

# 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.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, healthcare sector in



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.

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

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JAMMU: The Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Dilbag Singh on Thursday impressed upon the officers to ensure closer supervision of important cases, especially NDPS/UAPA cases to get better results for the remaining period of the year.

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.

The DGP impressed upon officers to identify more investigating officers and train them to deal with increasing number of cases. He directed the officers to augment measures for



DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh chairing a meeting at Jammu on Thursday.

improving capability of personnel in dealing with Narco cases and UAPA cases.

Referring to the directions of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Lt. Governor J&K Manoj Sinha the DGP said that the drug menace has emerged as a big threat as the ill gotten money from the drug trade is being used for terror activities.

Directing for destruction of drug related crops, the DGP advised the district officers to initiate seizure of properties raised by drug proceeds.

Highlighting the need for

establishing Pairvy cells at district, range and zonal levels the DGP exhorted upon the officers to ensure that the police witnesses are well prepared for deposing in the courts.

He directed the officers to dispose of the pending cases on the basis of their sensitivity in the shortest possible time.

Referring to the bovine smuggling the DGP directed officers to put more efforts to identify the main culprits behind the nexus and take strenuous action against

those involved.

He impressed upon officers to visit border areas frequently to review the Border out posts functioning. He directed the officers to review records of history sheeters from time to time and open files of the persons found in illegal and anti social activities and publicise such Police work.

Reviewing the Savera Scheme for the NoKs of martyrs the DGP directed for updation of the data base of the families of martyrs and directed for regular meet-

ings/visits of the police officers to the families of the martyrs. He also emphasized to explore possibilities of introducing more welfare schemes for the children of the martyrs.

The proceeding of the meeting and the PowerPoint presentation was made by AIG (T&P) J S Johar.

ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh, ADGP Headquarters PHQ, M. K. Sinha, ADGP Coordination PHQ, Danesh Rana, IGP Headquarters PHQ, B.S. Tuti, DPT J&K Shridhar Patil, SSP Jammu Chandan Kholi, all AISG of PHQ and other gazetted officers of PHQ attended the meeting at PHQ while as range DisG of Jammu Zone, Sunil Gupta, Vivek Gupta, Mohammad Suleman Choudhary, Dr Mohd Haseeb Mughal, Districts SSSP of Jammu Zone attended the meeting through video conferencing.

## Vishal Bhandara organised at Bhairav Mandir



Devotees taking Parsad during a Vishal Bhandara at Bhairav Mandir in Jammu.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of Kaal Bhairav Ashtami, the management of Prachin Bhairav Mandir Committee, Chowk Chabutra, Jammu, organised a Vishal Bhandara at the Temple premises on Thursday.

The Bhandara was organised under the supervision of Temple Priest, Pt. Rumil Sharma.

After performing Kanjak

Poojan, the Bhandara was opened for the devotees. Scores of devotees from all walks of life participated in the Bhandara and sought the blessings of the Kaal Bhairav.

A special stall for children was also erected in the Bhandara, where the children were enjoyed their favourite dishes.

Pandit Rumil Sharma said that Kaal Bhairav is the

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. Rumil 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. Rumil 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.

## Cooperative Week observed at Shaheed Inspector Kamal Singh Model GHSS

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Cooperative, Udhampur, on Thursday celebrated 69th Cooperative week at Shaheed Inspector Kamal Singh Model Higher Secondary School Boys, Udhampur.

Secretary Cooperative, Yasha Mudgul, was the chief guest while Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna was the guest of honour on the occasion.

While addressing the gathering, Secretary highlighted the achievements and activities of the department towards welfare and development of the society. She said that the Cooperative movement has always played an important in saving the poor, backward and uneducated masses. She exhorted upon



Secretary Cooperative, Yasha Mudgul visiting a stall.

the officials to celebrate the 69th cooperative week by engaging all sections of the society especially farmers to educate every one regarding the achievement and opportunities available in the department. She appreciated the work done by Cooperative Department Udhampur.

Secretary said the aim of celebration of this national event was to highlight the achievements of cooperative sector and chalk out future strategies for growth based on dynamics of Cooperative Department. She asked all the stakeholders affiliated with the cooperative sector to

work tirelessly towards realizing Prime Minister's vision of reviving Cooperatives as a vibrant entity.

She said that Cooperative department plays a pivotal role in strengthening the national economy by bridging the rural-urban gap and creating opportunities for income generation. She stressed on marketing and promotion of local products. She reiterated that the main objective of this department is formulation of new cooperative societies and revival of old cooperative societies in the district.

