

2 major initiatives of Coop Deptt launched

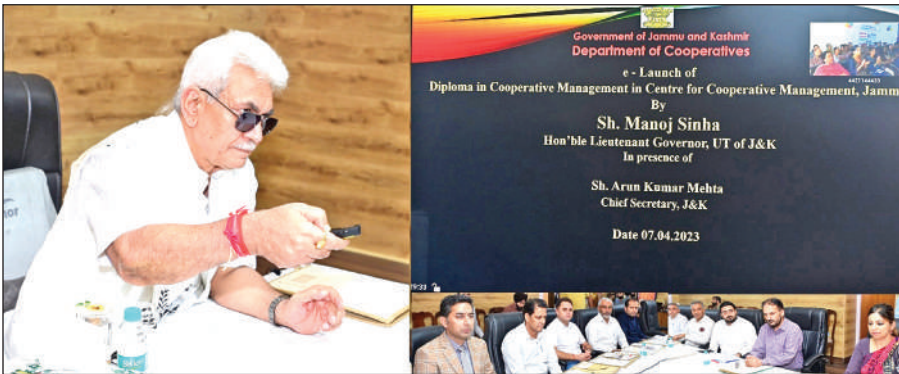
Diploma in Coop Management; MoU between Cooperatives and TAD to transform lives of tribal community: LG

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JAMMU: Launching two major initiatives of Cooperative Department- Diploma in Cooperative Management and MoU between Cooperatives and Department of Tribal Affairs, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the initiatives will strengthen the cooperative spirit in the UT and transform the lives of the tribal community.

"Prime Minister's vision of 'Sahkar Se Samridhi' will guide the social and economic transformation and provide vital support for growth of agriculture sector. The new initiatives also aimed at improving cooperatives efficiency and to meet the requirements of rural economy," observed the Lt Governor.

Emphasizing on promoting cooperative education and training, the Lt Governor said the introduction of Diploma in Cooperative Management will provide opportunities to Junior Officers, members of Cooperative Societies, FPOs and officials of other allied departments to acquire requisite skills to manage cooperative business and facilitate the



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha launching two major initiatives of Cooperatives Department.

process of human resource development in J&K.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the positive impact of convergence of schemes of Cooperative Department & Tribal Affairs Department to achieve the twin objectives of equitable and sustainable rural development.

"The Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Cooperatives and Department of Tribal Affairs will ensure that tribal cooperatives, Van Dhan Vikas Kendras avail benefits of different schemes and enable economic development and prosperity of tribal population,"

said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor shared the Union Territory administration's efforts to strengthen the cooperative sector to accelerate the grassroots development and capacity building.

"We have taken several steps to ensure effective on-ground implementation of rural development schemes and to empower the targeted sections. Resource availability for growth of cooperatives is another area where steps have been taken to ensure credit access to people and support services for equitable distribution of benefits," observed the Lt Governor.

More than 1000 cooperatives have been established in various sectors. An amount of Rs 366 crore was allocated for the revival of Jammu, Baramulla and Anantnag Central Cooperative Banks, besides Apex Level Dairy Federation has been established in Jammu Kashmir after 27 years, he added.

The Lt Governor further stressed on expansion of the cooperative sector and connecting more farmers with Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society. Establishment of PACS in every Panchayat should be our prime objective, the Lt

Governor added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also unveiled the logo of the Cooperative Department.

Yasha Mudgul, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Cooperatives Department and Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department gave a detailed briefing on the new initiatives launched today and how the collaboration of Cooperative Department and Tribal Affairs Department will benefit the tribal community.

The Lt Governor appraised the action plans and the awareness programmes at various levels, besides measures initiated for computerization of PACS.

He also enquired about the training modules of the diploma course. It was informed that 50 candidates have been enrolled for the 40 weeks Diploma course in Cooperative Management through the Centre for Cooperative Management Jammu.

Head of Departments and senior officers were present on the occasion.

Modi Govt leading approver of organic farming, modern technology: Sham Lal



Vice President J&K BJP Sham Lal Sharma speaking at a programme.

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JAMMU: Vice President J&K BJP and former minister, Sham Lal Sharma on Friday strongly battled for switching over to organic farming highlighting its numerous advantages including guarantee of better health prospects.

The senior BJP leader was addressing an impressive gathering during an awareness camp organized to pro-

mote organic farming here at Village Pandori in Mishriwala Panchayat.

Besides Sham Lal Sharma, Sarabjit Singh Johal, President BJP Kissan Morecha and DDC Member Ramgarh; Darshan Choudhary and Baba Chanchal Singh Chib, Vice Presidents of BJP Kissan Morecha were also present.

