

■ JMC hosts 'SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivir' Commissioner JMC leads health and safety initiative under theme 'Naari Leads Swachhata'

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JAMMU: As part of the ongoing week-long celebrations for International Women's Day under the national theme "Naari Leads Swachhata," the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today organized a comprehensive 'SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivir' at the JMC premises.

The event was dedicated to ensuring the health, safety and dignity of women sanitation workers and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) who serve as the backbone of the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 in the city.

The program was held in the presence of



Commissioner JMC and Mission Director, SBM-U 2.0, Dr. Devansh Yadav who presided over the event as the chief guest. He was joined by Joint Commissioner Health and Sanitation, Abdul Star and Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Jammu, Dr. Harbaksh Singh, representing the District Health Society.

During the Shivir, a specialized medical camp was established in collaboration with the District Health Society, where female sanitation workers and members of women-led SHGs underwent critical health screenings, including testing for Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

occupational safety, high-quality Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits were distributed to all female workers and SHG members. This gesture reinforces the 'Give to Gain' philosophy, ensuring that those who work daily to keep the city clean are provided with the necessary gear to protect their own health.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Devansh Yadav emphasized the importance of the NAM ASTE scheme (National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem), which focuses on safety and the elimination of hazardous cleaning practices. He lauded the women entrepreneurs and

SHGs for their emerging leadership in the waste management value chain. The officials also acknowledged the technical support from Swaaha in coordinating these vital IEC activities and ensuring that health and safety protocols reach every frontline worker.

The event concluded with a pledge to continue organizing such Suraksha Shivirs regularly to provide a robust safety net for the sanitation workforce. All details of the health screenings and activities from today's camp are being documented and uploaded to the official Swachhatam Portal for monitoring and follow-up care.

Army organizes medical camp for residents at remote border villages

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RAJOURI: In a continued effort to support the well-being of the local population, the troops of the Ace of Spades Division of the Indian Army organized a medical camp in remote border villages along the Line of Control (LC).

The initiative aimed to raise awareness about common summer-related diseases and provide preventive measures ahead of the forthcoming summer season. The camp provided free medical consultations and distributed medicines to the villagers. A total of 45 individuals, including men, women and children, benefitted from the initiative, which focused on educating the community about health risks and



promoting preventive practices during the hot months.

This outreach is part of the Indian Army's ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of life for

border residents, ensuring their access to essential healthcare services in even the most remote areas. The camp was well-received and appreciated by the locals.

Seed, Fertilizer dealers sensitized to regulatory provisions at Basholi

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KATHUA: The dealers and retailers of Basholi dealing in seeds, fertilizers and pesticides were Saturday sensitized to the regulatory provisions governing the sale and distribution of agricultural inputs.

The meeting was convened by Law Enforcement Inspector Kathua Anil Gupta under the directions of Assistant Director Law Enforcement Jammu.

The dealers were asked to ensure strict adherence to the provisions of the Seeds Act 1966, Fertilizer Control Order 1985 and the Insecticides Act 1968 along with the rules

framed thereunder.

"The dealers and retailers need to prominently display the approved price list of all seeds, fertilizers and pesticides, issue proper bills or invoices for each and every sale and maintain accurate stock and sales registers as provided under the provisions of the Act," they were told.

It was further emphasised that any deviation from or non-compliance with these instructions shall be viewed seriously and necessary action under the relevant provisions shall be initiated against the defaulting dealers and retailers without any further notice.

Program on 'Key interventions for effective implementation of NEP' hosted by SCERT-J

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JAMMU: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Jammu and Kashmir, Divisional Office Jammu today organised a one-day programme on "Key Interventions for Effective Implementation of NEP 2020" under the theme "Shiksha Mein Navachar, NEP 2020 Ka Aadhar" here at Kisan Kendra, Talab Tillo.

The event brought together faculty members of District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) from across Jammu division, enabling them to engage in meaningful academic discourse and deepen their understanding of the transformative reforms envisioned under NEP 2020.

The programme was inaugurated by Director School Education Jammu and Director SCERT J&K Dr. Naseem Javid Chowdhary as the chief guest. Joint Director, SCERT Jammu Division Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor,



panel experts, senior faculty members and Coordinator were also present.

The academic sessions featured research papers and presentations by SCERT faculty, highlighting various initiatives and innovative practices undertaken by the institution to operationalise

the key recommendations of NEP 2020.

