

# Justice Tashi inaugurates dental cum awareness camp at Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal

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JAMMU: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, on Wednesday inaugurated a dental awareness cum hygiene camp organized for the inmates of Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal here.

The camp was organized by Indira Gandhi Government Dental College in collaboration with J&K Legal Services Authority and Prison Department, J&K.

Justice Tashi, accompanied by Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, was warmly received by Deepak Kumar, Director General Prisons, Sanjay Parihar, District & Sessions Judge and Chairman DLSA Jammu, Virendra Bhat, Superintendent, Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu, Rakesh Gupta, Principal, Indira Gandhi, Government Dental College, Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, Dr. Poli Thapa, Senior Medical Officer, Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu and Advocate Anil Sharma, Chief LADC, Jammu.

A ceremonial guard of



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honor was also accorded to Justice Tashi.

While addressing after inaugurating the two day camp, Justice Tashi said that dental hygiene is equally important for every person but due to lack of awareness the people normally ignore these issues. He said this awareness cum hygiene camp has been specially designed to address the dental problems being faced by the jail inmates.

Referring to his earlier visits to various jails in the UT of J&K, Justice Tashi said that a number of jail inmates had raised the demand for referring them to dental hospital for dental checkup. So,

the J&K Legal Services Authority after holding a detailed meeting with Principal Indira Gandhi, Government Dental College and Director General, Prisons formulated a calendar spreading over 2 months for organising dental awareness cum hygiene camps in two phases in all the jails of Jammu and Kashmir, he added. The first phase would cover jails located in Jammu province while the second phase will be covering all the jails of Kashmir province.

Principal Indira Gandhi, Government Dental College, informed the Executive Chairman that various teams comprising 22 dental sur-

geons and 4 technicians have been deputed for two days at Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu. This shall not only spread the awareness about the dental hygiene, but shall also conduct dental check-up and provide treatment during the camp. He further informed that besides using the dental equipment available in various jails, portable dental chairs alongwith medicines and other tools shall be taken to each and every jail by the team constituted for the purpose.

On the occasion, various dental surgeons also addressed the gathering and educated them about various precautions required for maintaining dental health.

Later, Justice Tashi inspected proceedings of NIA court Jammu being conducted virtually involving Jail inmates.

The Director General Prisons, while thanking the Executive Chairman, acknowledged the efforts of Legal Services Institutions in organizing such programmes for jail inmates and addressing their problems. He also requested the Executive Chairman to take up the issue of shortage of medical staff in

various jails with the concerned Authorities.

Subsequently, Justice Tashi inspected the office of J&K Legal Services Authority at JDA Complex, Jammu and interacted with the staff posted there.

Justice Tashi urged upon all to work with dedication to ensure that the flag of Legal Services Authority flutters high in the sky.

Later in the afternoon, Justice Tashi visited 'Muskan', a Home for Mentally Challenged Persons at Channi Rama, Jammu, to oversee improvements made in the living conditions of the inmates.

Justice Tashi Rabstan met all the inmates and spent about an hour with them. On behalf of District Administration, Anusuya Jamwal, ADC Jammu was present, who informed Justice Tashi that the construction work of one additional room is nearing completion and other necessary repairs shall be completed before the close of this financial year.

The Administrator of the Home informed Justice Tashi that the girls of the Home recently participated in VYOM 2023 and also got prize in a cultural event.



# ANTF apprehends two Inter-State Drug Peddlers

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JAMMU: To wipe put the menace of drug abuse from society under the program Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF), a specialized unit of Jammu and Kashmir Police, apprehended two inter-state drug peddlers and recovered about 68 Bottles of 0-Qurex-T Codeine based Cough Syrup from their possession. On a specific input, ANTF Jammu team apprehended Irfan Latief Kohli, son of late Mohd Latief Kohli, resident of Azad Colony, Sunjwan, Jammu and Naveen Gupta, son of late Ravinder Chopra, resident of 22-P, Last Morh, Gandhi Nagar Jammu. The team recovered 68 Bottles of 0-Qurex-T Codeine based Cough Syrup from their possession in commercial quantity at Kah Chak near Purmandal Morh, NH-44.

As per ANTF official, both accused persons were travelling in a Car bearing registration No JKO2BE-2872 and trap was laid by Insp. Sanjeet Sharma along with team of ANTF Jammu under the guidance of Shamsheer Singh, DySP, SHO ANTF Jammu and overall supervision of SSP ANTF J&K, Raj Kumar.

