

Heart Clinic on Wheels: J&K Bank dedicates cardiac-care unit for people

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Marking the first day of the New Year with a meaningful public welfare initiative, J&K Bank dedicated a 'Heart Clinic on Wheels' for the people of Jammu & Kashmir under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program.

The Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta on Thursday handed over the Keys of fully-equipped mobile cardiac-care unit to the Regional Head of Ummeed Foundation Dr Zubair Saleem in presence of Chief General Manager Intiyaz Ahmad, General Manager (CSR) Mohammad Muzaffar Wani, DGM Hafeeza Rahim, senior cardiologist and Project Advisor Dr Khurshed Aslam Khan and other senior functionaries here at the Bank's Corporate Headquarters.

Implemented by a not-for-profit organization Ummeed Foundation with nationwide presence, which has over a decade of experience in community healthcare and cardiac interventions, the project also includes training of community



J&K Bank's ED Sudhir Gupta handing over keys of mobile cardiac-care unit to Regional Head of Ummeed Foundation Dr Zubair Saleem.

health workers, public awareness programmes on cardiac health and the creation of a digital health registry to ensure follow-up and continuity of care. While extending New Year greetings to the people on the occasion, Executive Director Sudhir Gupta said that the Bank remains steadfast in its mission of serving-to-empower through its meaningful people-centric interventions. He further said, "We are happy to have begun this year by making a tangible difference in people's lives as every CSR initiative is guided by our commitment to the progress and well-being of people. Access to timely cardiac care can make the difference between life and

loss, particularly in the geographically challenging regions of Jammu & Kashmir. Through the 'Heart Clinic on Wheels', the Bank has facilitated the access of critical healthcare services to the doorsteps of those who need them the most."

Executive Director further noted that the initiative goes beyond treatment and focuses equally on prevention and awareness. "By combining screening, counselling, referrals and community awareness, this project addresses a critical healthcare gap while aligning with our CSR vision of inclusive and sustainable development," he added. Speaking about the mobile cardiac-care

unit, Dr Khurshed Aslam Khan said, "The Heart Clinic on Wheels is equipped with advanced AI-enabled diagnostic systems that enable on-the-spot evaluation and real-time clinical decision-making, ensuring timely and evidence-based treatment. The mobile unit is fully equipped with life-saving emergency facilities, including a ventilator, defibrillator, and essential cardiac support systems, enabling immediate stabilization of patients." Wherever required, he added, structured and rapid referrals to higher centres are seamlessly coordinated to ensure continuity of advanced care. The fully-funded project aims to screen and diagnose over 5000

people in its first year-primarily elderly citizens, defence personnel and their families, and high-risk individuals-while facilitating referrals and transport for advanced treatment where required. Over the coming years, the initiative is expected to benefit tens of thousands of people across the U.T. Designed as a single-stop mobile cardiac emergency and diagnostic facility, the Heart Clinic on Wheels will take essential heart healthcare services directly to underserved populations across the UT's remote and border districts. The mobile unit is equipped to conduct instant cardiac investigations including ECG, Holter monitoring, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring and rapid blood tests such as lipid profile, enabling timely diagnosis and early intervention.

Pertinently, the initiative supports key Sustainable Development Goals, which include good-health and well-being besides helping in reducing inequalities, and aligns well with the Bank's CSR focus areas.

Akhran Club wins Kulgam Volleyball Trophy



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KULGAM: Akhran Volleyball Club emerged as champions of the two-day District Volleyball Championship organised by the Volleyball Association of Kulgam in collaboration with the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir at the Sports Stadium, Akhran.

In the closely contested final, Akhran Volleyball Club defeated Chowgam Volleyball Club by 3-1 sets (25-19, 25-21, 22-25, 25-18) to lift the title trophy. The champi-

onship witnessed enthusiastic participation and competitive performances from teams across the district.

In the girls' category, CCPS Club claimed the title by defeating their opponents in straight sets. CCPS Club registered a convincing 3-0 victory with set scores of 25-15, 25-20, and 25-22.

The PA to MLA Devsar attended the concluding ceremony as the chief guest and presented trophies to the winning teams. Addressing the gathering, he congratu-

lated the players for their spirited performances and encouraged young athletes to pursue sports with dedication. He also appreciated the organisers for successfully conducting the championship and providing a platform for young volleyball players to showcase their talent.