The Camp was envisaged and organized by

Gurbachan Singh, Secretary BJP Kissan Morecha, J&K and former Sarpanch.

Sham Lal said that the BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi is a strong approver of organic farming as the PM himself has endorsed this kind of farming for its number of benefits and less damage to the environment and public health.

He said that the case studies of villages across the country which had started relying on organic farming has shown that this form of farming has been proven to be a game changer for the population as there are numerous advantages with almost no disadvantage.

He asked the farmers to go for this type of farming to change the course of life, achieving health benefits and of course monetary as well.

Gaurav Gupta calls on LG Sinha, discusses various issues

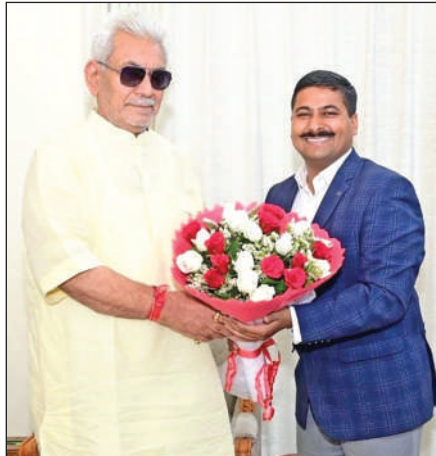
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JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, Secretary Jammu Club on Friday met the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha who is also the Patron of Jammu Club and discussed various significant issues related to the development of this prestigious Club in the City of Temples.

During his meeting with the LG, Gaurav Gupta at the outset congratulated him for breaking into the top 25 'Most Powerful Indians' list recently.

While complimenting the Lt Governor for the outstanding feat, he said that it is an aptly deserved honour to the LG especially in view of steering Jammu and Kashmir through all odds and transforming the developmental and welfare scenario of this traumatized region.

Gaurav Gupta expressed profound gratitude to the Lt Governor Sinha for visiting the Club saying that the members of the club have got motivated since his visit and have become much more proactive in pursuing the endeavours initiated by the Club under his precious patronage and guidance. It is not the Club only that has seen a new dawn under LG Administration but Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory on the whole is moving fast on the path of development since LG Sinha assumed the charge J&K, he added. The Jammu Club Secretary acknowledged with humility that the dream projects of Jammu like 'Tawi River Front, Jammu Zoo, Tawi Barrage projects, etc are seeing light of the day due to LG Sinha's



Gaurav Gupta, Secretary Jammu Club calling on Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

relentless efforts in ensuring that equitable development rules the roost in J&K.

He told the LG that earlier there seemed to be no scope for completion of such projects but now with his frequent visits to these sites and passing on significant directions to the authorities and work execution agencies the people are hopeful of early completion of these projects.

He said this will give a big boost to tourism and overall economy of Jammu and also to the Union Territory.

Dev of industrial estates, promotion of Ease of Doing Business, export hubs creation to get focus in 2023-24 budget

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SRINAGAR: "Development, expansion of new industrial estates, promotion of ease of doing business and creation of export hubs will receive a significant push in the budget earmarked for 2023-24 fiscal".

This year's budget elaborates that the Jammu and Kashmir government has identified 29 projects for development of new Industrial Estates during 2023-24. The investment proposals for setting up of Medicities in Jammu and Srinagar had been received for creation of health infrastructure in private sector. In this regard, Medicities at Sempora, Srinagar and Miran Sahib, Jammu are being established to provide better healthcare facilities to the ailing.

The main aim of "One District One Product" is to promote local product for export. In this regard, Jammu and Srinagar districts have been selected among the 75 districts across India for export of local products.

Similarly, 1500 units under Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) are being targeted to be established in 2023-24 involving a margin money

of Rs 30 crore with employment to 9000 persons.

The Budget will also facilitate conduct of mock drills to be carried out across the Union Territory. Besides, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) development policy would also be notified.

Similarly, Samadhaan 2.0 would be implemented this year and the government would facilitate tie-up of MSME with e-commerce platforms to boost sales of products of local units. Jammu and Kashmir would also introduce Policy framework to support private investment besides implementation of unified logistic interface platform.

To facilitate export of local products to international markets, export hubs will be created under this year's budget. The government is also encouraging officers to give an active push to exports, marketing promotion programmes for handicrafts focusing global market, development of industrial estate connected to significant economic nodes to maintain the momentum of growth.

The Budget has also kept a provision for adoption of plug and play model for key development sectors including manufacturing sector.

BJP on mission mode to reach out to last person in society: Rana

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday said the mission of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not only to steer the nation to highest pinnacles of progress and development but also to ensure that the benefits of welfare schemes percolate down to last person in the society.

