

Infusion mediation techniques with traditional system would be beneficial for litigating parties: Justice Tashi Rabstan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Mediation and Conciliation Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with Ladakh Legal Services Authority organized one day awareness programme on Mediation for Public Representatives, Heads of NGOs, Reputed Civil Society Members, Educationists, Panel Lawyers and PLVs on Sunday at Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, Leh.

The programme was inaugurated by Brig. (Rtd) Dr. B. D. Mishra, Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh in the presence of The Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan, High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Chairman, Mediation and Conciliation Committee of High Court of J&K and Ladakh), Advocate Tashi Gyalson, Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Leh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to LG, UT Ladakh and Dr. S.D. Singh Jamwal, ADGP Ladakh.

In his inaugural address, the LG said that the history of Ladakh is witness to the concept of Mediation, which is deep rooted in the society and all the disputes until recent past were used to be settled amicably by the religious heads and village headmen and rarely the people would



LG Ladakh, Brig. (Rtd) Dr. B. D. Mishra, Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and others at a programme.

knock the doors of the Courts for resolution of their issues and hopes that with the kind of initiative taken by the Chief Justice (A), Ladakh would go far to achieve the benefits of Mediation which would help in making Ladakh a litigation free area in the Country.

The Chief Justice (A) Justice Tashi Rabstan in his special address highlighted the existence of traditional system of dispute resolution practiced in Ladakh by religious heads and village headmen and said that infusion of the techniques and tool of Mediation with the traditional system would be substantially beneficial for the society in general and the litigating parties in particular.

He said that the Resource Persons Veena Ralli and Senior Advocate J.P. Singh are the best among the Mediators not only within the Country but outside also.

Justice Tashi emphasized the need to imbibe Mediation Techniques taught today by the experts during the Technical Sessions for optimal results.

He said that the programme is being organized for the Representatives of people as in a close-knit society like Ladakh, they play a crucial role in holding strong bond in the society.

Justice Tashi also laid stress on the need to organize such programme at Block level for the benefit of masses.

Tashi Gyalson (Adv.), Chief Executive Councillor, Leh expressed gratitude to the Chief Justice for organizing the programme which is second in the UT of Ladakh.

He said that the resolution of disputes by way of Mediation would revive the bonding among people as in Mediation results in win-win situation for the parties besides being time and money

saver. Veena Ralli Adv. Senior Trained Mediation, Organizing Secretary, Samadhan Delhi in her address during the inaugural sessions gave an overview of the concept of Mediation.

Those who were present on the occasion include M.K. Sharma Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice, Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority also incharge, Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Stanzin Choshpel, Executive Councillor, LAHDC Leh, Rajender Sapru, Coordinator, Mediation and Conciliation Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Senior Advocate J.P. Singh, Trained Mediator MCPC Supreme Court of India, Spalzes Angmo, Member Secretary Ladakh Legal Services Authority, Manoj Parihar,

Principal District & Sessions Judge, Leh, Tsewang Phuntsog CJM Leh, Chemet Yurgyal Secretary DLSA Kargil, Councilors of LADHC Leh, Santosh Sukhdeva, Deputy Commissioner Leh, Tsewang Paljor Chief Engineer PDD Leh, Stanzin Nurboo, AIG Personal Ladakh Police, Mohd Shafi Lassu President, Bar Association Leh alongwith Executive Members, Neema Stanzin, Deputy Legal Aid Defence Counsel Leh, Panel Lawyers, Presidents/Heads of various Religious Organizations of Leh alongwith Heads/Members of respective Women and Youth Wings, Presidents Women and All Goba Association Leh, Retired Educationists, Heads of various NGOs of Leh, Nambardars and Members of villages in and around Leh, Para Legal Volunteers, Staff of District Court Leh and DLSA Leh.

Rajender Sapru, Coordinator, Mediation and Conciliation Committee of High Court of J&K and Ladakh welcomed the dignitaries while Spalzes Angmo, Member Secretary Ladakh Legal Services Authority presented formal vote of thanks. Phuntsog Angmo, Secretary DLSA, Leh conducted the programme.

J&K must defeat anti national forces: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Sunday asked people of Jammu and Kashmir to keep national interest in mind while casting their vote.

