

LG reiterates Admin's commitment to foster innovation; promote IPs, GIs for unique products of J&K

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday inaugurated the two-day National-Level Intellectual Property Rights conclave 'IP Yatra' at Jammu.

In his address, the Lt Governor applauded the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry for their collective effort to create awareness about Intellectual Property Rights and its critical role in fostering innovation and economic growth.

"IP Yatra conclave will lead the way for MSMEs, innovators and Startups to effectively use the various instruments of Intellectual Property Rights such as GI tags, patents, trademarks, copyrights for protection and development of their trade and businesses," the Lt Governor said.

At the inaugural session,



Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Jammu Region, PHDCCI presenting memento to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the J&K Administration to foster innovation and promote intangible assets like Intellectual Properties and Geographical Indications for unique products of the Union Territory.

He said as many as 10 products of handloom & handicraft and five products of Agriculture & Allied Sector

have received GI tag and it will benefit community as well as boost the economic growth of Jammu Kashmir.

"I consider Intellectual Properties as a catalyst for the progress of J&K and we are developing a robust Research & Development and legal framework for its protection and IP facilitation centre of the UT will provide handholding to entrepre-

neurs, MSMEs, Startups in filing IPRs and assist innovators in registration process," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor impressed upon all stakeholders and young entrepreneurs to pay special attention for commercialization of intellectual property.

We must nurture the growth of IPs to fully realize the potential and achieve the goal of Creative India, Innovative India, he said.

He also shared the key initiatives of the Universities and Higher Educational Institutions of the UT to promote innovation and startup culture in Jammu Kashmir.

Earlier, Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Jammu Region, PHDCCI in his welcome address mentioned that Intellectual Property (IP) contributes enormously to our national and state economies.

"Rapid technology, globalization and fierce competition

have led to the regime of protection of the innovations from violations by IPR laws such as patents, trademarks, service marks, industrial design registration, copy rights and trade secrets. But still there is infringement of Intellectual Property Rights for which the Government is taking measures to prevent them," he said. He also mentioned about the activities of PHDCCI IPFC Centre and urged the MSMEs to come forward with their queries and get it resolved.

Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce Department; DP Goel, Co-Chair MSME Committee, PHDCCI, Gaurav Gogia, Kanchan Zutshi, Director, PHDCCI, Principal Associate, United & United; representatives from Industries, MSMEs and Startups; entrepreneurs researchers, and students were present.



J&K Bank launches Visa Global Debit and Credit Card, enhances features of mPay Delight Plus



MD & CEO J&K Bank Baldev Prakash launching Bank's Visa powered Global Debit and Credit Card on Thursday.

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SRINAGAR: With a view to keep pace with the fast-changing ecosystem of digital offerings, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash today launched the J&K Bank's Visa powered Global Debit and Credit Card here at the corporate headquarters and announced significant enhancement in the features of mobile banking app - mPay Delight Plus.

MD & CEO also unveiled Bank's e-office Suite 2.0 for promoting paperless office-operations at the launching event that was attended by General Managers along with Divisional and Zonal Heads, who joined the proceedings via video link besides many senior officials of the bank.

Lauding the management and workforce of the Bank for their efforts to continuously

enhance customer experience through innovative digital offerings, MD & CEO said, "I feel delighted to see the continuous evolution of our digital offerings which are not only competitive in features and pricing but compare well with the industry in terms of delivery and customer-experience. It is high time operating levels leverage these enhanced services for improving customer service delivery particularly on digital platforms."

"Our 'Bank in pocket' mobile application- mPay Delight+ being powered with enhanced features is a welcome addition that our customers have been demanding ever since its recent launch," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, General Manager (Strategy & IT) Imtiaz Ahmad Bhat outlined Bank's recent journey in

terms of improving its digital infrastructure and reiterated the Bank's position to expand and upgrade its digital products in line with the changes in the technological landscape.

Earlier, Deputy General Manager (IT & BPR) Mohammad Muzaffar Wani highlighted the salient features of these new digital solutions.

Notably, with Visa on board, J&K Bank has now on-boarded all major card associations in India and abroad. Besides, the up-gradation in mPay Delight+ will enable customers with additional features like Credit Card Bill Payment, Real time email update at customer's convenience, investment in mutual Funds, Demat account On-boarding and Online Account Opening.

Modi Govt is pro-poor, pro-needy: Sham

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JAMMU: Highlighting the significance of the continuing free ration to 80 crore people for five more years, Sham Lal Sharma, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir termed it as a poor friendly decision by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government.

"Continuation of free food grains under PMGKAY for next five years will strengthen accessibility, affordability and availability of food grains for the poor and the vulnerable",



BJP J&K Vice President, Sham Lal Sharma listening to public issues on Thursday.

said Sham Lal Sharma and added that Modi government has remained steadfast to strengthen and empower the

poor and needy sections of the nation.

Sham Lal shared that the Modi government has also

taken a nationwide campaign to raise awareness for the public welfare schemes under the "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra", which will ensure more reach of such schemes to the needy.

