

# Modi created lucrative livelihood opportunities other than Govt jobs: Dr Jitendra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 JAMMU: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created lucrative livelihood opportunities other than government jobs through different schemes like MUDRA, StartUp India, Aarogya Mission, PM Vishwakarma, PM SVANidhi etc.

There are instances of youngsters leaving corporate jobs to opt for StartUp entrepreneurship, he said.

Dr. Jitendra was addressing "MUDRA Labharthi Sammelan" organised by State Bank of India.

The Minister said, J&K has been highly benefited under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) which is evident from the fact that out of over 6 crore beneficiaries across the country, J&K has nearly 25,000 beneficiaries though being a smaller territory with a



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing "MUDRA Labharthi Sammelan" at Jammu on Thursday.

lesser population compared to some UTs and many states in the country. He congratulated the State Bank of India, J&K chapter for this achievement.

What is significant is that across the country, about 60 to 70% of MUDRA beneficiaries are women, said Dr Jitendra Singh.

During the program, Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasised that there may not be any scheme in the world supported by a bank without a guarantee

facilitates micro credit/Loan up to Rs. 10 lakhs to income generating micro enterprises engaged in the non farm sector in manufacturing, trading or service sectors including activities allied to agriculture such as poultry, dairy, bee-keeping, etc. The Scheme provides financial assistance extended by Member Lending Institutions to the non-corporate, non-farm sector income generating activities of micro and small entities.

These micro and small entities comprise millions of proprietorship/partnership firms running as small manufacturing units, service sector units, shopkeepers, fruits/vegetable vendors, truck operators, food-service units, repair shops, machine operators, small industries, artisans, the food processors and others.

Schemes like PM-SVANidhi, PM Vishwakarma etc. have touched and benefit-



# Our children are now dreaming big in peaceful Kashmir: Dr Darakhshan

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 BUDGAM: Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi inaugurated R P World School Campus at Abadpora Waterhail in Budgam on Thursday.

She was accompanied by SDM Khansabih Malik Tariq and Tehsilidar Budgam Intiyaz Ahmad among others.

Dr Andrabi addressed the gathering after inaugurating the school.

"In new peaceful Kashmir, education and economic development have become the thrust areas for everybody. We are now dreaming big and working for a bright future for our children. This school will provide a potent option for qualitative education in the area", said Darakhshan Andrabi. She said that during past ten years,



Chairperson JKWB Dr Darakhshan Andrabi after inaugurating R P World School Campus.

mega steps have been taken for boosting our educational system in the country. "Iconic higher education institutions have been set up in all parts of India including the UT of J&K. National Education Policy is the biggest educational reform which was done by Modi Sarkar after decades", said Waqf Board Chairperson. She said that our children are now exposed to creativity and productivity in place of violence and hatred.

"It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that good humanist and nationalistic visions are shared with our brilliant students so that they are inspired to do good for the country and the world", said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi.

# Modi govt imitated era of development in J&K: Sham Lal



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

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 JAMMU: Stressing that the unlimited funds and developmental initiatives have been initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union government for the progress of Jammu & Kashmir, Sham Lal Sharma, J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister, said that BJP works with the motto of catering to the needs of the person, who was earlier cornered, isolated and was placed at most detrimental point.

Sham Sharma, on the occasion, also stressed Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government presented the true model of development in the country taking the nation and the Jammu & Kashmir towards progress and prosperity.

Sham said that the Modi led Union government has cared for the deserving poor and the needy population of nation and met the aspirations of people representing al the regions and the religions.

He said that the dedication of PM Modi for the nation has ensured that the nation progresses on the path of progress and prosperity. He added that a dedicated BJP activist works to ensure that the 'last man in last row' gets best out of Modi government schemes/initiatives.

Sham Sharma, accompanied by party secre-

# JK Cong says alliance with NC, PDP to be finalised by March first week

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 SRINAGAR: The Congress Thursday said its alliance with the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Jammu and Kashmir for the forthcoming parliamentary polls would be sealed and announced by next week.

"INDIA bloc will fight the elections with its full might... In J-K, you will get good news in the coming few days that Congress, NC and PDP have done seat-sharing and we will fight the election jointly. We will fight with full might and achieve a clean sweep," JK Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani told reporters here.

He said final discussions are taking place on the alliances and an announcement would be made in the first week of March.

"Any party can say it wants to contest as many seats, but we only have six seats including Ladakh. So when an alliance takes place, final talks happen and seat-sharing is done. Wherever a particular party contests, the other two parties will give full support," he added.

The JKPC chief said assembly elections have not taken place in J-K for the last seven years, and should be held along with Lok Sabha polls.