Addressing an election meeting, Chugh condemned the NC and Congress manifesto for their promise to bring back Articles 370 and 35A, remove the PSA Act, and release terrorists. He criticised them for speaking of removing reservations for SC, ST, OBC, Pahadi, Gujjar, and Bakharwal communities.

Chugh said, "Gujjar, Bakharwal, Valmiki, and Pahadi children will become doctors and engineers, while the Abdullahs and Gandhis speak of taking away the rights given by the BJP government by withdrawing reservations."

Referring to the Pakistani Defense Minister's comments on supporting the NC, Congress manifesto, Chugh said, "On what right are these NC and Congress parties asking for votes from the people of J&K? Remember, these are the same people who spoke of autonomy and separating J&K from the country."

They ousted Kashmiri Pandits in 1990. Today, NC, Congress enjoy support from Pakistan."

He expressed anguish over how Kashmiri Pandits were



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh addressing an election meeting in support of Pawan Gupta.

forced to leave Kashmir amid violence when Farooq Abdullah was Chief Minister.

Chugh said, "NC leaders speak of repeating 1990. We have to carefully make a decision and keep these forces from being elected. This is a battle of ballots and a battle for democracy. We must keep defeat them."

Chugh said "Pakistan is a factory of terrorism, and Farooq Abdullah insists on talking to Pakistan."

This is Narendra Modi's government, which has zero tolerance for terrorism. Anyone looking at India, we are not going to keep quiet.

We have enemies within in the form of divisive leaders like Farooq Abdullah who advocate for and on behalf of Pakistan. This will not work anymore."

Chugh strongly criticised

the NC for mentioning changing the names of "Hari Parbat and Adi Shankaracharya Hill" in their manifesto.

He also slammed the PDP for their opportunistic politics and making the people of J&K scapegoats for their vote bank politics, recollecting the tenure of Mufti Mohammad Sayeed as Home Minister. "This fight is not just today's fight; it is a long-standing fight from the time of Premnath Dogra," he added.

Chugh said, "This fight is about nationalism and our motherland. We need to save our country from people who want to see our nation broken into pieces. NC and Congress share the dais with people speaking of making our country in to pieces. We need to bury their agenda and aspirations."

Rana meets Amit Shah



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader

Devender Singh Rana today called on the Union Home Minister Amit Shah who is currently on a two day visit to poll bound Jammu & Kashmir, here this morning.

Devender Singh Rana posted on 'X', "Honoured to have a one on one detailed meeting with Sh @AmitShah ji Hon'ble Union Minister today in Jammu wherein was privileged to get his valuable guidance on various political issues of J&K".

20th NZ-ISACON 2024 concludes at GMC Jammu



Chief Guest, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal & Dean of GMC Jammu lighting ceremonial lamp.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The 20th North Zone Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists Conference (NZ-ISACON), hosted by the Department of Anaesthesia, ICU & Pain Medicine at Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, concluded on Sunday.

The event, held from 20th to 22nd September, saw the participation of over 500 anesthetists, critical care specialists, and medical professionals from across India, including representatives from institutions such as PGIMER Chandigarh, AIIMS New Delhi, and SGPGI Lucknow, engaging in scientific deliberations.

The conference, themed "Mentorship: Developing, Guiding & Supporting," provided a platform for leading experts, researchers, and practitioners to share cutting-edge research, clinical experiences, and discuss future trends in anaesthesia, critical care, and pain management.

Prof. Anita Vig, Organizing

Chairman of the conference, welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal & Dean of GMC Jammu, for his unwavering support in making the event a success. She also extended special thanks to the Honorary Secretary of the National ISA, Dr. Sukhminder Bajwa.

Organizing Secretary, Prof. Rajesh Mahajan, led the conference proceedings, highlighting the need to embrace technological advancements while maintaining the profession's core values and ethics. He acknowledged the tireless efforts of the organizing committee, including, Prof. Anita Vig (Organizing Chairman), Prof. Anju Jamwal (Scientific Chairperson), Prof. Smriti Gulati (Chief Advisor), Prof. Madan Katoh (Co-Organizing Secretary), Prof. Ashwani Kumar (Treasurer), Prof. Anjali Mehta (Paper & Poster Coordinator), and Workshop Coordinators, Dr. Renu Wakhloo, Dr. Naine Bhadralla, and Dr. Ajay Gupta.

