

JMC takes strict action against unauthorized construction, illegal shop shutters demolished in Pouni Chak

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The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today carried out a major enforcement drive in the Pouni Chak area of Jammu city, during which newly installed shutters of nine shops were demolished for violating building norms. The shop owners had constructed the commercial units and installed shutters without obtaining the requisite permission and approval from the Jammu Municipal Corporation, thereby flouting prescribed building regulations.

Upon noticing the unauthorized construction, the matter was brought to the notice of the Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav, who took immediate cognizance of the violation. Acting on his directions, the Enforcement Wing of JMC initiated demolition proceedings and action was taken against the erring shop owners under the relevant provisions of the Jammu Municipal Corporation Act, 2000.

While addressing the issue, Dr. Devansh Yadav reiterated that no resident of Jammu city is permitted to undertake any residential or commercial construction activity without prior approval from the Jammu Municipal Corporation. He emphasized that such unauthorized construc-



tions not only violate the law but also hamper planned urban development. He explained that obtaining proper permissions is essential to ensure systematic development of roads, lanes, drainage systems, sewerage networks and other vital civic infrastructure.

The Commissioner further stated that illegal constructions often lead to traffic congestion, blockage of drains, sanitation issues and inconvenience to the general public.

To prevent such challenges and maintain a clean, hygienic and well-planned urban environment, strict enforcement of

building norms is necessary. He added that the Jammu Municipal Corporation remains committed to ensuring planned and sustainable development of Jammu city.

Dr. Yadav also highlighted that the Hon'ble High Court has issued clear directions to all concerned authorities to curb illegal and unauthorized constructions in Jammu city. In compliance with these directives, JMC has intensified its enforcement drives and will continue to take strict action against violators without any discrimination.

The Jammu Municipal Corporation has been con-

sistently creating awareness among residents about the importance of adhering to building by-laws and obtaining prior permissions before initiating any construction activity. Citizens have been urged to cooperate with JMC and seek necessary approvals to avoid penal action.

The Corporation reiterated that such enforcement drives will continue across the city in the coming days and warned that strict legal action will be taken against anyone found indulging in unauthorized construction, in the larger interest of planned development and public welfare.

Labour Department Kishtwar sensitizes traders to PM Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana

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Under the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, the Labour Department, Kishtwar, under the leadership of Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mamta Sudershan, organized a sensitization meeting with members of local Traders' Associations, today.

The meeting was aimed at generating awareness about the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana (PM-SYM), a flagship social security scheme of the Government of India for unorganized workers. The traders were briefed



in detail about the objectives, eligibility criteria and long-term benefits of the scheme, particularly its provision of providing old-age social security.

It was emphasized that the primary objective is to

ensure that all workers engaged in shops and commercial establishments become part of this social security network and avail its benefits.

Clear directions were issued to ensure the registra-

tion of eligible workers in the 18-40 years age group under the scheme.

The Common Service Centres (CSCs) were directed to ensure maximum registrations by extending full cooperation to the workers. To facilitate easy access, CSCs were instructed to organize one-day registration drives at nearby locations, enabling workers to enroll conveniently and receive the intended benefits of the scheme.

The initiative was appreciated by the members of the Traders' Associations, who assured full cooperation in mobilizing workers and spreading awareness about the scheme at the grassroots level.

DC reviews status of Bio-Medical Waste Management in Kishtwar District

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Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, who is also the Chairman of the District Level Committee (DLC), today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 in the district.

At the outset, the Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR), Idrees Lone presented a brief overview of the current implementation status.

The Deputy Commissioner undertook a detailed and comprehensive review of key issues, including consent and authorization of healthcare facilities, timely submission of annual reports, implementation of the bar-coding system, functioning of the Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBMWTF), installation and operation of ETPs/STPs and awareness and training of paramedical staff.

The Deputy Commissioner issued clear direc-



tions to the concerned departments and officers to ensure strict compliance. He emphasized accountability, regular monitoring and coordinated action among all stakeholders.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of proper segregation, handling and disposal of bio-medical waste in accordance with prescribed norms.

He directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to ensure that all government-run healthcare facilities obtain requisite consents un-

der the Air and Water Acts and authorization under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules.

The DC further directed that the consent process be expedited by completing all requisite formalities. The CMO was also instructed to ensure timely submission of annual reports by June 2026. During the meeting, the CMO informed that the bar-coding system for bio-medical waste management has already been adopted.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Health Department Kisht-

war and the Pollution Control Board Kishtwar to jointly organize awareness and training sessions for paramedical staff at DH Kishtwar and in all Blocks of the District on the provisions of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 at the earliest.

The meeting was attended by ADC Kishtwar, Pawan Kotwal, ACR Kishtwar, Idrees Lone, CMO Kishtwar, Dr. Yudhvir Singh Kotwal, Inspector PCC Kishtwar Gurjeet Singh and others concerned officers and staff.

GDC Udhampur enters strategic partnership with JKEDI to strengthen entrepreneurial

UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 07: Government Degree College Udhampur has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute- the District start-up cell, marking a significant step towards fostering entrepreneurship, innovation and skill-based learning among students.

