

J&K's First Maternal & Child Health Conclave inaugurated

Decisive steps taken to address healthcare: LG

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday inaugurated J&K's first Maternal and Child Health Conclave at SKICC.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also dedicated Paediatric wards, ICUs, Maternal ICUs to the public.

In his inaugural address, the Lt Governor said that the conclave will provide a unique platform to deliberate upon challenges, opportunities and newer initiatives in Maternal and Child healthcare.

The Lt Governor said that UT of J&K has registered significant decline in the Infant Mortality Rate during the last one year and the administration envisions to further decrease the Maternal and Child mortality to establish UT at the forefront of providing quality healthcare.

The Lt Governor stressed that Medical Institutions must provide a big canvas to our researchers and doctors who are talented and capable to produce path-breaking inventions in the healthcare. I hope that our talent pool will be responsive to such opportunities and take full

advantage of it for larger public interest, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor urged the premier Medical Colleges, Super Specialty Hospitals and other health institutions to encourage research and new innovations at the grassroots level to further strengthen the Health Safety Net in the

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strides in the healthcare ecosystem of the UT, the Lt Governor said that J&K has the unique distinction of being the first UT of the country with two AIIMS and two Cancer Institutes, besides seven new medical colleges have been established in the UT in just eight years. Apart from this, Prime Minister also launched the Ayushman Bharat-Sehat Scheme in December 2020, extending health insurance of Rs 5 lakh per family to every citizen without any discrimination.

It was also informed that in a span of just two years, 2209 health and wellness centers have been established which are providing health facilities to the people even in far flung areas, besides 211

Ambulances are providing 24X7 facilities in Jammu and Kashmir Divisions in addition to 286 general ambulances which are serving the people. 64 Advanced Life Support Ambulances were also inducted into the fleet to fill all the existing gaps in healthcare in saving precious lives.

Dialysis facilities which were limited to only a few districts are available in all 20 districts of UT and 27,129 dialysis sessions have been given to the patients in just one year.

Pertinently, as per National Family Health Survey, the UT of J&K has registered tremendous improvement in various healthcare parameters during the last couple of years,

"We have taken decisive steps to address healthcare challenges and enhancing access to health facilities in remote areas. Grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for providing best health infrastructure to UT of J&K. It has given a new hope and confidence to healthcare sector", the Lt Governor said.

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