

Lt Governor launches two major initiatives of Cooperative department Diploma in Cooperative Management & MoU with Tribal Affairs will strengthen cooperative spirit in J&K: Sinha

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JAMMU, Apr 7: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched two major initiatives of Cooperative department- Diploma in Cooperative Management and MoU between Cooperatives and Department of Tribal Affairs, at Raj Bhawan, today.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha launching two major initiatives of Cooperative Deptt on Friday.

vergence of schemes of Cooperative Department & Tribal Affairs Department to achieve the twin objectives of equitable and sustainable tribal development. "The Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Cooperatives and Department of Tribal Affairs will ensure that tribal cooperatives, Van Dhan Vikas Kendras avail benefits of different schemes and enable economic development and prosperity of tribal population," said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor shared the Union Territory administration's efforts to strengthen the cooperative sector to accelerate the grass-root development and capacity building. "We have taken several steps to ensure effective on-ground implementation of rural development schemes and to empower the targeted sections. Resource availability for growth of cooperatives is another area where steps have been taken to ensure credit access to people and support services for equitable distribution of benefits," observed the Lt Governor.

LG greets people on Guru Nabha Dass Jayanti

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JAMMU, Apr 7: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has greeted the people on the eve of Goswami Shri Guru Nabha Dass Jayanti.

In a message, the Lt Governor said that Guru Nabha Dass Ji was one of the greatest saints of the Bhakti movement whose teachings for an honest, truthful and virtuous life continue to guide humanity. "His message inspires us to embrace equality and compassion. May Guru Nabha Dass ji's teachings guide us to build a just and humane society," the Lt Governor said.

Meanwhile, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today. The VC discussed with the Lt Governor various issues of academic and administrative importance.

Sukhnandan Choudhary, former Minister also met Lt Governor and put forth the various matters pertaining to speedy appointments by JKSSB, career progression, and creation of posts at SDH Marh. Later, Vibodh Gupta, former MLC also called on the Lt Governor and expressed gratitude for organising LG's Special Governance camps for POJK DPs. He also submitted a memorandum of demands on the issues of public importance.

The Lt Governor while interacting with the former minister and former MLA assured them that the concerns and issues that they have projected will be looked into earnestly for its redressal on merit.

Madhu Kishwar's book on Kathua rape case claims to 'expose sinister campaign to persecute Hindus in Jammu'

NEW DELHI, Apr 7:

Writer Madhu Kishwar today released her new book on the rape-and-murder of a minor girl in Kathua in 2018 and claimed to have "exposed a sinister misinformation campaign to persecute Hindus in Jammu".

The book, "The Girl from Kathua: A Sacrificial Victim of Ghazwa-e-Hind", shows that the whole case was "fabricated as part of a sinister jihadi plot to change the religious demography of Kathua district" in



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Power shut down

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JAMMU, Apr 7: Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to CTM Factory, Chackludan, GMC, Godrej Factory and Industries under SICOP Ist and SIDCO will remain affected on April 08 and 10 from 8 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to CTM Factory, Chackludan, GMC, Godrej Factory and Industries under SICOP Ist and SIDCO will remain affected on April 09 from 9 am to 5 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Industrial Area under Feeder-4th and Industrial Area under Feeder-2nd will remain affected on April 09 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Federation has been established in Jammu Kashmir after 27 years, he added. The Lt Governor further stressed on expansion of the cooperative sector and connecting more farmers with Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society. Establishment of PACS in every panchayat should be our prime objective, the Lt Governor added. On the occasion, the Lt Governor also unveiled the logo of the Cooperative Department. Yasha Mudgul, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Cooperatives Department and Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department gave a detailed briefing on the new initiatives launched today and how the collaboration of Cooperative Department and Tribal Affairs Department will benefit the tribal community.

The Lt Governor apprised the action plans and the awareness programmes at various levels, besides measures initiated for computerization of PACS. The Lt Governor also enquired about the training modules of the diploma course. It was informed that 50 candidates have been enrolled for the 40 weeks Diploma course in Cooperative Management through the Centre for Cooperative Management Jammu.

