

CS reviews position of supplies, status of paramedic courses offered in JK hospitals

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Friday took a holistic review of the position of essential supplies and status of paramedical courses offered across different healthcare institutions of the UT of J&K.

The meeting, besides Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education was also attended by the Principals of Medical Colleges; MD, JKMSCL; Director Health Services Kashmir/Jammu and other HoDs of the Department.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary took note of the steps followed by the J&K Medical Supplies Corporation for floating tenders to acquire drugs, equipments and other machinery for the hospitals. He asked for looking into shortening the time period considerably to get such vital supplies for health care institutions.

He further asked for framing Essential Drug List (EDL) by each CMO for its early supply to the hospitals besides standardization of the essential equipments list across the healthcare facilities of the UT. He even took notice of the working of the Drugs & Vaccine Distribution Management



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System (DVDMS) Portal dealing with purchase, inventory management & distribution of drugs, disposables, other necessary materials besides machinery & equipments to various drug warehouses.

Regarding the imparting of different degree and diploma courses in Paramedical Sciences, the Chief Secretary asked about the functionality of the newly established nursing colleges and paramedic schools in different districts of J&K. He enquired about the kind of physical infrastructure available at each such facility along with the presence of faculty/tutors imparting training there.

Dulloo observed that since the Department has introduced these courses admitting hundreds of students each year, it is

therefore its primary responsibility to ensure their professional upbringing and fruitful engagement for the duration of the courses. He also reviewed the status of infrastructure and manpower in the institutions.

The Chief Secretary also took stock of the recruitment rules, recruitment process and scope of career development in the courses offered by the paramedic schools. He called for taking measures to augment the necessary infrastructure and arranging of manpower to make such institutions viable and sustainable in long run.

In his presentation the Secretary H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah highlighted different achievements, ongoing works and plans of the department regarding pinging-up the tendering process in

JKMSCL and upgradation of facilities in different paramedical institutions here.

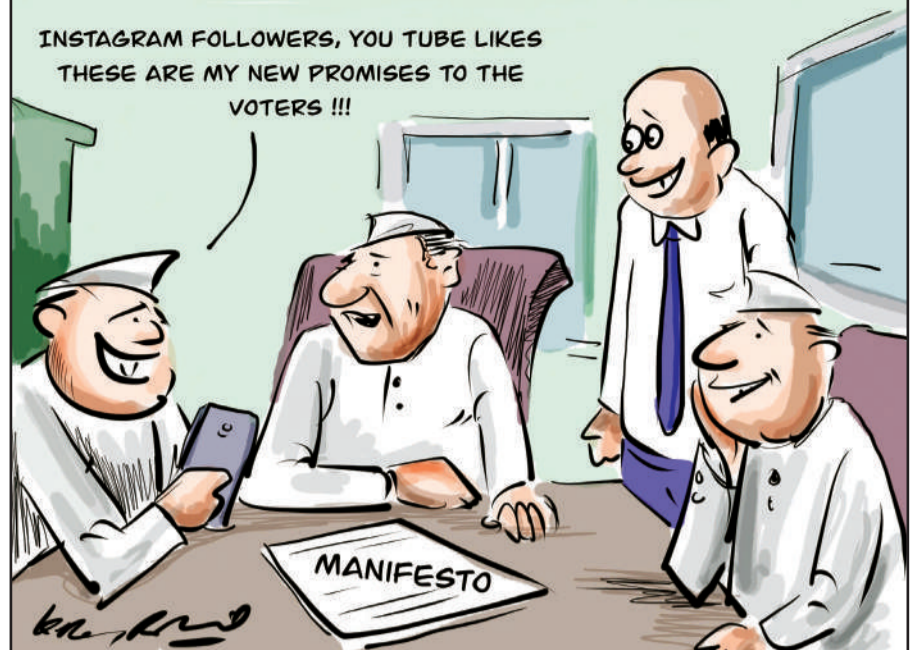
While giving overview about the working of the corporation, he gave out that the Department is seriously contemplating on cutting down the time taken in tendering process considerably. He also revealed that the capacity of PHCs/HWCs is built to include them as users on DVDMS portal.

Regarding the functioning of Paramedical Institutions, he informed the meeting that most of such institutions had been established in last few years. He asserted that the Department is continuously working on making these institutions better and productive with each passing year.

It was given out that current-

ly the Department operates 28 B.Sc Nursing Colleges, 19 Paramedical Institutions including those in private sector. It was said that the overall intake capacity of these institutions is 1485 and 1660 seats respectively besides adding 143 M.Sc Nursing seats in various institutions of J&K.

It was further elaborated that J&K has a total of 5 New B-Pharmacy institutions with overall intake capacity of 340 seats. It also offers admission to 668 candidates in various B.Sc paramedic courses in different Medical Colleges across the UT, the meeting was informed.



