

'Mumkin' scheme proves instrumental in satiating aspirations of J&K Youth

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SRINAGAR, Mar 3: The ambitious 'Mumkin Scheme', conceived by J&K Government under Mission Youth initiative, is proving instrumental towards satiating aspirations of youth who can contribute in societal growth and welfare in tremendous ways.

Under the scheme, unemployed youth are being facilitated to procure small commercial vehicles on a subsidised basis to establish a sustainable livelihood in the transport sector.

The 'Mumkin' is a livelihood programme designed primarily for unemployed young people in the age group of 18 to 35 years.

Through the scheme, small commercial vehicles are being provided to the youth with the banking partner extending the loan facility to the extent of 100 percent for on-road price of the vehicle to be purchased.

Apart from this, Mission Youth provides an amount of Rs 80,000 or 10 percent for the on-road price of the vehicle (whichever is lesser) as an upfront subsidy and the vehicle manufacturers (scheme partner of government) provide a spe-

cial upfront discount, not less than the amount of subsidy.

To make the scheme implementation completely transparent and fast, a module has been developed on the JK-e-Services portal for operating the scheme digitally.

The J&K administration is also facilitating soft finance for setting up new enterprises or for expansion and modernisation of existing ventures for income generation.

Pertinently, Mission Youth is an ambitious programme of UT administration aimed at to positively engage youth in socio-economic development of J&K through a multi-pronged strategy involving all necessary systematic interventions particularly in the areas of skill development, livelihood generation, education, recreation and sports.

The UT administration is laying special thrust on youth skilling & self-employment in Rural areas with targeted schemes to drive a socio-economic transformation.

Muzafar Wani of Ramban is thankful to administration for providing him a vehicle helping him to secure a respectable livelihood that could fulfil the

needs of his family.

Similarly, Hatib Javaid of Shopian was working as daily wage labourer and could hardly bear the expenses of his family with a meagre earning.

In Khonmoh area in Srinagar, Riyaz Raqeb, another beneficiary of the scheme, said he learnt to drive at a young age as he had to lend a helping hand to his family of six, including his four siblings.

He worked as a driver for private companies and other vehicle owners on a daily basis, however, he struggled to earn enough to look after his family.

He stumbled upon the government's initiative on social media in August last year, and soon found himself at the District Employment and Counseling Centre in Srinagar.

The awareness programme of Mumkin scheme gave him a ray of hope for realizing his dream of owning a vehicle.

Sham Choudhary, Munish Sharma, Pardeep listen public grievances

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JAMMU, Mar 3: Listening to the legitimate issues put forth by the common masses, senior BJP leaders continued the party's mission to resolve the issues faced by the residents of Jammu & Kashmir.

J&K BJP vice-president and former Minister, Sham Choudhary and BJP All Morcha in charge, Munish Sharma accompanied by BJP Media in charge, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra listened to the public grievances and took up the same with the concerned department officials for their early solutions at BJP Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here, today.

Numerous individuals and deputations visited the BJP office to meet the party leaders and narrate their woes and problems. The issues presented by common masses before the senior party leaders were related to PHE, PWD, Rural

Development, Revenue, Irrigation & Flood Control, Education, Agriculture etc.

Issues highlighted by the people were on the spot, taken up with the heads of these departments by Sham Choudhary and Munish Sharma telephonically and they were pressed for immediate solutions.

Sham Choudhary, on the occasion, stressed on the need to address the public issues in a satisfactory manner. He said that these camps have provided a way to the masses to express their issues. He said that people reach the party office with a very positive mindset that their issues would be resolved soon.

Munish Sharma, on the occasion, said that the BJP leaders make every effort to solve the issues represented before at the earliest. He said that many of the issues presented today were solved on the spot whereas other issues are impressed for their early solutions.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra coordinated the grievance camp proceedings and diarized all the issues presented by the visiting deputations and individuals for the future follow up.

