

GDC Akhnoor organises one day workshop on IOT based Smart System design

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AKHNOOR: Research Skill and Innovation Hub, GDC Akhnoor, along with Department of Physics and Computer Application in collaboration with Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) Jammu, Sub Centre. The programme started with lighting of lamp and Saraswati Vandana. The welcome address was given by Dr. Romilla Malla Bhatt, Principal GDC Akhnoor and Vice Chairman IETE followed by address of Chairman, IETE JOY Ganjoo. The



introduction of the programme was given by Secy Dr. Vijay Sharma. Er. Sameer Sharma AEE (PDD) J&K Govt. and Vice Chairman IETE read the president IETE message on student's day. Major Gen. S.K. Sharma

AVSM (Retd) Member Governing Body MIET (Autonomous) Jammu was chief guest of the event. Prof. Pawnes Abrol, HOD Department, University of Jammu delivered the lecture on Python. Prof. Parveen

Lehana, Former HOD Department of Electronics, University of Jammu delivered lectures as well as conducted Technical Workshop on IOT based Smart System design. Students and faculty from GDC Akhnoor as well as from GDC Marh, GDC Khour and GDC Paloura also participated and learn about wifi module and its real world applications. The feedback of the programme was given by Dr. Shammi Kumar, HOD Physics and Dr. Deep Kumar, HOD computer Applications. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Radhika Khanna, Treasurer (IETE) Jammu Sub Centre. Dr. Deep Kumar, Assistant Professor presented feedback on the workshop along with vote of thanks for the technical session.

SPPND GDC Samba organises EVMS and VVPAT Awareness



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SAMBHA: The Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organized EVMS and VVPAT Awareness, as part of Two-Week Voters' Awareness Programme. The event was conducted under the aegis of Viksit Bharat@2024.

Anand and Ajay Charak, Nodal Officers, EVM Awareness Programme (Mobile Demonstration Van) District Samba were the Resource persons for today's event. The demonstration aimed to educate and engage youth in the electoral process, emphasizing the importance of active partici-

ation in the democratic process. Through interactive sessions, the students were encouraged to understand the significance of their vote and its impact on shaping the future of the Nation. The demonstration received overwhelming participation from students showcasing the eagerness and enthusiasm of the youth to contribute to the electoral process. Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college appreciated the efforts of the SVIEEP team of District Samba in creating awareness among the college students regarding importance of votes in democracy.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER/DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER KATHUA

Advertisement Notice for Engagement of KrishiUdyami(KU)/Agricultural Entrepreneur in District Kathua

Subject: Advertisement Notice for Engagement of KrishiUdyamis (KU)/Agricultural Entrepreneur in District Kathua under Holistic Agriculture Development Program.

Advertisement Notification No.01- CAOK of 2024
Dated: 28.02.2024

Applications on prescribed form are from eligible candidates for engagement as KrishiUdyamis (KUs) on contractual basis for a period of two years (extendible) subject to terms and conditions laid down in contract agreement

A. KEY DETAILS:

S.No.	Details	Description
1.	Position	KrishiUdyami(KU)(Agricultural Entrepreneur)
2.	Number of positions	05 across pre-identified panchayat Level KisanKhidmatGhar of District Kathua(List enclosed at Annexure-I)
3.	Engagement Duration	Initially for a period of 2 years, with the possibility of annual extension subject to satisfactory performance of the PLE.
4.	Qualification	Diploma* in Agriculture & Allied Fields or Graduation in Science(BSc), Graduation** in Agriculture and Allied Fields. (BSc/BVSc) Additional preference will be given to candidates possessing post-graduation programme in Agriculture and Allied fields.*** diplomas/certifications * Diploma courses: Diploma in Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Fisheries, Sericulture, Agri. Engineering, BHT, BAT from government recognised institution ** Agri Allied courses: BSc in Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Fisheries, Sericulture; B. Tech in Agriculture Engineering, BVSc&AH from Government recognised institution *** Diploma/Certification course in computers of 3 or more months duration from government recognised institution. Please see selection criteria (E) for full details
5.	Job profile	Operate KisanKhidmatGhar(KKG) under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program in Jammu & Kashmir as per details mentioned at (F)
6.	Remunerations	The engagement is based on self-earning/entrepreneur basis. Full details of KKG operations can be viewed at (G)
7.	Last date for receipt of complete applications	10.03.2024

B. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- Detailed information including application form can be obtained from office of Deputy Commissioner Kathua or downloaded from official website of Agriculture Production Department (<https://jkapd.nic.in> and <https://hadp.jk.gov.in>)
- Candidate must have the requisite qualification for the post applied.
- Age should be between 21 and 45 years as of the last date of submission.
- Self-attested photocopies of the following documents must be attached with the application form:
 - Date of birth certificate (Matriculation certificate).
 - Marksheet of all qualifying examinations.
 - Domicile Certificate.
 - Character certificate issued by competent authority
- Completed application forms should be submitted to the office of the Deputy Commissioner Kathua in person or through registered post.
- Any postal delay shall not be the responsibility of the APD/advertising authority.
- Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected without further notice.
- Original documents shall have to be presented during the verification process.

C. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR KRISHIUDYAMIS (KUS):

- The selected KU shall enter into an agreement with the APD and shall have to deposit a refundable security amount of Rs 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipt from any scheduled commercial bank.
- Nature of Engagement: The selected KU will work on a franchise-franchisee basis, cooperation of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) at the panchayat level will be carried out by KUs under the support and framework provided by the Agriculture Production Department with the aim of fostering entrepreneurship, local empowerment, and the effective delivery of agricultural services in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- No Right to Regular Appointment: KUs are not entitled to claim any regular appointment.
- Asset Ownership and Maintenance: Assets provided by the department for KKGs shall remain the exclusive property of the department. KUs will function as custodians of their infrastructure and facilities, being responsible for their maintenance.
- Management under Supervision: KKGs shall be managed by KU under the supervision of Designated APD Officer from the respective locality, ensuring alignment with departmental goals and guidelines.
- Training and Fee Entitlement: KUs shall be provided with requisite training to enhance their skills. They will be entitled to a payment of fees out of contingency for participating in such training sessions and programs.
- Input License Provision: The Director of Agriculture shall provide/facilitate Entrepreneur with the requisite input license, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.
- Nodal Agency for Establishment and Administration: The Mission Director HADP shall act as the nodal agency responsible for the establishment and administration of KKGs, overseeing their effective functioning.
- Technological Support: Development Departments and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) shall provide regular technology support to KUs, ensuring they stay abreast of the latest advancements in agricultural technology. SKUAST cyber extension hub shall be integrated with the KKG software ecosystem for continuous and sustainable technology backup.
- Facilitation of Linkages: The Agriculture Production Department/Mission Director HADP shall facilitate the linkage of KKGs with input companies and financial institutions by entering into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with these institutions, fostering collaborative efforts.
- Extension of Functions: Village/panchayat level workers of Agriculture and Allied department shall extend their functions through KKGs, enhancing the reach and impact of agricultural services.
- Service Charges and Compliance: KUs shall charge nominal service charges and adhere to all requisite norms for extending services. Arate card for service charges shall be issued by the Mission Director HADP from time to time. Weekly reporting to Panchayat, Block, and Line departments is mandatory.
- Succession Plan on Disengagement: In the event of a KU leaving the assignment or being disengaged, the functioning of KKG will directly come under the control of the designated APD Officer for the said KKG, till the process of engaging new KU is completed.
- Agreement Termination Conditions:
 - The Agreement may be terminated by both parties (KU & APD) with a 3-month prior notice. KUs, however, must provide an undertaking to stay in the agreement for a minimum of two years. In the case of exit before two years by the KU, the security amount of INR 10,000 (Rupees Ten thousand) will be forfeited. This is in addition to the 3-month prior notice.
 - For all purposes, the Designated APD Officer will be the overall custodian of the entire KKG setup, including monitoring of services rendered and assets.
- Flexibility in Terms & Conditions: All the conditions mentioned in the advertisement notice shall constitute the terms and conditions of the agreement. However, APD reserves the right to change or add any other condition at the time of signing of the agreement.

D. OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS & SCOPE OF KISANKHIDMAT GHARS

The Holistic Agriculture Development Program is a 5-year transformative initiative aimed at revolutionizing agricultural practices in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Under this visionary program, the establishment of KisanKhidmatGhar(KKGs) represents a crucial step towards enhancing agricultural outreach and providing comprehensive services to farmers at the grassroots level.

The KKGs, as part of the Innovative Extension Project, serve as one-stop service centers strategically located at the panchayat level. These centers act as focal points for the dissemination of information, advisory services, and the delivery of agricultural schemes directly to farmers' doorsteps. The primary goal is to bridge the gap between farmers and essential resources, ensuring timely access to quality inputs, information, and support.

a. Objectives

In order to address the significant gap in the extension worker-to-farmer contact ratio in Jammu & Kashmir, it is proposed to establish 2000 KisanKhidmatGhar at the panchayat level. These Ghars will act as ground-level convergence points for all services under the agriculture and allied sector. The key objectives include:

- Serving as one-stop service centers for agriculture and allied services at the panchayat level.
- Extending all schemes and services by the agriculture and allied department to the farmer's doorstep.
- Delivering ICT-driven dissemination of relevant advisory and information.
- Ensuring timely availability of quality agri-inputs to farmers at predefined prices.
- Creating 2000 KrishiUdyamis (KUs) by providing self-employment opportunities to youth across the UT.
- Each KisanKhidmatGhar is envisaged to have "multi-functional kiosks installed with a software interface," supporting KUs in delivering multiple services and acting as intermediaries between the government and the farmers. Similar to the common service centers (CSCs) model, KUs will charge nominal fees for all services provided at KisanKhidmatGhar.

b. Functions of KisanKhidmatGhar:

Key services to be delivered by KisanKhidmatGhar include:

- Farmer Registration for Schemes & Services: Application for HADP & CSSS schemes, Crop Insurance, etc., and creation of a unique farmer profile with necessary documentation and specific information during registration.
- Sale of Farm Inputs: Sale of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, and other farm inputs at the panchayat level through market linkages provided by APD.
- Booking of Farm Machinery: Booking of farm machinery from the nearest custom hiring center (CHCs) and KVKs.
- Sale of Produce: Support to farmers in selling produce on e-marketing portals like-NAM
- Static & Dynamic Advisory: Integration of static guides on crop management, disease management, post-harvest management, etc., developed by SKUAST, and real-time updates on weather forecasting, agro-advisory, market intelligence, etc.
- Consultation with Experts from KVK: Real-time consultation with experts from KVKs on different areas of expertise through video conferencing.
- Linkages to Line Departments: Integration of an information directory and contact mechanism for relevant service providers under the agriculture and allied sector, including AHELP workers, Krishi Mitras, FPOs in the region, ambulance services, veterinarians, etc.
- Delivery of Decision Support System: Providing personalized insights to registered farmers on optimizing crop planning, resource allocation, crop management, and operational processes through data-driven decision support system.
- Farmer Education Programs: Conducting educational programs for farmersto enhance their knowledge and skills in modern agricultural practices, sustainable farming, and the adoption of advanced technologies.
- Soil Health Management: Implementing soil health management practices, including soil testing services, nutrient management, and recommendations for improving soil fertility.
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM): Offering guidance on integrated pest management strategies, pest identification, and eco-friendly approaches to pest control.
- Livestock Services: Providing information and support for livestock management, veterinary services, and animal husbandry practices.
- Awareness Campaigns: Initiating and conducting awareness campaigns on various government initiatives, agricultural best practices, and schemes.
- Government Scheme Facilitation: Assisting farmers in understanding and availing themselves of various government schemes, subsidies, and financial assistance programs.
- Data Collection and Reporting: Collecting essential data related to agriculture, farmer profiles, and service utilization, and submitting regular reports to the Agriculture Production Department.
- Collaborative Initiatives: Facilitating collaborative initiatives with local agricultural research institutions, universities, and other stakeholders to foster cutting-edge technologies and practices at the grassroots level.
- Continuous Learning: Keeping abreast of advancements in agriculture, attending training programs, and continuously upgrading knowledge to provide up-to-date information and services.
- Community Engagement: Actively engaging with the local community, encouraging participation in agricultural activities, and fostering a sense of community responsibility.
- Conflict Resolution: Resolving any conflicts or issues that may arise within the community related to agricultural practices or the functioning of KisanKhidmatGhar.

