

LG addresses CUJ's Mega Job Fair

'Employment generation, self-employment through entrepreneurship'

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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed Mega Job Fair-2025 organised by Cluster University of Jammu in collaboration with Desh Bhagat University Punjab, at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor commended the significant initiative by Cluster University Jammu and Desh Bhagat University Punjab for bringing together a wide array of reputed national companies, offering employment opportunities to youth of J&K UT.

He also extended his felicitations to the companies that participated in Mega Job Fair and conveyed his best wishes to the selected candidates.

"Cluster University's job fair aims to bridge the gap between education and employment. It will provide an opportunity to our young generation to showcase their skills and empower them to start their careers so they can effectively contribute in building Viksit Jammu Kashmir and Viksit Bharat," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, highlighted the reforms, guided by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, which are shaping the education landscape to align with the needs of the industries and creating robust employ-



ment avenues for the youth of Jammu Kashmir.

"Employment generation, self-employment through entrepreneurship and improving employability of the youngsters through educational transformation has been our top priority. Our efforts to attract industries in J&K since 2021 have helped in connecting young job seekers directly with employers," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He observed that the presence of local private companies at today's Job Fair serves as a testament to the significant strides being made in industrialization and expansion of trade and business activities in the UT of Jammu Kashmir. "The operationalisation of new industries is also offering youth better exposure about diverse roles and positions in industries suited for their skills and experience. The overwhelming response from the private sector to recruit youth from J&K is a positive indicator for our economy," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the progres-

sive Industrial Policy and several key interventions that have attracted private investment in J&K UT over the past few years.

He said the industries had availed the benefits of Rs 28,400 cr worth incentives under New Industrial development scheme in just two and a half years. "Rs 25,000 crore worth of investment plans are currently at various stages of implementation. Projects worth Rs 10,000 crore have been completed and have commenced production. The remaining Rs 15,000 crore worth of projects, presently at different stages, will start this year.

Nearly, Rs 60,000 cr worth proposals are pending. These have been stalled due to some reasons, and I hope a decision will be made on them in the near future," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also attributed the exponential growth registered in the employment generation and entrepreneurship sector in J&K to the dedicated efforts of all stakeholders.

He highlighted their cru-

cial role in successfully implementing schemes and programs like PM's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), Hausla, Tejaswini, Mumkin, and Mission Youth, along with other initiatives focused on youth empowerment and livelihood generation.

Interacting with the representatives of the participating companies, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted that efforts are being made to provide youth with employment opportunities. He said the new Industrial policy has emphasised on employment to local youth on priority.

Atomic North Private Limited has established a BPO in a village in Kathua, providing employment to approximately 375 youths. The company has a potential to employ up to 1000 youth. I have urged them to start a BPO in Udhampur. JSW Group is also bringing a BPO to Jammu, he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor distributed job offer letters to selected candidates. He also handed over approval for BBA BCA courses to Cluster University, from AICTE.

Mega Job Fair 2025 is a significant step towards empowering youth and enhancing employment opportunities for the youth. As many as 57 reputed companies from across the country participated and 3759 candidates were registered for the Job Fair.

DC Ramban convenes introductory meeting with Civil Society Members

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Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired an introductory meeting with members of Civil Society to promote public engagement in governance and developmental activities.

The meeting was attended by members of Bar Association, prominent Citizens, besides heads of social, religious and business organizations.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak, Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather and other officers of the District Administration were also present.

During the interaction, the Deputy Commissioner reiterated the District Administration's commitment to strengthening a public-centric governance system in the district, emphasizing that efforts are being made to reach out to people at their doorsteps to ensure quality and efficient services delivery.

He appealed to the par-



ticipants to actively participate in the planning and execution of developmental works, emphasizing that public involvement is crucial for achieving holistic and sustainable development in the district. He assured that visible progress would be ensured on the ground through participatory governance and a focused developmental mission.

Responding to issues of public importance raised

by the participants, the Deputy Commissioner and ADC briefed them about the steps being taken to resolve the same. They said that district administration is always available for the public and they are free to come up with matters of public-interest.

Seeking community support for the smooth and successful conduct of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, the Deputy Commissioner underlined the

district's role in facilitating and welcoming Yatris passing through the district. He called upon the civil society to join the District Administration to welcome the Yatris.

The participants appreciated the initiative and assured full cooperation to the District Administration in implementing welfare schemes and ensuring greater community participation in development and governance processes.

DLIC approves 33 proposals at Doda

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The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) on Mission YUVA meeting was convened, here today.

District Development Commissioner, Harvinder Singh chaired the meeting aimed to review the progress of Mission YUVA and to scrutinize and approve applications seeking financial assistance received on DLIC portal.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, General Manager DIC, District Social Welfare Officer, Assistant Director Employment, District Nodal Officer JKEDI, District Development Manager NABARD and LDM.

A total of 33 cases, veri-



fied by the Small Business Development Unit (SBDU), were presented before the Committee and all were approved for financial assistance and handholding support after thorough scrutiny of eligibility criteria, business feasibility and the socio-economic background of the appli-

cants.

Speaking at the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh underscored the significance of promoting self-employment among local youth, particularly those from underprivileged and marginalized communities. He directed the stakeholder

departments to ensure timely disbursement of financial assistance, regular monitoring and proper mentoring to support the long-term success of the approved ventures. He also emphasized the need for increasing the outreach to encourage wider participation in the scheme.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan held across Rajouri District

RAJOURI, JUNE 23: A series of impactful awareness programs were organized today across the Rajouri district under the aegis of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.

