



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha alongwith Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta during inauguration of SARAS Aajeevika Mela at Jammu.

## Lt Governor inaugurates SARAS Aajeevika Mela in Jammu

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 4: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha inaugurated 11-day long SARAS Aajeevika Mela at the Aquaplex Crown Bagh-e-Bahu today.

The Lt Governor congratulated the J&K Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) and Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj for inviting Self-Help Groups women entrepreneurs from across the country. The exhibition is the largest gathering of rural women Self-Help Groups from 15 States/UTs to showcase their skills and build the linkage with bulk buyers.

"Women entrepreneurs will be the main sustaining force of socio-economic growth. SHGs have been doing praiseworthy work in supporting women artisans and entrepreneurs in rural areas," he said.

The Lt Governor said the first budget of Amrit Kaal has given priority to the women. As many as 81 lakh Self Help Groups will be enabled to reach the next stage of economic empowerment through formation of large producer enterprises, he said.

The Lt Governor also shared the efforts of the Government to promote women entrepreneurship

in J&K UT.

Various new schemes like Saath, Hausla in J&K UT, aims to assist Self-Help Groups to enhance their business, training and support for better packaging, branding and marketing so they can scale up the operations to serve the consumer markets across the country, the Lt Governor said.

Within a short period of time, around six lakh women from the rural areas have been associated with 74,000 Self-Help Groups in Jammu Kashmir, he observed.

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Governor.

The Lt Governor expressed hope that SARAS Aajeevika Mela will give renewed push to One District One Product initiative.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor released SARAS Patrika, showcasing the journey of J&K Rural Livelihood Mission.

The Lt Governor also launched the official website of JKRLM and a toll-free helpline. The facilities will help JKRLM to get feedback on its services and also inform the general public about the Mission. The website is designed with a focus to provide a marketing linkage to SHGs and strengthen the linkage between buyers & sellers.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, while appreciating JKRLM for organizing such an event in J&K said that the Mela would give wide exposure to SHGs women.

Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director JKRLM, also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the objectives of the initiative.

Members of Self Help Groups, artisans and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

## IAF ready to meet any eventuality with China, Pak: AM Sinha

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 4: Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha, AOC-in-C, Western Command, today stated that the Indian Air Force is ready to meet any eventuality with China and Pakistan.

The Air Officer said this during his visit to the forward areas along the Northern Borders

ior officers and deliberated on various defence related issues while lauding the strong counter-infiltration grid along the Line of Control.

He remarked that the synergized approach will be the way ahead to address the dynamic requirements of the modern day warfare.

He assured that the Western Command is vigilant for the aerial defence of the sensitive areas of various parts of North, North-West India.

Recognizing the efforts of the Indian Army and Air Force in Jammu and Kashmir, the Air Officer appreciated the spirit and motivation of the troops deployed in active operations and praised all ranks for their unconditional and selfless service to the Nation.

He also commended the troops of Indian Army for securing the borders and keeping the internal security situation stable in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh.



Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha during a function on Saturday.

where he was briefed about the prevalent security situation and operational preparedness.

"The Indian Air Force has kept almost all its air bases at a very high level of readiness to meet any eventuality with China and Pakistan," said Sinha.

As per a statement, the Air Marshal interacted with the sen-

## DGP sanctions Rs 9 lakh scholarships

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 4: The Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs 9.15 lakh scholarships in favour of 172 meritorious wards of police personnel.

Pertinently, police headquarters under its welfare schemes has introduced various scholarships to encourage the meritorious wards of the serving and retired police personnel. Rewards and scholarships are granted to such wards to inculcate talent and spirit of competition among them.

A press statement said that Rs 8 lakh scholarships were sanctioned in favour of 149 wards of the serving police personnel who have secured 80% or above marks in the annual examination

## PIL seeking proper student-teacher ratio in schools DB seeks status report indicating completion of infrastructure facilities

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 4: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by All Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Teachers Federation seeking proper student-teacher ratio in the schools, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Moksha Khajuria has directed Additional Advocate General to file a comprehensive status report indicating progress and completion of infrastructure facilities.

