

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 Bhattacharya 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



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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 proactively 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 Jibin 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.

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.

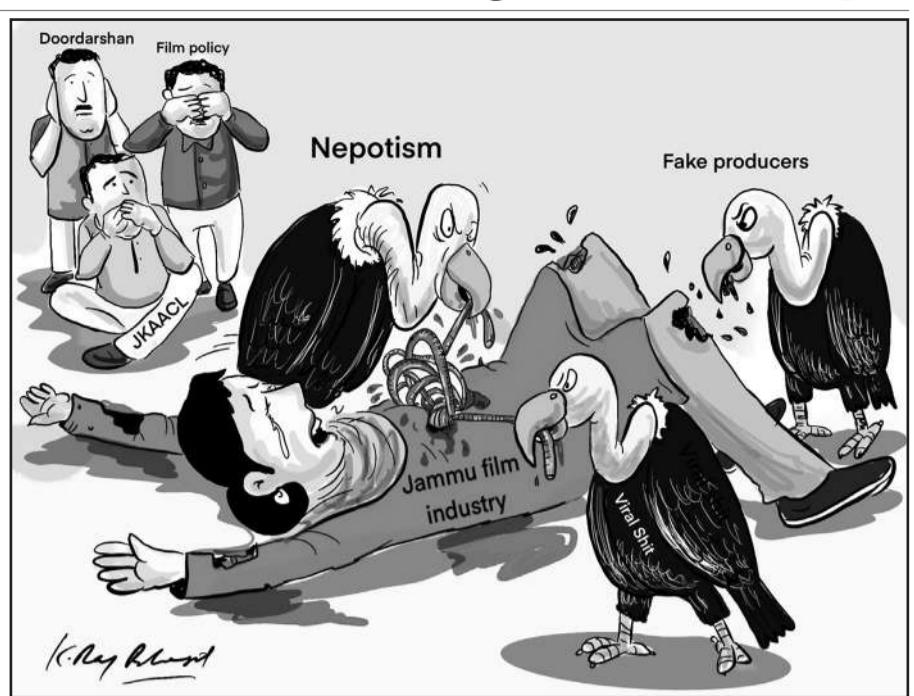
Speaking on the occasion, Joint Director Information Jammu, Sapna Kotwal highlighted the role of the retiring employee in DIPR and congratulated him on his retirement. She extended her best wishes to the retiree for post-retirement life.

Deputy Director Information (HQ), Dr Rehana Akhter Bijlee, 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.

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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 Brahma 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.

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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 Pani Samities 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.

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.

55th Annual General Meeting of IEI held



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

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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.

Er. C P Sharma, Honorary Secretary presented the Annual Report for the year 2021-2022 and highlighted the activities of the Jammu Local Centre.

Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE took over as the new Chairperson and Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE as new Honorary Secretary for the session 2022-2023.

Results of elections to the Committee of Jammu Local

Centre for the Sessions 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 were announced by Er. B B Gupta, FIE, Convenor 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 K.

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. Avneet K.

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. 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

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



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

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