

LG Mathur convenes meeting with HiERRAs of Empretec India Foundation

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LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, convened a virtual meeting with members of Empretec India Foundation led by its National Director, Arnab Chakraborty, at Raj Niwas on Monday.

Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Saugat Biswas and Commissioner Secretary, Technical Education and Skill Development, Padma Angmo, were present in the meeting.

National Director, Empretec India Foundation, Arnab, briefed that Empretec is a flagship-capacity building programme of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for the promotion of entrepreneurship and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) to facilitate sustainable development and inclusive growth.

He apprised that the



Lt Governor Ladakh, RK Mathur chairing a virtual meeting.

Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) has requested to introduce this programme in India for developing entrepreneurs.

He informed that the Empretec-HiERRA (High-Impact Entrepreneurs from Emerging Regions for Action) Programme for India is operated by and for HiERRAs to promote community and value chain development.

Arnab stressed on the need for promoting entrepreneurship over industries to develop more entrepreneurs.

Some of the HiERRAs who availed the benefit of the programme shared their experiences and expressed their interest in potential development activities in Ladakh in several fields, viz. capital goods, manufacturing of textile garments and recycling solutions for plastic/industrial dust/sand; manufacture of footwear and apparels; promotion of pashmina and khulu (yak wool) in national and international markets; promotion of food processing and organic farming; promotion of homestays with the help

of women self-help groups (SHGs); empowerment of women, etc.

LG Mathur appreciated Empretec India Foundation and their HiERRAs for suggesting relevant interventions in Ladakh.

He stated that entrepreneurship in Ladakh includes promoting primary sector-based micro/ household enterprises in Ladakh. He requested for guidance and handholding of first-generation graduates who are also first-generation entrepreneurs.

LG Mathur informed about the efforts being made by the UT Administration and both Hill Councils to promote homestays in Ladakh and provide guidance and training to weavers engaged in making pashmina wool products to develop the value chain. He stressed on the importance of technology and training for value addition and improving the shelf life of primary sector products.

Kavinder for focusing on start-ups to boost country's economy

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JAMMU: Underlining the importance of startups in the country, senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta said startups will determine India's future economy as well as that of the world.

Speaking at the GMF Pinnacle Awards 2022 ceremony held here on Monday, Kavinder said one of the major achievements of the Modi government has been the boost provided by the startup movement.

Calling Indian startups the future of the economy, Kavinder said "In India, we started nurturing the startup ecosystem 2016 onwards under the leadership of our Prime Minister, and today, we have risen to be the third largest startup ecosystem in the world in just five-six years which is not a very big time," he said.

The former deputy Chief Minister said Indian startups are actually scripting history and have astonished the whole world in a very short period of



BJP leader and former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta posing with other dignitaries at a programme.

time. "Today, the new India is not looking for a secure future. It is ready to take risks, innovate and incubate. And this is why in around 2014, we had some 100, 200 to 400 startups but today in a short span of time, this figure has risen to some 70,000 plus startups," he added.

Earlier, Kavinder Gupta along with Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta honoured the representatives of various institutions shortlisted by GMF who have created a niche in the field of Economic,

Environmental and Social Development.

Kavinder Gupta asserted that there is dire need to motivate the people in their respective field as the same would boost their morale and encourage them in taking the country to new heights.

In his address, Ashutosh Verma, Managing Director, GMF Group, said Green Maple Foundation (GMF) is a non-profit organization, which

is a registered body by the people of Indian origin.

"Our aim is to create awareness by organizing and conducting seminars / award ceremonies, which is aimed for recognizing and honouring the individuals and organizations / associations / Institutions / Individuals for their outstanding contribution mainly in the field of Economic, Environmental and Social Development," he added.

KPC urges Govt to discuss one-place rehabilitation plan with KP leadership without delay

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JAMMU: In a meeting held on Monday, the members of Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) while reacting to statement of Union Minister, Prahlad Singh Patel while interacting with media at Jammu, that 'Narendra Modi led Government would ensure dignified return and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Valley', said that Minister has not clearly elaborated actual rehabilitation roadmap for rehabilitation of displaced KPs in Valley.

President KPC, Kundan Kashmini stated that rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits with honour and dignity has become vague term which does not clear where and under what plan lakhs of exiled KP community members will be rehabilitated. "Ruling dispensation should come out with clear policy regarding KPs rehabilitation in Valley as per their aspirations and wishes, and discuss plan of one-place settlement of this hapless community, with community leadership, as it is the only viable option," he added. This meeting also reiterated its support to protesting employees of PM employment package, regarding their relocation, passage of shrine bill, rehabilitation of over-aged youth, nullification of distress sale and several other issues. Others present on the occasion included M K Raina, Dr H L Saraf, Tej Pandita, Sushil Bhat, R L Raina, S L Zutshi and Rajender Dhar.

