

25 day training program in Premium Banking commences at GCW Parade



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The Department of Economics and the Training & Placement Cell of Government College for Women Parade, under the IQAC initiative, has hosted a 25-day intensive training program on "Premium Banking" for Semester-5 students, beginning from today.

This collaborative effort with ICT Academy Chennai and Infosys

foundation aims to enhance students' knowledge and skills in the banking sector, preparing them for future opportunities in the financial services industry.

The inaugural session held today was marked with Lighting of the Lamp followed by a welcome address by Prof. Sonia Bhau and a briefing of the session by Prof. S.S. Parihar wherein he highlighted that 62 students have enrolled for the course and that the daily

training sessions shall run from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM thereby completing the 100 Hrs Skill development and hands-on practice program.

Dr Archana Agarwal, the resource person for the training has been deputed from New Delhi. She is professional and an expert in multiple skills.

During the training period Prof Pooja, Prof Sonia, Prof Sukwinder, and Dr Reenu shall act as mentors and Dr Ajaj shall

provide the technical support. All the trainees shall be given a certificate that shall help them in their placement drives.

The Chief Guest Dr. Ravinder Tickoo on the occasion underscored the need and importance of such training initiatives under NEP-2020 upskilling and reskilling the youth to pursue their career advancement. The session ended with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Sukhvinder Kaur.

PAN-India Cinema Actor Vishakha addresses KCPS students

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Vishakha Singh, a versatile Indian actor turned film producer and startup entrepreneur, known for her multi-faceted contributions to the world of entertainment, shared her views with students of KC public School on the Round Square ideal of leadership on the morning of October 16.

She embarked on her cinematic journey in 2007. Having established herself as a pan-Indian actor, her notable performances include films like 'Fukrey', 'Khelein Hum Jee Jaan Sey', 'Bajatey Raho', 'Ankur Arora Murder Case', 'Kanna Laddoo Thinna Aasaiya', 'Fukrey Returns', and 'Rowdy Fellow'. However, her passion for storytelling extended beyond acting, leading her to venture into film production. As a film producer, she has



been instrumental in bringing critically acclaimed independent films to life. Projects like 'Peddlers' (Cannes Film Festival, 2012), 'Haraamkhor' (New York Indian Film Festival, 2014), 'Onaatah' (National Award, India, 2016), and 'Atkan Chatkan' (presented by Academy Award winner A.R. Rahman, London Indian Film Festival, 2020) showcase her commitment to supporting unique and thought-provoking narra-

tives. Answering questions posed by students on the trials and tribulations involved in leadership roles, she spoke about her experiences as an actor, film producer and start-up entrepreneur, focusing on challenges she faced and dealt with. She made it clear that a leader has to, more often than not, perform the role of a follower first and then rely on the dynamics of teamwork, collaboration and cooperation

to lead the team. In answer to a specific question on women in leadership roles, she emphasized the need for breaking away from stereotypes regarding their capabilities and perform their leadership roles with confidence and perseverance.

She concluded her interactive session with students by wishing them great success in their endeavours to develop leadership qualities as students of a Round Square school.

MLA Randhawa promotes PM Surya Ghar Scheme, registers for RTS

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MLA Bahu Vikram Randhawa visited the Green Belt sub-division office today to register for the PM Surya Ghar scheme, demonstrating his commitment to promoting renewable energy in his constituency. By registering for the scheme, he's setting an excellent example for his constituents to follow. Moreover, he's pledged to encourage people to install solar panels under the PM Surya Ghar initiative, which is a significant step towards sustainability.

As a dedicated leader, Vikram Randhawa has been actively engaging with his constituents through door-to-door campaigns, listening to their concerns, and sharing the government's achievements. His efforts to promote the PM Surya Ghar scheme align with his vision for Bahu Constituency's development, focusing on infrastructure enhancement, education, healthcare, and economic empowerment.

The PM Surya Ghar scheme aims to provide free electricity to one crore



households in India by installing rooftop solar electricity units. With an outlay of Rs.75,021 crore, this program is expected to save the government Rs. 75,000 crore per year in electricity costs. By promoting this scheme, Vikram Randhawa is contributing to India's transition to renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions. Households can get 300 units of electricity free every month. Households can save approximately Rs 15,000 in a year. It will promote the use of solar energy, reducing carbon emissions. Vikram Randhawa's initiative to promote the PM Surya Ghar scheme is a significant step

towards creating a sustainable future for his constituents.

MLA Randhawa Urged Citizens to Contribute to Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Savings. Randhawa called for Community Involvement for PM Surya Ghar enrollment and help in Reducing Carbon Footprint and Electricity Costs. He also appealed the people to join the Fight Against Climate Change and appeals for Public Participation.

Randhawa Encourages Public to Help Reduce Carbon Emissions and Electricity Bills. MLA Randhawa is taking a great initiative to promote sus-

tainability in his constituency by appealing to residents to adopt the PM Surya Ghar Scheme. This scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to provide free electricity to households and empower them to generate their own electricity through solar power. By encouraging his constituents to join the program, Randhawa hopes to make his constituency a model for solar generation.

Senior officials, including Executive Engineers from ED2, STD1, and ED1, and the Nodal Officer for Solar, attended the program alongside MLA Vikram Randhawa.

CS Dulloo inaugurates 3-day Kashmir Marathon Expo' at Polo View

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In a run-up to the Marathon event scheduled for 20th of this month, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today inaugurated a 3 day 'Kashmir Marathon Expo' organized by the Tourism Department at Polo Ground here.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism; Director Tourism, Kashmir besides other concerned officers.

