

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## Entrepreneurship Awareness Mela under Mission YUVA held at Nagri Parole

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In a bid to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship among the youth, the District Employment and Counselling Centre in collaboration with the district administration Kathua today organized a one-day Potential Entrepreneurship-cum-Awareness Mela under Mission YUVA at Nagri Parole.

The mela was aimed at generating awareness among local youth about various self-employment opportunities available under different government-sponsored entrepreneurship development programmes and motivating them to avail advantage of the support mechanisms provided under Mission YUVA.

At the outset, Assistant Director Employment, Piyusha Khajuria, delivered a detailed presentation on Mission YUVA, outlining its objectives, key features, eligibility criteria and facilitation support available to aspiring entrepreneurs.



Assistant Commissioner Kathua, Surender Mohan Sharma along with other officers and officials of stakeholder departments attended the programme.

Addressing the gathering, the ADDC appreciated the enthusiastic participation of the youth and emphasized the importance of such outreach programmes in fostering an entrepreneurial ecosystem at the grassroots level. He stated that Mission YUVA is a transformative initiative aimed at nurturing entrepreneurial talent, generating sustainable employment opportunities and promoting self-reliance among the younger generation.

Experts from the stakeholder departments sensitized the participants about various schemes under Mission YUVA, including the registration process, financial assistance, handholding support and other benefits available to eligible candidates.

The programme also featured interaction sessions wherein successful entrepreneurs shared their experiences and highlighted the positive impact of government initiatives on their ventures, inspiring aspiring youth to pursue self-employment as a viable career option. A large number of youth and locals attended the mela.

## CBC concludes 2-Day Photo Exhibition at Govt ITI Samba

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The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, concluded its two-day Photo Exhibition at Government ITI Samba today.

Assistant Commissioner Development, Samba, Sh. Rafiq Ahmad Jaral was the chief guest on the occasion. After visiting the exhibition panels, he lauded CBC's efforts in effectively disseminating information about government initiatives among youth and rural communities.

In his address, he talked about Viksit Bharat Gram Yojana (VB-GRAMG), outlining its objectives and emphasizing the pivotal role of young citizens in nation-building.

The event was also attended by Block Development Officers Sh. Maqbool Ahmad and Sh. Saqib Sharif Khan who spoke on the pro-



visions and benefits of VB-GRAMG, encouraging students to actively participate in developmental programmes.

A student seminar was organised to raise awareness about various government schemes, while a drawing

competition on the Skill India Mission witnessed active participation.

The programme also featured folk song performances by students and CBC J&K artists.

The exhibition concluded with a felicitation ceremony

honouring dignitaries and participants. The initiative was aimed to spread awareness about flagship programmes of the Government of India and inspire youth to contribute towards the vision of a developed and self-reliant nation.

## ADDG reviews progress of ongoing works under RDD Sector in Udhampur

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Additional District Development Commissioner, Udhampur, Jugal Kishore today chaired a review meeting to assess the Panchayat-wise progress of PMAY, KYC verification and other ongoing developmental works being executed under the Rural Development Department in the district.

At the outset, Assistant Commissioner Development, Om Parkash, presented a detailed Power-Point presentation highlighting the physical and financial progress achieved under PMAY, KYC and other flagship schemes and developmental projects being implemented across the district under the RDD sector.

During the meeting, the BDOs were directed to ensure timely completion of



all ongoing works within the stipulated deadlines. He instructed them to expedite the pace of execution and strictly adhere to the timelines fixed by the government for achieving the set targets.

ADDG further instructed field functionaries to remain present in their respective areas of posting, maintain close coordina-

tion with the public and ensure regular updating of tour diaries for effective supervision and accountability.

Reiterating the importance of transparency and responsibility, the ADDG exhorted officers and field functionaries to maintain the highest standards of accountability in the execution of works under the

RDD sector. He impressed upon them to work with renewed zeal and dedication to accomplish the targets set for the current financial year.

Emphasising the need for strict monitoring, the ADDG called for close supervision of all ongoing works to ensure quality standards and adherence to prescribed timelines.

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The Cooperative Training Institute, Srinagar, organized a programme on "Strengthening Cooperatives through Good Governance", followed by the felicitation and certificate distribution ceremony of the Diploma in Cooperative Management (DICM) for the trainees.

The programme highlighted the critical role of good governance in strengthening the cooperative institutions. Deliberations focused on transparency, accountability, professional management, statutory compliance and active member participation as the foundation for strong and sustainable cooperatives. The speakers emphasised that good governance is essential for improving the performance and public trust in cooperative institutions.

