

TR Gupta Trust organises medical camp at border village

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JAMMU: Committed to provide medical care and other assistance to the needy people, the T R Gupta Public Charitable Trust held a Multispecialty Medical camp at a border village Badyal Brahmana, in RS Pura tehsil where more than 350 patients were provided free medical treatment and medicines.

This was the fourth such Medical Camp organised by the Trust, first in the current year. It was inaugurated by T R Gupta, Chairman of the Trust in the presence of other Trustees and prominent residents of the village.

The basic objective of organising such camps is to reach out to the uncovered rural population.

This Camp was organized in the premises of Nav Shishu



Chairman of T R Gupta Trust, trustees and doctors during a Medical camp at Badyal Brahmana.

Vikas Kendra High School of the border village of village Badyal Brahmana which is inhabited by about three thousand families. Various Investigations like Haemoglobin check-up of 250 patients was carried out besides blood sugar estimation of about 40 patients. In addition, ECG was also performed on the advice of the physicians.

Well known doctors including Dr Ashok Kumar Gupta, Child specialist & former HoD of Dept of Paediatrics, GMC Jammu, Dr V P Gupta & Dr Kuldeep Gubgotra, Senior Physician specialists, Dr S. S. Padha Bone & joint specialist, Dr Surbhi Gupta Ophthalmologist, Dr Deep Shikha ENT specialist, Dr Nidhi Dermatologist, Dr Arshdeep Singh Paediatrician

provided specialist treatment to the people. Dr Priya Chandel Physiotherapist was also present.

T R Gupta took a lot of interest in the activities of the camp and interacted with the Panchayat members and other local people attending the camp.

He said that he owed it to the village as he started his career with Atta Chakki

machine in 1955, and then in a few years, he changed to construction business. He along with other Trustees visited the site where Atta Chakki was set up by him and found it still in functional condition.

He praised the village Panchayat members especially Sarpanch Smt. Kanta Sharma, Sarpanch Binny Sharma, Panch Mangat Ram, Principal Gulzar Singh. He thanked all the doctors, media persons, paramedics, various people involved in registration of cases in Panchayat Ghar and all others who rendered their services.

The Trustees present were Rajinder Motial, Dr Ashok Kumar Gupta, Yash Paul Gupta, S K Sharma, Kailash Langer, Naresh Gupta and Er Ajay Sabharwal.

MC Poonch President dedicates newly renovated community hall to people

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POONCH: Continuing his efforts towards sustainable urban development, President Municipal Council Poonch Advocate Sunil Sharma with active cooperation of Yasir Bashir Kichloo XEn PWD, Mohd Aslam Khan, AEE and team of councillors inaugurated the newly renovated community Hall at W. No. 13 near Airfield Poonch and dedicated it for the use of general public.

While addressing the gathering, Advocate Sunil Sharma informed that the Municipal Council, Poonch is committed to providing accessible and affordable public spaces to the common populace, and the renovation of community hall, town hall and parks are few recent initiatives taken in this regard. He



MC Poonch President Adv Sunil Sharma addressing gathering after inaugurating newly renovated Community Hall.

also urged common populace to realize the fact that Poonch town belongs to the people of Poonch and they are the active stakeholders in the maintenance and improvement of existing infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Mohd. Aslam, AEE, PWD; S. Sohan Singh, Ex-Servicemen, and Parvinder Singh, Sarpanch, Degwar, also

spoke on the occasion and appreciated the contribution of Advocate Sunil Sharma and his team of councillors in proactively taking projects of immense socio-economic concern.

The programme concluded with the formal vote of gratitude to the district administration, PWD department, and civil society members in attendance.

Raj Bhawan bids farewell to Akshay Labroo



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha according farewell to Akshay Labroo.

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the staff and officers of Raj Bhawan on Wednesday accorded a warm farewell to Akshay Labroo, who served as Additional Secretary at the LG's Secretariat.

The Lt Governor expressed his appreciation to the officer for his professional conduct, sincerity and dedication and wished him good health, prosperity and success in future.

The function was attended by all the officers in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

Summer Volleyball camp begins at Poonch



Spikers posing with Shaheed DySP Manjiti Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Chairman Mohd Tariq at Poonch.

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POONCH: Organised by Shaheed DySP Manjiti Singh Memorial Volleyball Club, Summer Coaching camp got underway at Degree College Ground, here involving 50 young boys and girls. In this month-long camp, participants are drawn from different parts of the Union Territory (UT). The camp was declared open by Col. M P Singh, who was the chief guest. He appreciated the

efforts of Mohd Tariq and his son Ramiz Tariq (FIVB qualified volleyball coach) in shaping the raw volleyball talent, especially in the border districts of Poonch and Rajouri. Among others present were Jhangir Hussain Mir (former MLA Poonch); Pardeep Khanna (social activist); Rajinder Singh (former chairman Municipal Council; Matinderpal Singh, Mushtaq Ahmed, Shabir Ahmed, Intazar Ali and Sidharth Bhatti.

