

# LG reviews National TB elimination programme in J&K



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha reviewing status of National TB elimination programme in J&K.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday reviewed the status of National TB elimination program in J&K, at Civil Secretariat here.

Chairing the meeting, the Lt Governor observed that while there is a National Strategic Plan to assist States/UTs, the districts also need to focus on far-flung areas to completely eliminate TB before the 2025 deadline.

The Lt Governor said that Detect-Treat-Prevent-Build is a proven successful strategy and directed the Deputy Commissioners for convergence of various health-related public outreach campaigns to address TB and drug menace.

There are thousands of families scarred by drug addiction, and the government is determined to purge the drug epidemic, the Lt Governor maintained.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to organize Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities on the symptoms of tuberculosis, and motivate people to get a confirmatory test for TB for early detection and timely treatment to reduce the TB mortality rate.

He asked the concerned officers of UT administration to involve Youth Clubs, diligent NGOs, and private labs for effective and timely notification of TB cases.

The Lt Governor further directed that the financial assistance allocation for TB patients should reach their bank accounts through DBT. The officials were also instructed to ensure adequate nutrition for all TB patients through Nikshay Poshan Yojna (NPY).

The health department has been directed for holding a review meeting on TB elimination strategy and status of

cases every month. Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department gave a detailed briefing on the district-wise TB case notification, treatment success rate, TB elimination strategies and ways to improve elimination.

He informed that Budgam has already achieved the status of TB free district, while Udhampur has received Bronze Medal under Sub-National Certification Claim in 2020, awarded on World TB Day this year.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Ch Mohd Yasin, Mission Director, National Health Mission J&K, senior officers from Health department, and Deputy Commissioners attended the meeting in person and through video conferencing.



# Specialised training to enhance & upgrade investigating skills of IOs: DGP



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh chairing a training programme.

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JAMMU: A three-day specialised training programme for officers of Jammu and Kashmir Police, organised in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), concluded on Friday at Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground Jammu. Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh was the Chief Guest during the valedictory function while Special DG Crime A K Choudhary, ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh, ADGP (Coordination) PHQ Danesh Rana, senior officers of Jammu zone, officers from NCB, AISG of PHQ, and Commandants of Jammu-based battalions were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, DGP expressed gratitude towards DG NCB S N Pradhan for providing a faculty

team for holding training programme. He appreciated efforts of ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh, AIG (Training/policy) J S Johar for organizing the programme. He said that the training programme was aimed to enhance and upgrade investigating skills of J&K Police IOs in NDPS cases and added that given the magnitude of problem, this training course is of great importance. He hoped that the programme would prove helpful for the officers/IOs in investigating NDPS cases. The DGP said that over years, the graph of NDPS cases is increasing with more and more youth getting involved in it and stressed for adopting professional investigation to keep a check on drug menace.

Stressing for improvement in conviction rate in NDPS cases,

the DGP said that NDPS cases should be investigated professionally, leaving no room for doubts to ensure conviction rates. The DGP also stressed for identifying inter-state drug nexus. The DGP said that with formation of ANTF, there has been great improvement on anti-drug front and added that more needs to be done to stop the menace. He advised the Spl. DG Crime J&K to make ANTF a centre of excellence so that special training courses are also organised for officers/personnel.

Rajesh Kumar, Zonal Director NCB Jammu, while speaking on the occasion said that it was great pleasure to organise training programme along with J&K Police and added that NCB will continue to conduct such programme in future also.

# Vaccine Preventable Diseases Surveillance Workshop held at GMC Kathua



Principal of GMC Kathua, Prof Dr Anjali Nadir Bhat addressing a workshop.

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KATHUA: One-day Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD) Surveillance workshop was organized in Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College (GMC) Kathua in collaboration with WHO NPSP Jammu to emphasize on the importance of surveillance of VPDs.

