

DLIC meeting held in Doda to approve new applications under Mission Youth Schemes

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DODA: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) of Doda, Harvinder Singh, convened a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) under the Mumkin, Tejaswini, and Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative, which are part of the Mission Youth Schemes.

The meeting was attended by key officials, including the CPO Doda Manesh Kumar Manhas, General Manager of D.L.C. Doda S. Parmjeet Singh, the Deputy Director of Employment Doda Adnan Tariq, the Assistant Regional Transport Officer Doda Rajesh Gupta, the District Nodal Officer of JKEDI Doda, the Lead District Manager Doda, Parveen Kumar, employment officer Doda Imtiyaz Ali, and the

implementation of the schemes. Additionally, the DDC directed that a comprehensive monitoring mechanism be established to track the progress of approved cases, ensuring transparency and accountability in the utilization of the schemes' resources. The DDC also highlighted the need to create awareness among the youth about these opportunities and encourage them to take full advantage of the available support. The DDC directed that no application received from beneficiaries should be rejected unless for critical issues. The DDC also urged the committee to receive more applications to enhance the benefits ratio among the youth.

The DDC further asked the stakeholders to resolve any issues or hindrances to avoid delays in providing the benefits. During the meeting, the DDC also directed the stakeholders to ensure that around five success stories of government-sponsored schemes should be documented. The DDC also urged the stakeholders to provide a list of the best employers across the district. The meeting concluded with a unanimous agreement to expedite the processing of applications and enhance inter-departmental coordination to achieve the objectives of the Mission Youth Schemes effectively.

Training Program on Marketing and Business Opportunities for Horticultural Crops concludes

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RAMBAN: Under the Patronage of Dr. B.N. Tripathi Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu was Guest of Honour during the valedictory function. The training program, aimed at enhancing market and business opportunities in the horticultural sector of the union territory, witnessed the active participation of 30 registered individuals representing various stakeholders such as Farmers' Producer Organizations (FPOs), CEOs of agricultural ventures, progressive farmers and interested individuals of District Ramban. In his address, Dr. S. K. Gupta

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highlighted the significance of understanding and promoting local crops, emphasizing their health benefits. Dr. Rajinder Peshin shed light on the marketing and business opportunities available for horticultural crops in the region of Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Student Welfare and Course Director of the training Programme welcomed the gathering and briefed about the training proceedings. As the training concluded, participants expressed anticipation in acquiring invaluable skills and insights to navigate the dynamic landscape of horti-

culture marketing, thereby contributing to the development of the region. Certificates were also distributed among the participants. Dr. Anil Bhat, Associate Director Research conducted the proceedings of the programme. Dr. Pawan Sharma, Professor, Directorate of Extension presented formal vote of thanks. Dr. Akshay Deep, Maninder Singh and Rohit Manhas helped in the smooth conduct of the training programme for five days. Sunil Bakshi, AMO; Raju Zuthsi, AGMO and Jagdeesh, Marketing Inspector were also present during the function.

Medical Camp held by District AYUSH Office

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RAMBAN: The District AYUSH Office Ramban, under the leadership of District Nodal Officer for Yoga, Dr. Masood Zargar, conducted a comprehensive medical camp and facilitated the distribution of essential medicines at the Child Care Institutes for Girls and Boys (Parisha, Palash, and Phulwari) in Ramban. This initiative was aimed at improving the health and well-being of the children residing in these institutions. The medical camp provided a range of healthcare services, including general health check-ups, consultations with medical pro-

fessionals, and distribution of medicines for common ailments. Preventive health education was also a key component of the camp, with sessions focusing on hygiene, nutrition, and wellness practices. Dr. Masood Zargar and Dr. Shokat Mir emphasized the importance of such initiatives, stating, "Our goal is to ensure that every child in these institutions has access to quality healthcare. By organizing Balloon activities for mental health to promote a healthier future for these children and address any immediate health concerns they might have." Mahenoor Salam, Superintendent of the

Children's Home for Girls (Parisha) in Ramban, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the AYUSH Department for their dedication and support. "We are immensely thankful to the AYUSH office and Dr. Zargar for their efforts. The medical camp has made a significant positive impact on the health of our children, and we deeply appreciate the resources and care provided," she said. The successful implementation of the medical camp was a collaborative effort, with support from local health officials and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that the event ran smoothly.

