LG meets Gujarat Chief Minister

GANDHINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday met the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel.

The Lt Governor discussed with the Gujarat Chief Minister the collaboration between J&K UT and Gujarat in various sectors and initiatives for strengthening the trade relations, exploring opportunities for mutual growth, exchanges of knowledge and capacity building.

The Lt Governor tweeted:

"Glad to have met CM of Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel. We discussed collaboration between J&K UT and Gujarat in various sectors and initiatives for strengthening the trade



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha meeting with CM Gujarat, Bhupendra Patel.

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Industrial delegations involving industry associations and trade bodies from both the regions to identify potential areas for investment and industrial partnerships, to establish a platform for networking and to share best practices in various sec-

We also discussed about reciprocal visits of official delegations from Jammu Kashmir to Gujarat and vice versa, capacity building of emerging entrepreneurs and start ups and collaborations with leading IT companies in Gujarat and sectoral partnership".



ADGP Jammu inspects working Modi realised Vivekanand's 'Vision India', translated of Police Station Rehmbal it into 'Viksit Bharat': Dr Jitendra



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain interacting with police officers at Police Station Rehmbal.

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UDHAMPUR: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone Anand Jain acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the police officials in security in the district.

ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain was accompanied by SSP Udhampur Joginder Singh paid a surprise visit to Police Station Rehmbal to review overall crime in the area.

ADGP Jammu reviewed the records, ensuring proper documentation and adherence to protocols.

He visited the record room and checked the matters related to cyber fraud, complaints registered on cybercrime portals; assess the current state of cybercrime in the jurisdiction.

He emphasised the importance of maintaining law and order and community engagement. He acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the police officials in maintaining peace and security in the district.

He issued instructions for conducting crime review regularly so that all the complaints are addressed to the satisfaction of the

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JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi realised Swami Vivekanand's "Vision India" and translated it into " Viksit Bharat".

This was stated here on Friday by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a function to commemorate the 161st Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and Foundation day of Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital Ambphalla, here.

Dr Jitendra laid stress on capacity building of the youth so that they can realize the full strength of their talent and channelize their energies towards that end.

The Minister urged everyone to make optimal use of

Medical Mission Charitable Hospital Ambphalla, at Jammu. their strength, potential and Vivekananda, the ideal of education should be capacity talent in the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal so that they can building and growth of contribute to realizing the human beings.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing a function to commemorate 161st Birth

Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and 54th Foundation day of Swami Vivekananda

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JAMMU: The enforcement staff of Drug & Food

Control Organization on Friday carried out sur-

prise checks in the market to secure due diligence

with Government instructions (installation of

CCTV Cameras & adoption of Computerised

billing system) in the Retail Pharmacies existing

During the drive a number of medical establish-

ments were inspected and several Retail outlets

were found guilty of committing breaches / dis-

The action has been taken against M/s

.Bhagwati Chemists chowk Chabutara Jammu,

M/s Janvi Medical Store, Upper Bazaar, Jammu,

M/s PMJAK, upper Bazar Jammu, M/s Dhar

Medicate, Subhash Nagar, M/s Cure Fast

Pharmacy, Karan Nagar Srinagar, M/s Medicare

Chemist, Karan Nagar Srinagar, M/s Milineum

Pharmacy, Karan Nagar, Srinagar and M/s

Royal Chemist, Gole Market, Karan Nagar,

The Inspector of Drugs concerned in exercise

of powers conferred under Section 22(d) of the

Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 disallowed the

operation of the erring Pharmacies. Further as

an abundant precaution, the pharmacies were

sealed on the spot. The simultaneous checks were

conducted in Jammu / Srinagar under the direct

supervision of Dv. Drugs Controller, Kashmir,

/ operating across the U.T of J&K.

obedience of the standing instructions.

Dr Singh said, it is this vision of a developed India by the year to 2047. ideal which influenced the Dr Jitendra said, Prime NEP 2020 that focuses on Minister Modi brought in bringing to the fore the inherent talent and aptitude of Education the National (NEP)2020.students. Earlier, the students were prisoners of the

aspirations of their parents, now, they have attained freedom to choose and change subjects based on their aptitude. This empowerment stems from the NEP2020,

Dr. Jitendra added. Enumerating the salient features of welfare schemes of the government, the Union Minister said the Direct

Operation of several medical establishments

suspended across J&K for violation of rules

Benefits Transfer (DBT) has ushered in more transparency by weeding out middlemen from the system by ensuring that cash benefits reach bank accounts of beneficiaries directly. In the same way, free gas cylinders under Ujjwala Yojana are being provided to the beneficiaries without any discrimination on the basis of religion or caste.

