

## **25K vacancies in police dept will be filled soon: Home Minister**

MYSURU: The passing out parade of 252 women constables was held at DAR Grounds of the Police Training School here on Monday.

Speaking at the event, Home Minister G Parameshwara said the nine-month rigorous training would help these constables discharge their duties efficiently.

On vacancies in the Police Department, Parameshwara said there were 25,000 vacancies in the department, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has given permission to fill all vacancies and added 6,000 vacancies have been filled. "We will recruit another 6,000 soon," he said.

He said women have entered all fields and more than 50 pc of employees in the IT field are women.

He said a notification to fill another 8,000 posts has been issued for which the recruitment process will begin soon and added another 19,600 posts will be filled this year.

He said the police should become people-friendly and respond to people's problems without any hesitation.

The minister said though the minimum qualification for constable job is PUC, of the 252 constables, except 31, all were degree holders.

"It shows that the job of constables is not an ordinary one but with a lot of responsibility," he said.

The Home Minister said 35 new police stations will come up in the state, of which five will be women's police stations.

Prizes, trophies

All Round Best Trainee award was bagged by S R Shilpa of Kodagu district while DGP Trophy was secured by G M Kavyashree of Chikkamagaluru district.

D Apoorva of Shivamogga became Best Indoor Trainee while Best Outdoor Trainee award was bagged by S R Shilpa of Kodagu. M L Shwetha of Ramanagara got first place in firing.

‘NIA, IB collected samples’

On the Mysuru court bomb blast, Parameshwara said the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and IB have collected samples from the blast site and added the bomb blasts in Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh and Kollam in Kerala were similar in nature. He said a clear picture would be known only after the completion of investigation. He said the police are taking all steps in this regard and added the police will provide tight security to this year’s Dasara celebrations.

On Raju murder case, the Home Minister said the investigation was going on in this regard and the police will take all necessary steps to solve the case at the earliest.

On action against Mysuru City Congress unit president T S Ravishankar for assaulting a drug distributing company owner, Parameshwara said nobody should take law into their hands. Speaking on action against Congress leader Marigowda, he said he had recommended for the suspension of Marigowda and will ask the DCC to take action.