

## ACS chairs SCERT's workshop held under Oasis Jyotirdhar Initiative

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**JAMMU, APR 25:**

A significant stride towards educational rejuvenation, the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Divisional Office, Jammu, hosted a workshop and training under OASIS JYOTIRDHAR Movement phase-3, for the Heads of Institutions in Partnership with Department of School Education and SCERT Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was chaired by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Education, Shantmanu.

The ACS, on the occasion, inaugurated an exhibition showcasing a diverse array of curriculum enrichment tools including academic documents, books and educational aids developed by SCERT Jammu Division. It served as a visual narrative of the institution's academic journey.



In his address, the ACS applauded the vision of the proactive endeavours of SCERT in advancing educational innovation and excellence. He encouraged all stakeholders to remain cognizant of evolving pedagogies and adapt to the dynamic educational landscape through continuous

reflection and innovation.

Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT, highlighted the vision behind the Oasis Jyotirdhar Initiative. She underscored the importance of collaborative learning, innovation in teaching practices and development of an inclusive academic resource to ensure

quality education for all.

The event witnessed the release of two strategic blueprints; The Syllabus cum Academic Planner 2025-26 and the BaLA (Building as Learning Aid) Vision Document, both poised to strengthen pedagogical practices and infrastructure-based

learning in schools.

The Academic Planner was meticulously developed through collaborative efforts of members of Assessment Cell including Ranjeet Singh Manhas (Head, Assessment Cell SCERTJ&K), Rakesh Chobber (Head, Assessment Cell, SCERT Jammu Division), Dr. Nazneen Mehraj and Dr. Saima Qadir from SCERT Kashmir Division. Besides, Manisha Chun and Parshotam Singh, Academic Officers, SCERT Jammu Division contributed significantly towards development of the vision document "BaLA".

An incisive overview of the workshop was presented by Tina Vasudeva, Chief Coordinator Oasis Movement, who elucidated the key themes, participatory engagement and expected outcomes of the program.

## GCOE organises lecture on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

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**JAMMU, APR 25:**

The Government College of Education Jammu organized a lecture-cum-awareness programme on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for the students under the banner of the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC). The College Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar was the Chief Guest and addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of IPR awareness in academic and professional fields. Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, SPPND Government College, Samba, Dr. Pooja was the resource person for the programme. Convener of IIC, Cell Sunanda Rani, formally welcomed the resource person and highlighted the initiatives of the IIC Cell in promoting innovation and entrepreneurial skills among students. The Resource Person delivered an insightful lecture on various aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and its relevance in today's innovation-driven environment. The event witnessed the presence of faculty members including Dr. Shubhra Jamwal, Prof. Priyanka Mahajan, Prof. Chanchal Singh, Prof. Kiran Thapa. The programme concluded with an interactive session where students enthusiastically participated and clarified their queries on the subject. A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shubra Jamwal

## Establishment of Solid Waste Management Plant discussed in Poonch

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**POONCH, APR 25:**

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting today at the DC Office complex to review the establishment of solid waste management plants in the district. The meeting aimed to address the growing concerns regarding waste disposal and explore sustainable solutions for the same. Key discussions included planning and implementing a comprehensive solid waste management system, which encompasses collection, transportation, segregation, processing, and disposal methods. Officials from different line departments gave updates on the implementation status of Solid Waste Management Rules to bridge the existing gaps in solid and liquid waste management in the district. The Deputy Commissioner directed the relevant authorities to identify potential sites for waste management structures, create a detailed plan for the transportation of solid waste to these sites, mark all SBM structures for waste management on a GPS map and compile all relevant records for submission to the office as soon as possible. The meeting was attended by ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik; ACR Mohammad Sayeed; EXEN PWD Poonch/Surankote, Tehsildars from Haveli, Surankote, and Mandi, BDO Poonch, EO Municipal Council Poonch, MC Surankote and other concerned officials.

## DC Reasi chairs meeting on Change of Land Use Cases

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**REASI, APR 25:**

Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee to review Change of Land Use (CLU) cases in the district. A total of 8 cases were taken up for discussion. After thorough scrutiny in the light of policy regulations, 2 cases were approved, 5 cases were deferred, and 1 case was rejected by the committee. The Deputy Commissioner directed the ACR to ensure proper safety measures are in place before granting CLU approval for petrol pumps. She also instructed the Town Planner and Executive Engineer PWD to assess road conditions and ensure proper clearance. A joint site visit by the Town Planner and the executing agency was also directed. During the meeting, the DC emphasized the timely issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to applicants after thorough verification of documents. She underscored the importance of strictly adhering to guidelines and policies while considering CLU cases. The meeting was attended by ACD Pardeep Kumar, ACR Nitin Verma, XEN PWD, CEO MC, CAO, AEE and other concerned officers.

