

LG lays foundation stone for Drug De-addiction Centre at Jammu

Drug abuse bigger challenge than terrorism: DGP

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday laid the foundation stone for Drug De-addiction Centre at Jammu.

The Lt Governor said, the Drug De-addiction centre will act as an integrated centre where addicts will be treated, counselled, enabled to learn new productive skills, and rehabilitated with utmost care and affection. We are witnessing worrisome trend of substance abuse. Our aim is to wean away youngsters from addiction and bring them into the mainstream of the society, observed the Lt Governor. Youth of J&K have immense potential and are achieving great heights in various fields. A conspiracy is being hatched from across the border to push our youth into darkness through drugs, the Lt Governor observed.

J&K Government has intensified its efforts to fight narco-terrorism unleashed by neighbouring country, said the Lt Governor.

We have identified some high-risk districts which are being provided special attention to enhance community



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laying foundation stone for Drug De-addiction Centre at Jammu.

participation, public cooperation, and youth-led awareness campaign to counter the menace of drug abuse, the Lt Governor further added. The Lt Governor lauded the security forces, J&K Police, Anti-Narcotics Task Force, Government departments and volunteers for working with commitment and determination to eliminate drug addiction from society.

I urge the stakeholders, youth, educational institutions and NGOs to work as a team. We should be able to transform the drug de-addiction efforts of various stakeholders into a

Jan-Andolan, the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor suggested the involvement of youth clubs and women in campaigns to supplement the efforts against drug abuse.

Dilbag Singh, DGP J&K, while speaking on the occasion, said that the Drug De-addiction centre will be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 4.27 cr under Jammu Smart City through J&K Police, which will play a greater role in rehabilitation of drug addicts in the region. The DGP said that drug abuse is a bigger challenge than terrorism in J&K as it

not only provides oxygen to the terrorism by means of funding terrorist networks but also targets our younger generation.

He said that terrorism targets civilians and security forces individually but the drugs target the society as a whole and takes people particularly youth on the path of destruction.

Every year, more than 6000 addicts are being treated in police Drug De-addiction centres, he added. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member Parliament appreciated the endeavours of the Lt Governor led UT Government to fight drug menace in J&K. He also underlined the need to spread mass awareness regarding drug de-addiction.

Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Dr Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor JMC; Devender Singh Rana, former Legislator; Anshul Garg, DC Jammu, representatives of ULB and PRIs, senior officials of police were present on the occasion.

Show-cause notice served to SHO Saddar for filing mis-leading report in Court

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JAMMU: In connection with non-bailable arrest warrant issued against accused in case titled 'Robkar', through Court of Sessions Judge, Jammu Vs. Dr G N Bhat, son of Mohammad Subhan Bhat, resident of Sanant Nagar Srinagar, the Court of CJM Jammu has issued show cause notice to SHO Police Station Saddar, Srinagar directing him to show cause as to why in circumstances enumerated in the order, Robkar be not framed against him not only for circumventing process of law issued by court but also for furnishing a report which perse seems to

be explicitly misleading. The order was passed in a case wherein complaint against accused Dr G N Bhat for giving false and fabricating evidence in judicial proceedings was instituted in 1995 by the then Principal Sessions Judge Jammu.

As per details, on issuance of non-bailable warrant of arrest issued against accused, SHO Police Station Saddar, Srinagar submitted a report that accused Dr G N Bhat could not be traced. In the same report, however, SHO also mentioned that accused produced a communication from Medical Institute Soura - Srinagar before him wherein he has been

advised bed-rest for one month and warrant therefore was sent back to Court un-executed. Taking serious note of contradictory report sent by SHO, the court noted, "In sum, report submitted by SHO supra in connection with non-execution of warrant aforementioned - is both mis-leading and also a vivid illustration of circumvention of process of law" adding, "once accused produced communication before officer executing warrant, for SHO concerned then to say that accused could not be traced - is a preposition which is perse sans rationale and thus a misleading one." It was also noted that

by not executing non-bailable warrant of arrest against accused, the SHO concerned has flouted the order. In these circumstances, court observed that a prima facie case is made out against SHO aforesaid for issuance of show cause notice as to why in the circumstances enumerated therein, Robkar be not framed against him not only for circumventing process of law but also for furnishing a report which perse seems to be explicitly mis-leading. Fresh non-bailable warrant of arrest was also issued against accused to be executed by Sr. Superintendent of Police Srinagar without failure whatsoever.

Dr Jitendra inaugurates maiden Sansad Khel Spardha; launches Kathua leg of JK's first free Telemedicine service

Lakhanpur to get major attraction points; more Highway Villages coming up in Kathua

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KATHUA: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, on Saturday chaired District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting to review progress on centrally sponsored schemes (CSS's) being implemented in Kathua district.