While speaking in the inaugural session of the event, the Chief Secretary exhibited hope that this mega event, in which more than 2000 runners are participating from all over the country including some overseas athletes, would be made an annual feature. He said that such events reinvigorates commitment of the government towards



promoting adventure tourism along with ecotourism, leisure and niche tourism in the UT.

Dulloo maintained that this Expo would provide a platform to our entrepreneurs to display and sell their products. Besides, they will get an opportunity to promote our niche crops and unique handicrafts and handloom items prepared by our versatile artists. He stated that promotion of tourism of any sort is directly associated with boosting of trade, which ultimately accrues into creation of livelihood opportunities for our youth.

Commissioner Secretary,

marathon can collect their race kits containing their bib numbers and timing chips besides the relevant informational material about this race from 10:00 am to 05:00 pm daily upto 19th of this month.

It is noteworthy to mention that the marathon is going to be first of its kind as attractive prizes had been announced for both Full and Half Marathon events to be held for both men and women separately. Besides, the first prize for Full Marathon is a cash reward of Rs 25,00,000 followed by Rs 20,00,000 (2nd), Rs 18,00,000 (3rd), Rs 15,00,000 (4th), and Rs 12,00,000 (5th prize) for both men and women.

Similarly, in Half Marathon event the cash rewards are Rs 15,00,000 followed by Rs 12,00,000 (2nd), Rs 9,00,000 (3rd), Rs 6,00,000 (4th), and Rs 3,00,000 as reward money for 5th prize winner respectively.

Entrepreneurship Awareness Program held at Govt Polytechnic College Reasi

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An insightful event aimed at promoting awareness among students on entrepreneurship was organized by Government Polytechnic College Reasi in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI).

The session, led by Abhilash Kumar Braroo, JKEDI's (District Nodal Officer) imparted valuable knowledge and inspiration to students to focus on the significance of entrepreneurship in today's evolving job market.

The event attracted more than 90 students, in addition to the entire faculty members making it a well-attended and highly engaging session.

Braroo encouraged the



students to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset, emphasizing the opportunities available for young innovators and problem solvers in this region. He highlighted how entrepreneurship not only contributes to economic development but also fosters self-reliance, critical thinking & leadership qualities.

Through real-life exam-

ples and success stories, Braroo demonstrated how individuals from various backgrounds have transformed their ideas into successful ventures. He urged students to take advantage of the various schemes and support systems available through JKEDI and other government programs. His motivational talk stressed the importance of perse-

verance, creativity and taking calculated risks, which are vital traits for any aspiring entrepreneur. Principal Government Polytechnic College Reasi, Er. Vinay Gupta expressed appreciation for the session, such initiatives are essential for encouraging students to explore career paths beyond traditional employment options.

RDD Secy reviews progress on IWMP in J&K

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Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, on Thursday chaired a meeting to evaluate progress on the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP).

The IWMP, now operating under the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-WDC 2.0), aims to improve the productive potential of rainfed and degraded lands through integrated watershed management.

The meeting was attended by Secretary in RDD, Rachna Sharma, Director, RDD, Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat, Director Rural Development Jammu, Mumtaz Ali, Director Finance, Umar Khan, CEO IWMP, Rajnish Kumar, Additional Secretary, Kartar Singh and OSD to Secretary RD&PR, Shafeeq Wani.

The Secretary reviewed the status of projects and assessed implementation of tendering processes for the works/activities under WDC-PMKSY 2.0. He emphasized the need for a futuristic approach to boost watershed management, enhance agricultural productivity and improve the livelihoods of rural communities.

The Secretary said that



the department remains committed towards ensuring that the work continues in a timely and efficient manner.

He asked the officials to accelerate implementation of ongoing projects and ensure that the benefits of IWMP reach the most remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, contributing to overall growth of the region.

He reiterated the department's commitment towards sustainable watershed management and rural development in Jammu and Kashmir.

CEO IWMP, Rajnish Kumar, provided a comprehensive update on implementation of the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY 2.0) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rajnish Kumar said that in February 2022, a total of 18 watershed projects were sanctioned for J&K under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, with a

total budget of Rs 189.92 crore and additional 01 project was sanctioned in March 2023 with budget of Rs. 4.66 crore. These projects aim to treat 69493 hectares of land, and the implementation period is set to run until March 2026.

He said, out of the 19 projects, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 17 have

been prepared and approved, while the remaining two are currently under review by the Technical Committee. <He also shared financial details, noting that since 2022-23, Rs 71.70 crore have been released under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, of which Rs 60.26 crore have been spent, marking a financial achievement of 84%.

Kathua admin hosts free Surgical Camp at Bani
KATHUA, OCTOBER 17: A free surgical camp is currently underway in Bani to provide specialized medical services to over 2,000 beneficiaries in the hilly region.

Organized by the Department of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with SOS Memorial Trust Delhi began Running on October 13 and will continue till Oct 19, 2024.

The camp offers a range of comprehensive medical care, targeting 40 major and minor surgeries, with a particular focus on orthopedic and gallbladder procedures. The use of modern equipment has facilitated efficient service delivery, ensuring that patients receive high-quality care.

The District Administration, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Minhas, along with Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vijay Raina and Block Medical Officer Dr. Dev Raj, has played a pivotal role in the seamless execution of the camp.

Dr. Raina has actively engaged with patients throughout the event, receiving positive feedback regarding the treatment and care provided.