

GCOE organises innovation Boot Camp-cum-Exhibition on "Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunities"



Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar and others during the boot camp.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of Government College of Education today organized an Innovation Boot Camp-cum-Exhibition on "Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunities."

The Boot Camp was held under the patronage of the Principal of the College, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, whose leadership and commitment to fostering a culture of innovation have consistently encouraged the institution to conduct impactful programs for stu-

dents' professional growth. Dr. Parihar urged students to cultivate creativity, critical thinking and an entrepreneurial mindset to meet the demands of the modern world.

The resource persons for the Boot Camp were Assistant Director DEACC Jammu Mukhlis Ali and Career Counselling Officer, DEACC Navdeep Kour. Mukhlis Ali emphasized the importance of building a culture of self-employment, entrepreneurship, and start-ups, describing it as a modern day need. He elaborated

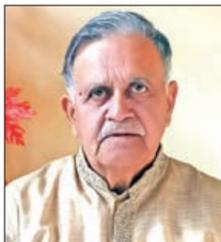
on the Central and UT government schemes, including Start-Up India, Stand-Up India and the Youth Start-Up Loan Schemes available in Jammu & Kashmir, encouraging students to utilize these platforms to develop innovative ventures.

Navdeep Kour guided students on career avenues, skill enhancement, employability requirements and government-supported counselling services. She highlighted the significance of aligning personal skills with emerging opportunities and encouraged students to actively

participate in capacity-building initiatives.

Alongside the Boot Camp, an innovation exhibition was organized by the Department of Bio-Sciences in the college science laboratory, displaying a variety of innovative scientific models developed by students. The exhibition, held under the supervision of Prof. Sunanda Rani (Head, Department of Bio-Sciences), showcased students' creativity, problem-solving abilities and enthusiasm for scientific innovation. Earlier, the program began with a welcome address by Prof. Priyanka Mahajan (Convener IIC), who highlighted the vision and objectives of the Innovation Council, including nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial competencies among students. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Shubra Jamwal. The Boot Camp was coordinated by Prof. Priyanka Mahajan (Convener, IIC) along with Dr. Shubra Jamwal and Prof. Chanehal Singh, the members of IIC.

Need collective efforts to revive TT in J&K



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: There should be collective efforts and sincere approach on part of the stakeholders to revive the otherwise beautiful game of Table Tennis in Jammu and Kashmir.

This was stated by veteran coach, Ramesh Sharma, whose legacy lives on in his game of Table Tennis with around 30 years of training experience with different organisations.

"There is dire need of a collective approach from departments involved in the promotion of sports and those stakeholders, including the parents and trainers to bring back the glory of once shining sport with excellent record at the National level," said Ramesh Sharma in an interaction with SAN.

He further said, "The Association (J&K Table Tennis Association) doing its job by way of holding ranking events on a regular basis during the past some time despite constraints at the coaching facilities. A big stakeholder, the Department of Youth Services

and Sports (DYSS) need to activate its technical strength and infrastructural advantage to propel the game to the next level."

Reacting to the poor showing of J&K (DYSS) teams in the National School Games, held in Jammu, Sharma said, "The DYSS must think over its style of working. I was surprised to know that only 16-day preparatory camp organised for a National event that too when you are a host. Such negligence is unacceptable."

Did his Diploma in Sports from NSNIS Patiala way back in 1973, Sharma has served with J&K Sports Council for over a decade before shifting to the Directorate of Sports, University of Jammu, where he worked as a coach for 28 years.

Presently, training and guiding those retired persons at Golden Days, a day care centre for senior under Department of Social Welfare, Sharma was a big critic towards parents' role.

"Parents should come out of the tendency of just seeking qualifications of their wards for the sports quota in admissions. These are small things and such benefits come automatically when you excel at the State/UT and National level. So invest in your ward in such a way so that he excels at the National scene," explained Ramesh, who commands a respect in TT fraternity of J&K.