Not only country but entire world benefitted by visionary leadership of Modi: Former Mayor

Political reorientation by PM gave new shape to Indian politics: Sharma

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JAMMU: Former Mayor, Rajinder Sharma has said that by political reorientation PM Modi gave a new shape to the politics of the country.

Addressing a public gathering at Ward Number 62, Sharma said that he it the international relations, social welfare schemes, social-religious issues or anything else, PM Modi has addressed every problem which brought a new change in the thinking of common people about the changed work culture in the country. "Working style of PM Modi gave a new look to the image of India at international level and international events like G20 were held here during which bigwigs of the world discussed global issues in India," senior B-JP leader said.

He further said that soft landing on moon changed the thinking of the world about India which established a new identity for India which was based on scientific advancement at international level.

"Similarly during COVID -19 pandemic the PM decided to manufacture vaccines within the country which benefitted not only to India but also to the



Former Mayor, Rajinder Sharma speaking at public meeting.

entire world," Sharma further said adding: "The message of strong determination which PM Modi gave by his works reflects proper decision making which was possible only because the PM works selflessly without any consideration."

He also said that today the entire country is benefitted by the visionary leadership of PM Modi. Quoting Plato and Chanakya, former Mayor said when knowledgeable and educated people fail to take interests in politics then they are ruled by the fools and PM Modi has established what changes a strong leadership can bring to their nation. "Today the public welfare schemes launched by PM Modi gives free ration to 80 crore people in the country for

free and other schemes like Ayushman Card, Awas Yagna, Ujwala Yagna, Kisan Yagna etc are also extending benefits to the common people," the fire-brand B-JP leader maintained.

He said that consecration ceremony of Ram Temple was not only an event but it has worked in establishing the very soul of Indian cult and people have realised that an era of Sanatan has come and it was a biggest movement in the country after independence. "It was a time when bullets were showered over devotees in Ayodhya and it is a time now when PM Modi ferried free of cost trains for the people of India to pay obeisance at Ram Temple," Sharma continued. He said that buoyed by all this the enthusiasm prompt-

ed the Indians to reverberate slogans like 'Ab Ki Baar Modi Sarkar 400 Par'.

The B-JP leader claimed that a strong leader can only make a strong nation.

He informed that during his tenure as JMC Mayor his revolutionary work style improved the budget of the local body from Rs. 25 crore to 167 crore. It was released in month of March itself and allotment of works and execution started in the month of May which used to be in the month of November or December. These works are even going on today. This is a benefit of good governance.

Sharma also talked about his anti-corruption campaign 'Immandar Jammu, Shandaar Jammu' and polythene free campaign started by him which were a big success.

Speaking on the occasion Ex-MLA Shiv Dev Singh said that public will support the revolutionary leadership of PM Modi and this time all the five seats of Lok Sabha will be won by B-JP. Vikas Chowdhary, B-JP Secretary, Ashok Singh Manhas and Kapil Chib-both former JMC Councillors were also present on the occasion.

BJP bridged gap between urban-rural population: Jugal, Rana

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JAMMU: During the ten years rule of the BJP-led NDA government under Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the urban and rural areas have been treated equally in matters related to infrastructure development and the social welfare.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP candidate from the Jammu-Reasi parliamentary constituency, said this while addressing public in Amb Gharota, Kangrauli, Barn, Seri Pandita, Gaink, Amb, Gharota Chowk, Thathi Chowk, Tung, Gorda, Rabta, Agore Ranjan villages, along with senior leader and former MLA Devender Rana, DDC Chairman Bharat Blushan, Jammu North district president Oni Khajuria and other leaders.

Jugal said that the ten years works of Modi government itself speaks that there was no consideration of region, faith, or gender, and all were treated equally in all matters. Due care has been taken to ensure that the infrastructure development projects are not confined to major cities and towns but reach the remotest village to lessen the rural-urban gap and take all on board.

Jugal said that the mega projects of road connectivity have covered every area, whether in cities or villages. The rail facility has also covered rural and urban areas. He said that there has been no dearth of development funds and the Modi government



BJP candidate, Jugal Kishore with Devender Rana at public meeting.

liberally granted sanction to numerous projects in Jammu and Kashmir.

Making a fervent appeal to the electorates, Sharma, said that the people should not forget that the Congress-led UPA had been responsible for scams, whereas the BJP-led NDA has the distinction of being a dispensation of schemes of public welfare. He said that Congress misled the voters of the country for decades on false and pleasing slogans but in practical, it did nothing which could be appreciated. He assured that the BJP in its third term under PM Modi, will work more vigorously to bring more development, restore complete peace and normalcy and take Jammu and Kashmir on the path of more progress and prosperity.

