

Last 9 years turned India into cost effective medical destination: Dr Jitendra

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KOLKATA: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday said that the last 9 years have turned India into a cost effective medical destination and this has been possible because of several pathbreaking healthcare reforms and enabling provisions brought in by Prime Minister Narendra Modi ever since he took over in 2014. Delivering keynote address at the 42nd annual conference of National Medicos Organisation (NMO) organised at AIIMS Kalyani, West Bengal, Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a renowned Diabetologist and Professor, said that previously India was hardly known for any preventive healthcare but today India is recognised as the vaccination hub of the world. He also said that Medico organisations can collaborate with the government for ensuring last mile delivery of healthcare.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that today we can evidently see patients from several other countries including Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and even European countries coming over to leading hospitals including government hospitals in India for treatment. All of them have gone back satisfied because the treatment provided to them is world class, as India has all the medical facilities available anywhere else in the world, but at a much cheaper cost, he said.

Talking about National Medicos Organisation, Dr Jitendra Singh said that NMO is a "3 in 1" organisation as it is engaged in Swasthya Seva, Samajik Seva and Shiksha Seva at the same time. He said that NMO is an organisation comprising of qualified doctors, qualified students who are contributing to the making of a competitive academic atmosphere as far as medical education in this country is concerned. When Jammu and Kashmir faced devastating floods in 2014, Dr Jitendra Singh recalled, NMO with Seva Bharati acted promptly by sending not only required material but also 68 doctors from different parts of the country for 10 days. Since 2014, Rishi Kashyap SwasthyaSewa Yatra has been regularly conducted with the help of Seva Bharati, Jammu and Kashmir. This Yatra is aimed to provide health care services and basic awareness to the people in the remote villages of J&K, he said.

Talking about the 2-day Medical Conference happening near Kolkata, the Minister said that Kolkata has been a seat of medical academics since pre-independence times. Kolkata was the place where India's first Medical College was set up in 1835. The second Medical College was established in Chennai. India's first University, The University of Calcutta was also set up in



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering keynote address at the 42nd Annual Conference of "National Medicos Organisation" (NMO) at AIIMS Kalyani, near Kolkata on Saturday.

Kolkata. Indian Medical Association which is the largest body of medics today was also founded in Kolkata. India's first celebrated medical consultant and Mahatma Gandhi's physician, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy also hailed from Kolkata. Further Dr J.P. Bose, the first doctor to use insulin injection in India on a patient in 1929 also took place in Kolkata, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that his generation belongs to a generation of medics who has seen the transition happening in India. The Minister recalled that when he entered into the medical school, his earlier generation had grown in a pre-antibiotic era. With the coming of antibiotics, more or less the communication diseases got conquered. Then new lifestyle diseases started to be more prominent be it diabetes, heart attack, cholesterol along with the increase in lifespan of the

average Indian. But the diseases of the old age also got introduced into the large spectrum of diseases confronted by India, he said.

The Minister said that the number of elderly people in the country is increasing. Because of this, diseases of old age are also increasing. Another big challenge the country is facing today is the diseases of old age affecting the middle and young age groups.

Talking about the theme of today's conference 'Our health, our nature, our culture', Dr Jitendra Singh said that it is very much in tune with the requirements of the India of the 21st century. He said that the Prime Minister had given us the mantra 'LiFE' (Life For Environment). Following this vision in the last 9 years under the leadership of the Prime Minister, healthcare has been given top priority by the government. Dr Jitendra Singh said that during the previous governments, health budget was a very small fraction of the Union Budget. By bringing in Ayushman Bharat, the first of its kind health insurance scheme in the world, India has moved from sectoral and segmented approach of health service delivery to a comprehensive need-based health care service. Further revival of the healthcare system has also been initiated through celebration of International Yoga Day, integrating traditional medi-

cines with allopathy. 2023 is celebrated as the International year of Millets focussing on nutrient rich millets. In the same line India has also given the concept of wellness to the world. It is not just prevention of illness but also promotion of health and wellbeing so that citizens can contribute to nation building with utmost energy and wellbeing, he added.

The Minister said that another important aspect is the integrated healthcare where integration of ayurveda and yoga with modern medical practices is needed. In the past few years, the Government has made a cautious effort to revive our traditional knowledge.

