

DLSA Udhampur reviews implementation of H&R compensation scheme

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 16: The District legal Services Authority today reviewed the implementation of the directions of Supreme Court of India in:- “S. Rajaseekaran vs Union of India & Ors”, including Hit and Run Motor Accident Compensation Scheme, 2022 here at a meeting of Scheme Committee members.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary DLSA Sumati Sharma in her Office Chamber and attended by Assistant Commissioner (Revenue) Dr. Umesh Shan; Incharge Dy. SP Headquarters Jitendar Singh Sambyal and Litigation Officer Rimpy Sharma- all members.

The meeting discussed modalities for spreading public awareness about the Compensation to be provided to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents as recommended by the SC.

The meeting observed that generating mass public awareness about the scheme i.e. Victim Compensation of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022 form key of the Committee guidelines. The meeting noted that it is mandatory for every officer in charge of Police Station to forward FAR (First Accident Report) to the CEO (Claim Enquiry Officer) within one month from the date of accident.

The Committee also recommended that I/Os should spread awareness amongst the victims and the victim’s family about compensation and report to us how many cases were registered and how many were compensated in this year.

Member Jitendar Singh Sambyal, Incharge, Deputy Superintendent of Police Hqrs, Udhampur was asked to spread awareness amongst the SHOs of District Udhampur about the scheme.



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Conservator East Circle Jammu reviews forest protection, field management activities in Kathua

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Conservator Forests, East Circle, J&K Pradeep Chandra P. Wahule undertook a field visit of Kathua Forest Division.

The Conservator of Forests was accompanied by ACF Anusha Kolli, Deputy Director, FPF, J-III, Tehsildar & SHO of Hiranagar and concerned Range Forest Officers along with field staff.

During the field inspection, the field staff briefed the Conservator of Forests regarding the prevailing ground situation, vulnerable areas, protection arrangements and the measures being undertaken to safeguard forest resources.

Highlight of the visit was to Chann Charakhri closure, where the recent firing upon forest officials occurred. The Conservator of



Forests congratulated field staff for showing exemplary bravery in curbing Forest Offences. He also cautioned staff to be vigilant regarding personal security. The timely coordination from the Police was appreciated.

The Conservator of Forests further inspected Boundary Pillars installed in Janglote & Rakh Jalphar forests. He visited forest check posts at Lakhanpur, Basohli Morh to understand the practical difficulties faced by staff in curbing forest offences – especially Timber smuggling across state borders. He also emphasized close coordination with the FPF, Police & Revenue Departments for effective enforcement of laws.

JKEDI organizes District-Level Startup Idea Challenge at CIED IUST Awantipora

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The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), in collaboration with the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (CIED), Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, successfully organised a District-Level Startup Idea Challenge and Boot Camp at CIED IUST Awantipora under the J&K Startup Idea Challenge 2.0.

The programme, themed “Ignite Ideas. Build Startups. Create Impact.”, aims to nurture creativity among students and aspiring entrepreneurs and equip them with the confidence and support needed to transform innovative ideas into viable business ventures. It forms part of JKEDI’s broader initiative under the J&K Startup Policy 2024–27 to foster a robust startup ecosystem across the Union Territory through a series of district-level boot camps.

Distinguished guests present on the occasion included Chand Kishore Sharma, Joint Director, JKEDI; Prof. Parvaiz Ahmad Mir, Director, CIED, IUST; Dr. Tariq Hossain Ganie, Associate Professor, Food Technology, IUST; Dr. Sajaad A. Lone, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering and Coordinator, AICTE IDEA Lab; Dr. Basit, CEO, CIED IUST Foundation, along with other dignitaries, faculty members, and guests.

Joint Director, JKEDI,

guided the participants to embrace entrepreneurship and become job creators rather than job seekers.

Addressing the gathering, the organisers encouraged the students to present their ideas with confidence. They emphasised that the Boot Camp serves as a vital platform and starting point for young innovators to begin their entrepreneurial journey. Drawing inspiration from the poetry of Al-lama Iqbal and other motivational verses, speakers highlighted that with the right support, even a simple idea can grow into a remarkable enterprise.

Raiyees Manzoor, District Nodal Officer, also interacted with the participants and encouraged them to work diligently on their innovative ideas and transform them into viable business solutions.

During the event, students pitched their startup ideas before a panel of experts. The most promising ideas have been shortlisted for intensive mentoring, pitch training, and further evaluation leading to the Grand Finale of the J&K Startup Idea Challenge 2.0. Selected innovators will receive opportunities for mentorship, incubation support, and pathways to convert their concepts into sustainable ventures.

The organisers expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty members, and students for their enthusiastic participation and reiterated JKEDI and CIED-IUST’s commitment to empowering the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to become job creators rather than job seeker

Floriculture Deptt organises District-Level event on Commercial Floriculture at Gajoth- Doda

DODA, SEPTEMBER 16: The Department of Floriculture, Parks & Gardens on Wednesday organised a one-day District-Level event on Commercial Floriculture here at Gajoth, Bhalla.

Held under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) scheme, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from hundreds of farmers from Gajoth, Bhalla and adjoining areas.

District Development Commissioner Krishan Lal and Director Floriculture Jammu, Nagendra Singh Jamwal attended the programme and interacted with the farming community.

The event highlighted the growing interest of farmers in commercial floriculture in the Bholderwah region, particularly in Panchayat Gajoth, which has emerged as a prominent hub for the cultivation of marigold and lavender. Gajoth is popularly known as the “Marigold Village of Doda”, with approximately 50–60 quintals of marigold flowers being marketed daily at Jammu during the peak flowering season.

