

Sunderbani Premier League Cricket Tournament Organised at Sunderbani, Rajouri

Rajouri, Apr. 15 : In a profound stride towards fostering unity, sportsmanship and community development, the Indian Army in cooperation with Sunderbani Cricket Association, successfully orchestrated a transformative Cricket Tournament in Sunderbani (Sunderbani Premier League) from 16 March 2025 to 14 April 2025. An initiative synonymous with goodwill and harmony, resonated with the vibrant beats of athleticism as youth across the region enthusiastically participated in the one-month cricket extravaganza. This event epitomized the essence of emphasizing community engagement and the holistic development of the region. A total of 14 teams across the Sunderbani region of Rajouri district participated in the tournament and the final was played this Monday between Blasters and Knight Riders, of which Blasters emerged as the winner and were felicitated

by Indian Army. The Indian Army congratulated the winning team and highlight-

ents but also served as a platform for display of zeal and camaraderie. The

development. As the tournament concludes, the Indian Army extends its gratitude



ed the importance of sports and sportsman spirit in upbringing the character of the youth. The winners were given a prize money of ₹ 1,00,000/- alongwith winner trophy and the runners up were given a sum of ₹ 50,000. The tournament not only showcased the athletic prowess of the young tal-

Sunderbani Premier League was not merely a competition, rather it was a celebration of potential and promise. By providing a stage for budding talents to shine, the Indian Army is aiming to nurture a culture where sports become a catalyst for positive change, personal growth and community

to the Sunderbani Cricket Association, participants and the Sunderbani community for their enthusiastic participation and support. This event marks a significant chapter in the bonhomie between the security forces and youth, where sports and unity converge for the betterment of all.

Medical Camp Organised for Gujjar and Bakarwal Communities at Kotli Kalaban, Poonch

Poonch, Apr. 15 : In a committed effort to support the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities in preserving their traditional seasonal migration, the Indian Army recently organized a Dera Registration and Medical Assistance Camp at Kotli Kalaban. This initiative ensures a safe, organized, and seamless movement of deras as they embark on their annual journey to the highland pastures north of the Pir Panjal range. The Gujjar and Bakarwals, who practice nomadic pastoralism, undertake arduous bi-annual migrations with their livestock. These journeys are not only vital for their sustenance but are also a testament to their rich cultural heritage and traditional ecological knowledge. As part of the camp, dera owners were registered and provided with laminated QR codes containing

authenticated digital data related to the dera and livestock. This modern solution

both safety and efficiency. Recognizing the significance of proper documenta-

migration permits. This collaboration ensures that the community's traditional practices are recognized and supported within contemporary governance frameworks. In addition, a medical camp was organized to address the healthcare needs of both the nomadic families and their livestock. Army medical teams provided health check-ups, essential medicines, and valuable advice on maintaining well-being throughout the challenging journey. The initiative was warmly welcomed by the Gujjar and Bakarwal communities, who expressed deep appreciation for the Army's continued support. These efforts not only uphold their traditional way of life but also strengthen the bond of mutual trust and cooperation between the Indian Army and the local populace.



enables smoother coordination and secure verification at checkpoints along the migration route, improving

tion, the Indian Army coordinated with local civil administration to facilitate the renewal and updating of

Devan Singh former sarpanch Pyt Rathian Udhampur join NC

Jammu, Apr. 15: Devan Singh former Sarpanch Panchayat Rathian District Udhampur joined National Conference in presence of the Minister Javed Ahmad Rana, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest Ecology and Tribal affairs and Provincial President Mr Rattan Lal Gupta at Udhampur

would be further strengthened at the grass roots level. Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President

a brighter future for the generations to come and work towards equitable development, progress,

progressive area with devotion and dedication.



Jammu Province urged the people to support the National Conference, as they believe it is the only secular party that can fulfill the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir for

peace and brotherhood in J&K. Devan Singh pledged to carry forward the mission of the National Conference in transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a peaceful and

Speaking on the occasion, Babu Rampal former minister and Central Zone President and Vijay Lochan, Chairman of JKNC SC Cell, they lauded the National Conference's historic role in safeguarding the interests of depressed classes. They said that while the previous regime overlooked the SC community's concerns, NC remains steadfast in its commitment to their upliftment. Those who were present included: Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Ramparshotam District President Udhampur Rural, Akash Kharka District President Udhampur Rural YNC and others.

