

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## Textiles Ministry invites application from artisans for Shilp Guru & National Award, Pension Scheme

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The Union Ministry of Textiles has invited applications from registered artisans and craftsmen for National Handicrafts Awards (Shilp Guru & National Award) for the Award Year 2025 and Pension Scheme 2025-26, under its premier National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Handicrafts Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

In a press statement issued here today, a spokesman of the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Kashmir, stated that the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, has invited applications from registered artisans for Handicrafts Award 2025 under HSC for Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts, the last date of which has been fixed for March 31, 2026. "We urge the artisans to apply in online mode along with self-



attested copies of documents including 02 recent passport size photographs, Adhaar, Artisan & PAN Cards, Award & Character Certificate, photograph of Award Entry, history of craft, his Brief Note along with videos and affidavit in a pen-drive," he said, adding that the copies of the notification, along with enclosures, are available on the department's official social media handles.

Similarly for Pension Scheme under the aegis of 'Financial Support Scheme to Artisans in Indigent Circumstances', the spokesman stated that the office of DC (Handicrafts), Government of India, has fixed April 02, 2026 as the last date of submission of forms in online mode from eligible artisans of Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts. "The documents to be affixed with online form

include 02 recent passport size photographs, Adhaar, Artisan and PAN cards, Awards certificate, if any, Income Certificate, Caste and Disability Certificate, Age Certificate and affidavit along with Bank Mandate form," he added. The artisans have been further advised to submit their online applications complete in all respects at www.indian.handicrafts.gov.in

## 4 Bn CRPF organises Blood Donation Camp at Chanderkote

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In the run-up to the 87th Anniversary of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the 84 Battalion CRPF in collaboration with District Hospital Ramban organized a Blood Donation Camp at the Tactical Headquarters Boom, Chanderkote.

More than 25 personnel of the 84 Battalion CRPF voluntarily donated blood, demonstrating their commitment to humanitarian service.

The camp was inaugurated by First Lady N. Gayabati Devi in the presence of Commandant 84 Battalion CRPF N. Ranbir Singh, Second-in-Command Vikram Singh, Assistant Commandants Rop Ram Meena and Shree Ram Meena along with other personnel of the battalion.

Medical Officer Dr. Parvez Ahmed Katoch and other officials from District Hospital Ramban, along with Medical Officer Dr. Biranmol Singh and the paramedical staff of the 84 Battalion CRPF, successfully conducted the camp.

Entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining internal security across the



vast and diverse nation of India, the CRPF has been serving the country with dedication and commitment. The Force was presented with its Colour by the then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on March 19, 1950. The camp was organized under the theme "Give Blood, Give Hope - Together We Save Lives."

Speaking on the occasion, Commandant Ranbir Singh appealed to people to voluntarily donate blood regularly, emphasizing that it helps save the lives of accident victims, cancer patients and patients undergoing surgeries, while also ensuring a steady and safe supply of blood for those in need. He also assured the officials of District Hospital

Ramban that whenever required in the future, the 84 Battalion CRPF would readily come forward to donate blood for needy patients. Officials of the Blood Bank Ramban expressed their gratitude to the 84 Battalion CRPF for organizing the blood donation camp and supporting the hospital in maintaining adequate blood reserves.

## GHSS Paloura hosts Parent-Teacher Meet

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Government Higher Secondary School Paloura on Monday organized a Parent-Teacher Meet (PTM) cum Result Declaration Programme for classes 6th to 9th.

The PTM was held under the guidance of the School Principal Rajesh Magotra. The meeting witnessed active participation from parents, students and teachers.

The teachers discussed the academic performance of students and shared valuable feedback with parents. Students who secured the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in their respective classes were felicitated and awarded prizes by the Principal.



## DLSA Reasi organizes series of Legal awareness events

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Under the leadership of the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Reasi (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge) Khalil Choudhary and the guidance of Secretary Pooja Gupta, an awareness programme on "Prohibition of Child Marriage" was held at Legal Aid Clinic Channa Neosi, Tehsil Mahore by the Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of TLSC Mahore.

The participants were sensitized to the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. The PLVs highlighted that child marriage is a so-

cial evil that adversely affects the health, education and overall development of children, particularly girls.

The PLVs also made the public aware about the role of the Legal Services Authorities in providing free legal aid and assistance to the needy and marginalized sections of society. The participants were encouraged to report instances of child marriage and seek legal assistance through the Legal Services Institutions.

Another awareness programme was organized on NALSA Schemes at Mahore.

The participants were informed about the role and functions of the National

Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the free legal aid services available for the weaker and marginalized sections of society. The PLVs sensitized the local residents about their legal rights and the importance of approaching Legal Services Institutions for free legal assistance.