Through Mission Covid Suraksha, Dr Jitendra Singh emphasised that the Government along with the help of like-minded organisations like NMO reached the last mile for conducting the vaccination drive successfully and even providing the indigenously developed vaccines to more than 50 other countries.

Listing out the ways in which organisations like NMO can collaborate with the government, the Minister said that, firstly, organisations can collaborate with StartUps in the medical field who have the right calibre.

The Government also has agencies working in this area like the Technology development board, BIRAC etc.

SGPB election notification issued by JK UT in violation of HC order: SPF

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JAMMU: Sikh Progressive Front (SPF) convened meeting under the chairmanship of its president Balvinder Singh in which they expressed resentment and surprise over the recent notification issued by Divisional Commissioner as Returning Officer for Gurudwara Parbhandak Board Election, Jammu, declaring dates for conducting election to State Gurudwara Parbhandak Board for JK UT.

They said this notification is in violation/breach of the order of status quo issued by a bench of Justice Vinod Chatterji of Jammu and Kashmir High Court in the case titled GPC Pulwama versus UT of J&K and others Vide WP(C) No.344/203 dated February 22, 2023 and the said status quo has not been vacated and is still in force and Court has fixed next date of hearing in the said on 12th July 2023.

Singh, while elaborating the case, stated that the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh ordered 'status quo' as on the said Date (February 22, 2023) with regard to elections to Gurudwara Parbhandak Board in

Kashmir Division.

The petitioner (DGPC Pulwama) through its advocate had challenged the notification for election issued on 17th February this year by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir as 'returning officer' to State Gurudwara Parbhandak Board Election, Kashmir Division by virtue of which District of Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shupian, have been allotted one seat/member and District of Baramulla and Bandipora District have been shown two seats/members, primarily on the ground that in District Bandipora there is no Sikh population nor any Gurudwara Parbhandak Committee exists there, as such, there is no representation that would partake in elections from District Bandipora.

The court after hearing the counsel said, "a prima facie case is made out for grant of ad interim relief at this stage" and finally issued status quo on March 22, 2023 with regard to elections shall be maintained.

All present in the meeting were surprised over the whole issue as how seriously JK UT administration takes the Sikh issues

especially the State Gurudwara Parbhandak Board Election who don't think it proper to get themselves updated with the present status of the status quo issued by the bench of Justice Vinod Koul Chatterji of J&K High Court dated February 22, 2023.

Sikh Progressive Front urged upon the concerned Divisional Commissioner to immediately withdraw the notification issued on May 9, 2023 for conduct of State Gurudwara Parbhandak Board election and clear all doubts.

Singh further urged upon the JK UT administration related with the Gurudwara election to kindly make available Voter list in Punjabi language also as Voters list in Punjabi was not made available with the prior Notification issued by Div Com Jammu dated February 17, 2023 and whenever elections are held in future.

Other members who were present in the meeting were Manjit Singh Secretayr SPF, Rajinder Singh Vice President, Paranjit Singh, Janak Singh, Iqbal Singh, T.P Singh and Sharanjit Singh.

Department of ENT organises CME on Hereditary Angioedema



Dr Dara Singh, MS SMGS hospital with others at CME on Hereditary Angioedema.

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JAMMU: Department of ENT in collaboration with Hereditary Angioedema Society of India on Saturday organised a CME on 'Understanding Hereditary Angioedema: Current practices and the way out'.

Dr Shashi Sudan, Principal and Dean, GMC Jammu, was present on the occasion, who encouraged participants to learn new skills for their upgradation.

Dr Dara Singh, MS SMGS hospital was also the Guest of Honour in the event. Dr Ankur Jindal, PGIMER, Chandigarh gave a presentation on Angioedema, to early

diagnose this condition and to properly manage this condition.

Dr Ridhima Aggarwal PGIMER Chandigarh enlightened the participants about the diagnosis of this fatal yet treatable condition.

Dr Parmod Kalsotra, Professor and Head of Department of ENT welcomed all the delegates and paid homage to the Hereditary Angioedema Society of India for actively participating in this CME and pondered that such academic events shall be a routine in our department.

The Panelists in this CME were Dr Parmod kalsotra,

HOD ENT and Head & Neck surgery; Dr GS Saini, HOD pediatrics; Dr Fayaz Wani, HOD Medicine; Dr Devraj Dogra, HOD Dermatology; and Dr Sonika Kanotra, Professor ENT.