The presentations included "Research and Innovative Institutional Practices" by Dr. Neeraj Jandial; "Multilingualism under NEP 2020" by Monica Sharma; "From Policy to Practice: Capacity Building

Initiatives in Teacher Education at SCERT J&K Jammu" by Arti Gupta and Manu Vasudeva and "Strengthening Foundational Literacy and Numeracy under NEP 2020" by Dr. Sanjeevani and Anil Sharma.

Other presentations included "Innovations in

Assessment Reforms and HPC" by Rakesh Chobber; "Ullas Nav Bharat Saaksharta karyakram - Jan Jan Sakshar" by Paawan Vivek and Dr. Sandeep Singh, Principal, GHSS Ligri Kishtwar; "Interventions Promoting Inclusivity, Gender Sensitivity and Mental Health" by Dr. Rohini Sharma; and "Transformative Pedagogies and Learner-Centred Approaches" by Puneet Thukral, HOD, DIET, Samba.

The programme also featured presentations on "Changing Landscape of Libraries: Learning Hubs as Envisioned by NEP 2020" by Dr. Bhuvni and "Technology Enabled Teaching and Digital Resources" by Vivek Jandial and Dr. Balgar Singh, highlighting the role of digital innovations in contemporary education.

The technical sessions were chaired by a distinguished panel of academicians and educationists. The chairpersons appreciated the

scholarly quality and practical relevance of the presentations and offered insightful remarks that enriched the academic deliberations.

Earlier Associate Coordinator of the programme Manu Vasudeva presented the formal welcome address. A brief concept note was presented by Coordinator of the programme Monica Sharma.

Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor underscored the significance of adopting innovative, inclusive and learner-centred pedagogical approaches. She encouraged participants to actively engage in the deliberations and contribute towards effective implementation of NEP initiatives at the grassroots level.

Dr. Naseem Javid Chowdhary highlighted that the successful implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 requires innovation, inclusivity and strong academic leadership.

National Lok Adalat held at Court Complex Kathua

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KATHUA: The National Lok Adalat was held Saturday at the ADR Centre of the Court Complex in Kathua under the esteemed guidance of the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kathua, Jatinder Singh Jamwal, (Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kathua).

To facilitate the smooth conduct of the Lok Adalat, eight benches were constituted. A substantial number of cases were taken up for amicable settlement during the proceedings, resulting in successful resolutions and significant recovery of amount tuning to Rs. 3,46,96,500/-



The initiative reflects the commitment of the Judiciary and the Legal Services Authority towards promoting alternate dispute resolution mechanisms and ensuring timely justice to the public.

Among the 3 benches constituted at District Court Complex, the 1st Bench comprised of Principal District & Sessions Judge,

Jatinder Singh Jamwal and Additional District & Sessions Judge, Pravin Pandoh; 2nd Bench comprised of Chief Judicial Magistrate Kathua Ajay Sharma and Munsiff JMJC, Kathua, Viren Magotra; 3rd Bench comprised of District Mobile Magistrate (T) Kathua Poonam Gupta and Naiya Sharma Advocate.

National Lok Adalat-2026 settles 2321 cases in Reasi

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REASI: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Reasi, under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority successfully organised the 1st National Lok Adalat of the year 2026 in the district.

The Lok Adalat was inaugurated by DLSAA Chairman (Pr. District & Sessions Judge), Reasi Khalil Ahmad Choudhary. The inauguration ceremony was attended by several distinguished dignitaries, including Kumar Abhishek, Deputy Commissioner

Reasi, Geeta Kumari, Chief Judicial Magistrate Reasi, Shivali Sharma, Munsiff Reasi, Aastha Sharma, Addl.

Spl. Mobile Magistrate Reasi, Vishal Jamwal, SDPO Reasi, Vijay Kumar Verma, ACD Reasi, Mohammad Ashraf Malik, AEE (HQ) PWD Reasi, Pawan Kumar Bogia, Executive Engineer PWD Reasi, Ajaz Shah, Superintendent Engineer PWD Circle Reasi, Pawan Dev Singh, President Bar Association Reasi along with other executives of bar and bar members, Ms. Rashi Baru, Chief LADC, DLSA Reasi along with their team of LADCs, staff members of Court Complex Reasi, PLVs and litigants etc.

Sixteen benches constituted across the district took up 3,105 cases, out of which 2321 cases were disposed of amicably resulting in a settlement of Rs 1,06,01,019.

