

6-day Capacity Building, Skill Enhancement Training programme for DIPR staff continues at IIMC

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 26: The Six-day Capacity Building and Skill Enhancement Training programme for officers and officials of DIPR entered third day today with second batch receiving training on Print Media Basics and Advanced Print Media Practices.

During the first two days, the first batch was trained in Artificial Intelligence (AI) Fundamentals and Applications, as well as Advanced AI and its Practical Applications.

The programme was inaugurated on February 23, 2026, by Dr. Dilip Kumar, Regional Director, IIMC Jammu, who encouraged participants to achieve the objectives of the training. He highlighted the importance of continuous learning and professional upskilling in today's rapidly evolving media landscape. He expressed confidence that the training sessions would enhance the profes-



sional competencies of participants and foster critical thinking, adaptability, and innovation in government communication practices.

Earlier, Dr. Vinit Kumar Jha Utpal, Coordinator of the DIPR Training Programme, shared details of the programme, including its subjects, modules, and guidelines, with the participants. Prof. Anil Sumitra delivered the introductory lecture and emphasized the crucial role of DIPR officers and officials in the government communication system.

On the first day, Dr. Vinit Kumar Jha Utpal spoke about the changing patterns of government communica-

tion. In the second and third sessions, Shri Bhawani Singh trained participants in fact-checking, digital verification tools, and AI-based multilingual drafting and speechwriting. In the fourth session, Shri Rajeev Kumar conducted a session on AI-enhanced multimedia and visual public relations.

On the second day, Dr. Rajendra P. Misra delivered a lecture on government communication in an AI-driven digital media ecology. In subsequent sessions, Shri Divyvasu Sharma trained participants in AI-powered crisis communication and guided them in developing AI-based projects. The final

session of the day was conducted by Dr. Dilip Kumar, who spoke on AI ethics and cyber safety in government organizations.

On the third day, Divyvasu Sharma conducted a session on content creation and linguistic design using AI tools. In the second and third sessions, Vishav conducted practical classes on print media basics, layout principles, and mastering QuarkXPress. The final session was conducted by Gulshan Kumar, who trained participants in graphics and image editing basics.

The training programme has been structured into three batches. The first batch underwent training on "AI Fundamentals and Applications" and "Advanced AI & Practical Applications." The second batch, currently undergoing training, is being oriented on "Print Media Basics and Advanced Practices."

H&H Deptt Kashmir organizes Trainee Products' sale at Kashmir Hatt Srinagar

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Handicrafts & Handloom (H&H) department inaugurated 2-day Trainee Products' Sale at Kashmir Haat here today.

During the sale, Craft products like hand-knotted woollen carpets, GI-tagged Pashmina shawls and stoles, Crewel curtains, Sozni embroidered shawls, Zari & Aari embroidered suits, tweed cloth, Chain Stitch rugs and cushion covers, tapestry, Gabba and Namda products, papier mâché and willow wicker souvenir and décor items, prepared by trainees of Training Centers across all 10 districts of Kashmir Division are being showcased.

The products available at extremely affordable rates, with pricing calculated only on the material component used and no labour cost is added, thereby ensuring cost-to-cost avail-



ability of authentic handmade crafts to buyers, besides providing platform for trainees to exhibit their skills. District stalls are expected to record encouraging sales during the current exhibition, with particular interest anti-

ipated in carpets, Pashmina, and other GI tagged crafts. The initiative continues to serve as a vital platform for trainees to gain exposure, besides promoting Kashmir's rich craft heritage.

The sale will continue to-

tomorrow. Pertinently, the last three trainee products' exhibitions together generated a revenue of Rs. 57 lakh, reflecting the overwhelming public response and demand for Kashmir's handmade products.

Van Prahari Exercise-2026 inaugurated in Nowshera Forest Division

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The three-day Van Prahari Exercise-2026 was inaugurated today by the Nowshera Forest Division on the directions of Pr. CCF J&K, Sarvesh Rai and CCF Jammu, Dr. V.S Senthil Kumar.

The event was attended by the Divisional Forest Officers of all divisions under the West Circle of Jammu Province, namely Reasi Forest Division, Mahore Forest Division, Rajouri Forest Division and Poonch Forest Division, along with their respective field officials.

The inaugural programme was attended by Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Sat Paul and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Nowshera, Pritam Lal Thappa.