Head of Departments and senior officers were present on the occasion. Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The followers of Jesus depicted the suffering of Jesus and enacted his death on the Cross. Hundreds of people devotedly participated in the prayerful procession, the faithful participated in the procession holding the Cross in their hands, and many people have expressed their views about the procession and said that it was a peaceful procession that they ever had in their lives. It was a heartbreaking act by

the devotees and thousands of people have witnessed it. As the procession reached the Church, there was a Good Friday Service which was conducted by Fr. Kuriakose, the Parish Priest and Fr. Christophe, the Asst. Parish Priest. Fr. Kuriakose said that the Cross is the principal symbol of Christianity. The Cross reminds about the sacrificial love of Christ which he expressed to humankind through his passion and death. "The Cross has a message for all the believers today as it gives meaning to the trials and troubles in the world and for standing as a symbol of love as well as a symbol of victory," Fr. Kuriakose said. "Jesus' death challenges us to leave sin behind" and as he was addressing the faithful he quoted the Bible verse from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, "I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me". Cross is standing as a symbol of love as well as symbol of victory. Fr. Kuriakose thanked the gathering, Police Department, and Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) for the culmination of the procession peacefully.

St Peter's Catholic Church Prem Nagar organises Good Friday procession

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JAMMU, Apr 7: Good Friday procession was organised by St. Peter's Catholic Church, Prem Nagar here, today.

The procession began at Saleem Chowk and moved towards St. Peter's Catholic Church, Prem Nagar via Residency Road and Vivekanand Chowk.

Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, the day on which



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CS launches 3 online services of Science & Tech Deptt

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SRINAGAR, Apr 7: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today launched three online services in presence of Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology, Saurabh Bhagat.

These include Sponsored Research & Extension Programme, Support for Innovation & Patent Filing scheme, and Science Talent Promotion Scholarship Scheme. All these schemes are offered by the J&K Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKST&IC) and are primarily meant for inculcating the scientific culture among students/scientific community in particular and common masses in general.

Chief Secretary stressed the need for scientific solutions to various issues of local importance such as waste management, biomass energy, plastic to fuel stressing need to run a waste to wealth campaign. He complimented the Science & Technology Department for establishing Industrial Biotechnology Parks, Sub Regional Science Centre, and instructed for establishment of various Centre of Excellences across UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

He enjoined upon the Department to collaborate with other departments for innovative solutions to problems faced by

people in their day to day life. He said that Science and Technology should contribute to ease of living. He made out that our focus should be on innovations for larger public interest so that the knowledge actually gets transferred from lab to land.

then should be provided with the financial support for carrying out the research on the local specific issues. Regarding the Support for Innovation & Patent Filing scheme it was said that the scheme is aimed at the promotion of Innovations

During the course, Chief Secretary also took the stock of various schemes of Science & Technology Department viz Jammu Smart City Mission, Jammu Solar city Mission, PM-KUSUM, Rooftop Solar Power Plant Mission and focused on the need to increase the demand of solar energy within the UT of J&K.

On the occasion it was given out that the Sponsored Research & Extension Programme envisages that the research proposals/scientific surveys should be invited through open advertisement from the Scientists/professors/ academicians/scholars/research etc, get it evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Committee(SAC)/ Technical Committee (TC) and

and encouragement of local youth for their pursuits in different fields of Science & Technology. As far as Science Talent Promotion Scholarship Scheme is concerned it aims at encouraging the students to pursue Science subjects in their higher classes. The scholarships are provided to the meritorious students at 10+2 upto PG levels for a period of 02, 03 and 02 years respectively at each level. The three online schemes/services detailed above being implemented in the online mode now are also RAS integrated therefore open for public feedback. Commissioner Secretary IT and other senior officers of IT department were also present during the inaugural function.



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta at the launch of 3 online services of Science & Technology on Friday.

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