c. Scope of KisanKhidmatGhar:

The scope of KisanKhidmatGhar extends to providing comprehensive support and services to farmers, promoting sustainable agricultural practices, and contributing to the overall development of the agricultural sector in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The program aims to create a robust and farmer-friendly ecosystem that empowers both farmers and KrishiUdyamis, ensuring the prosperity and growth of the agriculture community.

E. PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PLE

The following procedure and criteria shall be adopted for the recruitment of KrishiUdyamis (KUs):

i. Application Submission: Interested candidates are required to submit their applications as per prescribed format (Annexure A). Applications must be submitted on or before the specified deadline. Any postal delay shall not be the responsibility of the APD/recruitment authority.

ii. Eligibility Criteria: Candidates must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the official notification, including educational qualifications, age limits, and any other specified requirements.

iii. Selection Process: The selection of KUs will be based on a point-based system, as detailed below:

Description	Maximum Points
Domicile of Local Panchayat	25 Points
Female candidates	05 Points
Educational Qualification	45 Points
Diploma in Agri./BHT/BAT etc.*	15 Points
General Graduation (Science)	25 Points
Graduation in Agri. & Allied Courses**	45 Points
Post-Graduation (Science/Agri & Allied)	10 Points
Diploma/Certification in computers***	15 Points
TOTAL Marks	100 points

*Diploma courses: Diploma in Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Fisheries, Sericulture, Agri. Engineering, BHT, BAT from government recognised institution
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The highest-scoring candidates meeting the eligibility criteria will be considered for the position.

iv. Document Verification: Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo document verification. Original certificates, mark sheets, and other essential documents must be presented for verification.

v. Publication of List of Selected Candidates: The list of selected candidates, subject to document verification, will be published on the official website of the District and the Agriculture Production Department.

vi. Engagement Duration: Successful candidates will be engaged initially for a period of two years, with the possibility of annual extensions based on satisfactory performance and continuation of scheme.

vii. Agreement Signing: Selected candidates will be required to sign an Agreement with the Agriculture Production Department, outlining the terms of engagement and responsibilities.

viii. Declaration: Applicants must submit a declaration (Annexure B) affirming the accuracy of their information provided in the application.

F. JOB PROFILE

a) Job Summary: The role of establishing and managing Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) at the panchayat level under the aegis of the KrishiUdyami (KU) in collaboration with APD. Responsibility encompasses the provision of agricultural services, dissemination of information, and ensuring a liaison between farmers and various government departments.

b) Key Responsibilities:

- KisanKhidmatGhar Establishment: KUs are responsible for establishing and managing KKGs in the designated panchayat, ensuring the availability of operational facilities.
- Agri-Input Sales Handling: KUs oversee the sale of recommended agricultural inputs, including seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides, ensuring farmers have access to quality inputs.
- Development Departments Liaison: KUs facilitate communication between farmers and relevant development departments, fostering collaboration and ensuring seamless delivery of services.
- Application Processes Facilitation: KUs assist farmers in the application processes for various schemes and services, including schemes under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), and crop insurance.
- Advisory Services Provision: KUs provide interactive advisory services to farmers on crop diseases, inputs, and weather through multi-functional kiosks, enhancing farmers' knowledge and decision-making.
- Utilization of Digital Portals: KUs manage the utilization of digital portals created by the Agriculture Production Department, facilitating processes such as booking inputs and custom hiring services and connecting with marketing channels to streamline agricultural activities. They shall also help in enrollment & training of farmers on the Daksh Kisan portal.
- B2B and B2C Marketing Management: KUs play a crucial role in facilitating the marketing of farmers' produce through business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) channels, contributing to the economic well-being of farmers.
- Infrastructure Maintenance: KUs maintain an inventory of KKG infrastructure, ensuring the proper functioning of facilities and equipment.
- Record Keeping and Reporting: KUs are responsible for maintaining functional records of KKG activities and submitting regular reports, contributing to effective monitoring and evaluation.

