

Cultural Unit DIPR Jammu hosts awareness event at GHSS Paragwal

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The Cultural Unit, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) Jammu today organised a Cultural-cum-Awareness Programme at Government Higher Secondary School, Paragwal to spread awareness about disastrous consequences of drug addiction, women empowerment and the importance of preserving cultural values.

Tehsildar Manjeet Singh was the Chief Guest at the programme, which featured a variety of engaging performances, including a Nukkad Natak, songs and speeches presented by students and artists of the Cultural Unit.

The performances highlighted the harmful consequences of drug addiction, the need to empower women and the significance of cultural heritage in society.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of the Cultural Unit DIPR Jammu for organising the programme and using cultural activities as a medium of public awareness. He urged the students to stay away from drugs, adopt a healthy lifestyle and make positive choices for a better future. He also encouraged them to remain focused on their



education and contribute constructively to society.

Cultural Officer Jammu Rajinder Kr Digra, while interacting with the students, assured them that talented students would be provided opportunities to showcase their abilities on appropriate platforms through future cultural programmes.

The initiative was aimed at encouraging young talent and fostering creativity, confidence and social responsibility among students.

The host school Principal Roshan Lal Sharma presented the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, the Cultural Unit, the participating artists, students and all those who contributed to the successful conduct of the programme.

A large number of students, staff members and

officials from various departments attended the programme. The event concluded with a message of drug-free living, gender

equality, youth empowerment and the promotion of cultural values through community participation and creative expression.

DIPR Kathua organises multilingual mushaira at GDCW

KATHUA, OCTOBER 13: As part of the Youth Engagement and Empowerment Campaign, the Kathua Centre of Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) J&K organised a multilingual Mushaira here at Government College for Women to provide young and budding poets a platform to showcase their literary talent and express their views on socially relevant issues.

The College Principal Jaipal Singh attended the programme as the chief guest. The programme started with lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

Renowned poets and literary enthusiasts, including Vijay Sharma, Sunil Dutt Shad, Kuldeep Kumar, Dr. Rachana Bhagat, Dr. Mukesh Kumari, Saroj Bala, presented their original poetic compositions in different languages leaving a meaningful impression on the audience.

Besides, the young poets Rohit Chauhan, Suman Sharma and Shibani Sharma also presented their poetic creations that touched upon themes such as drug abuse, women's empowerment, patriotism and social issues.

Budding singer Raghav further enlivened the programme with his melodious renditions, adding a vibrant cultural dimension to the event.

Ram Niwas Sharma visits Border Schools in Kathua Under Vibrant Village Programme

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Commissioner Secretary Education, Ram Niwas Sharma, today visited Government High School Kadyala, a border-area school in Kathua district, under the Vibrant Village Programme.

The visit focused on reviewing the academic environment, infrastructure, teaching-learning practices and overall functioning of the institution.

Bhawani Rakwal, Project Director, Samagra Shiksha; Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua; Anil Salkota, Joint Director VSK; Kewal Krishan, Chief Education Officer, Kathua; Phulail Singh Bandal, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Hiranagar; Anoop Kumar Tehsildar, Hiranagar and other senior officers of Education Department and Samagra Shiksha, along with repre-



sentatives of other concerned departments, were also present on the occasion.

During the visit, Commissioner Secretary reviewed the academic activities, student attendance, quality of teaching and overall administrative functioning of the school. He interacted with the teaching staff and offered valuable guidance for further strengthening academic standards and improving the overall functioning

of the institution.

The officer also interacted with students, encouraging them to remain focused on their studies and make optimum use of the educational facilities available to them. The teachers shared their views regarding classroom teaching, students' learning needs and the measures required to further improve the academic environment.

As part of the visit, Ram Niwas Sharma also visited

Government Higher Secondary School Chakra, another border-area institution, where he reviewed the academic activities and functioning of the school and interacted with students and staff.

The visit reflects the Department's continued focus on strengthening educational infrastructure, improving the quality of education and ensuring better learning opportunities for students in border villages under the Vibrant Village Programme.

Saini Enclave Residents Seek Early Resolution of Drainage and Road Issues

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The General Body Meeting of the Mohalla Committee, Saini Enclave, Jammu, held on September 13, discussed problems faced by residents due to choked drains following recent heavy rains and the poor condition of roads in the locality.

The meeting was held with the permission of committee president Jaswinder Singh Saini, who authorised Daleep Bazaz, a committee member, to preside over the proceedings.

The members unanimously decided to approach former Deputy Mayor Dharamvir Singh Jamwal and seek his intervention for the early resolution of the drainage and road-related issues in Saini Enclave.

The committee also



raised concerns over the construction of soakage pits and the upgradation of roads to bituminous (BT) standard in the extension area of Saini Enclave, alleging that the existing residential houses in the old locality were being left out. The members urged the concerned authorities to address the issue and en-

sure that the long-pending demands of residents are resolved at the earliest.

The committee decided to request Jamwal to take up the matter with the concerned authorities for necessary action.

Those who participated in the meeting included R.C. Dutta, Gurvinder Singh Saini, Amarpaul

Singh Saini, Rajinder Pal Singh Saini, Satwinder Singh Saini, Pardeep Singh Saini, Davinder Singh Saini and Manmohan Singh.