Their dedication was pivotal in ensuring the success of workshops that trained over 200 doctors in areas such as USG-guided regional anaesthesia, POCUS, labour analgesia, chronic pain management, neuro-monitoring, and brain ultrasound.

The academic and scientific programs saw active participation from several professionals, including Dr. Robina Nazir, Dr. Amit Manhas, Dr. Arti Mahajan, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Wani, Dr. Shruti Gupta, Dr. Updesh Kumar, Dr. Neha Sharma, Dr. Santosh Devi, Dr. Jasmeen Chowdhery, Dr. Ashufta Rasool Qazi, Dr. Heena Gupta, Dr. Kunal Sharma, Dr. Rumani Ruku, Dr. Loveleen Kour, Dr. Heena Saini, Dr. Rajdeep Kour, Dr. Isha Gupta, Dr. Priya Mattoo, Dr. Abhilasha Gupta, Dr. Rishu Parihar, Dr. Ranika Devi Manhas, Dr. Shipra Gupta, Dr. Tanuja Chambyal, Dr. Preeti Sharma, and Dr. Mehak Gul. Over 90 research posters were presented, showcasing the latest advancements in anaesthesia, critical care, and pain medicine, with winners being recognized by the organizing team.

The seamless execution of such a large-scale event was made possible through the continuous support of the Principal, who has worked tirelessly to enhance GMC's infrastructure, allowing the college to host such a prestigious conference without any obstacles.

Lumberdar disengaged for MCC violation in Uri Assembly Constituency

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: In a decisive step to uphold the integrity of the electoral process in Uri Assembly Constituency, Tehsildar Boniyar has disengaged Lumberdar of Pehlipora, Ubaid Ahmed Khan from his duties with immediate

effect for the violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

This action follows the confirmed reports that Ubaid Ahmed Khan was actively participating in election campaigns for a political party, as a clear violation of the MCC.

Pertinently, Model Code of Conduct is enforced to ensure free and fair elections, and any breach of these guidelines is dealt seriously.

The administration remains committed to maintaining transparency and neutrality during the electoral process.

Grand 'Musical Sunday' under SVEEP held at Lal Chowk Srinagar for voter awareness

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The iconic Clock tower (Ghantaghar) in the heart of Lal Chowk here, witnessed a grand 'Musical Sunday' under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative to create voter awareness among the public.

The event was graced by Chief Election Officer (CEO), J&K, P.K. Pole as Chief Guest.

District Election Officer, Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat; Nodal Officer for Media Sapna Kotwal; Nodal Officer SVEEP, Qazi Akhter; RO 22-Lal Chowk, Aamir Chowdhary; District Nodal Officers for SVEEP, other concerned officers and large number of public were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the CEO emphasized the importance of enthusiastic



CEO J&K, P.K. Pole and others witnessing musical programme at Lal Chowk Srinagar.

voter participation for strengthening our democracy. He urged the youth of Kashmir to become agents of change by educating others about the significance of exercising their fundamental right to vote.

DEO, Srinagar, on the occasion, also shared his inspiring insights on the power of informed voting.

He emphasized on the need to participate actively in the electoral process.

The 'Musical Sunday' witnessed a mesmerizing performance by student of Amar Singh College, Anas, whose soulful melodies captivated the audience and set the tone for the day. A powerful skit by a local theatre group, Tulkul Art and Media Collective, highlighted the transformative role of every vote in shaping the future of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event also featured a diverse range of cultural and musical performances, including traditional Kashmiri folk songs, patriotic songs, and contemporary music. Artists, performers,

and cultural groups took to stage to convey message of importance of voter participation in a creative and engaging manner.

On the occasion, a mass pledge was also administered by CEO to attendees to become responsible voters and spread the message of voter awareness throughout their communities.

The event provided an unforgettable platform to ignite voter awareness and inspire citizens to participate actively in the upcoming Assembly elections scheduled on 25th September 2024.

First time elections being held in J&K without any fear: DGP

"Drugs trade being used by terrorist handlers in Pak to replenish funds"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The ongoing assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are for the first time being held without any fear as electioneering is much more enthusiastic and the voter turnout higher than previous years, Director General of Police R R Swain said on Monday.

