mountainous sector of Punjab, was baptized by the Tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji on the Baisakhi of 1699 after creation of Panj Piaryas. Sant Bhai Mela Singh Ji who was the 4th Saint, established the Dera Nagali Sahib at Poonch and

preached for Sikhism. Maharaja Ranjit Singh of Punjab after conquering the State of Jammu and Kashmir and Afghanistan visited the Dera Nagali Sahib and while while paying his obeisance attached a big Jagir to the Dera.

Mahant Manjit Singh Ji said that Sikh population in Jammu and Kashmir UT has exceeded two lakhs and over 70 percent of the population are Amritdhari and they all are fully in Sikh uniform (Sabat Surat) even the non-baptised are also in Sikh uniform. He appealed to the youths of Punjab to

get baptized and follow the teachings of Sikh Gurus. Jathedar Akal Takhat Gian Harpreet Singh expressed happiness and appreciated the efforts of Mahant Manjit Singh Ji and felicitated him with Saropao on this occasion.



Bhanu Pratap Singh, DIG saluting at war memorial.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Group Centre CRPF Jammu celebrated its 55th Raising day with full Zeal and enthusiasm at Bantalab, here on Thursday.

The chief guest, Bhanu Pratap Singh, DIG visited the Quarter Guard where he was saluted by the guard. Thereafter, a special record was made by him in the visitor's book of the Quarter Guard.

Later, DIG addressed "Sainik Sammelan", in which he gave best wishes to the gazetted officers, subordinate officers and jawans of CRPF present on the occasion.

He welcomed and congratulated everyone for raising day and described about golden history of Group Centre Jammu and said that this Group Centre was raised on September 01, 1968 under command of Lt

Col Shiv Charan Das. Primarily the GC office was established at Talab Tillo (Deewan Kothhi), Jammu, which was shifted to this campus in 1971.

The command of this Group Centre was first handed over to "Lieutenant Col Shiv Charan Das" and since its inception till now 26 Commanding Officers have been played the main role to enhanced the Group Centre, CRPF Jammu.

Bhanu Pratap Singh, DIG, Group Centre CRPF, Jammu has been inspired everyone to keep themselves fit through exercise, yoga, meditation, sports, and also made them aware that Trees are helpful in maintaining and cleaning our environment and essential for ecology conservation.

CRPF has detailed Nodal Officers for each 10 District of Jammu region to supervise and manage Mega

Plantation drive at large Scale and the target of planting 1,10000 trees in the year-2021 and 1,00,000 in the year-2022 was achieved, which is a great achievement, for which you all deserve praise.

Cricket match and volleyball match were organized and players of both the teams were awarded with appropriate prizes. Apart from this, a "Colourful Cultural Program" and a joint "Bada-Khana" were organized for all the Jawans of CRPF in the evening.

Prem Chandra Gupta, Commandant, Shri Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Commandant, Sumit Verma, Deputy Commandant, Charan Singh, Deputy Commandant (Ministerial) and other gazetted officers, subordinate officers and jawans were actively present.

## Implement all recommendations of ICHRRF: KPC urges PM

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Kashmiri Pandit conference (KPC) urged Prime Minister and Home Minister of India to implement all the recommendations of International Commission of Human Rights and Religious Freedom (ICHRRF) made to Government of India, recently in respect of Displaced Kashmiri Pandits."

The letter further stated "Commission recommended to the Government of India for urgent implementations in respect of Displaced Kashmiri Pandits."

The letter further stated "Commission recommended to the Government of India to appoint a special Judicial Commission of Inquiry (COI) headed by a retired judge of the Indian Supreme Court to investigate the circumstances and scale of atrocities of the Kashmiri Hindu Genocide, at least in the period starting from 1986, and publish a white paper within 12 months.

The role of foreign and domestic state and non-state actors (including former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, and former Home Minister of India, late Mufti Mohammad Saeed), sources of terror funding, illegal money laundering and terror support networks must be included in the scope of investigation.