Information regarding the welfare schemes, legal aid clinics and the availability of legal help through Legal Services Authorities was also disseminated among the participants.

Another awareness Programme on "Mediation and Role of Legal Aid" was held at Panchayat Ghar Garn, Katra by the Para Legal Vol-

unteers of (PLVs) of TLSC.

Advocate Rachni Sharma - the Resource Person and sensitized the participants about the importance of mediation as an effective and amicable method of dispute resolution. She also elaborated on the role of Legal Services Authorities in providing free legal aid and assistance to the eligible sections of society, ensuring access to justice for all. The participants were made aware about the benefits of mediation in resolving disputes peacefully and the availability of free legal services provided by the Legal Services Authorities under the Legal Services Authorities Act.

## Drug Control measures reviewed in Gool

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Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Imtiaz Ahmed today reviewed anti-narcotic measures and IEC activities being implemented under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) and the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) in the Subdivision Gool.

The meeting was attended by Principal local Higher Secondary School Farooq Ahmed Wani; local Block Development Officer Sadam Hussain; BDO Sangaldan, Mohammed Irfan; CDPO Bashir Ahmed Malik and officials from the line departments including



Agriculture, Horticulture, Police and Health.

The SDM reviewed awareness campaigns being conducted in educational institutions, community outreach activities and legal surveillance against Narcotic traffick-

ing. He directed stakeholder departments to prominently display drug de-addiction helpline numbers and organize awareness camps in their respective areas to educate the public about the dangers of drug addiction.

"Make it sure that drug de-addiction helpline numbers are displayed at every Anganwadi Centre and that awareness activities are conducted among women and children through these centres," he asked CDPO.

## Security scenario reviewed at critical establishments in Baderwah

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Additional Deputy Commissioner Sunil Kumar Bhutyal convened a meeting today to review the security arrangements at critical infrastructure and important establishments in the Sub Division Baderwah.

The meeting reviewed safety measures at Sub District Hospital, Radio Station Baderwah, Fire and Emergency Service station, BSNL Exchange, Repeater Station Thuba, besides Fuel stations and Gas Agencies.

The ADC directed the concerned authorities and



management of the establishments to strengthen security measures by in-

stalling additional CCTV cameras, strengthening barricades, increasing de-

ployments and developing fencing around the premises to safeguard these important facilities.

The meeting emphasized the need for coordination among different departments to ensure safety and preparedness in view of the importance of these installations for public services.

Among others present in the meeting were Tehsildar Kamalpreet Singh, SDPO Naveed Shokat, BMO Dr Varsha Sharma, All India Radio Officer Pawan Khujuria, AEE Jal Shakti Iqbal Singh and TSO Mehmood Mir, who discussed the security aspects and assured necessary action to implement the directions.

## Kathua Admin hosts grand Int'l Women's Day celebration at Sports Stadium

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A grand programme to celebrate International Women's Day was held at Sports Stadium Kathua on Sunday evening, drawing enthusiastic participation from people from across the district.

The programme was organised by the Social Welfare Department in collaboration with the District Administration Kathua as part of the week-long celebration activities held across the district to mark International Women's Day.

Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Kathua Dr Bharat Bhushan and Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Jasrota Rajiv Jasrota graced the occasion and lauded the achievements of women across various fields.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Dr Bharat Bhushan described the day as a celebration of women achievers who are excelling in diverse sectors and contributing significantly to society. He said it is the collective duty of every citizen to support and encourage girl child, mothers, sisters and women in every sphere of life so that



they can realise their full potential.

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma highlighted that the district administration organised a series of activities throughout the week to mark International Women's Day.

"These included awareness drives, health and nutrition camps, sports events, awareness drives and legal and safety sessions aimed at celebrating the strength and achievements of women," he added. He emphasised that empowering women is essential for building a progressive and inclusive society.

Earlier, a thought-provoking panel discussion featuring women achievers from multiple fields was held.

The panelists included SSP Mohita Sharma (IPS), Kangna Gupta (Judiciary), Dr Sulakshna Mengi (Retired Pediatrician), Pooja Devi and Reva Rani (Entrepreneurs). They shared insights from their journeys, highlighting challenges they overcame and delivered inspiring messages for fellow women to pursue their aspirations with confidence and determination.

The cultural segment of the programme enthralled

the audience as budding talent Gayatri Kandley, winner of Voice of Punjab-6, renowned singer Sonali Dogra and daughter of the soil Vibha Bharti, winner of Awaaz Punjab Di, mesmerised the jam-packed Sports Stadium with their captivating performances.

The panelists were felicitated for their achievements and contributions. Young sports achievers including Tania Sharma (Cricket), Anu Sharma (Shooting), Nysa Singh (Kabaddi) and Kamiya Rajput (Karate) were also honoured for bringing laurels to the district.