

# Div Com reviews financial assistance sanctioned to cancer patients under J&K CTMFFP

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Friday reviewed financial assistance sanctioned in favour of patients under J&K Cancer Treatment and Management Fund for Poor (CTMFFP) here at a meeting of the Deputy Commissioners of the division. The government scheme aims to ensure better treatment to poor and low income groups of cancer patients in the UT.

The fund has been established to provide necessary financial assistance to the people who come from modest economic backgrounds for cancer treatment and management including Surgery, Chemotherapy, Radio-therapy or a combination of these regi-



Div Com Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer chairing a meeting.

mens. In this regard, Div Com said that this scheme is immensely useful and appealed to the public to take maximum benefit of this assistance.

During the meeting, it was informed that under the scheme the government provides 60 percent of cost of treatment to patients whose income is Rs 3000 per month, 50 percent to those whose income is Rs 3001 to Rs 6000, 40 percent to those whose income is Rs 6001 to Rs 12000 and 30

percent to those whose income is Rs 12001 to Rs 20000.

The Div Com observed that there was poor response of the cases forwarded for sanctioning to the Government. He directed the Deputy Commissioners to prepare a database of patients, follow all the cases and forward the cases for sanctioning of financial assistance so that poor patients can avail the benefits under the Government scheme. He also instructed health officials to ensure that maximum

people can benefit.

Dr Langer emphasized that Information Education Communication (IEC) campaigns should also be launched in the districts of the division for information of the general public and to inform the poor patients about the benefits of the scheme. He asked the DCs to make PRIs, DDCs, BDCs aware regarding the benefits of the scheme so that they also aware people of their areas.

During the meeting several queries were cleared regarding the scheme and it was informed that the cancer patients getting treatment from notified private hospitals can also avail the financial assistance under the scheme.

It was pointed out by the Div Com in the meeting that very few cases are being referred by the DCs vis-a-vis their counter-

parts in the other division; and as such directions were given to ascertain the reasons for less number of application being processed, at present.

Meanwhile, the Div Com also instructed the DCs to ensure functioning of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the Districts.

Similar, instructions were given regarding extending the benefits to the eligible beneficiaries under Medical Aid Trust (MAT) scheme.

The meeting was attended in person by Director Finance LG office, Mohammad Arif Khan; Director ASCOMS, Dr Pawan Malhotra; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta and other concerned while Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Division alongwith Principal GMCs/ CMOs participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

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## JKTU urges Govt to introduce Indian Education Service in J&K

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JAMMU: To highlight various issues of teachers' fraternity besides discussing measures taken for greater good of department, a press conference was jointly addressed by Chairman, Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Forum (JKTU), Ganesh Khajuria and President Mohammad Akbar Khan, which was also attended by a number of Central, Provincial and district-body leaders. Speaking on the occasion, Ganesh Khajuria

sought attention of authorities towards introduction of Indian Education Service in department. Elaborating further, he said that administrative officers, who were given key postings in department, were transferred within a couple of years just when they got down to nitty-gritty of things. Taking nothing away from their administrative insight and professional acumen but it would be ideal if a dedicated field of Indian Education Service is intro-

## Will continue agitation till resolution of issues: ABVP

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JAMMU: Resenting the decision of administration regarding halting direct recruitment of General Line teachers until all REIs are regularized and all further recruitment of lectures will be held through Departmental promotions only, a number of activists of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) held a protest demonstration in Jammu on Friday.

Terming all these decisions as anti-youth, the protesting leaders of ABVP said that they will continue their fight for justice till all these controversial decisions are revoked by the administration.

Speaking on the occasion, Mukesh Manhas, State Secretary ABVP Jammu said that youth of Jammu & Kashmir had always fought for their rights in past and this time also the fight would con-



ABVP activists during a protest at Jammu.

tinue till delivery of justice.

State Convener SHODHJK, Ravail Parihar said that it is not only an issue of unemployed youth but pertains to entire education system in J&K. Such poor policies are responsible for degradation of education quality in UT, he added.

Ramnik Sharma, State joint secretary ABVP J&K and

Saket Singh Rathore also spoke on the occasion and urged the administration to fulfill all their genuine demands.

Others who were present during the protest included Anoop Singh, Ramesh Kumar; Narinder Sharma, Rajesh Singh, Vijay Kumar, Ashu Rajput, Anu Chirotra, Neha, Abhishek Raina, Hardeep Singh and Sejan Singh.

