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 Kashmir to India.

Addressing a press con-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



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 primary education for all, Round Table Conference in through Janipur, New

Subject laws to safeguard

land, jobs, resources, and

the Dogra identity and cul-

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

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

DC Jammu hands over loan sanction letters to 72 young entrepreneurs

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JAMMU: 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

programme 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

Representatives of J&K Bank, including Rakesh Mangotra, General Manager (RAM & GSS), Ashok Gupta, General Manager and Divisional Head Jammu, 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.



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 self-reliance. He described the scheme as a blessing for aspiring entrepreneurs who are determined to carve a niche for themselves in different sec-The Deputy Commissioner also lauded the role of the Employment Department in effectively facilitating the scheme at the grassroots level.

Director Deputy Employment, 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 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 aspirations

promises to transform their entrepreneurial dreams into Mission YUVA is a flagship initiative of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir aimed at fostering youth

expressed gratitude for the

government's initiative that

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

SRINAGAR: 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 depart-

The meeting was attended by the Director of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. Additional 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, highyielding 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

increase in scheme output and visible improvements in livelihood parameters across rural areas. Earlier, Director of Agriculture pre-

Further, he called for a measurable

sented 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

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.

promoting innovation from an

early stage.

DC reviews Bank performance under various Credit Linked Govt Schemes

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo on Thursday chaired a comprehensive meeting with branch heads of various Banks here to review and expedite the approved by multiple District Level Implementation Committees (DLIC) under various Credit Linked schemes of the Govt. including HADP, Mission YUVA, APY, PMJJBY, PMJSY, Agri Credit schemes etc.

He also assessed the progress of Banks under various Financial Inclusion schemes in the district.

At the outset, DC took a branch-wise review of the banks and evaluated their performance in sanctioning of cases approved by the Implementation Committees under various credit linked schemes of the government.

On the occasion, DC instructed the Banks to

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ensure the swift sanctioning and disbursement of credit facility to the eligible beneficiaries by strictly adhering to the set timelines.

Labroo emphasized the need to minimize the gap between DLIC-approved and bank-sanctioned cases and instructed banks to accelerate disbursement processes to facilitate the eligible beneficiaries in the district. He also urged banks to provide proper handholding and support to the common public and help them in taking timely benefits of the credit linked schemes of the government.

During the meeting, DC also reviewed the progress of under various Financial Inclusion schemes including Atal pension Yojna (APY), PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) in the dis-

He stressed upon them to sanction & disburse benefits to eligible beneficiaries in a time bound manner and work towards saturating all government-sponsored Financial Inclusion schemes in the district so that the target population is benefitted. He urged the Bankers to proactively intensify outreach efforts and maximize enrolments under these schemes

DC asked the bankers to prioritize the Mission YUVA & HADP initiative aimed at empowering youth through self-employment.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Rifat Aftab Qureshi; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Dar; Ahmad General Manger DIC. Hamida Akhtar: Zonal Head Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Layek Ahmad Jan; LDM (Banks), Nilofer Jan, officers of various line departments, Managers of various Bank Branches in the district and other concerned

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

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The Jammu &

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 personalized mentorship.

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Forest,

green wealth.

Presiding

SRINAGAR: Minister for

Environment, Jal Shakti

and Tribal Affairs Javed

Ahmad Rana today paid

rich tributes to the martyrs

of the Forest Department

who laid down their lives

while protecting J&K's

National Forest Martyrs'

Day- 2025 function at

Tagore Hall, here, the

Minister acknowledged the

unwavering commitment

and supreme sacrifices of

forest personnel in safe-

guarding the region's pre-

The event was organised

by the J&K Forest

Department to commemo-

Martyrs' Day and honour

the courage and dedication

of forest officials and

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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 kevnote speakers for the daylong 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, technologydriven 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

tion towards preserving

our natural heritage for

"The supreme sacrifices

made by our brave forest

personnel will always be

remembered. We must all

feel proud of those who laid

down their lives for the

cause of protecting

underlined

future generations.

nature," he said.

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culture. Our objective is to channel this talent pool towards creating scalable and sustainable techbased 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 Sanchi Connect, were the JKEDI as tech based startups, the dialogues on Deep Tech wil 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

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 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

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National Forest Martyrs Day: Rana pays tributes to Martyrs

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Rana said that the sacrifice of these martyrs is a testament of their dedica-

forests and wildlife.

frontline staff who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty while protecting Speaking on the occasion,

forests are the lungs of the planet, and the green guardians who protect them are real heroes. "It is our collective duty

to ensure their sacrifice does not go in vain and we continue their mission with renewed commitment," the Minister said.

Emphasising on the importance of natural resources, the Minister said that the survival of humankind depends on forests and water and the world simply cannot sustain without them.

Encouraging the department to continue its mission, the Minister said that efforts are on to further strengthen the department and enhance facilities for all staff engaged in protecting our natural resources

how Sanchi Connect's network of

"450 Venture Capital Funds and

Announcing key initiatives, the Minister said that a new roadmap is being prepared to restore the lost glory of the Forest Department, with plans to develop an ecotourism park and other infrastructure in memory of the martyrs. He also announced the introduction of group insurance facilities for employees.

In his welcome address, Conservator of Forests, North Circle, Irfan Ali Shah highlighted the challenges faced by frontline staff and reiterated the department's commitment to their welfare and safety.

The event also witnessed speeches by representatives of forest associations and organisations, who underlined the crucial role of forest officials in conservation and the sacrifices they make

The Minister, on the occasion, also released a publi- $_{
m titled}$ Hearts". He also felicitated the family members of the

Commissioner Secretary, Ecology Forest Sheetal Environment, Nanda; PCCF & Head of Force. Forest Suresh Kumar Gupta; MD J&K Development

martyrs for their sacrifices.

Corporation; CCFs, DFOs. Conservators. Range Officers, Foresters, Forest Guards, representatives of various forest organisations, families of martyrs, environmental activists and senior government functionaries were also present on the occasion.

Earlier in the day, a tribute ceremony was held at Forest Martyrs Memorial, Shankaracharva Hill, Srinagar, where floral wreath was laid in honour of the martyrs. In Jammu, the day was

observed at the Foresters Memorial, FRMC (ICT Lab), Narwal, with wreathlaying ceremonies by forest officers and staff. Similar observances were held across the J&K, including at Kashmir Forest Training School, Chitternar.