Sat Sharma asks party cadre for massive participation in PM Modi's April 19 Rally

Jammu, Apr. 15 : Sat Sharma CA, President Jammu and Kashmir BJP, along with General Secretary & MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, District President and local MLAs, chaired a district-level meeting in Katra, Reasi district, to discuss the upcoming rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to be held on April 19 at the Cricket Stadium, Katra.

urging the teams to extend every kind of help to the people coming to listen to PM Narendra Modi.

welfare, modern means of connectivity and communication.

Reasi Rohit Dubey, MLAs Baldev Raj Sharma and Kuldeep Dubey, North Region Railway Member Bharat Sharma, DDC Chairman Sarv Singh Nag,



administration to avoid hurdles and instructed the teams to stay in constant touch with booth-level workers to ensure maximum participation in the rally.

President Rohit Dubey highlighted the enthusiasm of the people of Reasi district and surrounding areas to welcome Prime Minister Modi. "This rally is not just an event, but a moment of pride for the people of Jammu & Kashmir, as PM Modi will also inaugurate a significant railway milestone connecting Kashmir," they stated.

BJP Publicity Secretary Ajay Vaid, former Katra Municipality Committee President Shashi Gupta,

Sat Sharma directed all district and mandal-level functionaries to also extend help to the general public, if required, to reach the venue.

"No citizen attending the rally should face any inconvenience," he said,

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CS for making joint efforts to cultivate land near IB

JAMMU, APRIL 15 : Chief Secretary, Atal Duloo, while chairing a joint meeting of Civil administration and Security forces, remarked that joint efforts by the Agriculture Production Department, concerned district administrations and security forces should be made to encourage the farmers to cultivate the land patches between the fence and International Border (IB).

The meeting, which was attended by Principal Secretary, APD; Principal Secretary, Home Department; IG, BSF; Deputy Commissioner, Kathua/Jammu/Samba/Poonch and Rajouri along with other officers was called to discuss different measures to help the farmers to take up these lands for cultivation.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the concerned to

encourage the farmers to cultivate all the arable land between the fence and International Border. He maintained that irrespective of the status of such lands these should be put to productive use to add to our local food basket.

He further made out that these farmers should be facilitated by the

assistance to these farmers so that all such fallow lands come into production from the next sowing season. He further directed the senior officers from Agriculture Department to visit these districts to take cognizance of the issues and resolve them on the spot in consultation with the district administration and the

Commissioners to do the prior ground work on the instant issue so that the obstacles are ironed out on the spot on the day of inspection.

On the occasion, a detailed assessment of land use between the International Border (IB) and the Border Security Fence was given by the IG,



Agriculture Department besides given assurances by the security forces about their security. He called upon them to give suitable advice to the farmers about the kind of food or fodder to be sown.

He also called for extending all the possible

security forces guarding the border there.

In his remarks, Principal Secretary, APD, Shailendra Kumar made out that the Department is ready to provide the necessary hand-holding to the farmers for cultivating these lands. He further advised the Deputy

BSF. He also flagged some demands of the locals for successful cultivation of these lands besides giving assurance on part of the forces that they would extend full cooperation to the locals for making productive use of these lands here in the UT.

JKEDI commences week long Management Development Programs in 15 districts of J&K

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR, APRIL 15: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today commenced Management Development Programs (MDP) in 15 districts of Jammu and Kashmir, under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme, an initiative launched by the Union Ministry of MSME.

The Management Development Programmes (MDPs) were inaugurated in the districts including Kathua, Kishtwar, Ramban, Reasi, Samba, Udhampur, Anantnag, Bandipora, Baramulla, Budgam, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Kupwara, Pulwama and Shopian, wherein 310 candidates are undergoing 30 hour long training program for six days.

At District Kishtwar, Samba and Bandipora, the MDPs were inaugurated by Rajesh Kumar Shavan, Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar and Rajesh Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Samba, and Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, District Development Commissioner, Bandipora respectively.

The MDPs at Kulgam, Shopian and Udhampur were inaugurated by Altaf

Ahmad Khan, ADDC Kulgam, Dr. Nasir Ahmad Lone, ADDC Shopian and Rajinder Singh, ADDC Udhampur respectively.

At Pulwama, Noushad Ahmad Rather, Joint Director, Planning /CPO Pulwama inaugurated the programme. At Ganderbal, the MDP was inaugurated by Gulzar Ahmad Khan, ADC Ganderbal.

