

J&K Bank's 'Nayi Disha' programme LG felicitates youth selected for self-employment on R-Day

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JAMMU, Jan 25: On the eve of 74th Republic Day, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha felicitated and handed over certificates to selected youth who have availed the assistance to start their own business venture.

The Lt Governor said that the administration is fully committed to youth entrepreneurship and ensuring self-employment opportunities. "We have taken many steps to create supportive infrastructure, schemes and policies to speed up economic development of Jammu Kashmir and to meet the aspirations of our young people. Mission Youth, JKRLM and other government agencies along with J&K Bank are helping thousands of new entrepreneurs to set up businesses. The drive during Back to Village and My Town My Pride created a new record enabling 75,000 young entrepreneurs to start a new chapter of their life while celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," the Lt Governor said.

"It is a day of pride for J&K. We have identified youth from every Panchayat and town of the UT and more than 75,000 youth have been connected with livelihood opportunities. I congratulate J&K bank as it has more than 90% share, extending around Rs 900 crores," the Lt Governor added.

"We have scripted a golden chapter of the employment boom in J&K. It is our commitment to ensure aspirations, creativity & enterprise of every youth is realized. We have been steadfast in our resolve to empower young generation," the Lt Governor said.

J&K Bank has shed its past image. It is now the common man's bank and significant partner of J&K's developmental journey. Several initiatives have been taken to ensure financial inclusion where



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha felicitating youth selected for self-employment.

every citizen, irrespective of socio-economic status, is empowered to participate in the new age economy, observed the Lt Governor.

Speaking on the potential of youth of J&K, the Lt Governor said, from service sector to agri-entrepreneurs & start-ups, our youth have achieved unprecedented success.

Pulwama has set a new record by providing opportunities to 7324 youth to set up their own business venture. J&K setting up maximum number of manufacturing units in PMEGP in the country last year and also generating maximum number of employment is a testimony to our commitment to youth, he added.

In all the newly started business ventures, 15% of the entrepreneurs are our daughters who have started their entrepreneurial journey in sectors like training institutes, boutiques, handicrafts etc, the Lt Governor further added.

Women are driving the socio-economic transformation in Jammu Kashmir. They are the backbone of our society. It is indeed a privilege for J&K Bank to contribute in this campaign of women empowerment, the Lt Governor said.

The banking sector will have to play a pivotal role for the rejuvenation of the agriculture & allied sector. By taking banking services to

common man, SHGs, village industries and innovative start-ups can create a competitive economy in Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also launched various initiatives of the J&K bank including enhancement of Group Personal Accident Insurance from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 25 lakh for J&K UT Government Employee and Instant loan disbursement for J&K Government employees.

An MoU between J&K Bank and Jammu Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA) was also signed in presence of Lt Governor.

As a part of the Corporate Social Responsibility of J&K Bank, an ambulance was handed over to Government Psychiatric Hospital, Jammu and a computer lab was announced for Bhatryia Vidya Mandir, Udhampur.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, speaking on the occasion, congratulated the J&K bank for launching new initiatives and extending banking facilities across the UT.

Baldev Prakash, MD & CEO J&K Bank highlighted the Bank's role in the Atma Nirbhar Bharat campaign and extending financial assistance to the youth of J&K to set up their business enterprises.

It was informed that Rs 980 cr was sanctioned by all banks for self-employment ventures of the youth during Back to Village-4 & My Town My Pride 2.0.

Substantial increase in project completions: CS

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JAMMU, Jan 25: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today remarked that J&K has come a long way in improving both the quality and magnitude of expenditure in the last couple of years which has resulted in five fold increase in number of projects completed.

He made these remarks while speaking in a meeting to review the expenditure out of Capex Budget 2022-23 by different departments.

The meeting was attended by the Administrative Secretaries, Directors of Finance and other concerned officers from different departments.

Srinagar based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Administrative Secretaries to look out for the projects that are nearing completion so that funds are provided for their early culmination. He urged them to accelerate the pace of expenditure so that no part remains to be unspent before the given period.

Dr Mehta maintained that J&K has improved on many indices continuously from the last few years. He gave out that the developmental curve has seen an upward trend with enhanced focus on both quality and quantity of work done on ground.

The Chief Secretary stressed on continuing this pace and momentum of development and reforms in administration so that the objective of less government more governance is achieved effectively. He enumerated that the UT has been successful in moving up the ladder on number of developmental parameters.

He elucidated that whether it is digitization of land records, construction of roads under PMGSY, tourist arrivals, sports infrastructure or activities, industrial investments etc, J&K happens to be an example in fast tracking development.

In terms of reforms, he observed that the UT has done a transformative job. He stated



CS Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting in Jammu.

that a year or so before, it was unimaginable to think of Digital J&K, which is a reality today. He reiterated that no goal fixed ever has remained too far for J&K to achieve. He stated that the reforms taken by the LG administration had been first of their kind in the history of J&K.

He said that be it District Good Governance Index, Departmental Deliverables, saturation of individual beneficiary programmes, Aspirational blocks, Aspirational Panchayats, introduction of e-office or other measures, J&K has attained a distinction in

moving towards a more vibrant, responsive, transparent and accountable system in these years.

The Chief Secretary urged the officers to make preparations for effectively implementing the next year budget. He advised them to have ambitious targets and achieve them efficiently.

The Chief Secretary also said that number of projects likely to be completed in 22-23 is around 65,000 which shall be more than seven times of number of projects completed in 18-19.

LG greets people on Republic Day

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JAMMU, Jan 25: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings and felicitations to the people on the occasion of 74th Republic Day.

In a message, the Lt Governor said: "I extend warm greetings to all. I convey my special greetings to members of Jammu Kashmir Police, Armed Forces, CAPFs and emergency responders. I also wish and congratulate all our sports persons who have participated and won laurels for Jammu Kashmir."

