

Awareness Programme on “Know Your Water” held at Oho Paisan, Shangus for Students

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An awareness programme under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), titled “Know Your Water,” was organised at Oho Paisan, Shangus, for students by the Jal Shakti PHE Division, Bijbehara.

As part of the programme, students were taken on an exposure visit to the Water Treatment Plant at Oho Paisan, where they were familiarised with the various stages involved in making water safe for consumption and fit for supply to households. These stages included source collection, treatment, filtration, disinfection, quality testing and distribution.

The visit gave students an opportunity to understand how water travels from its natural source, through treatment infrastructure, before reaching the household tap. They were also briefed about the source of raw water and the processes involved in making it safe and suitable for drinking.

The programme aimed to create awareness among the younger generation about the importance of



safe drinking water, water conservation and responsible water usage. It also sought to familiarise students with the broader social impact of improved rural water infrastructure and the achievements made under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Officials highlighted that under JJM, the focus has shifted from providing functional household tap connections to ensuring rural households no longer need to fetch water over long distances. Access to water through household taps has the potential to save time, improve convenience, and contribute to better health, hygiene and

overall quality of life.

During the programme, it was emphasised that a water treatment plant represents more than just infrastructure — the entire journey of water, from source to tap, involves collection, treatment and responsible management at every stage. The sustainability of water systems depends not only on infrastructure but also on active community participation.

Students were encouraged to protect water sources, prevent pollution, avoid wastage, and report leakages wherever noticed. They were also sensitised about the need to prevent water wastage, protect wa-

ter sources, and use drinking water responsibly.

The initiative provided students with an opportunity to learn about the efforts being made under the Jal Jeevan Mission to improve rural drinking-water infrastructure and rural water supply. Students said the visit helped them understand the process of water treatment and made them realise the importance of preserving and conserving water for future generations, encouraging them to make conservation a part of their daily lives.

The students thanked the Jal Shakti PHE Division, Bijbehara, for organising the exposure tour.

NSS SMVDU conducts Menstrual Health Awareness Session, Sanitary Napkin Distribution at GHS Sirah

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The National Service Scheme (NSS), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) conducted a Menstrual Health Awareness Session and Sanitary Napkin Distribution Programme at Government High School, Sirah, with the aim of promoting menstrual hygiene, health awareness and dignity among adolescent girls. The programme focused on creating an open and informed understanding of menstruation and menstrual hygiene, encouraging students to view menstruation as a natural biological process rather than a subject surrounded by hesitation or stigma. The awareness session provided an opportunity for students to learn about the importance of maintaining proper hygiene and adopting healthy practices during menstruation. As part of the initiative, sanitary napkins were distributed among the stu-



dents, complementing the awareness session with practical support. The initiative emphasized that menstrual health awareness must go hand in hand with access to essential menstrual hygiene products, particularly for young students in the community. The interaction also encouraged students to ask questions and develop greater confidence in discussing menstrual health. By combining awareness, education and direct support, NSS

SMVDU sought to contribute towards building a more informed and supportive environment where girls can manage menstruation safely, confidently and with dignity. The programme reflected the core NSS values of service, empathy and community engagement, extending the spirit of “Not Me But You” beyond the university campus and into the surrounding community. Such initiatives provide students with meaningful opportunities

to serve society while addressing important issues affecting everyday lives. The event concluded with a positive message on the importance of menstrual health, hygiene and dignity, reaffirming the commitment of NSS SMVDU towards community welfare and empowering young people through awareness and meaningful social initiatives. NSS Programme Coordinator Dr. Rajiv Kumar appreciated the efforts of volunteers for organizing the event.

SKUAST-K Bio-Enzyme Entrepreneurship Course concludes with Innovative Waste-Management

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A week-long Certificate Course on “Bio-Enzyme Entrepreneurship”, jointly organised by the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K) and the Bio-Enzyme Entrepreneurs Academy of India, Bengaluru, concluded today at the Shalimar Main Campus.

Organised by the SKUAST-K Innovation and Incubation Entrepreneurship Centre (SKIIE), the programme combined

classroom sessions, practical demonstrations and field visits to landfills, waste-collection sites and fruit mandis.

The course provided students, farmers and rural entrepreneurs practical exposure to bio-enzyme production, value addition, waste management and marketing, with emphasis on converting agricultural and kitchen waste into useful, marketable products.

The concluding session featured pitch-deck presentations by student innovators, who showcased business ideas based on bio-enzyme technology and waste-to-wealth models. A

total of 10 ideas were received, covering eco-friendly cleaning products, organic fertilisers and waste-recycling solutions for campus and community applications.

A jury evaluated the ideas on originality, feasibility, market potential and environmental impact, and appreciated the participants' preparation and clarity of presentation.

Addressing the valedictory session, Naveed Bhat, CEO, SKIIE, thanked the Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, for supporting the collaborative programme with the Bio-Enzyme Entrepreneurs Academy of India

and congratulated the participants on completing the course. He said the ideas presented demonstrated the potential of converting agricultural and kitchen waste into value-added, eco-friendly products and encouraged participants to take their concepts towards commercialisation. He assured continued support from SKIIE to participants seeking incubation for further development of their ideas. The programme concluded with emphasis on waste-management solutions, waste-to-wealth entrepreneurship and sustainable resource utilisation.