The training was imparted to the staff by expert resource persons from Dehradun- Bharat Singh (State Forest Service UK), Retired as DFO and V.K Dhawan Scientist-G



(Retired), FRI Dehradun. They delivered detailed theoretical sessions through PowerPoint presentations covering forest fire behaviour, prevention strategies, safety protocols and modern firefighting techniques. The theoretical inputs were supplemented with practical demonstrations and field-based exercises to provide hands-on exposure to participants.

Officers and officials from Wildlife Division Rajouri and Forest Protection Force Rajouri also ac-

tively participated in the exercise. Representatives from the Revenue Department, Police Department, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and the Fire & Emergency Services Department also attended.

Live mock drills were conducted wherein SDRF and Fire & Emergency Services teams displayed practical firefighting and rescue operations, reinforcing the importance of inter-departmental coordination and rapid mobilization during emergencies.

The exercise emphasized preparedness, swift response and seamless coordination among various departments to effectively tackle forest fire incidents, particularly during the forthcoming fire season.

The Van Prahari Exercise-2026 marks a significant step towards strengthening forest fire management systems and reaffirms the department's commitment to protecting forest resources, biodiversity and the interests of forest-dependent communities.

DLSA Reasi team meets accused lodged in Police Lockup

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Under the visionary leadership of Chairman District Legal Services Authority, Reasi (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge Reasi), Khalil Choudhary and the guidance of Secretary Pooja Gupta, a team of Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) led by ALADC-Niharika Bamotra on Wednesday met under trial lodged at Police Station Reasi.

The ALADC listened to

the grievances and legal issues of the inmates and provided necessary legal guidance and assistance. They were apprised about their legal rights, availability of free legal aid and the various services being provided by the Legal Services Authorities under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

An awareness programme on "Child Labour and Old Age Pension Schemes" was organized at LAC Dewal B (Mahore). The PLVs elaborated on eli-

gibility criteria, the application process and the benefits under the scheme.

A promotional event themed "Say No to Drugs" was held at Medical Centre Buttan, Katra. The PLVs highlighted the growing menace of substance abuse and its impact on families and society at large. The participants were informed about the provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and the legal repercussions associated with drug-related offences.

Meanwhile, Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA organised an awareness Programme on "Right to Education" in Main Market Reasi. The programme was conducted with the objective of spreading awareness among the general public, shopkeepers, parents and youth about the fundamental Right to education as guaranteed under Article 21-A of the Constitution of India and the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

DHP&M hosts 3rd Multi-Stakeholder Platform Meet at Kissan Ghar Narwal

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The Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing (DHP&M) today organized the 3rd Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSP) Meet of 2026 here at Kissan Ghar Narwal Jammu. The event was held under the aegis of Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement Project (JKCIP), marking an important step towards strengthening collaboration among key stakeholders in the agricul-

ture and horticulture sectors. Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing Ghulam Jeelani Zargar inaugurated the meet as the chief guest. The Director welcomed the audience and briefed them about the significance of Multi-Stakeholder Platform meets for overall development of Agri/Horticulture Sector.

The event was also attended by the Dy. Commissioner Sales & Taxes, Director Horticulture, Jammu, Director Agriculture Jammu, Dy. Director Animal Husbandry, experts from

SKUAST Jammu, Central University, along with officers from the financial institutions. Their presence added immense value to the deliberations and highlighted the importance of inter-institutional coordination.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Zargar laid emphasis on the uplift of the farming community through flagship initiatives such as the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and JKCIIP. He urged the participants to actively project their concerns, challenges and suggestions on such platforms to enable effective, inclusive and farmer-centric policy formulation. He reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening agricultural value chains, improving market access and enhancing farmers' incomes.

The meet witnessed an overwhelming response from a wide spectrum of stakeholders, including members of the Kisan Advisory Board, FPOS, progressive farmers, entrepreneurs, traders and HADP/JKCIIP beneficiaries.

The platform facilitated threadbare and constructive

discussions on critical issues related to supply chain management, marketing linkages, post-harvest infrastructure and institutional financing.

The concerns and suggestions raised by participants were addressed in detail by the officers of stakeholder departments.

Gen. Secretary Jammu Fruit Association Narwal, Jammu Nitin Jain demanded waiving off GST on walnut to benefit growers / traders and ultimately the consumer. Deputy Commissioner Sales & Taxes assured to take up the matter with the higher authorities for relief.

