

SHEW Mission Shakti Shopian conducts Educational Kit Distribution Drive under BBBP

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Under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, the Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW), Mission Shakti, Shopian organised a distribution programme at Government Primary School, Agapathri, with the objective of encouraging education, promoting the well-being of girl children, and supporting their continued participation in school.

During the programme, school bags and educational kits were distributed among the students to support their educational requirements and encourage regular attendance and active participation in learning. The initiative aimed to create a supportive environment in which every child, particularly girls, is provided with equal opportunities to pursue education and realise her full potential.

Free Medical Camp conducted by DHEW at Mankal Mawar ST Area

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The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), in collaboration with the Health Department, conducted a Free Medical Camp at Mankal, Mawar ST Area with the objective of providing accessible healthcare services to women in the area.

The Block Medical Officer (BMO), Langate, graced the occasion and interacted with the beneficiaries. Local women and students beneficiaries were provided free medical consultation, health check-ups, medicines and necessary medical advice by the healthcare team.

The beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to the DHEW team and the Health Department for organizing the camp and providing essential healthcare services free of cost. They appreciated the initiative and requested that similar medical camps and health-related outreach activities be conducted regularly in the future for the benefit of women residing in the area.

DLSA Budgam organises Awareness Programme for Drivers, Helpers of Public Transport on Women's Safety

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District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Budgam organised an awareness programme for drivers and helpers of public transport with the objective of sensitising them about the rights, safety, dignity and comfort of women commuters and the important role of transport personnel in ensuring a safe and respectful public transportation environment.

The awareness programme focused particularly on women's reservation in public transport, women's safety and prevention of harassment and misconduct. The drivers and helpers were sensitised about the importance of ensuring that earmarked/reserved seats for women are made available to women commuters and that such seats are respected in letter and spirit.

Nazeer Ahmad Wagay served as the Resource Person for the programme. He sensitised the participants about the legal rights of women, their safety and dignity in public transport, prevention of harassment and the duties and responsibilities of drivers and helpers towards women passengers. He emphasised that transport personnel have an important responsibility to ensure that women commuters are able to travel in an environment free from harassment, intimidation, discrimination and other forms of misconduct.



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On the occasion, the officials and representatives of the Sankalp Hub sensitised the students about the core objectives of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, emphasising the importance of girls' education, safety, dignity, equal opportunities, and empowerment. The programme concluded with an appeal to parents, teachers, and community members to work collectively towards promoting girls' education and creating an inclusive and supportive environment for every girl child. The initiative reaffirmed the commitment of Mission Shakti Shopian towards strengthening awareness, education, and empowerment of girls in the district.

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During his interaction with the participants, the Resource Person highlighted the need for polite and respectful behaviour towards women commuters and impressed upon the drivers and helpers that any act of harassment or misconduct against women may attract legal consequences. The participants were also advised to remain vigilant and to respond responsibly to any situation affecting the safety, dignity or comfort of women passengers.

The programme further emphasised that harassment of women is a punishable offence under law and that every driver and helper must discharge their duties with professionalism, responsibility and sensitivity. The participants were encouraged to contribute towards creating a safe, inclusive and women-friendly public

transport system.

DLSA Budgam stressed that safe and dignified public transportation is essential for ensuring women's equal participation in public life and called upon drivers and helpers to act as responsible stakeholders in safeguarding the rights, dignity and security of women commuters.

The programme was attended by the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Budgam, staff of ARTO Budgam, officials and staff of DLSA Budgam, Para-Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of DLSA Budgam, drivers and helpers of public transport, as well as members of the general public.

The presence and participation of the concerned stakeholders provided an important platform for reinforcing collective responsibility towards women's safety in public transportation.

DC Ganderbal reviews progress under various Agriculture Schemes including HADP, JKCIP

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Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today chaired a detailed meeting to review the progress and implementation of schemes of the Agriculture Department including Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and Jammu & Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture & Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) and other related schemes in the district.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner undertook a department-wise review of progress under JKCIP and directed the Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Horticulture Planning & Marketing (HP&M) and Fisheries to expedite the establishment of the remaining units and ensure their completion on priority.

The progress under L2 and L3 registrations on the KKG Portal was also reviewed. The concerned departments were directed to accelerate registration and



make concerted efforts towards timely achievement of the allotted targets.

Reviewing the status under Daksh Kisan, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to accelerate course completion and ensure that all pending activities are completed within the prescribed timelines.

The status of credit-linked cases under HADP was also reviewed. The Lead District Manager (LDM), Ganderbal was directed to ensure disbursement of sanctioned cases and expedite clearance of the cases pending at various bank branches, so that eligible beneficiaries receive the intended benefits without delay. The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed progress under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme and directed the concerned banks to expedite the processing and clearance of all pending cases.

