

SWD Srinagar organizes Vocational Training Programme to promote livelihood

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HEW Srinagar organised a vocational training programme at S.P. College, Srinagar, with the objective of promoting skill development, self-employment and livelihood opportunities among participants. Resource persons from the District Industries Cen-

tre (DIC), Srinagar, and the Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Srinagar, participated in the programme and provided valuable guidance to the participants on various aspects of vocational skills, entrepreneurship, self-employment opportunities and available support mechanisms.

During the programme, the resource persons highlighted the importance of acquiring market-oriented skills and encouraged participants to explore entrepreneurship and self-employment as viable avenues for sustainable livelihoods. They also apprised the participants about the institutional support and opportunities available through DIC and JKEDI.

The Social Welfare Department emphasized that such initiatives are aimed at empowering individuals through skill development and facilitating their economic and social inclusion. The department reiterated its commitment to organizing similar programmes to create greater awareness about vocational training, entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities.

SKUAST-K's celebrates World Entrepreneurs' Day with Startups

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 21: SKUAST-K Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship Centre (SKIIE) celebrated World Entrepreneurs' Day, bringing together resident startups, mentors and industry partners under the banner "Stakeholders of Change" for a day-long programme reflecting on Kashmir's growing entrepreneurship ecosystem.

The session was chaired by Director Education, SKUAST-K Prof Altaf Mohd Bhat, with Chief Executive Officer of SKIIE delivering the keynote address to an audience of founders, innovators and prospective entrepreneurs.

The Director Education, commended SKIIE's role in embedding entrepreneurship into the university's academic culture and encouraged audience to see startups as a viable career path alongside conventional employment.

Power Shutdown by KPDCL

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 21: Chief Engineer Distribution, KPDCL has informed that the Shutdown of 33 kV Pampore-Badamibagh line will be observed due to which power supply to Sonwar, Shivpora, Panthachowk, Batwara, WSS Tangnar, Summerbugh, Govt. Press, GB Panth Hospital and adjoining areas will be affected from 08 AM to 11 AM on 22 August 2026.

Similarly, shutdown of 33 kV Pampore-Pulwama line will be observed due to which power supply to Kakapora, Pahoo, Nehama, Newa, Gudoora, Parigam, Singoo Narbal, Zadoora and adjoining areas will be affected from 09 AM to 02 PM on 27 & 29 August 2026.

Senior Citizens Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm at Golden's Day Care & Recreation Centre

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Senior Citizens Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Golden's Day Care & Recreation Centre for Senior Citizens, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu, with cultural programmes, health-awareness sessions and interactive activities highlighting the importance of dignity, social participation and the overall wellbeing of senior citizens.

Sham Lal Sharma, MLA Jammu North, who was the Chief Guest, appreciated the efforts of the Centre in providing senior citizens with a caring, respectful and vibrant social environment.

He said that the welfare of senior citizens must remain an important priority of society, particularly at a time when changing family structures and the fast pace of modern life can leave many elderly persons facing challenges related to social isolation, companionship, health and reduced participation in community life. He emphasized that senior citizens need not merely assistance, but also respect, emotional support, meaningful engagement and the opportunity to live with dignity.

Sharma said that senior citizens are the repository of experience, wisdom and values, and their contribution to society cannot be measured merely in material terms. He called upon



families, community organisations and institutions to work collectively to ensure that elderly persons remain socially connected, active and valued members of society. He appreciated Golden's Day Care & Recreation Centre for creating a platform where senior citizens can interact, participate in cultural and recreational activities and benefit from health-awareness initiatives.

He further stressed the need for a broader and more compassionate approach towards senior citizen welfare, including greater awareness about preventive healthcare, regular health check-ups, accessible public spaces, social interaction and community support systems. Sharma said that caring for the elderly is not the responsibility of any one institution alone, but a collective social responsibility. He expressed his solidarity with the Centre's efforts and assured his support for

initiatives aimed at improving the dignity, happiness, health and quality of life of senior citizens.

Prominent persons who spoke on the occasion included Shri Raj Kumar Kohli, Shri Tilak Raj Sharma, Shri Prem Raj Shan and Shri Ramesh Magotra, who highlighted the importance of community participation and continued support for the welfare of senior citizens. The celebration featured cultural programmes, health-awareness sessions and interactive activities, providing the elderly participants an opportunity to come together, interact and celebrate the occasion in a warm and positive atmosphere. The management of Golden's Day Care & Recreation Centre reiterated its commitment to the happiness, dignity and welfare of senior citizens, describing them as the guiding light of society.

