

Justice Tashi exhorts citizens to perform their duties as enshrined in Indian Constitution

IIM Jammu hosts enlightening session on constitutional duties

JAMMU, JULY 26 : Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Jammu and Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu, today organized an awareness programme on "Duties of a Citizen Under the Constitution of India" at IIM Jammu. Acting Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan, was the chief guest on the occasion who was accompanied by M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Professor B. S. Sahai, Director, IIM Jammu, Dean Academic, Cmdr Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu and Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, as well as other faculty members of the Institute were present.

everyone to take two minutes to go through it to understand their duties.

Justice Tashi Rabstan also mentioned Article 51A, which details the duties of citizens and was subsequently amended. He emphasized the relevance of the topic, stating that people often forget their duties toward the nation. These duties are shared in equality, and respecting and protecting India, safeguarding its stability, and reading the Constitution are indispensable.

He mentioned that understanding and performing these duties promote appreciation for adversity, critical

In his welcome address, Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, remarked that IIM Jammu, despite being a new campus, is quickly making its mark. Though considered one of the newer IIMs, it has grown rapidly since its inception by the Ministry of Education. From just 47 students, it has expanded to a community of 1,000 students, and its efforts have been recognized with a ranking of 15th among all IIMs in India in NIRF Rankings, he added.

He emphasized the importance of remembering both rights and duties as citizens of the largest democracy in the world. Often, people tend

time, and the centers of excellence at the institute. He highlighted IIM Jammu's commitment towards socio-economic development, knowledge dissemination, entrepreneurship, and holistic development, thereby contributing to the growth and development of the U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir and to nation-building.

He elaborated on the institute's focus on research publications, executive education and consultancy, and outreach programs. He emphasized IIM Jammu's commitment to quality publications in A class journals. He noted that today, IIM Jammu has 1034 students, reflecting the institute's rapid growth and increasing popularity. He assured that the focus remains on maintaining high-quality education and research, ensuring that IIM Jammu continues to thrive and contribute to the nation's development.

This was followed by an insightful presentation by Mandeep Reen, Advocate (Panel Lawyers), HCLSC, Jammu, who addressed the audience on the duty of every human being to safeguard public property and avoid resorting to violence under any circumstances. She emphasized that when individuals and societies uphold these principles, both the nation and the entire society rise towards excellence.

The visit concluded with an engaging interaction session, where students and faculty had the opportunity to interact with Justice Tashi Rabstan, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the judicial system. Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the dignitaries and participants.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Assistant Professor, IIM Jammu.

The event underscores IIM Jammu's commitment towards creating a dynamic and engaging learning environment, bridging the gap between academia and the judiciary, and nurturing future leaders who are well-versed in legal and ethical standards.



A group of people are seen participating in a session on constitutional duties at IIM Jammu.

thinking, and meaningful contribution to society. He pointed out that it is especially important for the younger generation to understand their duty toward the nation, which includes protecting national property like gardens and monuments. He reminded everyone that damaging national property results in a loss for everyone.

Justice Tashi Rabstan encouraged everyone to read Article 51A of the Constitution. He was impressed by the state-of-the-art library, Nalanda, which is unique and first of its kind, and the smart classrooms, which are equipped with the latest technology. He urged the students to take advantage of these facilities and congratulated Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and his team for establishing such a state-of-the-art facility in the city of Jammu.

to forget their responsibilities as citizens, but contributing to nation-building is a duty shared by all. He affirmed that IIM Jammu is committed towards upholding the Constitution, adhering to the laws and policies of the country, and striving for excellence in all endeavours. He called for respect for the national flag and awareness of rights and duties as responsible citizens. He encouraged everyone to continue working together for the betterment of the nation and to strive for excellence in every pursuit.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, in his address, briefed the audience about IIM Jammu, its activities, and its mission of making responsible citizens of the country. He spoke about IIM Jammu's academic activities, its fast-paced growth in a short span of

Srinagar, NPCC Ltd., among others. Principal & Dean GMC Srinagar, Dr Iffat Hassan, in her presentation, provided an update on the current status of the project, highlighting



that the originally planned 120-bed block has been expanded to accommodate 160 beds, including a 6-bed ICU and two private wards. The facility will also feature advanced amenities such as 12-bed pre-op and post-op rooms, 3 modular OTs, radiology, physiotherapy, faculty rooms, earthquake protection using dampers, pneumatic tube transfer system, hospital information and management system, and minimum IBGC Gold Certification. The meeting conducted a

comprehensive review of the project's physical and financial statuses, revealing that between 85% to 100% of physical works have been completed. Financially, the revised project cost stands at

"We are working diligently to ensure that this facility is completed on time and equipped with the latest technology," he added. Secretary H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah,

Rs 116.38 crore, with Rs 75.2 crore already expended and Rs 4.7 crore as mobilization advance. Civil works have achieved 96% completion, with overall project completion nearing 90%.

