

GCW, KVK Kathua organize workshop on "vermicomposting"

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Hariyali Eco Club, Department of Environmental Sciences and Institute Innovation Council of Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua under the aegis of IQAC organized a five days Skill Training Workshop on "Vermicomposting as an enterprise" in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kathua, Directorate of Extension Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

In a significant initiative to promote entrepreneurship in Vermicomposting, a comprehensive Skill Training Workshop of five days mainly focusing on teaching the techniques involved in Vermicomposting and setting up of Vermicomposting as an enterprise was inaugurated by Principal of the college Dr. Savi Behl. The prime objective of this workshop was to equip the students with knowledge and



KVK officials along with college faculty members and students during the programme.

skill of starting their own business on Vermicomposting. In the five days workshop different sessions will be organized in which resource persons from respective fields will deliver lectures and also give hands on training on vermicomposting. In the inaugural session Dr. Vishal Mahajan, Chief Scientist and Head Krishi Vigyan Kendra delivered an informative lecture on technique of vermicomposting and how the stu-

dents can start this venture as an entrepreneur. He described the types of earthworms used in vermicomposting along with temperature and moisture requirements of vermicomposting. In the second session, Dr. Anamika Jamwal, Chief Scientist KVK delivered a lecture on organic farming and its benefits. Dr. Vishal Sharma, Chief Scientist, KVK took a brain storming interactive session with the students in which he has taken various

queries of the students and explained do's and don'ts of the vermicomposting process. Krishi Vigyan Kendra also gifted a vermicomposting kit along with earth worms to the college for vermicomposting of organic waste. The whole workshop will be organized under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Savi Behl, Principal, Government Degree College, Kathua. In the inaugural session Principal of the college, Dr. Savi Behl highlight-

ed the urgent need of shifting to organic farming and described this workshop as a boon for the students who can take it as a startup in near future with minimum investment.

Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Head Deptt. of EVS and Convener Hariyali Eco Club acted as the coordinator of the workshop. She also spoke on the occasion and elaborated the main objective of the workshop. She also explained various aspects of vermicomposting process in managing organic waste. Prof. Romika Bassin, convener IIC presented the vote of thanks. The Proceedings of the inaugural session was conducted by Dr. Kamini Kapoor. Dr. Yashpal, Dr. Karam chand, Dr. Renu, Dr. Manjot Singh, Dr. Ajay Sanotra, Dr. Usha Kiran, Dr. Gagan, Dr. Gurpreet members of Eco club and IIC extended their full cooperation in the conduct of the workshop.

Election Observers oversee 2nd Randomisation of poll parties in Poonch



Election Observers, Solai Bharathi Dasan and Siddhartha Das chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Election Observers, Solai Bharathi Dasan and Siddhartha Das for the Haveli and Mendhar Assembly Constituencies respectively, conducted the second randomization of polling staff today as part of the ongoing preparations for the upcoming elections. This step ensures the impartiality and transparency of the electoral process by assigning polling staff to different locations in a random manner. The randomization process was overseen in presence of District Election Officer

Poonch, Vikas Kundal, ADC, Tahir Mustafa Malik, Deputy DEO Saleem Ahmed, Deputy Director Employment, District Informatics Officer Parvinder Singh and other senior officials. This thorough exercise was carried out using advanced software to ensure complete fairness and eliminate any possibility of bias.

A database of 2590 employees was randomized for 483 polling stations for the three assembly constituencies viz., Haveli, Surankote and Mendhar, where polling shall be held on 25th of September,

2024. The employees including reserve quota have been appointed for election duties in the capacity of P0, P1, P2, and P3. The Randomization also included around 25% of reserve staff in order to meet any exigency.

During the event, the General Election Observers emphasized the importance of the randomization process in maintaining the integrity of the elections. They expressed confidence that the transparent assignment of polling staff will contribute to free, fair, and credible elections in the district.

BJP candidate Mohan Lal Bhagat files nomination



BJP candidate Mohan Lal Bhagat during road show.

STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) candidate Mohan Lal Bhagat retired SSP filed the nomination form in the office of Electoral officer Sub

District Magistrate SDM Akhnoor Lekh Raj.

On the occasion a huge rally took out under the leadership and supervision of Bhartiya Janta Party vice president and

former Minister Sham Lal Sharma. Rally begin from the office of BJP situated at Kameshwar temple Akhnoor and passes through the Kameshwar Market, Bus Stand, Fawara Chowk, Gole Market and finally culminated at Rama Palace where a public rally also addressed by the leaders and workers of BJP.

On the occasion Mahamandleshwar Mahant Rameshwar Dass, BJP leader Jagdish Raj Bhagat and other thousands leaders and workers and prominent citizens were present during rally.

STATE TIMES NEWS

R S PURA: Career Counseling / Guidance and Placement cell in collaboration with EBSB dub of Govt. Degree College, R.S. Pura Jammu organized a career counseling session on the topic "Various Career Aspects in Future" on 10th September 2024 under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, worthy Principal of the College. The resource person of the event was Mr. Dushiant Kumar, Head Counselor DIT University, Dehradun.

