

# Secy Health reviews status, containment initiatives for dengue in Jammu Div

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Secretary Health & Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, on Thursday had a detailed review meeting regarding dengue status and containment initiatives.

A detail presentation on dengue status and containment initiatives was presented by Epidemiologist/State Malariologist, J&K.

It was informed that, as on date, 5295 cases of dengue have been confirmed in Jammu division against 18000 suspect cases. Besides, Fever clinics are being run in GMC Jammu and other hospitals for diagnoses and treatment of suspected dengue cases.

Further, it was added that the department is well equipped for Platelets transfusion as recently one more component Laboratory has been established in Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu in addition to existing component Laboratory of GMC Jammu.



Secretary H&ME, Bhupinder Kumar chairing a meeting at Jammu on Thursday.

Till date more than 300 patients have been provided platelet transfusion in Associated Hospitals of GMC, Jammu and Gandhi Nagar Hospital Jammu. The Department is carrying out regular spraying and fogging at all the dengue positive houses in Jammu division. Besides, regular calling of Dengue positive patients is being done by 104 Call Center (Health Help Line) being run by National Health Mission J&K.

It was discussed in the meet-

ing that cleanliness in the residential areas is of utmost importance to check the menace of mosquito breeding. Since, dengue spread is related to increased density of mosquitoes, which breed mostly in stagnant clean water in the unattended containers lying in the houses or in open spaces. The public in general must ensure no collection of water in the unattended containers lying on the roof tops like tins, plastic bottles, tyres, bird pots, coolers, water tanks without lids etc.

Secretary directed the Director Health Services to ensure that the designated teams constituted by respective CMOs visit every household where Dengue positive cases are detected. Further, all cases of fever should be suspected and tested for Dengue. Wherever need, the referral of Dengue positive patients from periphery should be made and strictly followed up till the patient reaches the appropriate Health Institutions.

Further, it was also directed

that department shall increase the awareness and containment measures to mitigate the dengue spread. CMOs were asked to make available sufficient number of functional beds and all essential medicines and consumables for treatment of dengue cases.

Bhupinder also made appeal to general public as well as public representatives like Municipal Corporators and PRIs for dissemination of Dengue preventive measures.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Shashi Soodan, Principal Medical College GMC, Jammu, Ayushi Soodan Mission Director NHM, J&K, Pankaj Gupta, Managing Director, JKMSCL J&K, Dr. Saleem Ur Rehman, Director Health Services, Jammu, Representative from Jammu Municipal Commission, Dr. Harjeet Rai, State Malariologist, J&K & Chief Medical Officers Jammu division.



## Sharma reviews issues regarding Mining sector in J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma, on Thursday chaired a meeting with senior officers and all stakeholders of Mining Department to review various issues pertaining to Mining sector in Jammu and Kashmir here at Civil Secretariat.



Secretary, Mining Department, Amit Sharma chairing a meeting.

Director, Geology and Mining, O P Bhagat; Joint Directors, G&M, Jammu and Kashmir; District Mineral Officers; representatives of Lessees, Crusher unit and brick kiln holders, MDL holders besides senior officers of Mining and allied departments were present in the meeting in person and through VC.

Secretary exhorted upon all stakeholders of Mining department including stone crusher unit holders, Mining Lessees, brick kiln holders and Mineral Dealer holders to install weighing bridges for ensuring transparency in transportation of all kinds of raw and finished material. He said that the weighing bridges are required to be integrated with the e-Market place/e-challan Web Portal developed by the Geology and Mining Department for ensuring utmost transparency in sale and purchase besides transportation of

minerals.

He asked the stakeholder department to expedite issuance of NOCs pending with Stakeholders Department under Single Window System in respect of newly carved out Minor Mineral Blocks/e-auctioned Minor Mineral Blocks (pending with JKEIAA) as per fresh format devised by J&K Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA), so that timely action is taken regarding their e-auctioning.

Secretary stressed upon the concerned officers to sort out the issues relating to issuance of Short Term Permits required by various executing agencies for facilitating construction works on several projects of national importance, such as Ring Road, Expressway and other State owned Projects under

PMGSY.

The meeting also discussed the issues regarding Royalty Clearance Certificate to be given by the Geology and Mining Department for the material consumed by the executing agencies of various Government Departments engaged in construction of development projects of national importance to avoid loss to the state exchequer.

The representatives of Lessees, Crusher unit and brick kiln holders, MDL holders and others also projected their issues and demands and sought immediate redressal of the same.

Earlier, Director, Geology and Mining briefed the meeting about the working of Mining Department besides steps being taken to ensure early disposal of pending issues of mining sector.

## Kansal visits various areas of Hutt Panchayat on final day of B2V4

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: On the culmination day of fourth phase of Back to Village (B2V4), Principal Secretary, Information and Higher Education, Rohit Kansal on Thursday visited various areas of Panchayat Hutt of Kathua district to oversee the implementation of government schemes and execution of developmental works in panchayats.



