

Optimal Haemophilia Care in India

HHCN recommendations on Right Product Selection released

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JAMMU: The first National guidelines from the National Experts on Policy & protocol for selecting the right drug product for optimal Haemophilia care in India were formally released by Haemophilia & Health Collective of North (HHCN) recently in New Delhi at a simple but impressive function.

HHCN comprises of senior experienced faculty staff largely from Govt. Medical Colleges in seven states of North India. With their long experience & knowledge of ground realities & administrative functioning the members have empowered the HHCN to think & recommend the best decisions in the interest of patients at large while keeping the situational constraints in mind. Executive members of HHCN are - Dr. Naresh Gupta (Chairperson) former Director Prof. Medicine, Advisor Haemophilia MAMC & Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi; Dr. Kuldeep Kumar Kaul (President HHCN), former Prof. & Head PG. Deptt of Pathology, Chief Nodal Officer Haemophilia Care Centre G.M.C Jammu, Medical



Haemophilia care in India releasing by Haemophilia & Health Collective of North (HHCN) in New Delhi.

Advisor J&K Thalassaemia Welfare Society; Dr. Bilal Ahmed Sheikh (Vice President), Prof. & HOD Pathology Department & I/C Haemophilia Care Centre G.M.C Srinagar; Dr. Girish Kumar (Coordinator) Assoc. Prof. Pediatrics; Dr. Radhakrishnan G.M.C Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh); Dr. Sunita Agarwal (Secretary) Director Prof MAMC & I/C Haemophilia Care Centre Lok Nayak Hospital New Delhi; Dr. Varun Kaul (Joint Secretary) Professor Paediatrics GGS Medical College Faridkot (Punjab); Dr. Sujata E Mathews (Treasurer) Prof Medicine ABV Institute of Medical Sciences & Dr. R.M.L Hospital New Delhi; Dr. Ruby Khan Deputy Director Blood Cell NHM / SBTC / Lab Services / BMW, Health Department Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh); Dr. T.S. Reddy Ex Director Union Public Service Commission Govt. of India & Dr. Sumant Bhardwaj, Advocate Supreme Court of India. The function started with a panel discussion on "Optimal Haemophilia Care: Preparing & Shaping the future" Infront of an audience

comprising of Doctors, Journalists & electronic & print media persons which was followed by highly impressive live press conference. Those who were unable to attend physically joined by virtual mode.

The journalists asked several important questions and also sought clarification regarding Haemophilia disease, current scenario of Haemophilia Care in India, Role of Societies & the Govt. in Haemophilia Care, Need of the current HHCN guidelines and how these can be useful especially in a resource - constraint settings. The panel of experts who faced the journalists were Dr. Naresh Gupta, Dr. K.K. Kaul, Dr. Sunita Agarwal, Dr. Ruby Khan & Dr. Varun Kaul. President Haemophilia Federation of India Mr. Premroop Alwa joined the press conference virtually. President HHCN Dr. K.K. Kaul in a press release informed that "Haemophilia is a rare genetic disease (Bleeding Disorder in which the blood doesn't clot adequately) with disastrous outcome without treatment. The treatment is very costly but the treatment

benefits are unparalleled and unsurpassable, by bringing quality of life back to these children and making them proud productive citizen like any other. This expanded armamentarium of drug products that has come with anxieties and uncertainties across the stake holders from the patient himself to treaters, administrators and policy makers,

thus there was felt a need for a document to guide on recommendations for selecting the optimal drug products from the lot for individual patients and with local constraints. The hallmark of this document is simplifying the understanding of and comprehending the large number of drug products under an innovative framework of assigning unique CAT Numbers to refer to drug products; and final Action Tables to assist in decision making.

Dr. Kaul concluded by saying that this is the first effort in the country and it is our sanguine hope that these recommendations will be pursued by the different state administrations for optimising health equity in Haemophilia care.

BJP holds organizational meeting of Kathua & Pahari Districts



BJP Chief Spokesperson, Adv. Sunil Sethi speaking at a public meeting.

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KATHUA: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Chief Spokesperson and Incharge Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Parliamentary Constituency, Adv. Sunil Sethi alongwith Convenor Ramesh Sharma on Sunday chaired the party workers meeting at Kathua and Pahari District and discussed the party's upcoming programmes.