In this regard, case FIR No. 01/24 under Sections 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act was registered at P/S ANTF Jammu and investigation set into motion, official said. ANTF Jammu has appealed the general public particularly the youth to stay away from drugs and to share any kind of information regard drug related activities with ANTF so that strict legal actions are taken against such drug dealers. The identity of the informant as well as whistleblower shall be kept confidential, official said.

# BJP adopting anti people approach: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla speaking at party workers meeting.

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JAMMU: The District Congress Committee Jammu (Urban) on Wednesday held monthly meeting at the Congress office at Shaheedi Chowk to discuss important matters.

The meeting was presided over by JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla and attended by Vice Presidents JKPCC Ved Mahajan, Hari Singh Chib, Rajnish Sharma

(Treasurer) & Pranav Shagotra.

The meeting was organized by President DCC Jammu Urban Th. Manmohan Singh.

Bhalla said that after abrogation of special status, the lands of poor being snatched, the protection to jobs have gone and there are no jobs in government and private sector.

In this situation the BJP government and UT administration is putting addi-

tional burden of all sorts of taxes on poor. When the people raise their voice, they are booked on frivolous charges and crushed to suppress the voice of people.

He asked the party functionaries to highlight the failures of BJP on various fronts, including economy, foreign policy, communal harmony, inflation, farmers' income, national security, welfare for the Scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes, and other backward classes.

# J&K Bank conducts camps under 'Ghar Ghar KCC Abhiyaan'

## MD & CEO Baldev Prakash visits Chhoon camp in Budgam, distributes sanction letters

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SRINAGAR: Going ahead with its mission of saturating KCC in Jammu and Kashmir under 'Ghar Ghar KCC Abhiyaan', J&K Bank is conducting KCC Saturation Camps across the Union Territory.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash today visited one such camp in Chhoon area of Budgam district in presence of Bank's Divisional Head (Kashmir) Tabasum Nazir, Zonal Head (Budgam) Sadat Hussain, DGM Nishikant Sharma, Cluster Head Javid Rashid, LDM Ashfaq Hussain and prominent citizens of the area amid a large number of PM Kisan beneficiaries and local residents besides officials of the Bank and other line departments.

Notably, as part of the UT-wide campaign to cover all



MD & CEO J&K Bank Baldev Prakash distributing sanction letters at Srinagar.

the PM Kisan beneficiaries under KCC Scheme, the camp was organized in coordination with the line departments like Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries etc.

Addressing the participants

on the occasion, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "Agriculture is the mainstay of our economy and our farmers deserve unwavering support to make informed decisions and strike better bargains to increase their earnings."

Reiterating the Bank's commitment to sow the seeds of progress and prosperity in the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir, he asserted, "In Jammu and Kashmir, we are in a mission mode to accomplish the Government's objective of 100% KCC saturation because we know that Kisan Credit Card not only provides financial assistance to farmers but also empowers growers to make informed decisions and strike better bargains to increase their earnings."

affordable credit facilities to drive his/her agricultural pursuits thereby facilitating the achievement of universal financial inclusion also."

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"We also understand that by ensuring saturation, we are paving the way for increased agricultural productivity and greater financial inclusion that translates not only into rural progress but also contributes hugely to national prosperity", he added. He urged all the eligible farmers of J&K to come forward and avail the finance scheme that has been tailored to provide them adequate and timely credit support with flexible and simplified procedure for farming requirements. Pertinently, the MD also directed the concerned that along with KCC, RuPay debit Cards should be provided to the beneficiaries instantly upon operating their accounts so as to enable them be part of the growing digital banking ecosystem in the country.

# Varsity plans a big infrastructure and innovation push: Prof. Umesh Rai

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JAMMU: The Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, interacted with senior members of the media today to discuss the university's ongoing initiatives, accomplishments, and future plans.

The Vice-Chancellor was flanked by Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning; Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies; Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar; Prof. Rajiv Rattan, Director, College Development Centre; Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Director, Directorate of Distance and Online Education; Prof. J. P. S. Joorel; Prof. Naresh Padha and Prof. Satnam Kour Raina, Chairperson, Utsaah, the Clubs, and Head, Department of Psychology.

During the interaction, Prof. Rai highlighted the university's commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and student success.

The Vice-Chancellor emphasised the importance of fostering a collaborative learning environment and strengthening ties with industry partners.



Vice-Chancellor, JU Prof. Umesh Rai addressing a press conference on Wednesday.

In his address, he acknowledged the support rendered by Print & Electronic Media and further added that various capacity development programmes of the faculty are being organised, for which Rs 5 crore of financial support has been sanctioned by the UT Jammu & Kashmir Government and an additional Rs 5 crore has been sanctioned for the implementation of NEP-2020.

