

'In-house innovative solutions important' Power of innovation can help society to flourish: LG

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Justice Magrey inaugurates two days consultation on POCSO Act

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JAMMU, Nov 12: Justice Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare, UTs of J&K and Ladakh and supported by UNICEF organized two day consultation on implementation of POCSO Act 2012 at Police auditorium, Gulshan Ground here.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, was chief guest on the occasion while Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chairman, Juvenile Justice Committee, Justice Rajnesh Oswal and Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, members of JJ Committee were the guests of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Magrey delved into the journey of the juvenile justice system and also POCSO Act, 2012, in the country especially the UTs of J&K and Ladakh. He said the system in J&K and Ladakh is gaining pace and have arrived at satisfying results in implementing POCSO Act in letter and spirit. He said that due to efforts of JJC of Supreme

Court of India and JJC of J&K and Ladakh, the UTs of J&K and Ladakh are not lagging with the rest of the country, but a lot is required to be done by creating a robust mechanism.

Justice Tashi Rabstan urged upon the Government to organize more such consultations not only at UT level but at the district and block levels also to make the people aware about the provisions of the legislation. He said that the aim of this conference is to review working of various institutions involved in carrying out the provisions of the Act.

Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda, also emphasized the need for holding awareness camps to make not only the children but the parents also aware about the behavior and attitude of the people who are likely to commit offences against the children. She further said that the conference is a welcome opportunity where all the stakeholders can deliberate upon the provisions of the POCSO Act.

Chief of Child Protection UNICEF India, Soledad Herrero, commended the High Court of J&K and Ladakh for playing a proactive role in implementing not only the Juvenile Justice Act but also POCSO Act. She said that there is a need for greater deliberations over the issues of victims of child abuse.

Member Secretary, Juvenile Justice Committee, Amit Gupta, in his welcome address gave an overview of the programme. He said that this is for the first time that consultations on POCSO Act are being organized by the JJ Committee because earlier all the four Round Table Conferences were on the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection) Act.

Vote of thanks was presented by Mission Director Vatsalya, J&K, Harvinder Kour.

The Inaugural Session was followed by three technical sessions. The second session dealt with "Prevention, Rehabilitation and Re-integration of POCSO survivors" which was chaired by Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, while Miguel Das Queah, Director UTAHS was the resource person.

The third session on the topic "Capacity Building of Justice for children workforce: Institutionalizing Capacity Building Initiatives", was chaired by Justice Rahul Bharti, whereas, Harvinder Kour, Mission Director, Vatsalya J&K was the resource person.

The last session of the day dealt with "Child Friendly Court Procedures". This session was chaired by Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, whereas, Bharti Ali, Director HAQ was the resource person.

The inaugural session was attended by Judges of the High Court, D. C Raina, Advocate General, Achal Sethi, Law Secretary, Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar General and other officers of the Registry, officers from civil and police administration, judicial officers and delegates from different institutions like police, social welfare, judiciary, legal services, education and health both physically and virtually.

Doda role model in lavender cultivation: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU, Nov 12 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology and Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today chaired District Development Coordination & Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting to review progress of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) being implemented in Doda district.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing DISHA meeting of Doda.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Tribal Affairs J&K, OSD to Minister, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Chairperson District Development Council Doda, Chairperson Block Development Council, Chief Planning Officer, SSP Doda., Principal GMC Doda, Additional District Commissioner Doda, senior officers from line departments and other concerned.

At the outset, District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Mahajan delivered a presentation on the achievements and progress recorded under different Centrally Sponsored Schemes and presented an overview of various major projects being executed by different departments and agencies in the district.

Deputy Commissioner gave the status of physical and financial progress of scheme-wise being executed under various CSSs.

While stressing for the synergy between public representatives and the administration while taking up the projects for execution, Dr Singh said better coordination between these representatives and the district administration is key to schemes being implemented on ground.

While reviewing cultivation of lavender in the district, Dr Jatendra Singh said that as the farmers are taking up lavender cultivation on commercial scale for being a profitable farming, Doda district would be branded as a role model in the country in lavender farming.

Detailed presentation was given on various CSS schemes being implemented in different sectors in the district wherein financial as well as physical progress of mega projects which

include widening of NH-244, GMC Doda, and other major projects, High Altitude Medicinal Plant Bhaderwah under AYUSH, besides achievements in Back to Village programme, R&B, JIM, PMGSY, Power, MGNREGA, PMAY-Urban, SBM-Grameen, Mission Youth's Mumkin Scheme & Tejeswani, Amrit Sarovar, beneficiary oriented schemes, Ayushman Bharat Abhiyan-SEHAT, RBSK, PMBJAK, other social security scheme (Pension/scholarship), employment generation schemes etc.

