

3-Day Historic Sankri Devta Mela commences at Meer Panchari

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The three-day historic Sankri Devta Mela commenced today at village Meer, Tehsil Panchari, District Udhampur amid vibrant festive atmosphere.

Tehsildar Vipin Kumar inaugurated the Fair in presence of government functionaries, former PRI members and prominent citizens.

A large number of pilgrims and visitors thronged the mela site on the first day, adding to the festive spirit and traditional fervour of the event.

Tehsildar congratulated the mela committee for organizing the traditional event. He also appreciated the enthusiastic participation of local students in various sports and cultural programmes and wished them success in their future endeavours.

Numerous temporary stalls, including sweet and toy shops, along with eateries set up by local



residents and outside vendors, remained a major attraction for visitors at the mela site.

The District Administration has made adequate

arrangements for security, transportation, medical care, drinking water and power supply to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the

three-day mela.

Various sports activities were also organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports as part of the mela celebrations.

DC reviews status of telecom infrastructure, mobile tower installation in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa, today chaired a meeting of the District Level Telecom Committee to review the status of telecom infrastructure, installation of mobile towers and other related issues in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh and other district Officers.

The DC conducted a comprehensive review of



key telecom and digital connectivity initiatives, including the 4G Saturation Programme, aimed at strengthening digital connectivity across the district.

Emphasizing the need for coordinated efforts, the DC directed the stakeholder departments to work in close coordination

with telecom service providers to resolve pending issues promptly and ensure the timely execution of ongoing telecom projects.

ADDC reviews implementation of TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan in Udhampur

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Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Udhampur, Jugal Kishore today chaired a review meeting with officers of the Health Department to assess the progress under the TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.

At the outset, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anil Manhas gave a detailed presentation on the district's performance under the campaign.

The ADDC assessed the status of TB testing, treatment success rates and registration of Ni-Kshay Mitras. He directed the Health Department to expand TB testing,



strengthen diagnostic facilities and ensure timely identification and treatment of TB patients.

Emphasizing the importance of early detection, the ADDC called for enhanced counselling ser-

vices and greater involvement of frontline health workers in identifying suspected cases and ensuring uninterrupted treatment and follow-up.

He also stressed the need to intensify aware-

ness campaigns at the grassroots level, encourage active community participation and strengthen inter-departmental coordination to achieve 100% TB screening coverage across the district.

Sub-Division Level Drug De-Addiction Awareness Programme Held at GHSS Ukhral

RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 08: A Sub-Division Level Drug De-Addiction awareness programme was held today at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Ukhral.

The programme was organized by the Indian Red Cross Society, J&K UT Branch in collaboration with the District Administration, Ramban. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teaching staff, youth and local residents.

Theme-based Nukkad Natak were presented by local artists and students, highlighting the harmful

impact of drug addiction on individuals, families and society. The performance was appreciated by the audience.

Resource persons also delivered informative lectures on the psychological, social and legal consequences of drug abuse, illicit drug consumption and drug trafficking.

A practical session on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and first-aid techniques was also conducted by medical experts. Participants were given hands-on demonstrations on basic life-saving measures and handling medical

emergencies. The programme was presided over by Sub-Divisional Magistrate Syed Mazahir Hussain Shah. He sensitized the participants about the growing menace of drug abuse and urged the youth to remain vigilant and channelize their energy towards education, sports and nation-building activities.

Block Medical Officer (BMO), Block Development Officer (BDO), the School Principal, Army Officer, representatives from the Indian Red Cross Society, and officers and officials of the sub-divisional administration also attended the event.

Mission Shakti orientation programme held at village Barmeen

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An orientation-cum-awareness Programme on Mission Shakti was organized today at Barmeen in Block Ghordi by the Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women, Mission Shakti, Department of Social Welfare.

The programme was organized under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa and the overall supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta with the objective of sensitizing women and community stakeholders about various Government schemes and services aimed at ensuring the safety, security and empowerment of women.

The programme was chaired by local Block Development Officer and attended by around 140 individuals including Ex-BDC Ghordi, former PRI members, Anganwadi Workers,



Helpers, SHG members, students and local women.

