

India among world's most cost-effective healthcare destinations: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: India has emerged among the world's most cost-effective healthcare destinations with medical tourism contributing significantly to the country's economy.

This was stated here on Thursday by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh while addressing the Healthcare Leaders Summit-2022 organised by the Economic Times.

Dr Jitendra said, more than 10 lakh medical visas were issued to foreigners between 2019 and 2022 and the country is fast emerging as the Medical Tourism Hub of the world.

He said, this number is quite significant as there was almost complete ban on international travel during the pandemic.

The Minister also pointed out that India has almost 600 globally and nationally accredited hospitals that provide world-class treatment in cost-effective manner.

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Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the Healthcare Leaders Summit-2022 organized by Economic Times at Gurugram, on Thursday.

India is expected to grow to reach a size of \$50 bil-

lion by 2025, while the global medical tourism market is estimated to be worth about \$72 billion.

He said, India's share in medical tourism is expected to be around 10 billion dollars by 2023. Moreover, the country is the world's largest supplier of generic drugs, the Minister added.

Dwelling on the topic of the summit, "Building a Cohesive Healthcare Ecosystem in India through Proactive Government Initiatives" Dr Jitendra pointed out that only last month, while inaugurating health facilities in Gujarat, Prime Minister Modi said, "If the heart and intention of the government are not filled with concern for the people's problems, then the creation of suitable health infrastructure is not possible".

The Minister emphasized that the intention and policies of the government are in perfect alignment for creating affordable healthcare for all.

Dr Jitendra Singh concluded by saying that one can't visualize India @2047 through the prism of 2022.



MCD Poll ticket bribery case

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On Tuesday, the ACB arrested Tripathi's brother-in-law Om Singh and his two associates, Shiv Shankar Pandey, a.k.a. Vishal Pandey, PA of Tripathi and Prince Raghuvanshi under Section 7/13 of POC Act and 171 (E) of IPC for allegedly demanding Rs 90 lakh as bribe for arranging a ticket to a party worker Gopal Khari's wife, Shobha Khari in the civic polls for Ward 69, Kamla Nagar.

A senior ACB official said Tripathi was asked to appear at 11 am. He is being questioned, the official said.

The incident came to light on Monday after a person named Gopal Khari, who claimed to have been associated with the AAP as an active worker since 2014, approached the ACB with the complaint, according to an official statement on Wednesday.

Khari met Tripathi, the Model Town MLA, last Wednesday (November 9) with a request for a ticket from AAP for his wife to contest the upcoming Municipal Corporation of Delhi elections from Ward No. 69 in Kamla Nagar; the ACB said.

Tripathi allegedly demanded Rs 90 lakh to secure a ticket for Khari's wife. Khari paid Rs 35 lakh to him. He also allegedly gave Rs 20 lakh to AAP MLA Rajesh Gupta on Tripathi's insistence, according to a complaint.

Khari had told Tripathi the remaining amount would be paid after getting the ticket, it said.

On Sunday, the complainant did not find his wife's name in the list of candidates released by the AAP.

Later, Tripathi's brother-in-law Om Singh contacted Khari and assured him that the ticket would be given to him in the next election. Singh also offered to return the bribe, it stated.

On the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday, the ACB laid a trap at the Khari's residence, where Singh and his associates - Shiv Shankar Pandey and Prince Raghuvanshi - were caught when they came to return Rs 33 lakh from the money received on behalf of Tripathi.

The three were arrested under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code. Pandey is the personal assistant of Tripathi, the ACB said.

The complainant has also submitted audio and video recordings of his purported dealings during payment and return of the bribe amount. An investigation is on to unearth the whole cases and to collect evidence, it added.



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Ensure closer supervision on NDPS/UAPA cases to get better results: DGP to officers

The DGP J&K was chairing a officers meeting at Police Headquarters, Jammu today to review the progress "targets & goals" set for the Jammu Zone Police on different fronts for the year 2022.

He advised them to improve the quality of investigation and prosecution to increase the convictions.

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Vishal Bhandara organised at Bhairav Mandir

Rudra form of reincarnation of Bhagwan Shiva which holds great spiritual and religious importance in all prayers held in India.

He also informed that Rudra Avatar of Bhagwan Shiva in the form of Kaal Bhairav is blessed by the gods like Brahma, Vishnu and Shankar.

Pt. Rumi Sharma said that this is only the Pracheen Temple of Bhagwan Bhairav Nath in the J&K. A day prior to Bhandara, a congregation of 52 different castes held at the temple premises.

Pt. Rumi Sharma said that every year the Mandir Committee organises Bhandara on the occasion of Kaal Bhairav Ashtami and a large number of people attend the grand function.

On the occasion, the temple was beautifully decorated with flowers and lights.

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