Pitching for greater publicprivate partnership in medical science, Dr Jitendra said the age of silos is over. He underlined the importance of collaboration among organizations and institutions.

The Minister exemplified that India's recent success stories like Covid vaccine, Chandravaan and Aroma Mission are the result of col-

Pharma fraternity to adhere to the Government

instructions issued from time to time, particular-

ly not selling drugs containing intoxicating ingre-

dients (habit forming) without a valid prescrip-

tion issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner

The Pharma fraternity has been asked to not

to dispense the prescription more than once

unless the prescriber has stated for more than

once. If the prescription contains a direction that

it may be dispensed a stated number of times or

at stated intervals, it must not be dispensed oth-

on the prescription above the signature of the pre-

scriber the name and address of the seller and the

Meanwhile a team of Officers under the super-

vision of Rajesh Angurana, Deputy Controller

(Intelligence cum Legal Cell) and Shri Pankaj

Malhotra, Assistant Controller (Intelligence cum

Legal Cell) conducted a surprise inspection in

Udhampur district at M/s Inder Medical Agency

,Gole Market, Udhampur and M/s Ambica

Medical Hall, Mukherjee Bazar, Udhampur. The

raid was conducted on specific inputs and upon

inspection, it was found that both the firms were

dispensing Schedule H1 drugs in violation to

legal provisions. The operation of both the estab-

lishments was disallowed on the spot.

erwise than in accordance with the direction. At the time of dispensing there must be noted

date on which prescription is dispensed.

BJP believes in 'Nation First', INDI Alliance in 'Self First': Rana

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday described INDI Alliance as an amalgam of self seekers and opportunists coming together for their inherent hate for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has become synonymous to vibrant India and emerged as a global

"The fundamental difference between the BJP and INDI Alliance is that the former believes in the 'Nation First', party second and self-last while the later believes in self-first, family second, party third and the Nation last", Rana said while interacting with the media at the side-lines of the weekly public hearing at the party headquarters at Trikuta Nagar here this afternoon accompanied by Parneesh Mahajan, Incharge BJP Training Cell, Shalinder Vaid, BJP Protocol



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana listening to public issues.

Mishra, Vice President, BJP Yuva Morcha,

Devender Rana said the track record of the BJP since its inception as Jana Sangh, especially during the past nearly ten years, stands testimony to its pledge of 'Nation First', as the party has placed national interest at the forefront in an era where ideologies and priorities differ.

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m pledge}$ 'Nation First' is an intent and commitment to the incluas per cherished objective of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas. Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas besides progress of all, regardless

of caste, creed or region. The Prime Minister has translated this vision as reality on ground, which vibrant country across the world, he said, adding that every Indian feels a sense of pride across the continents for the stature the nation has achieved in the comity of nations.

guiding principle for national security and social harmony, which is an eyesore for those who have been struggling to show some semblance of relevance in national politics. But for the lust of is why India is seen as a power, the INDI Alliance has nothing in common. To achieve their sinister political objectives, the alliance of opportunists have not even been hesitating in compromising with the honour and pride of the nation, he added.

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technological advancement, economic reliance, the BJP has been successfully striving for fostering a sense of patriotism and pride among citizens, encouraging active participation in the nation's development.

This is the mantra for Atamnirbhar-Viksit Bharat and making India developed nation by 2047, he added. Earlier, Rana listened to the problems, individual and collective, of those who listed various issues during the hearing and assured that these will be taken up with all the concerned for early redressal.

Jan Aushadhi Kendra sales

is substantiated by sample data collected from selected Jan Aushadhi Kendras located in Community Health Centres in Kot Bhalwal, and Chowki Choura, along Government Hospitals Gandhi Nagar and Sarwal. According to data compiled on Friday by the District Health Society, the cumulative sale figures from the outlets for the current financial year since January With sustained efforts and support from the district adminis-Aushadhi Kendras, the most recent sales data has surged to 11.6 times. With an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Government of India in November, 2008. outlets known as Janaushadhi Kendras are opened to provide generic medicines at affordable

Further investigation and mandatory legal pro-Nighat Jabeen and Dy. Drugs Controller, Jammu namely Mohammad Iqbal Pala. cedures in all the above exercises shall follow in The Organisation has impressed upon the **Div Com inaugurates**

■ MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir hosts the sequel of it's 'Know Your Artisan' initiative to promote the local artisans.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, inaugurates the group art exhibition titled 'Naqsh o Nigar, A Kaleidoscope of Art, Craft, and Photography Exhibition' at Government Arts Emporium Srinagar.

