

JAMMU & KASHMIR

JKEDI empowers 229 students through Summer Internship Programme in Jammu Division

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The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) has concluded its Summer Internship Programme at its Regional Office, Bari Brahma, and District Centres in Jammu and Udhampur.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Director JKEDI Mohammad Younis Malik and Joint Director JKEDI Chand Kishore Sharma under the aegis of the Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Research (CEER), JKEDI. It was conceptualised in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasises skill development, innovation and experiential learning.

The 10-day, 60-hour programme provided undergraduate students with practical insights into entrepreneurship, startup promotion, business planning and institutional support systems available for aspiring entrepreneurs. A total of 229 students from various colleges across Jammu Division completed the programme through eight batches — 169 students in



six batches at JKEDI Regional Office Bari Brahma, 40 students in one batch at District Centre Jammu and 20 students in one batch at District Centre Udhampur.

Participants were exposed to the startup ecosystem, innovation, self-em-

ployment opportunities and government support mechanisms through interactive sessions, practical assignments, expert interactions and mentoring. JKEDI faculty and resource persons guided participants in developing entrepreneurial competencies, leadership

qualities and problem-solving abilities.

The participating students represented GCW Gandhi Nagar, SPMR College of Commerce Jammu, MAM College Jammu, GCW Parade, GDC Akhnor and Bhaskar Degree College Udhampur.

ANTF Crime Branch commences 2-day capacity building programme for investigating officers

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As part of the 100-Day "Nasha Mukta J&K Abhiyan" launched on 11th April 2026, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Crime Branch J&K today commenced a two-day specialised training programme for Investigating Officers at the Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, Jammu.

The programme was inaugurated by Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone Bhim Sen Tuti, who attended as Chief Guest. In his address, the IGP stated that the fight against the drug menace requires a multi-dimensional approach encompassing enforcement, quality investigation, effective prosecution, rehabilitation of victims and community participation. He noted that well-trained Investigating Officers form the backbone



of the criminal justice system and play a decisive role in dismantling drug trafficking networks and securing convictions.

A total of 120 Investigating Officers drawn from the Jammu-Kathua-Samba (JKS) Range and Udhampur-Reasi (UR) Range are participating. The programme aims to enhance the professional competence of field investigators handling NDPS cases and strengthen institutional capacity to tackle narcotics trafficking.

The 100-Day Abhiyan seeks to combine enforcement, prevention, aware-

ness, rehabilitation and community engagement to disrupt supply chains, identify drug hotspots and sensitise vulnerable sections of society.

The two-day schedule includes sessions on the drug trafficking scenario in Jammu & Kashmir and the national perspective, legal provisions of the NDPS Act, investigation and prosecution of NDPS cases, recent technological advancements, forensic and fingerprint applications, utilisation of NAFIS and case studies covering investigation from registration of FIR to filing of the Final Re-

port. Sessions are being conducted by subject experts from the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), senior police officers, forensic specialists and legal practitioners.

Officers of ANTF stated that enhanced investigative skills, meticulous evidence collection and effective use of technology are essential for ensuring successful prosecution and deterrence against drug traffickers.

The programme will conclude on 18th June 2026 with practical evaluation exercises, feedback sessions and distribution of certificates to participants.

DC Kishtwar reviews health sector, evaluates programme implementation

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the implementation and progress of various health programmes and key performance indicators of the health sector in the district.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kishtwar Dr Sanjay Bhat apprised the Deputy Commissioner of the current status of health schemes across the district. The schemes reviewed included ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account), Institutional Deliveries, Sex Ratio at Birth, Low Birth Weight among Newborns, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) and other health programmes. All Tehsildars concerned



were directed to identify State land within the next ten days for the construction of health centres presently functioning from private rented buildings. The CMO was directed to conduct an inquiry and audit into funds utilised under the e-Sanjeevani Scheme be withheld until further orders. The Deputy Commissioner called for 100% creation of ABHA IDs and Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards to ensure all eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of government healthcare schemes.

Among those present were Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kishtwar Vinod Kumar Behnal, ADC Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal, MS DH Kishtwar Dr Yudhvir Singh Kotwal, BMO Dachan Dr Sajjad Hussain, BMO Kishtwar Dr Anil Sharma, BMO Chatroo Dr Saima Agoo and BMO Padar, besides other officers and officials from the Health Department Kishtwar.

Deputy Commissioner further directed that incentives of officers and officials recording zero per cent performance under the e-Sanjeevani Scheme be withheld until further orders. The Deputy Commissioner called for 100% creation of ABHA IDs and Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards to ensure all eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of government healthcare schemes.

DC Kishtwar chairs DLAMC meeting, directs intensive outreach for 100% Aadhaar coverage

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Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting of the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee (DLAMC) to review the progress and implementation of Aadhaar-related services across the district.

The meeting assessed progress under various directives of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and reviewed Aadhaar-linked service delivery mechanisms.

The Deputy Commissioner examined the status of Aadhaar enrolment, Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBU) for children aged 5-17 years, verification of centenarians and other Aadhaar-related activities and called for stronger inter-departmental coordination to ensure seamless service delivery.

Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kishtwar was di-



rected to issue a roster for Aadhaar enrolment and updation camps in schools across the district to cover all left-out children aged 5-18 years. PO ICDS Kishtwar was directed to achieve 100% Aadhaar saturation of beneficiaries aged 0-5 years across all Anganwadi Centres and Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kishtwar to ensure all public and private delivery centres implement Birth Registration-Based Aadhaar Enrolment (BR-

BAE) for newborns and achieve real-time Aadhaar saturation of all eligible infants.

