

Launches 'Hausla 2.0' and JK Startup Portal

We want women entrepreneurs of J&K to build global brands: LG



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha addressing after launching 'Hausla 2.0' and JK Startup Portal.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: "We want women entrepreneurs of Jammu and Kashmir UT to build global brands and fortunes through their own hard work and strong drive", Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said after launching the 'Hausla 2.0' and JK Startup Portal at Srinagar on Saturday.

He added: "Our focus is women-led development and dedicated efforts have been made for women's economic participation to boost economic growth."

Building on the success of the Hausla 1.0, the inaugural batch, Hausla 2.0 seeks to enhance financial inclusion among women in Jammu Kashmir by promoting entrepreneurship and facilitating market access.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to the women and young start-up entrepreneurs on the occasion.

He said the prime objective

of Hausla program is to harness the entrepreneurial potential of women in J&K UT, increase financial access and market reach for women entrepreneurs and to create a nurturing ecosystem for women's economic empowerment.

The overarching goal is to establish a sustainable enterprise model that contributes to employment generation and economic growth, he added.

Reiterating the UT Administration's resolve to promote entrepreneurship and startups in J&K, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Lt Governor said the endeavours like Startup Policy is a testimony to our commitment to provide necessary support and resources to the youth to turn their entrepreneurial dreams into reality.

"The new JK Startup portal will ensure the seamless execution of the Startup Policy. The portal will

streamline the application process for various support mechanisms viz. seed funding, mentoring, startup awards and claiming infrastructure benefits for development of incubators/incubation facilities," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also commended the JKTPPO, JKEDI, J&K Bank and other stakeholders for their significant contribution in empowering the women and young entrepreneurs of the UT.

To support the startup ecosystem and promote innovation in the region, JKEDI has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today with five higher educational institutions.

The Lt Governor said the MoUs will help the students enhance their skills and knowledge with entrepreneurship, innovation and startups.

Speaking on J&K's exceptional journey towards peace, progress and prosper-

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ity, the Lt Governor called upon the people to stand united in the fight against the divisive forces trying to disturb peace in Jammu region.

The Administration and our Security Forces will never allow adversary's nefarious design to succeed. We will eliminate the terrorists and root out terrorism and its supporters from J&K, he said.

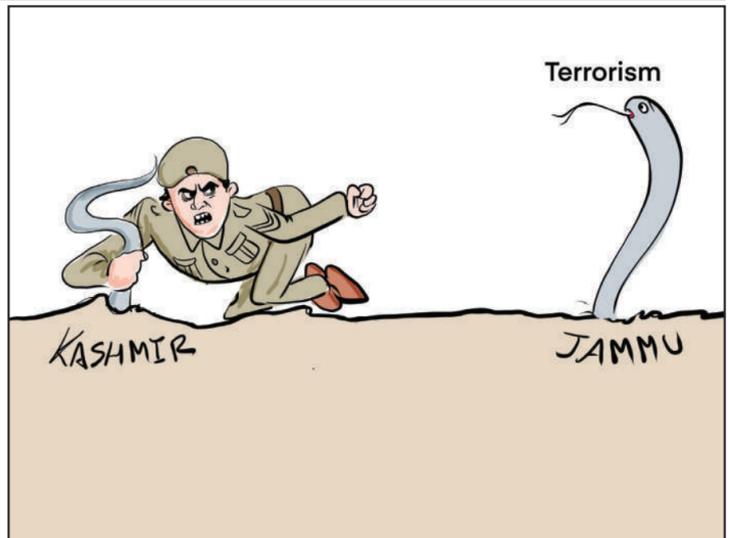
On the occasion, women entrepreneurs associated with Hausla 1.0. shared their success stories. They also expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led UT Administration for providing necessary support and guidance for their business ventures.

Hausla 1.0 programme has successfully trained 118 women entrepreneurs, expanded networks, facilitated participation in national exhibitions, and increased

market reach.

Under Hausla 2.0, JKEDI will ensure quality training sessions at the district level to the selected 400 women entrepreneurs from Jammu Kashmir. This decentralized approach will ensure broader regional participation and cater to women from various sectors, it was informed.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST; Prof. Nazir Ahmed Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir; Sh Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Sh Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director, JKTPPO; Sh Rajinder Sharma, Director, JKEDI; HoDs, representatives of trade bodies; women and young entrepreneurs were present in large numbers.



Sawan Mahotsav 2024: Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir to host series of devotional events



Suresh Kumar Sharma, Retd Session Judge & Receiver, Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir addressing a press conference at Jammu on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir on Saturday announced the celebration of Sawan Mahotsav - 2024, continuing its rich tradition of promoting Indian Classical and Semi-Classical devotional music.

"The temple has a storied history of organizing significant cultural events, including Sawan Mahotsav, Sharad Mahotsav, and Mahashivratri Mahotsav, aiming to revive the age-old traditions of temples in Jammu," said Suresh Kumar Sharma, Retd Session Judge & Receiver, Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir, in a press conference, here.