The resource person from District Hub for Empowerment of Women briefed the participants about Sambal and Samartha, the two major components of Mission Shakti.

The participants were informed about One Stop Centre, Women Helpline 181, Child Helpline 1098 and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao as Sambal is meant for the safety and security of women. "The Samartha, aimed at empowerment of

women, includes welfare schemes like Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Palna (National Creche Scheme), Shakti Sadan and Sakhi Niwas," they were told.

The resource person from the Department of Social Welfare further informed the gathering social security pension schemes, State Marriage Assistance Scheme, Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship schemes and other initiatives being implemented for the welfare of vulnerable

sections of society.

The participants were also sensitized to the functioning of DHEW, eligibility and procedures for availing benefits under various schemes, legal rights of women, institutional deliveries, education of the girl child, prevention of child marriage and domestic violence.

As part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative, Mission Shakti gave away baby kits to families of newborn babies and water bottles and umbrellas to needy girl students.

Ten Startup Ideas shortlisted at JKEDI's Startup Idea Challenge 2.0 Boot Camp

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Ten promising startup ideas have been shortlisted for the next round of Startup Idea Challenge 2.0 at an 'Idea Pitching Session' organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), District Centre Jammu here at Government SPMR College of Commerce, today.

The Boot-camp drew around 100 students and aspiring entrepreneurs. It was designed to introduce young minds to entrepreneurship, innovation and startup opportunities, while familiarising them with the support available under the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27.

The programme was inaugurated by the College Principal Dr. Sunil Gupta, in the presence of District Nodal Officer, JKEDI District Centre Jammu Rajesh Kotwal, the College faculty members and



JKEDI. In his address, Dr. Gupta commended JKEDI's initiative and urged students to identify real-world problems and develop innovative solutions with an entrepreneurial mindset.

Rajesh Kotwal underscored the growing role of entrepreneurship and innovation in generating employment and economic opportunity. He outlined JKEDI's ongoing efforts to nurture young entrepreneurial talent and strengthen the startup ecosystem across Jammu and Kashmir.

The highlight of the programme was an interac-

tive session with Founder Clmrat India Pvt. Ltd Manik Bandral. He shared his entrepreneurial journey and practical insights with participants, offering a candid view of the realities of building a startup, the challenges entrepreneurs face and the value of persistence, innovation and learning from experience.

The centrepiece of the Boot-camp was the Idea Pitching Session, in which 15 startup ideas presented by students from various Colleges and institutions were evaluated by a jury. Of these 10 were shortlisted for the next level of

Startup Idea Challenge 2.0.

Beyond the pitching session, the boot camp gave participants a broader understanding of the startup ecosystem, helping them explore entrepreneurial opportunities, develop and validate business ideas, and build skills in presenting ideas effectively. The programme concluded with the announcement of the 10 shortlisted ideas, marking another step forward in fostering innovation-led entrepreneurship and strengthening the culture of startups in Jammu and Kashmir.

DLAMC reviews status of Aadhaar enrollment in Kathua District

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District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee (DLAMC) today reviewed the progress of Aadhaar enrollment and mandatory Biometric updating here at a meeting chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mahima Madan.

PO ICDS, ADC Basholi, ADC Billawar, SDM Hiranagar, SDM Bani, Chief Planning Officer, Chief Education Officer, District Informatics Officer, Assistant Manager UIDAI and officers from other departments attended the meeting.

The meeting held threadbare deliberation on evolving an effective mechanism for Aadhaar saturation in all age groups and mandatory biometric update of children in the district.

The ADC directed concerned officers to clear the pendency with regard to the Aadhaar generations and to keep all the Aadhaar centers functional for



the convenience of the general public. All the concerned officers were directed to strictly follow the guidelines in respect of Aadhaar enrolment and updation. The meeting discussed the Action plan

for early registration of births and deaths, deployment of CLEC operators at Anganwadi centres, organization of Aadhaar camps at schools etc.

The ADC asked the stakeholder depart-

ments/agencies to motivate the residents to enroll children below 5 years for Aadhaar and to get Mandatory Biometric updates (MBU) done on attaining the age of 5 years and 15 years.