

LG inaugurates SARAS Aajeevika Mela in Jammu

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday inaugurated 11-day long SARAS Aajeevika Mela at the Aquaplex Crown Bagh-e-Bahu.

The Lt Governor congratulated the J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) and Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj for inviting Self-Help Groups women entrepreneurs from across the country. The exhibition is the largest gathering of rural women Self-Help Groups from 15 States/UTs to showcase their skills and build the linkage with bulk buyers.

"Women entrepreneurs will be the main sustaining force of socio-economic growth. SHGs have been doing praiseworthy work in supporting women artisans and entrepreneurs in rural areas," he said. The Lt Governor said the first budget of Amrit Kaal has given priority to the women. As many as 81 lakh Self Help Groups will be enabled to reach the next stage of economic empowerment through formation of large producer enterprises, he said.

The Lt Governor also shared the efforts of the government to promote women entrepreneurship in J&K UT.

Various new schemes like Saath,



Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/ Secretary, RD&PR Department presenting memento to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

Hausla in J&K UT, aims to assist Self-Help Groups to enhance their business, training and support for better packaging, branding and marketing so they can scale up the operations to serve the consumer markets across the country, the Lt Governor said. Within a short period of time, around six lakh women from the rural areas have been associated with 74,000 Self-Help Groups in Jammu Kashmir, he observed.

We have intensified the women entrepreneurship movement by providing

financial assistance without guarantees, training and necessary support so that Nari Shakti can contribute in the journey of Atmanirbhar Jammu Kashmir, observed the Lt Governor.

"Jammu and Kashmir is the second state/UT in the country after Andhra Pradesh, which has created a dedicated industrial estate for women entrepreneurs. Krishi Sakhi and Pashu Sakhi Programmes have been launched under the Rural Livelihood Mission to make women economically independent," said

the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor expressed hope that SARAS Aajeevika Mela will give renewed push to One District One Product initiative. On the occasion, the Lt Governor released SARAS Patrika, showcasing the journey of J&K Rural Livelihood Mission.

The Lt Governor also launched the official website of JKRLM and a toll-free helpline. The facilities will help JKRLM to get feedback on its services and also inform the general public about the Mission. The website is designed with a focus to provide a marketing linkage to SHGs and strengthen the linkage between buyers & sellers.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, while appreciating JKRLM for organizing such an event in J&K said that the Mela would give wide exposure to SHGs women.

Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/ Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director JKRLM, also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the objectives of the initiative. Members of Self Help Groups, artisans and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.



JK Relief Organisation, Vodafone IDEA Foundation distribute 40 laptops among migrant children



Secretary DMRR&R, Nazim Zia Khan and other officers posing with students after distributing laptops.

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JAMMU: Marking beginning of LG's Special Governance Camps for Kashmiri Migrants, launched here on Saturday by Lieutenant Governor from Jagti, the Relief Organization in collaboration with Vodafone IDEA foundation distributed 40 Refurbished laptops among meritorious migrant children who are residing in migrant camps of Jammu and Kashmir.

The laptops were provided by Vodafone Idea Foundation

given under CSR. This initiative was part of SSS-Campaign.

Nazim Zia Khan, Secretary DMRR&R, was the chief guest on the occasion. He complimented the Relief Organization for encouraging, empowering and evolving the children to the best of their abilities. He expressed hope that visionary officer like K K Sidha, Commissioner Relief & Rehabilitation will certainly bring a positive change in functioning of the organiza-

tion making it a vibrant govt-ment entity.

Among others the event was attended by Suraj Prakash Rakhwal, Special Secretary DMRRR besides other senior officers.

The event also witnessed a cultural bonanza by Academy of Art culture & languages exhibiting rich Kashmiri culture and tradition.

Parents expressed gratitude to about this huge initiative taken by Relief and Rehabilitation Department.

Congress to hold protest to save LIC/SBI on Feb 6

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JAMMU: Expressing gratitude to the people for whole hearted support to recently concluded Bharat Jodo Yatra, JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani has decided to hold protest on Feb 6, against forced investment into Adani group by LIC and SBI besides eviction of poor people and small farmers by UT administration. A meeting of senior leaders of PCC, DCC Presidents and Frontal Wings was held under the chairmanship of JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani and attended by working president Raman Bhalla Former president Peerzada Mohd Sayed besides other leaders. The meeting expressed great concern over arbitrary eviction drive against the poor, downtrod-



JKPC President and senior leaders during a meeting in Jammu on Saturday.

den and others in Jammu & Kashmir, as majority of poor people and agriculturists are in possession of state lands for decades.