Principal of GMC Kathua, Prof Dr Anjali Nadir Bhat inaugurated the event in which participants from various departments viz Paediatrics, Microbiology,

Medicine and Community Medicine were sensitised about various VPD which includes diphtheria, pertussis and neonatal tetanus and the importance of disease surveillance.

VPD surveillance is vitally important for its potential to inform policy and monitor immunization programmes, including vaccine introduction, coverage and potential use for outbreak response.

The resource persons included Dr B.N Boughal HoD Medicine, Dr

Yangehen Dolma Incharge Dept of Community Medicine, Dr Gurmeet Kour AP Community Medicine, Dr Kirandeep AP Medicine and Dr Mehak RRT Consultant WHO Jammu. Dr Surinder Attri, HoD Pathology, Dr K.L Gupta, HoD Biochemistry, Dr Vinita Shawney, HoD Pharmacology, and other faculty members from medical college also attended the workshop. The workshop was also attended by Dr Ravinder Pal Singh, SMO Jammu.

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CHANDIGARH: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh said today that Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Channi and PCC president Navjot Sidhu have made "a Tamasha" out of the entire state.

In a statement, Chugh said it has always been clear that Channi and Sidhu are not on the same page because of their conflict of interest, but it is shame that in the process they have made Punjab an ugly stage of political gimmicks.

Chugh said the AAP and the Akali Dal were also doing the same to the state.

"Instead of making sensible statements and promises to the people, they are ridiculing people of Punjab by making false

and baseless promises", he said.

Reacting to media reports that Channi's brother was involved in the Ludhiana City scam, Chugh said the BJP has always saying that the Punjab Congress is nothing but mafia gangs and corruption personified.

Chugh said the Congress government in Punjab did not know what the right hand was doing and what the left one.

He said the way Channi and Sidhu have been going crossroads indicated clearly that the Congress high command had no idea how a sensitive border state like Punjab has been handed over to political "Tamashbins".



# Congress celebrates Constitution Day

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JAMMU: To celebrated the Constitution Day a function was organized by SC Department of JK PCC headed by Karan Bhagat, here today at PCC HQ, Jammu.

Raman Bhalla, former Minister Vice President JKPCC, presided over the function. Mula Ram (Former Minister & Vice President ) was the Chief Guest and Yogesh Sawhney Former Minister & General Secretary was the Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion Raman Bhalla said that the Constitution is not a mere lawyers' document, it is a vehicle of life, and its spirit is always the spirit of age.

He said that on November 26, 1949, the Constitution of India was adopted. The Constitution reflected the



Vice President JKPCC, Raman Bhalla speaking at a programme.

aspirations of the newly independent India, gave voice to the dispossessed and marginalized, and laid the foundations of a modern India where rights and the rule of law were supreme. With the adoption of the Constitution, Indians became master of their own destinies and India realized the long-standing demand of swaraj.

He said the Struggle for

Swaraj British rule was marked by severe oppression and infringement of rights. Senior leaders were frequently jailed for voicing the concerns of the masses. Civil liberties were non-existent. Right to association was curbed at every step. Laws were enacted by legislative bodies stacked with Englishmen and with token Indian representation.

Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak demanded swaraj, the right to self-rule. Under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian National Congress mobilised the masses in the quest for swaraj.

In 1928, the Congress adopted the Nehru Report. This was a draft constitution that proposed a parliamentary system where every adult would have the right to vote. The Nehru Report envisioned a secular India based on equality, with people enjoying fundamental rights.

Mula Ram remembered the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar during freedom struggle and post independence era.

Yogesh Sawhney in his address highlighted the anti democratic and unconstitutional actions of BJP Govt. thereby disturbing the peace and Social and religious har-

mony as well as weakening the Constitutional and democratic institutions in the Country. He said that the Congress workers and all right thinking citizens have to fight and defeat the ideology of BJP. He said that father of nation Mahatma Gandhi preached non-violence, religious brotherhood and truthfulness and to respect the diversity in our pluralistic society to keep the country united and strong and maintain peace and harmony.

