

## Desh Ki Baat Foundation holds 'Employment Dialogue'

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JAMMU: Expressing grave concern on rapid increasing unemployment among youth of the country, the 'Desh Ki Baat Foundation' (DKBF), an ideological organisation working for nation-building based on ideology of 'positive nationalism', suggested implementation of a 'National Employment Policy' for tackling the challenge in an effective way.

While speaking during an 'Employment Dialogue' held at Press Club of Jammu on Monday, DKBF Central Coordinator, Daud Hasan said that country is facing huge unemployment at present hour.

"A number of youth, even with higher qualifications, are wandering from place to place for work."

Not only in Government sector, but the condition in private sector is also miserable, thereby causing a number of hardships for



DKBF members addressing a press conference at Jammu.

people," he said, adding at present hour, the country needs a National Employment Policy which can guarantee employment to all.

Adv Mohd Javed Khan, DKBF Regional Coordinator said that the foundation would launch a Signature Campaign in support of National Employment Policy.

Daud Hassan, Central Coordinator, informed that on December 20, 2021 a delegation of

foundation would hand-over a draft of National Employment Policy to the District Magistrate in shape of memorandum, addressed to the Prime Minister. He sought suggestions from various social organizations, students and other youth in this regard.

Others present on the occasion included Shikhar Sharma, Mohammad Sardar Bhatti, Vikas Sharma, Zaheer Ahmad, M S Khan and Neelam Kohli.

Gurdarshan Vice-Chairman Minority Deptt JKPCC issued appointment order to the newly appointed state coordinators, provincial coordinators as well as the new District Jammu urban Chairman.

Gurdarshan said all the efforts had been made to maintain balance with adequate representation to all the minority communities in Jammu and Kashmir. Many

### Langan Brahman Biradari congregation on Nov 10

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JAMMU: The annual congregation of Langan Brahman Biradari will be held on November 10, 2021 at Dadi Deri Asthan, Village Langan. President of the Biradari, Om Parkash Sharma said that function will start at 11:00 AM with Kuldevi Poojan followed by Bhandara. Sharma appealed to all members of Langan Brahman Biradari to attend the congregation to seek the blessings of Kuldevi Dadi Deri.

## CS reviews implementation of employment generating schemes in J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the employment generating schemes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Administrative Secretaries of Rural Development, Housing&UD, Labour & Employment, Social Welfare, Planning

Monitoring and Development, School Education and Revenue departments, besides Chairman, J&K Bank and other senior officers participated in the meeting.

Chairman, J&K Bank informed that credit will be lent to 3 lakh new entrepreneurs for setting up agri-ventures for self employment during the year.

He informed that there is a target to reach out to 12

lakh people associated with the priority sector for lending during the current fiscal. Administrative Secretary, Agriculture Production/Animal Husbandry department informed that his department is targeting an annual additional self employment of 20,000 to 25,000 in animal and husbandry sector.

The Chief Secretary advised the department to prepare an employment plan for the agriculture and allied sectors for the current fiscal year in line with the inherent employment potential of these sectors and the compelling need to saturate employment in the sectors to boost employment, wages and prospect.

While informing that so far 8651 self employment opportunities have been created under the Mission, MD, NRLM held out

MD, Mission Youth stated that the Mission is on course to achieving the target of 50000 employment by the end of the fiscal.

The Chief Secretary announced that the Mission should aim to achieve employment opportunities for 10000 people in the next month through convergent action with agriculture department.

It was informed that Under NRLM, 70000 women have been brought within the fold of SHGs for sustainable livelihood.

MD, NRLM, stated that the target of employment for 25000 people fixed under the programme shall be achieved by the end of the financial year.

While stating that although only 202 Bank Sakhis have been engaged so far, MD, NRLM held out

the assurance that the target of engaging 2000 bank Sakhis shall also be met as there is adequate scope in this space to provide means of livelihood to the women by engaging them as Sakhis.

Administrative Secretary U&DD informed that 846 cases sponsored under NULM are stuck for sanction in the banks.

Under PMEGP, it was informed that the department has created employment for 63829 people against an annual target of 1.5 lakh employment.

It was further informed that more than 6000 cases are presently pending for sanction at the banks.