He further directed all concerned departments to intensify registration under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) and undertake focused efforts to improve coverage of eligible beneficiaries under the scheme.

During the meeting, the District Level Committee (DLC) approved several applications under JKCIP and

HADP, for further processing as per the prescribed procedure. The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need for time-bound implementation, regular monitoring and coordinated efforts by all concerned departments and stakeholders to ensure that the benefits of HADP and JKCIP interventions reach the farming and allied-sector community in a timely manner. The meeting was attended by the concerned district officers, representatives of line departments, banking institutions and other stakeholders associated with the implementation of agriculture schemes in the district.

3-Day Research Methodology Workshop concludes at Govt College of Education Srinagar

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A three-day workshop on Research Methodology, organised by the Dean Academic Affairs, Cluster University of Srinagar, concluded today at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Government College of Education, M.A. Road, Srinagar.

The workshop was organised with the objective of strengthening the research capabilities of scholars and providing them with a comprehensive understanding of various aspects of research methodology, from identification of research problems and literature review to research design, publication and research ethics.

The workshop commenced with an inaugural session during which Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin, delivered a comprehensive address on the essence and significance of research. He emphasised the crucial role of quality research in addressing challenges at the local, national and broader levels. He also guided the scholars on identifying and selecting relevant research problems and stressed the importance of maintaining academic rigour and adhering to the principles of research ethics.

Over the course of the three-day programme, re-



source persons conducted sessions on diverse and important aspects of the research process, with particular emphasis on research ideation, observation, literature review, research design, journal publication and other practical dimensions of conducting meaningful and quality research. The interactive sessions and discussions provided scholars with an opportunity to engage directly with the resource persons, clarify their queries and gain practical insights into the various stages of research.

At the valedictory session, Registrar, Cluster University of Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Syed Wilayat Hussain Rizvi, reaffirmed the University's commitment to strengthening its research culture and creat-

ing an enabling academic environment for scholars. He encouraged the participants to explore emerging areas of research with strong academic and practical relevance. He also urged the scholars to build upon the rich academic legacy of the University's constituent colleges and contribute meaningfully to academia and society.

Dean Academic Affairs, Cluster University of Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz, expressed satisfaction over the successful completion of the workshop and particularly appreciated the increasing participation of women scholars in research. She encouraged the scholars to work with dedication and perseverance towards producing quality, relevant and impactful re-

search. Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz further stated that the University would continue to organise more hands-on, practical and research-oriented programmes aimed at enhancing the research capabilities of scholars and fostering a strong culture of inquiry and innovation within the University.

She also expressed her gratitude to the resource persons, members of the organising team, the protocol committee of the college and the media personnel for their valuable support and contribution towards the successful conduct of the workshop.

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates of participation among the scholars and participants.

DC Ganderbal Reviews Arrangements for Annual Harmukh Gangbal Yatra

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Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, today convened a meeting to review the arrangements for the Annual Harmukh Gangbal Yatra 2026 and took a detailed assessment of the preparedness of various departments for ensuring safe, smooth and hassle free conduct of the Yatra.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the status of essential infrastructure, pilgrim facilities, sanitation, water supply, power, connectivity, healthcare, security and other arrangements along the Yatra route and at the base camp.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to undertake necessary upgradation and improvement of the track as well as the approach roads.

He also directed for upgradation and proper installation of toilet facilities, particularly at the base



camp and other identified locations, with necessary water connections and sanitation arrangements. The concerned agencies were asked to ensure that tents and other accommodation facilities are made functional and properly maintained for the convenience of pilgrims.

Reviewing power arrangements, the Deputy Commissioner directed the PDD to ensure adequate power availability, installation of required DG sets at identified locations and

provision of charging points wherever necessary. He also stressed upon the PHE department to ensure uninterrupted water supply to all designated toilet facilities.

The Deputy Commissioner further directed the Health Department to ensure adequate deployment of doctors, medical teams and ambulances at strategic locations, with proper preparedness to respond to any medical emergency during the Yatra.

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rected all concerned departments to work in close coordination and ensure that the assigned works are completed within the stipulated timelines, with regular monitoring at the field level. He stressed that all arrangements must be put in place well in advance, keeping in view the difficult terrain and the requirements of pilgrims undertaking the Yatra. He further directed the concerned agencies, including Police, Army, Fire & Emergency Services and SDRF, to ensure comprehensive security, emergency response and traffic management arrangements, with adequate coordination among all stakeholders.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised that the focus of the administration should remain on pilgrim safety and availability of essential services as well as coordinated field level response, and directed all officers to personally monitor the arrangements pertaining to their respective departments.