

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## DC, DIG visit GMC Udhampur, review medical care of injured Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa and Deputy Inspector General of Police Udhampur-Reasi Range Shiv Kumar today visited Government Medical College Udhampur to review the medical care being provided to the injured Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims injured in a road accident near Toldi Nallah on the National Highway in Udhampur district.

Deputy Commissioner and DIG took stock of the treatment and healthcare facilities being extended to the injured pilgrims.

A Maruti car carrying Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims had skidded off the road near Toldi Nallah resulting in injuries to its occupants.

During the visit, the officers interacted with the injured pilgrims, enquired about their well-being and reviewed the medical treat-



ment being provided by the hospital administration. The DC directed the hospital authorities to ensure the best possible treatment, round-the-clock medical attention and all necessary facilities for the speedy recovery of the injured pilgrims.

The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the prompt response of the security forces and medical staff in providing timely assistance to the injured. He instructed the hospital administration to closely monitor the condition of

each patient and extend every possible support to ensure their early recovery and well-being.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, doctors and other concerned officers were present during the visit.

## 240 Students complete Summer Internship Programme at JKEDI Jammu Campus

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240 students from various colleges across the Jammu Division successfully completed the internship programme at the Regional Office of Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) and JKEDI District Centre, Jammu.

A total of 240 students from various colleges across the Jammu Division successfully completed the programme through seven batches. Of these, 200 students participated in six batches conducted at the JKEDI Regional Office, Bari Brahmana, while 40 students attended one batch at the District Centre, Jammu.

The internship programme was held under the overall supervision of Director, JKEDI Mohammad Younis Malik and Joint Director JKEDI Chand Kishor Sharma.

The 10-day (60-hour) internship programme was organized in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to provide experiential learning, entrepreneurial exposure and skill development opportunities to undergraduate students.

The programme provided participants with exposure to



entrepreneurship development, startup promotion, innovation, business planning and the various institutional support mechanisms available for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Through interactive sessions, practical assignments and expert interactions, students gained valuable insights into entrepreneurship

and self-employment opportunities.

The programme was facilitated by JKEDI faculty members and resource persons, who served as trainers, mentors and batch coordinators, equipping participants with essential entrepreneurial knowledge, leadership competencies and practical problem-solving skills through a

structured and experiential learning approach.

By organizing such experiential learning programmes, JKEDI continues to empower the youth of Jammu and Kashmir with entrepreneurial skills, foster innovation-driven thinking and encourage students to transform their ideas into successful business ventures.

## 2-day National Conference on NEP 2020 begins at GDC Doda

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A two-day National Conference on "Implementation of NEP 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir: Challenges of Inclusion, Equity and Accessibility" commenced on Friday at Government Degree College (GDC) Doda, bringing together academicians, educationists, policy-makers, researchers and scholars from across the country.

The conference aims to provide a platform for discussions on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, with a special focus on inclusion, equity and accessibility in Jammu and Kashmir.

Principal of GDC Doda and Patron of the conference, Dr. Javid Iqbal, welcomed the delegates and outlined the objectives of the event, emphasizing the need for meaningful academic dialogue to address the opportunities and challenges of implementing NEP 2020 in the region.

Deputy Commissioner



Doda, Krishan Lal (JKAS), who attended as the chief guest, highlighted the transformative potential of NEP 2020 in reshaping India's education system. He stressed the importance of collaborative efforts to ensure equitable access to quality education and appreciated the organisers for initiating discussions on a significant educational reform.

Dr. Shabir Ahmed, Co-Organising Secretary, introduced the conference theme and elaborated on its objectives.

The inaugural session featured keynote addresses by Prof. Mushtaq Siddiqi, Coordinator, NEP Cell, Uni-

versity of Kashmir, and Dr. Ali Asgar, Associate Professor, IGNOU, New Delhi. The speakers discussed the opportunities and challenges in implementing NEP 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting the importance of inclusive education, institutional preparedness, innovative teaching methods and active stakeholder participation.

Chief Education Officer Doda, B.K. Pathak, and Dr. Suresh Kotwal, Head, Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College Doda, attended as special guests and appreciated the organisers for selecting a timely and

relevant theme.

