

Justice Kumar inaugurates training programme on 'Cyber Law'

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir State Judicial Academy (JKSJA) on Sunday organised one-day training programme on 'Cyber Law' for the Advocates of Jammu and Samba Districts here.
 Judge High Court of Jammu and Kashmir, Justice Sanjeev Kumar inaugurated the programme.
 The programme was hosted by the Resource Persons including Associate Professor National Law School Bengaluru, Dr. A Nagarathna and Associate Professor Jammu University, Dr. Savita Nayyar, who shared a plethora of knowledge on the subject with the participants along with special anecdotes from their personal experience in cyber law.
 Vice President High Court Bar Association, Jammu, Rohit Bhagat, General



A resource person speaking at the programme in Jammu.

Secretary, Abhishek Wazir, Advocates from Jammu and Samba districts besides members of the Bar Association participated in the workshop.
 During his address, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, highlighted the importance of Cyber Law for Judicial Officers and said that the advent of cyber space has revolutionized communication networks, but with its susceptibility to misuse, there is a great need to equip ourselves with cyber

criminals ample opportunity to penetrate and commit offences like theft, defamation, intimidation among others.
 He commended the State Judicial Academy for organizing this very informative conference on Cyber Law, which is very important for the judiciary as no lawyer or Judge can afford not to know about electronic evidence. 'Detection of cyber crimes, their proper investigation and active prosecution are the latest challenges of the day and equally important is the challenge of effective adjudication', Justice Kumar added.
 The conference deliberated in detail on the importance of

Cyber Law for Judicial Officers, Emerging Threat Landscape of Cyber Crimes, Information Technology Act 2008 and Admissibility of Digital Evidence besides Search and Seizure of Digital Evidence.
 There were brainstorming sessions in which Judicial Officers interacted with the Resource Persons and sought clarifications on different issues relating to appreciation of Electronic Evidence.
 Director, J&K State Judicial Academy, Rajeev Gupta introduced the programme by highlighting objective behind organizing the Workshop on Cyber Law and moderated the sessions.



Power shutdown

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JAMMU: According to the Superintending Engineer Elect. Maintt. & R.E Circle Jammu, the power supply to Vaishanavi Dham, Kalika Dham, RMS Post Office, BSNL Exchange, Rail Head Complex and its adjoining areas fed from JDA-3 feeder shall remain affected on May 13 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
 Similarly, the power supply to Channi Himmat, Sector-1, 2, 4, 5, 7, Shopping Complex and its adjoining areas fed from CH-4 feeder shall remain affected on May 14 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
 Likewise, the power supply to Channi Himmat, Sector-1, 2, 4, 5, 7, Extn-7, Deeli, Adarsh Vihar, Vaishanavi Enclave, Gujjar Colony and its adjoining areas fed from CH-01 and CH-08 feeders shall remain affected on May 15 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
 Meanwhile, the power supply to Channi Himmat, Sector-1, 2, 3, 1-A, Extn-1-A, Bhalla Enclave, Police Housing Colony, Dairy Mohalla and its adjoining areas fed

from CH-03 and CH-09 feeders shall remain affected on May 16 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
 Similarly, the power supply to Channi Himmat, Sec-1, 2, 3, 4, Friends Colony, Mattoo Colony, Jamwal Mohalla, Marble Market, Satyam Vihar and its adjoining areas fed from CH-06 and CH-07 feeders shall remain affected on May 17 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
 The power supply to JK Medicity, Bye Pass Channi Himmat, AM Hundai, Shanker Nagar, Pamposh Colony, Channi Rama, Malik Market, Gurdwara Mohalla and its adjoining areas fed from CH-05 and CH-10 feeders shall remain affected on May 18 from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
 Similarly, the power supply to Seora and its adjoining areas fed from SR-1 feeder shall remain affected on May 13 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Likewise, the power supply to Bathindi and its adjoining areas fed from B-1 and B-5 feeders shall remain affected on May 13, 15, 16 and 18 fed from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Police Public Mela shaped up like a festival: Dilbag Singh

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JAMMU: The prize distribution function for winners of the 31st Police Public Mela 2019 was held at Officers Mess here on Sunday.
 DGP J&K Dilbag Singh was the Chief Guest and the presentation function was attended by Chairperson PWVA Dr Rubinder Kaur, ADGP Headquarters A.G Mir, IGP Jammu M.K Sinha, IGP Armed Danesh Rana, members of PWVA, DIG JSK Sujit Kumar, Jammu based Commandants and Senior Superintendents of Police.
 Speaking on the occasion, Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh said that over the years the Police Public Mela has gained the significance of a festival. The magnitude and the events which are held including food courts, cultural items such as dance, singing and children amusement facilities have shaped it as a festival which is held twice in



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh presenting keys of car to a winner.

