

EDP training of 36 JKREGP beneficiaries concludes at JKBRSETI Kulgam

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Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) training for 36 beneficiaries under the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) of the Jammu and Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (JKKVB) concluded today at RSETI Kulgam.

The concluding ceremony was presided by Viqar Ahmad Giri, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kulgam, in the presence of the Director, JKB RSETI Kulgam, and the District Officer, JK KVB, Kulgam.

36 beneficiaries, whose loan cases have been sanctioned under the JKREGP scheme, are associated with projects involving a total Margin Money subsidy of ₹1,06,29,500.

During the concluding ceremony, the ADC, along with the other dignitaries, distributed training completion certificates among



the beneficiaries upon successful completion of the EDP training.

The programme aimed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with essential entrepreneurial skills, business management techniques, financial literacy and the practical knowledge re-

quired to establish and manage their respective business ventures successfully.

Viqar Ahmad Giri appreciated the initiative aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and self-employment among the beneficiaries and encouraged them

to make effective use of the training received to establish sustainable business ventures. He emphasised the importance of entrepreneurship in generating employment opportunities and contributing to the socio-economic development of the district.

KVK Bandipora-1 organises Second Training Programme on Makhana Development in Kashmir

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Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Bandipora-1, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-Kashmir), in collaboration with the Department of Rakhs and Farms, Kashmir, organised the second training programme under the Central Sector Scheme on Development of Makhana at KVK Bandipora-1, Pothushai.

The programme witnessed the participation of farmers and farm women from Bandipora and Baramulla districts, with a focus on promoting scientific Makhana cultivation and exploring its potential as an emerging aquatic farming enterprise in Kashmir.

During the inaugural session, Dr. Tahir Saleem, Scientist, KVK Bandipora-1, highlighted the nutritional significance of Makhana and its growing importance as a high-value food crop. He emphasised its potential to diversify farming activities, create entrepreneurial opportunities and enhance farmers' income through scientific cultivation and value addition.



Assistant Director, Department of Rakhs and Farms, Kashmir, Feroz Ahmad Shapoo highlighted the ongoing initiatives for promoting Makhana cultivation in the Valley. He stressed the importance of farmer training, scientific interventions and interdepartmental coordination to

establish Makhana as a viable aquatic crop under suitable agro-ecological conditions.

Professor and Head, KVK Bandipora-1, Dr. Tariq Sultan delivered a detailed presentation on Makhana cultivation, crop management, harvesting, processing and value addition.

As part of the practical

training, participating farmers and farm women visited the aquatic crop demonstration and trial plots at the KVK farm. They observed ongoing trials of Makhana, Lotus and Water Chestnut and received technical guidance on crop establishment, management practices and their suitability under local conditions.

ITI Seer Hamdan organises Cyber Awareness, Hygiene Session for Trainees

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Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Seer Hamdan organised a Cyber Awareness-cum-Hygiene Session for its trainees with the objective of sensitising them about the safe, responsible and secure use of digital technologies.

The session focused on creating awareness among trainees about the importance of cyber hygiene, online safety and adopting responsible digital practices in an increasingly technology-driven world. The initiative aimed to equip students with essential knowledge and practical precautions to protect themselves from cyber threats, online frauds and potential misuse of digital platforms.

The trainees were sensitised about the impor-



tance of creating strong passwords, safeguarding their personal and sensitive information, and avoiding the unnecessary sharing of private details on online platforms. They were also advised to exercise caution while accessing unfamiliar websites, downloading applications and interacting with unknown individuals online.

Emphasis was laid on remaining vigilant

against suspicious links, fraudulent messages, phishing emails and unauthorised applications that may compromise personal information or lead to financial and digital security risks. The trainees were encouraged to verify the authenticity of online communications before clicking on links, sharing information or downloading files. The session further

highlighted the need to develop responsible digital habits, maintain privacy on social media and use internet-based services judiciously. The trainees were urged to remain alert to emerging cyber threats and follow basic cyber safety measures in their daily lives.

The awareness programme formed part of the institute's efforts to promote digital literacy and ensure that trainees are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the digital environment safely and responsibly.

The session concluded with an emphasis on the message that cyber security begins with awareness, vigilance and responsible online behaviour, encouraging all trainees to adopt good cyber hygiene practices and contribute towards a safer digital environment.

