

Dr Jitendra reviews pandemic preparedness in J&K, advises designated Dashboard

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday reviewed pandemic preparedness in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

During the high-level online meeting connecting different districts ranging from Jammu to Srinagar as well as the two divisional headquarters of Kashmir and Jammu respectively, the Minister advised setting up of a designated Dashboard for real time updates related to the ongoing third wave. He also issued a number of other instructions in the wake of the course being followed by the third wave.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Divisional Commissioner of Jammu, Dr Raghav Langar, Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir, Pandu Rang Pole, Mayor Jammu Chandra

Mohan Gupta, Mayor Srinagar Junaid Mattoo, Director General Health Dr Salim Rehman, DDC Chairmen of different districts, Municipal Council Heads, District Development Commissioners and other concerned officials and representatives.

Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu, Pandu Rang Pole and Raghav Langar respectively, informed the Minister that by and large there was no major concern in each of the two Divisions. In Kashmir Division, among the cases tested for Genome Sequencing so far, there was no one reported as Omicron case, whereas from Jammu Division three cases had been reported. The vaccination process was almost complete barring a few far-flung pockets in districts like Kishtwar.

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DC Srinagar Mohammad Ajaz and DC Ramban Mussarat Islam also offered an update regarding weather related constraints in their respective districts.

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UT. He said, the same mechanism would be evolved if required, but meanwhile the functionaries in the administration and elected representatives were free to be in touch with his office as and when required, whenever there was any coordination or intervention needed.

The Minister was informed that while the night curfew has been imposed in Jammu, no decision has yet been taken on imposing weekend lockdown on the pattern of Delhi-NCR. Meanwhile, guidelines and COVID appropriate behaviour including wearing of face masks are being strictly imposed.

There was a general demand for expediting the Genome Sequencing facility, in response to which the Director General Health informed that necessary steps had already been taken in this direction.

J&K makes special mark in 24th National Conference on e-Governance

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CEO JKeGA, Amit Sharma being felicitated at 24th National Conference on e-Governance.

Hyderabad: Jammu & Kashmir made special mark and presence during ongoing two-day 24th National Conference on e-Governance wherein Amit Sharma, Chief Executive Officer of J&K e-Governance Agency represented UT and made contributions as chair of an important session on day 1 of conference while he attended another session as a Co-panelist on day 2 before culmination of all-important Summit organised by Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances in collaboration with National e-Governance Division on theme 'India's Techade: Digital Governance in post-pandemic World'.

Amit

chaired and moderated an important breakout session of the Conference wherein Digital Excellence at District Level was the theme and speakers shared their respective innovative contributions with usage of technology at district level which included Varnali Deka (DC Kokrajhar), Government of Assam; Dr Ashish Srivastava, Additional Secretary, Information and Science Technology & Director ITDA Uttarakhand and Mohit Mishra, Deputy Collector HQ & SDM, Daman & Diu.

Another important plenary session on Government Process Re-engineering and citizen's participation in Government processes was attended by CEO JaKeGA, who made a presentation on J&K's contributions towards public and best practices adopted in UT, which are unique and fit into context.

He talked about empowerment through BEAMS and Jan Bhagidari portal conceptualised by J&K

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta wherein

public feedback is being on

sought on ongoing works

in a big way.

Workshop on 'Suposhit Bharat' starts at GGM Science College

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Jammu: NSS unit of Government Gandhi Memorial Science College organized a two-day workshop 'Suposhit Bharat (nourished India)' under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravinder Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan as a part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav under the Poshan Abhiyan.

NSS volunteers made posters spreading message to the children the importance of growth monitoring.

NSS PO said, "A balanced

diet supplies the nutrients your body needs to work effectively. Without balanced nutrition, your body is more prone to disease, infection, fatigue, and low performance.

Children who don't get enough healthy foods may face growth and developmental problems, poor academic performance, and frequent infections. Unlock your potential with good nutrition."

Bail denied in assault case

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Jammu: City Judge Jammu Manjeet Rai rejected bail application of one Aftab Hussain who was involved in attempt to murder case. While rejecting bail application, City Judge Jammu Manjeet Rai after hearing APP Arvind Rathore for Police whereas as Adv Bari Abdullah for the applicant observed that accused is allegedly involved in the offences under section 307/323 of IPC and offence under section 307 of IPC is non-bailable and serious in nature. "Accused cannot claim bail as a matter of right. Moreover, it would be premature to comment on evidence collected till date as the investigation of the case is at its initial stage. The injured is still undergoing treatment and struggling with his life in GMC, Jammu. The accused/applicant does not deserve any leniency in grant of bail," the court observed and denied the bail application.

Nimrandeep demands PM's apology for failure to double farmers' income

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Jammu: Nimrandeep Singh, General Secretary, J&K Pradesh Youth Congress has demanded that the Prime Minister tender an apology to the farmers for its failure to double their income as promised. In a statement issued here today, Nimrandeep said that the announcement by PM Modi over doubling farmers' income has proved to be a hoax with the people across the nation celebrating the New Year 2022 and farmers being left to fend for themselves facing a lot of hardships after having suffered a lot. Nimrandeep recalled that on 28th February 2016 at Bareilly in UP, PM Modi promised to initiate all the necessary measures to double the income of farmers by the year 2022. This has now proved to be a 'Jumla'. He said that PM due to this utter failure should apologize to the farmers.