Secretary PWD, Bhupinder Kumar, emphasized the need for expedited efforts from executive agencies to ensure timely completion of all pending tasks, underscoring the importance of delivering a state-of-the-art medical facility to the public.

DC Jammu aims to spearhead 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign

JAMMU, JULY 26 : Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya, chaired a meeting aimed at driving forward the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign focussed on tree plantation across the district. The meeting saw the participation of key officers, including DFO Suresh Manda.

The DC briefed Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Chief Education Officers, Chief Medical Officer and other district officers on their roles in the campaign. He emphasised the importance of involving panchayat gharis and the rural population to ensure widespread participation and success. The meeting delved into identifying tree species that are best suited to the local environment and easy to propagate.

Discussions also covered the numerous benefits of afforestation and strategies for protecting young trees. The DC reminded all participants to plant trees in their offices and homes, and to

campaign," stated Sachin Kumar. "Plantation will be carried out at all government facilities, including panchayat gharis, tehsil offices, health institutions and government schools. District officers will

coordinate and execute the mission on the ground, with SDMs and the DFO ensuring comprehensive implementation throughout the district." The DC also discussed with the DFO ways to ensure the preservation and protec-

tion of the newly planted trees. In a subsequent meeting, the DC addressed solid waste management plans for both rural areas and ULBs. The discussion covered waste segregation strategies and the management of legacy waste. The DC called for regular reviews of the progress made on waste management objectives and addressed operational challenges and future steps. Key attendees at the meeting also included Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh, Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Rajesh Kumar and Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Vikas Sharma besides SDMs among other district officers.

Div Com & ADGP Jammu review arrangements for Shri Buddha Amarnathji Yatra 2024

JAMMU, JULY 26 : Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, and Additional Director General of Police, Anand Jain today chaired a meeting and reviewed arrangements for Shri Buddha Amarnathji Yatra 2024.

no Yatri without registration should enter Poonch for taking part in the annual holy pilgrimage to Shri Buddha

and power supply, traffic management, and lodging, boarding facilities for the pilgrims.

district. The Div Com instructed the DC Poonch to ensure that all necessary facilities like accommodation, food, water, Power, medical, sanitation and other necessary arrangements are in place to provide a safe and comfortable stay for the Yatri.



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Director Tourism Jammu, Deputy Commissioners and SSPS of Jammu, Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, SSP Security, SSP Traffic Jammu, SSP Traffic Rural, Director ULB, Director Health Services, Chief Engineer JPDC, CE Jal Shakti, representatives of Baba Yatri Niwas, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, and other concerned officers were present. Threadbare discussions were held on timely dispatching of the Yatra Convoy from Jammu, cut off timings, haltage points, and registration of the Yatri. It was stressed that the Yatri undertake the Yatra as per the guidelines issued by the administration and use only the designated route for the holy Yatra.

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Deputy Commissioner Rajouri was directed to ensure proper arrangements for the Yatra at different haltage points in Rajouri. Regarding the further journey of Shri Buda Amarnath pilgrims to the revered Shiv Khori Shrine, the Div Com instructed the Deputy Commissioner Reasi to make all necessary arrangements for this segment of the Yatra.

STD organises 'Dealers Meet' at Jammu. Additional Commissioner listens to grievances of taxpayers during meet, also reviews financial position of first quarter of fiscal year 2024-25

JAMMU, JULY 26 : Additional Commissioner State Taxes Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra on Friday stressed on 100% return filing compliance and also warned the taxpayers over consequences of fraudsters using fake or multiple QR (quick response) codes and showing sale suppression.

Old City's dealers, the Additional Commissioner said that Jammu City's taxpayers traditionally remained obedient and file their respective taxes on time, which is expected in future too. She laid stress on 100% return compliance and clearing all the blocked payments. She also encouraged the business representatives to openly share their grievances with concerned STOs.

ed STOs for frequent inspections of stocks in case of mismatch.

The Additional Commissioner made these remarks while chairing 'Dealers Meet' with taxpayers of Circle A and Circle-C of Jammu, organised by Sales Tax Department (STD) as part of 'Know Your Dealer' initiative.