True to its title, the exhibition presents ever-changing patterns in art, design, craft, and photography. Organized in collaboration with Edraak, a group focused on educational revival through arts and aesthetics in Kashmir. The exhibition. centers around the theme of "Naqsh o Nigar", showcasing a diverse array of artistic expressions.

Vijay Kumar, speaking on the sidelines of the event, described the exhibition as a testament to the diverse voices and visions shaping the contemporary art scene. He emphasized its role in inspiring creativity and promoting cultural exchange through the universal language of art. "We are confident that visitors will be moved, inspired, and intrigued by the stunning array of works on display," he

Featuring the artistic endeavours of more than 25 individuals, predominantly young students from various fields, the week-long exhibition showcases art, crafts, and photography. The artists have poured their hearts into their curated selections, presenting a dynamic blend of creatives. Department has been proactive in organizing such exhibitions since Srinagar became part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN), cele-



brating the rich heritage of artistic expression. On the occasion Director of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir Mahmood Ahmad Shah said, "Exhibitions like today's underscore the synergies between various artistic practices, integrating traditional and contemporary approaches and blurring the boundaries between art forms. The artworks reflect a profound exploration of techniques, materials, and concepts, fostering a dialogue between the past and the present, the familiar and the unfamiliar.

Attendees at the exhibition have the opportunity to immerse themselves in compelling drawings, paintings, traditional sculptures, and intriguing craft fusions that defy norms, stir emotions, and encourage reflection. Each piece of art encapsulates the artist's unique identity and their personal perspective on the surrounding world. The exhibition is open to the general public until January, 17 at Government Arts Emporium, Srinagar.

Rana said the philoso-Advisor Bhatnagar chairs 43rd BoDs meeting of JKSCST & BCDC

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Corporation's role in imple-

menting policies that uplift

the socio-economic status of

Scheduled Castes, Scheduled

Classes across Jammu and

He called upon the man-

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to explore avenues and meas-

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bility to education, employ-

ment and healthcare for the

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emphasized upon the corpo-

ration management to take

full benefits of schemes of all

Apex Corporations for creating sustainable opportunities

and ensuring overall welfare

of the targeted communities.

He called upon them to

organise awareness pro-

grammes in collaboration

with Apex Corporations so

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Advisor, Rajeev Raj Bhatnagar chairing 43rd Board of Directors meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS Advisor JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Friday chaired the 43rd Board of Directors meeting of the and Kashmir Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Backward Tribes $\quad \text{and} \quad$ Classes Development Corporation (JKSCST & BCDC) at Civil Secretariat

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda; Secretary Tribal Affairs department, Shiv Anant Tayal; DG Budget, M.Y. Ittoo; DG Planning, representatives of Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs, National Scheduled Finance Caste Development Corporation, National Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development

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Corporation,

Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation. National

Backward Classes Finance DevelopmentCorporation and National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation, both in person and through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the BoDs held comprehensive review of ongoing projects, assessment of developmental programs and deliberations on innovative approaches to address the unique challenges faced by these communities. The Board also held detailed deliberations on the performance as well as financial position of the Corporation.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar underscored the government's commitment to inclusive development and

He also asked them to organise workshops for the employees of corporation to acquaint them with latest schemes of the government so that they can translate same into actionable programs that positively impact the lives of the people it serves. During the meeting, the BoDs took some significant decisions for improving overall health of the corporation.

The Board asked the management of corporation to simplify the procedure for obtaining the loan so that the maximum people take due advantage of the schemes operated by the corporation. The Board also asked the MD JKSCST&BCDC to monitor the employees of the corporation on regular basis and take action against the

non-performing officials. The Board also held detailed discussions and deliberations on kev initiatives and strategies aimed at fostering socio-economic growth among Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in the Jammu and Kashmir region.

During the meeting, MD JKSCST&BCDC gave a detailed presentation on the overall performance and functioning Corporation.

tiatives taken under the visionary leadership of Yashasvi Narendra Modi during the past ten years, saying the focus has been on building a resilient nation that can overcome obstacles and emerge

Devender Rana referred

Policy

Alongside development,

increase 11 fold in Jammu Distt

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The sales of Jan Aushadhi Kendra medicines have witnessed a remarkable increase in Jammu District recording more than eleven fold surge since January last year.

The noteworthy development

Akhnoor, Bishnah, RS Pura, 2023 amounted to ?27,14,487. tration to promote Jan ?3,16,15,919, marking an impressive increase of around prices to all, Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Under the scheme, dedicated prices. Product basket of PMBJP comprises 1965 drugs and 293 surgical items.