

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## 25 get placement on availing SANKALP scheme in Kathua DC hands over appointment letters to beneficiaries

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In a major push towards skill development and employment generation, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Minhas on Wednesday handed over appointment letters to 25 beneficiaries of the SANKALP scheme. The event marked a significant step in equipping the local workforce with industry-relevant skills and job opportunities.

The beneficiaries underwent specialized training in Autoconer Tenter and Ring Frame Doffer at Chenab Textile Mills, equipping them with industry-relevant expertise. The SANKALP scheme, aimed at enhancing skill development, provides structured training and internship opportunities to help the individuals to secure meaning-



ful employment in Kathua's growing industrial sector. Speaking at the event, Dr. Rakesh Minhas reaffirmed the administration's commitment to fostering a skilled workforce, urging youth to pursue training in high-demand sectors. He highlighted the ample employment opportunities available in Kathua's expanding industries and en-

couraged aspiring professionals to align their skills with market needs for sustainable career growth.

The event was attended by ADC Ranjit Singh; CPO Ranjit Thakur; Superintendent ITI Kathua, Er Ajay Kumar; Training Head CTM, Sandeep Kumar. Their presence underscored the collaborative efforts among the administration,

industry, and training institutions to create a skilled and employable workforce.

This initiative reflects the district administration's ongoing efforts to nurture talent, strengthen industry-academia linkages, and contribute to Kathua's economic growth by ensuring a well-trained workforce ready to meet industrial demands.

## DH Kishtwar hosting 7-day Multi Speciality Surgical Camp from April 17

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan (Chairman District Red Cross Society) today convened a crucial meeting to discuss preparations for Multi Speciality Surgical Camp going to be organized by the Rotary International at District Hospital Kishtwar.

The Chief Medical Officer informed the meeting that the one week camp will commence from April 17, 2025 and all BMOs have been directed to encourage patients to take advantage of the same.

The BMOs were directed



to nominate one officer / official as Nodal Officer from each block who will coordinate the mobilization of the patients with the authorities of District Hospital.

Medical Superintendent and all the BMOs were directed to get the investigations and Pre-Anaesthetic check-up of patients done well in advance preferably two weeks in advance.

The District Hospital management was directed to prepare the Operation theatres and post-operative as per protocol and also keep all the staff in readiness for the camp.

The Block Medical Officers apprised that they are already in the process of screening the patients for this camp for more than three weeks. They were fur-

ther directed to screen the maximum number of patients who can benefit from this camp.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Dy. Director Dentristry, (Rep. of Directorate of Health Services, Jammu); Dr. Rajinder Kumar, Chief Medical Officer; Dr. Yudhvir Singh Kotwal, Medical Superintendent, District Hospital; Dr. Dushyant Chowdhary (Representative of Rotary International); Dr. Anil Kumar Sharma, Block Medical Officer Kishtwar; Dr. Saima Agoo, Block Medical Officer Chatroo; Dr. Waseem Ahmed Kamal, Dr. Sajad Hussain Waza besides other concerned staff.

## GCOE organises 1600th Tree Talk

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The Innovation Cell and Nature Club of Government College of Education Canal Road successfully organized 1600th Tree Talk here today. The Resource Person was O.P. Sharma Vidyarthi (Retd IFS and Member of J&K Biodiversity Council).

The event was held in two sessions. The first session was attended by the College Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar.

IIC Convener and HOD Sciences Prof. Sunanda Rani formally welcomed the Resource person. The session was very informative and provided an overview of different significant plants, their medicinal properties and ethical values.

Faculty members including Prof. Satish Kumar Sharma, Prof. Balwan Singh, Dr. Rakesh Bharti, Prof. Chanchal Singh Manhas, Dr. Shalini Sharma (Nature Club Convener)



and Dr. Suraj Prakash along with non-Teaching Staff and one Hundred students (100) actively participated in the interactive session. Students also relished various plant based delicacies prepared and served by Sardar Manjeet Singh, a Nature lover. The second session was held at IIM, Jammu

and chaired by Director IIM, Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed. O.P. Sharma gave a powerpoint presentation on various medicinal and rare plants of J&K.

The speaker emphasized on the importance of preserving rich Biodiversity promoting environmental awareness. This milestone

event inspired students and faculty to appreciate and protect the invaluable flora that sustains our ecosystem. The valedictory function concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the collective efforts of the organizers, trainers, and participants in making the event a grand success

## MLA Randhawa, JMC Commissioner review Navratra arrangements at Bahu Fort

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In anticipation to the upcoming Navratra festival, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Vikram Singh Randhawa along with Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav visited the Bawe Wali Mata Temple at Bahu Fort to review the arrangements put in place for the festival.

During their visit, they assessed various arrangements, including security, sanitation, lighting, and crowd management, ensuring a smooth and safe experience for devotees.

MLA Vikram Singh Randhawa emphasised the importance of well-coordinated efforts among different departments to facilitate a seamless celebration of



the festival. He directed the authorities to ensure the uninterrupted power and water supply, one way traffic regulation on the said

road during the Navratra festival.