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## 4 vehicles seized for illegal mining

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JAMMU: In a quest to stern menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams made a massive recovery of vehicles involved in illegal mining. Teams from Police Station Nagrota, Police Posts Canal and Chatha acted stringently on specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas besides seizing 4 vehicles involved in illegal mining which included a Tipper and a Dumper (JK02CL 4055, JK02CV 6994) respectively seized by Nagrota police; a Tipper (JK02BF 7114) seized by Canal police and a Tipper (JK02AF-2015) seized by Chatha police. The overall recoveries were made SHO Nagrota Insp Vishav Pratap Singh, Incharge Police Post Canal Road PSI Ishfaq Ahmed Kasana, Incharge Police Post Chatha SI Ranjit Singh in their respective jurisdictions. DMO Jammu was also intimated about the same.

## Kingpin among two arrested; stolen bikes, mobiles recovered

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SAMBAL: Police on Friday arrested a kingpin among two accused and recovered stolen items from their possession.

As per the details, a team of Police Station Vijaypur led by SHO Vijaypur under supervision of SDPO Vijaypur arrested a kingpin of thieves, identified as Mohit Singh, son of Goverdhan Singh, resident of Kehli Mandi, Samba who had committed several thefts in Jakh, Ralha and nearby areas of Vijaypur town. On further investigation, his associate namely Pawan Kumar; son of Amarjeet, resident of Budwal, Vijaypur was also arrested. On sustained interrogation, a number of stolen vehicles were recovered including a Motorcycle Impulse (Hero), Chassis No MBLLDLO50MGG01956; Motorcycle Splendor (Hero), Chassis No MBLHAW123MHL42486 and 3 mobile phones (2 Redmi & 1 Realme) in FIR No. 08/2022 under sections 457/380 of IPC and a mobile phone (Samsung J2) in FIR No. 07/2022 under sections 457/380 of IPC and recovered cash & stolen garments in FIR No. 07/2022 under sections 457/380 of IPC. The arrests and recovery were made under the overall supervision of SSP Samba, Dr Abhishek Mahajan.

## Smuggler nabbed with 11 Kg poppy bulbs

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RAMBAN: Police on Friday foiled a narcotics smuggling bid at Chanderkote under 'Operation Sanjeevani' by arresting a smuggler and recovered 11 Kg poppy bulbs.

As per details, during routine Naka checking of vehicles at Chanderkote Naka, a party of Police Station Chanderkote intercepted a Truck (PB03-AA-9937) for checking, driven by one Surinder Singh, son of Gurbachan Singh, resident of Badna, Bhogpur, Jalandhar (Punjab). During search, 11 Kg dry poppy bulbs like substance were recovered from possession of accused, who was arrested on spot and FIR No 30/2022 under sections 8/15 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Chanderkote. The overall recovery and arrest was made by police party headed by Insp P D Singh, SHO Chanderkote under supervision of Pardeep Singh Sen, DySP Hqrs Ramban and under overall supervision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban.



## 300-meter portion of link-road sinks in Ramban

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RAMBAN: A portion of 300-meter of a link road in Ramban district sunk due to incessant rains, disconnecting at least five Panchayat blocks of Gandhri from district headquarters on Friday.

As per details, the portion of Kanga-Gandhri-Bhatni road caved in late Thursday afternoon amid incessant rains. SHO Firdous Ahmed has urged people not to move through area as portion is still sinking.



## 55-year-old man killed in hit & run case

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SRINAGAR: A 55-year-old man was killed in a hit & run accident in Baramulla district on Friday. As per details, a man identified as Farooq Ahmad Lone (55), son of Mohammad Ramzan Lone, resident of Zangam Pattan was crushed to death by an unknown vehicle. After accident, the driver fled from the spot. A case has been registered and further investigations are underway.

## DMO Kathua seizes two excavators for illegal mining

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KATHUA: District Mineral Officer Rajinder Singh seized two heavy excavators involved in illegal mining on Friday. Acting on a series of complaints lodged by local people of Keedan Gandiyal and Bedian Patan residing along Ravi river, Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Yadav issued instructions to DMO Kathua to launch a crackdown for seizing machinery. After verification, it was also found that an excavator belonged to Punjab while other to Kathua, which were carrying out mining activities in river. A seized excavator was handed-over to Incharge police post Keedan Gandiyal and other to Bedian Patan for further legal action as per rules. Similar exercise was also carried out in Juthana and Jode Khad upstream Ujh river; where action was initiated on two vehicles car-

rying minor minerals from a local Nallah.