Ashutosh Sharma, Raj Kumar, Pankaj Pradhan, Amarjeet Singh, Dr. Mukteshi Sharma (Renowned Singers and Musicians), Sanjay Tiekoo, Senior Architect (Retd), Deepak Kumar (Founder/Director Rangrug), Anil Gupta, and a large number of Devotees presenting in the conference. Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retd. Session

Judge) and Receiver of Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir, briefed the media on the temple's illustrious past. He said that Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir, one of the most ancient and revered temples in Jammu, has been a cornerstone of spiritual and cultural life for centuries. The temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and has been a significant pilgrimage site. The temple's unique architectural style and its five-faced Shiva idol make it a distinctive landmark. Over the years, Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir has not only been a place of worship but also a center for cultural and community activities, preserving and promoting the rich traditions of Indian classical music and dance.

This year's Sawan Mahotsav will feature a series of events and programs designed to immerse devotees in spiritual bliss. Renowned nationally and internationally acclaimed singers will present devotional songs every Monday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM,

immediately following the Aarti. These performances will take place on all five Mondays of Sawan, offering a unique opportunity for the community to experience the spiritual and cultural richness of Indian devotional music.

Suresh Kumar Sharma emphasized the temple's commitment to popularizing Indian Classical and Semi-Classical devotional music, striving to revive the ancient tradition of temples serving as cultural centres. Through these initiatives, the temple seeks to foster a deeper connection with our heritage and traditions.

The Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir invites everyone to participate in this joyous celebration of Sawan Mahotsav.

The press conference concluded with an invitation to all media houses to cover the events of Sawan Mahotsav 2024 and witness the spiritual and cultural vibrancy of Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir.

Acting CJ reviews preparations for upcoming Special Lok Adalat by SCI

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Patron-in-Chief & Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, Tashi Rabstan, on Saturday chaired a crucial meeting to review progress on identifying cases amenable to amicable settlement during the upcoming Special Lok Adalat.

The special lok adalat would be organised by the Supreme Court of India from July 29, 2024, to August 03, 2024.

The meeting was attended by D C Raina Advocate General; Shahzad Azeem,



Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Tashi Rabstan chairing a meeting.

Registrar General High Court of J&K and Ladakh; Achal Sethi, Secretary Law; and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority and Nodal Officer for the Special Lok Adalat.

During the discussions,

Justice Tashi Rabstan emphasized that out of the 107 cases identified and forwarded by the Supreme Court of India, 50 cases pertain to service disputes and 12 cases involve land acquisition issues.

The acting Chief Justice urged upon the Ld.

Advocate General and the Secretary, Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs to mobilize all the government departments to ensure settlement of maximum number of cases listed during the Special Lok Adalat.

Advocate General informed that a meeting has already been convened with all the concerned departments. Additionally, the list of identified cases has been shared and the departments have been directed to prepare a detailed report on the cases that can be amicably settled during the upcoming Special Lok Adalat. He

added that the report will be furnished within a couple of days.

In light of the discussions, the meeting resolved that the Ld. Advocate General and the Secretary, Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, will actively engage with the concerned officers of various government departments to facilitate the amicable settlement of cases during the scheduled Special Lok Adalat.

Justice Tashi decided to convene another meeting in the coming week to review progress based on the reports received from the concerned departments.

Rana led Nai Basti delegation meets LG



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana led-delegation calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana led-delegation of the representatives of protesting shopkeepers and others of Nai Basti area here today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and appealed to him for taking a sympathetic view to the genuine demand of the people, who were looking upto him for succour.

The Lieutenant Governor was very sympathetic to the demands of these aggrieved shopkeepers and assured them that the government's intention has always been and will be to protect the interests of the poor and those who are underprivileged, said Devender Singh Rana after the meeting.

While making a fervent appeal to the Lieutenant Governor on behalf of the affected shopkeepers, Devender Rana said that the Nai Basti Shopkeepers have been running their establishments and deriving sustenance for the past six to seven decades in the area.

He said their ancestors were also carrying on small businesses from these establishments and therefore their relocation

will hugely affect their families. In all, 39 establishments are coming under the widening drive, he added.

Rana expressed gratitude to Lt. Governor for his gracious gesture of giving a patient hearing to the aggrieved traders as also reassuring them while they were in distress. He said Manoj Sinha has always pro-actively acted in favour of the people to

redress their genuine demands.

The Lieutenant Governor assured the delegation that their demands would be examined at appropriate level and efforts would be made to ensure that their sustenance is not affected.

The delegation comprised of Pawan Singh Ex-Corporator, Naveen Gupta, Bazar President,

Gurpreet Dogra, Shiv Kumar, Tarsem Lal, Sanjay Gupta, Vivek Kumar, Raj Singh, Sham Lal, Vikas Verma, Jaivinder Singh, Dinesh Kumar Raina, Rakesh Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Vikrant Sharma and others.