JKPCC acquaints students with Mission LiFE objectives

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JAMMU: J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) on Wednesday organised an interactive meet with the students of various Degree Colleges in the conference hall, JKPCC to discuss implementation of various themes laid under Mission LiFE and spreading awareness among neighborhood and general public with the help of NSS volunteers and Eco-clubs.

Pledge on Mission LiFE was taken in the beginning by all participants followed by detailed discussion with Programme Officers and NSS volunteers to initiate various activities by all degree colleges.

The program culminated with a felicitation ceremony for volunteers of Jammu University (Department of Environmental Sciences), GGM Science College, MAM College, GCW Parade, Commerce College, GDC Gandhi Nagar and Government College of Education and volunteers of Disha organization, Live for others, Organization for Youth and Development and Devika Army for their active participation during "Save Rivers Campaign", organized by JKPCC

during Holy Navratras.

The "Save Rivers Campaign" was conducted from 29 to 30 March with focus on generating awareness among common masses regarding importance of Rivers 'Tawi for survival of future generations and need to save them by ensuring that no plastic / non-biodegradable material gets immersed in water

The event was presided over by Regional Director JKPCC Jammu, Sat Paul who gave a brief introduction on the work done by JKPCC in association with NSS volunteers from various colleges and NGOs during "Save Rivers campaign" launched to create mass awareness for cleaner and green J&K.

He further emphasised the role of citizens in ensuring replacement of Single Use Plastics by available eco-friendly alternatives. Divisional Officer, Jammu North, Anil Sharma, Divisional officer, Jammu South, Arshad Malik, Anuradha, Scientist, Nodal Officer Mission LiFE, JKPCC, Jammu and Programme Officers representing various colleges and representatives from NGOs were also present on the occasion.

Inter-school meet of Zone Bishnah held



Participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Bishnah.

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JAMMU: Annual inter-school competitions of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Zone Bishnah held at Government High School Chak Murar today.

The competition held in

four disciplines of Carrom, Cricket, Volleyball and Wrestling in under-14 and under-17 categories of boys under the guidance of district officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma. Around 300 boys took part in this meet which was

supervised by Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Bishnah, Surbjeet Kour. Later, the ZPEO appreciated the field staff and other individuals for their support and dedication in successful conduct of the competition.

PIL highlighting shortage of doctors/paramedics

DB expresses anguish over non-filing of status reports by UTs of J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nagral, while hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding shortage of doctors/paramedical staff in Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, expressed anguish over non-filing of status reports. The DB granted further two weeks time to do needful, failing which concerned officials of Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, may be liable to be

directed to remain present in person before the Court on the next date of hearing.

This significant order has been passed in a much publicized PIL filed by RTI Activist Balwinder Singh wherein petitioner has sought directions to UT administration to provide duly sanctioned staff in all Health Institutions in Jammu Province as out of 259 PHCs, NPHCs and CHCs in hilly and remote areas of all Districts of Jammu province, 184 are running without doctors and lacking staff including the Medical Officers/Consultants and

Para-Medical Staff in Sub-District Hospitals, District Hospitals of entire Jammu Province.

When PIL came-up for hearing, DB after hearing Adv Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed appearing for the PIL observed that the Court vide order dated March 16, 2023 had granted time to ascertain as to when selection process in respect of 380 posts of Medical officers pending with Public Service Commission will be completed. Similarly, the State Government was also required to provide the details of the District-wise existing sanctioned staff posi-

tion apart from the Medical Officers (Doctors) including Para Medical Staff working in the various Public Health Centers under the Health and Medical Education Department.

DB also directed Vishal Sharma, Deputy Solicitor General of India appearing for the UT of Ladakh to furnish the necessary information. DB observed that the said information is not coming forthwith and accordingly, granted further two weeks time to do the needful, by or before the next date, failing which concerned officials of Union Territories of Jammu

and Kashmir and Ladakh, may be liable to be directed to remain present in person before Court on the next date of hearing.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on the last date of hearing, S S Nanda, Sr. AAG has informed the Court through affidavit filed on 14th March, 2023 that out of 708 posts Medical Officers which have been referred by the Health & Medical Education Department to Public Service Commission for selection of suitable candidates against post of medical officers, the PSC has furnished a selection list of just

328 selectees (Medical Officers).

