

GMC Jammu becomes first hospital in J&K to perform successful kidney transplant

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JAMMU: In a path breaking achievement the Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu has got the distinction of becoming the first Medical College in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir to successfully perform three live kidney transplants on April 30 and May 1, 2022.

"This is the first time that Kidney Transplant has been done in a Medical College in the UT and with this the GMC Jammu has become one of the very few Medical Colleges in the country where Kidney Transplant is done," Principal GMC Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma said.

She added that it was possible because of the support from the Administrative Department and through co-ordinated efforts by the Departments of Urology, Nephrology, Anaesthesiology, Pathology, Microbiology,



Doctors performing kidney transplant surgery at GMC Jammu.

Biochemistry, Blood Bank, Radiology, Medical Superintendent and Deputy Medical Superintendent, SSHI.

In the first case, she said, the kidney of a mother was successfully transplanted to her 27-year-old son and in the second case the kidney of

another mother was transplanted to her 36 year old daughter and in the third case, the kidney of a wife was transplanted to her 60 year old husband.

The recipients hailed from districts Kishtwar, Doda and Jammu respectively, she said adding that all recipients

were the cases of Chronic Kidney Disease on dialysis.

After the family members came forward to donate their kidneys, Dr Sudan said, the transplantation was carried out after completing all the legal formalities.

The procedure was carried out totally free under Ayushman Bharat Sehat Scheme.

Dr Shashi also informed that donor nephrectomy was done laparoscopically and all the kidney donors were discharged on the 5th post operative day and out of the three recipients, two are being discharged today.

HoD of Department Urology, Dr Elias Sharma said that due to the transplant team's efforts, transplantation procedure went smoothly and the department is also ready to take up cadaver transplant in near future.

For this, patients would have to register themselves with State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) J&K in Super Speciality Hospital Jammu.

The Nephrology team was led by Dr. Raju Bhandari and Dr. Aman Gupta and did a commendable job including planning, pre-transplant, transplant and post-transplant management of the patients.

Besides, Dr. Elias Sharma, other members in the transplantation team were Dr. Shailesh Raina from Jaslok Hospital, Mumbai and Dr. Santosh Kumar from CMC, Vellore as experts from outside and Dr. Rahul Gupta from Urology, Dr. Anjali Mehta from Anaesthesia, Dr. Ashwani Kumar from Anaesthesia, Dr. Moazzam Iqbal and Dr. Anchal Kotwali from Urology, from GMC, Jammu.

PoJK integral part of India, Modi Govt will liberate it from Pak clutches: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday asserted that Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) is an integral part of India and the BJP Government led by PM Narendra Modi will liberate it from the clutches of Pakistan.



they have kept them as second class citizens. "As far as bringing investment into the region is concerned the Pakistan considered PoJK as useless entity and has done nothing in this regard", he said, adding that no development in the region is testimony to the fact that Pakistan has only exploited PoJK and never taken any initiative to improve the lifestyle of the people out there.

Kavinder said that every Indian is bound to play his or her part in the liberation of PoJK as the Government of India is also resolute on liberating every inch of its motherland from the clutches of Pakistan and even China.

It is pertinent to mention that Parliament had passed a resolution unanimously in 1994, emphasizing that Pakistan must vacate parts of J&K under its illegal occupation.

Kavinder said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party government will fulfill its promise to liberate PoJK just like it fulfilled its promise of abrogating Article 370.

The senior BJP leader categorically said that the military regime in Pakistan which has say in all the matters has deliberately kept the people of PoJK in a marginalized state as they don't consider them as their own people rather

Bhardwaj inaugurates several projects completed during 2021-22

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SRINAGAR: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Health and Medical Education, Vivek Bhardwaj, on Monday e-inaugurated various projects and schemes completed during the financial year 2021-22.

He also attended a workshop on "GeM Procurement and Supply Chain Management (DVDMs)" organized by JKMSCL at Banquet hall here.

The inaugurated projects in Jammu division included 50 bedded Hospital at SDH Gandoh, Nursing College Kishtwar, Additional Block at DH Samba, Sub district Hospital Akhnoor and PHC Kathua.

Similarly, the projects inaugurated for Kashmir division included GNM School Ganderbal, Sub district Hospital Pakerpora Budgam, Nursing College Sopore, Drug Ware House Baramulla and Anantnag were also inaugurated.

The workshop and e-inauguration was attended by all Heads Of Departments of Health & Medical Education Department, Chief Medical Officers, Block Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents, Chief Account Officers and various dealing assistants from all the districts of the Kashmir Division.

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installation of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) for catering both CD and psychiatry Hospital Jammu were also e-Inaugurated by ACS.