Addressing the gathering, Director Floriculture Jammu Nagendra Singh Jamwal appreciated the enthusiasm of the farmers and encouraged them to adopt modern techniques and diversify into new and high-value flower crops. He assured the farming community that the Department would extend all possible assistance through various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the promotion and expansion of commercial floriculture.

District Development Commissioner



Krishan Lal expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the farmers of the region.

He encouraged them to explore the

Director Agri Kashmir reviews activities at Seed Multiplication Farm Allowpora

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Director Agriculture Kashmir, Sartaj Ahmad Shah, today visited the Seed Multiplication Farm at Allowpora and reviewed the ongoing activities and overall functioning of the farm.

During the visit, the Director inspected various ongoing farm operations and took detailed stock of the seed multiplication programme. He interacted with the concerned officers and field staff and sought a comprehensive assessment of the progress achieved, crop management practices, field operations and developmental works being undertaken at the farm.

Sartaj Ahmad Shah stressed the importance of strengthening departmental seed production infrastructure for ensuring the availability of quality seed to farmers at the appropriate time. He directed the concerned officers to maintain strict adherence to prescribed technical standards and ensure timely execution of all farm operations for achieving optimum seed production.

The Director also emphasized the need for scientific and efficient management of departmental farms, judicious utilization of available resources and adoption of improved agricultural practices. He called upon the field functionaries to maintain close monitoring of farm activities and ensure that the available infrastructure and resources are utilized to their full potential.

The concerned officers briefed the Director about the various activities being undertaken at the farm and apprised him of the progress and future course of action.



FDA conducts 229 Food Safety Inspections of Hotels, Restaurants

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The Food & Drugs Administration (FDA), J&K, conducted food safety inspections of hotels and restaurants across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to assess compliance with the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and the regulations made thereunder.

A total of 229 hotels and restaurants were inspected, during which 124 food samples of various commodities, including milk and milk products, spices, edible oils and prepared food, were lifted and forwarded to NABL-accredited laboratories for analysis.

During the inspections, violations of the prescribed sanitary and hygienic requirements were observed in certain food establishments. Accordingly, 38 Improvement Notices were issued to the concerned Food Business Operators (FBOs), directing them to undertake necessary corrective measures and ensure compliance with the prescribed food safety requirements.

Further, five cases were filed under Section 56 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which provides for a penalty of up to ₹1 lakh. In addition, 29 cases were compounded under Section 69 of the Act, with a total fine of ₹50,000 imposed.

The Designated Officers and Food Safety Officers have been directed to continue inspections and sampling of hotels, restaurants and other food establishments in their respective jurisdictions and to take appropriate action against violations in accordance with the provisions of the

SWD Srinagar organizes Awareness Session on Safe and Dignified breastfeeding under BBBP

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The Social Welfare Department (SWD), SANKALP-HEW Srinagar, organised an awareness session on “Safe and Dignified Breastfeeding” at the CDPO Office, Eidgah Srinagar.

The session focused on creating awareness among participants about the importance of safe, healthy and dignified breastfeeding practices. The programme highlighted the significance of breastfeeding for the health and well-being of both mothers and infants, while also emphasising the need for a supportive and respectful environment for breastfeeding mothers.

A resource person from the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Office Srinagar participated in the programme and shared valuable information on proper breastfeeding practices, maternal and infant health, hygiene, nutrition and the importance of seeking timely medical guidance.

The session also provided an opportunity for participants to discuss concerns and seek clarification on various aspects related to breastfeeding and maternal and child health.

The SWD Srinagar reaffirmed its commitment to promoting awareness and ensuring the health, dignity and well-being of women and children through such community-oriented programmes.

DCHB training programme held at Kulgam

KULGAM, SEPTEMBER 16: A training programme for the preparation of the District Census Handbook (DCHB) was held today at Conference Hall, Mini Secretariat, Kulgam as part of the ongoing preparations for Census 2027.

The training programme was organised to acquaint the concerned officials with the procedures, formats and other technical aspects involved in the preparation of the District Census Handbook.

The training was imparted by officers from the Directorate of Census Operations (DCO), J&K, who provided detailed guidance on the collection, compilation, verification and presentation of the requisite information.

During the training, participants were briefed about the structure and salient features of the DCHB, the information to be collected through revenue and other official records, preparation of village and town directories, identification of relevant fields, scrutiny of data and adherence to the prescribed schedules and timelines.

Speaking on the occasion, District Census Officer, Kulgam, Viqar Ahmad Giri, emphasised the importance of the DCHB in providing a comprehensive statistical and administrative profile of the district.



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not only in Jammu & Kashmir but across the country.

Chief Scientist Dr. Neeraj Kotwal delivered an informative lecture on commercial floriculture, highlighting the immense potential of flower cultivation as a profitable agricultural activity. He emphasised the benefits of protected cultivation of cut flowers and urged farmers to adopt modern cultivation techniques to meet the growing demand for flowers in the region. He further highlighted the scope for local production of cut flowers, as a substantial quantity of cut flowers is presently sourced from outside the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The commercial floriculture initiative in the area was started by the Department of Floriculture during 2010–11. Since then, the activity has expanded significantly, with thousands of farmers now associated with flower cultivation and earning a sustainable livelihood through commercial floriculture.

Earlier, Assistant Floriculture Officer Arjun Singh Parihar gave a detailed presentation on the progress of the Floriculture Department in the District. He informed the gathering about the initiatives undertaken by the department for the promotion and expansion of flower cultivation.

The Horticulture Officer sensitised the farmers to various departmental schemes and programmes available for the promotion of horticulture and allied activities. The farmers were informed about the benefits and assistance available under different government initiatives.