## World Malaria Day 2025 observed across district Doda

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**DODA, APR 25:**

World Malaria Day 2025 was observed across District Doda by organizing awareness events under this year's theme, "Malaria ends with us: Reinvent, Reimagine, Reignite." The observance was held under the guidance of Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, and State Malariologist J&K, Dr. D. J. Raina. The main event was organized by the District Malaria Unit Doda at Government ANMT School Doda, where Chief Medical Officer Dr. Om Kumar was the chief guest. The event was attended by Vidya Kotwal, Principal of Government ANMT School; Umar Anayat, District Epidemiologist; Mohammad Shafi Attu, and Malaria Staff members including Basharat Ahmed Mir, Liaqat Ali Zargar, Mohammad Akbar Dev and Rajinder Parshad, faculty members Naveeda Anjum and Saima Kousar along with a large number of students. The CMO educated the participants about malaria, its symptoms, transmission methods, and emphasized the importance of early diagnosis, timely treatment, and preventive measures such as using mosquito nets and maintaining hygiene. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) material on malaria prevention was distributed among the students and other attendees by the Malaria Unit staff.

## Awareness events organised across District Samba to mark World Malaria Day 2025



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**SAMBA, APR 25:**

District Samba today observed World Malaria Day 2025 as a series of awareness programs and educational activities were held across various health institutions and schools. The deliberation centered on this year's theme

"Malaria Ends With Us: Reinvent, Re-imagine, Reignite, which aims to re-energize efforts at all levels, from global policy to community action, to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination.

The events were held across all three medical blocks of the

district-Ramgarh, Nud and Purmandal -where healthcare professionals conducted awareness sessions, distributed informational pamphlets, and emphasized the importance of eliminating mosquito breeding grounds.

Special outreach and education programs were also organised in multiple educational institutions including GMS Jakh, GMS Budhwani, GHS Rahya, GMS Dagshore. Students were educated about the symptoms, diagnosis, and prevention of malaria. The initiatives aimed to foster community involvement and ensure the younger generation plays a role in spreading awareness about this preventable disease.

### *Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan*

## Udhampur Admin organises awareness program on drug De-addiction at Sial Sallan

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**UDHAMPUR, APR 25:**

District Administration Udhampur in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department today organized an awareness program under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan here at Sial Sallan.

The program was held in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai, who graced the occasion as the chief guest. The event witnessed the participation of District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta, District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Anil Saloch, Assistant Drug Controller Sanjeev Gupta.

The awareness program featured a series of impactful activities, including sensitization sessions on the ill-effects of drug abuse conducted by resource persons, counsellor from the District Police Line.

Addressing the gathering, the DC emphasized the urgent need to curb the drug menace, stating, India has the largest youth population in the world. "If our youth fall prey



to drug addiction, it will hamper the progress of our nation. It is our collective responsibility to prevent this" she noted. She further added that rehabilitated individuals can play a vital role as ambassadors of change by motivating others to stay away from drugs. The DC advocated for a disrupt and distract policy - disrupting regular drug-using patterns and engaging youth in constructive and positive activities to keep them away from harmful substances.

Rehabilitated individuals who had successfully overcome drug addiction shared

their inspirational journeys, offering hope and serving as role models for others struggling with substance abuse.

A special highlight of the event was a soulful guitar performance that conveyed the strong message of choosing life over drugs. Participants also took a pledge to support the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and remain committed to a drug-free society.

To further spread the message, bags promoting the slogan "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life" were distributed among the participants.

## Ramban: Restoration, relief efforts stepped up in flood-affected areas

**DC inspects ongoing renovation works, Traffic regulation measures on NH-44**



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**RAMBAN, APR 25:**

The District Administration Ramban, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Bascer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, has stepped up restoration works and relief measures in all flash flood affected areas. The administration is prioritizing the provision of essential supplies and the restoration of link roads to ensure the swift recovery of the region.

The DC, along with SSP Traffic Raja Adil Hamid, monitored traffic regulations at critical points on NH-44, particularly at vulnerable spots along the Ramban to Banihal stretch. The effort aims to ensure safe and smooth journey for commuters. The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the ongoing restoration work on NH-44 and urged drivers to maintain lane discipline, thus preventing traffic jams and ensuring a smooth

flow of vehicles.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner took stock of the restoration work of link road Maroge-Balihot and issued necessary directions to concerned departments to expedite the restoration of all link roads and essential services.

To support the workforce involved in restoration efforts, meals are being served to laborers at the free langar established by the District Administration under the guidance of DC Ramban. ACR and AD FCS&CA are actively monitoring these arrangements to ensure the smooth operation of the services.

In flood-affected areas, fumigation and smoke drives are being conducted to prevent the spread of diseases and ensure safety of public health. Assessment teams, along with field staff and Lambardar concerned, have visited the affected areas to assess the damages and losses, providing a comprehensive overview of the situation.