Also, make shift arrangements of MBBS students at GMC Baramulla as well as installation of oxygen generation plant in associated hospital at GMC Baramulla and Anantnag were also inaugurated.

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Managing Director, JKMSCL and Director (Coordination) New Medical Colleges, J&K, Dr Yashpal Sharma, gave a brief presentation on DVDMs (e-aushadhi) System and highlighted the challenges faced by JKMSCL during the process of procurement and requested for cooperation of all the HODs in this regard.

Colonel Ashish Banerjee, Colonel AFMS (Legal), O/o the DGAFMS deliberated in detail on Medical Procurement and Supply Change Management, e-tendering, legal issues and GFR 2017.

L B Gautam, certified GeM expert, gave an elaborated talk on GeM bidding, management along with illustrations through hands on training.

Anshumali Sharma, GM (Admn) JKMSCL presented vote of thanks.

Injunction directing the defendant No:1 to 3 to promote plaintiffs from Associate Executive (Scale-1) to Executive (Scale-II) w.e.f 07.03.2022 and with consequential relief of permanent prohitory injunction, restraining the defendant No. 1 to 3 from giving effect to orders, the

Principal District Judge Jammu Sanjay Parikh after hearing senior Adv Abhinav Sharma with Advocates Abhimanyu Sharma and Nikhil Choudhary for the plaintiffs, issued notice to Chairman J&K Bank and others in the main suit as well in application for grant of ad-interim relief.

Meanwhile, the defendants were directed not to proceed for further postings/adjustments of defendants 5 to 910 following their promotion in terms of impugned orders, till next date of hearing.

The plaintiffs, herein, are aggrieved of promotional order passed in favour of promotee defen-

dants in terms of order impugned, hereinabove, precisely on the ground that their promotional order has been passed in violation of approved seniority, which is against promotion policy of bank. In fact, the bank has resorted to pick and chose and has deprived plaintiffs of acquiring promotional

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Prominent among those who joined the party included Bhagwan Dass Sharma, Ex Nain Sarpanch Pawan Sharma, Mahesh Sharma, Prabhu Dayal Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma, Smt Neelam Sharma, Smt Sudesh Kumari, Smt Darshana Kumari and Amu Devi.

Others who spoke on the occasion are Ghar Singh Corporator, Raghuvir Singh Manhas District President, Randhir Singh Jamwal District Secretary, Rakesh Sharma, Darshana Devi Bhagat and Randhir Singh Chib.



Sadhotra assails BJP for delivering lip service to PoJK displaced persons, seeks Rs 25 lakh compensation per family

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JAMMU: Senior National Conference leader and former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Monday assailed the BJP for delivering just lip service to the PoJK displaced persons instead of paying any heed to the recommendations of the then State Government led by Omar Abdullah with regard to provision of one-time settlement of Rs 25 lakh per family to 31619 displaced families.

"The National Conference led government had made a conscious decision during a cabinet meeting in 2014 by recommending a package for the PoJK displaced persons of 1947, 1965 and 1971 involving around Rs 9025 crore but the Centre outrightly rejected it and arbitrarily announced a meagre Rs 2,000 crore for payment of far reduced rate of compensation at the rate of Rs 5.50 lakh per family, which too is not implemented in letter and spirit", Sadhotra said while welcoming prominent political activists into the National Conference fold at a function held at Lower Muthi

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The former minister criticized the BJP for false slogans besides rhetoric on every crucial issue and said that the way the PoJK displaced persons have been treated speaks volumes about its insensitivity towards their plight.

They have suffered hugely over the decades and deserved a much better deal. He urged the Union



Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra with new entrants at Lower Muthi.

Court restrains J&K Bank from postings 905 officials following their promotions

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JAMMU: In a suit filed by Vijay Kumar & ors against Jammu & Kashmir Bank for declaring result notification: Associate Executive (Scale-II) to Executive (Scale-II) barring reference: JKB/HRD/Rectt/ 2022-751 dated 07.03.2022 issued by defendant No:3, whereby

and where under defendant No:5 to 793 have been ordered to be promoted from Associate Executive (Scale-1) to Executive (Scale-II) in the pay scale of Rs. 48170-1740/1-49910-1990/10-69810 as illegal and void ab-initio; declaring result notification: Associate Executive (Scale-1) to

Executive (Scale-II) bearing reference No: JKB/HRD/Rectt/2022-935 dated 15.04.2022 issued by defendant No:3, whereby and where under defendant No:794 to 910 have been ordered to be promoted from dropee officers from Scale-1 to Scale-II as illegal and null and void; mandatory

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Congress committed to upliftment of poor, unprivileged, downtrodden: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President, Raman Bhalla on Monday claimed that no one can erase it from the memory of any Indian that it was none other than late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who was the first to recognize the political might wielded by the poor yet languishing at the bottom of so literally moved by the prevalence of poverty in this country that she decided to showcase poverty as the most lethal political weapon during the 1971 General Election while giving the clarion call of 'Garibi Mitao'.