Babila Rakwal, Commissioner Secretary, Coopera-



tive Department, Babila Rakwal, felicitated the successful DICM trainees while distributing the diploma certificates among them.

Special Secretary, Cooperative Department, Ulfat Jabeen and Principal, Cooperative Training Institute, Srinagar, Dr Khalid Hussain Malik besides others were present on the occasion. The dignitaries con-

gratulated the trainees for successfully completing the diploma and encouraged them to apply their knowledge in strengthening the cooperative societies through ethical and efficient practices.

The Deputy Registrars, Assistant Registrars, District Audit Officers besides Auditors, Sub Auditors and Junior Supervisors were

sensitised regarding the good governance for strengthening the co-operatives.

The Programme concluded with a reaffirmation of the Institute's commitment to capacity building, modernization of cooperative education and promotion of good governance within the cooperative sector.

## DC Kathua rolls out action plan to mark International Women's Day

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma chaired a meeting to roll out a comprehensive action plan for the celebration of Women Week across the district from March 2 to March 8, 2026 to mark International Women's Day.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Surinder Mohan Sharma, CPO, Ranjeet Thakur, PO ICDS, Mohammed Syed, ACD, Akhil Sadotra, DSWO, Varun Chaudhary and other district and sectoral officers. Besides, ADCs and SDMs joined the meeting virtually.

During the meeting, a structured and result-oriented framework of activities was deliberated and finalised to ensure meaningful and impactful observance of the week. The action plan envisages active participation of all line departments, educational institutions and civil society organisations to promote women's empowerment and gender equality at the grassroots level.



As per the schedule, the week-long celebrations will include cultural performances showcasing the achievements and contributions of women, dedicated sports activities such as Walkathon and Marathon to encourage fitness and participation, legal and safety awareness programmes, cyber security awareness sessions, free medical camps, motiva-

tional lectures and felicitation of women achievers from various fields.

Special emphasis will be laid on activities under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative, with awareness drives, interactive sessions in schools and colleges and outreach programmes to reinforce the importance of girl child education and protection.

The DC stressed the need

for coordinated and sustained efforts to ensure that the celebrations go beyond symbolic observance and translate into tangible outcomes.

He directed all departments and field functionaries to ensure effective convergence of schemes, extensive outreach in rural and urban areas and maximum community participation.

## J&K Judicial Academy organises training programme

**JAMMU, FEBRUARY 21:** Under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), Arun Palli and guidance of Chairperson and members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, the Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy today organised a one day Refresher Training Programme (A-061/25) on "Power and Duties of Drawing and Disbursing Officer including GeM Training" at its Janipur Campus, Jammu.

The programme was conducted for the Judicial Officers and Nazirs/Buyers dealing with Government e-Marketplace (GeM) of Jammu Province.

The programme commenced with registration of the participants followed by introduction by Naseer Ahmad Dar, Director, J&K Judicial Academy.

In his address, the Director underscored the importance of financial discipline, accountability and digital procurement systems in strengthening the institutional efficiency and transparency within the judicial system.

The first and second sessions conducted by Sarthak Khoda, GeM Trainer, who



provided an in-depth overview of the Government e-Marketplace platform. The sessions covered registration and onboarding processes, procurement workflow, order placement, contract management, billing, invoicing and payment reconciliation.

The resource person also apprised the participants of recent features and policy updates on GeM and addressed practical challenges faced by stakeholders.

The technical sessions were also graced by Amir Ali, Senior Assistant Director, Government e-Marketplace, whose presence added value to the deliberations.

The third and fourth sessions were delivered by Er. Jagtreshwar Singh, Ac-

counts Officer, Civil Aviation Department, J&K. He elaborated on the legal and administrative framework governing the role of Drawing and Disbursing Officers, including powers and duties under General Financial Rules (GFRs), Treasury Rules and Financial Codes.

The sessions further focused on budgetary control, expenditure management, maintenance of financial records, preparation and submission of bills, advances and recoveries, pension matters, GPF/NPS issues, audit procedures, and common objections.

The technical sessions were also attended by Sandeep Singh Manhas, FA/CAO, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, whose august pres-

ence enriched the deliberations.

The programme concluded with an interactive session, wherein the participants actively engaged with the resource persons, raised queries and shared field-level experiences.

The interactive deliberations enriched the learning experience and clarified practical aspects of financial compliance and procurement procedures.

The refresher programme forms part of the Academy's ongoing commitment to capacity building of judicial officers and ministerial staff, ensuring enhanced efficiency, transparency and accountability in financial administration and procurement processes within the judicial system.