During the programme, forthcoming infrastructure

requirements of the Centre were also placed before the Hon'ble MLA for consideration, including installation of PP tiles in the front ground and allied works through his CDF, along with installation of ESCL lights in the premises of Golden's Day Care & Recreation Centre by the Jammu Municipal Corporation. These proposed works are aimed at improving the Centre's infrastructure and creating a safer, more comfortable and accessible environment for senior citizens.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks to all dignitaries, guests and participants. The celebration conveyed a strong social message that the dignity and wellbeing of senior citizens are integral to the welfare of society, and that a truly progressive and compassionate society is one that respects its elders, values their contribution and ensures that they continue to feel included, supported and valued.

Railway officials hold meeting with Director Horti regarding transportation of Kashmiri apples



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With the objective of ensuring safe, timely and economical transportation of apples in the upcoming apple season 2026, an important meeting was organized today on 21st August 2026 at Srinagar by Railway officials with the Director, Horticulture, Planning & Marketing, Srinagar and all stakeholders. The meeting was attended by Assistant Commercial Manager / FS / Jammu and Assistant Operations Manager / M / Jammu on behalf of Jammu Division, along with officials of the Horticulture Department, fruit growers, Kisan aggregators and business aggregators, including about 30-35 prominent representatives. In this meeting, various traders, farmers and apple

traders participated physically as well as through virtual mode. The main objective of the meeting was to ensure safe, timely and economical transportation of apples through Railways in the upcoming apple season.

Various important issues were discussed in the meeting, especially detailed deliberations were held on transportation of fruits from Anantnag and Pampore Goods Sheds and movement of apples through parcel train from Budgam to Adarsh Nagar Delhi. The Horticulture Department, fruit growers and apple traders expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Railways for the services provided last year. They informed that last year in 2025, when the National Highway was closed due to natural reasons, Railways

played a vital role in that difficult time. It is noteworthy that last year, Jammu Division successfully transported about 20,000 tonnes of apples from Kashmir to other mandis of the country through Goods Trains and JPP-RCS Parcel Train, Parcel Vans and BCN wagons, which saved the growers and traders from incurring huge losses.

In view of the upcoming apple season 2026, the transportation of apples to different parts of the country through Railways this year also was discussed in the meeting.

In this regard, it was decided that the Directorate of Horticulture will provide detailed information regarding the anticipated quantity and transportation requirements to the Railways within a week, so that timely arrangement of parcel van rakes and BCN wagons can be made by the Railways. In the meeting, Railway officials advised all aggregators to consider Railway parcel service as per their requirement and to fill the indent in advance. Traders can apply for their indent online, so that their goods can be included in the scheduled routes and parcel rakes or wagons can be made available on priority basis upon receipt of the indent.

Officials stated that transportation by Railways is extremely beneficial for aggregators and farmers. As compared to road transport, Railway freight is eco-

nomical, which will reduce the per-box cost and directly increase profits. Even in case of bad weather, landslides and National Highway blockade, apples will reach the mandis safely and on time through rail route, which will make the risk of fruit spoilage almost negligible. A large quantity of apples can be sent together through parcel vans and BCN wagons, which will eliminate the need to send small loads repeatedly. Along with this, direct connectivity will be available from Budgam to Adarsh Nagar Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata including all major fruit markets of the country.

On this occasion, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu, Shri Uchit Singhla said that Railways is fully committed to the prosperity of the horticulture sector of Jammu and Kashmir and the farmer brothers here. Our target is that this year more apples should be transported through Railways than last year. All farmer and trader brothers should join the Railway parcel service in maximum numbers.

At the end of the meeting, all aggregators expressed their consent to work together with the Railways this year also.

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SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from registered/experienced/reputed contractors for running the college canteen at Govt. Degree College, Nowshera as per details given in the tender document. The tender document, consisting of prescribed tender form, list of canteen items and terms and conditions, may be collected from the college. The sealed tender must reach this office within 07 days from the date of publication of this tender notice. The tender should be accompanied with CDR of Rs. 3000/- (Three Thousand Only) in favor of Principal Govt. Degree College Nowshera. Conditional, incomplete and ambiguous tenders shall be straightaway rejected.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Principal
GDC Nowshera