Gopal Mahjan District President Kathua, Darshan Singh district President Pahari Zila, Prem Nath Dogra, former MLA Kuldeep Raj, Shiv

Dev Singh, Akshay Bharti, Tilak Raj Bhagat, Rahul Dev, Ajay, Sharma, Ravi Kumar, DDCs Rimmy Charak, Dr. Shweta, Karan Attri, Neeru Rajput, Vikram Singh, BDCs Sushma Karyal and Raghubir Singh were amongst the prominent present in the meeting.

The meeting witnessed the threadbare discussions on the ongoing party programmes and the insight was also given on the future party programmes.

Speakers also enumerated the public welfare schemes initiated by the Narendra

Modi government and prompted the party leaders to reach up to the last person in the society, while making sure that no needy from any community should be left behind.

The speakers insisted that the Modi government is dedicated for the public welfare and all the party activists must work incessantly to reach up to the masses even in the most difficult terrain. Speakers also said that public is ready to vote heavily in the favour of Narendra Modi in the 2024 Parliament elections.

GGF women wing spreads holiday cheer with Christmas eve breakfast Langar

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JAMMU: In the spirit of giving and fostering community unity, the Women Wing of Gandhi Global Family organised a special Christmas Eve Breakfast Langar at Government Medical College Jammu in which more than 500 people were served. The event aims to bring joy and warmth to the hearts of our community members during this festive season.

The Women Wing believes in the power of communal bonds and the joy of breaking bread together. By hosting a Breakfast Langar on the eve of Christmas, they aimed to create a warm and inclusive environment



GGF members serving breakfast at Government Medical College Jammu.

where individuals and families can come together and celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

The Langer distribution was conducted in the able guidance of Padma Shri

Dr. S. P. Verma. Others present on the occasion were Dr. Pervinder Kour, Shifali Gupta, Dr. Alka Sharma, Inderdeep Singh, Mohinder Rana and Fatima.

Yudhvir Sethi joins RM Public School in Christmas celebrations with students

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President enthusiastically participated in a school function to celebrate the joyous occasion of Christmas.

The event took place at RM Public School, wherein Yudhvir Sethi as the Chief Guest, Rekha Mahajan District President BJP Jammu South and Dharminder DDC Bishnah as the Special Guests, joined the festive celebrations and addressed the students. Chairman of the School, Rameshwar Mengi and Rakshan Mengi Director RM Public School were also present.

The event featured a range of festive activities, including carol singing, cultural performances, and the decoration



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President felicitating a student.

of a beautifully adorned Christmas tree. Besides, number of food stalls was also organized.

While addressing the students, Yudhvir Sethi expressed his delight in being a part of the school's celebrations. He emphasized the significance of unity, goodwill,

and the spirit of giving that Christmas represents, encouraging the students to cherish these values in their lives.

The senior BJP leader commended the school management for fostering an environment that promotes cultural diversity and inclusivity, recognizing the importance of cel-

ebrating various festivals and traditions that make India a unique and vibrant nation.

In her addresses to the students, Rekha Mahajan, District President BJP Jammu South, lauded the festive spirit and cultural diversity celebrated at RM Public School. She highlighted the significance of occasions like Christmas in bringing people together and fostering a sense of unity within the community. She commended the school's efforts in organizing such events that promote inclusivity and tolerance among students, irrespective of their backgrounds.

Dharminder DDC Bishnah emphasized the importance of instilling values of empathy and compassion in young minds. He encouraged the students to take inspiration

from the spirit of giving during Christmas and to extend kindness to those in need.

Chairman Rameshwar Mengi and Director Rakshan Mengi emphasized the importance of this season as a time for reflection and compassion, encouraging the students to embrace values of kindness and love throughout the year. They underscored the school's commitment in fostering an environment of cultural inclusivity and celebrating the diverse traditions that enrich our society.

This heartwarming initiative reflects the school's dedication to not only academic excellence but also the holistic development and well-being of its students. The event was attended by school staff, students, and parents of the students.

Natrang presents Urdu play 'Ghunghat'



Natrang artists performing in a play.

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JAMMU: Natrang presented a new Urdu play 'Ghunghat' here today at Natrang Studio Theatre in its weekly Sunday Theatre series. Based on the story of Ismat Chughtai, the play was ably directed by Neeraj Kant.

Natrang young artists who performed in the play includ-

ed Abhimanyu Choudhary, Harshul Kaul, Chaitanya Shekhar, Vishal Sharma, Aadesh Dhar, Sonali Sharma, Mehak Chib, Anand Verma and Suneha Angural. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant whereas Kushal Bhat rendered the music of the play. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.

PM Modi's schemes & policies getting immense response of people: Sat, Zorawar

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JAMMU: "Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government's initiatives and policies to uplift the socio-economic status of communities is getting overwhelming response of people especially those belonging to OBC and downtrodden class," highlighted former Minister Sat Sharma while interacting with people during PM Vishwakarma Yojana Awareness and registration camp function organized by party's Rehari-Bakshi Nagar Mandal, here today. Hundreds of people especially women and youth participated in the function and enrolled their names and particulars in the registration camp.

Accompanied by BJP leader Zorawar Singh Jamwal, BJP,



OBC Morcha president, Sunil Prajapati, Mandal president, Atul Bakshi, OBC Morcha prabhari, Brahmajyot Satti, Moreha Secretary, Kewal Verma, former Minister and senior BJP leader, Sat Sharma, lambasted previous years rule of Congress and its ally parties for using down-

trodden communities as its vote bank and did nothing for their welfare.

Sat said however, during ten years of BJP's rule, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has initiated so many policies and schemes to uplift the socio-economic status of the communities and the segments that always neglected during Congress rule.

While speaking on the occasion, BJP leader Zorawar Singh Jamwal stressed the people especially women folk and youth to take maximum benefit of schemes offered by Narendra Modi led government at centre and become self-dependent thereby helping their families as well to live a better life.

"While taking benefits of such schemes you will not just improve your economic condition but will also carry forward ages old art and skills to next generation," said Zorawar and urged the party workers to reach out to each and every such household that needs awareness of such benefits and ensure no one is left out from such a golden opportunity.

Khatana advocates for promotion of own culture among youth

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JAMMU: In a fervent call to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of India, Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana has urged for a concerted effort to instill a sense of appreciation for local traditions among the younger generations. Expressing concern over the increasing influence of Western culture on the youth, Khatana emphasized the need to ensure that the roots of Indian culture remain firmly embedded in the hearts and minds of the upcoming generation.

Khatana lauded the commendable efforts of the organizers of the Gurjar Mahotsav at Suraj Kund in Faridabad, Haryana, for their dedication to promoting and showcasing the vibrant Gurjar culture and traditions.

The Gurjar Mahotsav serves as a beacon for cultural enthusiasts, providing a platform for various groups from all corners of India and



MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana and others at Gurjar Mahotsav.

even abroad to come together and celebrate the diverse cultural tapestry of the nation.

The ongoing three-day Gurjar Mahotsav at Suraj Kund, Haryana, has attracted participants from across the country and beyond, creating a melting pot of cultural exchange and appreciation.

The event has become a focal point for showcasing the artistic, culinary, and traditional aspects of the great Gurjar heritage.

In recognition of his commitment to cultural preservation, Khatana was felici-

tated by Tej Choudhary and Dharmendra Bhagat Gurjar. This gesture symbolizes the acknowledgment of Khatana's role in championing the cause of cultural heritage and encouraging initiatives like the Gurjar Mahotsav.

The Bharatiya Janata Party MP expressed optimism that such events would not only foster a sense of pride and identity among communities but also bridge the generational gap by actively involving the youth in the celebration of their cultural roots.

114th AGM of Ramakrishna Mission held

Rs. 1171.61 Crore Spent on Diverse Sectors in India

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JAMMU: The 114th Annual General Meeting of the Ramakrishna Mission was convened at Belur Math, West Bengal.

Swami Suvirananda, General Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, presented the comprehensive 'Report of the Governing Body of the Ramakrishna Mission' for the fiscal year 2022-23.