The Organizing chairperson of this event were Prof. Sunil Dogra PGIMER, Chandigarh and Dr Parmod Kalsotra, GMC Jammu. The Organizing secretary were Dr Ankur Jindal PGIMER Chandigarh, Dr Om Prakash and Dr Gopika Kalsotra. A vote of thanks was presented by Dr Kamal Kishore, Professor, Department of ENT.

Team RTO Jammu recovers Rs 7.62 lakh fine

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JAMMU: A team of Motor Vehicles Department, headed by RTO, Jammu, Pankaj Bhagotra laid special Naka at different locations on Jammu-Pathankot National Highway from May 1 to 13, 2023 for checking visible offences under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989. During the period, nearly 350 vehicles, which included Buses, Tippers, Trucks, School Buses and Tempo Travellers, were checked for various

offences out of which 131 vehicles were challaned/compound-ed. An amount of Rs 4.32 lakh was realised on spot from violators and Rs. 3.30 lakh is expected from the remaining challans.

The enforcement team comprised Rehana Tabassam ARTO (HQ), Jammu, Esha Chib ARTO(G), Kuldeep Singh ARTO (P), Neeraj Sharma, ARTO (Flying Squad), Motor vehicles Inspectors, Surinder Kumar, Vikas Srivats and Jasbir Singh.

This is beginning of BJP-Free India: Sawhney on Karnataka Polls

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JAMMU: Former Minister J&K and senior Congress leader Yogesh Sawhney on Saturday lauded the Congress Party for the glorious lead in Karnataka Assembly polls, stating that it was the beginning of a "BJP-Mukt Bharat". "The country is moving towards a BJP-free India and it has started from the South already," he said. He congratulated the party leadership and Congress candidates in Karnataka for the majority.

The numbers clearly indicate the will of the people, he added. The Congress party had raised important issues and fought the elections on genuine issues of people, and the public was able to recognise that and filter out the lies propagated by the BJP. The BJP will be wiped clean from the polls one by one in each state gradually.

HPS celebrates Mother's Day



HPS faculty and students during Mother's Day celebration.

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SAMBA: Humanity Public School (HPS), Bassi Kalan, Bari-Brahmana celebrated Mother's Day on Saturday. The occasion was celebrated with the message that mother is God on the Earth.

The Principal, Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal, Anku Charak along with Incharges of different wings Akashdeep Raina (Incharge Admin), Keshav Raj Sharma (Higher secondary wing), Namrta Sharma (High wing), Vandana Sharma (Primary wing), Aparna Billowria (Pre-Primary wing) and Meenu Khajuria (Activity Incharge) were also present on the occasion.

Pallavi of class 10th presented a speech in English. Naviya of class 6th recited a beautiful poem in English & Mahira & Sargun of class 6th presented their poems in Hindi on Mother's Day. Sunil Kumar, Coordinator (High wing) and Taranjeet Kour, Teacher (Primary wing) also presented their speeches on Mother's Day.

Keshav Raj Sharma (Incharge Higher secondary wing) also elaborated the role of mother's in the upbringing of child. The girls of class 6th & 7th presented a heart touching group song under the guidance of their mentors music teachers Rajan Kumar and Kumar Abhilash. A heartwarming

dance performance was presented by the girls of 3rd & 4th class prepared by dance teacher, Taruna and by the little tiny tots of Pre-Primary wing under the guidance of their Incharge Aparna Billowria.

The Presenter of the programme were Bhumika Angural and Mansi, students of class 10th. The stage was managed by Meenu Khajuria (Activity Incharge) and Sarabjeet Kour (Art & craft teacher).

Gaurav Charak advised the students to thank the mother on this day for all the sacrifices that they have done to make their children live comfortable and lovely.

J&K farmers demand product participation in Srinagar G20 summit



Tajinder Singh, President J&K Kissan Council and others flower growers at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The flower growers of Jammu division on Saturday held a meeting at Baspur, here.