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR COLLEGE CANTEEN CONTRACT

- The college shall provide unfurnished working space/rooms to be used for canteen. The infrastructure in terms of furniture, fixture, utensils etc. shall be arranged by tenderer.
- The successful bidder shall deposit an amount of Rs. 20000/- as security in the college which shall be refunded after the expiry of the contract and no interest shall be payable on it. This may be adjusted in case any dues/damages are reported during the period of contract.
- The contract will be issued for a period of one year and will start with effect from the date of signing the agreement.
- The tender offering the highest rent per month shall be awarded the canteen contract. The minimum rent to be quoted is Rs. 3000/= per month.
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit the canteen rent on or before the last day of every month, failing which Rs.50/- per day will be charged for the number of days of the delay.
- The rates should be quoted neat & clean without any cutting & overwriting and must be inclusive of all taxes, GST etc.
- Contractor shall be permitted to sell only those items which are mentioned in the approved list. The approved list shall be revised from time to time if required.
- The contractor shall display the rates of items preferably near the counter. All articles sold in the canteen shall be in accordance with the approved rates/MRP only.
- The contractor use only good quality raw material in preparation of the eatables. The quantity, quality and rate of items approved shall have to be strictly followed.
- Contractor shall keep the canteen area (in & around) neat & clean and ensure the disposal of all waste properly outside the college campus.
- The college canteen committee has the right to inspect the canteen and check the quality of food, services & cleanliness of the canteen.
- Contractor shall submit the names & address of the employees working in the canteen. No person of age less than 1/8 years shall be employed.
- Sale of tobacco, liquor, cigarettes, chutkis etc is not allowed in the canteen premises. Any violation will lead to the cancellation of contract without any notice.
- No Music/TV/Video shall be played in the canteen.
- The contractor shall take all necessary precautions against fire hazards and damage to the canteen block. Damage or breakage of any kind shall be borne by the contractor.
- Tender document is not transferable.
- The tenderer should possess valid PAN and Aadhar Card, copies of which should be deposited as part of tender.
- Successful bidder has to pay monthly electricity tariff and copy of payment bill shall be deposited with this office.
- Tender from the firms registered in the name of employee of UT or Central Govt. or autonomous bodies will not be entertained.
- Canteen shall remain open in all working days from 9 AM to 3 PM or as specified by this office.
- No. unhygienic/spoiled/expired eatable goods shall be sold in the canteen.
- The tenders will be opened by the college canteen committee on the next working day of the last date of receiving the tenders in presence of the Principal.
- Tenderers shall ensure to remain present an scheduled date and time (2.00 PM)The successful contractor will submit the undertaking duly sworn before the first class judicial magistrate for fulfillment of the contract as per the terms and conditions of the tender before starting the canteen.
- In case of any dispute, the decision of the Principal of the college will be final and will be binding upon the contractor.
- The successful contractor shall submit a certificate of good moral character and also character certificates of the persons working in canteen from the concerned SHO.
- This office shall have the right to cancel the contract at any moment if any violation of terms and condition is noticed.

Enclosures/Documents required to be submitted along with Tender:

- CDR of Rs.3000/-
- Tender form (Annexure-I)
- Experience Certificate if any
- PAN and Adhaar card
- GST Registration Certificate

Successful bidder should submit the following in addition to above:

- Security Fee
- Undertaking as per Annexure-III on Rs.50/- Stamp Paper

APPROVED RATE LIST

Annexure-III

S.No	Name of the Item	Rate quoted in Rs.
1	Tea Lipton(Dip) per cup 150ml	10
2	Tea Lipton(Prepared) per cup 150ml	07
3	Lemon Tea per cup 150ml	08
4	Coffee per cup 150ml	15
5	Butter Toast (2 bread piece per plate)	15
6	Samosa Per Plate (2 Pcs) standard size	15
7	Veg Patties (per piece)	10
8	Veg sandwich (two bread pieces) each plate	15
9	Bun/Chana per Plate (single piece)	25
10	Maggi Per Plate (75 gms dry)	20
11	Pakora Per Plate simple (100 gms)	20
12	Pakora Paneer (100 gms)	30
13	Aaloo Tikki Per Plate (2 Pcs)	20
14	Hot Dog Per Piece	20
15	Kachori 25 gm	05
16	Bread Pakora of two bread pieces	15
17	Channa Puri (1 plate of 2 puri's)	25
18	Mathi 50gm	08
19	Aaloo Paratha	20
20	Fresh Juice 250 ml	30
21	Fresh Lime Water 250 m	10
22	Fresh Lime Soda 250 ml	15
23	Dossa	30
24	Cheese Sandwich	25
25	Rajma Rice (1/2 plate)	25
26	Chips/packets as per MRP	AS Per MRP
27	Packed Drinking Water as per MRP	AS Per MRP
28	Biscuits of Different Brand as per MRP	AS Per MRP
29	Any other packed Item as per MRP	AS Per MRP

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Principal
GDC Nowshera

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CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Extension of dates.
Reference: This office Fresh E-NIT No. 12 of 08/2026-27 issued vide endorsement No. JID/II/2026-27/3232-3268Dated14-08-2026.
This is for the information of all the concerned thatthe bid opening and closingdates of above-mentionedwork of this office E-NIT under referenceis hereby extended due to poor responseand the fresh dates are as under: -
i) Uploading stops on : 24-08-2026 (18:00 PM)
ii) Tender opens on : 25-08-2026 (02:00 PM)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division No.II
Jammu

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