

LG Kavinder hails role of Admin, security forces, citizens in maintaining Ladakh's peace

Asks officials for vigilance, coordination to sustain peace, order

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LEH: In a significant development reflecting the return of peace and stability, the Union Territory of Ladakh has witnessed complete restoration of normalcy with uninterrupted internet services, smooth functioning of educational institutions, and resumption of public transport and other civic activities, as restrictions in Ladakh have been lifted in view of the people's cooperation and responsible behavior.

Chairing a high-level security review meeting here today, the Lieutenant Governor, Kavinder Gupta, expressed satisfaction over the prevailing calm and order across the Union Territory. He commended the efforts of the civil and police administration, security forces, and the people of Ladakh for their collective role in maintaining peace and harmony.

The Lt Governor said that the people of Ladakh have



LG Kavinder Gupta chairing a meeting at Leh on Thursday.

shown exemplary patience and unity during recent challenging times. He stressed that their spirit of cooperation has been instrumental in quickly restoring normal life across the region. "The restoration of normal life is a clear reflection of the people's faith in the administration's commitment to ensuring safety, stability, and inclusive growth," he said.

Highlighting the deep-rooted sense of nationalism among the people, the Lt Governor observed, "Ladakhis are

among the most patriotic citizens of our nation, who have always stood shoulder to shoulder with the rest of the country in safeguarding national interests." Urging the people to continue contributing to the region's progress, Kavinder Gupta called upon all sections of society to work with renewed energy for the development and prosperity of Ladakh. He reiterated the administration's commitment to ensuring equitable growth across all sectors - education, health, infrastructure, and

employment - with special focus on youth empowerment and sustainable tourism.

The Lt Governor also assured that the administration remains fully committed to addressing public concerns and ensuring that every measure taken is people-centric and transparent.

Kavinder Gupta further urged citizens to remain vigilant, continue supporting law and order, and actively participate in the development initiatives being undertaken by the administration to ensure a

prosperous and secure future for Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Director General of Police Dr. S.D. Singh Jamwal, DIG CRPF P.R. Jambolkar, Deputy Commissioner Leh, Senior Superintendent of Police Leh; CO 79 -Sanjay Kumar and other senior officials.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to maintain close coordination and remain vigilant to sustain the peaceful environment and ensure continued public convenience.



Flute recital by Pt. Santosh Sant enchants audience at Panjvaktar Mahadev Mandir

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JAMMU: Panjvaktar Mahadev Mandir on Thursday hosted a mesmerizing evening of soulful music as the internationally acclaimed flautist Pt. Santosh Sant, captivated the audience with his divine flute recital.



The classical music event, organized by Panjvaktar Mahadev Mandir in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, filled the temple premises with divine melodies, creating an atmosphere of serenity and spiritual bliss.

Accompanied by Harshita Giri on flute and Neeraj Verma on tabla, Pandit Santosh Sant is the son of Late Pandit Vasantrao Sant, a well-known vocalist of the ancient Gwalior Gharana. He initially received training from his father and later honed his skills under Shriram Umedkar, a distinguished sitar maestro from Gwalior. His musical journey beautifully combines the traditional essence of Indian classical music with a contemporary, innovative approach.

Pandit Santosh Sant is also the Founder-Director of "Swaravenu Gurukul," an institution devoted to promote the rich tradition of bamboo flute music globally

while nurturing young talent under Guru-Shishya Parampara. Over the years, he has been honoured with numerous awards including the Gold Medal from the Department of Culture, GoI, and Pt. Bhimsen Joshi National Award, as well as titles such as "Surmani" and "Venu-Shree," reflecting his exceptional contributions to classical music.

The event, part of the temple's ongoing cultural series, drew an enthusiastic response from devotees, musicians and art lovers. The Mandir has steadily emerged as a vibrant center of cultural excellence, uniting the rich traditions of Indian classical arts with spiritual devotion.

In recent months, it has hosted several acclaimed

programs, including Sawan Mahotsav, soulful bhajan recitals and graceful Kathak performances, offering a unique space where art and faith beautifully converge.

Suresh Kumar Sharma, Receiver of the temple, said, "Panjvaktar Mahadev Mandir, a historic center of spirituality, continues to bring people closer to their roots through music. Today's performance by Pt. Santosh Sant was another milestone in this effort. We are grateful for his divine artistry and look forward to more such inspiring events."

The Panjvaktar Mahadev Mandir Committee expressed gratitude to all attendees, making the evening a memorable celebration of music, culture and devotion.

Rahul Sahai meets with Indian Ambassador to Czech Republic at 66th MSV International Engineering Trade Fair



Chairman ICC J&K Rahul Sahai along with others at trade fair in Czech Republic.