# J&K Bank gives a warm send off to its General Manager



Syed Shafat Hussain Rufai, General Manager of J&K Bank.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 SRINAGAR: J&K Bank gave a warm send off to one of its senior officers Syed Shafat Hussain Rufai, who superannuated as the Bank's General Manager on Thursday after serving the premier financial institution for thirty five years in different and significant capacities.

The Bank's MD & CEO Baldev Prakash chaired the farewell meet that was attended by Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, General Managers, DGMs and other senior officers of the Bank, wherein colleagues recalled the contribution of Syed Shafat Hussain over the years and termed him as a 'team-

man', who would always prioritize interests of the institution above everything else.

Commending his diligence on the occasion, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash appreciated

# DC, SSP Jammu interacts with Imams, religious heads Seeks cooperation to ensure peace & drug free society

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya and SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar on Thursday held an interactive meeting with prominent religious leaders of District Jammu at DPL Jammu.

The DC sought the cooperation of religious leaders in ensuring peace & normalcy in the district.

SSP Jammu asked the religious heads to remain vigilant regarding the misinformation/fake news propagated on social media by mischief mongers and said that the religious leaders and Management Committees have a key role in maintaining peace and brotherhood among different communities and sections of society.

He also appealed to them to use their influence for ensuring drug free society.

He also impressed upon them to sensitize people to remain vigilant about the mischief mongers who spread misinformation on social media and try to disrupt peace and brotherhood and assured them that all such elements will be identified and desired

# PF Commissioner holds convergence meeting of different verticals of MoL&E

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 JAMMU: A "Convergence" meeting was chaired by Rizwan Uddin, RPPC-I, Regional Office, Jammu with other vertical Heads of Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Dr. Pankaj Rastogi, Regional Director (IC) DTNBWED, RO Jammu, Dushyant Pande, Deputy Director, ESIC, RO Jammu and Ajay Kumar, LEO Central, Jammu attended the "Convergence Meeting and discussed various issues regarding working towards ensuring social security to all the eligible members and their family members in Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh.

Also, the benefits of regu-



Rizwan Uddin, RPPC-I, Regional Office, Jammu chairing convergence meeting.

lar working in flexi hours were discussed where a team of officials from EPFO Regional Office Jammu under the leadership of Rizwan Uddin, RPPC-I is attending in early hours to offload inflow of claim. Sanjeev Kumar, SSSA has processed sixteen death cases on February 28 and amounts would be disbursed to the members and family members of deceased persons.

Women/Family members of deceased employees are getting monthly pension as benefit of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 and benefits under Employees' Deposit linked Insurance Scheme, their P F under Employees Scheme P F Scheme, 1995 in J&K and Ladakh.

Ashwani Kumar, Programmer and Sanjeev Kumar, SSSA facilitated

in presence of Dr Pankaj Rastogi, Dushyant Pande and Ajay Kumar, for their outstanding work for poor subscribers in flexi-hours in the RO, Jammu.

The grievances raised during the Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 held on February 27 at BBIA Conference Hall Bari Brahmana, were resolved by Thursday.

Pension claim of Late Sarwan Kumar Sharma of FIL Industries has been settled and pension disbursed to the nominees of deceased member.

Similarly, death and Pension claims of Late Pawan Sharma, Inderjit Singh, Late Shakti Kumar of Sudhir Genset got settled.

# DIPR organises vibrant, engaging panel discussions as part of Youth Conclave at Jammu



Glimpses of DIPR's Panel Discussions as part of the Jammu and Kashmir Youth Conclave 2024 at Convention Centre, Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
 JAMMU: The Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) on Thursday organized vibrant and engaging Panel Discussions as part of the Jammu and Kashmir Youth Conclave 2024 at Convention Centre here with an aim to empower and inspire the youth.

The Panel discussions brought together renowned actors, line producers, sports persons, entrepreneurs of J&K to explore their fields of interest and explore its significance in today's society.

The first panel discussion on Film ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir was moderated by RJ Nitish in which Actor and Director,

Asheish Nijhawan; Actor, Mir Sarwar and Line Producer, Atul Vinod Duggal were present.

During this session, the panelists deliberated on the tapping the film tourism potential in J&K. They also spoke about the significance of J&K Film Policy in attracting the major production houses of Bollywood to

Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, during the second session, the Youth Icons and young Changemakers of J&K like Adil Teli, Chandeeep Singh, Sheikh Samiullah and Rishkek Kumar shared experiences about their achievements and journey they have been through to reach this stage. The session was moderated by RJ Rahul.

During the session, the icons spoke in length how they transcended the barriers with courage resilience, determination and innovation in their respective fields.

Later, a scintillating performance was presented by popular singer Jyoti Nooran, which left the audience spellbound.