a year at Jammu and Srinagar. He said that Police Public Mela is an endeavour to bring public and police more close.
 DGP said that this Mela also provides some golden moments of recreation to the policemen who are enduring multiple challenges of terrorism, law and order. Hailing the role of PWVA, he thanked it on behalf of the J&K Police and said that it provides us support, strength and helps us in image building.
 Dilbag Singh while thanking all the units of J&K Police for

the very successful conduct of Police Mela said that because of the collective effort of all the Police force it was held efficiently and orderly under the aegis of PWVA. Director General of Police congratulated the winners and wished them good luck.
 ADGP PHQ A.G Mir highlighted the aims and objectives of the Police Public Mela. He said that the Mela which is organised under the aegis of PWVA generates the revenue which is used for the welfare of

the Police Martyrs. He said that PWVA under the leadership of the chairperson Dr Rubinder Kaur has been conducting various welfare programmes.
 SSP Shalinder Mishra who conducted the proceedings of the function gave a brief introduction of Police Public Mela.
 The DGP, ADGP HQs, Chairperson, PWVA members, Commandants and Sr. Superintendent of Police distributed the prizes.
 The first prize Fiat cars were presented to Beant Singh, Bilal Ahmad, Arif Ahmad, Mohd Ashraf and Surjeet Singh. Second prize Wagon R cars were presented to Shabir Ahmad, Fayaz Ahmad, Zakir Hussain and Mohammad Israil. Likewise 3rd prize of seven Alto 800 cars were handed over to Farooq Ahmad, Kaiser Ahmad, Jahn Mohammad, Aijaz Ahmad, Mudasir Ahmad, Mohammad Arshad and Shahid Gulzar.

Fourth prize motorcycles were handed over to Abdul Majeed, Anoop Kumar, Reyaz Ahmad, Shabir Ahmad, Parshotam Singh and Parven Kumar. 5th prize LED TVs were presented to Nazir Ahmad, Master Kunal Dogra, Shailza Jamwal and Stanzin Palkit. Sixth prize of Scooties were presented to Vijay Singh, Irshad Ahmad Wani and Parvaiz Ahmad. Seventh prize Apple iPods were handed over to Satish Kumar, Surya Pratap Singh, Mashooq Ahmad and Jyoti Devi. Eighth prize HP Laptops were presented to Mohammad Showkat, Anil Kumar, Naseer Ahmad, Mohammad Arif, Maroof Ahmad and Fayaz Ahmad. Ninth prize of Samsung refrigerators were presented to Sarfaraz Ahmad and Mohammad Rafiq, besides, tenth prize comprising washing machine was presented to Zamurd Hussain and eleventh prize of Rs 5000 cash was presented to Madan Lal.

Democracy held hostage by vested interests in J&K: Harsh

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JAMMU: Alleging a deep rooted conspiracy by vested interests in delay and deny over Assembly elections in J&K, Harsh Dev Singh, Chairman JKNPP and former Minister said that not the people of the State were denied their constitutional rights but a grave threat has been posed to the democracy.
 Frivolous excuses given by the State government to the ECI for deferring the elections clearly indicated GoI's malafide intentions of running proxy government in J&K through President's rule by holding democracy hostage, regretted Harsh.
 Lambasting the State government run by the Governor's administration for creating hurdles in the way of the Assembly elections in J&K without any rationale, Harsh rued that democracy in the State was being ruthlessly



JKNPP Chairman Harsh Dev Singh briefing media persons.

murdered for the political convenience of the ruling party at the Centre and vested interests in the State.
 "BJP knowing the fact that it has lost the ground in its core constituency is desperate to postpone the Assembly polls while the Governor and his power intoxicated coterie have despicably glued themselves to the throne by divesting people from having an elected govt in the State", Harsh told reporters here on Sunday.
 Describing the appointment of 'special observers' by the EC as futile exercise, Singh said poll body's failure to announce the Assembly polls in the State despite all the political parties endorsing to hold elections at the earliest, had created perception among the people that EC had become puppet in the Saffron hands.
 "Though Lok Sabha elections were announced and conducted on time, the fate of

Assembly elections was still marred with suspense. In view of successful LS elections besides the opinion of political parties favouring early polls, the frail and insubstantial excuses concocted by the State government over security concern, religious festivals, holy pilgrimages, monsoons, tourism season besides others for deferring the said polls sounded flimsy and defied all logic", asserted Harsh.
 Terming bureaucracy in J&K as the biggest stumbling block in the way of Assembly Elections, Harsh Dev Singh wondered if the State officers were to be summoned to New Delhi for their opinion on Assembly polls, then for what purpose did ECI constitute the committee of 'special observers'.
 Gagan Pratap Singh State Secretary JKNPP was also present in the press conference.