JKPC President Vikar Rasool Wani said that issues raised by Rahul Gandhi from time to time have proved that he always spoke truth in national interests. The issue of investment of public money

from LIC and SBI into Adani group is a matter of serious concern and Modi Govt has been evading question in Parliament, so a nationwide protest is to be held on Monday near SBI/LIC offices.

Working President Raman Bhalla also lashed out at UT administration for its eviction drive of all irrespective of land

in their possession and rights accrued to them. He also referred to the broader issue of saving of people money in LIC and SBI besides other financial institutions as the government forced such institutions to invest in Adani group. The Congress leaders further said that protest shall be held from Shaheed Chowk to City Chowk near LIC and

SBI offices in Jammu, while it shall also be held in different district headquarters. Former Minister Peerzada Mohd Sayed congratulated the workers for extending support to Bharat Jodo Yatra and termed it a historical Jan Andolan against atmosphere of hate and numerous sufferings.

On this occasion, Vijay Shastri was felicitated by presenting a shawl by President and other senior leaders. President JKPC Vikar Rasool Wani and Working President Raman Bhalla too were felicitated by Secretary PCC Pawan Raina for success of BJY. Newly appointed Chairman of PCC Minority Department Rajinder Singh was also welcomed on his appointment.

Jain expresses concern on increasing terror incidents



VHP National Spokesperson Dr Surendra Jain talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Vishwa Hindu Parishad's (VHP) National Spokesperson and Joint General Secretary Dr Surendra Jain has expressed concern over recent increase in terror incidents in J&K. While addressing a Press Conference, the VHP leader said that targeted killing of Hindus in Dangri village in Rajouri and IED blasts in Narwal, are due to religious fanaticism. "Be it terrorism, or the exodus of Hindus or a conspiracy to re-establish the current cycle of terror; he said that the Hindu society of Jammu-Kashmir, especially the Hindu society of Jammu, has faced this religious bigotry, and not only faced it, but has conquered it," he added. Regarding decrease in terrorist incidents in the Kashmir Valley, he said that there is no more government's

support to the terrorists, ss most of the previous governments supported terrorists. Dr Surendra Jain said that VHP, Bajrang Dal and Durgavahini will form their own teams at the block level and 'Gram Suraksha Samiti' will be formed in every village whose task will be to teach the local people how to handle weapons and self-defense. VHP further demanded that old weapons with the defence guards should be replaced with new weapons. "Society will have to protect itself and only then there will be a reduction in such incidents. VHP and Bajrang Dal are always with society for making it alert and able to protect itself," he added. VHP Provincial President Leela Karan Sharma, Executive President Rajesh Gupta were also present on the occasion.

Sham asks cadre to work with full synergy for highlighting BJP's achievements

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JAMMU: A District Working Committee meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Jammu North was held at Shiv Palace Roop Nagar here today. The meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Omi Khajuria, President Jammu District North in the presence of Prabhar of district and former minister Sham Lal Sharma, state general secretary Sunil Sharma, senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana, Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Jammu Bharat Bhushan

The main agenda of



Senior BJP leader Sham Lal Sharma and others at working committee meeting.

today's meeting was to discuss the strengthening of the organizational structure of the Party in view of the upcoming three elections of the Union Territory during this year. Ajay Sharma, General Secretary BJP District Jammu North pro-

posed and read the political resolution while the same seconded by Sarfaraz Hameed Rather and then passed unanimously with amendments.

Sham Lal Sharma, while addressing the Working Committee Meeting, said

that there is a dire need to further strengthen the party's base across the length and breadth of the district to ensure unprecedented success in all the upcoming elections. The former minister urged the party cadre to work unitedly

with full synergy and synchronization to highlight the achievements of the Bharatiya Janata Party during the past about eight years besides addressing their pressing issues by remaining among the people 24X7.

Sunil Sharma, while addressing the meeting, impressed upon the party workers to display to maintain perfect coordination between the District Development Committee members, the Block Development Council members, the Panchs and Sarpanchs while serving the people across the Jammu North District.

Devender Rana, senior BJP leader and former MLA spoke on current issue while the DDC Chairman spoke on strengthening the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the Union Territory.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were former MLA Shiv Dev Singh Manhas, Sangathan General Secretary Inderjeet Singh, General Secretaries Jammu North Ajay Sharma and Surinder, State Secretary Vikas Choudhary, Pawan Sharma besides 10 Mandal Presidents of Jammu North, office bearers, Morcha Presidents and District Working Committee members.