"This Commission has taking serious note of genocide and ethnic cleansing, of indigenous community of Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir valley, at the hands of Islamic terrorists, as well as Muslim dominated Jammu and Kashmir and, Government policies, after verified the testimonies and getting of witness, recently on March 27, 2022," read the letter.

It added, "This ICHRRF have also notes and agreed that the intent of the ethnic cleansing of Kashmiri Hindus has been broadcast brazenly, and accomplished by political, legislative, and finally violent means and were killed with the active or passive complicity of their Muslim neighbors or colleagues."

The prominent, brazen, and celebrated perpetrators of genocide, murder, rape, and other crimes against humanity must be brought to justice under the Indian Penal Code by appointing fast track courts with daily hearings.

The prosecution may be carried out under two appointing fast track courts with daily hearings. The prosecution may special TADA

courts, UAPA 3 , or other existing mechanisms like the NIA 4 .

All victims and survivors of genocide must be rehabilitated by the GOI unconditionally. Government jobs be given preferentially to them, and pensions for elderly survivors.

Refugees and internally displaced persons must have the right to return to their properties in the Kashmir valley.

Ownerships that were usurped using threat, force and intimidation must be restored back to survivors. A financial compensation pack-

age must be announced by the Government of India from the consolidated funds of India for the loss of life, loss of property, psychosomatic and physical disabilities sustained due to terror/trauma, and for emotional pain and suffering sustained by the survivors.

The comprehensive efforts are made to promote and preserve indigenous Kashmiri Hindu culture.

The Commission recommends that the GOI take adequate and time bound steps to restore all Hindu shrines and

temples desecrated during the latest period of ethnic cleansing, undertaken by a trust with multiple stakeholders including the Ministry of Culture, the Archeological Survey of India, and representatives of the Kashmiri Hindu Community.

More importantly, the Commission (ICHRRF) recommends creation of a safe haven, a sanctuary, or a Union Territory carved out in the Kashmir valley ( One place settlement in the valley ) where Kashmiri Hindus can live peacefully without any

further fear, force, and intimidation.

Kundan Kashmire, President KPC, We hope Government of India lead by Honourable Prime of India Narendra Modi and Honourable Home Minister Amit Shah would implement these recommendations of International commission of Human Rights and religious freedom ( ICHRRF ) at the earliest for which victim community of Kashmiri Pandits in exile is waiting from the last thirty two years.

## IGNOU holds orientation programme for functionaries of Kaushal Kendras

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre Jammu on Thursday organized an Orientation Programme for Project Directors and other Centre functionaries of newly established IGNOU-MSDE Extension Centres established under Prime Minister Kaushal Kendras at Kathua, Reasi, Poonch and Udhampur.

The programme was organized at PMKK Centre Canal Road, Jammu. The Centre functionaries were briefed and trained about various procedures and activities that are to be followed while carrying out the admission so

that the prospective students get the proper guidance and online assistance. Dr Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director, Tejinder

Pal Singh, Deputy Registrar and Dr Asha Upadhyay, Assistant Regional Director were the resource persons from the Regional Centre Jammu.

Chairman of GK Educational Trust, Gaurav Khajuria was also present during the Orientation Programme.

As a part of MoU between IGNOU and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, for linking vocational education and training to higher education for trainees attached to National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI), ITIs, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) for their upward mobility, IGNOU

has so far opened six Extension Centres for the prospective students in Jammu region. "The opening of Extension Centres will go a long way not only in expanding the reach of IGNOU to every nook and corner of the region but also in creating a sustainable and inclusive society. The reach of IGNOU to unexplored areas of the region is going to increase the strength of IGNOU extended family and also strengthen the Learner Support services. Prospective students across the region can visit these Extension Centres for availing admission guidance and pre-admission counseling related to IGNOU programmes FREE OF COST", said Dr Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director.



Officials along with students during the programme.