

# Yuva Rajput Sabha to celebrate Maharaja Hari Singh's Birth Anniversary on Sept 23

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JAMMU: The Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) has appealed to people of all communities and sections to join the grand celebration of the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji on September 23, calling it a historic day to remember the contributions of the great Dogra ruler who acceded Jammu and Kashmir to India.

Addressing a press conference, Chief Patron Rajinder Singh and President Sanjeev Singh Rinku, along with Surinder Singh Gilli, Rajveer Singh, Rajan Singh Happy, and Vikram Singh, announced that YRS is organising a large-scale celebration in memory of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji's achievements and reforms.

They recalled that Maharaja Hari Singh Ji was a progressive and secular ruler who declared that "all religions are mine and my religion is justice to all." He introduced free primary education for all,



YRS Chief Patron Rajinder Singh addressing a press conference at Jammu on Thursday.

opened temples to every section of society irrespective of caste, creed, or colour, and declared untouchability a crime. He also promulgated the State Subject laws to safeguard land, jobs, resources, and the Dogra identity and culture.

Sanjeev Singh Rinku described Maharaja as a visionary statesman and patriotic leader whose policies of equality and justice shaped modern J&K. He recalled the Maharaja's famous speech at the Round Table Conference in

London, where he urged the British to leave India and grant independence, reflecting his boldness and nationalism. Rinku appealed to the youth and citizens to participate actively in the celebrations and preparatory meetings to send out a strong message of unity and togetherness.

Former President Surinder Singh Gilli announced that a celebration rally will be taken out from Bantalab to the statue of Maharaja Hari Singh at Indira Chowk, passing through Janipur, New

Plot, Parade and other areas. The rally will commence at 10 AM from Bantalab and culminate at 2 PM with floral tributes at the Maharaja's statue.

Former Presidents Rajan Singh Happy and Vikram Singh also appealed to the youth to join the celebrations in traditional Dogra attire to showcase the rich cultural heritage. They said the day would be celebrated in a grand, colourful manner with the message of peace, communal harmony, brotherhood and unity.

# DC Jammu hands over loan sanction letters to 72 young entrepreneurs

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas on Thursday handed over sanction letters to a fresh batch of entrepreneurs under Mission YUVA at a special event organised at the Zonal Office of J&K Bank.

The programme was attended by Deputy Director DECC, Sunaina Saini, Assistant Director Employment, Mukhlis Ali, senior functionaries of J&K Bank and aspiring entrepreneurs who have been sanctioned loans under the scheme.

Representatives of J&K Bank, including Rakesh Mangotra, General Manager (RAM & GSS), Ashok Gupta, General Manager and Divisional Head Jammu, Anita Nehru, Deputy General Manager and Zonal Head Jammu, besides Cluster Heads of Jammu Zone were also present and assured continued support in timely disbursement and facilitation of the scheme.



DC Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas handing over sanction letter to an entrepreneur under Mission YUVA.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Minhas congratulated the beneficiaries and said that the sanction of financial support under Mission YUVA would provide them a new direction for growth and self-reliance. He described the scheme as a blessing for aspiring entrepreneurs who are determined to carve a niche for themselves in different sectors. The Deputy Commissioner also lauded the role of the Employment Department in effectively facilitating the scheme at the grassroots level.

Deputy Director Employment, Sunaina Saini, informed that sanction letters in respect of 72 cases were handed over at today's event, while as many as 885 cases have already been approved by the District Level Implementation Committee. She expressed confidence that many more success stories would emerge under the scheme in the coming months.

The event concluded with an interactive session where the young beneficiaries shared their aspirations and

expressed gratitude for the government's initiative that promises to transform their entrepreneurial dreams into reality.

Mission YUVA is a flagship initiative of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir aimed at fostering youth entrepreneurship and employment generation across the Union Territory. The scheme provides financial assistance to fresh as well as existing entrepreneurs to establish and expand their business ventures, with J&K Bank acting as the key financial partner for its implementation.

# Div Com reviews implementation of CSS, UT schemes

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SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg, on Thursday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) and Union Territory (UT) schemes under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) by the Agriculture and Sericulture departments.

The meeting was attended by the Director of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Additional Director Sericulture, Deputy Director Planning, and other senior officers from the concerned departments.

During the meeting, Div Com evaluated the effectiveness of ongoing schemes aimed at promoting agriculture and allied sectors with a focus on economic growth, increased crop productivity, employment generation, and boosting farmers' incomes.



Div Com Kashmir, Anshul Garg chairing a review meeting on Thursday.

Emphasizing the importance of tangible outcomes, Div Com directed officers to ensure that the benefits of all schemes are effectively percolated down to the grassroots, reaching the intended beneficiaries. He stressed the need to bridge the gap between targets and actual achievements under the various schemes.

Highlighting the role of digital platforms in modern agriculture marketing, he urged departments to assess the impact of digital interventions and to integrate larger e-commerce

platforms such as Amazon to facilitate better market access and higher returns for farmers.

Div Com instructed the Agriculture department to focus on the distribution of scientifically advanced, high-yielding crop varieties, which are crucial for enhancing per hectare productivity. He also called for motivating farmers to adopt highly remunerative agricultural practices, such as mushroom cultivation and sericulture, as part of an integrated farming approach.

Further, he called for a measurable increase in scheme output and visible improvements in livelihood parameters across rural areas.

Earlier, Director of Agriculture presented a detailed overview of the sector's current status, including the area under cultivation, irrigation facilities, productivity levels, and a strategic vision aimed at achieving sustainable agricultural development, ensuring food security, enhancing rural livelihoods, and promoting environmental sustainability.