Secretary along with the DC had a round of stalls set up by different departments including Cooperative societies for awareness of general public about various schemes.

Deputy Commissioner also

spoke on the occasion and elucidated the significance of Cooperative movement in raising living standards of under privileged segments of the society.

Additional Registrar Cooperative Society, Jammu, Dr Nirupa Rai, highlighted the importance of observing this cooperative week. She said that Cooperative movement is meant to help the poor and downtrodden sections especially the rural population of the country.

On the occasion, students of the schools presented theme based scintillating cultural program.

Later, Secretary distributed mementoes among the participating students including outstanding Cooperative institutions besides handing over registration certificate to newly registered societies.

## Bukhari asks Admin to ensure minimum power breakdowns in Valley during winter

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari has extended his gratitude to the people for attending the party's grand rally, which was organized in SK Stadium Srinagar on November 12.

He was addressing a meeting at the party headquarters in Sheikh Bagh on Thursday.

Bukhari said, "The enormous public participation in our rally indicated

that people fully support the Apni Party's agenda, which is to ensure peace, prosperity, and development of Jammu and Kashmir and the political and economic empowerment of its people. The well-attended rally has reinvigorated us further to pursue our goals and people-friendly policies for a better future for J&K."

Bukhari assigned the task of collecting details of detainees in every district to the district presidents of the party.

He said, "As we have initiated our efforts to get jailed youth back to their homes and have formed two committees in the Valley and Jammu, all the district presidents must furnish the details about the jailed people from their respective districts."

Urging his party leaders and workers to enhance their political activities and public outreach in order to remain well-connected with people in their respective areas, Bukhari said, "The trust and faith that people have been showing on Apni Party, demands us to be well connected with masses at the grass root level."

He asked the party leaders and senior workers to remain available in their respective areas to serve the people better during the winter.



Apni Party President Mohammad Altaf Bukhari speaking at a party meeting.

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REASI: Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale on Thursday conducted extensive tour of District Reasi under third phase of Central Government's Public Outreach Programme and took on spot assessment of development scenario across the district.

During the visit, the Union Minister also inspected the stalls set up by different departments.

Later, the Minister distributed Motorized Tricycles/ Scooties/Hearing Aids among beneficiaries sponsored by Social welfare Department.

The Union Minister also took stock of the special school for differently abled children. While Interacting with the officers there, the Minister stressed on further strengthening the facilities at VMS for the betterment and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

He assured the management that all possible support and assistance from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment



Union MoS for Social Justice and Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale handing over hearing Aid to a beneficiary.

will be provided to them on regular basis.

During the programme, the Minister also distributed Land passbooks amongst the Landowners under "Apki Zameen Apki Nigrani". He said that it is a landmark initiative taken by the J&K Government to provide Land Passbooks to the lawful land owners to further improve the service delivery, enhance transparency and accountability in the system. The Minister also distributed Power Tillers among the farmers.

Meanwhile, the Minister also distributed Training certificates among aspiring Women Entrepreneurs trained under Tejaswini Scheme and urged the educated women of the district

to come forward and take advantage of different Self-Employment Schemes (SES) launched by the UT Govt. to overcome the unemployment issue in the district.

On this occasion, the Union Minister also distributed Golden Cards among the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) SEHAT scheme. He informed that "this scheme is a sort of insurance in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) ICDs Anwar Bandey, ACR, ACD along with other district Officers besides PRIs members were also present.

Elaborating the features of PM-JAY, the Minister

said that the health insurance scheme is fully financed by the government, providing a cover of Rs 500,000 per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.

At last The Minister interacted with Panchayat members of different blocks and listened to their issues. Sarpanches and Panchs presented their demands and issues of their respective areas to which he gave a patient hearing and ensured timely response/redressal.

Ramdas Athawale said that Government is committed to develop J&K UT and numerous innovative steps are being initiated in this regard which are yielding tangible results. He called upon the officers to make sincere and dedicated efforts towards taking the benefits of all government schemes to the targeted sections of the society.

On this occasion, DC Reasi Babila Rakwal, ADDC Jyoti Salathia, ADC Abdul Star, CPO Sunita Kanchan, SP Katra Amit Bhasin, PO ICDs Anwar Bandey, ACR, ACD along with other district Officers besides PRIs members were also present.



## MCD Poll ticket bribery case

## AAP MLA Akhilesh Pati Tripathi appears before ACB

### AAP MLA's brother-in-law, two associates arrested

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NEW DELHI: AAP MLA Akhilesh Pati Tripathi on Thursday appeared before the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) in connection with the poll ticket bribery case, officials said.

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 (B) 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.