Sham Lal Sharma and former JMC Mayor & J&K BJP Vice-President Chander Mohan Gupta accompanied by Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan BJP Incharge Dil Bahadur Jamwal listened to a number of grievances put forth by visiting individuals and deputations at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Individuals and deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir like Samba, Billawar, Hiranagar, Jandrah, Dansal, Manwal, Sunjwan, Bhatindi, Akhmoor Pangvadi, R.S. Pura, Udhampur, Talab Tillo, Kalakote Rajouri, Bhaderwah Moh Katha, Gandhi Nagar, Pardha Kalan Akhmoor, Old Rehari, Baba Kailakh Nath Bantalab, New Plot had

reached Trikuta Nagar office to meet these leaders with their grievances.

Senior BJP leaders gave patient hearings to the problems presented by the people, which were immediately taken up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.

Chander Mohan Gupta said that the BJP leaders make sincere efforts to sort out the issues presented by the people by taking them up at the appropriate platforms.

He added that the public grievances camp is proving to be of major help in solving the day-to-day issues of people of the UT.

Dil Bahadur Jamwal conducted the camp proceedings and said that people in large numbers visit the BJP office to present their issues with a strong belief in the party's commitment to end the woes of the public.

Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyan J&K transformed post Art 370 repeal: Rana



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana speaking in a meeting.

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ARNIA: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on said that during the past four years, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed huge and remarkable transformation and turnaround in the overall situation, infrastructural development and implementation of the various welfare schemes.

"In the wake of unwavering dedication and strategic initiatives, the Union Territory has ushered in an era of stability, development, and unity", Rana said while addressing the District office bearers DDCs & BDCs during Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyan review meeting of Jammu border District of the party. EX-MLAs Ashwani Sharma and Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat were also present. He said the BJP's commitment to inclusive governance as per Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas has fostered a sense of belonging with renewed spirit of confidence among people. He said in the last 9 years of Modi Government many challenges have been overcome, paving way for holistic development, economic growth and social harmony and treading the path of making the Nation a Vishvaguru. Rana urged the party functionaries of Jammu border District to reach out to each booth and engage in Samvad in each booth and explain to the people the schemes and historic initiatives taken by the Prime Minister Modi led BJP Government in the last nine years with an objective to benefit and uplift the poor and downtrodden in the society by empowering them and equitably developing them. He also made a mention of path breaking initiatives taken across Jammu and Kashmir with an avowed objective of ensuring development, creating infrastructural facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments. He said J&K is at the threshold of

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a new era of peace and progress as per Naya J&K vision of the Prime Minister. Devender Rana said that encouraging turnaround in the Valley situation post August 2019 has led to unprecedented tourist footfall in Jammu and Kashmir and the people have realized the futility of alien gun culture and developed stakes in peace for development, progress, and prosperity. This has turned turtle the apple cart of those banking on boiling Kashmir and thrived on instability and unrest for furthering their political agenda for decades. But, seeing the peoples' preference for peace over stone-pelting and economic activity over shut-down syndrome, a new era of hope and promise is discernible across the Union Territory.

The influx of over 1.8 crore pilgrim, nature and adventure tourists last year, which is likely to hugely surpass this year, has brought cheer in the lives of lakhs of stakeholders engaged in tourism trade. He said the tourism being the major mainstay of Jammu and Kashmir is hugely dependent on peace and this realisation among the people has made all the difference.

Prominent persons present were Sunil Dutt, Rajinder Singh Chib, Harbajan Singh Pammi, Devinder Pal, Rakesh Kumar, DDCs Vidya Motan, Devender Kumar, Surekha Bhagat and others.

Former Mayor Jammu lauds outgoing CS for positive changes in J&K



Former Mayor of JMC, Rajinder Sharma along with former Chief Secretary of J&K, Arun Kumar Mehta.

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JAMMU: The former Mayor of JMC, Rajinder Sharma on Thursday said that the former Chief Secretary (CS) of J&K, Arun Kumar Mehta, during his tenure, took several revolutionary steps under the statesmanship of LG Manoj Sinha in the J&K UT, the results of which would soon be visible on ground after some time.

"One of the biggest contribu-

tion of the former CS is that he ensured proper and timely budget allocation for giving boost to developmental works in J&K," the former JMC Mayor said, while adding, "the former CS was a visionary and a warrior who streamlined the revenue services and things have started moving in right direction". The people may be facing inconvenience in availing online services that have

been recently initiated as we are not used to it but soon transparent and accountable administrative delivery system will be in place as more than 1000 services are available on line, former JMC Mayor said.

Although, it will take some time, "but things have started moving in right direction due to the dedicated efforts of former CS Arun Mehta".

