

J&K Bank commissions new ATMs at ILBS Delhi, Rakiban Rajouri

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Reinforcing its commitment towards expanding accessible digital banking infrastructure, J&K Bank on Tuesday commissioned two new ATMs at prominent locations in New Delhi and Rajouri to enhance customer convenience and strengthen banking outreach.

In New Delhi, the Bank commissioned a new ATM at the prestigious Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), Vasant Kunj, one of India's leading super-speciality liver hospitals. The ATM was inaugurated by Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin in presence of General Manager/Divisional Head (RoI) Riaz Ahmad Wani, Zonal Head (Delhi) Rozy Tickoo and other senior officers of the Bank.

Speaking on the occasion, Riaz Ahmad Wani said the Bank remains committed to expanding its customer-centric digital banking infrastructure at premier institutions and key locations across the country. He said the commissioning of the ATM at ILBS reflects the Bank's endeavour to pro-



vide convenient, secure and seamless banking services to patients, attendants, healthcare professionals and the general public, besides strengthening the Bank's outreach beyond the region.

Meanwhile, in Rajouri district, the Bank commissioned another onsite ATM at Rakiban, taking the total number of ATMs in Zone Rajouri, comprising Rajouri and Poonch districts,

to 86. The ATM was inaugurated by Zonal Head (Rajouri) Rajeev Kumar Digra in presence of customers, public representatives, senior Bank officials, branch staff and local residents.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajeev Kumar Digra said that J&K Bank is continuously working towards strengthening digital banking infrastructure and ensuring greater financial accessibility for people in

remote and semi-urban areas. He said the commissioning of the ATM at Rakiban is another step towards bringing convenient and secure banking services closer to the people. Participants at both the events appreciated the Bank for augmenting its digital banking network and extending modern banking facilities to customers across diverse geographies.

Sakeena Ito distributes appointment orders among CPWs at Srinagar

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Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Ito today said that Omar Abdullah led Government is committed to ensuring fair opportunities based on merit and transparency to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, as well as merit-based promotions to employees for institutional growth and effective public service delivery.

The Minister stated this while distributing the appointment orders among Twenty-five Contingent Paid Workers (CPWs) of School Education department (SED) regularized as Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS), as well as promotion orders among fourteen Laboratory Assistants promoted as Teachers, at SCERT Auditorium Bemina here today.

Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani; Chairman JKBOSE, Ghulam Hassan Sheikh; Director School Education Kashmir, Naseer Ahmad Wani; Joint Director School Education Central Kashmir, Syed Shabir Ahmad; senior officers of school education department and other concerned officers were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring fair opportunities based on merit and experience. She stated that nearly 3,000 CPWs have been regularized over the past one half



years, reflecting sustained efforts to provide employment security and career advancement.

The Minister highlighted that employees are the backbone of any institution and their dedication plays a vital role in achieving the larger goal of delivering quality education to students. She emphasized that transparent and merit-based promotions not only recognize the hard work of employees but also motivate them to contribute more effectively towards institutional growth and public service delivery.

She said that several reformative measures are being undertaken to strengthen educational infrastructure, improve learning outcomes and address the genuine concerns of teaching and non-teaching staff.

Congratulating the em-

ployees, the Minister urged them to continue working with sincerity, dedication and a sense of responsibility for the betterment of the education sector and the future of students. She also assured that the government will continue to take necessary initiatives aimed at employee welfare, career progression and institutional development.

Addressing the gathering, Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani expressed satisfaction over the initiative and observed that several employees had been waiting for more than 25 to 27 years for regularization. He stated that the government has initiated a systematic and phased approach to resolve long-pending cases and added that similar orders have been issued in recent months in both Jammu and Srinagar. He reiterated

that the government is prioritizing the education and healthcare sectors to ensure improved public service delivery and to meet the legitimate expectations of employees. In his welcome address, Director School Education Kashmir, Naseer Ahmad Wani highlighted the department's continued commitment to employee welfare and strengthening of education system.

Joint Director School Education Central Kashmir, Syed Shabir Ahmad delivered vote of thanks, while as Fayaz Ahmad Fayaz conducted the proceedings of the event. Earlier, Minister Sakeena Ito and Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani also distributed the bicycles among the meritorious students as well as students belonging to BPL families, who had excelled in exams of various classes.

Multiple Awareness, Health, Enforcement Drives organised across Budgam under Nasha Mukht Abhiyaan



BUDGAM, MAY 12: As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA), a series of awareness, enforcement and public outreach activities were conducted across district Budgam today with the active participation of educational institutions, health authorities and enforcement agencies to strengthen the campaign against drug abuse and substance addiction.

At Shunglipora area of Khag, a Mega Health Camp

was organised under the banner of NMBA with the objective of promoting awareness regarding the harmful effects of drug abuse and tobacco consumption. The programme focused on reaching rural populations through awareness activities and individual counselling sessions conducted by medical professionals and healthcare workers.

During the camp, the public was sensitised about the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle and quit-

ting tobacco at an early stage to prevent serious health complications.

Many OPD tickets were issued during the camp and free medicines were distributed among patients to ensure better healthcare support and encourage preventive healthcare practices.

Special emphasis was laid on counselling sessions where people were educated about the ill effects of substance abuse, tobacco addiction and the importance of mental and physi-

cal well-being. The initiative received an encouraging response from the local population.

The Health Administration Khag played a key role in the successful conduct of the camp and in spreading awareness regarding de-addiction and tobacco control.

Meanwhile, awareness activities under NMBA were organised at Government Higher Secondary School Budgam where students were educated about the harmful consequences of drug abuse and motivated to adopt a healthy and disciplined lifestyle. The programme aimed to create awareness among the youth and strengthen their role in building a drug-free society.

In another initiative, students and staff of Government Degree College Khansahib carried out a cleanliness and awareness drive by destroying wild bung growing in the vicinity of the college campus.

Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

Series of events held in Ganderbal to aware masses against substance abuse

GANDERBAL, MAY 12: The District Administration Ganderbal, under the ongoing Nasha Mukht Abhiyan (NMBA @100), today organised a series of awareness and sensitization programmes across the district to promote the vision of a drug-free society and strengthen public participation against substance abuse.

Under this ambitious initiative, District Level Competitions of Essay Writing, Painting, and Singing were organised with great enthusiasm at BHSS Ganderbal. Zonal toppers from different educational zones of the district actively participated in the district-level event and showcased their creativity and talent.

Through art, writing, and music, students delivered powerful messages against drug abuse and advocated for a healthy and responsible society. Meritorious students securing top posi-



tions in various categories were felicitated and appreciated for their outstanding performances. The programme was organised by the Office of the Chief Education Officer Ganderbal in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Office Ganderbal. As part of the

campaign, an awareness programme was organised at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Ganderbal, wherein students from the Faculty of Horticulture, SKUAST-K, along with the staff members of KVK Ganderbal, actively participated. Besides the sensitization

session highlighting the harmful effects of drug abuse, a rally was also carried out to spread awareness regarding the importance of building a healthy and drug-free society. In another significant initiative under NMBA, Urine Drug Screening (UDS) of drivers from the Bus Stand and Sumo Stand of Kangan market was conducted at Sub-District Hospital Kangan in the presence of SHO Kangan. The programme aimed at ensuring public safety, promoting responsible conduct among drivers, and creating awareness regarding the serious consequences of drug abuse. Meanwhile, the Department of Cooperatives, District Ganderbal, organised an Anti-Drug Rally at Chountwaliwar Lar with active participation from the students of Baba Mian Nizam-U-Din Cooperative Educational Institute, Chountwaliwar Lar.





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