Around 150 militants waiting at launchpads across LoC: BSF

Dr Jitendra inaugurates India's first-ever 'Biopolymer' facility, stride towards global role

PUNE: Making yet another stride towards making India a global player in economy and a frontline player in ensuring greener and cleaner planet, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (I/C) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh today inaugurated India's Demonstration Facility for "Biopolymers" at Jejuri near here today. The facility has been developed by Praj Industries

Addressing the audience, Dr Jitendra Singh said, 'First-of-its-kind Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers in India' is a pioneering effort in developing indigenously integrated technology for the production of Polylactic Acid (PLA) bioplastic. This marks a pivotal development for India's com-

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SRINAGAR: The three day

workshop 'Valley Urocon

Department of Urology and

Renal Transplant Centre,

Government Medical College

(GMC) Srinagar concluded

on Sunday with resolve to

involve latest technology and

more patient oriented com-

The workshop showcasing

GMC Srinagar's leadership in

advancing urological care and

education in the region, was a

major success wherein 31

critical interventional proce-

dures were conducted by

National, international and

The three day workshop

focussed on advanced mini-

mally invasive and endo-uro-

logical techniques for address-

ing complex urological condi-

tions. Expert faculty from

premier institutions like

AIIMS, AINU, PGI, and

SMS Jaipur guided the event,

during which 31 challenging

urological procedures were

successfully performed using

The Valley Urocon 2/2024

also served as an exceptional

platform for both theoretical

learning and practical experi-

ence, enabling participants to

deepen their understanding of

state-of-the-art methods.

local health experts.

organised by



eco-friendly alternatives, crucial for addressing the global plastic pollution crisis.' Speaking about India's advancement in the field of science and technology, he said, "India has emerged as a highly alluring destination on a global scale, propelled by Minister Prime Narendra Modi's visionary endeavour to establish the country as "Atmanirbhar".

Our Bioeconomy has grown

more than \$150 billion in

2023, and is expected to

achieve \$300 billion by

the latest developments in

urology. The hands-on nature

of the workshop ensured that

attendees could refine their

skills and stay abreast of best

The workshop was attended

by reputed luminaries includ-

ing Prof Amlesh Seth, Prof

Rajeev Kumar, Dr Rishi

Nayyar from AIIMS, Prof

PN Dogra AIIMS, Prof

Anoop Kumar from Safdar

jung Hospital, Prof Ganesh

Gopal Krishna from CME

Vellore, Prof Mallika C

Arjuna, Dr Syed Gouse

AINU Hyderabad, Prof

Rajeev Sood VC Baba Farid

University Punjab, Prof

Shailesh Raina from Jaslok

hospital, Prof Lalit Shah

President USI, Prof Kander

parikh , Dr Abhishek singh

from Ahmedabad , Prof

Shivam , Prof Amilal bhat

from SMS Jaipur, Prof

practices in the field.

The emphasis on Green Growth in the Union Budget (2023-2024): Prime Minister from fossil-based plastics to Narendra Modi's vision to make India a 'Net Zero' carbon economy and Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)' launched by the PM in October 2022. This will also enable dual goals of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and

'Make-in India' with a foun-

dational focus on biosafety,

ethics and inclusive growth.

He emphasised that the

Union has approved the

BioE3 (Biotechnology for

Economy, Environment and

Employment) Policy of DBT.

The BioE3 Policy is an

important step forward

towards sustainable growth

Swapon sood from Jallander,

Prof Ashok Sharma, Prof

Anil Allince from Rajasthan,

Prof S K Paul from Delhi,

Prof Sudhir Rawal Rajeev

Gandhi from Delhi, Prof

Baldev Singh Allok Punjab

Prof SP Yadav Meerut, Prof

Anil Varbeshy, Dr Ashish

saini and Dr Sanjay Pandey

The three day workshop was

also attended by Prof Muneer

Khan, Prof Saleem Wani,

Prof Arif Hamid, Prof Elias

sharma, Dr Rahul gupta, Dr

Naveed khan, Dr Javeed

Magray , Dr Yasir Qadri , Dr

Tanveer Iqbal and Prof Syed

Sajjad Nazir, all leaders in

the field of Urology from

The three day work shop

brought together health

experts from across the coun-

try to deliberate on various

issues in the field and to dis-

Jammu and Kashmir.

from Mumbai.