On 15.02.2021, respondent was directed to file a report with respect to status of all the projects as the status report filed on 13.05.2019 did not disclose as to whether the projects have been completed or not. Pursuant to order dated 15.02.2021, respondent filed a status report dated 07.11.2021 wherein information of the projects vis-a-vis the completion and pendency with, effect from 2018 onwards has been given in a tabulated form.

After perusal of the report, the DB observed, "it would reveal that number of works

approved under AWP&B for the financial year 2018-19 under Samagra Shiksha were 1955, out of which only 821 have been completed and 236 are shown to be in progress", adding "there is no mention about the remaining 898 projects of the year 2018-19 in the status report. Insofar as number of works sanctioned for the financial year 2019-20 is concerned, the report reflects that 3723 works had been sanctioned and only 80 works were completed while as 876 works are in progress. Therefore, 2767 works are not being talked about for the year 2019-20. Similarly, number of works approved under AWP&B for the financial year 2020-21 under Samagra Shiksha were 638 works, and for 140 works tender process has been initiated".

"Therefore, there are 498 works pending from amongst the approved works under AWP&B for the years 2020-21. Hence, no mention is made in the status report with regard to 4163 pending works", the DB said, adding "on 22.02.2022, it was observed by this court that though various projects have been sanctioned

but only limited projects have been completed and only some are in progress. Accordingly, respondents were granted some more time to produce a better status report bringing on record the entire policy and the need of educational institutions in the Union Territory as also the existing students teachers ratio in both the urban and rural areas".

"Besides this, they were also directed to inform about the Education Policy as well as number of schools (Elementary, High Schools and the Secondary Schools) which are required in the Union Territory and as to how many of them exist presently with all necessary infrastructures", the DB said, adding "the Government is under obligation to provide basic infrastructure facilities like toilet facility, drinking water, good ventilated class rooms, appointment of teachers and all other facilities so that children can study in a clean and healthy environment".

Accordingly, DB directed AAG Raman Sharma to file a comprehensive status report indicating progress and completion of infrastructure facilities.

## Acting CJ inaugurates training for LADCs HC rolls out virtual case hearing for Ladakh

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 4: Under the effervescent patronage and guidance of Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Tashi Rabstan, the High Court today rolled out an initiative of taking up the judicial matters of UT of Ladakh through virtual mode by allowing the parties and lawyers to appear and plead their cases from Ladakh itself.

In its first kind of initiative, the Court of Justice Tashi Rabstan

"In future, hearing of the matters of Ladakh will be done virtually by allowing the parties to appear and plead their cases from the UT itself and it will be a regular feature", stated Anoop Kumar Sharma, Registrar Computers (IT), High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Meanwhile Justice Tashi Rabstan, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, and Patron-in-Chief/Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority inaugurated a two day training programme for Legal Aid



Justice Tashi Rabstan speaking during training programme at Jammu on Saturday.

today heard the matters of UT of Ladakh virtually, in which the lawyers and Government representatives who were petitioners and the respondents in the listed cases appeared on virtual mode from Leh and pleaded their cases.

As many as, six matters of the UT of Ladakh were listed today before the Bench, in which the virtual proceedings were conducted.

Defence Counsels (LADCs), organised by J&K Legal Services Authority in collaboration with J&K Judicial Academy.

Delivering inaugural address, Justice Tashi said that, this programme has been titled as Training Programme but I think the delegates attending the programme don't require any training as such, because they have already been

## Nominates Nodal Officers for MoHFW's NPSIF in J&K H&ME approves 100% increase in intake capacity for RIPMS Ganderbal

**Irfan Trambo**

SRINAGAR, Feb 4: The Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department has approved the 100 per cent increase in the intake capacity in General Nursing and Midwifery for the Royal Institute of Para Medical Sciences (RIPMS), operational in the Darind area of district Ganderbal.

The increase in intake capacity from 45 to 90 seats has been approved after the relevant authorities conducted the requisite inspection.

According to officials, the H&ME has approved the provisional NOC to the Royal Institute of Paramedical Sciences to increase the number of seats for General Nursing & Midwifery, which is a Diploma Course.

The J&K Paramedical Council, Act of 2014's rules must be followed, and the Institute shall not impose any capitation fees as part of the terms and conditions of the provisional NOC.

