

JKEDI commences three fresh batches of summer internship prog at Bari-Brahmana

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) inaugurated three fresh batches of Summer Internship Program (SIP) welcoming 123 undergraduate students at its Bari Brahmana campus and District Centre, Jammu. This initiative underscores JKEDI's commitment to fostering experiential learning and strengthening industry-academia linkages in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The participating students, enrolled in undergraduate programs across Government Sri Pratap Memorial Rajput (SPMR) College, Jammu, Government College for Women, Parade Jammu, Government College for Women, Gandhi

Nagar and Government College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, will undergo a 10-day internship designed to fulfill the NEP-mandated 60-hour experiential learning component.

The program is structured to enhance students' understanding of entrepreneurship, innovation, enterprise creation and research. Interns will engage in interactive sessions led by seasoned professionals, participate in business simulations and explore real-world entrepreneurial challenges and solutions. Key focus areas of the internship include fundamentals of research methodology and literature review, orientation on the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27, preparation and presentation of internship reports, awareness of various self-employment schemes operational in the

Union Territory of J&K, career guidance on pursuing entrepreneurship as a viable option.

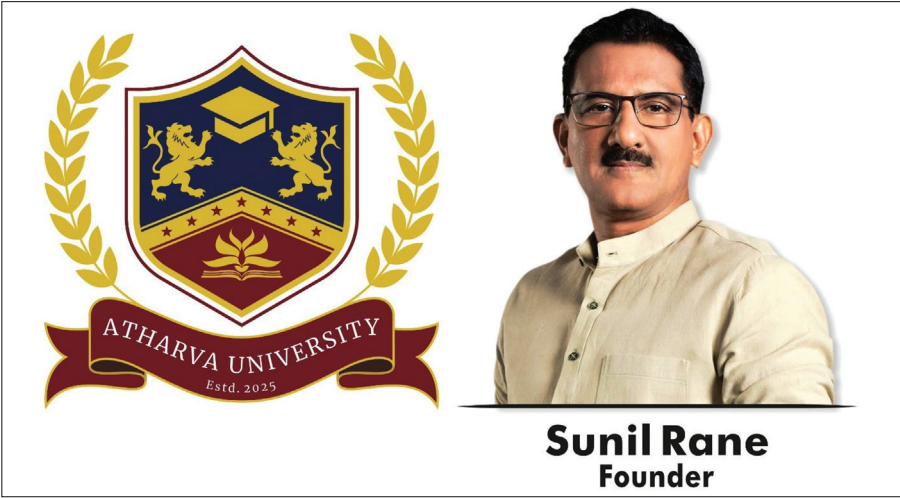
The program was inaugurated by Chand Kishore Sharma, Joint Director JKE-DI.

The participants will also gain insights into the organizational structure and functional verticals of JKE-DI, with hands-on exposure to its various programs and initiatives.

By bridging classroom knowledge with practical application, this initiative aims to cultivate critical thinking, problem-solving capabilities, and an entrepreneurial mindset among the students. It aligns with JKEDI's broader vision of nurturing future-ready talent and contributing meaningfully to the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir and beyond.



Martyrs' daughters to get scholarship



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JAMMU: Atharva University announced special scholarships for defence martyrs' daughters across the country and students from Jammu & Kashmir and India's North-Eastern states in all branches.

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ment, BCA and B Designs. With a heritage of 25 years, Atharva is a leading educational institute at Malad Marve Road, Malad West, Mumbai.

With high quality education with industry-focused and research driven courses, well-equipped buildings, laboratories with state-of-the-art facilities, excellent teachers and best academic environment, Atharva University has placement facilities in reputed companies.

41 loan cases sanctioned under Mission YUVA

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RAMBAN: In a significant step towards promoting youth-led entrepreneurship and fostering self-reliance, the District Administration Ramban, in collaboration with J&K Bank sanctioned and handed over 41 loan cases under the Mission YUVA initiative. The sanction letters were handed over to the beneficiaries by Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan at a brief ceremony. The event witnessed the presence of General Manager DIC Ravinder Anand; Clus-

ter Head J&K Bank, Ravi Kumar; Lead Bank Manager, District Nodal Officer JKEDI, Counselling Officer, Employment Department Ramban, along with other stakeholders from the Employment Department and J&K Bank.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the importance of Mission YUVA in promoting self-employment by enabling youth to engage in sustainable and gainful economic activities. He encouraged the beneficiaries to utilize the financial assis-

tance diligently and build successful entrepreneurial ventures that contribute to the district's economy.

DC said that Mission YUVA forms part of a larger vision to empower the youth through access to finance, capacity building, and sustainable livelihood opportunities, thereby nurturing a self-reliant and progressive Ramban. Meanwhile, Officials from J&K Bank reiterated the institution's commitment to supporting youth through smooth implementation of government-sponsored schemes.

Quiz competition, cultural show mark 75th anniversary celebrations of NSSO

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JAMMU: National Statistics Office, under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India organized an event here on Friday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of NSSO.

