J&K has vast resources for self-sustainable, eco-friendly industrialisation: Goenka

The Centre is keen on hosting a global investors' summit and attracting more investments in Jammu and Kashmir, as such, The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) president and chairperson of the Weingang group, BK Goenka, on Thursday, said J&K has the resources for self-sustainable and eco-friendly industrialisation.

This will help address unemployment but also go a long way in making the newly carved Union Territory economically self-reliant.

In an interview with BH's Jitendra Kumar Kashyap, Goenka talked about the roadmap for Jammu and Kashmir.

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BK GOENKA, ASSOCHAM PRESIDENT AND CHAIRPERSON

Excerpts:

What are the primary reasons for underdevelopment of industries in J&K?

Primarily, the political situation has been a biggest hurdle. Though the Valley has received maximum grants from the Centre, but the industry has not flourished.

We need to reorient private sector investment as the government cannot guarantee employment for all.

Do you think the geographical location also serves as a disadvantage?

No, I don't think so. There is an abundance of natural resources and agriculture that can be linked to cold storages but it all depends on the policy and how the government promotes its resources.

What is the road ahead for J&K after becoming a UT?

There was no focus on the region and grants to J&K via the industry. Even after becoming a UT, the focus will be determined by central funds.

What is your take on Global Investors' Summit being planned in J&K?

All states conduct seminars to attract industrial investments and offer what they can. I think the summit is going to be immensely beneficial to J&K.

What are the plans of ASSOCHAM for J&K?

We have over 150 mem-
bers across India. We are focused on small and medium-scale industries that will play an important role in J&K.

Every state/UT plays an important role and J&K is no exception because of its vast natural resources. The youth here is enthusiastic about getting into business but they have to be provided with the right platform.

Therefore, ASSOCHAM can be a bridge between the government and industries for introduction of new policies and incentives. We plan to open another office in Kashmir in the next three months.
Militancy under check, political vacuum won’t last long: Murmu

Lieutenant-Governor seeks constructive participation of industrialists

JAMMU, DECEMBER 12

Advocating constructive participation of industrialists to make their sector more vibrant in J&K, Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Girish Chandra Murmu today claimed that “militancy is under control and misinformation should not happen (in this context)”.

“The present dispensation is making several headways towards attracting investments to the UT of Jammu and Kashmir through the upcoming Global Investors’ Summit, best sectors of J&K will be showcased to the world to open up the flow of investments to the UT. The government is speeding up the development of various sectors and is also seeking private investments to make this sector more vibrant,” the L-G said here.

He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Jammu and Kashmir office of ASSOCHAM (Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India).

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“Militancy is under control. We need to have a constructive participation from all industries. For travel advisories, we all have to work. Your (industrialists) cooperation is required. Any misinformation should not happen……..”,” he said while assuring industrialists of a conducive environment for investment.

“We have been empowering the people by giving them powers at the grassroots level. Jammu and Kashmir is a UT with legislature. So, one day there will be elections and the political vacuum will not last forever… J&K will rise from here (present situation) and it has immense strength,” Murmu said while trying to end the uncertainty in political circles. The L-G said, “After 2005, local bodies elections took place in J&K and in 2011, the panchayat elections were held. We are now ensuring the grass-roots level participation of the people by implementing the 73rd and 74th Amendments of Indian Constitution.”

While answering a query on employment creation, the L-G said that a robust employment policy, which also includes self-employment, was in the offing to boost the employment generation in J&K.

On start-ups, the L-G said that the government was developing optimum IT infrastructure across J&K to render the requisite support to the start-up businesses. The L-G further said that a comprehensive plan was underway to develop J&K into a medical tourism destination. The President, ASSOCHAM, BK Goenka, also committed that an IT summit would be held by the organisation in near future.
Murmur: Militancy is under control, advisories will go away

Ravi Krishnan Khajuria

JAMMU: Lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Girish Chandra Murmu, on Thursday said that militancy was under control and with the cooperation of the civil society, it will end soon.

The L-G also hoped that advisories by foreign countries on travel to J&K will also cease.

Answering media queries after inaugurating the ASSOCHAM office here, this evening, Murmu said, "The factors responsible for militancy are under control but it will require a lot of effort and constructive participation from all quarters to maintain the situation..."

Answering another query pertaining to advisories on J&K, he said that everyone has to work and at the same time ensure that misinformation does not spread.

