

# Police in Public Affairs

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Police is, in fact, globally recognized as a primary law enforcement agency. Some countries considered this as a social service organization, committed to community welfare orientation with progressive attitudinal change.

With the passage of time, the police responsibility widened and different organizations had to be necessarily created in order to effectively implement the law and enforce order and bring the criminals to justice.

In disturbed areas the word 'Police' creates panic in the minds of people. In order to create confidence and a good trust among Police and Public new means of co-operation between the two were explored for paving new ways and means to bridge gaps between Police and Public and for the fulfillments of far - visualized dream of crimeless society .

But it can be achieved forever only by the way of active participation of Police in civil society affairs and vice versa .The J&K Police is moving quickly in this direction but much of the goals are still far away from our force. Building of confidence among public is a main goal to be achieved by our police.

Recently the J&K Police organized some educational tours for 1800 students belonging to the poorer sections of the society were selected from all over the State to visit free of cost to various places of educational, historic and tourist interest in the country.

Subsequently Police had also organized a 6-day Bharat Darshan tour on April 28 in which 68 students are participating , in each group, which is under way and will conclude on June 28 this year after visiting places like Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Jammu etc.

These tours are aimed at enabling the children to visit various places across the country, interact with the people and their counterparts and see for themselves the progress registered in various fields of development.

To Uplift the victims of militancy, destitute children and others belonging to poor families, the Police Organization recently has decided to provide computer training concept (C++) through various accredited DOEACC Centres at Srinagar and Jammu. In this connection, Rs. 62.5 lacs have already been sanctioned by the Police Department. As many as 3125 students have been nominated for undergoing training.

Police Organization has launched several schemes for the welfare of its personnel and their families. During last one decade, Rs.79 crores has been paid to benefit 1693 families of deceased Police Personnel out of Special Contributory Police Welfare Fund (SCPWF).

Apart from this first aid training workshop has also been organized by traffic police with coordination of Amandeep hospital Amritsar few weeks back in which the traffic personnel's and university students were trained by the doctors that how to handle the road accidents during traffic chaos by giving them by live demonstrations. So on the other day, in front side of university some persons met with an accident then the two students kuldeep shaan and navdeep sain helped the injured person by applying the same aid on the spot and then they took injured to the hospital where he survived without any further threats to his life .The young students from law department of Jammu university says, "by the saving one life will give them satisfaction although in their lives and they really thank to Amandeep hospital and Jammu traffic police for organizing such kind of activities where we have been taught how to save life of road accident victims on spot before taking the injured to hospital".

A civic action programme is a type of operation designed to assist an area by using the capabilities and resources of a police or civilian organization to conduct long-term programs or short-term projects aimed at development and progress of society. In J&K under this programme the State Police is doing a lot for public with the help of NGOs, Philanthropic Organizations and individuals in order to supplement the efforts of the Government. The efforts of Police for the welfare of the physically challenged children are commendable.

Every year the J&K police under civic action programme donating hundreds of items worth corers, Computers, T.V. Sets, Air Coolers, Chairs, Tables and Utensil items was distributed to the schools which are meant for education and welfare of special children.

For better co-ordination , the sports activities can also be used as tool to improve Police-Public Relations recently (during April) the Jammu and Kashmir Police organized 1st Police Martyrs Memorial T-20 Cricket Tournament at Parade Ground , in the memory of police martyrs, who sacrificed their precious lives while fighting for the national cause.

After seeing the response of public towards sport activities the authorities has decided that such tournament will be organized annually in which prominent teams of the State will exhibit their talent.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police is making all efforts to promote the event related to sports culture in the State. For this the force is organizing various sports activities throughout the year at different levels.

The sports events have served as a bridge of understanding and good-will between the people and police.

Prior to this in March last, while addressing at the prizes distribution ceremony of Inter-Zone Sports Meet-2010 of Jammu and Kashmir Police at Gulshan Ground here, Chief Minister stressed on expanding sports activities in the State. He praised the State Police Department for encouraging sports in Jammu and Kashmir and said that participation of jawans in various sports events enhances their caliber and alertness.

Mr. Omar said that Jammu and Kashmir Police is emerging as one of the best forces in the Country adding that besides professional abilities State Police force has also earned laurels for the State in various sports winning prizes at the national and international events.

The Chief Minister said that Government besides modernization and capacity building in Police force is paying full attention towards encouraging more and more sports activities.

Mr. Omar said that Government has chalked out an ambitious sports development programme in the State to provide opportunities to the youth to excel and prove their mettle at national and international levels.

Under its programme "Helping the orphans" the J&K Police in March 10 donated items worth Rs. 5 lakhs to Balika Niketan Orphanage function. The assistance has been granted by the Police Organization under its Civic Action Programme.

It depicts that the Jammu and Kashmir Police, apart from its professional duties, is also sensitive to its social responsibilities and the Organization has under taken a Civic Action Programme to fulfill these responsibilities.

Under this programme the department has a wide spectrum of activities which include organizing sports events, medical camps, financial assistance to orphanages and destitute' homes, distribution of study material and construction of playground.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police have started a de-addiction center at Srinagar to treat hundreds of victims of drug addiction and it has succeeded in bringing many patients to their normal life.

However public the main objective of the Police should be to provide fearless environment to the people by safeguarding the rights of law abiding citizens of the State and during extra ordinary situations Police should avoid collateral damages and during operations they have also maintained high standards in maintaining human rights.

The People of J&K have pinned their hopes with the police and now it is responsibility of Police to live up to their expectations by providing them better policing".

Further, there is a need for creation of Public Relation officer's post in every Police district. Public Relation in practice should be included in any training programme of Police personnel's.