

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## Job fair held in Doda, 320 candidates shortlisted by 17 employers

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The District Employment & Counselling Centre (DECC) Doda, under the Directorate of Employment, Jammu & Kashmir, in collaboration with the District Administration Doda today organised a job fair at Community Hall, Doda providing a platform for unemployed youth to connect with prospective employers.

The job fair was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Doda Krishan Lal in presence of Chief Planning Officer Doda Manesh Manhas and Assistant Director Employment Doda. The dignitaries interacted with participating employers and job seekers and appreciated the DECC's efforts in facilitating direct interaction between recruiters and candidates.

Seventeen employers from diverse sectors participated, offering 391 vacancies across a range of job profiles.

Nearly 550 job seekers from different parts of the district registered and participated in the recruitment process.

Following interviews and screening, participating



companies shortlisted 320 candidates on the spot for further stages of recruitment and final selection. Remaining candidates were provided guidance on future employment opportunities, skill development programmes and career counselling services available through the DECC.

The Deputy Commissioner said such initiatives bridge the gap between employers and job seekers and encouraged youth to upgrade their skills and take advantage of employment and self-employment schemes being implemented by the government.

The Assistant Director Employment said the department is committed to enhancing employability of youth through regular job fairs, career counselling, skill development programmes and stronger industry linkages.

## Bhalla, Ravinder lead massive congress protest at Dansal, Seek resignation of Pradhan, fair probe in Chanda Chori

**DANSAL, JULY 9:** A massive rally was held at Dansal by the Congress party which was led by Working President Shri Raman Bhalla along with Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Th Romal Singh, Madan Dubey and other senior functionaries of Nagrota Assembly constituency.

A large gathering of Congress workers took out a protest rally in the Dansal market seeking resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over repeated paper leaks, fair probe in Ram temple, Chandi Chori and setting up of trust of saints, Shankracharyas, early restoration of statehood and water, power crises in several areas of Nagrota Assembly constituency.

The protesters raised slogans against Modi government and BJP over these issues of public concern and failure on multiple fronts.

Addressing the gathering Shri Raman Bhalla hit out at Modi government for the commercialisation of Education and repeated scams in NEET paper leak and other prestigious examinations causing frustration amongst the students and youth, who are committing suicides.

There are 90 incidents of paper leaks in the past ten years but due to lack of accountability the system has rotten and time and it is



happening. Prime Minister should sack the Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan immediately and bring reforms in the system. Referring to "Chanda Chori" in Ram temple, Shri Bhalla termed it a serious issue which has hurt the sentiments of entire Hindu population but the trust has not been dissolved yet and a fair probe under Supreme Court Judge should be held tomorrow punish culprits and create a fool proof mechanism.

He said that BJP government has betrayed the people of J&K over the issue of statehood and people are sandwiched between dual control system and facing corruptions and arrogance of administration.

is fighting for statehood for over one & half years and held strong protest at Jantar Mantir Delhi too but BJP is silent.

BJP President @Nitin Nabin didn't utter a word on statehood and other serious

issues faced by people and youth but talked of preparations for elections only.

Winning elections by hook or crook is the only motive of BJP and it is always in the elections mode not bothered about issues faced by Jammu people.

He also highlighted the power and water crisis besides monkey menace in the area. He also raised the issue of large scale unemployment, lack of people welfare measures in the absence of PRIs.

He demanded early elections to the basic institutions of democracy and asked party cadres to prepare for the same.

JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma Ex-MLC lashed out at the BJP for the mess in the management of Ram Temple, stating that the loot of donations has taken place under the nose of double engine government of BJP- RSS and are answerable. A fair probe and transparent sys-

tem can restore faith of people in the system.

He referred to the fight of LOP Shri Rahul Gandhi ji to save the career of youth and students if the country under Chhatron ki Goonj and said that BJP has commercialised the Education and examinations. People should stand with the youth to bring reforms in the Education and examinations system. Sharma referred to double control system in the absence of statehood and asked people to intensify the struggle for restoration of statehood and expose BJP on all issues.

Th Romal Singh highlighted the numerous issues faced by the people regarding power, water crisis, monkey menace and lack of development through people in the absence of Panchayats.

Several prominent persons joined Congress including Ajay Singh Anil Kumar accompanied by the supporters.

## Director Agriculture Jammu reviews progress of HADP, CAPEX, CSS and NABARD projects

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Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta today chaired a review meeting to assess physical and financial progress of developmental projects and schemes being implemented in Jammu district under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), CAPEX, Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and NABARD.

The Director reviewed physical achievements and financial expenditure under all ongoing schemes, examining infrastructure works, utilisation of funds, progress of sanctioned works and district-wise implementation of approved action plans.

All officers were directed



to ensure that every developmental work is carried out strictly in accordance with the approved action plan and prescribed timelines, with field officers closely monitoring execution so that projects are completed within the stipulated period without compromising quality. He further instructed the officers to process and submit bills to the treasury expeditiously to avoid delays in financial progress and ensure optimum utilisation of allocated funds within the

current financial year. He also directed Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) and implementing agencies to maintain complete financial discipline and process all eligible payments promptly. The Director further instructed officers to maintain proper documentation, submit periodic progress reports in a timely manner and ensure close coordination among implementing agencies for achievement of scheme objectives. The meeting was attended

by SMS-RI Krishan Kant, Chief Agriculture Officer Jammu Manohar Lal Sharma, Assistant Director Planning Jammu Harish Chander, ASCO Akhnoor Rajesh Kumar Langer, ASCO Jammu Dr Ambika Rani, SDAO Marh Khalid Hassan, SDAO RS Pura Arun Jaral, SDAO Dansal Ashwani Gupta, SDAO Akhnoor Rajan Sharma, technical officers from the Directorate of Agriculture Jammu and other field functionaries.

