

LG launches ‘Kisan Sampark Abhiyan’, Daksh Kisan & Kisan Sathi

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday launched three significant initiatives, 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan', 'Daksh Kisan (Skilling of farmers)' and 'Kisan Sathi (IT Dashboard for digitisation of services for farmers)' for effective and efficient implementation of projects under Holistic Development of Agriculture & Allied Sectors.

The Lt Governor said the 4-month long 'Kisan Sampark Abhiyan' with help of PRIs focusing on farmers' orientation, skilling courses for all interventions, will ensure that the meticulous plan reaches the fields and prepare our farmers to meet new challenges, explore new possibilities and make the farming accessible & profitable.

10,695 training sessions between April to August 2023 in all 20 districts will bring together entire farming community and the collective resolve will not only make the scheme an unprecedented success but also provide a new direction to young farm-



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha handing-over J&K Bank Kisan Card to a beneficiary farmer in Jammu on Wednesday.

ers, he added.

"Holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors have three important dimensions, economic development, social inclusion and environmental protection and this campaign would pay special attention on these for progress and lasting prosperity of farmers," said the Lt Governor.

Earlier, the UT-level training & orientation program of officers for effective implementation of 29 projects under holistic agriculture development plan was conducted during Phase-I.

The Lt Governor reiterated the UT Government's commitment to empower the

farmers of J&K and providing them easy access to productive resources, financial, technical support and the extension services.

"Empowering smallholder farmers is our top priority. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, various steps have been taken to strengthen rural infrastructure, to increase productivity and diversification to higher value crops," he said.

The Lt Governor called upon all the stakeholders to come together to ensure effective implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Plan.

The collaborative efforts of

UT administration, PRIs, Progressive farmers, Cooperative Societies, Self-Help Groups, FPOs and other stakeholders will be the central pillar of the efforts to realize the goal of Atmanirbhar Jammu Kashmir in agriculture sector, he added.

The Lt Governor asked the banking institutions and government departments to bridge the gap in financial assistance to the farmers.

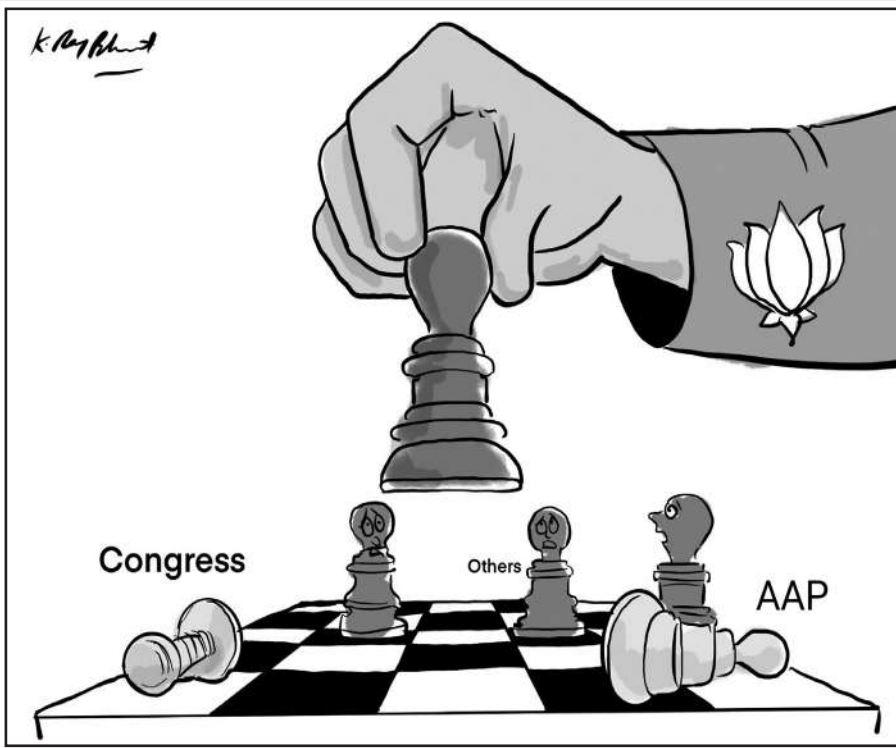
The Lt Governor also highlighted the efforts to attract investment in agriculture, developing a rural-urban market network and enabling small farmers to play a big role in the value chain.

Keeping in view the agro-climatic condition, we have mapped such areas where there is no irrigation facility but there is a possibility of growing millet crops, which can ensure good price to the farmers for their produce. This will also contribute to the millet revolution in Jammu Kashmir, said the Lt Governor.