Dr. Devansh Yadav instructed officials to ensure cleanliness in and around

the temple premises and maintain essential services for devotees during Navratra.

The dignitaries also inter-

## 5-day Residential Training on Natural Farming concludes

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The five-day residential training program on Natural Farming, organized under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) for Krishi Sakhis successfully concluded in Udhampur. The training aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of Krishi Sakhis in sustainable and eco-friendly farming practices.

The five-day training provided a valuable platform for knowledge-sharing and skill development, equipping the Krishi Sakhis with practical strategies to promote natural farming and contribute to a more sustainable agricultural future.

Chief Agriculture Officer Sanjay Anand was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function. He distributed certificates to the Krishi Sakhis who participated in the training.

He emphasized the significance of Natural Farming in promoting soil health, reducing dependency on chemical inputs, and ensuring long-term agricultural sustainability. He encour-



aged the Krishi Sakhis to adopt and promote natural farming techniques within their communities.

Associate Professor Dr. Lalit Upadhyaya provided an insightful overview of Natural Farming, explaining its principles and benefits. He also interacted with the Krishi Sakhis, gathering their feedback on the training program and addressing their queries related to the implementation of natural farming methods.

District Program Manager (DPM), JKRLM Vikas Rajput delivered an informative session on the Na-

tional Mission on Natural Farming, outlining various government initiatives and schemes designed to support farmers in transitioning to sustainable agricultural practices.

District Officer Agriculture Department S. Sukhbir Singh also addressed the gathering, sharing valuable insights into the role of natural farming in improving crop productivity and ensuring environmental sustainability.

The event was further enriched by the presence of Dr. Arvinder Kumar and Dr. Muneesh Sharma, Pro-

gramme Assistants from KVK Reasi, along with representatives from the Directorate of Extension. They provided additional technical guidance and emphasized the importance of community-based learning in adopting natural farming methods.

The training program concluded with a valedictory function, where Dr. Sanjay Koushal delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, trainers, and participants for their active engagement in the program.

## Udhampur Admin organises varied sports activities under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan

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Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with Department of Youth Services & Sports organised varied sports activities here, at Sports Stadium and Mini Stadium Udhampur.

The whole programme was organised on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai and supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta.

DYSSO Romesh Chander, emphasized the importance of sports activities in combating the menace of



drugs. He motivated the participants to engage in sports and pledge for a healthy India.

Gender Specialist Sankalp HEW Mission Shakti Pooja Jamwal stressed upon how recog-

nizing the symptoms of drug use can help individuals to access timely interventions. Learning about the underlying causes can shed light on the challenges faced by those struggling with addiction. Effective

treatments are available to support individuals on their path to recovery.

Around 150 students participated in sports activities including cricket matches between 5 teams and badminton.

## 3-day Technical Training for Small Business Development Units concludes

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The Labour and Employment Department has successfully concluded the three day technical training program for Small Business Development Units (SBDU) and Business Help Desk Units (BHU) at Udyog Bhawan, Jammu.

Secretary, Labour and Employment, Rajeev Ranjan, was the chief guest at the event.

In his keynote address, Ranjan emphasized the critical role that SBDUs and BHUs play in fostering entrepreneurship, encouraging the participants to adopt a positive mindset to maximize the impact of Mission YUVA.

Designed to enhance the



capabilities of business development units, the training provided valuable insights into the government's mission to promote entrepreneurship throughout the region. A total of 266 participants from SBDU and BHU units at both district and sub-division level attended the event.

Director, Employment and Mission Yuva, Shahzad

Alam, underscored the importance of aligning with the government's objectives in launching the initiative. He urged the participants to thoroughly review the baseline survey report and the approved Project YUVA Detailed Project Report (DPR) to gain a clear understanding of their roles in successful implementation of the program.

Dr. Murtaza Rashid, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) for Mission Youth/YUVA, provided a comprehensive overview of the program. He highlighted its four strategic pillars: Ecosystem Creation, Capital, Capacity Building and Connectivity.

Mission Yuva, a flagship initiative of the Jammu and Kashmir government, aims to establish 137,000 entrepreneurial units, potentially generating employment for

## SHA de-empanels Shifa Medical Centre on contract expiry

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The State Health Agency has de-empanelled Shifa Medical Centre, Srinagar, with immediate effect, under the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and AB PM-JAY SEHAT scheme on expiry

of the contract with the hospital.

The hospital is no longer authorized to provide cashless treatment under the scheme.

According to a communication received here in this regard, the beneficiaries seeking treatment under the AB PM-JAY and

AB PM-JAY SEHAT schemes have been advised to visit other empanelled government and private hospitals for cashless treatment.

The public can check the list of empanelled hospitals at <https://www.jkpmjaysehat.co.in/>.

"If any empanelled hospital denies treatment under the scheme, the beneficiaries are urged to immediately report the matter at toll free helpline 104' read the document.

For further assistance, the general public has been asked to contact the State Health Agency, J&K.