The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Jamsheed Ahmad, Assistant Professor of English and Organising Secretary, while Dr. Wahied Khawar Balwan, Conference Coordinator, presented the vote of thanks.

The conference has attracted enthusiastic participation from faculty members, researchers, scholars and students from universities and colleges across the country. Over the next two days, it will feature technical sessions, paper presentations and panel discussions on various aspects of NEP 2020 and its impact on higher education in Jammu and Kashmir.

## Free Medical Camp held at Boloan Rokali

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A Mega Free Medical Aid-cum-Awareness Camp was organized at Dandasana Mata Mandir (Bolian Rokali) in Medical Block Thathri, under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer Doda, Dr Vinod Sharma, and Block Medical Officer Thathri, Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Kichloo, on 09-07-2026.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response from devotees and local residents, who availed themselves of a wide range of free healthcare services.

During the camp, more than 400 patients were screened by a team of doctors and provided with free Allopathic and AYUSH medicines as per their medical needs. Essential diagnostic tests, including Blood Sugar and Hemoglobin (Hb) screening, were also carried out for early detection and timely treatment of health conditions.

An awareness session under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan was also organized during the camp. The participants were sensitized



about the harmful effects of substance abuse, the importance of leading a drug free life and the need for collective community efforts to eradicate the menace of drug addiction. The public was encouraged to actively support the campaign by spreading awareness and promoting healthy lifestyle

practices. The medical team included Dr. Sadeeq Wani (MO), Dr. Ikhlaq Hussain (MO RBSK), Dr. Anamika (MO RBSK), Mr Anil Singh (Lab Tech), Mrs Pooja Devi (FMPHW), Mr Akshay Kumar (MMPHW), and Balwant Singh (Rtd Head Phst), who ensured the

smooth and successful conduct of the camp.

The initiative was widely appreciated by the local community, with beneficiaries expressing their gratitude to the Health Department for organizing the camp and providing quality healthcare services at their doorstep.

## IAS Probationer visits Cooperative institutions in Udhampur

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IAS Probationer Dr. Shagun Singh today visited the Office of the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Udhampur, to inspect the functioning of various cooperative offices and institutions in the district.

During the visit, she inspected the offices of the Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Cooperative Audit and Deputy Registrar Agriculture.

Dr. Shagun held detailed discussions on the ongoing schemes, projects and initiatives of the Cooperative Department.

Officials briefed her on the benefits and services being extended to the public through the cooperative



sector.

She appreciated the department's efforts and suggested measures for strengthening institutional functioning, upgrading services and enhancing public service delivery.

The IAS Probationer later visited Devika Urban

Cooperative Bank, where she reviewed the bank's functioning and interacted with officials on digital banking services and measures being taken to protect customers from online and cyber frauds.

She also visited the District Cooperative Market

ing Society and the Jammu Central Cooperative Bank, where she reviewed banking operations, cyber security measures, account opening progress, Kisan Credit Card facilities and other cooperative banking services being provided to the public.

## DC chairs DCDC meeting, reviews Cooperative sector in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting of the District Cooperative Development Committee to assess the overall performance of the cooperative sector in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Jugal Kishore Anand, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives and other concerned officers.

A detailed review was held on key issues, including the computerization of PACS, establishment of a cold storage facility at Chenani, Cooperative Infrastructure Development Fund projects and Cash Credit Limit proposals for 2026-27, besides other initiatives aimed at strength-



ening the cooperative ecosystem.

At the outset, the Deputy Registrar Cooperatives briefed the committee on the overall functioning, achievements and ongoing initiatives of the Cooperative Department in the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner em-

phasized the need for greater inter-departmental coordination and collective efforts to revive and strengthen the cooperative movement.

He highlighted the pivotal role of cooperatives in promoting rural development, enhancing farmers' access to institutional support and creating sustain-

able livelihood opportunities.

The Deputy Commissioner urged all stakeholders to work in close coordination and align their efforts towards making the cooperative sector a strong pillar of inclusive economic growth, rural prosperity and self-reliance in Udhampur district.