Others who attended the function include Sunny Parihar, Rajvir Singh, Vinay Bushan, Khilari Lal Kouran, Sunil Thappa, Jai Ram Bhajgat, Yog Raj, Pnakaj Bhagat, Dewan Chand, Pawan Bhagat, Jatin Vashist, Shadi Lal Pandita, Ashok Kumar, Baldev Raj and Satish Dogra.

# CS reviews functioning of PDD

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JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Power Development Department. Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, Managing Directors, Jammu/Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Chief Engineers, and other senior officers of the Department attended the meeting. It was informed that in the current financial year so far, Kashmir registered 64,588 million units of energy consumption, which is 7.98% higher than the previous year's consumption of 59,796.19 million units. Similarly, there is a 17.33% increase in the peak load consumption in Kashmir which indicates the rapidly increasing demand for electricity and its peak load over last year. The Chief Secretary reviewed the earlier directions of replacement of damaged transformers within 12 hours in main towns and 24 hours in other areas and directed strict implementation of the timelines. In order to monitor unscheduled cuts, he directed submission of daily reports related to the system average interruption frequency index (SAIFI) and system average interruption

duration index (SAIDI); number of damaged transformers and time taken for replacements.

The Chief Secretary directed the Department to rationally analyze the supply and demand of electricity in various regions of the Union territories and raise awareness on the feeder-wise authorized electricity drawal limit. Besides, the Department was also asked to undertake an extensive IEC campaign in both print and social media and garner public support for judicious use of electricity in collaboration with the Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies.

"The responsible use of electricity will minimize transformer damage on account of overloading besides reducing the unscheduled power cuts" Dr. Mehta said. He asked the Department to proactively manage the power load. The Department was asked to publicize the helpline numbers established in this regard and issue SMS alerts and notifications to such consumers whose mobile numbers are available in the PDD database; on all scheduled and unscheduled power cuts.

The Chief Secretary directed regular surveillance and enforcement drives to disconnect illegal power connections.

# Why observe J&K Accession Day only & not of other Princely states that acceded to India Dominion ask 'some'?

Since in 1947 India had yet to finally draft & accept a constitution for democratic governance the leaders belonging to Kashmir valley of J&K started projecting their views in terms of rights to claim the credit for accession of J&K State to India dominion out of the wish of the people and it was here where the States Department of Government of India and other leadership of India failed to take serious notice of that and did not start undoing the myths atleast about right to accede from day one itself.

(2.) Even after Princely state of J&K having acceded to India Dominion after 15th August 1947 on 26th October and the Constitution of India democratic republic having been drawn Indian leadership/ governments still appeared confused even as regards J&K being 'total' India. So some from even those people (particularly from Kashmir region) who were not for Pakistan or two nation theory did sense the weaknesses and worked to use the Muslim majority character of Kashmir Valley (in particular) and J&K in general for their own personal political ambitions by tactically selling & even cultivating the 'belief' that although erstwhile princely State of J&K was a Muslim majority state people of "Kashmir Valley" still decided to accede to India dominion and in return the then Indian government / socio-political leader-

ship in 1947 had made some special promises to Kashmiries before they acceded to India . No rejection of such claims has been pointedly made by Governments in 'Delhi' atleast like it was the right of the Prince of a princely state only to take any decision regarding accession ( though taken late by him for the reasons explained in his letter of 26th Oct 1947).

"Such' Kashmir Valley readers well succeeded with the power hungry leaders from outside Kashmir valley too walking along their side. Kashmir Valley centric 'impressions' got so well cultivated that even the outside world recognised the Indian state of J&K as Kashmir State and read the lands/people/J&K State as what the political / community leaders only from Kashmir Valley have been saying /express.