It was informed that the Agriculture department is currently implementing 16 schemes under HADP in addition to various Centrally Sponsored and UT Schemes.

Representative from the Sericulture Department also shared insights into the department's historical significance, ongoing projects, and future vision for enhancing silk production and farmer engagement in the sector.

# JKEDI hosts investment cum mentorship program on 'Deep Tech and Venture Capital'

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Thursday organized an investment cum mentorship program titled "Deep Tech and Venture Capital" at its Main Campus Sempora, Pampore.

The day-long program was held in collaboration with the National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), a GoI enterprise and Sanchi Connect, a leading Business Accelerator supporting Deep Tech Startups.

The programme witnessed active participation from over 100 startups, aspiring entrepreneurs, and industry thought leaders, offering a unique platform for knowledge-sharing, real-time interactions, and personal mentorship.

On the occasion, the JKEDI

also signed an MoU with GIF - National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar aimed at fostering skill development and exposure for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir. Sarvana Kumar, CEO of NSIC Ventures Capital Fund Ltd., and Dr. Sunil K Shekhawat, Founder & CEO of Sanchi Connect, were the keynote speakers for the day-long event.

Khalid Jahangir, Secretary in, Industries and Commerce Department, and Director JKEDI, in his address, highlighted the region's entrepreneurial legacy and the urgency to align it with modern, technology-driven business models. The JKEDI is on boarding the mentors for providing one to one mentorship to the startups of which there is a dire need.

He stated, "The entrepreneurial spirit is deeply rooted in J&K's

culture. Our objective is to channel this talent pool towards creating scalable and sustainable tech-based enterprises. Mentorship is a vital key to enabling this growth, and today's programme is a step in that direction." He further added that with 44% of the startups registered with the JKEDI as tech based startups, the dialogues on Deep Tech will enable these startups to gain more insights. Sarvana Kumar detailed the role of NSIC under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, especially the Self Reliant India Fund (SRI Fund) backed by ₹10,000 Crore of Mother Fund, which supports startups and MSMEs by providing access to affordable capital and strategic support. Dr. Sunil K Shekhawat shared his entrepreneurial journey and underlined how Sanchi Connect's network of "450 Venture Capital Funds and

100 Corporate Houses" helps Deep Tech startups scale effectively. He emphasized the importance of integrating forward and backward linkages into traditional business models for sustained growth. A startup founder remarked, "The interaction helped us rethink our approach and gain sharper clarity on our business direction." The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, fostering further engagement between the experts and participants, where selected startups received personalized guidance from the resource persons to refine their business models, overcome challenges, and strategize for long-term growth.

JKEDI reiterated its mission to foster a robust startup ecosystem in J&K and announced upcoming initiatives like Idea Challenge Competitions in schools and colleges, aimed at

promoting innovation from an early stage.

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE		
<b>11078 Jhelum Express</b>		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi	
<b>12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express</b>		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
<b>12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express</b>		
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi	
<b>Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)</b>		
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra	
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar	
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 715		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		
<b>Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)</b>		
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra	
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		

FIND CINEMA		
<b>PARAM SUNDARI (HINDI)</b>		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	10:35 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	12:50 PM	
<b>BAAGHI 4 (HINDI)</b>		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00 AM / 12:45 PM / 1:15 PM / 4:00 PM / 4:30 PM / 7:45 PM / 11:00 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	9:55/AM/ 04:05/PM 10:15 PM	
<b>THE BENGAL FILES (HINDI)</b>		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	04:05 PM / 10:15 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	6:40 PM	
<b>MEHAR (PUNJABI)</b>		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	- 7:50PM	

HELPLINE		
<b>TELEPHONES</b>		
Directory Enquiry		197
Fault Repair		198
Local Assistance		199
Trunk Booking		180
Trunk Assistance		181
International Trunk Booking	2447952, 2577951, 2573639	
Billing Complaints	2543896, 2548415	
Billing Complaints Computerize		1955
Change No. Announcement		1951
Gandhi Nagar Exchange	2451953, 2430953	
<b>HOSPITALS</b>		
Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291	
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital		2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	257147, 257084, 257357	
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637	
Emergency		2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638	
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012	
Dental Hospital		2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar		2430041
Emergency		2431740
Child Hospital		2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital		262270
<b>AMBULANCES</b>		
Indian Red Cross Society		2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248	
<b>FIRE STATIONS</b>		
Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705	
City		2544263
Canal		2554064
Roop Nagar		2597522
Gangyal		2480026
Bar Brahmana		220020
Akhnoor		252481
Kathua		234313
Samba		243280
Katra		232451
Udhampur		270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82	
Police Exchange	2547621-22, 2547624	
Civil Defence Control Room	2549100, 2548645, 2544920	
Civil Defence	2548645, 2549100, 2544920	
Hot Line		383
<b>TOURISM</b>		
Tourist Officer, Airport		2431917
Tourist Officer, Railway Station		2430078
Tourist Reception Centre		2579554
<b>BUS SERVICES</b>		
JKSRTC General Manager		2435262
JKSRTC Bus Stand		2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service		2576562
Punjab Roadways		2542782
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>		
Company Bagh		2542582
Parade		2544979
Bakshi Nagar		2543557
Panjthirni		2547501
Narwal		2430031
<b>ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS</b>		
Canal	2554147, 2554199	
Parade	2542289, 2543398	
Nanak Nagar		2430776
Gandhi Nagar		2430180
Shastri Nagar		2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258	
Satwari		2452816
<b>FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)</b>		
		101
<b>CIVIC SERVICES</b>		
Municipality	2547846, 2542192	
Health Officer		2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal		2547440