Jugal Kishore Sharma and Er. Gulam Ali Khatana - Members of Parliament and Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairperson Jammu also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the growth recorded in Jammu Kashmir in Agriculture & allied sectors in the past few years.

On the occasion, J&K Bank Kisan Cards were distributed among the beneficiary farmers.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture Production Department; Prof. Nazir Ah. Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST- Kashmir; PRI members, senior officials and farmers in large numbers were present.



Chief Justice inaugurates Fast Track Court, Jammu

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JAMMU: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh, on Wednesday inaugurated Fast Track Court Jammu in presence of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Judge High Court of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh (Administrative Judge District Jammu).

Justice Rajneesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterjee Koul, Justice Mohan Lal, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Waseem Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Judges of High Court of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General High Court of J&K and Ladakh, M K Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, Y P Bournay, Registrar Vigilance High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Sanjay Parihar, Principal District & Session Judge Jammu along with other Judicial Officers of district Jammu, Sobha Ram Gandhi, Registrar Judicial High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu, Amit Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority,



Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh inaugurating Fast Track Court Jammu.

Anoop Sharma, Registrar IT, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Prem Sagar, Secretary High Court Legal Services Authority, Parveen Pandoh, Joint Registrar Judicial/Protocol High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Jammu wing) and Vikram Sharma, President, High Court Bar Association Jammu, Rohit Sharma, President Young Lawyer Association along with other respective executive members were present during the ceremony.

The Fast Track Court Jammu has been constructed, renovated and beautified under the guidance of Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh and

Justice Sanjeev Kumar besides monitoring and supervision of Khalil Choudhary, Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court Jammu.

The members of High Court Bar Association, Jammu, addressing during the ceremony, expressed their views that all other courts situated in District Court Complex Jammu and other courts of UT of J&K and Ladakh may also be constructed, renovated and beautified on the same pattern of Fast Track Court Jammu. The court has been constructed on moderate and unique concept in the Judiciary of J&K and Ladakh.

JKNPP leader joins Azad-led DPAP in Jammu

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JAMMU: National Panthers Party (NPP) leader Anita Thakur on Wednesday joined the Ghulam Nabi Azad led Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) here.

The 55-year-old General Secretary of the NPP was welcomed into the party fold by Azad along with other senior party leaders.

"We welcome Thakur into DPAP. She is an experienced politician having served NP for decades together under the leadership of Prof Bhim Singh who was a secular and a powerful opposition leader," Azad said.

He said her joining DPAP will further strengthen the party at the grass-roots level.

"DPAP is based on 'Haq



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad in presence of other leaders welcoming NPP leader Anita Thakur into party fold.

aur Insaaf' (right and justice) and talks about secularism and brotherhood. This was the same ideology propagated by Singh throughout his life and it was the reason for my joining the party," Thakur told PTI.

She said Jammu and Kashmir is going through a difficult phase, especially

after the erstwhile state was bifurcated into two Union Territories.

"Our 200-year-old state was downgraded to a UT and we have to strengthen leaders like Azad to fight for restoration of our rights and reunite J-K and Ladakh," Thakur said, adding Azad is a ray of hope for the people suffering due to unemploy-

ment, job seams, eviction drive and "failure" of the administration to address issues of daily wagers, casual labourers and other workers who are always on roads in support of their demands.

Earlier, Azad expressed displeasure over reports that the J-K administration is planning a fresh anti-encroachment drive to retrieve stand land.

"We do not support the anti-encroachment drive as

the land in question is under occupation of the people for the last seven decades. In the rest of the country, the state governments are regularising such colonies but here they are depriving the people of their land which is unjust," Azad said. He appealed to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha not to go ahead with the anti-encroachment drive as it "spreads chaos". "There is no justification for such a drive," the DPAP chairman said.

Among others who were present on the occasion were Provincial President Jugal Kishore Sharma, Ab Majeed Wani Gen Secretary, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Ashok Sharma VP Jammu Province, Gourav Chopra Distt President Jammu, Sobat Ali Gen Secretary, Vicky Mahajan, Vishal Chopra, Anoop Khajuria, Rajinder Singh Pinky and Anil Kohli.

DC Jammu inaugurates five Patwar Halqa offices, listens to public grievances



Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa inaugurating Patwar Halqa office at Dansal in Nagrota.

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JAMMU: To get first-hand account of the public grievances, Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa on Wednesday conducted an extensive tour of the Bhalwal block and listened to issues of locals.