## SHD organizes Scientist-Sheep Breeders Interaction Programme under ATMA

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A one-day Scientist-Sheep Breeders Interaction Programme-Exposure Visit for progressive sheep breeders from Budgam was organized at the Mountain Research Center for Sheep & Goat (MRCS&G), SKUAST-Kashmir, on Thursday by the Sheep Husbandry Department (SHD), Kashmir, under the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA).

The program focused on strengthening the technical knowledge and practical skills of sheep breeders through expert lectures and field demonstrations on scientific nutrition, breeding, disease prevention, flock health management, and modern housing practices. Scientists highlighted innovative technologies to improve sheep productivity and farm profitability.



As part of the program, participants visited the Center's research and livestock farms, where they observed improved sheep breeds, scientific management practices, fodder production systems, and ongoing research. Live demonstrations provided hands-on exposure to modern sheep farming

technologies. An interactive session enabled farmers to discuss field-level challenges with scientists and receive practical, science-based solutions for effective flock management.

The program was led by Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Reshi, Senior Scientist & Head, MRCS&G, along with Dr Muzamil Abdullah, Dr Abul Qayoom Mir, and Dr Zul-

fiqar-ul-Haq from MRCS&G. Dr Muzamil Bashir and Dr Asma Khan from the Sheep Husbandry Department also interacted with the participants.

The farmers appreciated the initiative, describing it as a valuable platform for learning scientific sheep-farming practices and for strengthening collaboration between researchers and the farming community.

## Bandipor Admin sets up Plastic Checkpoint at Tragbal to protect Gurez Valley's Fragile Ecology

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In a significant step towards preserving the pristine environment of Gurez Valley, the District Administration Bandipora today established a Plastic Checkpoint at Tragbal on the Road to Gurez with the active support of the Indian Army and launched the 'Polythene-Free Gurez' Campaign to curb the use of single-use polythene and plastic and promote sustainable tourism in the valley.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, said that the initiative, envisioned in line with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for environmental conservation and cleanliness, has been launched under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and would be implemented in letter and spirit.

The Deputy Commissioner inaugurated the newly established Plastic Checkpoint at Tragbal on



the Road to Gurez, where she interacted with visitors and tourists proceeding towards Gurez Valley. She appealed to them to cooperate with the District Administration in making Gurez a polythene-free tourist destination by avoiding the use of single-use plastic and adopting eco-friendly alternatives.

The Deputy Commissioner said that with the opening of Gurez Valley for the tourist season, a considerable increase in polythene and plastic waste had been noticed. She stressed that

protecting the valley's fragile ecosystem was a collective responsibility and called upon all visitors to actively support the campaign by carrying reusable and environment-friendly materials.

To facilitate the campaign, the District Administration, with the active support of the Indian Army, established the Plastic Checkpoint at Tragbal on the Road to Gurez, where sustainable and environment-friendly alternatives, including steel water bottles and cloth bags, had been made available for trav-

ellers. In addition, a wash-room facility and a food point were also established for the convenience of visitors. The Deputy Commissioner urged tourists and other visitors to extend their wholehearted support to the initiative and contribute towards keeping Gurez clean, green and free from plastic pollution.

The campaign is being implemented under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) under the leadership of the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Bandipora, with the active support of the Director General, Rural Sanitation, J&K; Secretary, Rural Development Department, Jammu & Kashmir, and the District Administration Bandipora.

The District Administration reaffirmed its commitment to promoting responsible tourism and protecting the natural beauty and ecological wealth of Gurez Valley through sustained public participation and coordinated efforts of all stakeholders.

## HP Governor launches Digital News platform 'Outlook Bharat'

**SHIMLA, JULY 10:** The Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Kavinder Gupta launched Outlook Bharat, a digital news platform, at Lok Bhavan, Shimla.

On the occasion, Managing Director Hitesh Mahajan, Editor-in-Chief Tarika and Executive Editor Siddarth Radotra were present. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Kavinder Gupta congratulated the Outlook Bharat team on the launch of the platform and conveyed his best wishes for its success.

He expressed confidence that the news platform would uphold the values of responsible, credible and ethical journalism while keeping readers informed on issues of national impor-



tance. The Governor also appreciated the efforts of the team in introducing a platform dedicated to quality journalism and wished them success in their endeavour to serve society through accurate, balanced and meaningful reporting.

Managing Director Hitesh Mahajan expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Governor for inaugurating the platform and for his encouragement and blessings. "Outlook Bharat has been launched with the vision of becoming a credible national news platform that

delivers timely, factual and people-centric journalism. Our mission is to amplify voices from the grassroots, highlight issues of national importance and uphold the highest standards of journalistic integrity," he said.

Editor-in-Chief Tarika said the platform will focus on authentic reporting, in-depth analysis and responsible journalism, ensuring every story is presented with fairness, accuracy and credibility.

The Outlook Bharat team expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Governor for his guidance, blessings and support, reaffirming its commitment to building a trusted national news platform dedicated to truth, public service and responsible journalism.