SMVDU, IIT Jammu Sign MoU to Strengthen Mobile Device Security under MeitY's ISEA-III Project

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Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen mobile device security under the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA-III) Project of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. The collaboration aims to promote cybersecurity education, research, training, and awareness. Under the MoU, IIT Jammu, the Lead Institute for the Mobile Device Security Cluster, collaborate with SMVDU as a Spoke Institute to advance academic, research, training, and outreach activities in mobile device security and cybersecurity. The collaboration will focus on key areas such as smartphone security, mobile operating system vulnerabilities, malware analysis, mobile forensics, secure application development, privacy



protection, and emerging digital threats. It will also facilitate joint research projects, specialized training programmes, workshops, faculty development programmes, expert lectures, student internships, project work, and cybersecurity awareness initiatives. The MoU was signed by Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU, and Dr. Anil Saini, Senior Scientific Officer, IIT Jammu. The initiative was coordinated by Dr. Naveen Kumar Gondhi and Dr. Pooja

Sharma, Associate Professors, School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), SMVDU. The signing ceremony was held in the august presence of Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU. Other distinguished dignitaries present on the occasion included Prof. A. K. Das, Dean, Research and Development; Dr. Sunanda, Head, School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU; and Mr. Mukul Joshi, Programme Director, Trust

Labs, IIT Bombay. The initiative reflects the commitment of SMVDU and IIT Jammu to advancing cybersecurity education, research, and innovation in alignment with national priorities for a secure, resilient, and trusted digital ecosystem. Through this institutional partnership, both institutions aim to contribute to the development of skilled cybersecurity professionals and strengthen the cybersecurity ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

SDRF, F&ES conduct Live Rescue Demonstration at Guzarbal

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As part of a series of public awareness programmes, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) conducted a live rescue demonstration at Panchayat Ghar, Guzarbal, to sensitise the public about safety measures and emergency response during drowning incidents, floods and other disaster situations.

During the demonstration, the teams showcased various rescue techniques and educated participants about essential safety precautions and appropriate response measures to be adopted during emergencies to prevent loss of precious lives.

Officials from the Revenue Department, Flood



Control, SDRF, Police, Fire and Emergency Services, District Informa-

tion Office and Control Room participated in the programme. Teachers,

students and local residents were also present on the occasion.

BJP passes resolution, highlights J&K's transformation under Modi govt post Article 370 abrogation: Billawaria

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Better connectivity, improved healthcare, greater opportunities for youth, stronger security and equitable development are reshaping Jammu and Kashmir under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, stated Baldev Singh Billawaria, asserting that the BJP's vision is to ensure that the benefits of development reach every region and every section of society.

J&K BJP General Secretaries Baldev Billawaria, Sanjita Dogra and Gopal Mahajan accompanied by Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra addressed a press conference at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Baldev Singh Billawaria, while addressing the media, said that the unanimous resolution adopted at a high-level State Executive Meeting under the presidency of BJP J&K President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) would be taken to every J&K resident by BJP cadre.

Billawaria said the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, fulfilled the historic vision of Ma-



haraja Hari Singh, the Praja Parishad Movement led by Pt. Prem Nath Dogra and the sacrifice of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. The resolution highlights the 90-member Assembly, with 43 seats in Jammu and 47 in Kashmir, nine Scheduled Tribe-reserved seats, including six in Jammu and three in Kashmir, transparent recruitment and equitable development across all 20 districts.

On national security, Billawaria cited the identification of 7,656 Rohingya and 504 Bangladeshi nationals living illegally in J&K, the initial deportation of 150 Bangladeshi nationals and 117 criminal cases registered against networks allegedly providing fraudulent documents—101 in Jammu and 16 in Kashmir.

Highlighting institutional development,

Billawaria referred to IIT Jammu, IIM Jammu, IIMC Jammu, AIIMS Vijaypur, progress on AI-IMS Awantipora and seven new Government Medical Colleges in Kathua, Rajouri, Doda, Baramulla, Anantnag, Udhampur and Handwara. Connectivity projects include the Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Banihal-Qazigund, Z-Morh and Zojila tunnels, over 20,000 km of PMGSY roads, ₹4,224 crore sanctioned under PMGSY-IV, the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway and the Chenab Rail Bridge.

On welfare, Billawaria cited 88.26 lakh Ayushman cards, tap-water connections for 15,66,716 rural households, free ration for 98.52 lakh beneficiaries, over 3,23,299 rural and 35,961 urban houses, and 46,133 rooftop solar installa-

tions. Mission YUVA has recorded 1.59 lakh youth registrations, 1,00,407 applications, ₹1,826 crore disbursed across 32,665 bank accounts and over 13,597 active youth-led enterprises.

Sanjita Dogra said that the resolution also highlights restored rights for Valmiki, West Pakistan refugees and Gorkhas; nearly 30,000 elected grassroots representatives; provisions for women, Kashmiri migrants and PoJK displaced persons; 33% women's reservation; an 83% decline in terror incidents, a 96% drop in local youth recruitment into terrorism, zero organized stone-pelting, over ₹18,000 crore in active industrial investments and 2.35 crore tourist visits in a single year. Gopal Mahajan stressed inclusive development and effective delivery of welfare schemes to women, youth and disadvantaged sections. He called upon every BJP worker to take the resolution to the grassroots, reaffirming the party's commitment to a secure, united and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir under Modi's vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas."