

J&K Bank MD & CEO chairs customer-meet in Kathua

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SRINAGAR: Healthy banker-customer relationship is the foundation of our mutual success and through these interactions we listen to you to serve you better and strengthen this bond further.

J&K Bank MD & CEO Baldev Prakash stated this today while chairing a customer-meet - held as part of the Bank's customer-outreach program to elicit feedback from clients - at Zonal Office (Kathua) in the presence of General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar, Zonal Head (Kathua) Sanjeev Kumar and other officers of the Bank.

During his interactions with the customers belonging to cross-section of society, MD & CEO further said, "These meetings enable us to apprise you about our initiatives that have been taken in recent past to improve the functioning of the Bank. During the last two years we have performed consistently



J&K Bank MD & CEO Baldev Prakash chairing customer meet at Kathua.

well and are on trajectory to meet our annual targets. Most importantly, the Bank is in the process of transforming itself into one of the country's digitally smarter financial institutions in coming times."

"I feel conversations like these have played a very important role in the achievement of our goals because we are able to incorporate the needs, expectations and grievances as part of customers' feedback into our plans. And let me tell you that your feedback always helps us not only to serve you better but progress ahead as

a healthier financial institution", he added.

MD & CEO gave a patient hearing to all the participants and assured them of addressing all the discussed issues within the regulatory framework.

Welcoming the participants at the meeting, the Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar highlighted the importance of Bank-Customer communication and underlined the importance of feedback for making Bank's products and services better to meet the customer expectations.

He said, "Under the present leadership, there has been major transformation in the outlook and operations of the Bank. We have set new benchmarks in our performance parameters like our highest ever annual profit during the last financial year along with major improvement in the key financial ratios. Also the Bank is adopting industry-best business practices and processes while making progress in extending world-class banking facilities through its state-of-the-art digital platforms." "One such recently

launched digital platform with 'Bank in Pocket' feel - Mpay Delight + - shall be rolling out additional features soon to become the most customer-friendly and feature-rich app for our customers", he added.

Earlier, voicing their support and cooperation for the Bank on the occasion, the participants congratulated the management for good performance of the Bank and appreciated its outreach program. While expressing their views and concerns in the meeting, the participants hoped that the Bank would respond positively to their feedback and meet their genuine expectations. They urged the Bank to continue such interactions in future so that the relationship keeps getting refreshed and stronger.

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks presented by the Zonal Head Sanjeev Kumar who expressed his gratitude to all the dignitaries and participants on the occasion.

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Cancer Conference '10Th Annual Crabecon 2023' inaugurated



Dignitaries at 10th Annual Crabecon 2023 conference in Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: Mega Cancer Conference organised by LBN Radiation of Hope in association with American Oncology Institute Jammu, Association of Radiation Oncologists of India, North Zone Chapter (NZ-AROI) and Indian Society of Clinical Oncology was inaugurated by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary GAD, Govt UT of J&K.

Conference Executive Chairman of the programme is the leading Radiation Oncologist Dr. Deepak Abrol and Director Academic ASCOMS delievered welcome address and praise American Oncology Institute for bringing Oncology services to Jammu.

The conference which begin on 6th Oct 2023 will conclude on 8th Oct 2023. The three day mega event is

going to witness workshops, symposiums, panel discussions, expert lectures and one to one discussions.

In addition to this, a free Cancer screening and General health check up camp was also organised in which 4 mobile buses were present. AOI Jammu team offered free tests and services like Mammography, Bone Densitometry, Pap Smear, PSA, and other lab tests along with free Oncology, Gynaecology, and general consultation at the camp. Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Dr. G.K Rath, Dr. Samer Koul, Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi (RCOO & AVP North AOI), Sanjeev Mishra (Zonal Director North AOI), Rayhan Husaini (Facility Director AOI Jammu) and Editor-in-Chief STATE TIMES, Raj Daluja.

GAD said that such type of conferences generate awareness among masses and help medical fraternity especially faculty to brushup their knowledge. He praised the organisers for arranging free medical services for people of Jammu. He also praised LBNROH trust for their consistency in organising such events.

Other important signatories present during inauguration were Kunwarani Ritu Singh, Dr. R.P Kudyar, Dr. G.K Rath, Dr. Samer Koul, Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi (RCOO & AVP North AOI), Sanjeev Mishra (Zonal Director North AOI), Rayhan Husaini (Facility Director AOI Jammu) and Editor-in-Chief STATE TIMES, Raj Daluja.

Union Minister visits Pulwama, inaugurates several projects

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PULWAMA: Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey on Saturday visited Pulwama as part of the Union Government's public outreach programme.

Dr. Basharat Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner, ADDC and senior officers of district administration were present on the occasion.

The visit was aimed at to reaffirm Central Government's commitment towards fostering collaboration and growth in the region.

Union Minister's visit commenced with an inaugural ceremony of projects followed by a review meeting held at Circuit House, Pulwama.

The projects inaugurated by the Union Minister included Water Supply Scheme at Chandgam and upgradation/strengthening of road from Nowdal bridge to



Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey during visit to Pulwama.

Sheikh Mohalla Arabal worth cumulative project cost of Rs 748 lakh. He also laid foundation stone for Government UPS Hajibal having project cost of Rs.110 Lakh.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner presented a comprehensive overview of the district offering a holistic perspective on its development status.

Union Minister had a meticulous department-wise review and examination of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, with an

unwavering emphasis on elevating the overall quality of life for the residents of Pulwama.

Union Minister, during an extensive review, expressed satisfaction over the progress achieved under all schemes with saturation of different schemes in the district. "The focus of the Centre is to ensure that the residents of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir get the best benefits and services, and Pulwama is faring very well on all parameters", Union Minister main-

tained. In a spirit of inclusivity and as part of public outreach programme, Union Minister met with various delegations representing Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Block Development Councils (BDCs), District Development Councils (DDCs) led by DDC Chairperson and youth delegation. The interactions were marked by constructive dialogue and exchange of ideas aimed at addressing the unique needs and aspirations of Pulwama's diverse population.

Following these productive discussion, Union Minister proceeded to the Administrative Complex Pulwama, wherein Panch PRAN Pledge was administered followed by a heart-warming felicitation ceremony conducted to honor the families of the brave Veers under the "Meri Maati Mera Desh" program. This touching gesture paid tribute to the unwavering dedication and sacrifices of

courageous individuals and their families, reaffirming the government's commitment to their well-being and recognition. The families of martyrs were presented mementos by the Union Minister as a symbol of profound gratitude and respect. Also, the students who had qualified for prestigious exams were honored by the Union Minister.

Later, Union Minister inspected stalls set up by various departments and felicitated the beneficiaries.

Union Minister also congratulated the public of Pulwama for their wholehearted participation in programs like Meri Maati Mera Desh, Swachhta hi Seva, Har Ghar Tiranga, Azadi Ka Amrit mohatsav.

In a move aimed at bolstering economic growth in the region, the Union Minister also visited industrial estate units at Lassipora, and had an insightful interaction with the unit holders of Pulwama.

First Annual Butterfly Festival begins in Environment Park-Raika

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JAMMU: The 1st Annual Butterfly Festival began on Saturday at Environment Park, Raika, Jammu, marking a vibrant celebration of the exquisite world of butterflies and the rich biodiversity of the region. The festival was organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Department of Ecology, Environment, and Remote Sensing (JKDEERS-ELACP Hub)

The event was launched by the Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu- Dr. BN Tripathi, as the Chief Guest. He appreciated the efforts of the department and the festival witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of approximately 500 participants. Among them were college students from Jammu region, esteemed academicians, and dedicated researchers, all eager to delve into the fascinating world of butterflies and explore the ecosystem they inhabit.

This inaugural festival aimed to shed light on the importance of the diverse flora and fauna of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, with a special focus on the fragile yet essential butterfly ecosystem. Dr Shaka Sharma Govt Degree College, Gandhinagar conducted the Butterfly trail and explained about their habitat by giving live examples , while Dr Neeraj Sharma delved into the intricacies of butterfly & moth differences and taught how to rear butterflies at home. The sessions engaged the audience with enlightening discussions on the significance of conserving the state's natural treasures.

The festival offered a platform for attendees to immerse themselves into educational sessions, and captivating exhibitions, all dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of butterflies and their vital role in our ecosystem. From butterfly-themed art and drawing competitions to informative lectures, participants had the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge about these delicate and beautiful creatures.

Dr. Majid Farooq, Scientist DEERS, expressed his gratitude to all the participants and highlighted the importance of such events in promoting environmental awareness and conservation efforts in the region. He stated, "The 1st Annual Butterfly Festival not only celebrates the enchanting world of butterflies but also serves as a reminder of our duty to protect and preserve the natural beauty of Jammu and Kashmir."

Ruchit Kumar, Accounts Officer, DEERS J&K also shared his views on this occasion and gave a brief description on butterflies. The result of an online painting competition was declared today in which Danish from KNIT, Jammu got 1st position, Mona Sharma from Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Jammu bagged second position & Saroosh Dajoo from GGHSS Kothibagh Srinagar got 3rd position.

The festival concluded with a renewed commitment to safeguarding the butterfly ecosystem and conserving the rich biodiversity of the state. Attendees left the event inspired, with a deeper appreciation for the delicate and vital role butterflies play in maintaining the balance of our natural world.