The event started with the welcome address by Dr. Shivani Manchanda, HOD, Economics. Mr. Dushiant

GDC RS Pura organises counseling session on "Various Career Aspects in Future"



Students along with faculty members during the programme.

Kumar gave an insight of various career opportunities available to students after graduation. In a detailed power point presentation, he elaborated the scope of various courses like MBA, MFA, PG

Diploma/ Masters in Event Management, Journalism and communication. Masters/ PG Diploma in Digital Marketing, Mobile App Development, various graduation courses in IGNOU etc. He motivated the

students to thrive for marketing specific skill courses so that they become confident enough and job ready after graduation. The lecture was attended by a large number of students who patiently lis-

tened to the lecture with great enthusiasm and actively participated in question session after culmination of the lecture. Worthy Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour also highlighted the importance of career counseling session which helps them to analyse their strength and develop strategy to achieve academic and career course.

The program ended with the motivational words by Convener, Career Counseling Cell, Dr. Neeru Sawhney. The program was attended by members of Career Counseling Cell, EBSB and other faculty members of the college.

Three-Day Mela Patt concludes in Bhaderwah

STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADERWAH: With the divine blessings of Lord Vasuki Nag Ji, the three-day historic Mela Patt concluded in Bhaderwah successfully.

As per the directions of Hon'ble Chairman Trustee and Trustees, the Mela was organized by J&K Dharmarth Trust in collaboration with Dashnans and supported by the local community.

The Mela Patt commenced on September 7, 2023, with the grand Jhaari Shobha Yatra led by the Rajpurohiths of Bhaderwah. This captivating event marked the beginning of a spiritually enriching journey.

On September 8, the sacred Jhaari was mounted on the traditional Patt in the house of Rajgurus, where rituals were conducted by the Dashnan Committee, comprising ten families responsible for the revered responsibilities associated with Lord Vasuki Nag Ji. The local residents of Mohalla Khakhhal



Devotees witnessing Mela at Bhaderwah.

showcased their unwavering dedication by embellishing the Patt with exquisite decorations, enhancing the grandeur of the event.

The subsequent days witnessed a spirited celebration filled with devotion and fervor, as crowds gathered to participate in the Mela Patt festivities. Lord Vasuki Nag Ji's blessings were sought

with reverence, and cultural traditions were celebrated with enthusiasm, forging bonds of unity among the community.

Ashok Kumar Sharma (IPS Retd), Trust's Secretary has expressed gratitude to the Dashnan Committee, residents of Mohalla Khakhhal, District Administration of Doda and

Tehsildar Bhaderwah for their invaluable contributions. Their unwavering support, commitment, and efforts in making essential arrangements and promoting this sacred event were pivotal in its resounding success, he added.

He said that the Trust remains committed to preserve and nurture these sacred traditions, inviting all devotees to join in the celebration of faith and unity.

He also appreciated the efforts of Arjun Singh, Trust's Manager in Bhaderwah and his team for smooth conduct of Mela.

Empowering Young Innovators: IIM Jammu and MSDE join hands with ITI Udhampur to host Ideathon & Workshop

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: To create an enabling environment for transforming informal businesses into formal enterprises across identified locations, IIM Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, partnered with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, and Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICCI) to establish 22 Small Business Development Units (SBDUs) in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Under this project, the SBDUs will strengthen institutions to deliver quality initiatives for entrepreneurship development across identified locations. Dr. Mahesh Gadekar is the Chairperson of Small Business Development Units at IIM Jammu. In a collaborative effort to foster innovation and entrepreneurial spirit among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, a one-day Ideathon and workshop was organized at SBDU, ITI, Udhampur on 09th Sept 2024. The event saw enthusiastic participation from individuals representing various districts across Kishtwar,



Officials during the workshop.

Doda, Ramban, Udhampur and Reasi. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Kishore Singh Katoch, JKAS, General Manager, DIC Udhampur.

The Ideathon and workshop at SBDU, ITI, Udhampur saw enthusiastic participation from 59 individuals across various sectors, including Food Tech, Dairy, Science Promotion, Handicrafts, Pashmina, and Apparel. The diversity of ideas showcased the participants' creativity and innovation.

Notable concepts included training artificial intelligence to design intricate Pashmina shawls, setting up a mobile space observatory to promote science education in remote areas, and an integrated farming project combining livestock management with a bakery producing health-conscious, digestive-friendly products. Additionally, ideas

focused on transforming waste into wealth and addressing hygiene issues, reflecting the participants' commitment to tackling both traditional and modern challenges within their fields.