"People here are very good and enterprising. I am sure that the advisories will go away," he said.

The L-G also reiterated his stand on Assembly elections.

"I have been constantly saying that J&K is a UT with legislature. So, one day there will be elections and political vacuum will not stay for long," he said.

However, he evaded giving a direct reply on the continued suspension of mobile internet services and said that the government was determined to ensure people's participation at the grass-root level.

He cited how the government conducted local bodies and panchayat elections, which were not held after 2005 and 2011 respectively.

He said that with an aim to strengthen grass-root level democracy, 73rd and 74th amendments of the Constitution were implemented in the Panchayati Raj institutions.

On the power sector, Murmu said that J&K has a potential of 20,000 MW of hydroelectric power and there are projects that have been delayed.

"We have now sped up. So, projects generating 3,000 to 4,000 MW of power will come up immediately," he added.

Earlier in his address, Murmu said his government was keen on organising high-level investment summits on industry and tourism.

He said these global conferences would be organised in close partnership with the industries and he asked ASSOCHAM to be key partner in reaching out to investors.

He said youth of J&K were enthusiastic about different start-up initiatives of the government in partnership with the industry organisations.
Lt Governor inaugurates ASSOCHAM office in Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Dec 12:
Responding to a clarion call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the industry to participate in the development of Jammu and Kashmir, ASSOCHAM today opened its office at Jammu with Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu seeking partnership with the Chamber to launch key investment initiatives in the re-organised Union Territory, focussing on tourism and industrial development.

Inaugurating the ASSOCHAM's J&K office, Murmu said his Government is keen on organising high level investment summits, on industry and tourism. He said, these global conferences would be organised in close partnership with the industry and he asked the ASSOCHAM to be key partner in reaching out to investors.

Exhorting industry to look for greater investment opportunities in the state, the Lt Governor lauded ASSOCHAM's initiative to open its Jammu office and stated that all-out efforts would be made to ensure a grand success of the planned industry and investment summits. He said youth of J&K are quite enthusiastic about different Start-Up initiatives of the Government in partnership with the industry organisations.

Earlier, in his welcome address, ASSOCHAM president, BK Goenka said, “During our recent interactions with Prime Minister, it was very evident that development and employment generation in Jammu & Kashmir is the top agenda among his priorities. In fact, he had asked us what we were doing in Jammu & Kashmir.”

Goenka said, soon after the re-organisation of Jammu & Kashmir, the Prime Minister had given a clarion call to industry to extend its presence in Jammu & Kashmir. “It is his belief that the enhanced presence of industry would pave the way for private investment and lead to employment generation and development of Jammu & Kashmir. We at ASSOCHAM believe this is eminently doable,” Goenka added.

ASSOCHAM State chairman, Manik Batra said, the industry and trade have an important role in ushering in development of J&K. “The people are craving for development of tourism, handicrafts, infra-

structure, IT and several other industries. We have lined up several programmes both for the Jammu region and Srinagar,” Batra maintained.

Established in 1920 by promoter Chambers, representing all regions of India, ASSOCHAM has in its fold over 400 Chambers and Trade Associations, and is serving over 4.5 lakh members across India. It has emerged as the fountainhead of knowledge for Indian industry, which is all set to redefine the dynamics of growth and development in the knowledge based economy.
KT NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, Dec 12: Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu Thursday said that a robust employment policy, which also includes self employment, is in the offing to boost the employment generation in J&K.

He was answering a query on employment creation after inaugurating the Jammu and Kashmir office of ASSOCHAM- Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India here today. During the interactive session with various industrialists and media fraternity after inaugural function held at Radisson Blu Hotel, the Lt. Governor also said that a comprehensive plan is underway to develop J&K into a medical tourism destination.

He said that the present dispensation was making several head ways towards attracting investments to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He observed that through the upcoming Global Investors' Summit, best sectors of J&K would be showcased to the world to open up the flow of investments to the Union Territory. The government is speeding up the development of various sectors and is also seeking private investments to make the Industry sector more vibrant, he added.

On startups, the Lt. Governor said that the Government is developing optimum IT infrastructure across J&K to render requisite support to the startup business. President, ASSOCHAM, B.K Goenka also committed that an IT Summit shall be held by the ASSOCHAM in near future.
J&K's political vacuum will end soon, assures Murmu

"Collective efforts, not just force, required to end militancy"

JAMMU: Reiterating his government’s resolve to hold the elections to the legislative assembly in the Union Territory at the earliest, Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu on Thursday said that the political vacuum in Jammu and Kashmir will not remain for long.