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NEW DELHI: Amidst global competition for hi-tech medical devices, India has emerged among the world's 5 top healthcare manufacturers, but at a much lesser cost, said Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today. India is manufacturing life-saving high-risk medical devices but the cost is just a fraction of the rest, he said.

The Minister was delivering the Inaugural Address at the 8th CAHOTECH, the Annual International Healthcare Technology Conference, organised by Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations (CAHO) in New Delhi.

Dr Jitendra Singh said the Medical Devices is considered as one of the sunrise sectors in the country and the Government under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership is taking every possible step to make India its manufacturing hub.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh delivering the Inaugural Address at 8th Annual International Healthcare Technology Conference, at New Delhi on Saturday.

"India is set to become the global hub of medical technology and devices with the market size estimated to grow up to US\$ 50 billion by 2050 from the present \$11 Bn (approximately, ₹ 90,000 Cr)," he said. "From a market share of 1.5 per cent, we hope to increase India's market share to 10-12 per cent over the next 25 years," he added.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, medical devices have been identified

as a priority sector by the Modi Government and it is committed to strengthen the indigenously manufacturing ecosystem.

"The National Medical Device Policy 2023 and the setting up of the Export-Promotion Council for Medical Devices are aimed at making India the medical devices manufacturing hub. Besides, 100% FDI under the automatic route for both Greenfield & Brownfield setups and

'Promotion of Medical Devices Parks' scheme serve to catalyse research and manufacturing. Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme has led to 43 critical Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) being produced within the country which were earlier imported from abroad," he said.

The Central Government is

supporting the setting up of 4 Medical Devices Parks in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. Under the PLI scheme for Medical Devices, till now, a total of 26 projects have been approved, with a committed investment of Rs.1,206 Cr and out of this, so far, an investment of Rs.714 Cr has been achieved. Out of the 26 projects, 14 projects producing 37 products have been commissioned and domestic manufacturing of high-end medical devices has started which include Linear Accelerator, MRI Scan, CT-Scan, Mammogram, C-Arm, MRI Coils, high end X-ray tubes, etc.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, technologies such as the ones developed by the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, like the artificial heart valve, hydrocephalus shunt, oxygenator and drug eluting intra uterine device are being manufactured only in the US, Japan, Brazil and China.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, with the handholding of Technology Development Board (TDB), Panacea Medical Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore last year launched India's first most advanced & innovative SBRT enabled Linear Accelerator (LINAC), SiddharthII, capable of performing treatment modalities like 3DCRT, VMAT, IMRT, SBRT and SRS. He said, this is only the third brand in the world which is ready for the market beside two global giants UK and Japan.

Failure to produce detention record on two consecutive dates HC expresses displeasure, directs personal appearance of Div Com, Jammu

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JAMMU: In a significant order, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh (Jammu Wing) has directed the personal appearance of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu along with the detention record of the petitioner on the next date of hearing-October 12, 2023 as the counsel appearing for the Financial Commissioner (Home) J&K Govt; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu and SSP Kishtwar failed to produce the record of detention on two consecutive dates, thereby delaying the consideration of the case. These directions were passed in a Habeas Corpus Petition filed by the detainee Salman Sajjad, son of Sajjad Hussain, resident of Umar Mohalla, Kishtwar presently lodged in District Jail, Kishtwar who is booked by the Divisional commissioner, Jammu vide order No. PITNDPS 31 of 2022 dated October 20, 2022. When this matter came up for hearing, Adv. Sayed Majid Shah appearing for the petitioner submitted that the court orders have been taken casually by the Detaining Authority-Divisional Commissioner, Jammu as despite the categoric directions for production of Detention Record from the last two consecutive dates, even today the time is sought by the counsel for the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu and this shows that the senior functionaries of the UT Administration have no respect for the orders of

the court. Advocate Sayed Majid Shah further submitted that the detainee is going to complete the detention period on October 21,2023 and after few days, the petition will be rendered infructuous and the delay in the disposal of the petition is due to the dilatory tactics adopted by the detaining authority by not producing the detention record which has resulted in considerable delay in the disposal of the petition involving personal liberty of the detainee. Government Advocates Bhamu Jasrotia and Irfan Inqlabi appearing for the UT Administration and Divisional Commissioner, Jammu sought one more opportunity to produce the Detention Record as per previous orders of the court.

After taking a serious view of the matter, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani while expressing anguish over the non-compliance of the court orders observed, "Perusal of the record of the proceedings would reveal that the learned counsel for the respondents came to be directed on two previous dates to produce the detention record which, however, has not been produced even today, thus delaying consideration and disposal of the instant Habeas Corpus Petition".

With these serious observations, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani directed Divisional Commissioner, Jammu to appear in person along with the detention record of the petitioner on the next date of hearing i.e October 12, 2023.