On this day in 1950, by adopting the values and ideals enshrined in the Constitution, the architects of our country had embarked on a journey to

create a society based on justice, brotherhood and equality. This seven-decade-long developmental journey is a living example of our inclusive ideology, national unity, hard work and dynamism, added the Lt Governor.

We pay tribute to the farmers, scientists, engineers, doctors, nurses, teachers, tribals, litterateurs, artists, businessmen, workers, youth and women who have infused new energy into Jammu Kashmir and ensured inclusive and sustainable development, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also paid homage to the founding fathers and the freedom fighters who made supreme sacrifice for the unity and integrity of our country.



Prominent people from Kishtwar being welcomed in BJP by party president, Ravinder Raina and general secretary, Sunil Sharma at Jammu on Wednesday.

Civil society members join BJP

Modi Govt ensured J&K's march towards peace, prosperity: Raina

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JAMMU, Jan 25: Prominent Civil Society members from Kishtwar joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in presence of senior party leaders at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here, today.

These prominent people along with their supporters joined the party in presence of party president, Ravinder Raina who welcomed them in a programme organized by party general secretary, Sunil Sharma.

J&K BJP office secretary, Tilak Raj Gupta, Prabhari Pardeep Parihar, district president, Chuni Lal and other party leaders were also present on the occasion.

"J&K was once hovering into the darkness of uncertainty, marred by the corrupt, illegal and anti-national activities being promoted by certain mainstream political parties. Now, with the Modi Government's commitment, decisive administration and good governance model, J&K has started its march towards being the land of peace and prosperity," said Raina while welcoming the new entrants.

"Today, with its people centric

development policies, the BJP has become the voice of Jammu & Kashmir residents. BJP has not only reached the masses but has become the part and parcel of life of every common citizen of India," said Raina.

Raina added that with its clear policies, BJP has been able to attract every person from the social and political arena, who yearns to serve the society and the nation with zeal.

Sunil Sharma, while welcoming the new entrants, expressed pleasure that prominent members of civil society have joined BJP to serve the people. He said that the party believes that their resourceful services will not only benefit the people and the organization in Kishtwar, but they will be equally beneficial for J&K as a whole.

New entrants shared their pleasure on the occasion and said that today, Modi Ji has become the voice of the underprivileged and those who were neglected for decades. They said that they would feel proud while serving the society under the banner of BJP who is an army of dedicated patriots led by global leader, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

DG's Prison Medal

conferred to 10 officials

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JAMMU, Jan 25: On the eve of Republic Day, 2023, Director General's Prison Medal has been awarded to 10

Jail Rajouri; Ram Kumar, SG Warder, District Jail Udhampur; Rakesh Kumar, SG. Warder, District Jail Kathua; Fayaz Ahmed Lone, I/c SG. Warder, District Jail Anantnag; Nazir



Officer/Official(s) of the Prisons Department, J&K in recognition of their outstanding performance. The awardees include Shabir Ahmed, I/c Assistant Superintendent Jail, District Jail Poonch; Mumtaz Ahmad Khan, Head Assistant, Central Jail Srinagar; Kamal Singh, Head Warder, Central Jail Jammu (KB); Mohd. Naseer Mumtaz, Head Warder, (District Jail Rajouri); Ram Kumar, SG Warder, (District Jail Udhampur); Rakesh Kumar, SG Warder, (District Jail Kathua); Fayaz Ahmed Lone, I/c SG Warder, (District Jail Anantnag); Nazir Ahmed Ganaie, Warder, (District Jail Kupwara); Mushtaq Ahmed Wani, Warder, (District Jail Baramulla); Bhim Singh Jamadar, (District Jail Kishtwar).

SHA releases list of best performing public, private hospitals under AB PM-JAY

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JAMMU, Jan 25: On the basis of performance under AB PM-JAY and achievement of AB PM-JAY Quality Certification (Gold/Silver/Bronze), State Health Agency (SHA) of Jammu and Kashmir has shortlisted district-wise best performing empanelled hospitals (public and private), which shall be distributed certificates of recognition on Republic Day.

Among the private hospitals, Triveni Nursing Home has been declared best performing in Jammu district for third time in a row. Shifa Medical Centre has been declared best in Srinagar district, Al Hayat Maternity & Laparoscopic Hospital in Anantnag, KLSM Rotary Eye & ENT Hospital in Udhampur and Shree Aum Hospital in Samba district.

Further, Pir Panchal Hospital has been adjudged best performing in Poonch district, Care Dialysis & Diagnosis Centre in Pulwama, Khanday Hospital in Ramban, Rajouri Medicity in Rajouri, Gupta Hospital & Research

Centre in Kathua, Alnoor Dialysis & Health Centre in Ganderbal, St Josephs Hospital in Baramulla, Al Sidiq Dialysis & Health Care Centre in Bandipora and Central Kashmir Dialysis Unit in Budgam district.

In case of public hospitals, GMC Jammu has been declared best in Jammu district, SMHS Hospital in Srinagar, SDH Seer in Anantnag, CHC Chadoora in Budgam, DH Bandipora in Bandipora district, SDH Sopore in Baramulla district, GMC Doda in Doda district, DH Ganderbal in Ganderbal district, GMC Kathua in Kathua district and DH Kishtwar in Kishtwar district.

Similarly, DH Pora has been adjudged best performing in Kulgam district, DH Handwara in Kupwara district, SDH Sunderbani in Rajouri, CHC Banihal in Ramban district, SDH Pampore in Poonch, CHC Keller in Shopian, CHC Ramgarh in Samba, DH Udhampur in Udhampur district and CHC Katra in Reasi district.