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GDCW, Kathua inks MoU with JKEDI to foster Innovation and entrepreneurship development among students

In a significant step towards promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and hands-on learning, Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), under the aegis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of the College. This collaboration is designed to empower students with the skills and resources needed to excel in the rapidly evolving fields of technology, innovation and start ups. The MoU signing was held at the Bari Brahmana campus of JKEDI and attended by key officials from both the institutions. The signatories were Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma (JKAS), Director JKEDI and Dr. Savi Behl, Principal, Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua. Speaking on the occasion, Director JKEDI said that the MoU shall aim at working together and focus their efforts on cooperation within the areas of entrepreneurship, skill based training, educational research and promotion of startup and innovation culture. The collaboration will promote more effective use of resources, and provide the institution with enhanced opportunities. JKEDI shall extend support for internships to students of the college, based on recommendations through proper channels subject to suitable positions and criteria fulfillment. The students shall also be trained in emerging technologies in order to bridge the skill gap and make them industry ready. Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) is dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship and self-employment in the region through training, research, and development activities. It aims to create a conducive ecosystem for entrepreneurship and innovation. Principal, GDCW, Kathua in her remarks said that the partnership is a significant stride to help the student community benefit by enhancing their skills and knowledge with regard to entrepreneurship, innovation and startups. This MoU shall offer the students enhanced opportunities to develop entrepreneurial skills and contribute to the region's economic growth. Both institutions will collaborate on faculty development programs, including workshops, seminars, and training sessions to enhance teaching methodologies and subject expertise. Dr. Inderjeet Kour, Convener, IQAC, Dr. Babita Mahajan, Associate Professor in Chemistry from GDCW Kathua and Mr. Zahid Ali Dar, Ms. Aparna Abrol from JKEDI were also present on the occasion. .