Here is a summary of the statement:

1. **Reiterating his government’s resolve to hold the elections to the legislative assembly in the Union Territory at the earliest.**
2. **Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu on Thursday said that the political vacuum in Jammu and Kashmir will not remain for long.**
3. **Asserting that militancy was under control, Murmu also called for constructive efforts to bring complete peace to the region.**
4. **"I am again and again saying that this is Union Territory with legislature and one day there will be election," Murmu said at the sidelines of a function here.**
5. **"So the political vacuum will not remain (for long),"** he said. **This is the third time in less than one month that the Lieutenant Governor has pitched for return of elected dispensation in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest.**
6. **On Monday, Murmu had said that the power should go into the hands of the people of Jammu and Kashmir "as soon as possible".**
7. **"This is what I am saying that the power should go into the hands of the people as soon as possible. This is what we are saying always," he had said at Rajouri. However, he had refused to share a specific time frame as to when the polls will be held, and said, "It has its own process."**
8. **On November 14 too, Murmu had said that the election process for the Legislative Assembly will begin soon in the union territory.**
9. **"Election will come. Union Territory of J&K has an assembly for which the election will be held soon. It will not continue like this (LG’s rule)," he had said at Reasi, in his first public speech after assuming office.**
10. **"The process for holding the election will come soon," Murmu had said.**
11. **The last elected government...**

J&K's political vacuum will...

of Jammu and Kashmir was BJP-JDP coalition which fell on June 19, 2018 after the saffron party withdrew its support, leading to imposition of Governor’s rule, followed by President’s rule. In a historic decision the BJP government at Centre revoked Article 370 on August 5 and split Jammu and Kashmir into two UTs of J&K and Ladakh. Unlike Ladakh, UT of J&K can elect a legislative assembly and a chief minister with the total strength of ministers not exceeding the 10 per cent of the total strength of the assembly. The Centre is grappling with the issue of filling the political vacuum after the move on Article 370. Most of the important political leaders of Kashmir like Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti are still in detention since August 5. Around 30 other leaders from different political parties are also under detention at MLA hostel which has been declared as a sub jail.

On Thursday, Murmu also said that the elimination of militancy requires a lot of effort, and not just by force. "We need constructive participation from all quarters, including businessmen and politicians, and need to educate the people about the benefits of peace...I am hopeful that it will be done," he said.

He said his administration is going to implement the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments in Jammu and Kashmir and "we are giving more powers to the panchayats to strengthen them". The urban local bodies elections were held recently after 2005 and the panchayats after 2011. We are giving power to these grassroots level democratic institutions to strengthen them. We are implementing the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments, he said. Inviting investments in Jammu and Kashmir, Murmu said there is a requirement of one million jobs and it is obvious that the government cannot create such a huge number.

The government is making efforts to bring in investment and it will help generate jobs for the local youth," he said.

He said Jammu and Kashmir has a huge potential to generate 20,000 MW of power. "There was some delay but the administration has now speeded up the work to tap the potential," he said. Earlier after inaugurating the Jammu and Kashmir Office of ASSOCHAM-Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India here, Lt Governor said the government is speeding up the development of various sectors and is also seeking private investments to make the industry sector more vibrant.

He also said that a comprehensive plan is underway to develop Jammu and Kashmir into a medical tourism destination. The present dispensation is making several headways towards attracting investments to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Through the upcoming Global Investors' Summit, best sectors of J&K will be showcased to the world to open up the flow of investments to the Union Territory, he said.

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Political vacuum won’t last forever: LG Murmu

Militancy under control in J&K
Youth need to become part of development
Have to work collectively for travel advisories to go

SYED AMJAD SHAH

Jammu, Dec 12: Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu on Thursday said political vacuum in Jammu and Kashmir won’t last forever.

Addressing a function here LG Murmu said, “We are empowering people at grass root level. J&K is a Union Territory with legislature and one day there will be elections.”

The Lieutenant Governor said that Jammu and Kashmir will rise from here (present situation) and it has immense strength.

The LG said, “The present dispensation is trying to develop road connectivity and is also planning to hold tourism and film industry summits in the Union Territory.”

The LG asked the local youth to come forward and become a part of the development programmes.