DIPR promotes J&K Film policy at IIFI Goa



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government, through Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), participated in 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held at Goa. The J&K Government was represented by Commissioner Secretary Information, M Raju; Director Information, Nitish Rajora; Joint Director Information (HQs), Dr. Zahoor Ahmad; Joint Director Information Jammu Deepak Dubey; Nodal Officer; J&K Film Policy Maheer Thakur and Cultural Officer Kashmir, Burhan Hussain at the grand film festival.

During the festival, a grand J&K Pavilion was established in WAVES Film Bazaar to promote J&K Film Policy, lay red carpet for the aspiring filmmakers to shoot in picturesque Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the festival, Director Information Nitish Rajora said that the DIPR particularly promoted the J&K Film Policy 2024 during the festival, with main purpose of promoting Jammu & Kashmir as premier film shooting destination in the country and across the globe. He highlighted that the New Film Policy 2024 aims to promote large-scale Bollywood and international shoots in Kashmir.

The Director further said that the DIPR also utilised this platform to promote Art, Culture, Cuisine as well as famed tourist destinations of Jammu and Kashmir during the festival. He added that more than 500 visitors interacted with the officers of DIPR at J&K Pavilion of WAVES Film Bazaar and enquired about various aspects of film shootings in J&K.

He added that the visitors exchanged contacts with the representatives of DIPR and expressed their willingness for visiting J&K for film shootings.

During the knowledge series session on the sidelines of IFFI 2025, Director Information also interacted with the filmmakers and gave a presentation on J&K Film Policy 2024, to promote Film Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, through J&K Film Policy 2024, the government is promoting the UT as a prime shooting destination and woo the filmmakers to visit J&K for film shooting.

Under the J&K Film Policy, 2024, Film Permissions are being given through online single window portal. The J&K Government provides 5-10% subsidy for Films, 10-15% subsidy for Documentary/Web-Series and Extra Incentives for Films/Documents/Web-Series which promote Jammu and Kashmir or are of patriotic theme.

DPS Jammu shines at State-Level Energy Conservation Painting Competition organised by NHPC



Meritorious students along with principal and teacher.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Delhi Public School Jammu is proud to announce the remarkable achievement of its students at the Inter-School On-the-Spot State Level Painting Competition on Energy Conservation, organised by NHPC Regional Office, Jammu.

In a spectacular display of creativity and awareness, Dhriti Langeh of Class V-F and Purnanjay Sharma of Class IX-C secured top positions in Group A and Group B, respectively, each winning a cash prize of Rs 9,500.

Additionally, Nitant Verma of Class VI-K and Dhvani Jakhotra of Class X-

H were selected among the Top 50 students at the State Level. Both received a cash prize of Rs 2,000 each, recognising their commendable artistic expression and understanding of the theme.

The winners were felicitated with certificates and prize money by Satnam Singh, GM (C), and R. P. M. Maurya, GM (HR) of NHPC, in a ceremony marked by encouragement and appreciation for young talent.

The management of DPS Jammu under the visionary leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal, Ruchi Chhabra and staff congratulated all the winners and their mentor, Suresh Kumar Sharma for his dedicated efforts. They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

District Pulwama Carrom Championship set for Nov 29-30

STATE TIMES NEWS
PULWAMA: The District Pulwama Carrom Association, under the auspices of the Jammu & Kashmir Carrom Association, has announced that the District Pulwama Carrom Championship will take place on November 29 and 30 at the Bujwani Sports Stadium in Tral. The event, organized as part of the J&K Sports Council's MyYouthMyPride initiative, aims to promote Carrom across the district and create opportunities for both emerging and seasoned players.

Officials said the championship will feature competitions for boys, girls, men and women in four age groups-Under-12, Under-14, Under-18 and Senior. The association expects strong participation from schools, colleges, clubs and sports institutions, noting that the tournament has become an important platform for identifying local talent.

Players interested in joining the championship have been asked to submit their details, including name, parentage, address, date of birth, educational institution, institution address, gender and contact number. Registrations are being accepted via email at [jkearrom@gmail.com][mailto:jkearrom@gmail.com].