Principal Secretary, Information and Higher Education, Rohit Kansal presenting certificate to a participant.

Ceremony wherein PMAY Houses were allotted to the beneficiaries.

Earlier, Rohit Kansal interacted with children during Baal Sabha and enquired about facilities available in the Panchayat. He also witnessed Debate, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Painting Held at GHSS Hutt. He also visited natural water body near Ambika Mata Mandir to access the scope of its rejuvenation.

The Visiting Officer also interacted with Senior Citizens and enquired about the status of enrollment of old age pension.

Speaking on the occasion, Rohit Kansal said that government has assigned the responsibility of Guardian/Mentor to the Visiting Officer who shall continue to take regular review of the developmental profile of the panchayat.

Meanwhile, the last leg of Fourth phase of outreach programme witnessed array of activities with the resolve of addressing the genuine issues besides prioritising the development aspirations of the panchayats. With this the B2V4 culminated on a spirited note across 257 Panchayats in Kathua.

## Notorious criminal detained under PSA, used to loot railway passengers by offering tea mixed with sedatives

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A notorious criminal was detained under Public Safety Act (ACT) on the recommendations of GRP Jammu. As per an official statement, cops of GRP and RPF in a joint operation apprehended a hardcore notorious criminal namely Angoor Choudhary, son of Nagina Choudhary, resident of Bishan Purba, Ward-4, Post office B B Bankataba, Police Station Bathbadia, Champaran, Bihar on September 22, 2022. Soon after receiving information about presence of notorious criminal within premises of Railway Station Jammu, he was apprehended along with two railway passengers, who were allegedly served tea mixed with some sedative substances by the accused, rendering them unconscious. During questioning, the accused revealed how treacherously he used to

dupe innocent railway passengers. His modus operandi was to first lure passengers and make them unconscious by offering them tea mixed with some sedative substances and thereafter looting all money, jewellery and other valuables. His criminal record manifests that he is a substantial threat to railway passenger security and was found a fit case to be recommended for PSA. Accordingly, a dossier was prepared by GRP Jammu incorporating detailed summary of all the unlawful activities carried by Angoor Choudhary and sent to Deputy Commissioner Jammu with recommendation/request to issue orders for detaining him under PSA. In consonance with the recommendation of GRP Jammu, District Magistrate Jammu issued the order for detaining Angoor Choudhary under PSA.

## B2V4: Kabra visits Sool Panchayat, inaugurates JJM scheme

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Principal Secretary Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, on Thursday said that the J&K Government's unique 'Back to Village' programme has revived the idea of good governance and rejuvenated the spirit of public services.

Kabra stated this during his visit to Sool panchayat of Katra block as Visiting Officer under ambitious B2V4 programme.

On the occasion, he inaugurated the Water schemes under JJM in the Sool Panchayat completed at the cost of Rs 292.08 lakh. The scheme will cover 695 households and will improve the



Principal Secretary Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra during visit to Sool Panchayat.

scarcity of water supply to the areas.

Inaugurating the fourth phase of Back To Village programme in Sool Panchayat of Block Katra, he said that the Programme is aimed at to improve service delivery and redress the public

grievances within the shortest possible time and achieve cent percent saturation of beneficiary oriented schemes. He added that the main purpose behind the B2V is to strengthen the roots of good governance in J&K and empower the common

people besides giving direction to the new governance model adopted by the UT Government.

District Development Commissioner, Reasi, Babila Rakwal, SDM Katra, Angrez Singh, Chief Engineer PHE Jammu, Chief Engineer Irrigation Jammu, DDC Member, BDC Chairman, Sarpanch, PRI members besides other district officers were present on the occasion.

Principal Secretary inspected the stalls set up by different departments and planted a sapling there and he also enquired about the grievance redressal mechanism being set up to meet the public demands.

He interacted with large number of people and listened to their issues and grievances. He also distributed sporting kits among school children besides presenting income and domicile and other certificates to the beneficiaries.

He also handed over Manta Kits to newly born girl children under BBBP, wheel chairs, hearing aids, walking sticks among the persons with disabilities besides distributing sanction letters under Ladli Beti Scheme.

During the event, Shaleen Kabra inspected Aanganwardi Centres and School where children displayed various sporting activities.

## Top functionaries of J&K Bank visit B2V4 camps, distribute sanction letters



GM and Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar handing-over sanction letter to a beneficiary.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: As part of continuous monitoring of Bank's participation in UT Government's flagship 'Back to Village - IV' (B2V4) Programme, J&K Bank General Managers Sunit Kumar and Syed Rais Maqbool on Thursday visited few camps organised at vari-

ous Panchayats in districts of Jammu and Kashmir respectively.