"The Prime Minister's vision of Atma Nirbhar (self-reliant) Bharat is Sashaktikaran (empowerment) of all, irrespective of religion, region or caste, as per his cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas", Rana said, adding that it is with this mantra that every BJP



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana listening to public issues at Jammu.

Karyakarta is reaching out to the people, aware them about the schemes tailored by the government for their welfare, listen to their problems and make every effort in getting these resolved by taking up the grievances or issues with appropriate forums in the

administration.

Devender Rana alongwith. Munish Sharma, Prabhari BJYM and Parmesh Mahajan, Incharge Training Department were interacting with the people during the public grievances redressal camp-a mechanism held on

weekly basis-- at the BJP headquarters at Trikuta Nagar.

About 30 deputations apart from individuals from across the state met the BJP leaders, who redressed their grievances by taking up the matter with the concerned authorities.

Rana said the commitment of the Prime Minister to public welfare keeps every worker on mission mode to be amid them like a family. This inspiring ethos of the BJP since its inception from the Jana Sangh era is a major irritant for the Congress and the self-styled socialists, which is why they are channelizing all their negative energies towards maligning the party of the people, for the people and by the people. Earlier, the momentum of opposing the BJP was feeble but after these parties were almost rooted out from the ground by the people due to their self-centric, anarchistic, opportunistic and dynastic politics, the venom has gained the intensity. However, the more these parties orchestrate campaigns against the BJP, the more it becomes dearer to the people

for its Nation First mission, he added.

Rana referred in detail to the path-breaking initiatives like Ayushman Bharat, One Nation-One Ration Card, StartUp, Digital Bharat, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Jan Dhan Yojana, Izzat Ghar programme and much more, saying these schemes have changed the lives of the people. He said the health cover of Rs 5 lakh each is available to over 50 crore families across the country, which includes the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir; as a special dispensation. He made a mention of the most successful Covid containment campaign under the leadership of the Prime Minister; saying this was unparalleled across the pandemic inflicted world. While several major economies crashed, India made a mark as the world's fifth economy, notwithstanding the fact of multiple challenges facing the country. Over 81 crore population is getting free rations for nearly three years now and this speaks of the concern of the BJP towards the compatriots, he added.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to CTM Factory, Chackludan, GMC, Godrej Factory and Industries under SICOP Ist and SIDCO shall remain affected on April 08 and 10 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to CTM Factory, Chackludan, GMC, Godrej Factory and Industries under SICOP Ist and SIDCO shall remain affected on April 09 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Industrial Area under Feeder-4th and Industrial Area under Feeder-2nd shall remain affected on April 09 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Bail to Sanjay victory of people, slap on KCR's face: Chugh

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HYDERABAD: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday said that the bail granted to Telangana BJP president Bandi Sanjay was not only a slap on the face of the KCR government but also a victory for the common man whose cause Sanjay had been fighting in the wake of repeated incidents of question paper leakages. Chugh, who on behalf of BJP President paid a visit to the family of Sanjay, said KCR, who is seeped deep into corruption, has been trying to stifle the voice of lakhs of youth in Telangana. "The way Sanjay had been waging a war against the KCR government after it had cheated lakhs of students



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh speaking at a meeting at Hyderabad.

with leakages in question papers, be it of Public Service Commission or otherwise, exemplified the bottom that the KCR government is drenched in corruption", he added. He said the BJP is indebted to the judiciary for bringing justice to the fore. Chugh said the arrest of Sanjay, who is a Lok Sabha member, was patently uncon-

stitutional since the Lok Sabha was in session and the KCR government did not even care to inform the Speaker about it.

"The BJP would continue its struggle to expose the KCR government and would never be discouraged by repressive measures undertaken by the Telangana Chief Minister", he asserted.

Panch Pran Utsav concludes at JU

Nurture cultural roots, make strong connection with cultural and national identity: Prof Rai

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JAMMU: At the valedictory function of the Panch Pran Utsav, organized by the University of Jammu in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Hindustan Samachar and Cluster University of Jammu, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir was the Chief Guest of the function.

Prof Nath in his remarks gave some insightful comments on the role of educational institutions in shaping young minds and bringing forth a new dawn of change in the nation. He spoke on the pillars of a good educational institution, namely, academics, research and governance.

Prof Nath stressed on pedagogy and emphasized that co-curricular activities should be promoted by educational institutions.

Speaking on the subject, he congratulated the organizers for upholding these values and encouraging the youth to add to this work in the coming years.

It is noteworthy to mention here that Panch Pran Utsav has been organized to highlight the five resolves of Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India during his 76th Independence Day address to the Nation.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jammu in his concluding address summarized the core theme of this illustrious three-day "Panch Pran Utsav."