Three day workshop 'Valley Urocon 2/2024'

in the backdrop of climate change, depleting non-renewable resources and unsustainable waste generation.

Dr Jitendra Singh further said. "India now ranks 12th in the world in biotech and 3rd in Asia-pacific. We are the largest vaccine manufacturer and the 3rd largest Startup ecosystem," adding, the Biotech ecosystem in the country is emerging at a rapid pace with the setting up of 95 bio incubators and increasing numbers of Biotech Startups. The Biotech Startups have experienced remarkable growth, increasing from just about 50 in 2014 to over 8,500 in 2023. The rise of Biotech

cuss various developments in

the field besides sharing

thoughts, experiences, best

The inaugural function was

graced by Secretary Health

and Medical Education, Dr.

Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, who

praised GMC Srinagar and

its Urology department for

organising UROCON 2/2024,

a conference of international

standard and impressed upon

the participants for use of lat-

est technology in the field and

He also called for organising

such programs regularly as

they provide a stage for expe-

rience exchange, interaction

and knowledge enhancement.

Principal / Dean GMC

Srinagar and Chief patron of

the conference, Dr. Iffat

Hassan complimented the

Department of Urology for its

commitment towards deliver-

ing cutting-edge technology

and advanced care to patients.

She underscored GMC

Srinagar's dedication for

remaining at the forefront of

medical innovation for the

Srinagar and Patron URO-

CON 2-2024, Dr. Syed Sajjad

Nazir, expressed pride in the

successful execution of the

workshop, highlighting that

Urology GMC

benefit of local population.

upgradation of skills.

practices and success stories.

nerships between industry,

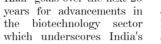
future economy. These efforts place India at the

forefront of the global bio-

plastics movement, showing

more sustainable future.

academia, and government, he said, it is crucial for translating innovative ideas into real-world solutions and fostering innovation through research and development. This facility symbolises a new chapter for India's bioeconomy. It showcases our ability to lead in technological innovation and offers a sustainable pathway to reducing Environmental impact. He concluded by saying, "It is time for broader synergy among all professions to achieve the "Amrit Kaal" goals over the next 25 potential as a global player in



high volume of cases had been performed using advanced minimally invasive techniques.

for the conference. He also appreciated the role of Administrator Associated Hospitals Mohammad Ashraf Hakak during conduct of workshop. Dean Research AIIMS New

Delhi, Prof Dr Koushal Verma, in his address, complimented GMC Srinagar for organising such a conference. The major procedures done

stricture repair.

Former HOD Urology SKIMS, Prof Baldev Singh Wazir was awarded life time achievement award during the

concludes this was the first time such a

He emphasized the critical role of incorporating advanced technology in improving patient outcomes and elevating the standard of care. He expressed gratitude to Principal GMC for tremendous logistic support provided

during the workshop included Lap Radical cystectomy with extra corporeal ileal conduit. lap partial Nephrectomy, Lap Radical Nephrectomy, Lap Ureteric rein plantation, RIRS, Sacral Neuro modulation, PCNL, Holep, Tholep, Rezum, Lap Pyeloplasties, Hypospedius and urethral



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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, MLA East Constituency, along with Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Department of Culture & School Education, on Sunday inaugurated the International Exhibition & Workshop 'Valley City' at Kala Kendra, Bikram Chowk, Jammu.

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The three-day event, organized by Kala Kendra Society, Jammu, in collaboration with Art Express, Gujarat, will showcase a variety of artworks from national and international artists, promoting cultural exchange and creativity.

