

JAMMU & KASHMIR

JKEDI launches four-week ESDP at ITI Udhampur under RAMP scheme

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The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute today commenced a four-week Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme at the Government Industrial Training Institute, Udhampur under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance scheme.

The initiative is funded by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India and is being implemented by the Industries and Commerce Department, Jammu and Kashmir.

Thirty-five aspiring entrepreneurs are participating in the 104-hour intensive training programme. The ESDP forms part of a broader initiative being implemented across all districts of Jammu and Kash-



mir to promote entrepreneurship among youth and equip them with the skills necessary to establish and manage sustainable business ventures. Superintendent ITI Udhampur, Ravinder Singh Bhatti interacted with the participants and provided an insightful overview of the importance of such skill development initiatives for the betterment of youth. He

emphasized the significance of innovative skills in shaping a successful future for young entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion, District Nodal Officer JKEDI Yash Paul presented a comprehensive overview of the programme and highlighted the institute's continued efforts in fostering self-employment. He reiterated JKEDI's commitment to empowering local youth

through structured capacity-building interventions.

The curriculum covers key modules such as enterprise management, marketing strategies, business simulations, market surveys and field visits. The practical training approach is designed to build core entrepreneurial competencies and enable participants to emerge as self-reliant job creators.

DIC Reasi organises awareness camp

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The District Industries Centre Reasi organized a one-day awareness camp today at the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) to create awareness about the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. The programme was conducted under the guidance and supervision of General Manager, DIC Navdeep Wazir.

The programme aimed to

educate the potential beneficiaries and the students of ITI about the benefits of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme and other initiatives being implemented by the District Industries Centre.

During the programme, applicants were advised to regularly update and track the status of their online applications to avail loan benefits under the scheme with assistance from their nearest Common Service Centre (CSC).

The Functional Manager

DIC Mohammad Ajaz Ul Rehman highlighted the schemes being implemented by the I&C department to encourage youth to become job creators rather than job seekers. He elaborated on the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, explaining the application procedure and the process of submitting online applications.

The District Manager CSC advised the CSC operators of the District to handhold the applicants to

facilitate timely processing and sanction of benefits under the scheme.

Participants were also informed about the benefits and subsidies available under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), supporting ventures in the manufacturing and service sectors.

Earlier, the seminar commenced with a welcome address by Superintendent, ITI Rajesh Banotra.

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In a significant step toward women's empowerment and livelihood generation, kiosks for Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of Samba district were inaugurated today at the revered Chichi Mata Temple under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative.

The kiosks were formally inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Ayushi Sudan, in the presence of the district officers. The initiative aims to enhance income generation and promote sustainable livelihood opportunities for local women associated with Self-Help Groups.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner

emphasized the importance of economic self-reliance among women and reiterated the district administration's commitment to strengthening women-led enterprises through the government schemes.

She stated that the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative not only focuses on improving the child sex ratio and promoting girls' educa-

tion but also aims to ensure long-term empowerment and financial stability for women.

The programme was attended by ADC, ACR, District Social Welfare Officer and other district officers, who appreciated the efforts of the SHGs and encouraged them to make optimal use of the facilities provided.

Doda students leave for Punjab to participate in the National Youth Exchange Programme

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Krishan Lal today flagged off a group of students to Punjab to participate in the National Youth Exchange Programme being held at Lovely Professional University (LPU)- Phagwara from February 24 to March 1, 2026.

The students' tour has been sponsored by the District Administration and the

Red Cross Society in collaboration with the School Education Department with the objective of promoting cultural exchange, national integration and developing leadership skills among the youth.

While interacting with the students, the Deputy Commissioner encouraged them to actively participate in all academic, cultural and interactive sessions during the programme.

He emphasized that such exposure visits provide

valuable learning opportunities, broaden perspectives and help students develop confidence, communication skills and a spirit of unity and cooperation.

Krishan Lal advised the students to act as ambassadors of the district and make the best use of the platform to learn, share experiences and build meaningful connections with participants from different regions of the country.

The event was attended by Assistant Commissioner

Revenue (ACR) Ashraf Parvez; Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Manesh Kumar; Chief Education Officer (CEO) Bhushan Kumar; District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Zubair Ahmed and others.

The students expressed enthusiasm and gratitude to the District Administration for providing them with an opportunity to participate in the national-level exchange programme aimed at enhancing their overall development and exposure.

DC Ramban reviews progress of Power Sector Schemes

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan reviewed the implementation of the power sector schemes in a meeting held here today.

The meeting was attended by CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL), along with representatives of executing agencies and vendors engaged in the implementation of flagship power sector initiatives.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the progress of works undertaken under the Revamped



Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), installation of Smart Meters and Rooftop Solar projects in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned agencies to fast-track the RDSS works to achieve desired objectives.

He also resolved the bottlenecks highlighted by the executing agencies by issuing necessary directions to the concerned officers. Assuring full administrative support, he stressed timely completion of all projects to strengthen the power distri-

bution infrastructure, enhance operational efficiency and improve overall consumer satisfaction in the Ramban district.

