

Introductory Meeting on implementation, roles of SBDUs, BHDs, Selection of YUVA Doots under Mission YUVA held

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RAJOURI: An introductory meeting regarding the constitution of Small Business Development Units (SBDUs), Business Help Desks (BHDs), and the selection of YUVA Doots under Mission YUVA was held on Wednesday at the Conference Hall, DC Office Rajouri.

The meeting was convened under the supervision of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa (JKAS), Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri (District Nodal Officer - Mission YUVA) and witnessed participation from members of SBDUs and BHDs in both online and offline modes.

During the meeting, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa emphasized the need for a well-coordinated approach to effectively implement the objec-



ADDC Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa chairing a meeting at Rajouri.

tives of Mission YUVA. He outlined specific roles and responsibilities for each member and directed that YUVA Doots be identified after completing the selection process as per the YUVA Doot framework.

Sandeep Sharma, District Statistical & Evaluation Officer Rajouri, delivered a comprehensive presentation detailing the formation, roles, and responsibilities of

SBDUs and BHDs. He highlighted their crucial role in supporting entrepreneurship, financial facilitation, and business development across the district. Meanwhile, Pradyot Gupta, Assistant Director Employment, Rajouri, presented the official orders regarding the constitution of SBDUs and BHDs and explained the conceptual framework for YUVA Doots.

A key agenda of the meeting was the selection of YUVA Doots, who will serve as grassroots-level facilitators, ensuring the effective outreach of Mission YUVA initiatives. Discussions were also held regarding the structural mechanism for allocating panchayats to YUVA Doots, ensuring streamlined execution of tasks.

The meeting was attended by Sanjeev Bhasin (LDM),

Rafaqit Aziz (JKAS), Functional Manager DIC, Ashwani Kumar, District Agriculture Officer, Kashmir Singh, SDAO, Naveen Anand, Manager J&K Bank, Chander, DDM NABARD, Arshad Malik, DNO-EDI, Kamran Hanief, District Manager NRLM, and Asim, Block Manager NRLM Rajouri.

Additionally, ADC Nowshera, Sunderbani, Kalakote, Koteranka, and SDM Thanamandi (Nodal Officers - BHDs), along with other members, participated in the meeting through virtual mode. The meeting concluded with directives for the timely selection of YUVA Doots and effective coordination between SBDUs, BHDs, and relevant stakeholders to facilitate employment and entrepreneurial opportunities under Mission YUVA.

PCPG meeting held at Sudhmahadev



Police officers along with locals during the meeting.

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UDHAMPUR: A Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meeting was held on Wednesday at Panchayat Ghar, Village Sarar, under the jurisdiction of PP Sudhmahadev, to address key public concerns, including general public issues, NCL, and public safety.

The meeting was attended by police officials, the Sarpanch, Panch members, and local residents.

Officials briefed attendees on E-FIR, Zero FIR, and beneficiary portals, ensuring that the public understands how to utilize these platforms for their benefit. Residents were encouraged to remain alert and promptly report any suspicious activities, helping prevent potential incidents.

Participants were also educated on the latest cyber fraud techniques, with officials advising them not to download suspicious apps or

share OTPs to safeguard their digital security.

During the interactive session, community members welcomed the proactive measures taken by the police and expressed their appreciation for the awareness initiatives.

The police assured the attendees of their continuous support and urged them to actively participate in efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment in the region.

SSP Samba reviews CCTNS, digital policing implementation



SSP Samba, Virinder Singh Manhas reviewing CCTNS data feeding process.

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SAMBA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba, Virinder Singh Manhas, on Wednesday conducted a review of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) data

feeding process at Police Station Samba. He was accompanied by DySP Headquarters Samba and DySP DAR Samba.

At the police station, SSP Samba emphasized the need for SHO, Investigating Officers (IOs) and Munshis

to enter data themselves instead of relying solely on CCTNS operators.

SSP Samba further emphasized the importance of effective utilization of CCTNS in modern policing and directed officers to ensure proper & accurate data entry and updating in the system.

He directed IOs to prioritize the use of CCTNS in daily policing activities and leverage its potential to enhance efficiency and transparency.

SSP Samba during interaction with Police Station staff, stressed for effective use of e-Sakshaya, e-Summons and extensive use of ICJS & other CCTNS allied portals.

JKTF welcomes ZEO Arnas, highlights teachers' issues

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: The Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Forum (JKTF) unit of Zone Arnas, led by Zonal President Parshotam Singh, extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) of Arnas, Dwarakanath, in her office chamber. As a gesture of respect, the forum presented a bouquet to the officer upon arrival.