Devender Rana, in his address, said that one of the major and important gift to the people of Jammu and Kashmir from the Modi government

has been the provision of covering every citizen under the Ayushman Gold Health Card Scheme. He said that in rural areas in particular, the education institutions have been upgraded and more new schools are being established. The farmers, the women, the youth, the border people, all have been the targeted beneficiaries of different schemes of the Modi government, he added.

Rana further said that the BJP is contesting the 2024 elections of Lok Sabha on the basis of its report card of good governance and the people should support the party candidate once again so that the pace of development gets excellent. He said that voting for B-JP would mean the people's mandate of displaying full faith in the programmes and policies of PM Narendra Modi and give more years to run the government.

SVEEP activities held at GCW Gandhi Nagar, Wave Mall

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JAMMU: Returning Officer for Jammu Parliamentary Constituency, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Friday inaugurated vibrant SVEEP awareness rally at Government Gandhi Nagar College here.

The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from students representing various col-

leges across the region.

The venue hosted a plethora of SVEEP activities, prominently among which was performance by Punjabi singer Sangram Hanjira, who captivated the audience with his songs, enlightening them about the significance of exercising their voting rights and encouraging all attendees to cast their

votes in the Lok Sabha Elections. Adding to atmosphere, artists from Natrang theatre group delivered a compelling play highlighting the importance of voting in a democratic society. Various artists from Natrang under guidance of Balwant Thakur performed a play on voter's awareness and maximum participation.

In addition to the awareness rally, the venue also hosted a training session for polling parties. Participants of the training

session were actively engaged in SVEEP awareness activities.

Similar SVEEP activities were also held at Wave Mall here later in the evening, which were prominently also attended by General Election Observer, Rahul Ranjan Mahilva besides others. ADDC Sher Singh, ACD Jammu) Dr. Vikas Sharma, Dy. Director Tribal Affairs Dr. Abdul Khair along with BDOs and students, were among those present at the event.

YAIKS lauds EC for scrapping 'Form M', urges community to vote in large numbers

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JAMMU: A Kashmiri Pandit organisation on Friday lauded the Election Commission's move to scrap the mandatory filing of 'Form M' for displaced Kashmiri voters ahead of the parliamentary elections and urged the community to turn up in large numbers for the polls.

Speaking to reporters, R K Bhat, president of Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj (YAIKS), said the Form M process was the biggest hurdle in migrant votes share, resulting in a low turnout in the polls. Fulfilling a long-standing demand and making changes to the existing voting scheme for the displaced people, the EC on April 11 announced that Kashmiri migrants from Jammu and Udhampur districts of Jammu and Kashmir would no longer be required to fill up

'Form M' to cast their votes.

Instead, they shall be mapped with the special polling stations falling in the zones they are registered or residing in, the poll panel had said.

Earlier, the filing of the form was mandatory for displaced voters from the Valley ahead of every parliamentary and Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir. In addition, the commission also eased the process of filing Form M by the migrants staying in Delhi and other places in the country, by allowing self-attestation instead of the earlier required certification by Gazetted officers.

"We welcome the abolishment of the mandatory M-Form filing for displaced Kashmiri Pandit voters. This decision will facilitate greater participation and a higher turnout in the polls,

ensuring the community's voice is heard," Bhat said.

Highlighting the significance of the move, Bhat emphasised the need for 100 per cent voter turnout in the upcoming parliamentary and Assembly elections. "Our votes are decisive and will determine the outcome of the elections. It is crucial for the community to demonstrate its presence and make a difference through voting," he added. Bhat said participation in the election process and casting votes is the victory of democracy and the defeat of separatist forces.

Bhat also called for a mechanism to conduct elections within the community for the two Assembly seats reserved for Kashmiri migrants. This, he hoped, will allow grassroots leadership to emerge democratically and counter the influ-

ence of self-styled leaders and vested interests.

YAIKS urged all political parties to include in their manifestos a commitment to help Kashmiri Pandits return and rehabilitate, as well as provide them with political representation in state and central legislatures.

"The whole nation is now asking the Centre to come up with a comprehensive return and rehabilitation plan for the displaced community of Kashmiri Pandits, who have been away from their motherland for the last 34 years," he added.

The scrapping of the M-Form requirement is seen as a significant step towards facilitating the participation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits in the electoral process, ensuring their voices are heard in the democratic setup, he added.

IIM Jammu's immersion program for NIFTM MBA students culminates

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JAMMU: The valedictory ceremony of the Immersion Program hosted by IIM Jammu for MBA Students of NIFTM, Sonapat, Haryana, took place on Friday at Bharat Classroom at Jagti Campus, marking the successful conclusion of an enriching and transformative journey.

The ceremony, held with great fervor and enthusiasm, served as a testament to the collaborative efforts and dedication of all involved in making the program a resounding success.