The cases disposed of included Matrimonial cases, NI Act cases, Civil Cases, Criminal Compoundable cases, Bank recovery cases, Pre-litigation cases etc.

The National Lok Adalat aimed to provide a platform for amicable settlement of disputes, promoting justice and reducing pending cases. The DLSA Reasi has achieved the objective by settling a significant number of cases through the Lok Adalat.

Besides this, an exhibition of Handicrafts / Vocational Training Products was also organized in collaboration with the Department of Handicrafts, Reasi. The exhibition was attended by the advocates, staff members of different Courts of District Court Complex Reasi, PLVs of DLSA Reasi and litigants.



Over 600 vacancies offered at job fair organized by District Employment & Counselling Centre Samba

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SAMBA: A job fair was organized Saturday by the District Employment & Counselling Centre Samba with the objective of providing employment opportunities to jobseekers of the district.

A total of 24 companies participated in the job fair and collectively offered more than 600 vacancies across various sectors. The participating companies included Cadila Pharmaceutical Ltd, Saraswati Agro Chemicals (INDIA) Pvt. Ltd, Jai Beverages Pvt Ltd, VKC Nuts Pvt Ltd, Abinza Pharma Pvt. Ltd, Astrofine Pharma Pvt Ltd, Zeiss Pharma Ltd and other recruiters. The companies offered job opportunities in sectors such as Industry, Pharmaceutical, Agriculture, Security, Sales and other related fields.

The Job Fair witnessed enthusiastic participation from the youth. A total of 150 candidates were shortlisted and 20 candidates were selected on the spot by different recruiting employers.

Speaking on the occasion, Member Legislative Assembly Ramgarh Constituency Devender Kumar Manyal guided and encouraged the youth to actively participate in the Job Fair and avail advantage of the employment opportunities being offered by the participating companies.

Assistant Director Employment



Naresh Kumar advised the youth to get themselves registered on the Mission YUVA (www.missionyuva.jk.gov.in) portal to avail the incentives and schemes of the Government meant for unemployed youth. He informed that after registration with the Mission YUVA, candidates become eligible to apply for subsidized financial assistance schemes including Nano

and MSME in Sunrise & Focus sectors, besides Existing Enterprises scheme for promoting the existing business. He further informed that the registered candidates can apply for jobs online through Mission YUVA portal and can also avail short-duration free skill development courses being organized by the Employment Department during job fairs.

Entrepreneurship Mela held at Thathri under Mission YUVA

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DODA: District administration Doda on Saturday organised a one day Entrepreneurship Mela at Thathri Sub-Division to promote self-employment and entrepreneurial opportunities among the youth.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Roshan Lal, Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sheetal Sharma, Tehsildar Satish Rana and Assistant Director Employment besides officers from various line departments, representatives from financial institutions and aspiring entrepreneurs from different parts of the subdivision were also present during the event.

The District Employment & Counselling Centre coordinated the event aimed at promoting government schemes, start-up support mechanisms and skill development initiatives available for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The participants



were provided detailed information regarding financial assistance, skill training programmes and mentoring support designed to help youth establish their own enterprises. Officials from different departments interacted with the attendees and encouraged them to explore innovative business ideas and become job creators. Various departments and institutions set up stalls displaying opportunities in sectors such as agriculture,

horticulture, handicrafts, cooperatives and rural enterprises.

Speaking on the occasion, the officers emphasized the importance of self-employment and urged the youth to avail advantage of government initiatives aimed at livelihood generation and economic empowerment. They also highlighted the role of Mission YUVA in nurturing entrepreneurial talent and creating sustainable employment opportunities.

Eid-ul-Fitr arrangements finalized by ADC in Baderwah, Bhalla

BHADERWAH: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Kumar Bhutyal Saturday chaired a review meeting to discuss and finalize arrangements for Eid-ul-Fitr in Baderwah and Bhalla zones. The ADC reviewed the arrangements aimed at ensuring smooth and hassle-free celebration. Detailed discussions were held regarding maintenance of essential services, market regulation and the availability of public facilities through both online and offline platforms.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Superintendent of Police, Tehsildar Baderwah and Bhalla, Block Development Officers of Baderwah and Bhalla, officers from the Livestock Department, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) JPDCL Sub Division Baderwah, AEE Jal Shakti Department (PHE) Sub Division Baderwah, Tehsil Supply Officer, President of Anjuman Islamia Baderwah, President of Beopar Mandal Baderwah and other concerned