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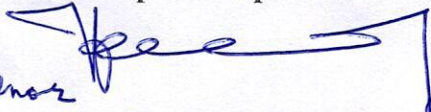
Sub:-Startup Boot Camp by JKEDI in Collaboration with GDC Handwara

Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) in Collaboration with **Entrepreneurship Development Cell GDC HANDWARA** organized a Startup Boot Camp at Government Degree College (GDC), Handwara as part of its broader "J&K Startup Idea Challenge" initiative under the J&K Startup Policy 2024-27 on **27 August 2025**. The event aimed to foster the entrepreneurial spirit among students of the college. Students from GDC Handwara were the primary attendees.

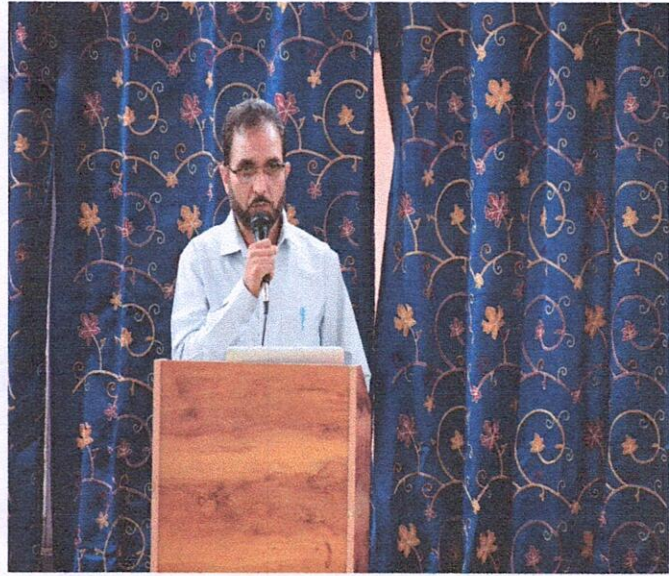
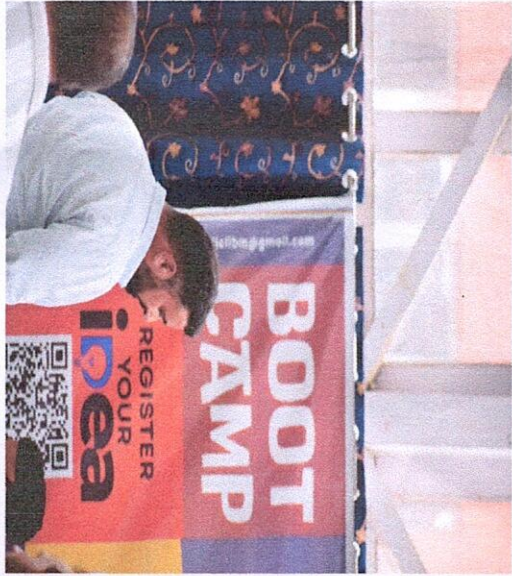
In his keynote address Worthy Principal of the college warmly welcomed the guests and impressed upon all that the event marks an important step in our collective journey toward fostering a culture of innovation, creativity, and self-reliance among the youth of our region. The world is rapidly changing, and the future belongs not just to job-seekers but to job-creators. This boot camp is designed to guide, inspire, and empower our students to think beyond conventional boundaries and take their first steps into the dynamic world of entrepreneurship. He stressed that such events exemplify a significant push to stir entrepreneurial passion among students in Jammu & Kashmir. Through a blend of policy education, practical idea pitches, mentorship, and ecosystem support, the initiative facilitates a transformative journey—from ideation to potentially launching successful ventures.

JKEDI representatives introduced students to the J&K Startup Policy, its objectives, and available opportunities for youth-led innovation. The session featured insights from a successful entrepreneur, Humera Ashiq, who shared her journey and catalyzed student motivation. During the event seven students presented their ideas before a panel or jury and received constructive feedback with three qualifying for the next round. Students and faculty members expressed keen interest in continued mentorship and entrepreneurial handholding.

The event was coordinated and facilitated by Prof Iftikhar Baheer Wani **Convenor Entrepreneurship Development Cell GDC HANDWARA**.


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