Dr. Sarbjit Singh, Program Director, IIM Jammu graced the occasion and presented a comprehensive report highlighting the key achievements and key takeaways, insights gained, and the overall impact of the program on the participating students. His insightful analysis provided a glimpse into the invaluable experiences garnered during the immersive learning journey.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, emphasised the importance of excelling in every endeavor, regardless of its scale, during his address.



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu and other dignitaries at a programme.

Reflecting on the recent inauguration of the new IIM Jammu campus by Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, he reminded students that their journey is just beginning and encouraged them to strive for excellence in all their pursuits. He highlighted the government's increased focus on agriculture and agricultural-based products, underscoring the potential for entrepreneurship and job creation in these sectors. He stressed the importance of cultivating a mindset of being job creators rather than mere job seekers, encouraging students to aspire to become top-notch entrepreneurs. He

instilled in them the belief that with passion and determination, nothing is impossible, and every goal can be achieved. Furthermore, he expressed satisfaction with the outcomes of the Immersion Program, noting its role in providing students with practical exposure, fostering collaboration, and promoting innovation. He reiterated IIM Jammu's commitment to delivering transformative learning experiences that equip students to thrive in today's dynamic business landscape.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics at IIM Jammu, commended the students' del-

ivation and enthusiasm throughout the program, noting its role in bridging theoretical knowledge with practical application. He highlighted how the Immersion Program has enhanced their problem-solving abilities and decision-making skills, preparing them for real-world challenges. He expressed confidence that the experiences gained will significantly contribute to the students' personal and professional growth. He emphasized the need for a change in mindset, acknowledging the long journey ahead, and urged students to seize this unique opportunity to open new avenues. He stressed the

importance of hard work as the key to success in their endeavors.

Dr. Anupama Panghal from NIFTM shared her reflections on the program, emphasizing its significance in providing a unique platform for students to gain practical insights and industry exposure. She highlighted the value of collaborative efforts between IIM Jammu and NIFTM in enriching the learning experience and preparing students for future leadership roles. She spoke about the shared values and rich IIM Jammu culture and acknowledged Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu for his support.

The event progressed with the certificate distribution ceremony, where all participants were recognized for their participation and successful completion of the program. Dr. Pradeep K. Tare, Program Director, IIM Jammu extended his heartfelt gratitude to all participants, faculty members, and staff members for their unwavering support and contributions. He emphasized the importance of collaborative

efforts in creating impactful learning experiences and expressed optimism for future collaborations between IIM Jammu and NIFTM.

Present on the occasion was Dr. Pratik Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson of Executive Education at IIM Jammu. The event culminated with the National Anthem. The event was coordinated and executed by Executive Education and Consultancy, (EE & C), IIM Jammu.

The valedictory ceremony concluded with a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie, as participants reflected on their journey and looked forward to applying their newfound knowledge and skills in their future endeavours. The five-day program structure crafted specifically for the MBA students of NIFTM included power-packed discussions on various management and business aspects ranging from Introduction to International Business, Forex Markets, A Marketer's Toolkit, Content Marketing and Branding Strategies, to Exploring Generative AI in Digital Marketing, and much more.

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Gupta emphasized the need to expedite the development and beautification of Tawi River banks, along with the creation of a freshwater lake. These projects are essential to attract pilgrims and tourists, especially considering the upcoming train connectivity to the Kashmir Valley, he said. Gupta highlighted the slow progress of work on the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex and urged for its expedited completion. He also suggested initiating the light and sound system at the complex at the earliest.

Gupta suggested developing Patnitop as a tourist hub similar to Gulmarg and Pahalgam, emphasizing the importance of allowing commercial activities in the area. Gupta pointed out the untapped tourist potential of the Peer Panchal mountainous region, as well as places like Poonch and Rajouri districts. He urged for concerted efforts to tap into these resources.

Gupta highlighted the dearth of commercial and res-

idential areas due to the lack of establishment by JDA and the Housing Board in the past three decades. He proposed exploring possibilities in this regard.

Gupta suggested formulating a scheme to grant ownership rights of leasehold industrial land to local entrepreneurs after a certain period, along with granting ownership rights to existing warehouse allottees.

Gupta urged for the renewal of lease deeds for allottees of Sabzi Mandi, Fruit Mandi Narwal, and Bahu Plaza commercial shops, whose lease deeds have expired. He proposed redefining the classification of "Gair Mumkin Khud" land by the Revenue Department to allow commercial and construction activities.

Gupta also requested steps to repair the unsafe old bus stand building and proposed its redevelopment into a new multistory project while ensuring the rehabilitation of affected shopkeepers. He urged for expediting the development of Transport Nagar Narwal and releasing additional funds to ensure its timely completion. Gupta welcomed the UT Government's decision to waive off interest and surcharge on domestic power connections and demanded a similar amnesty scheme for commercial users to provide relief to traders and industrial consumers.