Swain said while there were no parameters to compare the situation on the ground during the current assembly elections and the ones held earlier, the change was palpable and and felt through the campaigns.

"Earlier, the fear was on our side, meaning whosoever was participating in elections, standing as a candidate, or voting or playing the role of president officer or polling staff, he was afraid. He was nervous, he felt guilty, he felt small and as if he was on the wrong side of the divide. That has changed," Swain told PTI.

He said the change has come about due to a combined "virtuous cycle of people's courage to be able to see through the game of the adversary and, of course, the government's effort, the law enforcement and the media which has dared to report the things as they are."

"...Fear-free elections are taking place now in which people are electioneering, door-to-door campaigns are going on, rallies are taking place. I think it is difficult to measure but it is palpable and you can feel it. That is perhaps what is

most remarkable about this year's elections," he added.

Asked if the terrorists' capability to strike have been dented, he said it was not impossible for a "madman with a weapon" to hit a soft target.

"The capability of terrorists and their networks has certainly been degraded but if some madman with a weapon decides to go to carry out soft targeting, it is not impossible for him," he said.

Talking to reporters, the DGP said that the proceeds of the narcotics trade are being used by terrorist handlers in Pakistan to replenish their depleting funds, caused by a crackdown on "hawala" channels, to fuel terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Narcotics are turning out to be a main source of funding for terrorism. It is a triple whammy for our society: The traditional hawala channels used for funding terrorism have been largely blocked. I think the proceeds from narcotics are being used to compensate for that."

He said there is a link between the narcotics trade and terrorism, which has now been established beyond any doubt.

"It is an old but relevant question. I have said this earlier as well that the link was not clear earlier: Until about two years ago, the link was not established by investigation. But today, investigations by the SIA and other agencies have proved that the source of

the drugs is in Pakistan.

"The main source of drugs on the other side (of the border) today has had a history of being associated with some terror organisations," Swain added.

He said the heroin sold in the markets of Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere in the country is coming from across the border.

"Backward linkages have shown that terror handlers from across the border are sending it here. We do not have opium growing here, we do not have the units where it can be processed," Swain said.

Explaining how the money generated by the drugs trade is used for funding terror, the DGP cited the case of former Jammu and Kashmir minister Babu Singh.

"Once the drugs arrive, those are distributed.... Some are consumed locally and the rest goes to other parts of the country. Then a reverse trail of the money starts, which runs into crores of rupees. One of the cases is of Babu Singh. Rs 6 lakh were recovered from him with which he was to start a terror cell. When we tracked the money, we found out that it was just a portion of the total amount. The rest was given to former terrorists. We seized 30 kg of narcotics in Ramban recently. While investigating, we seized Rs 5 crore from Punjab," he added.

Swain said police and the prosecution have made the fight against narcotics a

top priority.

"There is something that inspires confidence in the criminal justice administration system. The system is coming back to life. It is not as if the system is completely defunct."

"Up to July 15 this year, that is in (the first) seven months (of the year), we have had 150 convictions in NDPS cases. It is not as if we have got all of it right as there were 107 acquittals and 12 discharges, but we are working on it," he said.

A senior official of the prosecution department said they have sought the sanction to appeal against the acquittal of the accused in 60 cases.

"So far, we have received the sanction for 45 cases and we have filed appeals in higher courts. The remaining cases are pending with the government," he added.

The DGP said there is a scheme of awards to recognise the hard work in getting these convictions.

"We give the DG's commendation certificate and a cash award to the team - both the investigation team and the prosecution," he said.

The DGP cited several cases lodged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, in which the accused were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for 10 to 20 years.

He said during the past year, property attachment of drug peddlers has gone up by 40 to 45 per cent.

महाराज
हरि सिंह जी
दे
जन्म तिथाडे
उपर
बधाईयां

FIRST QUOTE OF
MAHARAJA HARI SINGH JI
AFTER HIS RAJABHISHEK
“JUSTICE IS MY RELIGION”

M.K. Ajatshatru Singh
Former Minister & Ex-MLC, Trustee, Maharaja Hari Singh
Social & Education Foundation (Regd)

R.K. Ranvijay Singh
Trustee, Maharaja Hari Singh
Social & Education Foundation (Regd)