

JAMMU & KASHMIR

DIET Doda hosts Seminar on ECCE, FLN; 70 Education functionaries participated

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The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Doda, on Saturday organized a one-day seminar on Strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) under the overall supervision of Principal DIET, Rajesh Kumar at the ICT Lab. The initiative reaffirmed the institution's commitment to strengthening foundational learning in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the NIPUN Bharat Mission.

The seminar witnessed the participation of 70 education functionaries from across District Doda including Zonal Nodal Officers (ZNOs), School Nodal Officers (SNOs) and Resource Persons (RPs), reflecting a coordinated effort to enhance early grade education.

Experts during the sessions emphasized the pivotal role of ECCE in fostering the cognitive, emotional, and social development of young learners. They also highlighted the urgent need to strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy skills at the early stages of schooling. The deliberations focused on child-centred pedagogy, activity-based learning, joyful classroom practices and effective teaching strategies to improve learning outcomes. Participants actively engaged in discussions, sharing field experiences and best practices from their respective zones. The seminar also served as a platform for collaborative learning and the exchange of innovative ideas to address challenges in early grade education.



Speaking on the occasion, officials of DIET Doda underscored that strong foundational education is essential for ensuring long-term academic success. They urged participants to effectively implement the knowledge and strategies gained during the seminar at the grassroots level.

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GCW Parade Ground NCC Cadets felicitated for outstanding participation in National Camps

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The NCC Unit of Government College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu proudly celebrated the achievements of its cadets who successfully represented the college and the Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Directorate at two prestigious national-level NCC camps held in different parts of the country.

Eleven NCC cadets of the college participated in the Him Trek Camp held in Solan, Himachal Pradesh, from 5 June to 12 June, while four cadets represented the college at the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Camp held in Maharashtra from 17 June to 28 June. The camps provided the cadets with valuable opportunities for adventure, leadership development, cultural exchange, and national integration.

During the Him Trek Camp, Senior Under Officer Sobia Bashir represented the Directorate as a DTE-Senior.



Cadet Vanshika Verma participated in the Group Song competition. Cadet Premlata brought laurels to the college by participating in the Group Song event and winning Gold Medals in the 3D Art Competition and the Best from Waste Competition. At the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp in Maharashtra, Sergeant Bhavya Rajput participated in the Group Folk Dance competition and was selected for the Integrated Group Dance Event. Cadet Konika Chib participated in the Group Folk Dance and also served as a Media Member of the camp. Cadet

Drishity Jain showcased her talent in the Solo Dance (Open House) event, while Cadet Vanshika Devi participated in the Group Folk Dance competition.

On their return, the cadets were felicitated by the Principal of the college, Dr. Naveen Anand, who congratulated them for their commendable performances and appreciated their dedication, discipline and commitment in representing the institution at the national level. He emphasized that such achievements inspire other students to actively participate in NCC activities and contribute towards nation-

building. The Associate NCC Officer of the college, Dr. Nitu Sharma also congratulated the cadets for their outstanding performances and appreciated their sincere efforts, enthusiasm and team spirit. She encouraged them to continue striving for excellence and to uphold the values of discipline, leadership and national service that form the cornerstone of the NCC.

The college fraternity extended its best wishes to all the participating cadets and expressed confidence that they would continue to bring further laurels to the institution in the future.

MP Jugal chairs DISHA meeting at Reasi; Reviews progress of centrally sponsored schemes

REASI, JULY 04:

Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma today chaired a meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) at Reasi to review the implementation, progress and monitoring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being executed across the district.

The meeting focused on assessing the physical and financial progress of major developmental schemes and ensuring effective implementation of welfare initiatives aimed at improving public service delivery and accelerating district development.

District Development Commissioner Reasi, Kumar Abhishek gave a detailed presentation highlighting the current status, achievements and progress under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the district.

A comprehensive review was undertaken of key programmes including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Jal Jeevan Mission, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, besides schemes related to Health, Education, Power and Rural Development sectors.

The meeting witnessed threadbare deliberations on the ground-level implementation of these schemes, with detailed discussions on achievements, challenges and bottlenecks affecting

timely execution. Special emphasis was laid on improving inter-departmental coordination, expediting pending works and ensuring timely completion of on-going projects.

Reviewing the overall progress, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma issued a series of directions covering a wide range of developmental works across the district. He stressed that completed schemes should be made operational without unnecessary delay so that the intended benefits reach the public at the earliest. He further directed that all stalled works be revived through timely intervention and appropriate remedial measures to prevent delays in public service delivery.

During the meeting, the MP directed concerned of-

icers to organize extensive awareness camps across the district to sensitize the public about the benefits of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. He emphasized that wider outreach and awareness generation are essential to ensure that eligible households are fully informed about the scheme and motivated to avail its benefits. He asked the concerned departments to strengthen IEC activities and facilitate smooth registration and implementation for beneficiaries.