(3). Going by the environment that prevailed immediately after 1947 in early 1950s the local leaders from Kashmir Valley had hence successfully woven their web of strategies for keeping grip on the democratic governments that were to follow in the independent Indian State of J&K with the strings like (i) trumpeting Kashmir valley a huge Muslim majority area,(ii) the then Prince of Jammu & Kashmir having signed in normal course the instrument of accession not before 15th

## A Look through the Mist Part- II



Kashmir region side and failed there to a great extent. (iv) the Maharaja having left Srinagar on 25th October 1947 etc (v) 'successfully' even cultivating the myth that due to 'their' contribution J&K had been given Special Status by /in Constitution of India in terms of Art-370 {where as constitutionally there has been no such status like that. No doubt, although late, Government of India did clearly say only on 11-03-2015 through a written reply to Rajya Sabha \*Q. No: 138 ("whether it is a fact that through Article 370, the Constitution gives special status to Jammu and Kashmir") that "in the Constitution of India, there is no mention of 'Special Status to Jammu and Kashmir' and Article 370 provides for 'Temporary provisions with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir'" but still in 2021 we may find some senior leaders from all parties still at occasions saying that J&K had a special status and that has been taken away/ removed after 5th August 2019 } and like.

4..Such type of understanding that has been prevailing and is prevailing even today well demonstrates that the Kashmir

- J&K Accession Day (Adhimilan Divas) is observed to undo otherwise myths about J&K being 'total' India
- It was the right of the Prince of a Princely State only and not 'subjects' to Decide Accession
- 'koyibhiduniyaan ka aadminahinhai jo Jammu Kashmir ko Kashmir State ke naam se nahinjanta': Azad
- 'Valley leaders' were not checked for projecting Art 35A & Art 370 as distancing symbol
- Government of India ( GOI) must atleast now draw clear line between Separatist & Mainstream ideologies
- Those who have been cultivating myth of no merger have taken advantage of the term Vilay for Accession
- Ladakh region not even reflected from the name of the erstwhile State of J&K.
- Once the myths are washed away there will be no need to observe J&K Accession day

Valley leadership of J&K State had succeeded to make people ( \*\*even the other World) identify the Indian state of J&K only in the name of Kashmir and that has been the reason for India finding difficulties in making the world community understand that what is being said by

some Kashmiri leaders/ writers about history, culture, aspirations, thinking of locals , constitutional needs & status of J&K State , accession 1947 etc represents a very small constituent of the Indian State of J&K. Ghulam Nabi Azad ( a very-very Senior

Congress leader from Jammu Region) while addressing a function ( "Peace Sammelan") organised by Gandhi Global Family at Jammu on 27th February too appeared seeing his and J&K State's identity only in Kashmir ( Valley) when he said < . . . . Hamari Pehechan Khatam Ho Geyee . . . Mere Sathiyon Ko Maloom Hai Meine Parliament Mein Bola , Ki Duniyaan Mein Jitney Bhi Rashttrpati Ya Pradhanmantri hain on se agar poochoge.. - Africa Ke Prime Minister Se Agar Pooch Ge - Bartaniyaan, America... Bartaniyaan ke Prime Minister Se Aur Australia Ke Prime Minister Se, China Ke Prime Minister Se, Canada Ke Prime Minister Se, America Ke Ab Neye Neye President Aye Hain Lekin Sab Se Pehle Oonhon ne Kashmir Ki Baat Ki .. Oonhon Ne Madhya Pradesh Ki Baat Nahin Ki - Oonhon Ne Bombay Ki baat Nahin Ki - Oonhon Ne Dilli (Delhi) Ki Baat Nahin Ki - Tbe Koyi Bhi Duniyaan Ka Aadmi Nahin Haiya leaders nahin Hai Jo Kashmir Ko Kashmir Ke Naam Se Nahin Janta Ya Jammu Kashmir Ko Kashmir State (Ke Naam Se) Se Nahin Janta ."

To be continued.... (Daya Sagar ( Sr Journalist , Analyst J&K Affairs ) is Patron of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Study Center dayasagr45@yahoo.com).