

J&K Bank pro-actively reaching out to youth during B2V4 programme

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SRINAGAR: With latest phase of the UT Government's flagship 'Back to Village' (B2V4) Programme in full swing in J&K, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha yesterday visited one of the camps organised at Sheikhpora in Budgam district and handed over J&K Bank's loan sanction letter to an aspiring youth. While expressing happiness on the occasion, LG urged the Banks to achieve self-employment targets set by the UT Government for financial institutions during the ongoing B2V4 Program. Notably, for every panchayat in J&K, Government has set a target of 15 self-employment loans for banks operating in the UT.

Meanwhile during the ongoing B2V4 campaign Advisor to LG, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar also visited a camp held under B2V4 Program at Wussan Ganderbal and handed over Bank's loan sanction letter to a beneficiary. Additional Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Secretary GAD, Dr Piyush Singla also visited camps at Faqir Gujri in Srinagar and Mathwar camp in Jammu respectively and handed over loan sanction letters to a few beneficiaries during their stay.

Significantly, J&K Bank MD&CEO, Baldev Prakash is personally monitoring the effective participation of the Bank in making the



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha handing-over J&K Bank's loan sanction letter to a youth.

program a huge success. During a meeting today with authorities of IIM Jammu led by Founder Director of the Institute Professor B S Sahay, MD & CEO said, "J&K Bank is pro-actively reaching out to youth during the ongoing B2V4 Program. I was amazed to see the excitement of the young participants at one such camp organised here in Jammu at Panchayat Sarora. I felt equally glad to see the enthusiastic J&K Bank staff listening, counseling and guiding these participants with missionary zeal."

"Being financial institution of systemic importance in the J&K, we will

ensure that during the B2V4 we reach out to all eligible youth across panchayats of UT and empower them financially with most suited products and services of the Bank", he added while assuring that the Bank will extend complete financial support to every viable self-employment proposal of youth during the program.

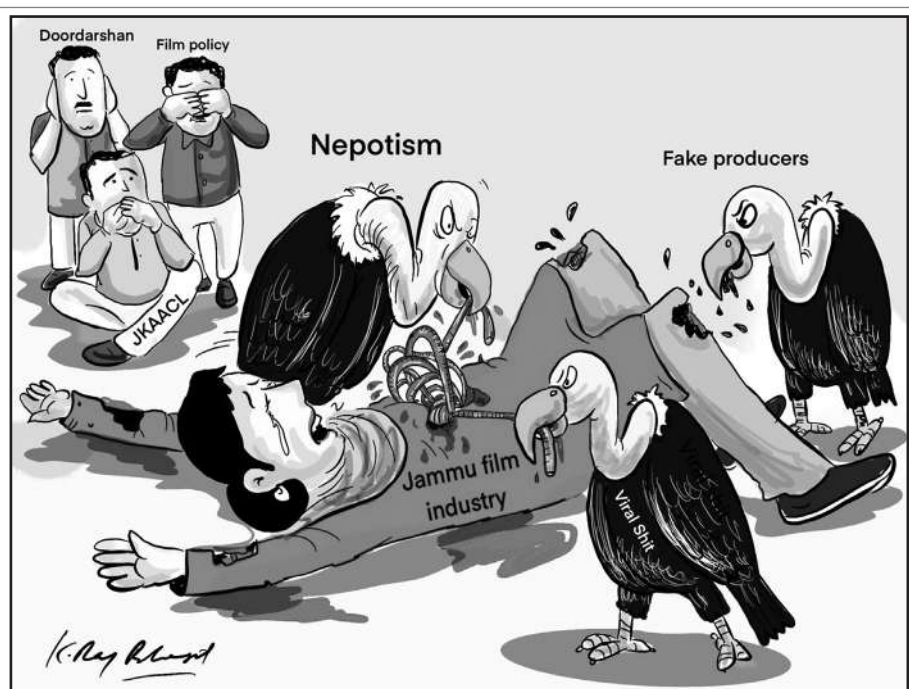
Organised to deepen their mutual engagements and take the relationship forward, the meeting was attended by Bank's Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar, Dean Academics (IIM) Professor Jabir Ali, Associate Professors (IIM) Dr Prateek Jain, Dr Pankaj K Agarwal

and Dr Muqbil Burhan, Assistant Professor (IIM) Dr Baljeet Singh and Financial Advisor & CFO (IIM) Rajat Jain besides other officials of the Bank and Institute.

Speaking on the occasion, Director IIM Professor B S Sahay said, "We must work for the welfare of the society for which we need to go to the grass-root level and make people aware about the importance of financial literacy and virtues of entrepreneurship."

