

PM National Apprenticeship Mela held at Government ITI Doda

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Krishan Lal today inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) organised by Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Doda with the objective of generating awareness among youth about apprenticeship, on-the-job training and employment opportunities.

The event was attended by District Nodal Officer NAPS Ashfaq Khanji; Chief Planning Officer Manesh Kumar; Principal Government ITI Ajay Kumar; Functional Manager DIC; Employment Officer; representatives from the Labour Department and Government Polytechnic, besides ITI trainees, pass-out trainees and representatives of participating establishments.

The Mela witnessed enthusiastic participation from ITI trainees, pass-out trainees and aspiring candidates, besides representatives from various establishments. More than 150 candidates were registered on the National Apprenticeship Portal, while 16 apprenticeship contracts were generated on the spot.

A dedicated Apprenticeship Help Desk was established at the venue, where candidates were assisted with registration, documentation and queries related to apprenticeship engagement. The representatives from the participating establishments interacted with the candidates and provided information regarding the apprenticeship opportunities, workplace requirements and the process of engagement.

Addressing the gathering, the DC highlighted the importance of apprenticeship in bridging the gap between technical education and practical workplace requirements.



He encouraged ITI trainees and pass-out trainees to actively avail themselves of apprenticeship opportunities for enhancing their skills, gaining practical workplace exposure and improving their employability.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by ITI Training Incharge Raiees Ahmad. He expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, participating departments, establishments and candidates for their valuable contribution towards the successful conduct of the PM-NAM.

Earlier, ITI head Ajay Kumar welcomed the Chief Guest and participants. He underlined the importance of apprenticeship as an effective pathway for skill enhancement, workplace exposure and transition from technical training to employment.

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Mission YUVA: 853 cases approved at Udhampur to support aspiring entrepreneurs

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee to review and scrutinize cases received under Mission YUVA.

The meeting deliberated on applications received under various categories of Mission YUVA, including Nano Enterprises, MSMEs and other eligible sectors, with a focus on identifying deserving beneficiaries and facilitating timely financial assistance.

The meeting was attended by GM DIC Kishore Singh Katoch; Assistant Director Employment Priyanka Gupta; representatives from the banking sector and other concerned officers.



After detailed scrutiny and deliberations, the Committee approved 853 cases for financial assistance, paving the way for aspiring entrepreneurs to establish new enterprises and expand their existing business ventures.

The DC directed the concerned departments

to expedite the registration and processing of applications, encourage more youth to avail themselves of the benefits of Mission YUVA and ensure minimum rejection of applications through proper guidance, facilitation and handholding support.

The DC called for

stronger coordination among line departments, financial institutions and other stakeholder agencies to accelerate the pace of the initiative and promote sustainable entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities for the youth of the district.

Virtual mock assessment of AAM SC Bhaboore conducted

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The District Quality Assurance Unit (DQAU) on Saturday conducted a virtual mock assessment of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) Sub Centre Bhaboore, Medical Block Ghat.

The health facility is set to face the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) assessment shortly.

The mock assessment was conducted under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vinod Sharma to



review the preparedness of the facility and identify areas requiring further

strengthening ahead of the national-level assessment. The virtual assessment

session was conducted by Umar Anayat and Faizan A. Trambo, who acted as assessors and carried out a comprehensive review of the NQAS-related parameters including documentation, service delivery practices, quality protocols and overall facility preparedness.

The assessors interacted with the facility staff, reviewed the available records and documentation and provided valuable observations and guidance on areas requiring improvement and further compliance with NQAS standards.

DC reviews progress under PMAY-U 2.0 in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of officers of the Urban Local Bodies and other concerned departments to review the implementation status of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 in the district.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan and other concerned officers.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a detailed town-wise review of the implementation of PMAY-U 2.0 across one Municipal Council and two Municipal Com-



mittees in the district. The review covered the ULB-wise status of applications under PMAY-U 2.0, physical progress of sanctioned Beneficiary-Led Construction of houses and the status of other sanctioned projects.

The DC directed the concerned officers to complete all pending works at the earliest and expedite the overall pace of implementation. He also instructed the initiation of recovery

proceedings against beneficiaries who have availed financial assistance but failed to commence construction as per the applicable provisions. ACR was directed to closely follow up on the matter.

TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan implementation reviewed in Udhampur District

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a review meeting with officers of the Health Department to assess the progress achieved under the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan in the district.

At the outset, District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Anil Saloch delivered a detailed presentation highlighting the district's performance under the campaign, including the current status of TB detection, screening coverage, treatment outcomes and other key performance indicators.

The DC reviewed the progress of TB testing and treatment success rates. He directed the Health De-



partment to further expand testing facilities, strengthen diagnostic services and ensure the timely identification and treatment of TB patients.

Emphasizing the importance of early detection and timely interven-

tion, the DC called for strengthening counselling services and ensuring the active involvement of front-line health workers in identifying suspected cases, facilitating testing and ensuring uninterrupted treatment for diagnosed patients.

Census 2027: Population enumeration on in high altitude areas of Udhampur

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The Principal Census Officer (Deputy Commissioner) Udhampur Minga Sherpa today chaired a meeting of Sub Divisional Census Officers and Charge Census Officers to review the progress of the Population Enumeration in high altitude areas of the district under the Census 2027 Phase-II.

The meeting focused on accelerating the remaining fieldwork of Population Enumeration in identified snow-bound areas of the district having high-altitude and difficult-to-



access terrains. The Principal Census Officer directed the concerned Charge Census Officers to intensify field work and ensure 100% coverage of all households in their respective areas on a war-footing basis.

Emphasizing the national importance of the digital census exercise, Charge Census Officers were directed to closely monitor the field staff on a daily basis and ensure completion of the remaining enumeration work

well before September 30, 2026.

To ensure a meticulous and comprehensive data collection process, the chair explicitly directed that enumerators must guarantee the coverage of all residential as well as non-residential census houses including vacant or locked census houses across the identified snow-bound areas of the district.

The meeting was attended by the District Census Officer (Addl. Deputy Commissioner), Addl. District Census Officer (District Statistics & Evaluation Officer) and District Nodal Officer.

Field staff oriented for Smooth Rollout of VB-G RAM G in Rajouri District

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To ensure smooth and effective implementation of the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar & Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G), the Rural Development Department today organised a day-long training session for field functionaries here in the Conference Hall of PWD Dak Bungalow.

The training was conducted on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, to sensitise field functionaries about the provisions, planning process and implementation modalities of the new programme.

Earlier, Master Trainers from Rajouri had attended a State-level training programme at Jammu. These trained Master Trainers subsequently imparted the necessary orientation to field functionaries at the district level.



The participants were briefed on key aspects of VB-G RAM G and the preparatory requirements for the upcoming planning exercise scheduled for October 2. The training aimed to ensure that the planning process is undertaken in a coordinated, systematic and hassle-free manner at the

grassroots level. Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) interacted with the participating field functionaries. He stressed upon the importance of proper understanding of the guidelines and coordinated efforts for effective implementation of the programme. All the Block Develop-

ment Officers, Block Master Trainers and technical staff participated in the day long workshop.

The session concluded with emphasis on timely preparedness, effective coordination and proper execution of the planning process for successful rollout of VB-G RAM G in the district.