Wildlife Department celebrates World Wildlife Day

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JAMMU, Mar 3: World Wildlife Day was today celebrated by the Department of Wildlife Protection by organizing a series of programmes across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The programmes were organized at Jasrota, Sopore, Dachigam, Kishtwar, Surankote, Kalakote, Shikargah-Tral, Over-Anantnag, Surinsar-Mansar, Thein, Banihal, Maitra-Ramban, Doda and Sounder-Dachhan.

The main programme was held at Nature Interpretation Centre, Manda Jammu. Suresh Kumar Gupta, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K was the chief guest.

Gupta, in his address, highlighted the importance of World Wildlife Day and its relevance in Jammu & Kashmir. He listed different initiatives taken by the Government in Wildlife Conservation in Jammu & Kashmir. He called

upon all sections of society to support the Wildlife Department in spreading awareness about Wildlife Conservation and emphasized upon the responsibility of youth and students in this cause.

Sarvesh Rai, Chief Executive Officer CAMPA, who was guest of Honor on the occasion mentioned the role of various wings of the department, NGOs and nature lovers as partners in Wildlife Conservation. He said that the Wildlife Department should fully utilize the support of CAMPA. Shri J. Frankoi, Director Forest Protection Force, J&K mentioned about the role of Eco-Tourism in Wildlife Conservation for strengthening the partnerships in the cause.

Dr. Kumar M.K., Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, in his welcome address acknowledged the partnerships with various NGOs, Research and Educational Institutions for various activities with respect to research, documentation,

protection, conservation and awareness. Shri Bhushan Parimoo from Environment Awareness Forum shared his experience and lauded the efforts of the Wildlife Department for taking various initiatives for Wildlife Conservation in Jammu & Kashmir.

Dr. Navneet Kaur, Chairperson NGO Support initiated a signature campaign for Wildlife Conservation by participants. A painting with outline of Tiger prepared by artist Shri Suresh Sharma was unveiled in the programme and all the participants completed the painting by coloring it and signing a pledge for Wildlife Conservation.

Guldev Raj, noted Bird Photographer and Conservationist, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Faculty from Institute of Mountain Environment, University of Jammu, Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Director National Development Foundation, Payal Sharma, Young Entrepreneur and Richa Anand, Post Graduate Student also spoke on the occasion.

Discussion on Print, Agency Journalism held at JU

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JAMMU, Mar 3: Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu (JU) here today organized a discussion on 'Print and Agency Journalism'.

Brajesh Kumar Jha, Chief Editor, Hindustan Samachar News Agency briefed the media students on 'Print and Agency Journalism' and discussed the important role being played by news agencies in the changing contours of journalism.

Jha explained the role played by news agencies right from their birth to pre and post independence.

He also explained the students regarding newsroom structures, news flow, distribution of news, speech reporting, writing leads and emphasized on the importance of presence of mind to cover information which is beyond the surface level.

Jha said that it is very important for budding journalists to strengthen their research and report 'truth' by asking right

questions. Shrutu Awasthi, Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, also shared her views on Indian Heritage and Political Reporting.



Dignitaries during a function at JU on Friday.

She urged the media students to process information carefully and not to get swayed away by rankings and ratings.

Presiding over the programme, Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Coordinator, Journalism and Media Studies, shared his views on how India is changing and emerging as a stronger nation.

Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal and Dr. Garima Gupta welcomed guests by presenting mementoes.

Earlier, introducing the topic in discussion, Dr. Ravia Gupta presented welcome address.

DGPC refutes allegations of joining pol party by its head

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JAMMU, Mar 3: District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC), Jammu today refuted the allegations being raised by some miscreants that its president, Ranjit Singh

party.

Addressing a press conference here today, DGP Jammu president Ranjit Singh Tohra, vice president Balvinder Singh, secretary Surjit Singh and members Harjit Singh and Gurmeet Singh stated that some miscre-



DGPC vice president, Balvinder Singh addressing press conference in Jammu on Friday.