The minister took detailed review of all these schemes undertaken by different departments in the district wherein he enquired about the status of each scheme.

On the occasion, public representatives flagged various issues before the minister who issued spot directions to the concerned departments to work with renewed zeal and dedication for effective implementation of all schemes and coverage of 100 percent eligible beneficiaries under all schemes.

He said that it is the endeavour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to trickle down the benefits of all the centrally sponsored schemes to the deserved lot and to the last person in the queue while urging all the concerned to work in close coordination for better results at the grass root level.

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sible due to support provided by the government.

With the kind of support we are getting, NIT will reach new levels and unlock many opportunities for the students while contributing to their all-round development, he added.

Later, Sinha released a brochure of 8th Edition of International Conference on 'Nano Technology for Better Living' which will be jointly organised by NIT Srinagar in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Varanasi and many other prestigious institutions from 25 to 29 May 2023.

Prof. Kaiser Bukhari, Registrar NIT Srinagar presented a vote of thanks on the occasion.

Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir, Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Rakesh Balwal, SSP Srinagar, HoDs of various departments and other faculty members were present on the occasion.



YAIKS activists protesting at Jammu in support of rehabilitation demand on Saturday.

'Announce employment package for 1.5 lakh Pandits'

YAIKS protests, demands permanent rehabilitation of Pandits in Valley

Ritesh Gupta

JAMMU, Nov 12: Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj (YAIKS) today demanded rehabilitation of entire Kashmiri Pandit community in Valley on their terms and conditions and urged the Government to announce a viable and concrete employment policy in this regard.

The demand was made by YAIKS president, R K Bhat while talking to Excelsior at the sidelines of the protest launched by his organization in support of the rehabilitation demand of over 3.5 lakh displaced Pandits in Valley and relocation of PM package

* Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

employees to Jammu till the entire community settled in Kashmir.

Bhat categorically, while supporting the demand of the package employees said they will only return to Kashmir after the Government announces a comprehensive return package for displaced Pandits leading an exiled life in Jammu and other parts of the country.

He said the real tribute to the martyrs of the community and other minorities who laid down their lives in Valley would be rehabilitation of all displaced Pandits in valley in accordance to their aspirations.

Bhat, while justifying the demands of package as well as other minority community employees serving in Valley said that in case they are not rehabilitated in present Government led by Narendra Modi then the chances of their rehabilitation will be bleak. He demanded that

the Government should announce a comprehensive rehabilitation plan without further delay.

The activists of the organization with banners and placards in their hands were shouting slogans in support of their demands.

R K Bhat said that the KP youth who are on protest in the streets is a testimony to the fact that they want to return to their motherland as it is not time to flee but to get settled in Kashmir. It is now up to the Government to take initiative, he added.

Bhat said the Government should not keep it confined to 6000 jobs only but take steps of rehabilitating entire community in Valley. "Let them announce a comprehensive policy the entire community will return to Kashmir", he added.

"There are many issues. The community has over 25,000 over aged youth and the Government should resettle them in Valley by announcing a rehabilitation package for them". "The Kashmiri Pandits are talking about Kashmir means they are not afraid but want to return", he added.

Bhat demanded constitution of a Committee by Union Home Minister on rehabilitation of Pandits in Valley without further delay. He also demanded that instead of 6000 an employment package for 1,50 lakh be announced.

Sanjay Ganjoo another senior leader of the organization said that all previous Governments since 1990 failed to resettle and rehabilitate KPs in Valley. The community has pinned high hopes in Modi Government and it is hopeful that some concrete steps will be taken by present Government in this regard.

DC Kathua reviews implementation of PMAGY

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KATHUA, Nov 12: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today convened a meeting of district officers and took appraisal regarding achievements and pendency under Centrally Sponsored Scheme Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana. (PMAGY)

District Social Welfare Officer, Abdul Rahim briefed the meeting about the process of implementation in the selected 37 villages of the district with more than 50% SC population.

The DDC was apprised regarding achievements made during previous year (2021-22) under PMAGY. The DSWO informed that under the Scheme against total 175 identified works, 72 works have been completed, 38 works have been dropped, while 65 works are under progress. It was also informed that under the scheme Rs. 286.932 lakh expenditure has been incurred till date.

The DDC directed the concerned departments for speedy estimation of development works after thorough assessment of infrastructural requirements. He stressed upon the officers to work

in a coordinated way so that development works were completed within stipulated time.