Cleanliness drive held at Tsokar Lake

TSEWANG RIGZIN
LEH: World Migratory Birds' Day was celebrated at Tsokar Lake here on Saturday by as many as 60 volunteers cleaning the lake which is home and breeding ground for many migratory birds including Black Naked Crane (BNC).
 Several species of migratory birds including one couple BNC were sighted by volunteers who took part in the cleanup drive.
 The celebration was arranged by Department of Wildlife, Leh and Wildlife Conversation in collaboration with Birds Club of Ladakh (WCBCL). Wildlife Warden Leh Pankaj Raina and Chairman WCBCL Lobzang Vishudha, Wildlife Department staff, WCBCL members and students were also present.
 The lake, which is a famous ecological hotspot,



Wildlife Department Staff, WCBCL members and students on the top of Taglangla in Leh.

was cleaned up by every member for two hours and awareness was also raised amongst locals staying around the lake. Villagers of Thukje, the only village next to the lake, had also done a similar cleanup drive on Thursday.
 This year's World Migratory Bird Day was dedicated to highlighting the problem of pollution with the theme, 'Protect Birds: Be the solution to

plastic pollution'.
 Speaking on the occasion, Pankaj Raina informed that Tsokar is the place where migratory birds stop while they migrate between China, Mongolia and Central India. Therefore protection and management of such areas are very important and high altitude ecosystems are very fragile also, he added. He promised to help local residents, around 40 households, with

one solar water heater each household and four tents, each for four Women Self-help Groups of the village.
 "Birds get entangled with plastic in the marshy areas and they die of it," Lobzang Vishudha said. He thanked Wildlife Department for the collaboration in cleaning up the shore of the lake and for organising this awareness campaign.
 While the Ladakh NGO Forum in collaboration with the Snow Leopard Conservancy - India Trust and Nature Conservation Foundation celebrated World Migratory Bird Day at Chushot by organising painting competition on the theme for students from different institutions and those who stood first, second and third were given cash prizes of Rs 10,000, Rs 5,000 and Rs 3,000 respectively.

Regional autonomy only way forward: Rana

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SAMBA: National Conference Provincial President, Devender Singh Rana on Sunday reiterated that regional autonomy to the three regions under the overall superintendence of the State Government is the only way forward to assuage the political aspirations of the people and address the political dimensions of Jammu and Kashmir.
 "Such a mechanism will provide a sense of political empowerment and end the apprehensions of discrimination among the people", Rana said while paying tribute to Shaheed Shashi Bala and Hoshiar Singh at a function organized by Internationalist Democratic Platform here this morning.
 Rana said regional autonomy together with well-structured district councils will end the sense of deprivation and ensure complete involvement of the people in decision making. He said the doctrine of regional autonomy provides a mechanism for empowerment of sub-regions and administrative



NC Provincial President Devender Rana along with others paying tributes to Shaheed Shashi Bala and Hoshiar Singh.

mechanism at district level to take governance at the grass roots level, on the analogy of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils. The concept of regional autonomy essentially aims at assuaging political, economic, developmental and psychological aspirations of the three regions of the State, he said, adding this will also be a counter to the machinations of dividing Jammu and Kashmir on regional and communal lines.
 While paying tribute to the martyrs, Rana said their martyrdom has added one more feather to the land of warriors. He described Samba as the birth place of warriors and intellectuals who have scripted sagas of valour and left indelible mark of intellectual genius. He said the popular political movements have taken off from this fertile land of braves.
 Rana discussed volley of subjects while speaking on the agenda 'Emerging political scenario in India vis-à-vis Jammu and Kashmir'. He dwelt in detail on Article 35A of the

Constitution, terming it a manifestation of the state subject laws enacted by the visionary Maharaja Hari Singh, way back in 1927, essentially to protect the rights, identity and dignity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially the Duggerland. He said any attempt of tinkering with this constitutional provision will hurt the Jammu region the most in terms of losing jobs to the youth of outside state and businesses to affluent business houses of the neighboring states.
 LD Khajuria, President IDR, Faculty in the Department of Political Science, University of Jammu, Dr Ellora Puri, R.K Badyal, Patron PFFHV, Karan Singh, President, PFFHV, Vijay Singh Sambyal, Ex DIG, Bir Singh, Santosh Khajuria, Pritam Sarpanch (Commission) Jammu region would have got 46-47 MLAs and Kashmir Valley would have got just 36 to 37 MLAs but the Delimitation Commission ordered only 37 MLAs for Jammu region. The worst sufferers were the people then living in the districts of Doda, Udhampur, Rajouri, Kathua where a large Muslim population resides. So, it has been the valley centric approach that has made the people of Jammu region suffer irrespective of the religion they practice and people of Jammu region have been exploited in the name religion so as to cover the short comings of valley centric leadership. But the awareness was slowly and slowly growing, the valley centric leadership feared that the it