At Kupwara, the MDP was inaugurated by Mumtaz Ahmad, ACR Kupwara while Mohammad Naseeb, SDM, Banihal, inaugurated the MDP at Ramban.

At Anantnag, Dilshada Akhtar, GM, DIC, Anantnag inaugurated the MDP while it was inaugurated by Dr. Ashwini, Assistant Director, MSME, Srinagar, at Budgam. The programme was inaugurated at Baramulla by Javid Ahmad Ganaie, Principal, ITI Baramulla.

These MDPs coordinated by JKEDI District Centres has participation from local MSMEs who will be provided with the real time know-how of running and managing the businesses. The programme will help the MSMEs of the area to enhance their skills and interact with the experts from different line depart-

ments.

The program aims to strengthen managerial, financial, and strategic skills of entrepreneurs and small business owners, empowering them to scale up operations, enhance competitiveness and create sustainable enterprises. This flagship initiative is being implemented in alignment with the broader objectives of the Government of India's RAMP program to bolster the MSME ecosystem.

The MDP curriculum has been meticulously designed by subject matter experts and includes modules on business planning, marketing strategies, digital tools, financial literacy, compliance, innovation, and leadership. The program also includes mentorship sessions, case studies and hands-on workshops to provide real-world insights.

Over the next six days, local entrepreneurs, MSME operators and the aspiring business leaders will engage with industry professionals, JKEDI faculty and certified trainers in an interactive learning environment. The simultaneous launch in 15 districts ensures equitable access to resources and training opportunities, particularly in remote and underdeveloped areas. The MDPs

under RAMP in the remaining five districts shall also commence shortly. Commenting on the simultaneous inauguration of 15 MDPs under the RAMP initiative, Director JKEDI, Khalid Jahangir, stated that the Ministry of MSME, GoI has approved eight interventions including MDPs under RAMP for J&K, for which the Industries and Commerce Department is the Nodal Agency.

In Jammu and Kashmir, Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance scheme is being implemented by the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO). The JKEDI has been assigned the responsibility of necessary capacity building interventions in the form of Management Development Programs (MDPs) and Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) for existing and aspiring entrepreneurs. A budgetary outlay of Rs. 4.17 crore has been approved for conduct of 334 MDPs across J&K in the year 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27, targeting 6672 MSME beneficiaries including 33 percent participation of women/SC/ST categories across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sakeena Itoe engages daily with scores of public delegations, individuals at Civil Secretariat

Initiative reflects Omar gov't's proactive administration, people-first policies

JAMMU, APRIL 15 : In her continued efforts towards ensuring transparent governance and prompt grievance redressal of public centric issues, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare,

issues. The Minister, who is holding crucial portfolios of Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare,

directions to the concerned departments for necessary action on the grievances raised.

While engaging with



School Education and Higher Education departments, during these interactions issues on the spot

these public delegations and individuals, Sakeena Itoe reaffirmed the commitment of government to

grassroots governance. "Public Darbars are a bridge between the administration and the people. It is our duty to ensure every voice is heard and genuine concerns are addressed promptly", she said.

She highlighted that this daily outreach program is a model of proactive administration and people-first governance, which is core idea of Omar Abdullah led government.

The Minister further said that all the departmental heads have been directed to maintain responsiveness towards public issues and ensure timely follow-ups on the matters raised during these sessions.

JKEDI District Centre hosts 6 Day Management Development program for MSMEs at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, APRIL 15 : The District Centre Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today started a 6-day (30-hour) Management Development Programme (MDP) for MSMEs units here under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme at JKEDI Udhampur today.

The programme was formally inaugurated by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajinder Singh.

Supported by the World Bank, the RAMP scheme is a flagship initiative aimed at strengthening the capabilities and performance of

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the Union Territory.

central and UT-level institutions for the development of the MSME sector.



The scheme focuses on enhancing market access, technology adoption, financial inclusion, and capacity building, while promoting greater synergy between

The training programme witnessed the participation of 20 local MSME units.

The initiative will provide entrepreneurs with practical insights into busi-

ness management, operational efficiency, and institutional support mechanisms. Participants will also benefit from interactive sessions with domain experts and officials from relevant departments.

Assistant Director, Mrs. Priyanka Gupta (JKAS) and DNO, JKEDI Sh. Yash Paul Sharma and other Officials from line department were present at the inauguration function.

The MDP under the RAMP scheme is a strategic step towards building a self-reliant MSME ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir, aligning with JKEDI's mission to bridge the developmental gap between UT-based enterprises and their national counterparts.