Director Horticulture emphasized on Kiwi farming which has excellent potential, while Dy. Director Animal Husbandry urged the participants to strive for poultry revival in J&K which is witnessing huge deficit and is being imported from other states.

The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, wherein the Director, Horticulture Planning and Marketing, felicitated the dignitaries and experts from various institutions in recognition of their valuable contributions and support.

DC Reasi reviews progress of development works at Shri Shiv Khori Shrine

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Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Kumar Abhishek, who is also the Vice Chairman of the Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board, on Wednesday chaired a meeting at Shiv Shakti Bhawan Ransoo to review the ongoing development works in and around the Shrine.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner undertook a detailed review of the progress of works being executed by the Shrine Board and assessed their current status.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing development works in the area to assess the pace and quality of ex-



ecution.

During the inspection, he took stock of the progress achieved, reviewed the status of civil works and interacted with the concerned officers to identify and address bottlenecks. He directed the executing agencies to accelerate the pace of work, adhere strictly to technical specifications

and maintain quality standards to ensure timely completion, thereby enhancing facilities and convenience for pilgrims and the general public.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the Tehsil and Niabat offices at Pouni to assess their functioning and emphasized the need for efficient and

prompt public service delivery.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Development Vijay Kumar, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineer JPDCL, Tehsildar Pouni, BDO and other concerned officers were present during the meeting.

CMO Poonch conducts surprise inspection at PHC Lassana

POONCH, FEBRUARY 25: Chief Medical Officer Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Khan conducted a surprise inspection of Government Primary Health Centre (PHC) Lassana in Surankote of Poonch district to review the functioning of healthcare services and assess the quality of facilities being provided to the public. During the visit, the CMO inspected various sections of the health centre, including the dental section, family welfare and immunization unit, dispensary, medicine store, labo-

ratory and wards. He reviewed the availability of essential medicines, medical equipment and overall functioning of different units to ensure efficient healthcare delivery. The CMO interacted with patients and attendants to obtain feedback regarding treatment facilities, staff behaviour and overall services at the health centre. He directed the staff to maintain a patient-friendly approach and ensure that better healthcare facilities are provided to the general public. Em-

phasizing discipline and professionalism, he instructed the staff to strictly adhere to dress code and maintain punctuality in their duties. He stressed that dedicated services and improved public healthcare delivery should remain the priority of the health department. The Chief Medical Officer also inspected the ongoing construction work of the Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) at the facility and issued necessary directions to the concerned authorities for its timely completion.

IN THE COURT OF NAIB TEHSILDAR (EMIC) RAMNAGAR
Sohan Lal *versus* Executive Officer (EO) Ramnagar
In the Matter:- Application seeking direction to EO Ramnagar for the registration of Date of Birth of Petitioner's daughter.
NOTICE TO PUBLIC IN GENERAL
WHEREAS, the applicants namely Sohan Lal S/o Sh Kaku Ram R/o Village - Kanah Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur J&K UT has filed an application seeking direction to EO Ramnagar to register Date of birth of the Petitioner's daughter namely Vidhika Verma D/o Sh Sohan Lal R/o Village - Kanah whose date of death is 01.03.2023 in the concerned register kept in the said Municipal Committee Office and issue Certificate of Birth under "The Registration of Births and Death Act, 1969 as her birth particular has not been registered anywhere in the Police/BDO/EO records.
Therefore, by virtue of this notice, public in general is informed that if any person has any objection in respect of the above-mentioned application he/she/they may appear in this court either personally or through a Counsel and file his/her/their objection within a period of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said application shall be dealt, in accordance with law.
Issued under my hand and seal of this court today 24/02/2026
Sd/-
Naib Tehsildar,
Executive Magistrate 1st Class, Ramnagar.

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e-NIT No. CE/JKPCL/JT-IEX-01 of 2026-27 dated 02.02.2026.
Tender ID : (2026_PDD_302097_1).

Due to poor response, following dates of above e-NIT are hereby amended as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Existing Dates	Amended Dates
1	e-Bid submission (end) date & time.	23.02.2026 02:00 PM	02.03.2026 02:00 PM
2	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date	24.02.2026 03:00 PM	03.03.2026 03:00 PM

All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.
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