"IIM teams participating in B2V4 program will also collaborate with the bank in identifying beneficiaries for targeted disbursements in every Panchayat", Professor Sahay added. On the occasion, both Bank and IIM Jammu agreed to team up big way in collaboration with IIT Jammu for promotion of financial literacy and entrepreneurial attitude among the youth of UT to create a culture of enterprise in Jammu and Kashmir.

Moreover, during the B2V4 program the Bank is showcasing a range of attractive government sponsored self-employment schemes that includes working capital facility for animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries farmers under Kisan Credit Card scheme, commercial vehicle finance under Mumkin Scheme, Tejaswani - livelihood generation program for women etc.



Amit mentors Smailpur Panchayat towards quality working during B2V4 visit

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SAMBA: Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma, on Monday conducted an extensive two day tour of Smailpur Panchayat, Bari Brahmana under ongoing 'Back to Village' phase IV programme across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sarpanch of the Panchayat, Balwant Singh Manhas and others apprised the Secretary about the status of ongoing development works in this progressive Smailpur Panchayat.

During the visit, Amit Sharma held multiple meetings in the Panchayat Ghar with the officers and officials of all the line departments besides locals and PRI members.

He shared the broader vision of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, and Chief Secretary, Dr Arun K Mehta towards steering the UT towards a transformed world of growth and development.

Secretary was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta, ACD, Sidharath Dhiman, DPO, Joginder Jasrotia, BDO Bari Brahmana, Suraj Singh besides BDC Chairperson Bari Brahmana, Rajni Devi and DDC member, Suraiya Begum, during the visit and series of core committee meetings held at Panchayat Bhawan. Secretary, while addressing the meetings, emphasized upon all to create massive awareness in the society regarding the ill effects of



Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma during visit to Government Girls Middle School Smailpur Panchayat in Samba.

drug addiction thus becoming whistle blowers towards eradicating this social evil. He asked the participants to make proper use of more than 200 online services being extended by different departments. He exhorted upon all stakeholders to work collectively towards shaping Smailpur as one of the model panchayats of Samba district.

He also created awareness towards drinking clean and safe water and arranged a live demonstration by PHE department in this regard. He mentioned that Youth Club, Mahila Club, Senior Citizens Club and Puni Sanities should meet on a regular basis as mandated for achieving the set targets. Amit Sharma also inaugurated a major road work leading to Matador Stand of the village.

Later, Secretary toured Amrit Sarovar which is a natural pond located adjacent to a famous local deity temple.

During the two day event in Smailpur Panchayat, Secretary visited various Government institutions including schools, healthcare centres, anganwadi centres, sports stadium and development work sites. He also met and interacted with the young players of the Panchayat during a sports event organized in collaboration with the police department in the Panchayat.

He distributed baby kits, sports equipment and agriculture seeds among the beneficiaries and visited different departmental stalls of Smailpur Village Hatt. Besides, Amit Sharma addressed several local issues of the Panchayat on the spot.

DIPR bids affectionate adieu to Neena Jamwal



Joint Director Info Headquarter, Naresh Kumar and Joint Director, Jammu, Sapna Kotwal according farewell to Neena Jamwal and Ravi Kumar.

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) on Monday accorded an affectionate adieu to Neena Jamwal, on her superannuation after rendering more than 35 years dedicated

service in the department. Joint Director Information Headquarter, Naresh Kumar and Joint Director, Jammu, Sapna Kotwal highlighted the contribution of the official towards the department and congratulated her on attain-

ing superannuation. They also wished him a happy and prosperous post retirement life.

Deputy Director (HQ), Dr Rehana Akhter Bijlee, Assistant Director Information, Shabnam Jaipuria, Information

Officer, Ashu Thappa, Cultural Officer Jammu, Parul Khajuria, Administrative Officer, Hitesh Choudhary, besides other officers and officials of DIPR also hailed the dedication of the retiree on the occasion.

The retiring employee thanked all their colleagues for their support and cooperation during his tenure in the department.

A gift hamper was presented to the retiring official on

behalf of the department as a mark of honour and affection.

Meanwhile, Department of Information and Public Relations also accorded an affectionate adieu to Senior Mechanic, Ravi Kumar on his superannuation.

Speaking on the occasion, Joint Director Information Jammu, Sapna Kotwal highlighted the role of the retiring employee in DIPR and congratulated him on his retirement. She extended her best wishes to the retiree for post-retirement life.

Deputy Director Information (HQ), Dr. Rehana Akhter Bijli, Deputy Director Information (PR), Dr. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Director, Shabnam Jaipuria, Cultural Officer, Parul Khajuria, Field Publicity Officer, Mukesh Kumar, Information Officer, Ashu Thappa besides other officials of DIPR were present on the occasion.