JKTF members welcoming newly appointed ZEO Arnas, Dwarakanath

During the interaction, the JKTF leadership assured full cooperation with the ZEO office to ensure the smooth functioning of schools in the region. They also expressed hope for the timely resolution of key issues affecting teachers in Zone Arnas.

The delegation raised several concerns, including the release of time-bound and other arrears, the entry of earned leave for teachers engaged in various surveys during winter vacations, the clearance of time-barred arrears for teachers and masters, the rationaliza-

tion of teachers as per the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR), and the updating of service books.

ZEO Arnas patiently listened to the concerns presented by the forum and assured that each issue would be addressed with due diligence. He also expressed gratitude for the

warm welcome extended by the JKTF leadership.

In response, JKTF Zonal President Parshotam Singh thanked the ZEO for his positive assurance. He emphasized that the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers' Forum, under the leadership of State President

Mohd Ashraf Sheikh, is the only organization affiliated with the All India Teachers' Federation and Education International, representing both teaching and non-teaching staff across all grades.

The event was attended by several prominent members, including Sukhdev Singh, Ghulam Mustafa, Mohd Asgar, Reyaz Ahmad, Manshad Ahmed, Sajad Ahmed, Jagdev Singh, Narotam Singh, Arshad Hussain, Javed Ahmed, and many others. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with a commitment to collaborative efforts for the betterment of teachers and the education system in Zone Arnas.

Innospark 2025 Ideathon competition concludes at SMVDU

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KATRA: InnoSpark 2025, the flagship ideathon competition organized by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University's Technology Business Incubation Centre (SMVDU-TBIC), concluded successfully, showcasing groundbreaking ideas and the entrepreneurial brilliance of emerging startups. The event served as a powerful catalyst for fostering innovation and encouraging entrepreneurship.



Dignitaries presenting cheque to winner.

The event featured an inspiring lineup of startup pitches, expert panel discussions, and mentorship sessions. Enthusiastic entrepreneurs presented innovative solutions to both global and local challenges, making the competition highly engaging and impactful.

A total of 86 startup ideas were received, and after undergoing rigorous evaluation by panel of judges in multiple stages, the top three winners of InnoSpark 2025 were announced.

Prize money totaling Rs. 1.75 lakh was generously sponsored by Dhananjay Singh, an alumnus of the School of Mechanical Engineering at SMVDU. First Prize of Rs. 1,00,000

was awarded to Ravi Kumar for his groundbreaking start-up idea - a Portable, Quantitative, Real-time Isothermal Nucleic Acid Amplification Test for Infectious Disease Detection using a Microfluidic Device integrated with a UV-LED Photodiode Detector. His solution was praised for its scalability, market impact, and sustainability.

Second Prize of Rs. 50,000 went to Siddharth Gupta for his innovative approach to "Route Farm to Your Home" through the Farm Rooter, demonstrating a strong business model with high growth potential.

Third Prize of Rs. 25,000 was awarded to Khushneet Singh for his disruptive concept of an eco-friendly, all-in-one walnut sorting and cracking machine, which has

the potential to revolutionize walnut processing. His idea was particularly recognized for its real-world applicability and innovation.

The event also brought together key figures from the startup ecosystem, including investors, government representatives, corporate leaders, and academics, providing invaluable mentoring and networking opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The distinguished jury and panelists included notable personalities such as Manik Batra, Director & Co-Chairman, Batra Group; Amit Singh Rathor, CEO, IIF, DTU (Innovation & Incubation Foundation, Delhi Technological University); Tarunveer Singh Gajral, Managing Director, TV Super Filters; Dr. Navneet Kour, Social

Entrepreneur and Consultant, MSME; Vinu Jee Koul, Assistant Director, MSME (Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises); Prof. Ankush Anand, SMVDU; Prof. Manoj Kumar Gupta, SMVDU; Mr. B.K. Bhatia, Training & Placement Officer, SMVDU; and Mr. Dhananjay Singh, MD, Go Productions/Chenab Valley Designers. During the event, Dr. Sanjay Mohan, CEO of SMVDU-TBIC, delivered a brief summary of the Incubation Center's achievements and future endeavors, emphasizing the importance of nurturing innovation in the region. He also provided an overview of the event's structure, highlighting the rigorous evaluation process through which the startup ideas were assessed and how

the event fostered collaboration and innovation. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, who was the Chief Guest at the event, underscored the importance of fostering an innovation-driven economy. He stated, "InnoSpark 2025 has once again showcased the immense potential within our youth. We must continue to support and guide these emerging entrepreneurs as they pave the way for a brighter and more sustainable future." He also commended the efforts of the TBIC team in organizing such a successful event. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Divye Duheta Mahajan, Manager, SMVDU-TBIC. She expressed gratitude to all those who were directly and indirectly involved in making the event a success. SMVDU-TBIC remains committed to its mission of accelerating entrepreneurship and innovation. With ongoing support from stakeholders and industry leaders, the incubator aims to provide more such opportunities, ensuring that budding entrepreneurs receive the guidance and funding needed to bring their ideas to life.