## GCW Srinagar organises workshop on 'Media and Information Literacy'

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**SRINAGAR, APR 25:**

Government College for Women, M.A Road Srinagar organised a workshop on 'Media and Information Literacy' here today.

The workshop was organised by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the college.

The workshop was attended by faculty members of the college and was aimed to build their capacity to navigate the evolving media landscape and combat misinformation.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Yasmeen Farooq said, "Fake news has emerged as a major problem across the world so it is important that we are well equipped with essential media literacy skills to critically assess media content so that we act as informed and responsible citizens. Without proper media

literacy, people fall prey to misinformation and manipulation."

She said there is a need for more such workshops to spread awareness among people regarding the importance of verifying online content.

The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Afsana Rashid, Assistant Professor, Media Education Research Centre (MERC), Kashmir University and a certified FactShala trainer. The workshop covered various themes including media bias, misinformation ecosystems, deep-fakes, artificial intelligence, and critical thinking.

In her presentation, Dr. Afsana differentiated misinformation and disinformation. She shared the tips to identify the fake information and stay safe online. The resource person also shared some valuable online platforms designed to boost media and information

literacy skills.

Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dr. Suhail Ahmad said the department has been conducting fact-checking workshops with Google certified trainers on regular basis in recent years.

"We have all been complaining about fake news. Even a section of mainstream media has been found guilty of peddling fake news so much so that these days you don't feel like watching TV news sometimes. That is why such workshops are so important," Dr. Suhail added.

The workshop was part of the FactShala University Network programme supported by Google News Initiative and developed by DataLEADS, an award-winning digital media and tech company with focus on information ecosystem, data research and media literacy.

## RAMP scheme outreach gains momentum in Kathua through JKTPO-led District Level Workshop on RAMP Awareness



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**KATHUA, APR 25:**

The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), in association with the SPIU- Grant Thornton Bharat LLP and the District Industries Centre (DIC) Kathua, successfully organized a District Level Awareness Workshop today at SICOP Conference hall Kathua under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme of the Ministry of MSME, Government of India.

The workshop aimed to sensitize and inform Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the district about the various support mechanisms, reforms, and assistance available under the RAMP program for enhancing the competitiveness, access to finance and capacity building of MSMEs in Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was graced by Shri Suryavanshi, Functional Manager, DIC Kathua, who highlighted the importance of this initiative in fostering

industrial development in the region and encouraging more MSMEs to avail benefits under the RAMP scheme. Other speakers also addressed the gathering and shared valuable insights regarding MSME credit access and institutional support.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 50 MSME stakeholders, including entrepreneurs, industry representatives, implementing agencies, and officials from various departments involved in MSME development. Interactive sessions were conducted to spread awareness on key components of the RAMP scheme.

Representatives from SPIU - GT provided an in-depth presentation on the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Implementation of RAMP scheme being implemented in the Union Territory under RAMP, with a focus on priority interventions that address the unique challenges faced by J&K-based MSMEs.

## DC chairs Single Window Committee meeting to review mining issues in Poonch District

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**POONCH, APR 25:**

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal chaired a meeting of District Level Single Window Committee (DLSWC) here today in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office complex to address critical mining issues in the district.

As the chairman of the District Level Single Window Committee (DLSWC), Deputy Commissioner led discussions on the execution of mining leases and related concerns. The meeting featured in-depth discussions on various aspects, including title verification, site plans, and the issuance and clearance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for newly identified mineral blocks. A significant focus was placed on strengthening control and regulatory measures to ensure strict compliance with mining regulations. The DC reviewed the case-wise status of NOCs under the Single Window Clearance system, assessing



the clearance processes of various stakeholders and the status of joint inspections.

He instructed the Officers to visit these sites to ensure that mineral leasing does not create detrimental effects or environment. He emphasized the importance of adhering to the regulations prescribed by the Geology and Mining Department while granting NOCs. The Deputy Commissioner also urged officers to adopt a vigilant and proactive approach in identi-

fying illegal activities related to mineral extraction. He called for strict action against violators and stressed the necessity of implementing appropriate legal and punitive measures.

ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik; ACR Mohammad Sayeed; DFO, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, District Soil Conservation Officer, Tehsildars, DMO, Executive Engineers and other concerned attended the meeting.

## DC Kishtwar reviews security setup at Pakkal Dul Hydroelectric Project Site



**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**KISHTWAR, APR 25:**

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan, along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Naresh Singh today conducted an extensive visit to the Pakkal Dul

Hydroelectric Project site to assess the on-ground security scenario.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the existing security arrangements and emphasized the importance of maintaining a

robust security framework in and around the project site.

He directed the project authorities to immediately install additional CCTV cameras across all key areas of the project to enhance surveillance and strengthen safety of the project area.

In addition to the security assessment, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the ongoing works at the project site, stressing the need for timely execution and adherence to quality standards.

Senior officers and officials of Pakkal Dul HEP were also present during the visit.