

US-BASED EXPERTS INTERACT WITH JK POLICE OFFICERS

Important To Understand Criminal Justice System Elsewhere: IGP Kashmir

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Srinagar, Mar 25: The Zonal Police headquarters Kashmir in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration, J&K Regional branch and Central University of Kashmir, organized an interaction-cum-presentation by two experts, Dr. Robert Hanser and Dr. Diana Bruns, on the criminal justice system.

On the occasion Prof. Mehraj-u-Din, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir was the Chief Guest and Muhammad Shafi Khan, Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar, presided over the function.

In his opening remarks, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone AG Mir said in today's world countries have come closer to one another and the happenings in one part of the world have a direct impact on another. Likewise, he said, the criminal justice system of one place is impacting the system of another.

"The technical advances have made things somewhat complicated for the criminal justice system; so it is imperative to understand the criminal justice system of other countries as well. In this context interaction like the one today assumes great significance," he said.

The experts from United States held an interactive session with the participants which included DIG CKR SA Mujtaba, SSP Srinagar Amit Kumar, Joint Director Prosecution Muhammad Ashraf, Honorary secretary IIPA, Kashmir G M Andrabi, Chief Prosecuting Officers, Zonal SPs, SDPOs and Prosecuting officers.

Dr. Robert D Hanser, who is a senior professor in the criminal justice system and a coordinator of the criminal justice programme at the University of Louisiana USA, focused on civil/vicarious liability of Police personnel.

He gave a detailed description of his research in civil liabilities in criminal justice system in different parts of the world and interacted with the participants on different aspects of improving the system that suits the requirements in diverse cultures and ethnicities.

Dr. Diana Bruns who is a senior faculty member/research expert working in the University of Missouri USA spoke on educational qualities and police performance besides domestic violence against women.

She informed that her study has revealed that out of 15000 Police departments in US only 285 are headed by women Police officers.

Dr. Diana Bruns also shed light on the crimes against women and impact of college education on police performance. She backed her arguments on the data of her research on these subjects.

Prof. Mehraj-u-Din Vice Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir while speaking on the occasion said that in his view the deliverance in criminal justice system can be made more productive by focusing on speedy, fair and transparent investigations and trials. He said that the quantum of punishments cannot be as important as the speedy disposal of cases.

Muhammad Shafi Khan in his presentation said the criminal justice system is constantly evolving to better deliverance.

DR. Robert D Hanser is a senior professor in the Criminal Justice System. He is a Coordinator of the Criminal Justice

Programme, Director, Institute of Law Enforcement, University of Louisiana at Monore. He is an Associate Managing Editor, Police Practice and Research, an international journal. He is also Board President

and CEO, North Delta Human Service Authority and Director, 4th Judicial District's Batlere Intervention Programme

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He has a number of publications to his credit and has co-authored 7 books.

His speech focused on Civil/vicarious Liability for Police Personnel in besides replied to questions of the audience on the subject.

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