The department assured that the target of 1.5 lakh employment shall be met by the end of the current fiscal.

While announcing that the

employment continues to be the overriding focus of the government and that the government is committed to bring down the unemployment rate below 5 %, the Chief Secretary urged the departments to gear up to achieve the new target of 3 lakh employment with a renewed vigour and sense of purpose.

Dr. Mehta advised Administrative Secretary Labour and Employment to continuously monitor the creation of employment opportunities across all sectors on daily bases, especially the delay in sanction of the government sponsored cases in the banks, while further adding that if a bank delays sanction in a case beyond a month, it should be brought to his notice so that remedial measures are taken.

## Samooh Theatre organises cultural festival



Members of folk parties and Samooh Theatre posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: With an aim to promote and preserve dying performing art-forms, Samooh Theatre organised a cultural festival at K L Saigal Hall, Jammu wherein various folk parties enthralled audience with their traditional and folk performances including Bhakh, Kark, Jagrana, Jattar, Dogri and Bhadarwahi songs.

Speaking on the occasion, Sudhir Mahajan, Founder Samooh Theatre, informed that theatre group is committed to preserve and promote cultural heritage and is working for the same from last 30 years. He hoped that more such events shall also be organised in far flung areas of Jammu region.

Anita Chandpuri, Secretary Samooh Theatre presented formal vote of

thanks while Basant Viyogi did the proceedings. The event was organized with active support of BTI section of Ministry of Culture, New Delhi.

The folk artist groups, who participated in the event, included Ali Mohd & party, Kaku Yogi & party, Mohan Lal & party, Kamla Devi & party, Munshi Ram & party, Antu Kotwal & party and Krishni Devi & party.

## Kavinder slams Priyanka Gandhi for provoking people 'Nation suffering due to wrong policies of Congress'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta has slammed Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi for her statement on the demonetization anniversary, terming it as a disaster.

In a statement issued to media today, the former Dy Chief Minister rubbished Priyanka's claims that demonetization resulted in total disaster besides having failed to end corruption. He asserted that demonetization has been a real success as is evident from its dividends especially in terms of bringing huge amount of black money into the mainstream economy of the nation to be used in various projects of the nation.

Responding to corruption allegations against the Modi led BJP Govt at the Centre, Kavinder questioned Priyanka Gandhi asking her who is responsible for corruption and terrorism? He said that the Nation is suffering due to the wrong policies of Congress for over 70 years of its rule in the nation. Kavinder said it was the Congress Party that handed over Jammu and Kashmir to Sheikh Abdullah due to which people of Jammu and Kashmir still continue on account of terrorism. He said that it is the wrong policies of Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru that made the Kashmiris

pay through the nose making them refugees/migrants in their own state and the nation. The senior BJP leader castigated the Congress party while accusing it of always being anti-India. He reminded Priyanka Gandhi that the senior Congress leader Mani Shankar Iyer relentlessly goes to Pakistan and seeks their help to dislodge Modi led duly elected Govt in India and this fact in itself goes to prove beyond any doubt that the nation and its people cannot expect any good from Congress Party and its leaders as most of their statements are in consonance with the statements issued by their patrons from across the border.

Kavinder said that leaders like Priyanka Gandhi, realizing that Congress has no chance of reviving itself in the decades to come, have fallen into the habit of provoking people to achieve their personal motives. While exuding confidence in the people across the nation, he cautioned them to beware of the Congress and other opposition leaders who keep issuing exploitative statements every other day to befool the people.

Meanwhile, Kavinder asked Priyanka to focus on reviving her decimated party rather than misleading the people of the world's largest democracy with her statements.

## Mega fruit-tree plantation drive commences, preserving natural habitat for animals

A sustenance movement inspired by Mohanji and being led by Ammucare Charitable Trust in India and ACT Foundation globally

Drive to provide fruits of kindness to generations of beings beyond species; aiming to complete 1L mark by the end of 2021



Ammucare Charitable Trust and Mohanji Foundation members carrying out plantation drive under Fruit Tree Plantation Drive movement at various areas of Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Increasing deforestation and disturbances to ecological balance by humans has affected wildlife and beings of forests. Mohanji, a humanitarian and founder of various non-profit movements across the world, has inspired Ammucare Charitable Trust, a non-profit founded by him in 2003, to launch a sustenance movement called Fruit Tree Plantation Drive that will have an extraordinarily positive impact on our environment and all beings.