District Development Council Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Mahan Singh and Raghunandan Singh respectively, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Yadav, President MC, Naresh Sharma, MC Lakhapur, Ravinder Sharma, MC Nagri Parole, Anil Singh, MC Hirnagar, Advocate Vijay Kumar Sharma, MC Basohli Sumesh Sapolia, MC Billawar, Uma Kant Basotra, BDC Chairpersons, DDC members and nominated members of DISHA committee besides district officers of different departments attended the meeting.

Addressing the officers, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the aim of holding DISHA meeting is to identify any impediments in smooth implementation of welfare schemes so



Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh chairing DISHA meeting at Kathua.

that effective solutions can be worked out.

He asked the officers to ensure that benefit of all government schemes reaches the genuine beneficiaries in a time bound manner besides disseminating information about these schemes. He emphasized complete involvement of PRIs in effective implementation of schemes by the district administration in their respective areas.

Union Minister had a detailed review of physical and financial achievements recorded under different Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the district being implemented by PWD, PDD, Jal Shakti Department, Agriculture, Horticulture, Education, Social Welfare, Labor Department, Urban Development Department and other departments. He

enjoined upon the concerned officers to ensure 100% coverage of beneficiaries under various schemes.

Dr Singh informed that 04 new Highway Villages are coming up in and around National Highway in Kathua district including Taraf Manjali, Taraf Bhajwali, Gurha Bailewala and Gurha Mundian. He also revealed that NHAI is developing the area around the gateway to J&K with various amenities which will add aesthetic value to the landscape besides opening avenues of employment for locals. He also reviewed progress on ongoing mega projects like Ujjh, Shahpur Kandi Barrages and Biotech Park and emphasized timely completion of these projects of extreme significance for the public in general and locals in particular.

Union Minister directed the Deputy Commissioner to take on board the elected representatives for achieving 100% saturation of AB-PMJAY in low performing areas. He also asked PRIs to come forward for identification and projection of eligible beneficiaries for prosthetic aids.

Regarding the issue of monkey menace highlighted by various representatives, Dr Singh suggested that the expertise of IIM, SKUAST-J can be utilized for scientific solution of the problem so that only those crops are sown which are resistant to such attacks by monkeys. Dr Singh also laid thrust on exploiting the scope for optimum use of Bamboo crop under Bamboo Mission as Kathua district is blessed with abundant availability of

the plant species. Later, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 'Sansad Khel Saparda' at Sports Stadium Kathua.

Union MoS said that this Sansad Khel Sparda will instil a sportsman spirit among youth as they will be able to connect to sports ambassadors for their mentorship. Dr Singh also said that PM Modi has given a new direction to the field of science and technology with focus on startups which was evident this year on the beating retreat ceremony where 'Drone Light Show' startup mesmerized the whole nation by lighting the sky with Tricolour. He added that the second field which is being highly prioritized under PM Narendra Modi is the field of sports.

Dr Singh urged upon the youth to optimally utilize the third largest stadium 'Arun Jaitley Stadium' being developed at Hiranagar, Jammu. Earlier, Dr Jitendra Singh also kick started Kathua leg of J&K's first free Telemedicine Service 'Doctor on wheels' which will provide rural population with expert medical consultation at their doorsteps.



Every section of society badly affected due to different experiments by BJP Govt in J&K: Mir Bhalla accuses BJP of being 'insensitive' towards sufferings of people



Congress leaders at a party workers meeting in Dayalchak area of Kathua.

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KATHUA: JKPCC Chief GA Mir accompanied by JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Saturday accused ruling BJP Govt of adopting anti-people policies that have ruined every strata of society in J&K.

Purnav Shagotra and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Mir claimed that people in Jammu and Kashmir are not happy with the draft delimitation commission report and lashed out at BJP over its alleged anti-people policies and "dividing the country on communal lines".

Criticising the policies of the BJP-led government, he said "We regret snatching the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir and transforming it into a Union Territory. They talked about Naya Kashmir; normalcy and development. We do not see the development on the ground, while frequent militant attacks expose their claims of normalcy." Claiming the growing unemployment in the country, the Congress leader said J&K is one of the regions which tops the list with 22 percent unemployment as a result of which you can see the protesting youth on the roads every now and then. Mir exhorted the cadre to further strengthen its rank and file to meet the challenges faced to

common man has

been suffering due to mis-governance of Central Government and people want a change now.

He said BJP has failed on all fronts. Price hike remains uncontrolled, unemployment reached its peak and anti-employees, anti-traders, anti-poor people politics of the BJP have proved devastating.