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JAMMU: In a significant order Justice Rahul Bharti (Vacation Judge) of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Jammu Wing) has directed Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd. (JKMSCL) not to give effect to the contract awarded to M/s Tiranga Security and Manpower Solutions through its Authorised Signatory Narinder Gupta R/o Plot No.423, JLPL, Industrial Park, Sector-82, Mohali, Chandigarh till next date of hearing. The court further directed that the Managing Director, JKMSCL shall be entitled to hire the manpower of the petitioner on the terms and condition of it being L1 in case of contingency. The court further said that this order is, however, subject to the objections from the other side. These directions were passed in an Arbitration Appeal (AA No.09/2024) preferred by M/s Unique Sanitation and Outsourcing Service through its Managing Director, Ram Sharma challenging the order passed by the court of Principal District Judge, Jammu with powers of commercial court rejecting the application filed by the petitioner under Section 9 of the Arbitration and

Conciliation Act, 1996. Advocate Arshad Majid Malik, appearing for the appellant vehemently argued that the appellant participated in the tendering process initiated by JKMSCL and after completion of the tendering process the appellant was declared L1 and rate contract was offered to the appellant and all of a sudden the Managing Director, JKMSCL vide order No.16-JKMSCL of 2024 dated 04-05-2024 by invoking section II Eligible Criteria Para 5 (iii) came to declare appellant's rate contract dated 13-02-2024 as void ab-initio. Advocate A. M. Malik, vociferously argued that on the very same day i.e. May 4, 2024, the Managing Director, JKMSCL approached L2 i.e. M/s Tiranga Security and Manpower Solutions through its Authorised Signatory Narinder Gupta R/o Plot No.423, JLPL, Industrial Park, Sector-82, Mohali, Chandigarh offering him the contract of providing manpower services at L1 rates. While referring to the order No.16-JKMSCL of 2024 dated May 4, 2024, Advocate A. M. Malik invited the attention of the court that without hearing the appellant who was executing the contract being the successful bidder, the JKMSCL with a view to confer undue

benefit to M/s Tiranga Security and Manpower Solutions through its Authorised Signatory Narinder Gupta, Resident of Plot No.423, JLPL, Industrial Park, Sector-82, Mohali, Chandigarh thereby causing grave prejudice to the appellant, who underwent the tendering process successfully. After considering the submissions of Advocate A. M. Malik appearing for the appellant, the Vacations Judge Justice Rahul Bharti observed that prima-facie it appears that the things were done in a post-haste-manner particularly when this court examines that with the same stroke of pen the declaration of the rate contract with the petitioner as 'null and void' is taking place and on the same very day L2 is being approached by the Managing Director, JKMSCL to come forward and take over the contract as if the L2 was waiting at the door step of the Managing Director, JKMSCL. Justice Rahul Bharti further observed that the petitioner is aggrieved of the fact that the court below has not considered all the facts and circumstances of the case to grant interim measure in favour of the petitioner as solicited in the application under Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. At this stage the court issued notice to

the official respondents including Managing Director, JKMSCL which was accepted by AAG, Raman Sharma. The court also issued notice to L2 i.e. M/s Tiranga Security and Manpower Solutions through its Authorised Signatory Narinder Gupta R/o Plot No.423, JLPL, Industrial Park, Sector-82, Mohali, Chandigarh as well as to Qazi Qammar, Deputy General Manager, JKMSCL, Bemina, Srinagar. All the respondents were granted time to file objections by or before 01-07-2024. The court further directed the registry to list this matter on 03-07-2024 and in the meantime directed Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd. (JKMSCL) not to give effect to the contract awarded to M/s Tiranga Security and Manpower Solutions through its Authorised Signatory Narinder Gupta R/o Plot No.423, JLPL, Industrial Park, Sector-82, Mohali, Chandigarh till next date of hearing. The court further directed that the Managing Director, JKMSCL shall be entitled to hire the manpower of the petitioner on the terms and conditions of it being L1 in case of contingency. The court further said that this order is, however, subject to objections from the other side.