## Rs 19,800 fine recovered from SoPs violators

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr Suresh, the Health Department on Friday administered COVID vaccine doses to 337 persons including 171 children in age-group of 15-17 years in the district. Continuing the enforcement drive to implement COVID protocols across district, the Enforcement teams fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance. The enforcement teams, during inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 19,800 taking total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs 94,49,150. The Enforcement officers urged people to wear face-masks and maintain physical distance besides taking COVID vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 3,772 samples including 663 RT-PCR and 3,109 RAT samples besides administering COVID vaccine to 337 persons at various dedicated vaccination Centres.

## Post-mortem of MES engineer; Magistrate's enquiry ordered

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JAMMU: The board of doctors conducted post-mortem of an engineer of MES, who was found hanging in toilet of Amphala Jail on Friday, after which body was handed over to relatives. Meanwhile, a magisterial enquiry has also been ordered regarding his death.

As per details, Mohd Imran Ullah, AB (Civil), posted at GE Satwari Office, Jammu Cantt, who was in judicial custody after trapped by ACB in a bribery case, committed suicide. He was trapped by sleuths of CBI-ACB Jammu on January 7, 2022 on charges of demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 along with a Junior Engineer (his sub-ordinate). As his bail plea was also rejected on February 12, 2022 by CBI court, he was present in judicial custody and committed suicide. As there were substantial doubts regarding some foul-play within jail premises, a probe has been ordered.

## Jhajjar Kotli murder case: SIT re-constituted

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JHAJJAR KOTLI: Another SIT has been constituted in connection with Jhajjar Kotli murder case, registered in last week of January, as some officers involved in earlier constituted SIT were fired. Incharge officers of other areas were included in the new SIT team including DySP Nagrota, Police Station Incharge Nagrota, Sidhura outpost officer, another inspector and PSI, who have been asked to submit report of investigation.

Officers of the area, where murder took place, have been replaced with officers of other areas to investigate and bring to fore all facts of murder. However, in this case, police has arrested accused within 24 hours of the murder, but some people alleged that the investigation has not been done properly and one more accused is involved in crime.

According to case, Uttam Singh, son Major Singh, resident Dhan Sadi Parka was found in a critical condition in fields near his uncle's house, with a severe head injury. He was shifted to hospital where he was declared dead by doctors. The police started investigation by registering a case, during which it was found that Uttam Singh used to accompany a Satsang congregation. On the day of incident also, he had gone to a Satsang with the congregation. When he came back in night, Uttam Singh stayed for some time at his uncle's house and later found injured in fields.

## Woman dies in mishap

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JAMMU: A woman was killed in a road mishap at Domana area on Friday.

As per details, Thakur Devi, wife of Laku Ram, resident of Lower Barnai was hit by an unknown vehicle when she was standing outside her house, due to which she got injured. She was immediately shifted to hospital where doctors declared her as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

## Girl found hanging

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JAMMU: A girl was found hanging in her house in Channi area on Thursday.

As per details, a girl, resident of Madhya Pradesh, presently staying at Channi was found hanging in her house and was shifted to hospital by her family members where she was declared as brought dead by doctors. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

## Ex-serviceman arrested for abusing cops

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AKHNOOR: An ex-serviceman was arrested for abusing cops in Akhnoor on Friday.

As per details, an ex-serviceman entered into a heated argument with cops over parking of his car. Later, irked over not being allowed to park car, the ex-serviceman abused cops following which he was arrested and a case was registered against him.

## 6 people, who went missing in snow, rescued in Kishtwar

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JAMMU: Six people, who went missing in heavy snowfall earlier this week, have been traced and recovered by police in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Friday, officials said. Ajaz Ahmed (30), Akbar (25), Ghulam Nabi (20), Gulzar Ahmed (18), Manzoor Ahmed (20) and Irshad Ahmed (18), all residents of Warwan area in Kishtwar; are safe and their evacuation -- after being stuck in snow for three days and three nights -- is being facilitated by the police, the officials said.

One Wali Mohammed from Anantnag had informed the police in