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Under the aegis of NALSA and the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Pulwama successfully organized the 3rd National Lok Adalat at the District Court Complex (DLSA) Pulwama as well as in the Taluka Courts across the district.

Shabir Ahmad Malik, Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman District Legal Services Authority), Pulwama, inaugurated the 3rd National Lok Adalat along with the Judicial Officers posted at district headquarter.

For smooth disposal, cases were pre-identified by the respective courts and placed before six dedicated benches constituted by DLSA Pulwama for settlement.

First Bench was headed over by Shabir Ahmad Malik, Principal District and Sessions Judge (Presiding Officer), and Mahraj Ud Din, Chief LADC as Member. Second Bench was headed by Muzamil Ahmad Wani, Chief Judicial Magistrate (Presiding Officer) and Fakhur un Nissa Principal Magistrate JJB Pulwama as Member. Third Bench was headed by Fariqa Nazir, Special District Mobile Magistrate



(Presiding Officer) and Danishta shafi, Munsiff/JMIC as Member, while fourth Bench was headed by Uzma Amin, Sub-Judge (Presiding Officer) and Advocate Aijaz Ahmad Khan as Member. Fifth Bench was headed by Muneer Ahmad Bhat, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate (Presiding Officer) and Advocate Mar-

roofa jan as Member. The cases taken up for settlement included a wide range of matters such as civil disputes, compoundable criminal cases, cheque bounce cases, bank recovery matters, MACT claims, land compensation cases, matrimonial disputes, pre-litigation cases, social welfare disputes, labour cases, revenue disputes, BSNL-

related issues, municipal cases, and other matters related to government schemes.

653 cases were taken up before the benches, out of which 191 cases were amicably settled. A total settlement amount of Rs 4959155 was awarded/realized as compensation and recovery during the Lok Adalat.

Joint Enforcement Drive conducted to regulate E-Auto operations in Bandipora

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On the directions of Transport Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan and Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, a joint enforcement drive was conducted by the ARTO Bandipora and Traffic Police across Bandipora town to ensure regulated and lawful operation of e-autos.

During the drive, 23 e-autos were penalized for violations of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, rules framed thereunder and the applicable policy. Besides, a few e-autos were shifted to Nasoo Bus Stand for regulated operation. Vehicles found parked along the roadside despite the availability of designated parking facilities, particularly around Gulshan Chowk, were also proceeded against.

An amount of approximately ₹1.60 lakh is expected to be realized as penalty/compounding amount from the violations detected during the drive.

The e-auto drivers were sensitized and directed to operate primarily



from Nasoo Bus Stand for passenger transportation, in accordance with the applicable rules and policy. They were also directed to install and use prescribed fare meters in their vehicles.

The enforcement drive is part of the

ongoing efforts of the District Administration and enforcement agencies to ensure safe, orderly and regulated operation of e-autos while facilitating convenient public transport and effective last-mile connectivity for commuters.

National Lok Adalat held across Poonch; 883 cases settled

Child Care Room inaugurated at District Court Complex

POONCH, SEPTEMBER 12: The 3rd National Lok Adalat of 2026 under the Aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority and Hon'ble High Court of J&K was organized today in all Courts of District Poonch.

The proceedings witnessed enthusiastic participation from Judicial Officers, members of the Bar, bank officials, litigants and the general public. While starting National Lok Adalat Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Poonch, Susheel Singh (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) highlighted the positive aspects of Lok Adalat and described it as the need of the hour. He stressed upon the general public to come forward to take benefit of this Lok Adalat.

Prior to the start of National Lok Adalat, the Chairman DLSA inaugurated the child care room in the district court complex which has been equipped with all the basic necessities. The facility has been made fully furnished recently by the efforts of the Chairman DLSA. The Chairman DLSA was accompanied by judicial officers of the District Headquarter

At District Headquarters Poonch, six benches were constituted for the conduct of the National Lok Adalat, while total



eight benches were constituted across the entire district for amicable settlement of cases. First bench was presided by Chairman DLSA (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Susheel Singh and assisted by Additional District & Sessions Judge Mir Wajahat. Second Bench was presided by Chief Judicial Magistrate Sarfraz Nawaz and assisted by Secretary District Legal Services Authority Rafaqat Hussain.

Third Bench was presided by Sub-Judge Special Mobile Magistrate Asma Choudhary and as-

sisted by Principal Magistrate JJB Saloni Annand.

Fourth Bench was presided by Additional District & Sessions Judge Mir Wajahat and assisted by District Mobile Magistrate Traffic Jaspreet Kaur. The fifth Bench was Presided by Munsiff Additional Special Mobile Magistrate

Surankote Meghna Mohan and assisted by Advocate Iftikhar Hussain Shah. Sixth Bench was presided by Munsiff/JMIC Mendhar Roopsi and assisted by Panel Lawyer Alyas Ahmed Khan. Seventh Bench was presided by District Labour

Officer Mohammad Arif and assisted by Labour Inspector Ravinder Singh. Eighth Bench was presided by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Mohammad Sayeed and assisted by Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majeed.

A total no of 1293 cases including civil, criminal, MACT, Bank Recovery, Pre-Litigation and other cases were taken up in today's Lok Adalat.

Out of these, 883 cases were settled by way of mediation, conciliation and compromise. An amount of Rs.10573613 was settled.