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London-bound Air India flight receives bomb threat, suspect apprehended

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KOCHI: A London-bound Air India flight received a bomb threat on Tuesday but it turned out to be a hoax and a 29-year-old man suspected of making the threatening call has been apprehended here by authorities, an official said. Security personnel conducted extensive checks on the aircraft and found no danger, allowing the flight to proceed as planned, a Cochin International Airport spokesperson said in a statement here. According to him, a bomb threat call was received by the Air India call center in Mumbai early on Tuesday for flight AI 149, scheduled to fly from Cochin to London Gatwick. The alert was promptly communicated to Air India here and the Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) at 1.22 AM. Following established protocols, a Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC) was immediately convened at CIAL. The threat was assessed and declared specific. Following this, thorough security checks were conducted by the Airport

Security Group (ASG-CISF), airline security personnel, and inline baggage screening systems. In accordance with the recommendations from the Cochin Airport BTAC, the aircraft was moved to an isolated aircraft parking point, and comprehensive security measures were undertaken. The aircraft was thoroughly checked and subsequently cleared for flight. The check-in process for AI 149 was completed by 10:30 am. The flight is expected to depart later. Efforts were made to identify the caller who reported the threat to the Mumbai call center. Investigations revealed the call was made by Suhaib (29), a native of Kondotty in Malappuram district, who was scheduled to travel to London on the AI 149 flight. Suhaib, along with his wife and daughter, was intercepted by ASG at Cochin Airport's international departure terminal during check-in. "He has since been handed over to the police for further questioning and legal action," the spokesperson said in a statement.

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RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat today presided over a crucial meeting of the District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) to evaluate the implementation of the Food Safety & Standards Act and the campaign, "Eat Right Challenge," in the district. The meeting underscored the paramount importance of spreading mass awareness

about the Eat Right Challenge, campaign, a nation-wide initiative aimed at promoting healthier dietary habits. The Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Rajouri informed that training has been provided to around 200 officials of the ICDS department about health and hygiene and 150 ICDS officials have also been trained about fortification of food further supporting the goals of campaign of foster-

ing healthier living standards within the community. The DDC Om Prakash Bhagat emphasized the need to educate the public about the numerous advantages of adopting wholesome food practices to ensure the successful realization of the objectives of the campaign. Speaking at the meeting, the DDC said that Eat Right Challenge, campaign is not just about encouraging dietary changes; it's about improving public health and

overall well-being. To make this initiative a success, we must diligently educate our community about the benefits of choosing nutritious foods. By doing so, we can contribute to the realization of a healthier and more vibrant society. The District Development Commissioner called upon all stakeholders to collaborate actively in disseminating information about the Eat Right Challenge, campaign. He directed them to

engage in comprehensive outreach programs to ensure that every citizen of Rajouri is aware of the positive impact that healthy eating can have on their lives. The meeting was attended by GM DIC, Fareed Kohli; ASP Musadiq Majid Basu; CAO, Sohan Singh; CAHO, Dr. Khalid Hussain; AC Food Safety, Sanjeev Bali; Dy CMO, Dr. Manohar Rana and other concerned committee members.

DDC Rajouri reviews implementation of food safety & Standards Act and activities under "Eat Right Challenge" campaign

CRIME REPORT

Biker dies, other injured in accident

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BHADERWAH: In tragic incident, a youth got while another injured when a motorcycle they were riding skidded off the road in Balote area of JK's Bhaderwah on Tuesday afternoon. While confirming the incident, Incharge Police Post Bhalra SI Deepak Verma said that a motorcycle JK02DD-8900 skidded off the road in Balote area of Bhalra in Bhaderwah, due to which pillion rider died on the spot while rider got injured. They were shifted to a Hospital in Bhalra, where doctors declared one as brought dead, while another was given treatment. The deceased has been identified as Sujal Sharma 20 s/o Sanjiv Sharma r/o Udrana Bhaderwah, while injured has been identified as Prashant Manhas r/o Parshotam Manhas r/o Jammu. BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd Ashraf Kuchey informed that a deadbody was brought to SDH Bhaderwah for postmortem. "After completing all legal formalities, the body was handed over to family."