The CMO was further directed to submit comprehensive details of all delivery centres in the district along with month-wise BRBAE data and an Action Taken Report to the Deputy Commissioner's office within seven days and to explore the provision of funds from District Hospital resources for the procurement of

tablets required for Aadhaar enrolment activities.

Among those present were Additional District Commissioner (ADC) Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal, PO ICDS Kishtwar Rishi Kumar Sharma, ACD Kishtwar Manoj Kumar, ASP Kishtwar Pardeep Singh, Tehsildar (HQ) Mohd Rafie Naik, ALC Kishtwar Mamta Sudershan and DIO NIC Kishtwar Faizal Khan, besides other officers and staff concerned.

JKPCC president meets delegation at Rajiv Bhawan

JAMMU, JUNE 17:

A deputation of the Muslim community from Gujjar Nagar Jammu met PCC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra at Rajiv Bhawan PCC HQ Jammu

and discussed various issues concerning the community in Jammu region.

The meeting was also attended by Working President Shri Raman Bhalla and Shri Sohith Sharma-As-

sembly Incharge Jammu East who organized the meeting.

During the meeting, the deputation highlighted several long-pending demands, including the relief

for the loss of their property during last year's flood. They said that they have not received any relief demanded that relief should be given to the residents of Gujjar Nagar area.

Chief Secy reviews progress of PM Fasal Bima Yojana in J&K

SRINAGAR, JUNE 17: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a review meeting of the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) to assess the implementation and progress of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and related crop insurance schemes across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting besides ACS, APD was attended by the MD, J&K Bank; Director, Agriculture, Kashmir/Jammu; Convenor, UTLBC and other concerned officers from the Department.

While reviewing the implementation framework of PMFBY, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need to ensure coverage of all eligible farmer beneficiaries reflected on the Kisan Rin (KRIN) Portal in accordance with the guidelines of the Government of India. He directed the concerned departments, banks and other stakeholders to work in close coordination for achieving universal coverage of eligible farmers under the scheme.

Dulloo also called for leveraging the ongoing 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' as an effective platform for creating awareness among farmers and motivating them to avail the benefits of crop insurance. He observed that the campaign presents a valuable opportunity

to educate farmers about the importance of risk mitigation through insurance and to encourage their enrolment under this farmer-centric welfare schemes. He also directed the banks to outreach their KCC customers for their enrolment under PMFBY here.

To strengthen coordination and address implementation challenges at the grassroots level, the Chief Secretary suggested that the Agriculture Production Department designate district-wise nodal officers for PMFBY. These officers, he said, should work closely with banks, insurance companies and district administrations to identify and resolve bottlenecks, facilitate seamless enrolment of eligible farmers and ensure smooth implementation of the scheme across all districts of the UT.

Reiterating the Government's commitment towards safeguarding farmers against crop losses arising from natural calamities and adverse weather events, the Chief Secretary stressed the importance of collective efforts by all stakeholders to expand insurance coverage and enhance financial security of the farming community in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, the ACS, Agriculture Production Department, Dr



Ashish Chandra Verma gave a detailed overview of the scheme's performance since its inception, status of claims under Kharif 2025, coverage achieved during Rabi 2025-26, saturation of loanee farmers under the scheme and the implementation status of the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS).

He underscored the need for creating greater awareness about the benefits of crop insurance at the grassroots level to enhance farmer participation under PMFBY.

He observed that, besides leveraging the media for wider dissemination of information, the Agriculture Production Department will utilize the ongoing 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' and other Government-sponsored outreach programmes and events as effective platforms for educating farm-

ers about the scheme and encouraging them to avail its benefits.

The meeting was further informed by Director Agriculture, Kashmir that since the launch of PMFBY in Jammu and Kashmir, more than 12.89 lakh farmers have been covered under the scheme, with over 6.85 lakh farmers benefiting through claim settlements.

He further elaborated that a cumulative area of over 4.05 lakh hectares has been insured under the scheme till Rabi 2025. Against a cumulative premium collection of Rs 463.37 Cr, claims amounting to Rs 220.35 Cr have been settled in favour of farmers, providing crucial financial support against crop losses.

Reviewing the status of Kharif 2025 claims, it was divulged that claims amounting to Rs 53.58 Cr have been submitted covering 1.27 lakh farmers

among eligible loanee farmers..

The meeting further deliberated on the implementation of the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) in Jammu and Kashmir. Detailed presentations were made regarding premium structures, financial implications and tendering processes.

The advisories issued by the Government of India concerning proposed revisions in the operational guidelines of PMFBY and RWBCIS and the forthcoming national tender cycle beginning from Kharif 2026 also came up for discussion during the meeting.

Emphasizing the need to safeguard farmers' interests while ensuring fiscal prudence, the Chief Secretary directed the Agriculture Production Department to undertake all preparatory measures required for timely implementation of crop insurance schemes in accordance with Government of India guidelines and emerging policy frameworks. He reiterated the Government's commitment to strengthening crop insurance coverage and enhancing resilience of the farming sector against weather-related and other production risks, thereby ensuring greater income security for farmers across Jammu and Kashmir.