Tajinder Singh, President J&K Kissan Council and member J&K Kissan Advisory Board, said that the whole farming community of J&K welcome the G20 summit in Kashmir. He said Indian Floriculture Mission CSIR, with the vision of Science and

Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh and Agriculture Production Department, reaches at the borders of J&K UT and farmers are happy by cultivating the flowers. "In upcoming G20 summit we prepare our flowers for event. It is a better platform to present our niche crops like RS Pura Basmati, milk cake, Rajma, Kalari, saffron, to trap export potential," Tajinder Singh said. He appealed to

event organizers specially Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta to instruct concerned departments to look into the aspirations of flower growers of entire UT and showcase our rich agri diversity by displaying our products at stalls in G20 Summit.

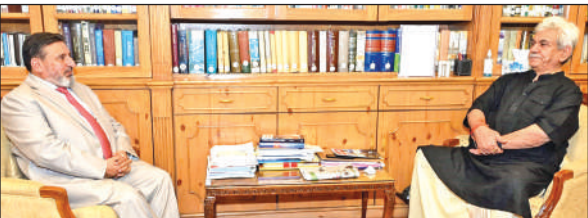
During the meeting, entire farmers also expressed gratitude to Director Floriculture KK Sharma for his support.

Altaf Bukhari calls on Lt Governor

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SRINAGAR: Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, senior politician and President, J&K Apni Party called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Saturday.

The former Minister discussed with the Lt Governor various issues of public importance including availability of subsidized ration at landed cost to the beneficiaries and the recent fire



President, JKAP, S.M.A Bukhari calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

incident at Jama Masjid in Tral area of Pulwama.

The Lt Governor assured Bukhari that the demands

& issues projected by him would be looked into meticulously for their early redressal.

Positivity is a life mantra: Rana

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JAMMU: Observing that positivity and optimism is imperative for overall health and physical well-being, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Saturday said unwanted thoughts generate negative emotions and make us feel defeated.

"Bhagvat Gita is a scripture of life, guiding the principal of how we all have to live", Rana said while releasing a Life Management Book- "A Broken Heart Can Beat Again" by Anju Sehgal Gupta, here this evening, adding that if the mind can be controlled no hearts will break and no hearts have to be woven again. The book was released in presence of Sr. Additional

Advocate General Monika Kohli, Jugal Mahajan, Dr Shiv Dass Raina, S.K Sehgal, Rohit Gupta and others. Dwelling upon the book, Rana said. "Challenges are a part of life there will be darker moments in life and there be moments of sun shines but all will not be sun shine all will not be darkness, he said adding that in life there are no dark, blind alley and tunnels there will definitely be always be a beacon of light at the end of the dark blind alley, and we have need to train our mind to tread the dark, blind alley to atleast reach a point where we can see the light of the tunnel".

Rana congratulated Anju Sehgal Gupta the author of the book and said that she



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and others releasing a Life Management Book.

has penned down something which is very relevant in today's life and gives us a food for thought to face the challenges with fortitude and train your mind in a way to overcome all the challenges.

He said we might surrender the moment we see the dark blind alley in our life and we decide that we cannot go beyond this and

there we get stuck. We need to move on we need to live that moment that day and look for the better.

"You decide in your mind that you have to win and there are very rare chances

that you will lose. So don't lose your heart and keep going with positivity in mind and thoughts", he added. Speaking on the occasion, the author of the book Anju Sehgal Gupta shared her journey which led to this book and said we should engross ourselves in all those things which make us happy and opt for happiness and remain thankful.

Many speakers dwelt on the life and books of the author Anju Sehgal Gupta at the function attended by senior members of the civil society and intellectuals.

TNWS delegation meets VC JDA

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JAMMU: A delegation of Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society (TNWS) led by its president, Rajinder P Kakkhar here on Saturday met Vice Chairman (VC) Jammu Development Authority (JDA), Shiv Kumar Gupta. The delegation presented the News magazine of TNWS to VC JDA demanded immediately multistorey parking complex within the colony. The delegation also urged VC JDA to review and slash the fees of free hold rights, regularise the additional land/ stripes in the favour of adjoining residents upto three Marla should be exempted and a mini play field within Trikuta Nagar colony with the provisions of all necessary facilities available. The VC JDA listened to the problems of visiting team and asked assured for redressal of the same. Er. Ashok Kumar Arora, S.N kaul, Er. Varinder Kumar Suri, Vijay Mahajan, Deepak Daftari and Jaswinder Singh were present on the occasion.



TNWS members calling on VC JDA Shiv Kumar Gupta.