The MoU was formally signed by District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Udhampur Yash Paul and President, Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Prof. Rakesh Singh, in the presence of the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Verma, faculty members and officials from both institutions.

The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Gurpreet Kour, NSS Programme Officer; Prof. Verinder Singh, Vice President, IIC; Prof. Kaku Ram, Convener, IIC and Meenakshi Sharma from



JKEDI. The partnership aims to establish a comprehensive framework for entrepreneurial development and start-up-related services within the college. Under this collaboration, JKEDI will utilize its expertise to organize entrepreneurship awareness pro-

grammes, skill development workshops, hands-on training sessions, mentoring initiatives and incubation support.

The alliance will also enable students to gain valuable insights into government schemes, the start-up ecosystem and best prac-

tices in enterprise creation and management.

The MoU shall remain operational for a defined period and would be implemented through joint initiatives, continuous engagement and coordinated efforts between the two institutions.

DC Kishtwar approves 61 projects under Mission YUVA

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The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) met here today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Pankaj Kumar Sharma (Chairman DLIC), to review and approve applications submitted under the Mission YUVA scheme.

A total of 62 applications, duly verified by the Small Business Development Units (SBDUs), including 2 proposed MSME Enterprises, 2 seeking benefits under Business Acceleration of Existing Enterprises and 58 for Nano Enterprises, were presented before the Committee.

Each application was as-



sessed based on eligibility, project feasibility and the socio-economic background of the applicant.

After detailed scrutiny, the Committee approved 42 out of 62 applications. Of these, 19 proposals were approved subject to bank verification and submission of feasibility reports from the concerned bank branches, while 1 application was rejected.

The DC directed the AD

Employment to ensure that all approved cases are forwarded to banks at the earliest so that applicants can receive timely benefits under the scheme.

He also directed banks to sanction and disburse loans without delay and to provide regular mentorship to support the new entrepreneurs.

Pertinently, as many as 345 Mission Yuva cases have been sanctioned in the

district, out of which 305 cases have been disbursed by the J&K Bank, involving ₹19 crore in sanctions and ₹16.5 crore in disbursements.

The meeting was attended by PO ICDS, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; ALC, Mamta Sudershan; LDM, Harsh Rawal; Manager J&K Bank Cluster Office, Anil Sharma; EO, Vinod Kumar and other concerned officers and staff.

BBBP awareness programme held at KGBV Basohli

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Department of Social Welfare, Kathua organised a Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) awareness programme at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Basohli, today.

Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma, presided over the function. Among others present included Additional Deputy Commissioner Basohli, Pankaj Bhagotra; District Social Welfare Officer, Varun Kumar Choudhary, CDPO Basohli; Tehsildar Basohli; Principal-cum-ZEO Basohli; TSWOs of Kathua and Hiranagar, besides the staff of SANKALP-HUB, Mission Shakti Kathua.

The programme featured cultural performances by the students. Niharika, a class 8th stu-



dent, recited a poem highlighting the importance of saving and educating the girl child. The students also presented a traditional Dogri dance which was widely appreciated.

Interacting with the students, the DC emphasised the importance of education in shaping a confident, capable and self-re-

liant generation of young women. He encouraged the girls to dream big, remain focused on their goals and make the best use of the facilities and opportunities being extended by the government for their overall development.

He also listened patiently to the aspirations

and demands put forth by the students and assured them of all possible support from the district administration in their pursuit of academic and career excellence.

On the occasion, school bags, notebooks, tiffin boxes and water bottles were distributed among the students.

EIACP J&K Hub organises educational tour for students to Gharana Wetland

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 07: The Department of Ecology, Environment and Remote Sensing, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, through its EIACP J&K Hub, on Saturday organised an educational tour and cleanliness drive at the internationally significant Gharana Wetland.

The programme was organised for the students and faculty of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Government Degree College, R.S. Pura, with the objective of creating awareness about the ecological importance of wetlands and promoting environmental responsibility.



The event commenced with a rally aimed at spreading awareness against plastic pollution, during which participants actively contributed towards making the wetland area plastic-free.

Students enthusiastically participated in the cleanliness drive, reinforcing the message of conservation

and sustainable practices. Later, Coordinator-EIACP Dr. Rajan Singh addressed the gathering and delivered an informative lecture on the importance of wetlands in maintaining ecological balance.

He highlighted the role of Gharana Wetland as a vital habitat for migratory birds, elaborating on their seasonal movement, biodiver-

sity value and the need for strict conservation measures to protect such fragile ecosystems.

Forester Dheeraj Rampal interacted with the students and provided valuable insights into the wetland ecosystem. He explained the ecological functions of wetlands, their role in supporting wildlife and the importance of community participation in wetland conservation.

The educational tour was accompanied by faculty members of GDC R.S. Pura including Dr. Priya Darshni, Head of Department, Environmental Sciences, Dr. Sudesh and other teaching staff.