Prof Rai encouraged the students to nurture their cultural roots and make a strong connection with their cultural and national identity.

Earlier, Prof. Prakash C Antahal, Dean Students Welfare delivered a formal welcome address. Prof. Vishva Raksha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee summarized the proceedings of the three-day festival.

The third day of the Panch Pran festival commenced with enriched words of several prestigious speakers.

For the first session of the day, retired Colonel (Dr.) Virendra Sahi, Vir Chakra awardee, was the keynote speaker. Showcasing the vast knowledge, he gained from thirty-five years of service in the Indian Army, he delivered a lecture on 4th Pran: Strength of Unity and Solidarity.

Speaking of the value this topic holds for a soldier, he shared some snippets from his journey as an Officer in the JAKLI (Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry) regiment of the Indian Army.

Explaining the culture of 'Sarv Dharm Sthal' in the Indian Army, where places of worship from different religious faiths exist together, on the same piece of land. Using this as an example of unity, he took a turn to explore the reasons why there seems to be a decline in this feeling in the general masses. Painstakingly tracing the long history of this nation, he elaborated how at most points in history, there was a feeling of unity and solidarity in the population.

Speaking of the colonial tactic of divide and rule, he mentioned the ways in which the colonizers created a fissure in the communal harmony of this nation, the extent of which was fully felt through the Partition.

Prof. Lalit Magotra, former Head, Department



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai welcoming Chief Guest, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, VC CUK.

of Physics, JU and President of Dogri Santha, Jammu in his address spoke of the diversity of this country in terms of ethnicity, culture, food and language.

Earlier, Rajeev Rattan, Director, CDC introduced the key note speaker. Prof. Seema Langar, Dean, Life Sciences presented a formal vote of thanks.

In the afternoon session, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar introduced the keynote speaker and Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, the chairperson for the session.

The keynote speaker, Anchal Sethi, Secretary to Govt, Dept of Law, Justice and

Parliamentary affairs, Govt of J&K UT gave a lecture on 5th Pran: Duties of the citizens towards the Nation. Exhibiting his proficiency in the field of Law, he gave an educational lecture on the duties that are expected to be fulfilled by the citizens of this country. He seamlessly quoted the Constitution of India on the duties to maintain monuments, pieces of art, save nature and wildlife; he spoke of the duty to maintain non-violence. The chairperson for the session, Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu spoke of the primary focus on working to improve all of humankind that is in the fabric of Indian culture. This is a land where evolution of humanity is of utmost importance, and a place where nature is worshipped. These are the values that have passed down the generations, and it automatically engrains a sense of duty in Indian citizens. He ended his lecture with the notion that freedom is not free and everyone must work together to attain the vision that is hoped to be a reality for this nation. Prof. Manju Jamwal, Director, The Law School presented a formal vote of thanks.

On the concluding day of Panch Pran Utsav, soulful cultural and competitive events were held. In the Rangoli competition Ayushi Bhardwaj, School of Sciences, Cluster University bagged 1st prize while 2nd prize was awarded to Priya and Yeasmin Nahar of SPMR College of Commerce and 3rd prize was shared by Madhvi Bhagat and Saloni Sambyal of GDC Samba whereas Ankit Sharma of Sai Shyam

College of Education, Mehak Saini and Vaishali Sharma of GCW Gandhi Nagar secured certificates of merit. In Quiz competition, team comprising Anil Kumar Sharma, Jagmeet Singh and Krrish Sumbria of GGM Science College bagged first prize, team from MAM College comprising Amanpreet Singh, Akshar Goswami and Aditya Bhardwaj bagged second prize whereas team comprising Anant Mishra, Anandi Mishra from UIET, Kathua secured 3rd prize. During the valedictory function cultural events enthralled audience with variety of cultural items by Suraj Singh- a renowned singer of national repute, students from Cluster University of Jammu and Dogri Band by students from IMFA, University of Jammu.

Prominent among others, Prof. Parikshat Manhas Chairman, J&K Board of School Education and Shruti Awasthi Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Prof. Satnam Kour, Convenor, Press & Publicity Committee, Prof. Suman Jamwal, HOD, History Dept., Prof. Pankaj Srivastav, President, JUTA, Prof. Rajeev Rattan, Director, College Development Council, Prof. K.S Charak, HOD, Mathematics, Prof. Alka Sharma, Convenor, University Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Centre, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, Dr. Shashi Prabha, Dr. Shalsh Sharma, Dr. Garima Gupta, I/C Head, Dept. of Journalism & Media Studies, Dr. Ginny Dogra, Deputy Director, DIQA and members of civil society were also present on the occasion.