Meanwhile, on second day of protest, former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta and senior BJP leader, Vikram Randhawa

visited the venue and extended full support of the cause of shopkeepers. They demanded the J&K administration led by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to rehabilitate the shopkeepers of Nai Basti in Satwari area affected by widening of National Highway (NH), which is being done as a part of Delhi- A m r i t s a r - K a t r a Expressway project.

JKPSA condemns statement of JKBOSE officials

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Members of central body of the Jammu & Kashmir Private Schools Association (JKPSA), Jammu condemned the statement issued by the officials of the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE).

Members present in the meeting have shown online status of their schools in their laptops.

They said that they have uploaded their files in the portals designed by the departments of School Education Department for the approval of their managing committee, recognition and affiliation before the expiry of their essential documents which are needed for the affiliation / recognition.

They said till date the status of their schools has been placed in the de-affili-



JKPSA members addressing a press conference at Jammu on Saturday.

ated/ pending category by the JKBOSE. All officials in the JKBOSE are misleading the government, Private schools and the parents.

Initially, in 2022 and 2023 officials in the JKBOSE tagged the most of the students of class 9th to 12th of private schools which are even constructed in the proprietary land with the nearby government

school despite of uploading all formalities. JKBOSE has failed to hold in time affiliation meetings.

Such type of draconian act by JKBOSE for the schools are functioning for more than three decades on own land or in rented building highly condemnable.

Above all JKBOSE has circulated notification of migration / eligibility on 07/06/2024 vide notification F (Acad-C) ISM-Eligibility/E-7486349/2024 with a normal fee till July 10, 2024.

Due to the non availability of online access to the schools authorities, they are hapless to upload or to approve migration/eligibility of all such students who want to migrate or who want to seek admission in other schools.

General Secretary Sat Paul

Mansotra said that government has granted recognition to the school till ending March 2027, 2028, 2029 but JKBOSE is reluctant to grant affiliation on the basis of recognition.

Ajay Gupta on behalf all such schools whose portal are still closed by the JKBOSE without any fault at their part appealed to the Lieutenant Governor to intervene to save this venture from harassment and exploitation.

Those who spoke in the press conference included Deepak Handa (Sr. Vice President), Ajay Singh, Sanjeev Luthra, Gaurav Charak, Dr. Madan Mohan, Vineet Gupta, Vishal Singh, Rajat Kesar, Deep Dayal, Shabir Malik, Naresh Kumar, Ramesh Gupta, Bodh Raj, Rajeev Jasrotia, Vishal Jamwal, Thomas Omman and Laddi Sharma.

the parties which used to rule J&K in last 70 years have compromised the interests of the country and the common masses a number of times.

Asserting that despite the BJP having unprecedented popularity across Jammu and Kashmir, Sethi said there is a dire need to maintain the tempo at Booth level. He said that in order to ensure that party's upward graph continues unabated the party cadre especially the workers will have to leave no stone unturned in further strengthening the party at Booth level.

Yudhvir Sethi exhorted upon party workers to remain present in public 24X7 and address their issues on priority. He asked them to make people

Disappointed by dynastic parties, people showing faith in BJP: Yudhvir

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After getting disappointed over the deceit and deception by the dynastic political parties in J&K including NC, PDP and Congress, the people in large numbers are showing faith in BJP for it being the only nationalist party with strong democratic virtues.

This was said by Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President BJP J&K Unit while holding a series of meetings at Pengali, Jagti and Sidra areas on the outskirts of Jammu city. In the meetings, Parleep Singh, Vice President Bajalta Mandal, Pardeep Sharma Shakti Kendra Parmukh, Bishan Ji A m r i t s a r - K a t r a General Secretary Bajalta Mandal, Abdul Mehmood



Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President BJP J&K during a meeting.

Secretary State SC Moreha, J&K accompanied the J&K BJP Vice President.

Yudhvir Sethi said that the days are not far when all the nationalists will join Bharatiya Janata Party because the dynastic parties' divisive agendas have been exposed badly

with people shunning their political leadership which never bothered to think beyond their own petty interests. He said that ten years of Modi rule in the country has shown the people that it is only BJP which can fulfill aspirations of the nationalist people because

aware about the achievements of Modi Govt besides educating them about the variety of schemes launched by the Union Govt. He asked them to ensure that everyone across the region avails the benefits of these schemes. He said that BJP believes in equitable development of all regions and all societies and urged the workers to ensure that even the tail-ender in the line gets benefited by schemes launched by the BJP Govt.

The senior BJP leader appealed to the people of Pengali, Jagti and Sidra areas to extend full support to BJP in the ensuing Assembly elections as only this Party can ensure equitable development in Jammu and Kashmir.