Power shutdown

Loudhra, Kothi, Gandhtop and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 05 and 06 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Reasi Town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 06 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Dharnari, Ransoo and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 05 from 9 am to 5

pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Katra Town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 06 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Akalpur, Udheywala, Sangrampur, Lale-De-Bagh, Nagbani, DPS School Manorma Vihar, Adheywala, Anand Nagar, Domana, Lower Machlian, Nagbani and adjoining areas shall remain affected

on February 06 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, the power supply to Chaatha, Bhour Camp, SKUAST, Indira Nagar, Industry area and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 05 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Ratnuchak, Birpur and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 06 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Salerh, Old Sarore, Pandoriyan, Badyal, Kadyal, Abdullian and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 06 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Kalyana, Kotli, Dablerh, Chowala, R S Pura Town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on February 06 from 9 am to 9.30 am and 2 pm to 2.30 pm.

India is now hub of 'Start-up' ecosystem in world: Anurag Thakur

➤ Attends valedictory function of 36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival at JU

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JAMMU: Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur on Saturday said, India is now the hub of 'Start-up' ecosystem in the world, ranking third with 90,000 'Start-Ups', 107 unicorn companies worth 30 billion dollars which has been possible only by the contribution of India's youth. The Union Minister said this while attending as Chief Guest, the valedictory function of 36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival (Antarnaad) under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) at Zorawar Singh Auditorium, Jammu University, here on Saturday.

Thakur said, "The world is looking towards New India under Prime Minister



Union Sports Minister, Anurag Singh Thakur along with JU faculty and other dignitaries at closing ceremony of 36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival (Antarnaad).

Narendra Modi as India is now the biggest exporter of vaccines, biggest exporter of mobile phones and defence equipments which can be judged from the fact that India now exports mobile phones worth one lakh crore, defence equipments worth 16 lakh crores this year."

This is the picture of New India leading everywhere in

every field from last eight years, Thakur added.

Thakur stressed, during this Amrit Kal, besides on other important things, the stress would be laid on the forgotten heroes who sacrificed their life for the country which has been done recently by Prime Minister Narendra Modi naming 21 Islands of Andaman after Param Vir

Chakra recipients four of which belong to Himachal Pradesh. The recent Padma Awards 'People's Padma' shows the best of India, the most deserving people with the best contribution in their field across India, Thakur added.

Praising the various performances of the youth during the festival, Thakur said

that India has a great history with rich culture, art and tradition and the youth of this country have a great responsibility to preserve this culture, art and tradition which is not seen anywhere in the world.

Praising Jammu University for its overall contribution in research & development and having A+ NAAC accreditation, Thakur said, Information & Broadcasting Ministry, Government of India is ready to help Jammu University in the development of lab, in research and development in the course of Journalism.

During the valedictory function, the Minister also felicitated the Padma Shree Awardees of Jammu Jitender Udhamपुरi, Rajinder Tikoo, S P Verma, Mohan Singh and Balwant

Thakur.

Besides other dignitaries, the valedictory function was attended by Vice Chancellor, Jammu University, Prof. Bechan Lal, VC Cluster University, Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, Dr. Baljeet Singh, Joint Secretary, AIU, Professor Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs, Professor Vishwa Raksha, Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Professor Prakash Antahal, DSW, Balwant Thakur, Padma Shree, S D Jamwal, ADGP Security, Jammu, Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu and Ravinder Raina, President BJP J&K.

Pertinent to mention that 1000 participants from 18 universities across the country participated in the festival.

Special drive against traffic violators; Rs 1.95 lakh fine recovered in 4 days

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JAMMU: A team of Motor Vehicles Department headed by RTO, Jammu, P a n k a j Bhagotra has recovered Rs 1.95 Lakh fine from traffic violators in past four days by laying special nakas at different locations on Jammu Udhampur and Jammu-Pathankot National Highways. The erring Vehicle operators were fined for visible offences under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989. Nearly 220 vehicles including Buses, Tippers, Trucks, School Buses and Tempo Travellers were checked for Route Permit violations, Overloading, Over speeding, protruding of rods, without Uniform and without Driving License driving. Thirty vehicles were challaned/compounded and an amount of Rs. 1.95 lakh was recovered from the violators.

The enforcement team comprised Esha Chib, Mohd Saleem ARTO (HQ), Jammu, Pawan Sharma ARTO (G), Tara Mani Sharma, ARTO (Flying Squad), Motor vehicles Inspectors, Rajeev Kundal, Anupam Gandotra and Ranjeev Bhasin.



RTO Jammu team challaning a violator.