This was observed by former Minister while interacting with people of Qasim Nagar, Bahu Fort organized by Bunty and Gopal.

Prominent among others those present on the occasion include Jatinder Chib, Deewan Chand, Latish Sharma, Muklak



JKPCC Working President, Raman Bhalla addressing a public meeting.

Raj, Meenu Jamwal, Sumitra, Sahil Shavotra, Bitta, Gagan, Paras Ram Harvirinder Kour besides others.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that since then, inclusion of poor became the guiding deity to be installed in the middle by every political party in each as the most essential ritual in every political discourse particularly when elections came into sight. It has been the most outstanding political achievement

of the Congress for having established a revolutionary trend in this country.

Bhalla said on the other

hand BJP government has utterly failed to fulfill basic necessities of common man in J&K. He said BJP has dismayed and disappointed their respective electorate besides exposing their hollow and false commitment to their slogans always used by them to hoodwink the people.

He said that the governance failures writ large in almost every field, adding to the miseries of each and every section of the society. The government has failed to ensure delivery at the basic levels like availability of power, health, education sector & unemployment besides rehabilitation of affected people and the farmers.

The employees of different categories including teachers, daily wagers, casual and need based workers and other such categories of people are regularly seen on protests for their just and genuine demands. This kind of sit-

uation has disappointed every common man who are already facing the brunt of sky rocketing prices of all essential commodities and items of daily use.

He said that Congress party is the only unifying force which would fight for the rights of the people of J&K and appealed party workers to be united and vigilant to expose the BJP government in J&K and protect the policies and programmes which were initiated by the Congress for the welfare of the pluralistic, poor & downtrodden sections of the society for which Congress has always remained on the fore-front since independence.

Caption Additional DGP Armed J&K, S.J.M Gillani and SSP Mahmood Ahmed decorating Sajad Hussain and Javid Ahmad with Ranks on their promotion as DySP and HC respectively.

Eidgah said that dilapidated road of their areas are result of continued neglect and apathy. "Roads in our area from Gojwara to Hazratbal and Soura, Dr Ali Jan Road from Aali Masjid to SKIMS Soura and other adjacent areas are in a dilapidated condition. It has been many years that no repair work has been done. We are facing a huge inconvenience while traveling as roads are not even fit for pedestrians to walk," local residents told STATE TIMES.

Locals from the outskirts of Hazratbal and Harwan Srinagar said that although patch work was done last year but almost all roads damaged after four to five months due to usage of substandard material. "It has been years since the road was last repaired completely. It is irony that authorities failed to undertake repairs of road," said a local resident. "We have been moving from pillar to post seeking repairs of road, but no action has been taken so far," said a local from Srinagar.

On the other hand, an official, when contacted, said that this year many new road projects are being taken up. "Roads that come under R&B jurisdiction will be repaired across Srinagar. We repaired around 200 Km of roads that come under our jurisdiction last year. This year also tenders have been floated and work will start within a few weeks. Majority of Srinagar roads come under SMC now and just 400 Km of major roads come under jurisdiction of R&B, which are being maintained," he added.

Residents of Lal Bazar, Khanyar near Govt Gousia Hospital, Bage Ali Mardan Khan, Nowshera, Omer Colony, Lal Bazar, Bagat e shoor-Malla Bagh road, Firdous Colony

Poor condition of roads giving tough time to commuters in Valley

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: The dilapidated roads in Srinagar city and other parts of Kashmir continue to take a toll on commuters and giving a tough time to commuters as majority of roads are strewn with potholes and ditches. The commuters and pedestrians from various areas complained that many roads are not properly maintained by concerned authorities, thereby creating difficulties for transporters and passersby. The commuters further complained that condition of the roads worsen during winters, thereby giving them a harrowing travel experience throughout the year. "Dust emanating from the uneven road surfaces affects our health. Besides, bad road surface directly impacts movement of traffic and often causes traffic snarl," they alleged.

Commuters further said that poor condition of roads has also resulted in many problems including increase in travel time, water-logging and traffic jams. Moreover, dilapidated roads have made it hard for pedestrians to walk. People from various other areas of Srinagar's old city are also facing same problems like city residents due to dilapidated condition of roads. What to say of link-road, even many important roads are facing neglect for years thereby hampering smooth vehicular movement, the locals added.

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