He also raised concerns regarding road infrastructure and urged the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to take immediate steps for repair and widening of roads to ensure smooth and hassle-free movement of traffic.

Joint inspection of Fertiliser and Pesticide Dealers conducted in Kathua District

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In pursuance of the directions of the Director, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department, Jammu, Anil Gupta, a joint inspection of fertiliser and pesticide dealers was conducted at Chadwal, Dayalchack, Sanji Morh, Thanger Morh, Kunde Chak and Palli in Kathua district to ensure compliance with the provisions governing the sale and distribution of agricultural inputs.

The inspection was carried out by Plant Protection Officer, Jammu, Raju Mahajan along with Assistant Director, Law Enforcement, Jammu, S. Kuldeep Singh and Law Enforcement Inspector, Kathua, Anil Gupta. The joint enforcement drive was aimed at ensuring strict adherence to the provisions of the Fertiliser (Control) Order and the Insecticides Act, 1968, read with the Insecticides Rules, 1971.

During the inspection, the enforcement team conducted a comprehensive verification of fertiliser and pesticide business establishments. The team examined the sale and distribution practices, verified the sale rates of fertilisers & pesticides and scrutinised the maintenance of statutory records including stock



registers, sales registers, invoices, cash memos and other documents prescribed under the relevant laws and regulations.

The inspection team also interacted with dealers, distributors and retailers and sensitised them about their statutory responsibilities. They were advised to strictly comply with the provisions of the Fertiliser (Control) Order and the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Insecticides Rules, 1971. They were specifically instructed to maintain all mandatory records in an updated and transparent manner, ensure the sale of only authorised agricultural

inputs, display price lists wherever applicable and comply with all licensing conditions and regulatory requirements.

The officers emphasised that the Agriculture Department remains committed to protecting the interests of the farming community by ensuring the availability of quality fertilisers and pesticides at prescribed rates. They reiterated that regular joint enforcement drives would continue across the Jammu Division to strengthen regulatory compliance and curb any malpractice in the sale and distribution of agricultural inputs.

The Department further warned that any violation of the provisions of the Fertiliser (Control) Order or the Insecticides Act and Rules would invite appropriate legal action under the relevant statutory provisions. The Agriculture Department appealed to all fertiliser and pesticide dealers to conduct their business in accordance with the law and extend full cooperation to the enforcement authorities in maintaining transparency, accountability and quality standards in the supply of agricultural inputs, thereby safeguarding the interests of the farming community.

5-day Peace Education Programme Workshop concludes successfully at Town Hall Doda

DODA, JULY 04:

The five-day Peace Education Programme focused on Inner Capacity Building commenced from 30th of June 2026 successfully concluded today at Town Hall Doda. The initiative was conducted by the District Administration Doda in collaboration with The Prem Rawat Foundation.

The programme aimed to promote emotional well-being, self-awareness, inner strength and a positive work culture among government officials and members of educational institutions.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Anil Kumar Thakur attended the valedictory function and distributed certificates of participation to the attendees. He appreciated the dedicated efforts of the volunteers of The Prem Rawat Foundation and urged participants to carry the message of peace and inner strength to the grassroots level.

Earlier, the workshop witnessed active participation from Chief Education Officer Doda Bhushan Kumar, Principals of Government Degree Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools, Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs), Headmasters along with officers from the Health Department and other district



offices. Over the course of five days, participants engaged in interactive sessions centered around key themes such as Peace, Appreciation, Inner Strength, Self-Awareness, Clarity, Understanding, Dignity, Choice, Hope, and Contentment. The sessions were designed to strengthen leadership

skills, emotional intelligence, resilience, and effective decision-making, while also encouraging a healthy work-life balance and citizen-focused service delivery.

The sessions were facilitated by Poonam Sehrawat, Master Trainer from The Prem Rawat Foundation, who guided participants

through practical exercises and meaningful discussions.

The organisers shared that this globally acknowledged programme, conducted across multiple countries and languages, aims to help individuals discover their inner strengths and lead more purposeful and fulfilling lives.

Medical Check-up Camp held in Doda

DODA, JULY 04: As part of ongoing efforts to promote road safety and ensure the well-being of transport workers, a Medical Health Check-up Camp for drivers and cleaners was organized today near Police Lines Doda.

The camp was organized by the Assistant Regional Transport Office (ARTO), Doda in collaboration with the Health Department under the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Doda and the Transport Commissioner Jammu.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO), Doda.

A team of doctors and paramedical staff conducted general health examinations, including blood pressure, blood sugar, vision screening and other basic medical fitness assessments of drivers and cleaners.

Participants were also sensitized about maintaining good health, avoiding fatigue while driving and following safe road practices.

The initiative aimed to ensure the medical fitness of commercial vehicle drivers and cleaners, thereby contributing to safer roads and reducing the risk of accidents caused by health-related issues.

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