The law and order situation

in J&K has also improved due to the decisions taken by the former CS Mehta, the former Mayor said. The results of the steps taken by the former CS will be visible on ground after some time as he also ensured accountability and responsibility. In 2018-19 expenditure was Rs 8482 crores for J&K and projects executed were 9229. After E-tendering it showed remarkable changes

and in 2022 -23 with expenditure of Rs 10634 crores projects executed were 92648. This happened only because of the initiation of E-Tendering process. J&K achieved 2nd position in online services as we have more than 1000 online services second to Tamil Nadu, the former Mayor said, while attributing it to the former CS.

J&K College on Wheels' Academic Odyssey concludes with visit to Sewagram

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WARDHA: The transformative journey of the Jammu and Kashmir College on Wheels with female students from various universities and affiliated colleges of the Union Territory concluded on Thursday amid a profound visit to Sewagram at Pannar in Wardha-the final destination of the initiative of Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor J&K UT and Chancellor University of Jammu. Under the visionary guidance of Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the idea behind this visit was to acquaint students with the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Officials at Sewagram Ashram provided the students an insight into its history, enhancing their understanding of this significant



J&K contingent members addressing students at Sewagram Ashram.

institution. The contingent delved into Gandhiji's philosophy of non-violence, simplicity, and communal harmony during their visit to Sewagram.

Exploring the historical significance of Sewagram, a pivotal site in India's freedom struggle, provided the students with a deeper understanding of the Father of the Nation's vision, ideals, and principles.

A key highlight of the educational sojourn was the contin-

gent's visit to the workshop at Sewagram, witnessing the meticulous process of crafting Khadi clothes. This hands-on experience allowed the students to appreciate the artistry and dedication involved in producing Khadi, a fabric deeply intertwined with India's cultural heritage. The students also visited New Talim premises adjacent to Sewagram Ashram where the officials provided them a deeper understanding

of educational practices inspired by Mahatma Gandhi. The visit to the New Talim premises complemented their overall experience, fostering a holistic appreciation for Gandhian principles and their application in various facets of life. The College on Wheels initiative aims to broaden students' horizons through immersive experiences beyond the classroom. The Sewagram visit emphasized the program's com-

mitment to fostering cultural understanding, social responsibility, and a holistic approach to education. In his message, Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, the nodal varsity of the journey, expressed hope that the students had an enriching experience during their journey, which will go a long way in enriching their knowledge and wisdom. He hoped the students would go back home with cherished memories of their two-long journey that enabled them to visit various reputed institutions of the country besides historic and iconic places.

"Such visits play a pivotal role in strengthening the bonds of unity and a sense of camaraderie among the students," Prof Rai said and wished the participating students all the best in all their endeavors in pursuit of academics.

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TEMPORARY CANCELLATION/PARTIAL CANCELLATION/ REGULATION/RESCHEDULING/ CHANGE OF ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF TRAINS DUE TO TRAFFIC BLOCK

In order to upgrade the existing infrastructure and enhanced the safety standards, Railways will undertake the Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work in connection with Rishikesh Yard Electronic Interlocking work. To execute this work, Railways will take traffic blocks from 05.12.23 to 12.12.23. During this period the following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

| Train No. & Train Name | Date of Cancellation (from originating station) |
|---|---|
| 04361/04362 Haridwar-Rishikesh-Haridwar Special | 06.12.2023 to 12.12.2023 |
| 04363 Haridwar-Rishikesh Special | 05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023 |
| 04364 Rishikesh-Haridwar Special | 05.12.2023 to 11.12.2023 |

SHORT TERMINATION/ORIGINATION OF TRAINS

| Train No. & Name | Train to Short Terminate/ Originate at/from station | Train to Partially cancelled between Stations | Date of Cancellation (From Originating Station) |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 04359 Chandausi-Rishikesh Exp. Spl. | at Haridwar | Chandausi-Haridwar | 05.12.23 to 11.12.23 |
| 04360 Rishikesh-Chandausi Exp. Spl. | From Haridwar | Haridwar-Chandausi | 05.12.23 to 12.12.23 |

REGULATION OF TRAIN

| Train No. & Name | Regulation of Train (from originating station) |
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| 04359 Chandausi-Rishikesh Exp.Spl. | Train will be Regulated for 120 min. enroute on 12.12.23 |

RESCHEDULING OF TRAIN

Train No. 04364 Rishikesh-Haridwar Special will be rescheduled at 18.55 hrs instead of 18.25 hrs from Rishikesh on 12.12.2023

CHANGE OF ORIGIN FROM RISHIKESH TO YOG NAGRI RISHIKESH

| Train No. & Train Name | Date of originating station |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 14816 Rishikesh-Shri Ganganagar Express | 05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023 |
| 14609 Rishikesh-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Hemkunt Exp. | 05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023 |
| 14887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express | 05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023 |

CHANGE OF DESTINATION FROM RISHIKESH TO YOG NAGRI RISHIKESH

| Train No. & Train Name | Date of destination station |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 14610 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Rishikesh Hemkunt Exp. | 04.12.2023 to 11.12.2023 |
| 14888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express | 04.12.2023 to 11.12.2023 |
| 14815 Shri Ganganagar - Rishikesh Express | 05.12.2023 to 12.12.2023 |

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