The Regional Office Jammu organised a quiz competition Anvesha (2.0) for postgraduate and under-graduate students pursuing courses in Statistics and Economics in various Colleges/Universities across the UT of J&K. Apart from the students,

the event was attended by the officers and the field staff of NSO (Field Operations Division) Jammu; Regional Office, Srinagar; Sub-Regional Office, Udhampur and Baramulla.

Prof. J.P Singh Joorel, Head of the Department (Statistics), Jammu University was the chief guest of the event which was also attended by Kishore Kumar, Additional Director-General, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSP), and Rajesh Kumar, Regional Passport Officer, Jammu.

In his inaugural address, Prof.

J.P Singh Joorel, Head of Department (Statistics), University of Jammu, highlighted the role of National Statistics Office in developing a sound Statistical database for the use by planners and policy makers, researchers and various other agencies at the National and International level.

The keynote address was presented by Kishore Kumar, ADG CQCD, MoSPI, who was also a Special Guest.

In his keynote address, Kumar highlighted the role of NSSO in the past 75 years. He also spoke about NSO surveys currently car-

ried out by the field officials of the NSO field staff. Kumar also highlighted the coming road map of MoSPI for conducting new surveys and their importance in the Indian economy.

Rajesh Kumar, Regional Passport Officer, Jammu highlighted the role of MoSPI in the policy formulation and nation building. Vote of thanks was presented by R. K. Sharma, Assistant Director, NSO (FOD) RO Jammu. The welcome address was presented by P. Palanivel Deputy Director General, NSO (FOD), Regional Office Jammu.

DDC Chairman lays foundation for school boundary wall at GHS Gandala

UDHAMPUR: Chairman District Development Council Udhampur Lal Chand laid the foundation stone for the construction of school boundary wall at Government High School Gandala, on Friday. The project being undertaken under the SAMAGRA scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 9.5 lakh.

DDC Chairman was accompanied by prominent citizens and the staff members of the school.

Addressing the gathering, the Chairman congratulated the school staff, students their parents and the local residents for the fulfillment of this long-pending demand. DDC Chairman emphasized the importance of quality educational institutions in shaping the future of the society. He reiterated that the DDC is fully dedicated to bring governance and development initiatives to the grassroots level, ensuring that benefits reach every corner of the district. He issued strict instructions to the contractor to maintain the quality of the work and complete the same within the stipulated time period.

YSS finalises contingent for interstate youth exchange prog

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JAMMU: "The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) is not only dedicated to nurturing sporting talent but also committed to the holistic development of young minds. Through initiatives like the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP), we aim to foster cultural understanding, camaraderie, and national integration among youth from diverse backgrounds." This was expressed by Anuradha Gupta, Director General of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, during the inauguration of the Inter-Divisional Youth Exchange Programme held at the Police Auditorium in Gulshan Ground on Friday.

The event marked the selection of the J&K contingent for the upcoming Inter-State YEP, scheduled to take place in Kurukshetra, Haryana, from July 22, 2025.

Anuradha Gupta presided as the chief guest, joined by Joint Directors



Dr Vinakshi Koul (Jammu) and Mohammad Rashid Kohli (Kashmir) as guests of honour. Deputy Directors Jitender

Mishra (Central) and Megha Bogia (Planning), along with Accounts Officer Sunil Kotwal and District YSS Officer Sukhdev

Raj Sharma, were also in attendance.

Addressing a vibrant gathering of youth and departmental officials,

the Director General emphasised the transformative potential of such exchanges and said that participants are not just representatives but ambassadors of J&K's rich heritage. She remarked that these programmes offer invaluable exposure, enabling young minds to embrace new perspectives and adopt best practices from across the nation.

She further assured that the department would expand such initiatives, ensuring more frequent opportunities for youth engagement. Commending the organisers, she lauded the seamless execution of district and divisional-level programmes.

Earlier, Joint Director Jammu underscored the importance of cultural exchange in her welcome address, highlighting the department's achievements. Joint Director Kashmir delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the Director General's leadership in steering the department with vision and efficiency.

DLSA gears up for 90 days mediation drive 'For the Nation'

UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Udhampur convened a meeting in the Conference Hall of the District Court Complex on Friday, focusing on the "For the Nation" 90 days Mediation drive campaign. The initiative is a 90-day mediation drive aimed at settling pending cases in all Taluka Courts and District Courts.

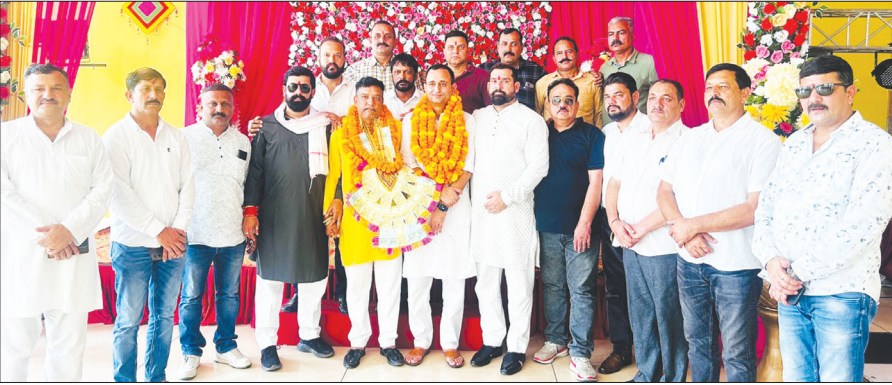
The meeting was chaired by Additional District & Sessions Judge Kamlesh Pandit, who emphasized the importance of disposing of cases within the prescribed timeline.