The event concluded on a high note, highlighting the growing popularity of volleyball in the district and the commitment of sports bodies towards nurturing young talent.

Rana announces streamlined e-disbursal of Post-Matric Scholarships among ST students

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Aimed at facilitating the educational pursuits of tribal students across Jammu & Kashmir, Tribal Affairs Department, has commenced the electronic disbursement of Post-Matric Scholarships to eligible Scheduled Tribe (ST-I and ST-II) students, providing much-needed relief to thousands of beneficiaries.

The release of scholarships had earlier encountered unavoidable delays due to technical complications arising out of the transition from the SNA system to the SNA-SPARSH platform.

These challenges primarily

involved issues related to data migration and porting across integrated digital platforms. Although the requisite funds had been released in a timely manner by the Tribal Affairs Department, the actual transfer to student accounts could not be executed owing to these system-level technical constraints.

The prolonged delay had drawn the attention of student associations, civil society representatives and social activists, who consistently raised concerns and urged authorities to resolve the issue at the earliest to safeguard the educational interests of tribal students. Following sus-



tained efforts and coordinated intervention, the matter has now been successfully resolved by the National Informatics Centre (NIC). With this achievement, Jammu & Kashmir has emerged as the first Union

Territory among UTs and States in the country to successfully complete the SNA-to-SNA SPARSH transition, marking a notable milestone in the implementation of digital public finance reforms and e-governance initiatives.

Subsequent to the resolution of the technical issues, the scholarship disbursement process has been formally initiated. An amount of Rs 16.65 crore is being released to eligible ST-I and ST-II students who have applied through the online scholarship portal, ensuring direct benefit transfer to their respective bank accounts.

Javed Ahmed Rana,

Minister for Tribal Affairs, who is personally and continuously monitoring the situation, maintained regular follow-ups with the concerned authorities to expedite resolution of the long-pending issue. He directed the authorities in Tribal Affairs Department to fast track electronic disbursement so that educational pursuits of students are not hindered.

The Department further assured that all eligible beneficiaries will receive their scholarships at the earliest, underscoring the government's dedication towards supporting education and empowerment of tribal communities.



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, on Thursday directed for expeditious completion of all pending houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) across Jammu and Kashmir, setting a one month deadline for completing all remaining sanctioned units. Stressing that delays would not be tolerated, the Secretary warned of strict action in cases of negligence."All remaining houses must be completed by the end of the current month, failing which strict action will be taken," he asserted.

The officials informed the meeting that out of 3,35,452 houses sanctioned for the Union Territory, 3,20,894 houses have already been com-

pleted. The Secretary instructed the Assistant Commissioners Development (ACDs) and Block Development Officers (BDOs) to conduct personal field inspections and ensure direct outreach to every beneficiary to expedite the completion of the remaining houses. She further directed that detailed pre-execution surveys be undertaken to ensure that only genuine, need-based works serving the larger public interest, particularly in vulnerable areas, are proposed

and executed. The meeting also carried out a detailed assessment of both the pending and ongoing PMAY-G houses, with emphasis on timely execution and adherence to set targets. While commending the districts that have achieved high completion rates, the Secretary urged others to identify bottlenecks, improve performance metrics and emulate best practices.

Beyond completion of pending units, the Secretary emphasized the importance of meticulous planning for future housing projects to ensure sustainability and efficiency.

The meeting was attended by Director RDD Kashmir Shabir Hussain Bhat, Joint Director Planning Kamal Kumar, Additional Secretary Waseem Raja, and ACDs and BDOs from various blocks.

Com Secy launches literary collection, smart classroom at CCM



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary Cooperative Department, Babila Rakwal, on Thursday inaugurated the Smart Classroom at the Centre for Cooperative Management (CCM) besides launching the "Coop Heroes" magazine, releasing the calendar and unveiling the newsletter of CCM during an event organised by the Centre.

The future vision of CCM aimed at strengthening the

cooperative education and capacity building in the Union Territory was also presented.

The programme was attended by Additional Registrar Jammu Division Bal Krishan, Joint Registrar (Audit) Jammu Division, Priyanka Bhat and Joint Registrar (Special) Jammu Division, Preeti Sharma, Deputy Registrar Jammu, Bhawani Atri and UNATI Chairman Vikrant Dogra along with the staff of CCM Jammu.