The report provided an overview of the mission's diverse activities and accomplishments during the past year.

The Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission received accolades for their service activities, including the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award from Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore, and prestigious grades from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Four degree colleges associated with the mission secured notable rankings in the India Rankings by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

The Narendrapur off-campus center of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute was honored as the 'Best Centre of All India Network Programme on Organic Farming' by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

The mission expanded its outreach with the establishment of new branch centers in Sahudangi Hat (West Bengal), Bhuj (Gujarat), Chengam (Tamil Nadu), and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (Telangana).

During the fiscal year, the Ramakrishna Mission and the Ramakrishna Math, operating through their extensive network of 224 Indian branch centers and sub-centers, allocated a total expenditure of Rs. 1171.61 crore across various service sectors. This included Rs. 7.46 crore for Relief & Rehabilitation, benefiting 5.31 lakh individuals; Rs. 28.42 crore for General Welfare, reaching 38.75 lakh beneficiaries; Rs. 412.08 crore for Medical services, serving 86.30 lakh beneficiaries; Rs. 594.53 crore for Educational initia-

tives, impacting 3.08 lakh individuals; Rs. 101.54 crore for Rural Development, assisting 70.67 lakh beneficiaries, and an expenditure of Rs. 101.54 crore for the Publication of literature. These initiatives reached millions of beneficiaries across India, reflecting the mission's commitment to social welfare.

The mission's global presence continued to grow, with noteworthy achievements such as the consecration of the Shri Ramakrishna Temple in Bangladesh, the inauguration of 'Home of Harmony' in Chicago, and recognition of Sunday schools in Sri Lanka. The mission's 96 centers and sub-centers in 24 countries outside India actively engaged in service activities.

The Ramakrishna Mission and Ramakrishna Math expressed their heartfelt gratitude to members, well-wishers, and devotees for their unwavering support and cooperation. Their contributions have been instrumental in advancing the mission's service programs and fostering positive change in society.

Gaurav strongly condemns killing of retired SSP in Baramulla

Such acts of violence have no place in the society

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JAMMU: Former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, Gaurav Gupta, expressed deep sorrow and strong condemnation following the recent attack in Baramulla that claimed the life of a retired Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP).

"I am deeply saddened and utterly condemn the heinous act that took the life of a decorated officer outside the mosque in Baramulla," stated Gupta.

"My thoughts are with the family of the brave officer who lost his life in this senseless act, and I stand in solidarity with the community during

this difficult time."

Gupta further emphasized the need for unity and peace in the wake of such violence. "Such acts of violence have no place in our society, and they only serve to divide us," he said.

"I urge everyone to come together in these trying times and promote unity and harmony. There is no justification for violence, and we must work together to ensure that such tragedies never happen again."

Gupta sought justice for the victim and all those affected by the attack.

"We must stand firm against such acts of hate and ensure that justice is served for the deceased officer and his family," he concluded.

Ex-CPFWA deputation meets DPAP chairman

Azad, presents memorandum of demands



Ex-CPFWA members presenting memento to DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad.

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JAMMU: A deputation of Ex Central Paramilitary Force Welfare Association (CPFWA) Jammu and Kashmir UT under the chairmanship of Harvinder Mahajan, Chief Advisor of Ex. CPMF, on Sunday called on Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chairman and former Chief Minister of J&K, Ghulam Nabi Azad in Jammu. Interacting with Azad, Harvinder Mahajan apprised him of the long pending issues of the Association. He also presented a memorandum to Ghulam Nabi Azad regarding various problems faced by the Ex Central Paramilitary Force employees.

While addressing the deputation, Azad assured them

that all their issues will be taken up at an appropriate level for the resolution. However, Azad said that once his party comes to power, no one will have any grievances since he is fully aware if public issues.

Other present in the deputation include Ashok Kumar Verma Chairman (CRPF), S.K Sharma President (CPMF), Harbans Lal Sharma Vice-President (CPMF), D.K Chauhan General Secretary (CPMF), Charan Singh Chaal President (GSP), Noor Mummad General Secretray Dist Samba, Harvinder Kour, Gulam Nabi Shah Member (CPMF), Sajawal Shah President and Kirtan Singh Chairman.