Organizers expressed hope that the event will further strengthen the indoor sports culture in Pulwama and encourage greater youth involvement in Carrom.

Commissioner Secretary HUDD reviews Katra Master Plan; emphasizes enhanced, modern Infrastructure

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD), Mandep Kaur, today chaired a high-level meeting at the Spiritual Growth Center, Katra to review the ongoing preparations and proposals under the Katra Master Plan.



Commissioner Secretary, HUDD Mandep Kaur chairing meeting at Reasi.

The review focused on extension of the local area, infrastructure development and incorporating public feedback into the planning framework.

DDC Chairman Reasi Saraf Singh Nag, MLA Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Baldev Raj Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik, Director Local Bodies, Director SPA Delhi and ADDC Reasi, public representative and officers were present in the meeting.

During the meeting, a detailed presentation was given on the proposed expansion of the Master Plan area. It was informed that 33 villages have been included in the extended Master Plan to ensure holistic, planned and sustainable growth of Katra in the coming years.

The Commissioner Secretary also reviewed the progress on key projects including the Inter-

Modal Station (IMS) and waste management facilities. She emphasized strict inter-departmental coordination for effective and timely execution of development works. She directed the concerned officers to resolve all financial and administrative bottlenecks at the earliest to facilitate swift commencement of these critical development works.

Emphasizing the importance of disaster preparedness, Mandep Kaur directed the officers to inspect land near the railway station for disaster management planning. She also instructed for formulation of a comprehensive Green Action Plan to promote environmental sustainability in Katra.

The Commissioner Secretary directed the Katra Development Authority (KDA) to hold regular public meetings to address community con-

cerns, gather feedback and expedite the resolution of development-related issues. She also instructed the officers to prepare a ten-year Master Plan roadmap to guide Katra's long-term and future-ready development.

Reaffirming the government's commitment, she said the administration is dedicated to transform Katra into a well-planned, resilient and modern urban center with enhanced facilities for the residents, pilgrims and tourists.

Mandep Kaur further informed that the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) Delhi has been nominated for review and updation of the Katra Master Plan. She said that the latest and most advanced planning technologies will be used to ensure scientific, accurate and future-oriented development for the holy town. She added

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Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
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Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
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Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	660
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270
Booking:	Available on IRCTC

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Garbage / Carcass Removal	2547440

DG Rural Sanitation reviews progress of SBM-G implementation across 4 Jammu Districts

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Director General Rural Sanitation Anoo Malhotra today convened a meeting to assess work progress and devise action plan for fast-tracking the implementation and verification of assets under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G) across different districts of Jammu Division.

The Assistant Commissioner Panchayats (ACPs) of the districts of Samba, Kathua, Jammu and Kishtwar presented the current status, gaps and progress made in creation of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs), decentralized, Wastewater Treatment Systems (DEWATS), GOBARdhan units, Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs), Compost Pits, Soak Pits and door-to-door (D2D) waste collection.

The DG stressed on removing bottlenecks related to land availability, especially for DEWATS, GOBARdhan and Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs). She instructed the ACPs and other district officials to coordinate with PRIs and local communities to resolve these issues on priority.

The officials reported that D2D hotspot areas have been identified and are being targeted for 100% coverage within 15 days.

From Kathua, it was informed that D2D waste collection is active and is being expanded to uncovered areas.

The DG directed concerned officials to complete ODF+ declaration for the blocks within the next three days. She further instructed to promptly fill gaps in IHHL coverage.

Reviewing SBM-G works in Jammu, Kathua and Samba, Ms. Malhotra instructed officials to expedite verification of assets, ensure timely data updation and strengthen solid and liquid waste management systems.

Reviewing progress in District Kishtwar, the DG emphasized the need to accelerate progress in remote and geographically challenging areas. Officials were asked to ensure functionality of existing SBM-G assets, address delays due to terrain and logistics and devise a block-wise action plan for achieving ODF+ targets at the earliest.

She directed the district team to intensify field visits, document progress regularly and push for community-led sanitation initiatives in far-flung villages.

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