“J&K youth are quite enthusiastic about different start-up initiatives of the government in partnership with the industry organisations,” he said, adding that “Militancy is under control in J&K.”

“We need to have constructive participation from all industries to get travel advisories revoked. All of us will have to work collectively. Your cooperation is required. Misinformation needs to stop. Advisories will go,” he said. LG Murmu said.

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that in Jammu and Kashmir GST filing is normal and automobile sector is either growing or is stable. “We are thinking to create some clusters. We are also mulling biotechnology industries which would not pollute environment,” he added.

The Lt Governor said that the present dispensation is making several head ways towards attracting investments to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He observed that through the upcoming Global Investors’ Summit, best sectors of J&K will be showcased to the world to open up the flow of investments to J&K. “The government is speeding up the development of various sectors and is also seeking private investments to make the Industry sector more vibrant,” he added.

“These global conferences will be organized in close partnership with the business community of J&K,” he said.

While answering a query on employment creation, the Lt Governor said that a robust employment policy, which also includes self employment, is in the offing to boost the employment generation in Jammu and Kashmir.

On startups, the Lt Governor said that the Government is developing optimum IT infrastructure across J&K to render requisite support to the startup businesses.

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Inaugurates ASSOCHAM's J&K office

Earlier the Lieutenant Governor inaugurated the Jammu and Kashmir office of ASSOCHAM, Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India here.

During the inaugural function the Lt Governor also held an interactive session with various industrialists and media fraternity.

President ASSOCHAM B K Goenka also committed that an IT Summit shall be held by the ASSOCHAM in near future.
J&K making headways towards attracting investment: Murmu

STATE TIMES NEWS

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President, ASSOCHAM, B.K Goel, also committed that an IT Summit would be held by the ASSOCHAM in near future.

Earlier, reviewing agriculture and allied sectors, the Lt Governor observed that horticulture and other allied sectors have immense potential to generate huge employment avenues and directed for mobilizing available resources in this regard. He stressed on the need for taking reformative measures.

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for the development and expansion of these sectors.

Stressing on promoting sustainable agriculture, the Lt Governor asked the officers to put in extra efforts for making agriculture a sustainable and remunerative economic activity for farmers. He also laid emphasis on improving productivity and production of horticulture and agriculture crops to make the sectors more vibrant.

The Lt Governor directed the officers to work out a plan to prepare 200 crore root stock for 10,000 Ha of land for developing high density apple orchards and set a timeline of 3 years for the same.

He underscored the importance of increasing productivity in the Horticulture sector, which has the potential to yield three times the income currently being generated.

To make the fruit Mandis more vibrant, the Lt Governor directed the officers to explore the possibility of converting the fruit Mandis into entities under Section 8 of the Companies Act.

He also directed the officers to establish new fruit processing units which will increase the returns to growers and enhance employment. The Lt Governor asked the officers to come up with the proper plan for sprig and drip irrigation for the areas with no or limited irrigation sources.

He also directed them to complete all ongoing projects within the stipulated time.

During the meeting, it was informed that Apple produce from J&K contributes a huge 80.30% to the National produce while the contribution of Walnut and almond is 92.69% (2.72 LMTs) and 93.69% (0.103 LMTs), respectively.

The chair was informed that a total of 25 Controlled Atmosphere (CA) stores with storage capacity of 1,17,284 MTs have come up in private sector and 447 Nurseries have been established across the Union Territory.

It was also informed that 17 fruit and vegetable markets comprising of 3 terminal, 2 satellite and 2 A pendant Mandis are functional in J&K.

While reviewing the Agriculture production department, the chair was informed that the agriculture sector has a total gross cultivated area of 12,29,894 Ha with 11.95 lakh farm operating families. The meeting was briefed about the crop wise area, production and productivity under agriculture. The meeting also reviewed the progress made under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MDH) and Prime Minister’s Development Package (PMPD) for restoration of damaged area and development of Horticulture in J&K.

BVR Subrahmanyan, Chief Secretary, Arun Kumar Mohota, Finance Commissioner, Finance; Bipul Pathak, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, Munoor Ahmad Lone, Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture Department and Director Agriculture, Horticulture, CAD, Horticulture Planning and Marketing attended the meeting.

Secretary Agriculture and Horticulture Department, Munoor Ahmad Lone gave a detailed briefing about the progress, achievements and future plans in the Horticulture and Agriculture departments.
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