Bhalla stressed the crucial

need of further strengthening the party at the grass-roots level by launching a door to door campaign and to prepare the people for meeting the challenges faced in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the mobilization by the cadre during the elections to District Development Councils unfolded the fact that the Congress is a force to reckon with.

Approval accorded to 30 Ayush Clinical Establishments in Srinagar

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Srinagar: A meeting of District Registering Authority under ISM (AYUSH) was held on Saturday under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate Srinagar, Mohammad Ajiaz Asad, here to ensure regulated operation of Ayush Clinical Establishments in the District.

On the occasion, total of 37 cases pertaining to the grant of registrations was put forth before the Authority. After proper screening in consonance with the guidelines laid under Registrations Act, out of 37 cases, 30 registrations were approved under Ayush Clinical Establishments in Srinagar by the chairman District Registration Authority.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Magistrate asked the members of the

Authority to follow proper procedure while receiving applications for grant of registrations. He asked them to devise a proper format for requisitions with all descriptions.

The District Magistrate said that it is for the first time that Clinical Establishments/Shops providing Ayush/Unani treatment in Srinagar District have been registered to ensure their functioning in a regulated manner. He said AYUSH treatment is an alternate choice of cure as it has long term benefits and all measures are being taken to regulate clinical establishments and promote treatment under Ayush.

The meeting was attended by the Superintendent of Police, Headquarters, District Panchayat Officer, District Ayush Officer and other concerned.

Jammu developing as preferred tourist destination, will create huge employment opportunities,



Warehouse traders presenting picture of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi to LG Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: Tourism brings infrastructural development, better management of services, eliminates socio-economic imbalance, increases employment opportunities and develops the business sector and Jammu now developing as a preferred tourist destination which will create employment opportunities.

For many decades, the tourism potential of the Jammu division remained untapped. In the last two and a half years, Jammu got Ropeway project; Retreat Ceremony at Suchetgarh, Winter carnival & Lit-Fest at Patnitop and now Musical Water Fountain with Laser, Light & Sound Show at Bagh-e-Bahu and development of Tawi River front on the pattern of Sabarmati, will definitely boost the tourism industry in this part of UT.

This was stated by Deepak Gupta, President Traders

Federation Nehr Market Jammu while thanking Manoj Sinha, LG of JKUT in the foundation stone laying ceremony of Tawi River Front on Saturday.

Gupta said that the Musical Water Fountain with Laser, Light & Sound Show is the first of its kind in the Jammu Region. This innovative project will showcase cultural heritage & take the tourism in Jammu to new heights, he added.

MP Ladakh Namgyal seeks cancer treatment facilities for Ladakh patients

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LEH: Replying to a question asked Member Parliament Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal in Lok Sabha regarding treatment and facilities of cancer patients hailing from Ladakh, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya informed that the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, however, provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs including Ladakh UT under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), as part of National Health Mission (NHM), based on the proposals received from the States/UTs and subject to the resource envelope. Cancer is an integral part of NPCDCS.

MP Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal questioned in Lok Sabha whether the Government has devised any concrete action plan to control this fatal disease in the country more particularly in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Though a written reply in Lok Sabha, the Union Minister informed that cancer is diagnosed and treated at various levels in the health care facilities.

"The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy.

The facility for treatment of cancer patients is available in the hospitals at Leh District & Kargil District and patients are being provided

chemotherapy. Under NPCDCS, 2 District NCD Clinics, 2 Cardiac Care Units, 2 District Day Care Centres and 5 CHC NCD Clinics have been set up in Ladakh UT."

He added that a population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) i.e. diabetes, hypertension and common cancers has been rolled out in the country under NHM and also as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about Cancer and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National Cancer Awareness Day and use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness," the reply stated.

It further added that there is focus on Oncology in its various aspects in case of 22 AIIMS and many upgraded institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY). Treatment of Cancers is also available under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY). Financial assistance is provided to poor patients belonging to families living below poverty line, suffering from major life-threatening diseases including Cancer under the Umbrella scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG). Financial assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 1,25,000/- is provided under HMDG to defray a part of the treatment cost and the maximum financial assistance provided under the Umbrella Scheme of RAN is Rs. 15 lakhs. Quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all, under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in collaboration with the State Governments. "Three Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been set up in Ladakh UT under the scheme," the response concluded.



MP Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal.

persons screened so far through Health and Wellness Centres includes 18,680 for oral cancer, 9,569 for breast cancer and 6,938 for cervical cancers. Preventive aspect of Cancer is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about Cancer and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National Cancer Awareness Day and use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness," the reply stated.

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