Additionally, it has been stated that the permission will be subject to any policy the Government may issue in the future to regulate these Institutes and that the selection of candidates for admission to the aforementioned Courses must be done based on merit in accordance with the rules established by the Government from time to time through the J&K Board of

Professional Entrance Examination (BOPEE).

The J&K Paramedical Council has been instructed to periodically audit the institute to track and evaluate the infrastructure's sufficiency concerning the number of trainees.

"An amount of Rs. 5000 per trainee per session shall be charged by the Institute on account of providing hospital facility and the amount so received be utilized for Hospital Development fund of the Hospital to which the institute is attached," H&ME said.

Furthermore, the J&K Paramedical Council has been instructed to administer exams to the trainees in the same manner as the AMT/ANMT Schools in the UT of J&K.

Meanwhile, the Government has nominated Principal, GMC Srinagar and Jammu as Nodal Officers for the National Patient Safety Implementation Framework (NPSIF).

"Government Medical College, Jammu and the Government Medical College, Srinagar as the Centre of Excellence" for effective implementation of National Patient Safety Implementation Framework (NPSIF) in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir," H&ME said.

It added that the Nodal Officers, so nominated, shall be responsible for reporting and monitoring the patient safety data of their respective divi-



Union Minister Anurag Thakur with winners of Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival at JU on Saturday.

## Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival concludes GoI ready to help JU for R&D in course of Journalism: Anurag Thakur

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Feb 4: Four-day 36th Inter-University North Zone Youth Festival, ANTA-NAAD at Jammu University, concluded today with an impressive valedictory function amid award distribution by Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of Sports, Youth Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting, who was chief guest on the occasion.

Praising Jammu University for its overall contribution in research & development and having A+ NAAC accreditation, Thakur said, Information & Broadcasting Ministry, Government of India was ready to help Jammu University in the development of lab, in research and development in the course of Journalism.

Chandigarh University, Maholi was declared Overall

Champion of the mega event, which was organized under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The Lovely Professional University Phagwara and Punjab University Chandigarh were declared as 1st and 2nd Runner up, respectively. Around one thousand students of 18 universities from J&K and across the Northern India participated in the Youth Festival, during which several literary, musical and fine arts competitions were held.

Speaking on the occasion of valedictory function, Anurag Thakur said that it has been possible only because of contribution of the youth that India is now the hub of 'Start-up' ecosystem in the world, ranking third with 90,000 'Start-Ups', 107 unicorn companies worth 30 billion dollars.

"The world is looking towards New India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi as we are now the biggest exporter of vaccines, biggest exporter of mobile phones and defence equipments which can be judged from the fact that India now exports mobile phones worth one lakh crore, defence equipments worth 16 thousand crores this year. This is the picture of New India leading everywhere in every field from last eight years," he added.

Praising various performances of the youth during the festival, Thakur said that India has a great history with rich culture, art and tradition and the youth of this country have a great responsibility to preserve this culture, art and tradition which is not seen anywhere in the world.

Stressing on the five

resolves put forward by PM Narendra Modi, Thakur said, in the recently announced Amrit Kaal Budget by the Union Finance Minister, the budget has the best provisions for the youth of this country as 47 lakh youth will be provided with the stipend, 30 Skill India International Centres will be established, 3 centres of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence will be established training youth in 3D printing, AI, Internet of Things etc making them skilled and future ready in diverse modern fields.

During the valedictory function, the Minister also felicitated Padma Shree Awardees of Jammu, who included Jitender Udhamprai, Rajinder Tikoo, S P Verma, Mohan Singh Slathia and Balwant Thakur.

Earlier, JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Umesh Rai, also spoke on the occasion and lauded the spirit of the students from various universities who took part in the Youth Festival.

Welcome address was delivered by Prof Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, JU & Organising Secretary, Antarnaad while vote of thanks was presented by Prof Vishav Raksha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee & Coordinator, Antarnaad.

The valedictory function was also attended by Prof Bechan Lal, VC Cluster University, Jammu; Dr Baljeet Singh, Joint Secretary, AIU; Professor Naresh Padma, DAA JU; S D Jamwal, ADGP Security, Jammu; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu and Ravinder Raina, President BJP J&K and others.

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