Rather elected President Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum

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JAMMU: Mohammad Shafi Rather was elected as President of Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF), after elections held as per the constitution of JKTF, which were attended by central body leaders, provincial body leaders and district presidents from Kashmir division, in a free, fair and transparent manner.

A four member election commission consisting Chief Election Commissioner Farooq Ahmad, Javid Ahmad Malik, Abdul Rashid Kulgam, and Ghulam Nabi Ganie ensured smooth conduct of elections.

General Secretary, Arsalan Habib expressed gratitude towards Electoral College for their commitment and said that the election will strengthen people's faith in democracy.

Traffic cops' timely action saved precious life



Traffic police personnel shifting accident victim to Hospital.

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JAMMU: Timely action taken by Traffic Police personnel on Monday saved the life of a young man in Indira Chowk area of Jammu city.

"Traffic Police learnt that an accident took place near Karan Market at Indira Chowk Jammu. Without wasting time, Sub-Inspector Shiban, SO Indira Chowk along with Officials Sgts Dipak Kumar & Sgts Farooq Ahmed reached the spot and found that a car bearing registration number JK08C-0012 and Scooty bearing registration number JK02BP-

7313 collided with each other, where rider of the scooty injured namely Ravi Chander, son of Tara Chand, resident of Gurah Bakshi Nagar, Jammu," a police official said.

Sub-Inspector Shiban along with officials immediately shifted the injured person to GMC Jammu in flying squad vehicle of PCR. Timely action taken by traffic police saved a precious life and people praised the traffic police for their act of humanity.

Farah Nishat, DySP Traffic City North also appreciated the role of traffic police for timely action.

BJP J&K Mahila Morcha organises blood donation camp PM Modi Govt's eight years rule touched lives of all sections of society: Koul, Kavinder

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JAMMU: BJP J&K Mahila Morcha Spokesperson Ritika Trehan on Monday organized blood donation camp here to mark eight years of PM Modi Govt. The blood donation camp was organized in supervision of team of doctors from GMC including Dr Anu and others.

100 prominent persons donated blood on the occasion including Muskaan Trehan, daughter of Ritika Trehan who was the first one to donate blood in the camp.

BJP state General Secretary Ashok Koul was the Chief Guest while former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, BJP Mahila Morcha J&K President Sanjita Dogra, BJP District Jammu President Vinay Gupta were present as Guests of Honour.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include former JMC Commissioner Kiran Watal, Corporator Rahul, Mandal Secretary Rachit and Ward 20 President Satbeer.



Muskaan Trehan, daughter of Ritika Trehan donating blood in the camp.

Koul asserted that the PM Modi Govt is committed to ensure wellbeing of all the people through a strong and stable Government. For the first time, J&K has seen a Government which is seriously concerned about what the needs and aspirations of its people, he said.

Before the Modi Government was installed, people did not know the meaning of freedom or independence but today all the

people of the country can enjoy the real taste of freedom and dignity, he said.

Kavinder Gupta said that during eight years of PM Modi rule, in each and every scheme of the Narendra Modi Government the focal points are villages, poor, Dalits, deprived people, Backward Classes, youth and women.

Ritika Trehan thanked and congratulated participants and also the BJP senior

leaders for making blood donation camp successful and giving their massive support to her for organizing such camps in future also.

Trehan said that by doing service to people, BJP workers have changed the image of political party workers.

"Political party workers are considered only election workers but our party workers have tried to change that image," she said.

Myntra's EORS-16 geared to serve over 50 lakh shoppers

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JAMMU: The 16th edition of Myntra's biannual EORS, India's grandest fashion event is arriving, bringing with it the joy and euphoria to the millions of fashion aficionados in the country.

As per a press statement issued, event, which will be held from June 11 to June 16, is going to be bigger than previous versions, comprising the biggest-ever collection of 14 lakh styles across 5000+ brands. The 6-day event is set to provide unprecedented offers from fashion, lifestyle, beauty and personal care and home categories, catering to over 50 lakh unique customers across the country, with an expected uptick in demand by over 3X of BAU and 26 per cent increase in traffic over the previous July edition.

Myntra expects over 1 million new customers with over 40 per cent of the overall traffic coming from tier 2 and 3 cities and towns.