In his address, Yudhvir Sethi highlighted the importance of art and culture in fostering unity and creativity among people. He stated, Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has seen a renewed emphasis on promoting art and culture across the nation. The government has initiated various schemes and programs to ensure that artists receive the recognition and support they deserve. This exhibition is a testament to our commitment to nurturing the rich cultural heritage of our country."

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, several initiatives have been launched to help artisans and craftsmen. Projects like RamMandir inAyodhya, $_{
m the}$ Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, and

Gupta, Prpl Secy, Department of Culture inaugurating International Art Exhibition & Workshop at Kala Kendra. beautification ofbringing people together. Kedarnath show our com-He encouraged artists to mitment to India's culture. keep expressing their cre-The Aatmanirbhar Bharat ativity. Centre for Design trains

Yudhvir Sethi, MLA East Constituency along with Suresh

He also assured full support to Kala Kendra in near future.

artisans and promotes

Indian crafts worldwide.

The government's goal is to

empower local craftsmen

and give their work an

international platform," he

Priya Sethi, former minister also praised the organizers and congratulated the Art Express team from Gujarat and Kala Kendra Jammu for putting together this wonderful event.

The former Minister lauded Babita Hada for her endeavor for curating this

Suresh Kumar Gupta, also appreciated the initiative. He highlighted the importance of such events in pro-

moting art and culture and

KK Gandhi, a globally famous artist from Jammu also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Javaid Rahi, Secretary of Kala Kendra Society,

Jammu, delivered the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to MLA Yudhvir Sethi for sparing his valuable time for this event. The exhibition will be open

to the public from 11 AM to 5 PM daily, and visitors will have the opportunity to participate in workshops conducted by renowned artists. The event aims to provide a platform for artistic expression and exchange of ideas.

The inauguration was attended by art enthusiasts, dignitaries, and members of the public, who praised the efforts of Kala Kendra Society and Art Express for organizing this significant cultural event.

JKPSA vows to fight to streamline defunct education system for survival private school owners

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KATHUA: A meeting was held under the banner of the Jammu Kashmir Private Association (JKPSA) , Jammu before the formation of popular government in JKUT after 5

Members of different schools briefed about the problems which have triggered for the private schools due to the unauthorized private schools viz pre primary, toddlers, franchisee and unrecognized schools established at every nook and corner. Schools which have very low enrollment and functioning in the remotest areas are the worst sufferer, they added.

President of the association, Ajay Gupta while speaking said to the members that government of erstwhile State of J&K issued the Jammu & Kashmir School Education



JKPSA President Ajay Gupta talking to reporters.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by the section 29 of the Act, Department of school Education before the creation of JKUT issued SRO 123 of 2010, SRO 292 of 2018 and which were challenged and stayed by the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir. But after the creation of JKUT officials at the helm issued circular 02 -SED of 2022, SO 177 of 2022, SO

thetical presumptions without knowing the logical end of the small schools which had been established in the far flung and the remotest areas of Jammu & Kashmir. No one was accountable as government has failed to provide single window, online and time bound mechanism to ease the work of private schools," Ajay Gupta said.

Ajay Gupta appealed to the

till new popular government is formulated.

"We will oppose corruption and hypocrisy. We will fight with the tooth and nails to streamline the defunct education system of Jammu & Kashmir for survival of small private school owners who are solely dependent on this venture and are rendering yeomen services after charging meager amount," Ajay Gupta said.

The prominent who attended the meeting included Sat Paul Mansotra (General Secretary JKPSA), Gaurav Charak (Publicity Secretary JKPSA), Dr. M M Sharma, Ram Parkash Sharma, Er. Narersh Kumar, Yash Paul Badval, Parveen Kosar, Jasbir Singh, Ankur Arora, Chain Singh, Lawanya Sharma, Khullar, Romi Surinder Kumar, Vivek Mehra, Rajesh Kumar, Pardeep Sharma and Kushal

World Thrombosis Day 2024

Jammu Vascular Society organizes scientific session on Pulmonary embolism



Members of Jammu Vascular Society and other dignitaries posing for a photograph.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Continuing with the aim regarding promotion Vascular surgery in Jammu region Jammu Vascular Society organized a scientific session today on ever increasing clinical problem of thrombosis/clots in patients commemorating the World Thrombosis Day.