The meeting concluded with Amarpaul Singh proposing a vote of thanks to all members for their participation and cooperation.

JKEDI concludes Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme under RAMP Scheme

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The Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Srinagar, today successfully concluded the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme at the Govt. College for Women, M.A Road, Srinagar.

The program was organised in collaboration between JKEDI and Govt. College for Women, M.A Road, Srinagar at the district level.

The 20-day training programme drew an enthusiastic response from students, who participated actively throughout the sessions.

Professor Dr. Yasmeen Farooq, Principal of the college, attended as the Guest of Honour. The valedictory function was also attended by Dr. Naila Khanday, Range Officer, JKEDI, Central Kashmir; Shabir Hussain Shah, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Srinagar; Dr. Sheeba, Assistant Convenor EDC, Govt. College for Women and



designated course team for the program from JKEDI.

Professor Dr. Yasmeen Farooq expressed satisfaction over the successful conduct of the programme and congratulated JKEDI for organising the 20-day training within the college. She noted that the collaboration between JKEDI and the institution had provided valuable practical exposure to students and would inspire more young women to explore entrepreneurship as a viable career path.

Dr. Naila Khanday, in her welcome address, motivated the participants, encouraging them to convert the skills acquired during the training into sustainable enterprises and to view entrepreneurship as an empowering career option.

Addressing the participants, Shabir Hussain Shah, emphasised the transformative power of entrepreneurship. "Entrepreneurship is the path to self-reliance.

The future belongs to those who embrace emerg-

ing opportunities with a positive mindset and choose to become job creators rather than job seekers," he said.

The ESDP under the RAMP scheme equips aspiring entrepreneurs with essential competencies in business development, financial planning, and market awareness. The batch recorded strong student participation and received positive feedback, reflecting the growing interest among youth in enterprise creation.

ACB, Edu Deptt hold vigilance awareness programme at GGHSS Pulwama

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) J&K, South Kashmir, in collaboration with the School Education Department, Pulwama, today organised a Vigilance Awareness and Sensitisation Programme at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Pulwama, as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 being observed on the theme "Probity for Prosperity."

The programme was aimed at sensitising officers and heads of educational institutions about vigilance measures, ethical conduct, transparency, accountability and the importance of maintaining integrity in the discharge of official duties.

Heads of educational institutions from across the district participated in the programme. The session provided an opportunity to deliberate upon the adverse impact of corruption on public service delivery and the need for greater transparency and accountability in the functioning of



government institutions.

DySP, Anti-Corruption Bureau, South Kashmir, Bahar Ahmad Khan, Senior Prosecution Officer, South Kashmir, Umar Mansoor and Inspector ACB South Kashmir, Bilal Ahmad addressed the participants and highlighted the importance of vigilance awareness in preventing corrupt practices and strengthen-

ing public trust in government institutions.

The speakers emphasised that integrity, honesty and accountability must remain central to public service. They also sensitised the participants about their responsibilities in ensuring transparent and ethical functioning of educational institutions and encouraged them to act as ambas-

sadors of integrity within their institutions and society.

The programme further highlighted the important role of educational institutions in creating awareness among students and the wider community about the harmful effects of corruption and the significance of responsible citizenship.

BIS to Celebrate World Standards Day with Manak Mahotsav in Jammu

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu and Kashmir Branch Office, will organise Manak Mahotsav at Hotel Vivanta, Jammu City Centre, on October 14 to mark World Standards Day 2026.

The event will bring together representatives from government departments, industries, MSMEs, industry associations, consumer organisations, academic institutions and technical experts to discuss the role of standards in promoting sustainable development, energy efficiency and quality assurance.

This year's theme, "Shared Vision for a Better World – SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy," highlights the importance of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

The programme will begin with the ceremonial lighting



of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Jeevanandam D, Scientist E and Director and Head of BIS Jammu and Kashmir Branch Office. V. Avinash Babu, Scientist D, BIS JKBO, will read the World Standards Day message.

Raj Kumar Chaudhary, Chairperson of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, will attend the event as the Chief Guest and deliver the inaugural address.

The event will feature technical sessions focusing on power generation, hy-

dropower, transmission and grid systems, emerging energy technologies, energy efficiency and sustainable manufacturing.

Experts participating in the sessions include Dr Arun Kumar Verma, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Jammu; Vivek Chhajer, Chief Program Manager for J&K and Ladakh, REC Limited; Rajan Kumar, Additional General Manager, NTPC Limited; and Tarun Singla, President, Bari Brahmana Industries Association and Chairman, Federation of Industries, Jammu.

The discussions will focus on how Indian Standards contribute to product safety, system reliability, efficient energy use and the adoption of clean-energy technologies. Cultural performances by students associated with BIS Standards Clubs and a felicitation ceremony will also form part of the programme.

Manak Mahotsav aims to strengthen stakeholder collaboration, promote awareness of Indian Standards and encourage quality practices across industries and public services.

BIS, India's National Standards Body functioning under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, is responsible for standardisation, marking and quality certification of goods. Through such initiatives, the organisation seeks to promote quality, safety, reliability and sustainability while supporting India's transition towards a cleaner and more energy-efficient future.