Court rejects bail plea of Rohingya

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Jammu: CJM Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langeh rejected bail application of one Abdul Ghafor, a Rohingya, who was arrested by Police in FIR No. 405/2021 for offences under sections 467/468/471 of IPC read with Section 3 of PEI Act and Section 14 of Foreigners Act registered at Police Station Bahu Fort. Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langeh after hearing APP Kuldeep Kumar for the Police observed that petitioner is co-accused in FIR No. 405/2021 for offences under sections 467/468/471 of IPC, Section 3 of PEI Act and Section 14 of Foreigners Act registered at Police Station Bahu Fort; that during investigation, it came to fore that petitioner willfully and knowingly facilitated another accused namely Zameer Ahmed, a foreigner in crossing over to Indian Territory illegally without any valid documents; that petitioner has conspired with aforesaid accused and prepared fake and forged documents enabling him to evade and escape from eyes of security agencies with an ultimate goal to carry out illegal activities in India in general and UT of J&K in particular; that petitioner has helped accused Zameer Ahmed in obtaining admission in Deoband- UP on fake and forged documents; that investigation is presently at initial stage, that offence under section 467 of IPC carries punishment with life imprisonment; that petitioner is kingpin of a racket of collecting money, forging documents and managing entry of foreigners illegally into UT of J&K. While rejecting bail application, CJM Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langeh observed that approach of investigating agency springs out a surprising element not difficult to be discerned. "Given the gravity of the allegations and complexity of the web of circumstances needing in depth probe, that police itself alludes to case in hand, it is not fathomable as to what weighed with higher-ups in the investigating agency in not displaying commensurate sensibility in the matter of investigation of a crime that allegedly has huge ramifications of grave proportions for the security of the country as a whole, a fact that is also asserted in the report submitted by police itself. Copy of the order shall also go to SSP Jammu for information and necessary action as may be deemed appropriate," the Court directed.

Sports promoter Pervaiz calls on SSP Poonch



Cricket promoter Pervaiz Afridi presenting bouquet to SSP Poonch, Rohit Baskotra.

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Poonch: Sports enthusiast and cricketer promoter in district Poonch, social activist Pervaiz Malik Afridi on Saturday called on the SSP Poonch, Rohit Baskotra, who recently took over

as district police chief.

On behalf of the Ehsaas Foundation and Rahul Dravid Cricket Academy, Pervaiz welcomed the officer to the border district which has earned a name in the field of sports in the UT of J&K.

During the interactions, Afridi, who is a staffer of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), asked the district police head to continue with their efforts and initiatives to help sports grow in Poonch.

He assured all support to the police actions initiated against those drug peddlers and also in mobilising the youth towards sports activities. Pervaiz told the SSP that a lot of new sports infrastructure has come up in the recent past and need of the hour was to bring youth to the grounds.

"What needed is collective approach and sincere efforts to bring youth to the stadias so as to groom them into future medal winners for the Nation. District Police have always supported the cause of sports and we expect a renewed relationship in near future," Afridi said.

JU organises webinar on 'Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's ideology & youth'

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Jammu: Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Chair-UGC, Department of Economics, University of Jammu organized a webinar on Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay's Ideology and Inclusiveness among Youth in Skill Development by Prof. B. Dharamsingh, Chair Professor, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chair (UGC) and the Advisor, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Alagappa University.

Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice-Chancellor presided over the webinar and in his address said Pt. Deendayal was a philosopher, economist, sociologist, historian, journalist, and eminent political activist.

At present the philosophy of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay is very much relevant and we should imbibe the value system as propounded by Pt. Deendayal, he said. Earlier, Prof. Jasbir Singh welcomed the guests.

Prof. B. Dharamsingh in his keynote address focused that Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay wrote and lectured on numerous national issues of concern.

One such significant concept was his 'Philosophy of Integral Humanism' with central theme humanity and all the animate and inanimate nature is full of infinite diversity, it has got a common Atma i.e. Ethos or soul. The diversity is only superficial and the common Atma makes naturally all the entities or things cooperative and complementary. This is expressed by the word- Ekamata. The webinar was attended by more than 150 participants across the country from different Universities and colleges. Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Department of Economics presented a formal vote of thanks.

Tiger Division organises medical camp

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Jammu: A Medical Camp-cum-COVID awareness camp with the Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and NOKs (Widows) of Raipur Satwari was organised by Tiger Division at Govt Girls High School, Raipur Satwari, here.

The Medical Camp started with the interaction by Brig NR Pandey with ex-servicemen, Veer-Naris,



Next of Kins (Widows), Dr SP Verma, Padmashree, Dr Suresh Assistant, Sharma, Director, AYUSH, Lady Doctors of Army Wives Welfare

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Lt Governor informed about the UT Administration's plan to support museums with a good collection and precious collection of artefacts in the monasteries starting from the next financial year. He stated that UT Administration is striving to protect the rich culture and heritage of Ladakh. Lt Governor Mathur also shared the UT Administration's plan to document and record the history of each village in Ladakh so that it could be shared, including with the tourists.

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Reservation on basis of caste, religion means denial of equal opportunities: GCPF

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Jammu: General Category People's Front (GCPF), during a meeting held on Saturday under the chairmanship of Raj Kumar Banathia, deliberated upon the issues of majority community, including its neglect, marginalization and socio-economic and political dis-

crimination being perpetuated by the Government of India through reservation and partial treatment for vested political interests.

Speaking during the meeting, Yash Paul Sanson, President of Front condemned continuation of reservation on the basis of caste, class & religion with

out any review. States could not be forced to make provisions without data showing imbalance in represent of certain communities," he said, adding that reservation on basis of caste and religion is the simply denial of equal opportunities.

Urging Government to make provisions for providing

them equal opportunities by ending special privileges, concessions quotas and reservation of all kinds.

Others who spoke during the meeting included Jagdish Dogra (Special Guest), V K Sharma, Bhushan Pargal, Deepak Khajuria, Surinder Kumar, Gopal Dass Verma and Dr Bansi Lal.