

Div Com, DC Srinagar inspect SSRB Examination Centres for Constable Posts

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SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bihuri accompanied by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Sunday conducted inspection of various Examination Centres in District established by JKSSRB for conduct of the examination for Constable posts. The Div Com and DC visited different exam centres established at SP College, SP Higher Secondary, Government College of Education, Burn Hall and took stock of the arrangements made for smooth and seamless conduct of



the examination. They also reviewed arrangements and facilities for students and staff deployed for the conduct of the examination.

DC Srinagar inspects Skill Development & Rehabilitation Centre at Sanat Nagar

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SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today undertook a visit to Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre at Sanat Nagar to oversee the facilities being made at the Centre for youth affected by substance abuse. The DC also took stock of the measures being taken for additional infrastructure development and upgradation works for establishment of Skill Development & Rehabilitation Centre for Youth affected from substance abuse for their reintegration in society. On the occasion, the DC said the aim of the proposed Skill



Development & Rehabilitation Centre for Youth affected from substance abuse is to provide comprehensive Rehabilitation services including impart requisite skill trainings relate to different market oriented trades to the affected youth to enable them to get maximum skilling opportunities and enhanced job opportunities/ placement so that they earn their livelihood with dignity and honour. On the occasion, the DC stressed on ensuring prop-

er utilization of the Centre in collaboration with Social Welfare, Health and IM-HANS to achieve aim of the said center. DC also directed the executive agency R&B, to fix fixtures and other equipments required for running the said center at earliest. During the visit, the DC passed directions for shifting the dead stock as well as other material dumped in the rooms at the earliest so that centre is made functional fully. The DC was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, Incharge Drug De-Addiction Centre GMC, Srinagar and other concerned.

KU innovators win prestigious 'Early Stage Promising Startup Award'

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SRINAGAR: The University of Kashmir (KU) Saturday announced that the varsity's two innovators, Jehangir Hameed Lone and Sajid Noor have won the prestigious 'Early Stage Promising Startup Award' at the Jammu and Kashmir Startup Conclave 2024, held at the Modern Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET), Jammu. Competing among 50 early-stage startups, their ground-breaking project, 'Automatic Multitemu Starch-Free Device', stood out for its health-centric innovation and practical usability, a spokesperson said in a statement issued here. The award-winning device is designed to operate remotely via a mobile application and aims to prevent health issues such as

obesity, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes by removing excess starch during cooking. Its multi-functional, user-friendly design makes it a revolutionary solution for households, hospitals, hostels and restaurants, the statement read. In her congratulatory message, KU Vice Chancellor, Prof Nilofar Khan, highlighted the "growing spirit of innovation at the institution and the transformative potential of young minds in driving societal progress". "KU nurtures innovation and entrepreneurial talent and Jehangir and Sajid have demonstrated exceptional creativity and determination in addressing real-world challenges, setting an inspiring example for the student community," Prof Khan said. She further said that their innova-

tive device showcases how technology can be harnessed to promote health and well-being. "The award reflects the cutting-edge research and entrepreneurial ecosystem we are promoting across our campuses," Prof Khan said, adding that the success is not just theirs but a significant milestone for the whole university. Commenting on the achievement, Head, Department of Electronics and Instrumentation Technology, Prof M Tariq Bandy, commended the innovation and entrepreneurial skills displayed by Jehangir Hameed Lone and Sajid Noor, former students of the university. He said, "They have set a benchmark for other aspiring innovators, positioning the institution as a leader in promoting impactful ideas in the startup ecosystem of

Jammu and Kashmir." On receiving the honour, Jehangir Hameed Lone, one of the innovators, attributed their success to the untiring support of the University of Kashmir and its Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship (CIIE). "KU and CIIE have been instrumental in encouraging innovation and supporting young innovators. Their guidance and resources have been pivotal in helping us secure intellectual property for our innovative ideas," Lone said, adding that the University of Kashmir "holds rights in the patent for this innovation". "The university's support in navigating the intellectual property process has been a cornerstone of our success that in turn ensured the protection and recognition of our work," he added.

5355 candidates appear in JKP Constable Examination in Bandipora

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BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri along with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Bandipora, Harmeet Singh on Sunday visited various examination centres established for the OMR based examination conducted by J&K Services Selection Recruitment Board for the posts of J&K Police Constable. During the course of inspection at various centres in Sumbal, Hajin and Bandipora, the DC took stock of the arrangements made for the aspirants. As many as 5904 candidates were expected to appear in the examination, for which 25 examination centres were established by the district administration across the district.