By providing natural food sources from fruit trees, this drive will help retain the natural habitat for wild animals. The team is also collaborating with communities, government/ semi-government organizations or institutions for boosting plantation efforts. Fruit trees will be chosen as per the location, climate and soil condition and those with longevity to last for generations.

"Fruit tree plantation is not just an act of kindness, it is a social responsibility. This is giving the fruits of kindness to the coming generations beyond species. Fill the forests with fruit trees. Plant more fruit trees in and around your city. It brings sweet grace to our lives beyond time" - Mohanji

The drive has already been kick-started by Ammucare Charitable Trust earlier this year, with the active support of Mohanji Foundation, and has so far planted over 22,000+ saplings across the

country in various states including Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, New Delhi, Odisha, Jammu & Kashmir, UP to name a few. Jammu alone has planted 375 trees so far in various areas of Jammu. 165 fruit trees were planted earlier this year at Maha Maya forest, Mulochak RS Pura and other parts of Jammu. We started with plantation of 220 fruit trees at Raipur Jagir, Near Tawi River, Pounichak in Jammu on 8th Nov, 2021. The Fruit Tree Plantation Drive has received accolades and acknowledgement from local governments, administration and ministries. The same movement is also being conducted globally by ACT Foundation, a sister organization of Ammucare also

founded by Mohanji, with the same objectives.

Livelihoods of millions of people in India, its entire ecosystem and lives of billions of animals depend on trees and forests. Despite this, as per government data, 14,000 square kilometres of forests have been cleared to make way for thousands of industrial projects over the past 30 years. In contrast, the environmental impact of planting trees speaks for itself: planting trees is particularly useful in filtering and improving air quality - a mature tree can sequester up to 48 pounds of carbon per year. Restoring forests will improve the lives of the estimated 275 million Indians that depend on them. In particular, a focus on fruit trees goes over and beyond

the regular benefits of afforestation. Animals often come out of the forests due to lack of food and end up being attacked or killed. Fruit trees planted in areas adjacent to forests will provide enough food for various beings of the forest, enhancing their safety.

Planted fruit trees will be the property of the community, and that means additional income to all its members, not just a source of food. This will ensure availability of free food for everyone, people and animals, for generations to come. The drive aims to make sure that future generations have world to live in - this begins with planting fruit trees - One Fruit Tree at a Time. Our children, our future are being inspired to participate actively in this

drive with schools in various locations coming forward to join hands. The organisers have estimated the cost of planting a tree, inclusive of all the protective covers and preparation, at around Rs 1500/ tree, and an additional cost of Rs 4500/tree for nurturing it for the first 3 years of growth. More details about the drive are available at <https://fruitreplantation.org> or via email at [treeplantation@ammucare.org](mailto:treeplantation@ammucare.org).

"We invite all the members of our community, both corporate investors and individual supporters, to donate generously and prop up our effort to revive and restore forests in India. We will celebrate our donors through the media in various ways. The whole of India should recognise who

their true heroes are. Together we can make sure that our future generations have a beautiful world to live in" - Soma Seal, President (Ammucare Charitable Trust).

**About Mohanji Foundation:**

Mohanji Foundation is a global non-profit headquartered in Switzerland, with registered non-profit organizations in over 16 countries across five continents and a presence in over 80 countries. The global activities of Mohanji Foundation are unitied by a simple motto - Adding Value to the world. Through various methods, practices and programs, Mohanji Foundation works towards transforming individuals and the universal values of truth, purity, compassion, non-violence, and unconditional love.

**About Ammucare Charitable Trust:**

Ammucare Charitable Trust is a registered non-profit organization established in India in 2003. Founded by Mohanji in honour of his late daughter (Ammu), Ammucare provides resources and services such as food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, and other means of support that empower and uplift the helpless and needy, beyond any man-made barriers of religion, caste, race, class or gender. Ammucare operates in over 20 states in India and is powered by a growing team of volunteers that are united by a common purpose of selfless service.