The meeting was attended by the members of the Jammu Vascular Society

and invited distinguished faculty and focused on presentation and discussion regarding a very important clinical condition Pulmonary Embolism a dreaded complication of Venous Thrombosis (VTE) with ways and means of early diagnosis, management and indication regarding newer techniques of interventions.

Dr Mohan Lal, Senior Cardiologist, was the moderator for the session. Members of the Jammu Vascular Society, Dr Noor Ali, Dr Ishtayak Ahmad Mir, Dr Rahul Gupta (Pulmonologist), Dr Mohit Arora, Dr Vivek Gandotra, Dr Javed Bandey, Dr Rouf Gul, Dr Bhumika Gupta, Dr Anil Sharma, Dr Nadeem along with invited guests and residents participated in

the scientific session. Dr Tarun Grover, Director Vascular surgery Medantathe Medicity Gurgaon presented the keynote lecture on "Pulmoanry embolism Prevention and Response actions" highlighting the need of a team comprising of Intensivists, CT Vascular

Cardiologists Pulmonologist and Critical care specialist for efficient management of this dreaded

He showcased the new technology of systems /devices/ thrombectomy systems for treating Pulmonary embolism which are minimally invasive and cut down the incidence of risk during surgical interventions.

Dr Bhumika Gupta presented the management of DVT and current status of Newer Oral anticoagulants(NOACS) for the management of VTE and PAD The session was followed by discussion about management of these.

Convenor of the Society, Dr Arvind Kohli thanked all panelists, presenters and participants for their views in the meeting. He said that it was to bring to attention that we should have eyes open to thrombosis which is a silent killer and 1 in 4 people worldwide are dying from conditions caused by throm-

Hence its important to prevent thrombosis by following certain heatlh related tips,

like walking a lot and keeping one self hydrated maintaining healthy weight and avoiding prolonged immobility Patients with high risk of developing thrombosis like blood thickening (altered Rheology) should seek early diagnosis of this serious condition and subsequent management, he added.

There has been rapid advances in management of thrombosis with latest modalities of diagnostic modalities and medicines like Newer oral anticoagulants which are effective and patient friendly. Further there is ever increasing development in field of vascular interventions like mechanithrombectomy (Penumbra Lightening and

Angioiet) which are efficient Clot Busters which the consultants should use judiciously to take care of clot/thrombus at earliest to prevent complications ,danger to life and to improve the quality of life and prevent the patient going into morbidity, he added.

Dr Kohli thanked Bayers for supporting this academic

Int'l Day for Disaster Risk Reduction observed

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BARAMULLA: An informative program was organized at the Government Degree College Uri to mark the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction. The event, presided over by Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Uri, Javid Ahmad Rather, aimed at raising awareness about disaster risks, reduction strategies, and mitigation efforts in the region.

The program was attended by a wide array of participants, including government officials, students, civil socie-



members, lumberdars, chowkidars, personnel from the Fire and Emergency Department, volunteers from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and Civil Defence. Their participation highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in disaster preparedness.

In his address, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Uri emphasized the need for proactive measures in disaster risk management and the critical role of education in

building resilient communities. He announced that similar awareness programs would be conducted across educational institutions to further engage students in disaster preparedness

Expert speakers shed light on various aspects of disaster risk and management, with a special focus on the region's vulnerability to both natural and man-made disasters. They highlighted the significance of preemptive measures, early warning systems, and community-level readiness to minimize damage and

loss of life during disasters. The event also included a

practical demonstration, where participants were guided through rescue techniques and disaster response strategies. A table-top exercise further illustrated the importance of coordinated response efforts in crisis situations. The program was widely appreciated for its focus on community safety and for providing practical insights into disaster management. Participants left the event better informed and prepared to tackle potential disasters in their respective roles.