It was informed that 5355 candidates appeared in the examination in various centres across the district and 549 candidates were absent. The DC, during his visit to the examination centers, expressed satisfaction over the arrangements put in place for the convenience of the aspirants.

DC Srinagar flags-off JK Divyang Women's Cricket Team

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SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today flagged-off JK Divyang Women's Cricket Team for their participation in the Umang Cricket Tournament organized by Gauravdeep Welfare Society under the Divyang Cricket Control Board of India (DCCBI) in Bhopal from December 4 to 6, 2024. Speaking on the flagging-off ceremony, the DC lauded the efforts of the Chotay Taray Foundation for organizing the event symbolizing their dedication to fostering opportunities for Divyang women in sports. While interacting with the players, the DC extended



his best wishes to the team for their success in the tournament. He said that such events provide an opportunity to the participant players to showcase their talent, determination and sportsmanship. The JK Divyang Women's Cricket Team has been sponsored by Chotay Taray Foundation to empower persons with special abilities through sports and inclusivity. Arjmand Makhdoomi Founder of the Chotay Taray Foundation and other concerned were present on the occasion.

Math phobia attribute of 'outdated teaching' methods, societal perceptions: Experts

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SRINAGAR: The Department of Mathematics, University of Kashmir (KU), in collaboration with the Kashmir Mathematical Society (KMS) and JK Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC), concluded the 4th phase of its 'School Outreach Programme' for the 'Popularization of Mathematics' with its last leg held at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Hawal, Pulwama. Over 100 students and teachers from various high and higher secondary schools of the district participated in the programme. The school outreach campaign aimed to orient students towards developing an interest in mathematics

by emphasising its essence and applications in real-life scenarios and encouraging enrollment in mathematics and basic science courses at higher levels. In a special message, KU Vice Chancellor, Prof Nilofar Khan, commended the Department of Mathematics and the collaborating partners for the initiative. She said, "Mathematics is a cornerstone of scientific progress and innovation and inspiring young minds in this discipline is essential for societal and national development." While congratulating the organisers for their efforts and encouraging students to embrace the beauty and utility of mathematics, she said: "Through outreach programmes, KU aims to pro-

mote mathematics education across the region, with special focus on school children." During the session at Pulwama, former Head, Department of Mathematics, KU, Prof M H Gulzar, emphasised the role of mathematics in solving real-life problems. Programme Convener and Head, Department of Mathematics, Prof M A Khanday, highlighted the importance of building a strong foundation in mathematics at elementary levels. "There is a strong need for quality curricula and skilled teachers to promote conceptual and experiential learning," he stressed. Dr Muzafar Rasool, faculty, Department of Computer Sciences, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), delivered a lecture

on the role of mathematics in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, describing it as the "backbone of technology". "Math phobia is a significant challenge and is an attribute of 'outdated teaching' methods and societal perceptions," he maintained. The programme also included lectures and interactions with experts including Prof Mushtaq Ali Mir (Ex-Principal, GDC Pulwama); Chief Education Officer (CEO), Pulwama, Manzoor A Khan; and Zonal Education Officer (ZEO), Pulwama, Shaista Drabu. Principal GHSS Hawal, Pulwama, Nusrat Manzoor; and Senior Lecturer Mathematics, Arshad H Wani, also shared insights adding value to the discussions and interactive sessions.

J&K-SSB Exam for Constable posts held across Shopian

SHOPIAN: The examinations for the recruitment of Constable posts by J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB) was today held across Shopian district, recording 92 percent attendance of aspirants. The exam was held at 15 centres of the district with proper arrangements made by District Administration Shopian for around 4200 aspirants. To oversee the smooth conduct of examination in the district, the Deputy Inspector General (DIG), South Range, Javid Iqbal Mattoo and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar along with senior officials inspected the examination centers. During the inspections, DIG and DC reviewed overall arrangements, ensuring adherence to protocols and guidelines. The District Administration had made elaborate arrangements of manpower and magisterial deployment, security, videography, transport and other logistical arrangements for the hassle and seamless conduct of examination. ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz and Additional SP, CEO Shopian and other officers and officials accompanied the dignitaries during the visit.