Secretary DLSA Dr. Smriti Sharma, along with all Judicial Officers/Judges of the District Court, the Bar President and office bearers and all mediators of the DLSA, attended the meeting.

During the session, the Presiding Officer stressed that mediators play a vital role in ensuring cases are resolved efficiently and effectively. He urged the mediators to work diligently to dispose of cases within the given timeframe, highlighting the significance of timely justice delivery in reducing the burden on the judicial system.

Additional District and Sessions Judge sensitized the stakeholders about the importance of mediation in achieving speedy justice and reducing case backlogs.

YRS to announce new president after 23 Sept



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JAMMU: In view of the resignation of working president Vikram Singh Vicky from the post of president, the discussion of candidature of new president of Yuva Raj put Sabha (YRS) and some names were also being discussed, in this regard, a meeting of Chairman Raghuvir Singh and the entire core committee was held at Talab Tillo in Jammu.

All the members of the core committee were present in this meeting, including Founder Member Rajinder Singh, Ranjeet Singh and Rajesh Singh

and core committee members Surinder Singh Gilli, Rajveer Singh, Rajan Singh Happy, Mohan Singh, Mohinder Singh, Ramesh Singh, Dharminder Singh, Shamsher Singh, Bablu Singh, Shankar Singh, Neetu Singh, Bittu Singh, Prem Singh, Balbir Singh, Bahadur Singh, Pushpinder Singh, Kala Singh, Balwinder Singh, Manjit Singh, Sanjeev Singh and working President of YRS Vikram Singh.

In the meeting, the issue pertaining to need of Rajput community was discussed and how to raise voice for their rights was discussed.

Meanwhile, discussions were also held on the names of the members who are eligible to become the President of YRS.

After this meeting, Chairman Raghuvir Singh shared all the issues with the media and said that YRS has always worked for the betterment of Rajput community, Dogra community and rights of Jammu and Kashmir and just as the Sabha has always raised its voice on important issues and also tried to raise it, similarly, the new President who will be appointed in the future will always raise his voice for our rights.

DDC reviews PMAY-Urban 2.0 progress; 14 cases approved

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RAJOURI: A meeting of the District Level Committee (DLC) on the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0 was held in the VC Room of DC Office Complex today to review the status and the implementation of the housing scheme for urban poor.

The meeting was chaired by District Development Commissioner Abhishek Sharma.

At the outset, the meeting reviewed the status of applications received on the Unified Web Portal and assessed the verification and validation progress of the same by the respective Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

The meeting was attended by Committee members including Assistant Commissioner Revenue Mohammad Jhangir Khan; District Social Welfare Officer Abdul Raheem; Lead Bank

Manager; Senior Manager, Housing Units of J&K Housing Board (Member Secretary); Executive Officer Municipal Council Rajouri, Executive Officers from the Municipal Committees of Nowshera, Sunderbani, Kalakote and Thannamandi.

After a detailed discussion and review, the Committee approved 14 petitions seeking assistance under PMAY-U 2.0.

District Development Commissioner emphasised the importance of timely validation of pending applications and instructed all Executive Officers to expedite the process to provide immediate benefit to urban poor.

He further highlighted the government's commitment to providing Housing to all homeless and reiterated the need for close coordination among departments to ensure transparent and efficient implementation of the scheme in the district.



Police gift selfie point after national recognition

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JAMMU: In a gesture that celebrates community pride and police public harmony, Jammu Police today dedicated a vibrant Selfie Point featuring the message I LOVE AKHNOOR near Punnu Chowk on Akhnoor Jourian Road. The initiative comes shortly after Akhnoor Police Station was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), recognizing it as one of the best per-

forming police stations in Jammu & Kashmir.

The selfie point was formally inaugurated by SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Sharma, JKPS, accompanied by SDPO Akhnoor Variender Gupta and SHO Akhnoor, Inspector Sanjeev Chib.

The event also witnessed the gracious presence of MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal Bhagat, along with several prominent personalities and local residents.

Speaking on the occasion, SP Brijesh Shar-

ma said, "This is not just a structure for photos, but a symbol of the deep bond and mutual respect between the Jammu Police and the people of Akhnoor. It stands as a tribute to our recent recognition and a thank-you to the public whose cooperation made it possible."

MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat lauded the initiative, describing it as "an innovative and heartfelt step by the Jammu Police that reflects a new era of community engagement and pride in Akhnoor."