G. REMUNERATIVE MODEL FOR KRISHIUDYAMIS (KUS):

The KrishiUdyamis (KUs) engaged in the Holistic Agriculture Development Program will have a structured earning model designed to ensure fair compensation for their efforts and contributions. The primary sources of income for KUs are as follows:

- Service Charges:** KUs are entitled to earn by charging a fee for the various services they provide through the KKGs. These service charges may include facilitating applications, providing advisory services, assisting in marketing farmers' produce, and other services outlined in the program. The rates for these services shall be notified by Mission Director HADP from time to time.
- Input Sales Commission:** KUs will receive a commission for the sale of recommended agricultural inputs, such as seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. This commission is a percentage of the sales made through the KKGs. Necessary licenses for the same shall be provided/facilitated by the APD.
- Business-to-Business (B2B) and Business-to-Consumer (B2C) Marketing Commission:** KUs involved in facilitating the marketing of farmers' produce through B2B and B2C channels will receive a commission based on the successful transactions.
- Contingency Fee for Training:** KUs will be entitled to a payment of contingency fee for any training sessions or programs they undergo as part of their professional development.

It is essential to note that the earning potential of KUs is directly linked to the efficient and effective operation of KKGs, the volume of services provided, and the successful facilitation of various agricultural processes. The program aims to create a sustainable and rewarding income structure for KUs, aligning their success with the overall progress of agricultural development in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sd/-
District Development Commissioner
Kathua

No. CAOK/2024/HADP/2612-15 **Dated: 28.02.2024**

Annexure-I
List of Panchayats under Phase-I for engagement of KU/AEs under Establishment of KKG of HADP

S. No.	District	Tehsil	Block	Panchayat (Concerned Panchayats identified)	Name of the site/building identified for KKG*
1.		Billawar	Duggain	Sadrola, Sadrola A & Bhatodi	Seed Store, Sadrola
2.		Billawar	Mandli	Dharamkot & Durang	Seed Store, Durang
3.	Kathua	Billawar	Mandli	Rampur & Mandli	Multi Purpose Centre, Mandli
4.		Billawar	Mandli	Lower Dungara & Upper Dungara	Seed Store, Upper Dungara
5.		Billawar	Billawar	Kishanpur & Hottar	Seed Store, Kishanpur

Annexure-A-Application Form

Application Form for KrishiUdyami (Agricultural Entrepreneur)

1. Name of the applicant: _____

2. Parentage: _____

3. Panchayat applied for: _____

4. Present address: _____

5. Permanent address (Domicile): _____

6. Aadhaar no.: _____

7. Contact no.: _____

8. Email: _____

9. Date of Birth: _____

10. Highest Education Qualification: _____

11. Gender: _____

12. Age as on last date of submission (years, months & days): _____

13. Qualification Details: _____

14. Any other Qualification/Experience/achievement relevant to job _____

Annexure-B
(Declaration on Notarized Affidavit)

I, _____ Son/Daughter of _____ Resident -
_____ hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the entries made herein in the application form for engagement as a KrishiUdyami (Agricultural Entrepreneur) for KisanKhidmatGhar (KKG), are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and nothing has been concealed therein. I undertake that if any misrepresentation of facts or concealment of any information in the above application is found at any stage, my candidature/selection shall be liable to be canceled ab initio, without giving any notice to me.

Date: _____
Place: _____

Signature of candidate

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DIP/J-15595/23 **Sd/-**
Dt. 01-03-24 **District Development Commissioner**
Kathua

No. CAOK/2024/HADP/ **Dated: 02.2024**