Tohra has joined a political

ants are hell bent to degrade the image of elected members of DGPC Jammu by circulating and edited poster depicting the picture of DGPC president, Ranjit Singh Tohra, who is wearing the symbol of one political party and giving the impression that he has joined the political party and leading the community in the wrong direction and telling the Sangat that whole of DGPC Jammu members have sit in the lap of some politicians which is totally wrong and malicious propaganda launched with some vested motive.

He further said that though there is no any such provision in the J&K Gurdwara Management and Religious Endowment Act 1973 which prohibits members of DGPC Jammu at party but as on date DGPC president, Jammu has not joined any political party and assured the Sikh Sangat that they shall put every effort sincerely to give their best for the better management of Gurdwaras and in resolving the Sikh issues.

The DGPC Jammu said that they are going to lodge an FIR against those who are trying to mislead the masses and hell bent upon to defame elected representatives through false propaganda.

the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the protesting patwaries said they were forced to resort to the path of agitation time and again by the authorities as despite assurance given by the Revenue Secretary in March 2022 that all their demands will be fulfilled within a month, nothing was done after a lapse of about one year.

Similar protests of patwaris were also held in other districts of Jammu province. They said that Government had promised to fulfill their demands last year in March but nothing has been done yet in that regard.

They demanded the Government to hike Grade pay of patwaries from Rs 2400 to 2800, bifurcate patwar halqas and grant 75 percent Naib Tehsildar quota to patwaries through promotion.



Patwaris staging protest in DC office complex, Jammu on Friday.

Patwar Association's strike, protest enters 3rd day

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JAMMU, Mar 3: The strike and protest of Patwaris under the aegis of All J&K Patwar Association entered 3rd day, today.

A large number of patwaries drawn from various parts of Jammu today assembled at DC office complex and staged dharna from morning to evening while raising slogans in support of their demands which include increase in the grade pay of graduate patwaris and timely departmental promotion.

They also demanded Government accommodation for the Patwar Khanas and basic facilities for running the Patwar offices. The agitating patwaries also sought ban on direct recruitment of Naib-Tehsildars and demanded creation of GQ circles and transfers of GQs out of



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JAMMU, Mar 3: A symposium on 'Cultural Practices for Sustainable Environment cum Cultural program' was today organised by Department of Information and Public Relations(DIPR) Cultural Unit Jammu here in MIER College of Education BC Road.

As many as 10 students participated in the symposium competition.

First prize was bagged by Aditi Mahajan, second prize was won by Nandika Srivatsava, while third prize was bagged by Naman Mansotra. Competition was judged by the faculty of the College. The program was coordinated by College Faculty Komal Sharma. Among others, staff members of the College, artists of the Cultural Wing and students witnessed the program.

A group of the Students of the host College presented Yoga demonstration, worship of Tulsi, Worship of People etc to highlight the Indian Cultural

The Chief Guest of the program, Parul Khajuria, Cultural Officer Cultural Unit Information Department, shared her views on the topic and also appreciated the students who participated in the event and Artists of Department of Information and Public Relations Jammu.

Guest of honour was Dr. Adit Gupta Director/Principal of MIER College

sum a scintillating cultural program was presented by artists of Cultural Unit Jammu and students of college which was very much enjoyed by the audience.

Vote of thanks presented by Anjali Jain Student of College.

DB directive in PIL on less compensation to security men sacrificing lives in militant attacks

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JAMMU, Mar 3: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) arising out of contempt petitions regarding less compensation to the security personnel who sacrificed their lives in militant attacks, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh and Justice Sanjeev Kumar has directed respondents to inform the court as to when orders passed in different writ petitions will be complied with and additional amount of Rs one lakh will be given to the legal heirs of the deceased persons.

"In this PIL the adequacy of compensation which is awarded to a civilian if killed in militancy related action, is in issue. Additionally, the aspect of the adequacy and appropriateness of the compensation awarded to the security personnel belonging to State of Jammu and Kashmir who are killed in militancy related action is also an issue", the DB observed.

"The record shows that the official respondents have relied

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18 th March	Shiv OM Palace, Near New Bus Stand, Khour Akhnoor
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All DP's of PoJK are requested to avail the benefits of these Governance Camps

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