Kishore Singh Katoch, JKAS, General Manager, DIC Udhampur welcomed participants and outlined the event's objectives. He emphasized the importance of empowering youth through opportunities to turn their ideas into viable ventures and highlighted the value of institutional collaborations in harnessing the potential of young minds in the region.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer, IIM Jammu, highlighted the pivotal role of the IIM Jammu incubation centre (DST ITBI) in transforming ideas into scalable businesses and enhancing the region's startup ecosystem. Mr. Naren Karunakaran, Consultant, SBDU, IIM Jammu, dis-

cussed the importance of integrating sustainability into business ventures, urging entrepreneurs to build socially responsible businesses.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Shahid Jibran, Project Manager, SBDU, IIM Jammu, Er. Ravinder Singh Bhatti, Superintendent ITI, Udhampur, Shri Naresh Singh Superintendent ITI Doda, Shri Sandeep Singh Supervisor, ITI Udhampur, and Shri Mohammed Iqbal, Electronic Instructor, ITI Udhampur.

Throughout the Ideathon, the IIM Jammu incubator team provided crucial guidance on grants, seed funds, and mentor connectivity, equipping participants with actionable insights essential for securing funding and mentorship-key factors for startup success. The vote of thanks was proposed by Er. Ravinder Singh Bhatti, Superintendent ITI, Udhampur.

This Ideathon was the third of five events planned by IIM Jammu under the SBDU Program, following the first held at SBDU Srinagar on 02nd Sept 2024. These initiatives aim to inspire grassroots entrepreneurship across Jammu & Kashmir, providing the tools and knowledge needed to turn ideas into sustainable ventures.

DEO Udhampur reviews preparedness for upcoming Assembly Elections



DEO Udhampur, Saloni Rai chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai held a comprehensive meeting with all nodal officers to assess the preparedness for the upcoming General Assembly Elections 2024 in the district at Conference Hall DC Office Complex

Udhampur. During the meeting, a detailed discussion was conducted on multiple key aspects including Assured Minimum Facilities at all polling stations, Conducting plantation drives at green and other polling stations, downloading Green SVEEP App, enhancing SVEEP activities, home voting procedures, voter slip distribution and cleanliness drives. The DEO directed the nodal officers to conduct extensive plantation drives across all polling stations, ensuring that 100% of the stations are covered by September 2024. She also emphasized the need to accelerate SVEEP activities throughout the district to increase voter turnout.

The concerned officers were instructed to guide Booth Level Officers in conducting

Green SVEEP drives in their respective areas. The DEO urged the officers to set a target of planting over 100 plants at polling stations identified as green polling stations. She emphasized that the meeting aimed to ensure all necessary preparations are in place and any shortcomings are addressed promptly to ensure a smooth and successful electoral process. The DEO called for enhanced SVEEP activities to effectively engage and educate voters with a particular focus on maximizing voter turnout.

She also instructed the officers to ensure that AMF's are available at all polling stations and to vigilantly implement the Model Code of Conduct, ensuring strict compliance with its provisions to prevent any violations.

DEO Samba media on ECI's election coverage guidelines

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A press meet was held on Tuesday in the Deputy Commissioner's Office Complex and chaired by District Election Officer (DEO) Rajesh Sharma.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba, Vinay Kumar also attended the meet. Media representatives from across the district, besides District Information Officer (DIO) Pranav Manhas and SVEEP Nodal Officer Ekshu Sharma were present at the meeting.

The DEO stressed the indispensable role of the media as the fourth pillar of democracy and a key factor for free, fair, and transparent elections. He reiterated the importance of responsible journalism, urging the media to follow the "General Guidelines for Media during Elections" to ensure balanced, apolitical, and fact-based reporting.

The DEO and SSP Vinay



DEO Rajesh Sharma briefing media.

Kumar also discussed the need for maintaining law and order during the elections and requested the media's support in fostering an environment of peace and impartiality.

A brief interaction session followed, where the media personnel had the opportunity to raise various issues related to election coverage and media conduct. Topics such as access to election-related information, ensuring timely dissemination of updates, and challenges faced by media houses during the election period were discussed. The DEO assured the

media of full cooperation and support from the administration to address these concerns and facilitate smooth coordination. The DEO further encouraged media participation in the upcoming Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) events, emphasizing their role in raising voter awareness and encouraging higher voter turnout.

DEO also appreciate the media's commitment to upholding democratic principles and their valuable contribution to the electoral process.

SVEEP Programme conducted in Dool area to raise voter awareness

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: In a continued effort to promote voter education and awareness, a successful Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme was organized on Tuesday in Dool Area of Block Nagseni and Assembly Constituency 50-Padar Nagseni.

The event was held under the diligent guidance of Dr. Riaz ul Haq, Principal and Nodal Officer for SVEEP in the constituency and under the overall supervision of District Election Officer Rajesh Kumar Shavan.

Emphasis was placed on encouraging voter turnout, with the programme focusing on the value of every

vote and its critical significance in a democratic setup. Participants were educated on the importance of electoral participation to ensure free and fair elections.

To engage the local community, a SVEEP Rally was taken out by students, designed to draw attention to the SVEEP initiative. In the students rally, the participants held placards illustrating the importance of voting and the impact of SVEEP.

The importance of voter turnout and the value of voting in the democratic process were emphasized besides detailed discussions about the role of SVEEP in strengthening electoral participation were also held.

ISCLAIMER
"STATE TIMES"
does not take responsibility for the contents of the advertisements (Display/Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own before acting there upon."