Wall Painting Competition on drug awareness held at GDC R S Pura



Faculty members along with students during the event.

STATE TIMES NEWS
R S PURA: A wall painting competition focused on raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse was held at Government Degree College (GDC) R S Pura by Drug De-Addiction Committee.

The event, aimed at educating students and the community about the harmful effects of drugs, featured vibrant and thought-provoking art from participants who creatively expressed the theme.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation from students, who show-

cased their artistic talent while addressing the pressing issue of drug abuse.

Speaking at the event, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering a drug-free environment and the need for continuous awareness campaigns.

"Art has a unique power to convey important messages, and today, our students have used their creativity to send a strong message against drug abuse," she said.

The competition received positive feedback from

both participants and visitors, who commended the students' efforts to creatively highlight this critical issue. The event was part of a series of programs organized by the college to engage students in social causes and encourage them to be active contributors to their community's well-being. The whole event was coordinated by Prof. Neelam Kumari, Convener Drug De-Addiction Committee. The committee members who were present in the event were Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Prof. Rajinder Singh.

SMVDNSH Katra organises health camp at 170 MH Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital (SMVDNSH), Katra, in collaboration with 170 Military Hospital (MH), Akhnoor, organized a Superspeciality Health Camp, witnessing an overwhelming response with



Locals participating in camp at Akhnoor.

over 700 patients benefiting from expert consultations and diagnostic services.

A team of senior specialists, including Dr. Sushant Kumar (Cardiologist), Dr. Shiv Kumar Sharma (Urologist), Dr. Vikas Padha (Orthopedics), Dr. Vishav Singh (Gastroenterology), and Dr. Nidhi Raina (Obstetrics & Gynecology), provided con-

sultations. In addition, X-Ray, Mammography, Lab Tests, and ECG were conducted to ensure comprehensive screening and early detection of health issues.

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GDC Doda to organise Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025

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DODA: The Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 is being organized in March 2025, under the joint initiative of Govt Degree College (GDC) Doda and the Department of Youth Affairs, Government of India.

This event aims to provide a vibrant platform for young minds to engage in thought-provoking discussions on crucial national issues, fostering leadership and policy awareness among the youth.

Young individuals aged 18 to 25 years as on February 24, 2025, residing in Doda district are invited to participate in this prestigious program. Students as well as civil society or citizens can apply for the event. We encourage enthusiastic participation from students, young professionals, and aspiring leaders who wish to contribute meaningfully to national discourse and be a part of India's vision for development. Interested participants are requested to register at the earliest to secure their place in this transformative initiative.

District level competition will be held at Government Degree College, Doda under supervision of Dr. Javid Iqbal Principal GDC Doda whereas State Level round will be held in Legislative Assembly.

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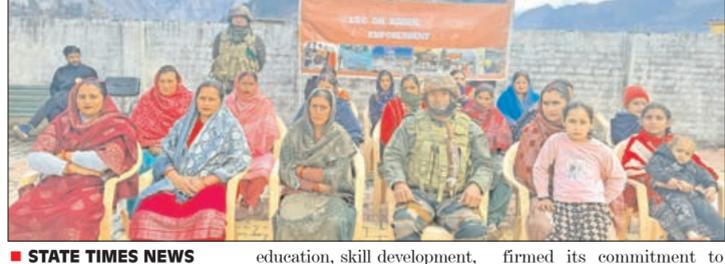
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Lecture on Women Empowerment conducted at Chassana



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REASI: The Indian Army, in its continued efforts to foster social awareness and community development, conducted an inspiring lecture on Women Empowerment at Chassana District Reasi.

The initiative aimed to educate and motivate local women and young girls to realize their potential and contribute meaningfully to society.

The lecture covered key aspects of gender equality,

education, skill development, self-reliance, and opportunities for women in various sectors, including the armed forces.

It emphasized the importance of breaking social barriers and encouraged women to actively participate in nation-building. Local women, students, and community leaders attended the session, engaging in interactive discussions and sharing personal experiences.

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