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CZECH REPUBLIC: Rahul Sahai, Chairman of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Jammu & Kashmir, represented Jammu & Kashmir as part of the official Indian Delegation at the 66th MSV International Engineering Trade Fair in Brno, Czech Republic - one of Europe's most prestigious industrial exhibitions showcasing global

advancements in engineering, automation, and manufacturing.

Sahai was an official guest from India and part of a distinguished business delegation comprising industry leaders from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Bengaluru, Kerala, Mumbai, and Abu Dhabi.

The visit was facilitated by the Czech Embassy in New Delhi and warmly received by

the Indian Embassy in Prague.

A key highlight of the visit was Sahai's interaction with Ravish Kumar, Ambassador of India to the Czech Republic, who hosted a special Hi Tea and meeting for the Indian delegation at the Indian Embassy in Prague.

During their exchange, Rahul Sahai apprised the Ambassador of the industrial potential and investment

opportunities in Jammu & Kashmir, and invited Czech companies to explore collaborations in manufacturing, packaging, automotive components, and green energy and technology transfer.

Rahul Sahai commended the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for transforming India's industrial landscape and appreciated the remarkable progress in J&K under Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, now being further advanced by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his cabinet.

As Chairman of ICC Jammu J&K and head of the Sahai Group of Companies, Rahul Sahai continues to drive industrial growth, MSME empowerment, and international partnerships, positioning Jammu & Kashmir on the global trade and investment map.

Multiple elections incompatible with nation's growth, development: Dr Jitendra

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JAMMU: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, addressing a programme titled "Students for One Nation One Election" at the University of Jammu (JU), strongly advocated for simultaneous elections across India, calling them essential for consistent national development and effective governance.

Dr. Singh argued that the current practice of frequent elections disrupts governance, leads to policy paralysis, and results in a significant drain on financial and human resources. He said the continuous electoral cycle encourages the culture of freebies, opportunism, and distracts political parties from governance. "Such haphazard elections also tend to corrupt the voter," he



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the Student/ Youth Leaders' Conference at Jammu University of Jammu.

remarked.

He cited global examples like the United States, where elections are held at fixed intervals. Even during critical moments-such as the assassination of President John F. Kennedy or the resignation of President Richard Nixon-no midterm elections were held. Instead,

the Vice Presidents took over and served out the remainder of the terms, thereby preserving electoral stability.

Dr. Singh stressed that the time has come to implement the concept of "One Nation, One Election", describing it as a transformative electoral reform.

He referred to the report

submitted by the committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind, which found that over 80% of citizens support simultaneous elections. The committee gathered extensive public and expert feedback, analysing both benefits and challenges.

He pointed out that political parties opposing this reform often do so due to narrow, vested interests. "The current electoral cycle diverts attention from development. Political energy is channelled more into securing electoral victories than delivering good governance," he stated.

Calling on students to engage with and study the issue, Dr. Singh said youth are the key drivers of change. "History is witness that revolutions are born out of student movements," he

said, highlighting that over 70% of India's population is under 40 and will be future policymakers and leaders of Viksit Bharat.

He also praised the Modi government's efforts in democratising opportunities for youth, citing schemes like Startup India, Stand Up India, and PM SvaNidhi Yojana. He lauded the rise of women entrepreneurs and startups from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.

The Mudra Yojana, he added, is empowering small enterprises by providing loans up to Rs 10 lakh, fostering employment and self-reliance.

Dr. Singh concluded by encouraging students to be informed opinion makers and play an active role in shaping India's democratic and developmental journey.

Yudhvir Sethi holds Public Darbar, listens to public grievances



MLA Yudhvir Sethi listening to public grievances.

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JAMMU: MLA Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, held a Public Darbar at Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni, Jammu, to listen to the grievances and issues of local residents.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from people representing different localities, who raised concerns related to civic amenities, infrastructure, and public welfare schemes.

The Public Darbar was attended by Ex-Corporator Dr. Akshay Sharma, Sudesh Sadhotra, BJP Majalta Mandal President Shiv

Kumar Sharma, Asha Gupta, Girdhari, and several prominent social activists and party workers.

The participants interacted directly with the MLA, apprising him of various developmental needs including drainage improvement, sanitation, water supply, and road maintenance. Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said that such public interactions are an important platform to understand and address the real issues faced by citizens at the grassroots level.

"Our aim is to ensure that every voice is heard and every

genuine grievance is resolved in a time-bound manner," he said.

He assured the people that all genuine concerns brought to his notice would be taken up with the concerned departments for prompt redressal.

Sethi further emphasized that the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is fully committed to the welfare of common citizens through various public-friendly schemes and development projects.

The MLA also urged the public to actively participate in community development activities to make Jammu East a cleaner and better place to live. He reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring transparent governance and continuous development in every part of the Jammu East constituency. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, and residents appreciated Yudhvir Sethi for his proactive approach and accessibility in addressing people's issues directly.