Even 1996 through 2018 Legislators lacked real will worth securing due rights for their people

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 It was in 1994 that some logical representations were made from Jammu region and I too had prepared a detailed draft paper on delimitation of single member Legislative Assembly segments (MLAs) keeping in view guiding the parameters as laid down in the J&K Representation of the Peoples Act 1957 (Section-4.2a) : Population, Geographical Compactness, Nature of terrain, Facilities of Communication and like considerations for the delimitation commissions that would be appointed after every census. Four (much larger area i.e. less compactness), bad terrain, much less road networks and communication facilities as compared to Kashmir Valley) out of the five parameters laid down tilted the balance towards Jammu Region and as per the draft paper (that was also handed over to Delimitation Commission) Jammu region would have got 46-47 MLAs and Kashmir Valley would have got just 36 to 37 MLAs but the Delimitation Commission ordered only 37 MLAs for Jammu region. The worst sufferers were the people then living in the districts of Doda, Udhampur, Rajouri, Kathua where a large Muslim population resides. So, it has been the valley centric approach that has made the people of Jammu region suffer irrespective of the religion they practice and people of Jammu region have been exploited in the name religion so as to cover the short comings of valley centric leadership. But the awareness was slowly and slowly growing, the valley centric leadership feared that the it

may not be possible to steer the delimitation commissions any more for continuing unfair delimitations any more and therefore NC lead government in 2002 brought The Constitution Of Jammu And Kashmir (Twenty-Ninth Amendment) Act, 2002 (23rd April- 2002) so to put practically a bar on fresh delimitation (distribution) of single member segments in the Legislative Assembly till 2031. No doubt such amendment would not have been passed in case the NC MLAs of Jammu Region belonging to National Conference would have voted against the Bill but why they did not, may be asked by some.
 The Kashmir centric Valley leadership has always been working with dedication to the valley cause and have been taking preventive actions too for meeting the challenges that may come any time in future in case the leadership of Jammu Region get united for the common cause cutting across the religion centric webs. The J&K Government after 1996 elections appointed a Regional Autonomy Committee on 29 November 1996 with Balraj Puri as working chairman (who was later removed, as per Puri he had resigned and drafted his own report) giving an impression that it was done in view of Regional Council demands coming up from Jammu Region but when the report came (13 April 1999) it was disclosed that the action was not to address the demand for a Regional Council for Jammu region but it was to divide the people of Jammu region so as to weaken the



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strength of demands that may one day unitedly come from Jammu Region since the committee had made recommendations for 3 regional / provincial councils in Jammu Region, < Jammu > District Jammu plus Kathua district and Udhampur District excluding Mahore Tehsil : Chenab Valley, Doda district and Mahore Tehsil : Pir Panchal, Rajouri plus Poonch districts : and three regional provinces/councils for Kashmir region (Nundabar, Srinagar plus Budgam: Maraz, Anantnag plus Pulwama : (Kamraz) Baramulla plus Kupwara in addition existing Leh and Kargil. The terms like Chenab Valley and Pir Panchal region have come into use only after that. The valley leadership succeeded in raising some ambitions in locals, divide the people of Jammu region somewhat also on communal lines and there by weakening the unity of the people of Jammu region. Had the intentions not been unfair, the J&K Governments (mostly reins remained with K Valley centric leaderships) would have ordered 6 new Regional Councils in the year 2,000 itself where as it was not even up to 2018 or even impressed upon the Governor for doing that. Hence surely the idea of creating three regional councils each in Jammu and Kashmir regions instead of only one being demanded was done just to weaken the voice of Jammu region and unfortunately the people of Jammu region could not understand the designs. People of Jammu region must understand it.

Had the people of Jammu region be a little vigilant the number of MLAs in Jammu region would have increased by 7 to 9 to at least 44 to 45 out of total of 87 and there would have been at least 5 to 6 more districts in Jammu Region i.e. at least 15 to 16 districts in Jammu region and 10 in Kashmir region going by the scale under what districts like Ganderbal (259 sq km) , Shopian (312 sq km) , Bandipora (345sq km) and Kulgam (410 sq km).
 How unfair have been the governments in J&K even after 2015 could well be seen from the fact that people of Rajouri district demanded in 2017 that Rajouri district be split into at least 2 districts but the same was not accepted by even BJP- PDP government in 2017 where as that could be easily done looking back on the fact that in the year 2006-07 a district like Shopian with just one Tehsil and area of just 315 sq km was created in Kashmir valley where as a district like Rajouri that had in 2006 an area of even 2530 sq kms spread over 7 tehsils had not been split in more districts. How strange the MLAs and Minister from Jammu region even after 1996 through 2018 appeared lacking 'metal' worth securing even the due rights for their people.
 People must rise against those who play with regional/religious emotional cards simply for securing a berth in the legislature / parliament for their 'person' only.
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