DC Baramulla ensures smooth conduct of JKSSB's Constable Examination

BARAMULLA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa today visited various examination centers in Sopore, Baramulla, Pattan and other locations to ensure the smooth conduct of the JKSSB JKP Constable Examination. The DC assessed the arrangements, including seating, security, and amenities including drinking water and sanitation facilities, ensuring aspirants faced no difficulties. He also interacted with the examination staff, invigilators and candidates to get a first-hand understanding of the on-ground situation. Emphasizing transparency and fairness, Minga Sherpa directed officials to adhere to the highest standards of integrity throughout the examination process. The administration ensured conducive environment for the candidates.

DC Kupwara inspects JKSSB Examination Centres, takes stock of facilities

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KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today inspected various examination centers across the district to monitor the smooth conduct of the OMR-based examination for the post of Constable, conducted by the J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB). The DC visited several centres, including AGS Wayan, GHSS Kupwara, GDC Kupwara and GDC Handwara, where she reviewed the arrangements and interacted with the examination staff and candidates. She



emphasized maintaining transparency, fairness and strict adherence to prescribed guidelines. The DC was accompanied by SSP Kupwara Ghulam Geelani Wani and SSP Handwara Mushtaq Ahmad Chowdhury. Ayushi appreciated the efforts of the district administration, law enforcement agencies, and examination staff for their coordinated efforts in facilitating a conducive and secure environment for the candidates. She reiterated the administration's commitment to upholding the integrity and transparency of the recruitment process. Meanwhile ADC Kupwara, Rouf Rehman who is chief inspector examinations inspected various exam centres at Trehgam, Kralpora and Kupwara. A total of 41 examination centres were established in the district where 9062 candidates appeared for the examination.

OMR-based examination for constable posts conducted successfully in Ganderbal

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GANDERBAL: The J&K Service Selection Board (J&K SSB) examination for recruitment to constable posts in the Police Department concluded successfully today across Ganderbal district. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir, along with SSP Ganderbal, Ragav S, inspected various examination centers to assess the arrangements and ensure a smooth and transparent conduct of the written examination.

A total of 5989 candidates were scheduled to appear for the exam, out of which 5473 candidates participated. The examination was held across 27 designated centers in the district. During his visit, the DC inspected the arrangements being put in place for the candidates, including seating arrangements, cleanliness, videography, drinking water, lighting and heating in the examination halls. He expressed satisfaction with the arrangements and commended the efforts of

the Nodal Officer and all concerned officials for ensuring the successful conduct of the examination. To maintain transparency and security, magistrates and videographers were deployed at all examination centers. Additionally, the district police ensured adequate security arrangements throughout the process. The district administration reiterated its commitment to maintaining fairness and efficiency in recruitment processes to uphold public trust and confidence.

DC Shopian reviews functioning of KKGs

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SHOPIAN: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar today chaired a meeting of officers and officials of agriculture and allied departments of Horticulture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry to take review of functioning of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) and the status of farmer registrations. The DC advocated for fast pacing the registrations of all farmers on designated portal within shortest possible time.



6400 plus farmers of the district have been up-loaded till date. He also emphasized the need to publicise the services of KKGs for the benefit of farmers. Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) serves as a one-stop solution for agriculture and allied sectors, providing a comprehensive range of services to farmers at the Panchayat level. 17 KKGs are strategically placed across Shopian to serve farmers at the grassroots level and are equipped with advanced hardware and software facilities to deliver a range of agricultural services effectively in a user friendly manner. 33 more KKGs are coming up in second phase. Managed by young agri-entrepreneurs (Krishi Udyamis) from the panchayats offering support, promoting local empowerment and self-employment, KKGs aim to bring government services closer to farmers in their immediate neighborhoods. Realtime assistance and continuous support and training from experts to enhance farming efficiency and productivity are also provided at KKGs.

ADDK Kulgam inspects Centers established for JKSSB's Constable Examination



KULGAM: The Additional District Development Deputy Commissioner (ADDK) Kulgam, Bashir Ahmad Wani, today visited various examination centers in Kulgam to ensure the smooth conduct of the JKSSB JKP Constable Examination. The ADDK assessed the arrangements, including seating, security, and amenities including drinking water and sanitation facilities, ensuring aspirants faced no difficulties. He also interacted with candidates to get a first-hand understanding of the on-ground situation.