The brands have specially curated a vast selection with a strong focus on summer essentials, Gen-Z trends, beauty and personal care as well as celebrity-led EORS special collections. First-time shoppers will get Rs 500 cashback on their initial transaction, exiting coupons for future use and free delivery for the first 4 orders. On the payments front, there are exciting offers too from banks such as ICICI and Axis Bank, offering a 10 per cent instant discount, while users of Paytm will get assured cashback on wallet & postpaid transactions. To cater to the changing needs of the customers, Myntra has on-boarded 100 new brands ahead of EORS and increased its style selection by a whopping 40 per cent from the previous July edition, giving shoppers a wide catalogue of products from the best of international and domestic brands, including D&G brands to choose from. Shoppers can opt from an expansive selection of fashion, lifestyle, home decor, beauty and personal care products at sharp prices, from brands like USPA, Puma, H&M, Biba, Roadster, H&M, Mango, Levi's, Firebolt, ONLY, Nike, Mothercare, Max and Forever 21 among others.

People of J&K frustrated under present regime; NC only ray of hope: Sadhotra

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JAMMU: A public meeting was organized by the Coordination Committee Jammu District (Urban), Central Zone JKNC at Janipur in district Jammu which was presided over by Zonal President Central Zone and Former Minister Babu Ram Paul, whereas, Central Secretary and former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra was the chief guest. The meeting was organized by Ashok Taryal, Jr. Secretary Central Zone and Member Coordination Committee Jammu District (Urban) at Janipur which was attended by hundreds of people.

While speaking on the occasion Ajay Kumar Sadhotra said that the National Conference is committed to fighting for the rights of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that few forces are working to divide people on the communal and regional lines which will be given a befitting reply. "The



Former Minister Ajay Sadhotra speaking at a public meeting.

country is presently going through a state of crisis. The graph of inflation is constantly on rise, the prices of essential commodities are sky rocketing and still BJP is claiming good governance," he added.

He said that unemployment is at an all time high in the present scenario which is the root cause of depression and resentment among the young generation following which they are getting deviated and becoming drug addict.

He said NC had always worked to provide more and more employment opportuni-

ties to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. He further said that if voted to power, NC would ensure jobs and land security for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides, Chander Mohan Sharma, President Jammu District Urban reiterated his resolve to continue making efforts to consolidate the party in his area of operation. He also said, "We have to take the vision of our party leadership to every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir for its development and benefit of people."

Rana terms Modi Govt's 8 yrs as India's successful tryst to be global power

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BHAIWAL: Saying that the eight years of Shri Narendra Modi has been India's successful tryst to be a global power, senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday observed Jammu and Kashmir forms part of the country's growth story with developmental process getting new direction and dimension.

"Equitable share in the funds allocation to all the regions and the sub-regions remains a hallmark of the developmental

strategy in the Union Territory", he added.

Interacting with the people during his extensive visit to Panchayat Barn, Sani Pandita, Chaiak and Amb Chotra areas of the Nagrota Assembly Constituency, as part of the BJP's door-to-door campaign to spread a word about the accomplishments of the NDA Government during the past eight years, Rana said participatory governance and development with cherished agenda of Sakha Sakhi, Sakha Vikas,



Prominent BJP leader Devender Rana addressing a public meeting.

Sakha Vishwas, Sakha Priyas has been the Mantra to achieve the objective of 'Sewa Saksham Garib Kalitayan'.

In this context, the BJP leader referred to the fast changing rural landscape, as a result of strengthening and

empowering the Panchayat Raj Institutions and the Local Self Government, after the political developments of August 2019 which paved the way for implementing all the schemes in Jammu and Kashmir like other parts of the country. He said the Union Territory is witnessing discernible transformation in all the economic and developmental sectors with special thrust on encouraging investments. This is a key point for a place where industrial development has not been substantial

which has largely impacted the growth and job generation.

He said the investment proposals of Rs 36,000 crore for the sectors ranging from tourism, health, automobile, steel, fabrication, warehousing etc have potential to create job opportunities for over two lakh professionals, educated unemployed, skilled and unskilled workforce in a period of time.

Devender Rana lauded the Lieutenant Governor's Administration for pursuing and pushing the developmental

initiatives in a big way so that the benefits percolate down to targeted segments of the society in a time bound manner. He hoped that the people will become part of the country's growth story by extending their support to the landmark initiatives being taken by the government for heralding a new era of development. Peace, he said, is imperative for achieving these objectives. He also urged the people to maintain peace and tranquility, saying that peace is imperative for development and

progress. Prominent among those who accompanied Devender Rana during his visit included Rajinder Singh Chib, Rajni Devi, Babu Ram Bhagat, Ashok Kani, Kuldeep Singh Langah, Rakesh Singh, Kuldeep Singh Chib, Vijay Bhagat, Rakesh Langah, Ram Singh, Surinder Singh Gilli, Rajam Singh, Neelam Singh, Madan Singh, Swam Singh, Jagdish Singh Langah, Danish Mishra and many others.