2 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substance recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 02 drug peddlers in Baramulla & Kulgam and recovered contraband substance from their possession. In Baramulla, a police party headed by Incharge Police Post Old Town Baramulla at a checkpoint established at Bagh-e-Islam, intercepted a person identified as Mohammad Qasim Bala son of Gh Mohammad resident of Bagh-e-Islam Old Town Baramulla. During search, 10 grams of contraband Heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to Police Station Baramulla where he remains in custody. In Kulgam, a police party headed by SHO Police Station Qazigund at a checkpoint established at NHW near Alstop intercepted a vehicle (load carrier) bearing registration number JK03J-5429 driven by Aadil Rashid son of Abdul Rashid Makroo resident of Rahpora, Khudwani. During search, 7.4 Kgs of poppy Straw like contraband substance was recovered. He has been arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remains in custody. Vehicle used in commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective Police Stations and further investigations have been initiated.

Burglary case solved; 2 arrested

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BUDGAM: Police in Budgam have solved a burglary case and have arrested 02 accused persons involved in the commission of crime and recovered stolen property

Missing 4 years old boy traced, reunited with family

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KATRA: In a heartwarming turn of events, four-year-old boy, and a resident of Sonapat, Haryana, has been safely reunited with his family after being separated from them for three days. The young boy was found staying at Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan. He went missing from Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan three days ago, prompting a widespread search by his distressed family and local authorities. The search came to a successful conclusion thanks to the tireless efforts of the police team from the Bhawan Police Station. Their dedication and swift action ensured Rohit's safety and eventual reunion with his anxious parents. The family of child expressed immense relief and gratitude towards the police team, commending their relentless pursuit and compassionate handling of the situation. The police team of Police Station Bhawan worked around the clock, coordinating with various departments and utilizing all available resources to locate and secure the child's return. "We are extremely grateful to the Bhawan Police Station team for their unwavering support and determination in reuniting us with our son. This experience has been incredibly challenging, but the police's dedication has brought our family immense joy and relief," said child father. The police department also appreciated the cooperation and assistance from the local community and volunteers who contributed to the search efforts. This incident underscores the importance of community vigilance and the effective functioning of law enforcement in ensuring the safety and well-being of all citizens, especially the most vulnerable.

2 narco-smugglers nabbed with 11 gm heroin

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KATRA: A police team from Police Station Katra successfully established a special checkpoint at Union Bridge, Dhirthi, Katra, leading to the apprehension of two suspects and the seizure of a significant quantity of narcotics. At approximately 10:15 hours, a red and black motorcycle bearing registration number JK14J/9763 approached the checkpoint from Jammu towards Katra. Upon noticing the police presence, the rider and pillion passenger abandoned the

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motorcycle and attempted to flee the scene. Displaying quick thinking and determination, the police team initiated a pursuit and apprehended both individuals after a strenuous chase. During the subsequent frisking and questioning, the rider identified himself as Ajay Singh, son of Rajinder Singh, a resident of Village Dadura, Tehsil Katra, District Reasi. A search of Ajay Singh revealed approximately 6.04 grams of a substance suspected to be heroin, concealed in a black polythene bag in the left front pocket of his jeans. The pillion rider, who initially appeared disoriented, identified himself as Ajay Singh, son of Rattan Singh, from Village Kun-Kanyalan, Tehsil Katra, District Reasi. Upon frisking, the police discovered an additional 5.45 grams of a substance suspected to be heroin, stored in a transparent polythene bag in the left front pocket of his trousers. Both suspects were taken into custody, and appropriate legal actions have been initiated in response to this significant drug seizure. This successful operation underscores the commitment of District Police Reasi to combating drug trafficking and ensuring the safety and security of the community. On this case FIR No. 172/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Katra and investigations started to unearth forward and backward linkages.

Cyber Cell solves online financial fraud amounting to Rs 17K

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RAMBAN: Cyber Cell of DPO Ramban solved online Financial Fraud. A complaint was received from Abida begum W/O late Abdul Rashid R/O Pernote Tehsil and District Ramban mentioned therein that she got a call from unknown person regarding online lottery. The applicant fall into the trap of the fraudster and transfer the Amount Rs17000 into the Account of Fraudster. Later she learnt that it was a fraud. During the Enquiry, Cyber Cell DPO Ramban acted swiftly and exhibited hectic efforts which ultimately recovered the amount of Rs 17000/- which was swindled by online scams.

16 kg poppy recovered from car, 2 held

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Police on Tuesday arrested two alleged drug peddlers in Udhampur district and recovered 16 kg poppy from them, officials said. The seizure was made when a police team intercepted a car on a highway in the Jakhani area, they said. The car was seized along with 16 kg poppy and the duo were arrested, they added.