In Jammu, General Manager and Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar visited the camp held at Gole Gujral Panchayat Ghar and distributed sanction letters of various self-employment loans among the beneficiaries.

He also presented Keys of e-Rikshaws, financed by the Bank, to the beneficiaries.

In Kashmir, General Manager Syed Rais Maqbool visited various camps across Budgam district including Nasrullahpora village in presence of Under Secretary to J&K Social Welfare Department Rafia Nabi. The dignitaries jointly distributed sanction letters among various beneficiaries who have availed loan under different Government sponsored and employment generation schemes.

Participants at the camps hailed both the Government and J&K Bank for massive out-reach under B2V4 programme.

## Dy Director DIPR attends B2V programme at Panchayat Aghar Ballian in Reasi



Dy Director Information Jammu, Dr Rehana Akhter Bijli being accorded welcome in a school.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Deputy Director Information (DDI) Jammu, Dr Rehana Akhter Bijli, the visiting officer of Panchayat Aghar Ballian of District Reasi on Thursday conducted a host of activities in the area under the flagship Government-public interface 'Back to Village' edition fourth program.

She interacted with PRI members as well as the general public of the area and took a detailed appraisal of their grievances and problems during her two day stay

in the allotted Panchayat.

On her arrival, the local Public warmly welcomed the officer. They highlighted their grievances and suggested various measures for overall development of their village(s).

On the second day, the Visiting officer, accompanied by Local Sarpanch, Isha Rani and Liaison Officer, Anil Sharma attended Cultural event, Mahila/Bal Sabha, Gandhi Katha and interacted with students, teachers at Government Middle School Aghar

Ballian. She also took English & Math classes to assess the quality of education being imparted in the school. She urged the school management and teachers to pay more attention towards children and keep a close watch on their activities to save them from the disaster of addiction and drug abuse.

The Visiting officer also participated in plantation drive/ Sports activities and urged the students to actively participate in the sports activities for their all round development.

She informed the participants that the aim of the campaign was to energize Panchayats, collect feedback on the delivery of government services, capture specific economic potential and assess the needs of the villagers.

Earlier, the Visiting Officer distributed Mamta kits, Soil health cards, Sehat cards among the local beneficiaries.

## Renowned Nephrologist Dr S K Bali among others join DAP

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Renowned Nephrologist Dr S K Bali joined Democratic Azad Party (DAP) in Jammu on Thursday in presence of party president, Ghulam Nabi Azad and other senior leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Azad welcomed Dr Bali and said that the party would focus on development in all sectors besides the right to employment and land to the



Dr S K Bali alongwith Ghulam Nabi Azad and other senior DAP leaders in Jammu on Thursday.

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## IIM Jammu signs MoU with EGADE Business School-Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the internationally renowned EGADE Business School Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico for Academic Cooperation and Faculty Joint Research". The IIM Jammu is an Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. The MoU was signed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Osmar Hazael Zavaleta Vazquez, Interim Dean, EGADE Business

School, Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico. Sharing the vision, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said that he aspires IIM Jammu to be a part of the top 20 B-Schools in the country. The recent ranking of 36th in NIRF Rankings 2022 is a step ahead in this direction. The MoU with EGADE Business School Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico is a positive step toward absorbing the best practices in research and teaching from the best B-Schools in the world. According to him, these collaborations are a vital part of IIM Jammu's international endeavors,

and these will be helpful in fostering the advancement in teaching, research, and cultural understanding as well as the international reputation of both institutes through faculty exchange, technology transfer, and research programs. I am sure the collaboration between both Institutes will lead to meaningful outcomes in the interest of the stakeholders.

Dr. Osmar Hazael Zavaleta Vazquez, Interim Dean, EGADE Business School Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico said the Institute is one of the few B-Schools in the world to have achieved the distinction of acquiring the 'Triple

hood.

Meanwhile, in another function, former President Gurdwara Talli Sahib, Jasmeet Singh; Rashmi Sharma social worker, Nissan Khan social worker and many activists joined Democratic Azad Party in presence of senior leader and former Dy Chief Minister Tara Chand, Vinod Mishra and Vicky Mahajan. Others who joined the party included Rakesh Sharma,

Naveen Ghai, Vishal Gupta, Akshay Gandotra and Rajinder Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, DAP leaders Vinod Sharma, Corporator JMC Sobat Ali and Gourav Chopra said that only DAP can strengthen the nation and serve people in real sense. Gates of DAP are open for all those who want to serve the people and strengthen 'Nationalist Forces', they added.

Crown', three sought-after international accreditations (AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS), and widely known for its excellence in management research and education. Collaboration between both Institutes will help us to develop our competence in many key areas ranging from the development of educational and training programs, long-range planning, and Institutional development. The collaboration between the two reputed Institutes will give a leading edge to the research output of EGADE Business School Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico.