

## This social vice should be dealt very firmly

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INVC NEWS Shimla, The government officers, particularly field officers like Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police play a pivotal role in effective implementation of policies and programmes of the government to the targeted groups. This was stated by the Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur while presiding over the conference of Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police held here today. The Chief Minister said that the present state government had just completed tenure of over eight months and during this short period, effective implementation of some new major developmental schemes had been ensured. The credit for this goes to the hardworking officials of the state government as it was due to their wholehearted efforts that these developmental and welfare projects were implemented successfully. He said the state government announced thirty new schemes in its first budget, touching almost all the sections of the society and spheres of development. Now, the priority would be given on effective implementation of these schemes. He said that several developmental projects conceived by the government had been sent for funding to the Centre government. Most of these projects had been approved by the Centre, which would give boost to the developmental endeavours of the state government. The Chief Minister said Himachal Pradesh was known as the 'Dev Bhoomi' and the state police was doing a commendable work in maintaining best law and order situation of the State. The role of Deputy Commissioners was vital not only in maintaining law and order, but also in effective implementation of policies and programmes of the government in their respective jurisdictions. Showing concern over increasing cases of drug abuse in the state, the Chief Minister said that this social vice should be dealt very firmly. He said that on his initiative, a meeting was held with the Chief Ministers of four neighbouring states at Chandigarh to chalk out joint strategy to check this social menace. The state government was planning to start special campaign in the state to tackle this social problem in which the role of the DC's and SPs would be vital. Jai Ram Thakur said that all the DC's and SPs must regularly interact with the masses for seeking proper feedback as the direct contact with the masses goes a long way in framing policies and schemes as per the requirements and aspirations of the people. The Chief Minister announced that vehicle would be provided to every district to be used as a pilot vehicle during the visits of VIPs. He said that the state had won number of awards at national level for commendable job in various sectors, for which he congratulated the officers and officials of the state government. He launched the digitized Gazetteer (Rajpatra) from the year 1953. Now, the Gazettes would be available online at state Rajpatra Portal <http://rajpatrahimachal.nic.in> and with this Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to have all the state Gazettes available online. The state was also the first in the country to publish Gazettes online on daily basis. He also launched an app of Deputy Commissioner of Sirmour MyDC on the occasion. The Chief Minister launched three apps of the Revenue Department. These Apps are Integrated Bhu-naksha Jamabandi, Jan Jagrukta Jingles and Circle Rates. These apps would facilitate the people to get land maps within five days. Besides, circle rates of the land would also be available at a click of the button on the android mobile. These apps have been developed by State Revenue department with help of state NIC. During the meeting, steps to be taken for curbing the drug menace were also discussed in threadbare and it was also decided that an effective campaign would be launched in the state to destroy poppy and cannabis. Chief Secretary Vineet Chawdhry said that the DCs and SPs were the eyes and ears of the government and therefore it becomes more vital that they work with greater commitment and zeal. He assured the Chief Minister that the officers would work with more dedication for ensuring effective implementation of various policies and programmes of the state government. Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Manisha Nanda gave a presentation regarding encroachments on forest land and steps being taken to remove the same. Director General of Police S.R. Mardi gave a detailed presentation on law and order situation in the state. Presentation was also given on traffic management and reducing road

accidents. Detailed discussions were also held on progress in thirty new schemes announced in the budget in the meeting. It was informed that till date four Jan Manch have been held in the state in which efforts were made to redress public grievances on the spot. It was informed that the state suffered a loss of over Rs. 1180.40 crore to public and private properties due to heavy rains and so far relief assistance of Rs. 230 crore has been distributed to the affected. Detailed discussions were also held on curbing illegal constructions, particularly in urban areas and tourist places. It was decided that monthly meeting should be held for monitoring illegal constructions and encroachment on forest lands. Deputy Commissioners of Kangra, Shimla, Solan and Kullu gave their valuable suggestions on controlling illegal encroachments and constructions. It was informed in the meeting that as many as 855 complaints have been reviewed under Hoshiyar Singh helpline, out of which 840 complaints have been redressed. Under Gudiya helpline, 892 complaints have been received out of which 867 have been disposed off. As many as 172 vehicles were impounded during the period as compared to last year's figure of 20 vehicles. Similarly, 200 cases have been registered under the Forest Act as compared to 125 cases registered last year. Secretary, GAD Dr. R.N. Batta conducted the proceedings of the meeting. Additional Chief Secretaries B.K. Agrawal, Dr. Shrikant Baldi, Anil Khachi, Tarun Shridhar and Nisha Singh, Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sanjay Kundu, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries and Heads of departments attended the meeting.

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