While reviewing the status of Smart Meter installation, the Deputy Commissioner directed the executing agencies to expedite the process and ensure completion within the prescribed timelines. Further, the Deputy Commissioner laid special emphasis on the effective implementation and wider promotion of PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana by encouraging households to adopt Rooftop Solar systems to reduce electricity bills and ensure a sustainable and reliable power supply.

DC Ramban reviews performance of Banks

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Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, today chaired the District Level Review Committee (DLRC) and District Level RSETI Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting to assess the performance of banks and review the implementation of the financial inclusion and employment generation schemes in the district.

The meeting was attended by CPO Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, ACD Sheraz Ahmed, Lead District Officer RBI Anil Kumar, LDM Davinder Singh, Director RSETI S. Harvinder Singh, DDM NABARD and senior officers of District Administration and Bankers.

During the meeting, it was informed that the district's Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio has increased by 1.98%, reaching 72.78% as on December 31, 2025, compared to the previous quarter ended on September 30, 2025. An amount of ₹385.79 crore has been spent under the Priority Sector, achieving 65.51% of the ₹588.91



crore Annual Credit Plan (ACP) 2025-26 targets. The Non-Priority Sector saw a credit outlay of ₹384.13 crore.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the Bankers to focus on the targets under priority sector especially Education, Housing and Social Infrastructure development. He directed bankers to work in close coordination with the line departments for effective implementation of schemes and service delivery. He asked banks to organize awareness camps in uncov-

ered areas to sensitize the public about the social security, financial inclusion and Job oriented schemes.

Calling for swift processing of loan cases under PM VISHWAKARMA and KCC, the DC stressed on delivering timely benefits to local youth. He also called upon Departments and Banks to intensify their efforts to achieve targets under PMEGP and other schemes providing loans to the youth under Mission YUVA. He further directed the officers to take lead in implementation of PMMY, PMSBY,

PMJJBY and APY schemes in the district.

Chairing the District Level RSETI Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the performance of the institute. He also emphasized the need to enhance market-relevant training, increase the number of eligible cases and ensure financial and marketing linkages to empower the unemployed youth. Meanwhile, Director RSETI presented an overview of the achievements, ongoing initiatives and training programmes.

DC Samba reviews condition of the NH; Directs for timely completion of works

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Deputy Commissioner Samba, Ayushi Sudan, today conducted a comprehensive review of the condition of the National Highway in the district, with an on-site assessment of the ongoing construction works and the compliance with prescribed safety standards.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner issued strict directives to officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), to avoid unnecessary delay in the execution of ongoing works. She stressed on proper signage, effective traffic management measures and adherence to safety norms to ensure unhindered and se-



cur movement of vehicles during the construction phase.

The DC further emphasized that the timely completion of these works

would bring immense relief to the residents of the region.

Implementation of RDD sector schemes reviewed in Kishtwar

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today convened a meeting with officers of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department to review the progress and implementation of the RDD Sector development schemes.

The meeting focused on a comprehensive and detailed review of the progress of works under UT/District Capex, Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP), Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP), MGNREGA, PMAY-G, SBM-G, works under DDC/BDC/PRI Grants, Awaas Plus Survey, RGSA, MGMD and other key initiatives.

A detailed presentation and analysis of all schemes was delivered by ACD, highlighting physical and financial progress across all blocks.

The DC discussed the performance of each scheme and sought inputs from Panchayat Secretaries, Junior Engineers (JEs), Technical Assistants (TAs) and other concerned officials to assess ground-level implementation and challenges. Under MGNREGA, the



DC reviewed the block-wise status of person-days (PDs) generated, timely payment of wages, geo-tagging progress and other related parameters. A thorough evaluation was conducted to ensure compliance with guidelines and timely execution of works.

The DC also conducted an in-depth review of the physical and financial progress of other ongoing schemes at the block level, including ABDP, APDP, CD Panchayat, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Health, NFB, PMAAGY, TAD-UT, YSS and allied sectors.

The DC stressed that all schemes must be executed with the highest standards of quality. He directed offi-

cers to ensure proper coordination and timely completion of works without compromise.

Taking serious note of poor performance, the DC ordered withholding of salaries of underperforming BDOs, TAs, Panchayat Secretaries and GRS. He clearly warned that no lackadaisical approach would be tolerated in the execution of developmental works.

The DC stated that future performance reviews shall be conducted strictly on the basis of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for all schemes. He reiterated that accountability will be fixed at every level.

The DC imposed delay compensation on officials who failed to fill Muster

Rolls under MGNREGA in a timely manner.

He also directed the ACD Kishtwar to initiate the suspension of one Technical Assistant and one Panchayat Secretary for dereliction of duty.

Delivering a clear and firm message, the DC stated, "To perform or to perish," underscoring that only a dedicated and result-oriented work culture will be accepted.

The meeting was attended by CPO Kishtwar Akhil Thakur, ACD Kishtwar Manoj Kumar, ACP Kishtwar Neeraj Sharma, AD Planning RDD, Ashraf Wani, all BDOs, Panchayat Secretaries, Technical Assistants and other concerned officers and officials.