J&K Police observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas ADGP Jammu administers pledge to personnel at Gulshan Ground

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JAMMU: J&K Police on Monday observed National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) across Jammu Zone. The main function was held at Gulshan Ground Jammu this morning where ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh took the salute of the parade and administered oath to the Police officers and Jawans. Different contingents took part in a colourful march past. Speaking on this occasion, ADGP Jammu said that this function along with other similar functions across the country have been held to pay tributes to the 'Iron Man of India' Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, first Home Minister of the country who made it possible to integrate 562 States into one unit. He said that the present "Shape" of the country is because of his



ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh administering pledge for internal security, integrity.

contribution. To commemorate the huge contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated wherein we take the pledge for internal security, integrity and sovereignty of the country.

The sacrifice of J&K police for internal security and sovereignty of the country has been immense and with today's pledge we

will continue to move on the path of our service to the nation with more vigour to strengthen our country; he added. Similar functions were also organized in all establishments of Police districts of Jammu province and an Ekta Pledge was also taken during the programmes to preserve the unity, integrity, sovereignty and security of the nation.

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55th Annual General Meeting of IEI held

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JAMMU: 55th Annual General Meeting of The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre was held at Institutional Complex, Sector - 3, Channi Himmat, here on Monday. It was presided over by Dr. Sanjay Khar, FIE, Chairman of Jammu Local Centre. A large number of corporate members from all disciplines of Engineering attended the AGM.

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Dr. Sanjay Khar, FIE, Chairman of Jammu Local Centre along with other dignitaries at Annual General Meeting of IEI.

Centre for the Sessions 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 were announced by Er. B B Gupta, FIE, Convener BOS & Past Chairman of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.

The Committee for the session 2022 - 2023 and 2023 - 2024 comprised of Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE, Chairperson, Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Honorary Secretary Dr. Sanjay Khar;

FIE (Past Chairman) Er. C. P. Sharma, MIE; (Past Honorary Secretary) Er. Jatinder Kr Sharma, FIE; Er. P. K. Nanda, MIE; Er. Rabinder Shekher, MIE; Er. Sudhir Sethi, MIE; Er. Anil Verma, MIE; Er. Samir Sharma, MIE; Er. Nitin Mahajan, MIE; Er. Anveet Kr. Gupta, MIE; Er. Mohinder Singh, MIE; Er. Ajay Sharma, FIE & Er. Jatinder Singh

Kapoor, MIE. Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE, the new Chairperson of the centre is a Professor in Govt. College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu. She is a Life Member of Computer Society of India, Mumbai and Life Member of Indian Science Congress, Kolkata.

Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE, the new Honorary Secretary has Graduated from Govt. College

of Engineering and Technology Jammu is also MBA from University of Pune. He Joined Power Development Department of J&K in 2009 and presently serving as Assistant Engineer.

Er. C P Sharma, MIE, Honorary Secretary of the centre conducted the proceedings and delivered the vote of thanks to the august gathering present on the occasion.

B2V4: Excise Commissioner tours Panchayat Parwah, inspects developmental works



Excise Commissioner, J&K, Pankaj Kumar Sharma administering Integrity Pledge and reviewing development works during Back to Village phase 4 programme at Panchayat Parwah in Block Marh, Jammu.

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JAMMU: During the ongoing Back to Village programme, Excise Commissioner, J&K, Pankaj Kumar Sharma on Monday visited Panchayat Parwah, Block Marh and held direct interaction with PRI members and the inhabitants of

Panchayat. Pankaj Sharma interacted with the Sarpanches and Panches along with senior citizens of the Panchayat who apprised them about various issues and grievances faced by them. Number of demands were projected before Pankaj

Sharma, who gave a patient hearing to the people and said that all their genuine demands will be looked into and would be putforth at an appropriate forum for redressal.

While interacting with people, the Excise Commissioner said that the

aim and objective of the B2V4 programme is to reach out to the people at their door steps, listen to their demands and issues for early redressal. He appealed to people to come forward and participate enthusiastically in the programme.

On the occasion, Pankaj

Sharma also distributed land passbooks among the farmers. He said that it is a landmark initiative taken by the J&K Government to provide Land Passbooks to the lawful land owners to further improve the service delivery, enhance transparency and accountability in the system.

He also inaugurated Rural Haat and inspected various stalls/counters exhibited by different departments. The Excise Commissioner also inspected ongoing and completed works in Panchayat, Panchayat Ghar and other infrastructure, PMAY houses, IIHHL under SBM and

ration depot and enquired about the grievance redressal mechanism being adopted to the satisfaction of the public. He also interacted with senior citizens and asked them for establishment of old age group. He also visited Anganwari Centre and reviewed its

function. The Excise Commissioner also inaugurated various sports activities and distributed sporting kits among them and deliberated upon them to contribute in national building. He also administered Integrity Pledge to all the participants.