

J&K Bank doing commendable job: Union MoS

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SRINAGAR: Union Minister of State for Finance, Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao on Wednesday said that Jammu and Kashmir Bank has been doing a commendable job by providing self-employment to the youth, progressing ahead with a clear digital vision, enhancing financial awareness among the people and deepening financial inclusion.

The Union Minister was speaking at an event, in the presence of MD & CEO Baldev Prakash, General Managers Sudhir Gupta and Syed Rais Maqbool, organised as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at the Bank's Corporate Headquarters.

The function was attended by the Bank's General Managers, DGMs, and AGMs besides beneficiaries, media persons and other officials of the Bank.

On the occasion, Dr. Bhagwat Karad gave sanction letters to 16 beneficiaries financed by the Bank under various self-employment schemes like PMEGP, Mission Youth, NRLM and AIF etc besides e-inaugurating Bank's 4 branches and 3 ATMs. He also handed over few Micro ATMs and Bio Metric Devices to Digi Pay Sakhis, who were onboarded as female Business Correspondents of the Bank.

"The main objective of Union Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to increase financial literacy, deepen financial inclusion and ensure that all the financial transactions are done digitally across the country. And I commend J&K



Union Minister of State for Finance, Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao handing-over sanction letter to a beneficiary.

Bank for their progressive contributions in this direction", Dr. Bhagwat Karad said and expressed hope that with strong commitment and smart services, the Bank would surely achieve its envisaged business goal of Rs 4 Lac Cr in next five years.

Emphasizing upon the need to reach out to every section of society, Dr. Karad said, "During the last couple of days here I have observed that J&K Bank is far ahead of the lot in implementing all the flagship schemes of Union Government meant for poor and marginalized ranging from PM Jan Dhan Yojana and PM Jeevan Jyoti Bhima Yojana to PM-SVANidhi. And more so the Bank takes lead in financing the schemes like Mumkin, Tejaswani sponsored by the UT Government; for which I congratulate the MD & CEO Baldev Prakash and his entire staff".

While acknowledging the comprehensive support and quality services the Bank is providing to people

through a wide range of its initiatives, Dr. Karad urged the Bank's management to continue to deepen digital presence and enhance the quality of services while the country accelerates towards achieving the twin national goals of 5 trillion dollar economy and Digital India.

Earlier, the MoS Finance visited the J&K Bank's Digital Banking Unit (DBU) at Lal Chowk. He also visited the stalls at CHQ, wherein the entrepreneurs financed by the Bank under various self-employment schemes showcased their products. The stall owners expressed their gratitude to the Bank for providing them requisite support at right time of their career.

Welcoming the visiting dignitary on the occasion, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "Setting a target of Rs 4 lac crore business in next five years with annual profit of 4 thousand crores, we are aiming to improve share of rest of India in

our overall loan book to 50% through the re-oriented business strategy to not only increase our business but also to diversify the concentration risk in our core geography i.e. J&K and Ladakh."

He apprised the visiting dignitary about the steps taken to align the Bank's strategy with the national vision of Digital India. "The idea is to enhance the customer experience from satisfaction to delight through end-to-end digital solutions with secure services", he said adding, "We remain committed to contribute our part actively in achieving the Union Government's vision of Digital India with inclusive economy. On this occasion, let me reiterate that we will also extend every possible support to the UT Government's vision of saturating self-employment of youth in J&K."

The function concluded with vote of thanks from Bank's General Manager Syed Rais Maqbool, who expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the visiting dignitaries, beneficiaries, media persons and all other participants for their presence on the occasion.

The branches commissioned included Ghoom Ahmadpora in Baramulla, Saliskote in Kargil, Kaghote in Udhampur and Wasoor in Pulwama, while the inaugurated ATMs are at Super Specialty Hospital in Shireen Bagh, Central University of Kashmir in Ganderbal and Bhagha in Reasi Jammu.



Dr Yashpal felicitated by AHA Jammu Chapter



AHA Jammu Chapter members with Dr Yashpal Sharma National President AHA during felicitation function.

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JAMMU: Academy of Hospital Administration (AHA) Jammu Chapter on Wednesday felicitated Dr Yashpal Sharma National President AHA India at its Regional Office, Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar GMC Jammu.

Dr Sharma has won the second tenure as National President AHA India.

Dr Jasbir Singh highlighted the professional achievements of Dr Yashpal Sharma during his tenure as National President but also his outstanding contributions in the field of Health and Medical Education.

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Regional Secretary AHA

Jammu Chapter called Dr Jasbir Singh President AHA Jammu Chapter to present memento to the National President.

He also highlighted the recent achievements of J&K Chapter AHA under AHA India headed by Dr Yashpal Sharma National President.

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Dr Yashpal appreciated each and every member of AHA Jammu for his success and working for the cadre and strengthening the health care system in J&K.

He also appreciated In Jammu and Kashmir Management Development Programmes (MDP) for doctors and nursing professionals were organized.

Those who attended the Facilitation Event were Dr Jasbir Singh President AHA Jammu Chapter, Dr Arun Sharma Regional Secretary, Dr Rakesh Khajuria, Dr V K Gupta Financial Secretary, Dr B B Sharma, Dr Manoj Bhagat, Dr Deepak Kumar, Dr Jasbir Mehta, Dr Beena Jad, Anshu Mani Sharma, Dr Sayeed Masood from Kashmir, Sadiq Khan, Dr Krishan, Dr Lavika and other members.

NSS GGM Science College holds Cleanliness drive, Heritage Walk



Advocate Ajay Gondota, President J&K Dharmarth Trust, flagging-off the Heritage Walk at Raghunath Temple.

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JAMMU: NSS GGM Science College Jammu under the patronage of Principal Dr. Rajesh Gupta and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized heritage walk and cleanliness drive at Raghunath Temple in collaboration with INTACH Jammu Chapter. The temple consists of a complex of seven Hindu shrines.

Raghunath Temple was constructed by the first Dogra ruler Maharaja Gulab Singh in the year 1835. The NSS volunteers also carried out cleanliness drive in the temple area.

On the occasion, Advocate Ajay Gondota, President J&K Dharmarth Trust, was the Chief Guest, flagged off the heritage walk along with S.M. Sahni (KAS Retd), Convener Intach Jammu Chapter, Dr. C.M. Seth Co Convener Intach J&K, Ashok Kumar Sharma (SSP Retd) Secretary J&K Dharmarth Trust, Kirpal Singh Life Member INTACH, Dr. Suvindra Khanna and Prof Deepali Mahajan senior faculty members. Ajay Gondota, asked students to consider this temple as a marvel of the rich heritage of the region and also feel the essences of its religious significance and the popularity which this site enjoys among the visitors coming from within the country and even abroad.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Administrative Judge for District Jammu, handed over books to CDC Jammu, Anil Sharma in presence of Adv Gen. D.C Raina.

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