The events organised on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, witnessed enthusiastic participation from the general public, who actively engaged in discussions and activities, highlighting the



dangers of drug abuse and encouraging collective action against it.

Resource persons from multiple departments addressed the gatherings, providing valuable insights into

the health hazards and the disastrous consequences of substance abuse on the society.

Speakers emphasized the importance of a drug-free lifestyle and how each indi-

vidual can play a role in building a healthier and stronger nation.

Adding a cultural dimension to the initiative, Nukkad Natak (street plays) were presented at various locations to spread the message in a relatable and impactful manner.

Informative videos on drug abuse prevention were also screened during the camps further reinforcing the campaign's objectives.

DC Reasi calls for speeding up registration, installation process

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the district.

The DC reviewed the number of registrations, applications received, and the current status of installations under the scheme. It was informed that a total of 1026 registrations have been done with 140 installations completed and 26 in the queue.

Taking serious note of the slow installation, the DC directed the XEN JPDCL to fix responsibility and take strict action against those who have failed to meet the targets.

Emphasizing the importance of coordinated ef-



orts, DC Nidhi Malik asked stakeholder departments to increase outreach to encourage maximum number of to avail the benefits of the scheme. The meeting also featured discussions on vendor selection processes to ensure quality and timely service delivery.

Furthermore, DC Reasi reviewed the functionality status of solar panels installed on government buildings. The ACD informed that 21 solarisation units have been installed, out of which 12 are currently functional. The DC instructed the ACD to verify the status of these units

through the concerned BDOs and coordinate with JAKEDA for prompt repairs wherever necessary.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Sukhdev Samyal, CPO Narinder Kumar, Executive Engineer of JPDCL, CEO, all AEEs, JEs and other concerned officers.

CS for time-bound upgradation of services at SKIMS, Soura

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In a high-level meeting convened today, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo had a comprehensive review of functioning of the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura.

Present in the meeting were Secretary, Health & Medical Education (H&ME); Secretary, Public Works Department (PWD); Director, SKIMS; Principal, SKIMS Medical College; Chief Engineer (Central), R&B and other key officers from the Health department.

The Chief Secretary articulated a clear vision for the future of SKIMS, stressing the imperative to exert every effort to expand the academic offerings as per the commitments made by SKIMS administration. He specifically called for rapid addition of seats to specialization courses, with a particular focus on the proposed 44 DM/ MCH

courses and a substantial increase of 130 MD/MS/ PGD seats across 16 critical specialties. He asked to ensure these expanded opportunities are available to students as early as the next academic year.

Beyond academics, the Chief Secretary strongly urged the hospital administration to undertake a significant overhaul and upgrade of services in both the Emergency and Outpatient Department (OPD) sections. He asked for submission of high-impact proposals detailing plans for augmenting the infrastructure in these critical patient care areas, aimed at providing a much better experience and outcomes for the patients.

Dulloo asked the officers to ensure that the Liver Transplant Unit becomes fully functional by the end of this calendar year, a crucial step in advanced medical care for the region. He also advised the administration to develop and present proposals for establishment of other such specialized units, clearly outlining



their anticipated outcomes and the tangible benefits they would bring to patient care at SKIMS.

Addressing the vital aspect of human resources, the Chief Secretary meticulously reviewed the current faculty and staff positions within the college, paying close attention to those vacancies that have been referred to various recruitment agencies for filling. He directed the Health department to take up the issue of filling these vacant posts on a priority basis with the respective recruiting agencies.

He emphasized the institute's

core objective of carrying out quality medical research. In this context, he specifically highlighted the need for research into the reasons behind the observed high prevalence of cancer in the region compared to past trends.

Secretary, H&ME, Dr. Syed Abid Rashid Shah, presented a comprehensive update on the status of faculty recruitment and the current positions of paramedical staff. He informed the meeting that a significant step forward had been taken with the revival of 105 faculty positions

at SKIMS, which have subsequently been forwarded to the Public Service Commission for expediting recruitment against them.

The Secretary highlighted the achievement of finalization of recruitment rules for all non-gazetted posts across every medical college in the region, a crucial regulatory framework that had been pending for decades.

Director, SKIMS, Dr. Mohammed Ashraf Ahangar, presented an overarching picture of the institution's functioning and

the vast array of services it offers. He recounted SKIMS's impressive journey of growth and transformation since its establishment in 1982, when it began with a modest capacity of just 500 beds.

Dr. Ahangar elucidated upon various measures taken by the institute in adherence to earlier directives issued by the Chief Secretary. He detailed the ambitious expansion plans of the institution aimed at achieving unparalleled excellence in advancing medical care throughout the region. He further informed the meeting about significant investments in medical technology, revealing that the institute had procured machines worth approximately Rs 94 crore in the past year alone, a substantial boost to its existing machinery to enhance patient care capabilities.

The Director also provided insights into the institution's forward-looking proposals to substantially enhance the capacity of both the medical college and

hospital. These included establishment of new Centres of Excellence in critical areas such as Cancer Care and organ transplant, alongside the development of futuristic departments dedicated to areas like Clinical Research, Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Medicine and Medical Health. He highlighted plans for developing an IT-based structured referral system to streamline patient flow and improve efficiency. The meeting also included a thorough review of ongoing projects with particular attention to the timeframe for full functionality of the State Cancer Institute located within SKIMS premises, alongside an assessment of other services offered to patients there.

Finally, Principal, SKIMS Medical College, Bemina, Dr. Fazlul Qadir Parry, provided valuable insights into the functioning of the college under his purview and the current status of new infrastructure raised there under the 'Flood Recovery Project'.