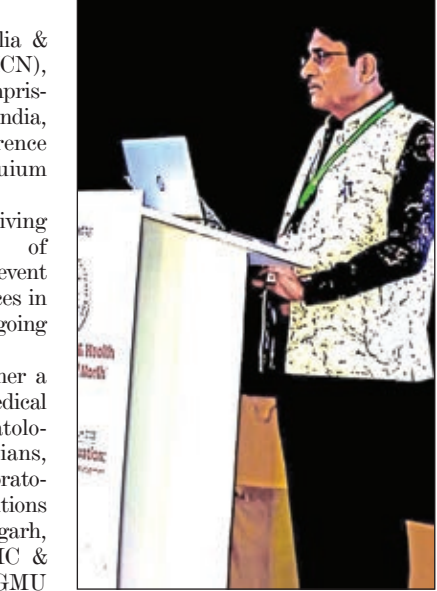
HHCN organises 'The Inhibitors Colloquium 2025' on Haemophilia in New Delhi

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NEW DELHI: The Haemophilia & Health Collective of North (HHCN), a nationally registered body comprising senior doctors from across India, organized a landmark conference titled "The Inhibitors Colloquium 2025" at Aerocity, New Delhi.

Held under the theme "Driving Innovation: A New Era of Haemophilia Management," the event aimed to spotlight recent advances in haemophilia care and address ongoing challenges in its treatment.

The conference brought together a distinguished gathering of medical professionals including haematologists, paediatricians, physicians, pathologists, and experts in laboratory medicine from premier institutions such as AIIMS, PGI Chandigarh, MAMC, Lady Hardinge, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, KGMU Lucknow, GMC Srinagar, and others. It also featured the presence of officials from the National Health Mission (NHM) and faculty from across India.

A major highlight of the event was the participation of Prof. Johny Mahlangu, Director of the Haemophilia Comprehensive Care



Centre at University Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa. Prof. Mahlangu, also President of the South African Society of Haematology and the South African Medical Association, delivered an insightful lecture on rebalancing haemostasis using anti-TFPI therapies, such as mAb2021.

He also participated in a panel discussion on Non-Factor Therapies (NFTs) and their clinical application.

Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Kaul, President of HHCN and former Professor & Head, Department of Pathology, GMC Jammu, inaugurated the conference and welcomed the delegates. In his keynote address, Dr. Kaul spoke about transformative developments in haemophilia treatment over the past decade, particularly in non-factor therapies like Emicizumab, used for Haemophilia A patients with or without inhibitors. He also discussed upcoming innovations such as Concizumab and Fitusiran, highlighting their potential as haemostatic rebalancing agents. However, he also stressed the challenges these therapies pose, including laboratory monitoring issues, management of breakthrough bleeds, and ensuring equitable access.

Dr. Naresh Gupta, Chairperson of HHCN and former Director-Professor of Medicine at MAMC, provided an overview of HHCN's initiatives and moderated a dynamic panel on addressing the aspirations of people with haemophilia. He emphasized the need for policy alignment, innova-

tion, and outreach to ensure quality care for all patients.

Other key sessions covered a wide range of topics such as evolving lab practices for NFTs, unmet needs in treatment delivery, limitations of current therapies, and the transition from vial-based treatments to pen-based administration. The conference also discussed how innovation is reshaping the landscape of haemophilia care in India.

The event reflects HHCN's ongoing commitment to high-quality and accessible haemophilia care. Notably, the organization recently held the Haemophilia Summit in Leh and Kargil as part of the "Ladakh Health Dialogue 2025," with full support from the UT Administration of Ladakh.

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Kaul reaffirmed HHCN's mission to ensure "Treatment for all, One country one treatment, and a disability-free future for people with haemophilia."

The conference ended with a vote of thanks and closing remarks by Dr. Naresh Gupta, who praised the efforts of all participants in advancing the collective goal of improved haemophilia care in India.

DHSJ launches Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0

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JAMMU: Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0 was launched on Thursday by Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar in the presence of senior functionaries of Health Department and staff members of the Health Services Directorate, office of Chief Medical Officer Jammu, State Tuberculosis Office, Veneriology and Leprosy and Divisional Nodal Officer, National Tobacco Control Programme.

A presentation was given by the Nodal Officer explaining the Campaign strategies and targets to be achieved during the campaign. The guests also took the No Tobacco Pledge and committed to spread awareness regarding the ill effects of Tobacco use in their circles.

The programme ended with a signature campaign led by the Director Health Services in presence of Deputy Director Dentistry, Chief Medical Officer Jammu, Joint Director Planning, State Malariologist, Assistant Director HEB, State Venerologist, Medical Officer MMU, Zonal Leprosy Officer & several senior Officers and their support staff.



The objective of the campaign is to reduce tobacco use in the community by creating awareness regarding its harmful effects, sensitizing people about the laws regulating its use, providing avenues for tobacco cessation at the grassroots level and making the villages tobacco free where the majority of our rural population resides.