DB is also of view that State Government should provide details of district-wise existing sanctioned staff position apart from Medical Officers (Doctors) including Para Medical Staff working in the various Public Health Centres under Health and Medical Education Department. DB also directed DSGI appearing for the UT of Ladakh to furnish the necessary information regarding Medical Officers (Doctors) as well as non-medical (Paramedical Staff) in all districts of Ladakh.

3 J&K healthcare institutions get national certification under LaQshya programme

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SRINAGAR: In a significant development and improvement in quality of Labour Rooms and Maternity Operation Theaters, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), has accorded National Certification to three prestigious healthcare institutions of Jammu and Kashmir under LaQshya programme in recognition of high standards of quality and ensuring respectful maternity care in labour rooms and maternity OTs.

The certified institutions included Governemnt Lalla Ded Hospital Srinagar, District Hospital, Ganderbal and Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar,

Jammu.

These facilities were assessed by a team of highly qualified and empanelled assessors from the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in the month of February and March, 2023. The National Certification will be valid for a period of three years subject to annual verification of the scores by the State Quality Assurance Committee.

Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, while congratulating the facility staff of these three hospitals for this achievement, on Wednesday emphasized upon all Medical Colleges, District Hospitals and

CHCs to work hard for implementation of LaQshya standards in Labour Rooms and Maternity OTs for improving care around birth so that maternal and newborn health is further improved.

Mission Director, NHM J&K, Ayushi Sudan, also congratulated the three facilities and their teams for the achievement.

She said that a lot of other facilities are being taken up for the NQAS, LaQshya and MusQan quality certification which will improve the standards of services across the UT of J&K and thus will be instrumental in improvement of various health indicators to a considerable extent.

Modi emphasised timely changes in recruitment rules of ministries for more jobs: Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised timely changes in recruitment rules at all the ministries of the central government, paving the way for the creation of more jobs, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday.

Distributing appointment letters on regularisation of over 4,400 muster roll employees of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) at Talkatora stadium here, Shah said Modi has also worked to end uncertainties in many areas, which is why everyone is saying "Modi Hai To Mumkin Hai".

"Modi due to his innate decision-making capability has ended uncertainties in many areas while working earlier as chief minister of Gujarat and now as prime minister of the country. An example of this is the appointment letters received by you. That is why whether children, elderly or youth -- everyone says Modi hai to Mumkin hai," he said.

Shah said the prime minister himself has exerted thrust on timely changes in recruitment rules and conditions in all the ministries

of the Union government. "This is why these appointment letters are being given."

Congratulated the regularised NDMC employees, he said they were provided respect and pride through regularisation under Modi's leadership, which was a matter of great pleasure and satisfaction to him.

Shah hoped that the NDMC workforce of 13,000 employees strengthened by 4,400 regularised muster role workers will work to ensure that a positive message is conveyed to the heads of states, who will visit the national capital during a G-20 Summit in September.

The Union home minister said the reason for the lack of regularisation was that there were no recruitment rules. The rules were prepared and the DoPT approval was obtained and now regularisation has happened, he added. Shah said the process of regularisation was completed with the creation of 900 additional posts in the NDMC to accommodate all the 4,400 muster role workers.

Shah also inaugurated 120 flats of the NDMC constructed at Pushp Vihar for the civic body's employees.

Bail denied to two narco smugglers

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JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Udhampur Haq Nawaz Zargar rejected bail application of two narco-smugglers namely Mohd Javed and Amrej Iqbal, who were arrested with over 38.570 Kg poppy straw by Chenani police near motor shed on March 13, 2023.

After hearing Public Prosecutor Koshal Kotwal for the police, Principal Sessions Judge Udhampur Haq Nawaz Zargar while rejecting bail application, satisfied by arguments of the Public Prosecutor that the release of accused person at this stage, during ongoing investigation, will definitely destroy and disturb social fabric which cannot be allowed. "None can be allowed to play with the lives of others who have committed no crime. There is every possibility of repeating the same offence by accused. As far as liberty of a person is concerned,

the same can be curtailed under due process of law. The paramount consideration is to put a halt in illegal sale and transportation of narcotics substances like poppy straw, Charas and heroin etc," the Court observed.

Court further observed that having regard to nature of the offences committed, quantity of contraband items recovered and the stage of investigation, which is still under progress and Challan is yet to be produced before the Court of Law, the accused persons does not deserve concession of bail at this stage, as the same may severely hamper the investigation process. In such heinous offences bail cannot be claimed as a matter of right. No case of exceptional mitigating circumstances is made out for exercising discretion of bail in favour of accused persons. With these observations, the Court rejected bail applications of both accused persons.