Chief Planning Officer Kathua, DSWO Kathua, Executive Engineer JPDC, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department, Executive Engineer Ground Water, Block Development Officer Barnoti and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

DC Shopian suspends 2 VLWs

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SHOPIAN, Nov 12: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today suspended two VLWs/Panchayat Secretaries namely Yasmeena Jan, Panchayat Secretary, Halqa Handew and Abdul Hamid Bhat, Panchayat Secretary, Halqa Saidapora-A, for financial irregularities at their respective Halqas.

An enquiry team has been constituted, headed by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Shopian, Manzoor Hussain having members including Assistant Commissioner, Panchayat and Ex. Engineer REW.

Power of PSJ to recall case can't be exercised once trial has commenced before ASJ: HC

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SRINAGAR, Nov 12: High Court has held that Principal Sessions Judge (PSJ) of a district has no jurisdiction to withdraw/recall a case, in which trial/hearing has commenced before an Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) as provided in Section 409(2) of CrPC.

The observations were made by Justice M A Chowdhary while hearing a plea through the medium of which the petitioner sought transfer of two cases from the court of Principal District & Sessions Judge Srinagar to any other court of competent jurisdiction at Srinagar.

The facts in the instant case were that a complaint was filed by respondent in terms of Section 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 before the court of Magistrate Srinagar, who vide order dated 25.07.2022, directed the petitioner to pay maintenance of Rs 15,000 per month to the respondent.

Aggrieved of this order, petitioner filed an appeal under Section 29 of DV Act before the court of Principal District & Sessions Judge Srinagar, which was transferred to the court of 2nd Additional District Judge Srinagar for adjudication. Respondent aggrieved of the same order dated 25.07.2022 passed by Magistrate filed an appeal under Section 29 of DV Act, against the petitioner and Tahira Begum, who was arrayed as proforma respondent, before the court of Principal Sessions Judge Srinagar, which was retained by him in his own court.

Subsequently the Principal Sessions Judge Srinagar also

recalled the appeal assigned to the court of 2nd Additional Sessions Judge. It was inter alia because of this that the petitioner sought the transfer of the cases to any other appropriate court.

The moot question that sought adjudication from the bench was as to whether the Principal Sessions Judge, once assigning the case to the court of Additional Sessions Judge, when the notice had already been issued in the matter, is competent or having jurisdiction, to withdraw the case from that court.

Adjudicating upon the matter, Justice Chowdhary held that under Section 409 of CrPC, the Sessions Judge is devoid of power to recall those cases of which trial or hearing has begun before the court of Additional Sessions Judge. He observed:

Buttressing the position of law the bench placed reliance on a judgment of J&K High Court in Raghunandan Bakshi and Another Versus Bidi Chand and observed, "recalling of the case by the Sessions Judge has been authorised under the provisions of Section 528 CrPC. (akin to Section 409 of Central CrPC extended to the UTs of J&K and Ladakh) from the Court of Additional Sessions Judge only in case of trial of cases or in respect of appeals, but before such trial begins or hearing of the appeal begins".

"In case the Additional Sessions Judge starts with the trial of the case or hearing of the appeal, the Sessions Judge is devoid of the power of recalling those cases i.e. trial case and appeal case before him". With these observations, High Court allowed the transfer petition.

DC Jammu interacts with artists, weavers

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JAMMU, Nov 12: To provide an opportunity to the local weavers/artisans for direct interaction with District Administration and give impetus to their products, Handloom & Handicrafts Department today organised an exhibition cum interaction programme "Artisans Meet" at DC Office complex.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa, inspected the exhibition of Phulkari, Basohli Art Paintings, jute bags, Pashmina Shawls, Bamboo products etc.

CPO, Yoginder Katoch, Assistant Director Sonika Parihar along with artisans of the district were present on the occasion.

The Deputy Commissioner also convened an interaction meeting with the artisans and listened to their issues which were mainly related to subsidy on raw material, international exposure, assistance in packaging and logistics, display of products at Jammu Airport etc.

The Assistant Director briefed that the department is endeavouring to promote the local handloom products on national and International marketing platforms and assisting the weavers/artisans to produce the finest quality handloom products to grab the market attention.

The Deputy Commissioner praised the efforts of the Handloom department, who has pushed and promoted this process in mission mode and is working effortlessly in marketing and publicity of the work of the handloom Societies. She appreciated jute bag production by the artisans to replace the environmentally hazardous Polythene products.

The Deputy Commissioner suggested the weavers to add new designs and colour to the products to popularize the Jammu craft at national and international level.

She also presented appreciation certificates to the artisans for their efforts and contribution towards the development of handicrafts/handlooms.