Highlighting an analysis, the Additional Commissioner said, "We have noticed that some food vendors, restaurants, hoteliers and other traders are receiving payments through multiple UPI accounts to hide their actual turnovers aimed to show suppressed sale and avoid issuing tax invoices". She added that such trend is in notice of the department and soon a drive will be launched to check these violations.

All taxpayers should keep their stock position and sales aligned with tax statements to ensure transparency. We have noticed many cases where dealers are not aware of non-compliance and notices we issue because their own phone number is not registered with department, so I urge you all to register GST with personal email and mobile numbers to receive timely notifications and communications from the department," the Additional Commissioner said.

During the meet, the Additional Commissioner also reviewed the financial position of first quarter of fiscal year 2024-25 ending this June and held deliberations on devising strategy for revenue argumentation for remaining three quarters.

Namrita Dogra also urged the taxpayers to keep their stock positioning and direct-

She also advised them to use HSN code properly to avoid any red flagging identification.

One to one discussion was also held with each representative of business to assess sector wise business and tax position. On the spot directions were also issued to non-compliant dealers to clear their ITC's reversals and rectify mismatches.

Appreciating the dedication and honesty of Jammu

Mata Ka Jagran at Shri Chandi Mata Bhawan marks commencement of Annual Shree Machail Yatra

KISHTWAR, JULY 26 : The Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in association with the District Administration Kishtwar and the J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, organized a grand "Mata Ka Jagran" at Shri Chandi Mata Bhawan in Machail.

and participate in the festivities. The night was filled with devotional fervor, featuring

artists for their efforts in making the event a grand success. He highlighted the cultural and spiritual significance



The event was spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, to mark the commencement of the Annual Shree Machail Yatra.

live performances by renowned artists such as Chaman Lehari and Daljeet Singh Rathore. Their soulful renditions and devotional songs created a serene and divine atmosphere, captivating the audience throughout the night.

ance of the Annual Shree Machail Yatra and the importance of such events in fostering communal harmony and spiritual upliftment.

The event marked the beginning of the much-anticipated pilgrimage, with devotees embarking on their journey to the holy shrine of Shri Chandi Mata. The District Administration has made extensive arrangements to ensure the safety and comfort of the pilgrims, including setting up camps, medical facilities, and security measures.

The Jagran, held on the eve of the first day of the yatra, was a vibrant and spiritually uplifting event. ADC Kishtwar, Pawan Kotwal, along with CEO Kishtwar Development Authority Dr Rishi Kumar Sharma, AO DC Office Satinder Kumar besides other officials from the Machail Yatra Cell, were present to oversee and support the proceedings. The event was also graced by the presence of hundreds of devotees, who gathered to seek blessings.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav expressed his felicitations to all the participating organizations and

The District Administration has made extensive arrangements to ensure the safety and comfort of the pilgrims, including setting up camps, medical facilities, and security measures. DC emphasized the administration's commitment to facilitating a smooth and hassle-free pilgrimage for all devotees. He also appreciated the support from the Directorate of Tourism Jammu and the J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages in organizing the event and promoting the cultural heritage of the region.

JKRERA inspects Real Estate Projects, issues notice to defaulter

JAMMU, JULY 26 : A team of officers under the directions of Chairperson, JKRERA, Satish Chandra, and Member, Virender Singh Pathania, today conducted a thorough inspection of various real estate projects in the region to ensure compliance with the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016.

besides making the builders/promoters aware about the various provisions of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 and the rules and regulations made there under.



The inspection team, comprising Undersecretary RERA Esha Chib, Tehsildar RERA Megha Gupta, Naib Tehsildar RERA Gias-uddin and JE RERA Amit Verma, assessed the projects' adherence to the Act and its associated rules.

Following a surge in consumer complaints, the authority has also issued a notice to a real estate developer and directed him to register itself under Section 3(2) of the Real Estate Act.

To uphold the rights of homebuyers and ensuring transparency in the real estate sector. The Authority urges all real estate developers to cooperate fully with the inspection process and to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Real Estate Act.

It is imperative for promoters to understand that advertising, marketing, booking, selling, or inviting purchases for any plot, apartment, or building within a planning area is strictly prohibited without prior registration with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority.

The real estate projects which were inspected by the team included River Castle apartments, Tawivihar, Sidhra, Tawi Apartments, Mass Housing Building Corporation Limited, Palm Riviera, Sidhra and Royal Nest Sapphire, Kunjwani.

The Authority remains steadfast in its commitment