The Commissioner Secretary appreciated CCM's initiatives and emphasised innovation and skill development for strengthening the cooperative movement. She also lauded the proactive role of CCM Jammu in nurturing a skilled cooperative workforce. She advised the institute to continue aligning its academic and training initiatives with emerging sectoral needs, innovation and good governance to ensure sustainable growth of the cooperative

movement. The Principal, Centre for Cooperative Management (CCM), Jammu, highlighted the significance of the initiatives launched during the programme. He stated that the Smart Classroom will modernize the teaching-learning processes by integrating digital tools and interactive methods, thereby enhancing the quality of cooperative education.

The Principal emphasized that the launch of the "Coop Heroes" magazine will motivate the stakeholders by showcasing success stories and best practices from the cooperative sector; while the CCM calendar and monthly newsletter will serve as effective communication tools to keep members and institutions informed about ongoing activities and achievements.

Sakeena calls for comprehensive revamp of sanitation, cleanliness measures in GMCs, other health institutions

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo, on Thursday underscored the urgent need for a comprehensive revamp of sanitation and cleanliness measures in all Government Medical Colleges (GMCs), District Hospitals, Sub-District Hospitals (SDHs), and other healthcare facilities across Jammu and Kashmir; asserting that hygiene is central to quality patient care and public trust. Chairing a high-level review meeting on cleanliness and sanitation in health institutions of the Jammu division—following a similar review in the Kashmir division a day earlier—the Minister called for a zero-tolerance policy towards unhygienic hospitals. She directed Principals and Medical Superintendents to ensure strict adherence to sanitation protocols, regular monitoring, and accountability at every level, stressing that hospitals must reflect safety, dignity, and compassion for patients and attendants. "Clean and well-maintained health institu-



Health Minister Sakeena Itoo chairing a meeting.


tions are not optional; they are fundamental to effective healthcare delivery," Sakeena Itoo said, adding that sanitation failures are not merely administrative lapses but moral and ethical shortcomings. Quoting the Islamic teaching "At-Tahooru Shatru'l Imaan" (cleanliness is half of faith), she emphasized that cleanliness is sacred in hospitals, where pain, prayer, and hope converge. The Minister directed the Health Department to constitute a Central-level Audit Committee to conduct fortnightly inspections of health facilities across J&K, with a special focus on sanitation. She expressed concern over ground observations during hospital visits, stating that the major issue was not lack of doctors or effort, but lack of ownership. "Cleanliness is everyone's

responsibility—from Directors and Principals to the last sanitation worker," she said. She instructed Medical Superintendents to introduce incentives such as cash rewards and certifications for staff, including sanitation workers and doctors, who contribute significantly to maintaining cleanliness. She also ordered a complete ban on outside food and polythene bags within hospital premises. The Minister directed hospital authorities to form internal committees to conduct daily inspections, spread awareness among attendants about dos and don'ts, and take strict action against violators of cleanliness norms. She called for periodic audits, improved waste management systems, strengthened housekeeping services, and better coordination with concerned agencies.

Sakeena Itoo also emphasized rationalisation of sanitation staff, preparation of proper duty rosters, provision of uniforms every six months or earlier, and initiatives for their overall welfare. "Those who clean hospitals perform an act of ibadat (worship) and deserve dignity, safety, training, timely wages, and recognition," she said, adding that a hospital that disrespects sanitation workers can never be truly clean. The Minister further directed replacement of defective wheelchairs, trolleys, unhygienic beds, and bedding on a continuous basis. Highlighting unhygienic wards and dirty washrooms, she said no level of medical expertise can compensate for loss of patient dignity, describing a clean hospital as sadaqa-e-jariya (continuous charity). The meeting was attended by MD JKMSCL Tariq Hussain Ganai, Principal GMC Jammu Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Directors of Health Services, Family Welfare, Finance and Planning, Principals of GMCs, Medical Superintendents and CMOs.

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Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
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Psychiatry and Disease Hospital		2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	257147, 257084, 257357	
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637	
Emergency		2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638	
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012	
Dental Hospital		2546670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar		2430041
Emergency		2431740
Child Hospital		2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital		262270
AMBULANCES		
Indian Red Cross Society		2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248	
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City		2544263
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Bari Brahmana		220020
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Tourist Reception Centre		2579554
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Nanak Nagar		2430776
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Municipality	2547846, 2542192	
Health Officer		2547440
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