Tehsildar, Druv Gupta; BDO, Johnny Kumar along with PRIs, public delegations besides scores of individuals were present in the camp during which they apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the prob-

lems being faced by them in day to day life.

During the tour, the Deputy Commissioner inaugurated five Patwar Halqa offices at Dansal, Tarah, Kanyala, Kishenpur, Kharta.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner held a grievance redressal camp at Kishenpur Kharta. Local Sarpanch, Romesh Singh apprised the DC regarding major issues which mainly pertained to the supply of water and electricity, revenue

services, road connectivity, upgradation of school, cleanliness and sanitation.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the PRI member and passed on the spot directions to the concerned officers for quality redress of their genuine grievances.

She assured that the highlighted issues of public importance will be taken up with higher authorities besides all the pendency and public service delivery slackness shall be reviewed thoroughly.

She directed the officers to leave no stone unturned to provide maximum benefits of government welfare schemes to the people.

The Deputy Commissioner also impressed upon the officers to work with zeal to achieve the targets ensuring the delivery of the benefits to the rural masses.

The Deputy Commissioner also planted a sapling during a plantation drive at Dansal.

Yasha Mudgal reviews functioning of Coop Societies

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal, on Wednesday convened a meeting to review functioning of different authorities vested with the powers to register Cooperatives/ Cooperative Societies in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was informed that there are 8763 Cooperative Societies in J&K, of which, 3611 have been registered by Registrar Cooperative Societies J&K, 4421 by Director



Commissioner Secretary, Cooperatives Department, Yasha Mudgal chairing a meeting in Jammu on Wednesday.

Handloom & Handicrafts Kashmir and 672 by Director, H&H Jammu.

Commissioner Secretary emphasized upon the concerned for regular monitoring of financial status of all Cooperatives besides

ensuring audit of these Cooperatives.

She asked the registering officers to share the data base of Cooperatives registered by different authorities.

Commissioner Secretary

directed for making use of a single window online portal for registration.

Commissioner Secretary gave nod for audit of Cooperatives registered under 1989 Act through the Auditors available

with Registrar Cooperatives.

She asked for identification and review of dormant/ inactive Cooperatives for de-registration under norms so that only serious Cooperatives are allowed to function.

Among others, Registrar Cooperative Societies J&K; Director H&H, Jammu; Director CAD, Jammu; Director Finance, Cooperative Department.; Director Horticulture (P&M), Additional Secretary, Cooperative Department; ARCS, Jammu/Kashmir; Joint Director, H&H, Kashmir; Deputy Director CAD, Kashmir and other concerned officers were present in the meeting in person and online.

52 SHD Subordinate Service members declared Quasi Permanent

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JAMMU: Director Sheep Husbandry Department Jammu, Krishan Lal, on Wednesday declared 52 members of Jammu and Kashmir Sheep Husbandry (Subordinate) Service of various subordinate offices as Quasi Permanent which includes 12 Non-Gazetted officials and 40 Class-IV employees.

Director, Sheep Husbandry Jammu congratulated the officials and impressed upon them to work with dedication & devotion for the betterment of society in general and the Sheep Husbandry Department in particular.

All the officials expressed their gratitude to the Director, Sheep Husbandry Jammu for the issuance of their Quasi Permanent order in time.

CS reviews restoration works of Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta taking stock of restoration works of Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex during a meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review restoration works and developmental issues of Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex. Issues discussed in the meeting included finance and release of funds, as well as administrative approval of several other components of this mega project.

A specific issue that was discussed at length was the strengthening of the hillock along Circular Road to provide stability

to the land below the structure. The proposal of hiring a Project Management Unit (PMU) was also discussed, and the role of the Culture Department in this regard was considered.

The use of restored structures, including Army Headquarters and Royal Court also came under discussion. Additionally, the restoration of leftover structures like Gole Ghar, Guleri Mahal and Nawa Mahal was also brought up during the meeting.

Dr Mehta called for the

immediate dedication of the restored portions of the complex for public visit and viewing. He also called for designation of parking space around the complex for the convenience of visitors besides initiating daily culture and public activities to increase public interest and footfall to this heritage complex. Additionally, the Chief Secretary called for putting up a display of heritage items for public viewing with due diligence and care for the precious artefacts.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Director Tourism Jammu, Deepika Sharma; Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums, Pradeep Kumar; Director Finance Tourism, Satnam Singh and Chief Engineer PWD besides several officers.

Secretary Tourism, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah and Superintendent Archaeological Survey of India besides other officers from Kashmir participated in the meeting virtually.