The faculty of the 'Design Your Degree' programme shall also be given specialized training. Prof. Rai exuded that the university is going to give huge impetus to infrastructure development, and in this regard, work will soon start on a prestigious innovation tower, a huge parking

space, and a state-of-the-art iconic main gate depicting Dogra culture.

The University has become the first varsity in the UT to offer a full-fledged Masters degree in English and Commerce through online mode, said Prof. Umesh Rai, adding that the university is going to organise a women's JK Science Congress in the month of February, thereby defining the resolve that the university believes in Women's empowerment through science and technology.

The Vice Chancellor further said that the university is organising a 3-day mega festival called "Goonj", wherein universities of UT J&K and affiliated colleges of JU are going to partici-

pate and display their best practices in their respective institutions, as well as showcase dance, music, and sports.

The magic happens when elders and youth talk, and in this regard, the University is soon starting a programme with the aim of engaging youth with elders with the caption "Bajargon ke baat Yuvavo ke sath," and the purpose is that elders through this programme pass down one's life experience.

The elders will be requested to visit campus and engage with youth, and respectively youth will also go to villages and interact with the elders. These experiences will be well documented, and a documentary will also be prepared.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus, Prof Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof Alka Sharma, Director of SIEDDC, Prof S K Pandita, Director, MMTC, Prof Monika Sethi, Chairperson Cultural Committee, Prof Sarika Manhas, Co-chairperson Cultural Committee, Dr Garima Gupta, Head, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Dr Ginny Dogra, I/e Director, DIQA, and Ranjeet Kalra, teaching faculty.

# DGP sanctions Rs.3.72 crore special welfare relief/welfare loan

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JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP) R.R. Swain has sanctioned Rs 2.20 crore as Special Welfare Relief in favour of dependents/legal heirs of 10 deceased police personnel. He has also sanctioned over Rs 1.51 crore welfare loans in favour of 119 serving police personnel to meet their immediate financial needs and Rs 2 lakh financial assistance in favour of Nok of two martyred Police officials.

The special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased police personnel SI Ab

Hamid, ASI Sukh Dev Singh, HC Mohammad Yaseen, HC Ielpaul Singh, HC Mohd Sadeeq, HC kamal Kishore SgCt. Daya Kishan, SgCt Kuldeep Singh, Ct Bilal Ahmad and follower Altaf Hussain.

Out of this amount Rs 1 lakh each has already been paid to the families/NoK for performing the last rites as immediate relief by the PHQ through their concerned units/Districts.

Welfare loan of Rs 42 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of 42 police personnel for self marriage. While Rs 1.50 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of 63 police personnel to

meet the expenses of the marriage of their sons/daughters. 11 police personnel have been provided welfare loan of Rs 1.5 lakh each for higher/professional education of their wards. Rs 1 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of one police personnel for the technical education of his son. Rs 50000 each has been sanctioned in favour of two police personnel for circumcision/Akhandpath of his ward.

Besides, the DGP has also sanctioned R 1 lakh each in favour of Nok of martyr Ct. Mushtaq Ahmad & Ct Raj Kumar as financial assistance for marriage ceremonies of their daughters.

# Traffic Police Rural Jammu issue traffic advisory for Kathua

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JAMMU: In connection with the visit of VVIP to Kathua on Jan 4, 2024 (Thursday), some short interval on spot traffic restrictions/traffic diversions in the afternoon hours will be carried out by Traffic Police Rural Jammu on the movement of all types of vehicles/PSVs/LMVs from Kali Bari Chowk to DPL Kathua and as per ground require-

ment.

The public in general is requested to avoid wrong/illegal parking on the approaching route/Venue.

In case of foggy weather, the brief plugging will also be carried out on the main Jammu-Kathua NHW in association with District Administration and District Police.

For any kind of assistance the Traffic Police personnel

/District Police deployed in the jurisdictions may be approached to avoid any inconvenience/uncertainty.

The public in general, especially motorists are requested/ advised to plan their travel accordingly and adopt alternate routes to reach their destination to avoid any interruption.

Keeping in view the brief restrictions in mind during the VVIP visit, the people have been requested to

cooperate with the traffic police. The inconvenience to the general public is regretted.

Traffic restrictions will be lifted after the departure of the VVIP.

For any Traffic related assistance, the public can contact TCU Jammu at Tel. Nos. 0191-2459048 & 94191-47732 and DTI Kathua- 9419168998 or nearby Traffic Police officer/official on duty.



Glimpses of impressive Nagar Kirtan taking out by Sikh devotees ahead of Gurpurab in Jammu on Wednesday. (pic by Shilpa Thakur)