

Poison Information Centre and Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre inaugurated at AIIMS Vijaypur

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JAMMU: To cater to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, a Poison Information Centre (PIC) and Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre were inaugurated by Prof (Dr) Y.K. Gupta, President of AIIMS, Jammu in the presence of Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, founder Executive Director and CEO of AIIMS Jammu, Deans, Associate Dean and senior officials on Thursday at AIIMS, Vijaypur, here.



President AIIMS Jammu, Prof (Dr) Y.K. Gupta posing with Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, founder Executive Director and CEO AIIMS Jammu and other dignitaries.

provide the service but will also take leadership in capacity building of other health centres and hospitals in poison information services so that the hazards of poisoning are drastically reduced in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Dr. Sonia Shinde Mahajan, Assistant Professor and Officer In-charge, Department of Pharmacology and Deputy Co-ordinator ADR Monitoring Centre, informed that the Poison Information Centre is a specialized unit that is equipped with evidence-based software that will enable the on-duty Pharmacologists to provide the latest evidence-based information for the management of the poisonings. She said that the center will have dedicated telephone

numbers, (both landline and mobile, that will be communicated in due course of time), on which queries regarding any accidental exposure to or intentional use of poisons will be received from people as well as neighboring hospitals. Dr. Sonia elaborated that pertinent information will be provided to the caller at the earliest after receiving, assessing, and analyzing the query. Initially, the centre will be operational from 9 am to 5 pm and in due course of time shall be made functional round the clock. In the future, the Centre will be upgraded to a Poison Information and Management Centre that will keep stock of antidotes for common poisonings and make them available to needy cases. Medicines used for treatment are liable to produce

adverse effects, that may occur whenever they are taken. Dr. Ritesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Pharmacology and Co-ordinator, ADR Monitoring Centre, AIIMS, Jammu, emphasized that adverse drug reactions (ADRs) lead to tremendous healthcare expenditure but, at the same time, are preventable if timely identified and reported. He informed that both healthcare professionals and consumers can report any unwanted effects they experience after the use of medicines to the ADR Monitoring Centre of AIIMS, Vijaypur, Jammu. The numbers for reporting these shall be shared shortly. The Centre at AIIMS, Vijaypur, Jammu, will work towards reporting ADRs

and help reduce the harm caused by medicines. Dr. Sartaj Hussain, Assistant Professor, Pharmacology & Faculty In-charge of ADR causality assessment, and Dr. Anna Javed, Assistant Professor, Pharmacology & Faculty In-charge OPD & IPD ADR Reporting, along with the senior residents and nursing officers were also present on the occasion.

Thus, the ADR Monitoring Centre and the Poison Information Centre will be developed as centres of excellence to cater to the poisoning-related needs of the people of the near as well as far-flung areas of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh. Their main focus shall be to reduce the harm that occurs due to adverse drug reactions due to medicines and poisonings, which are major public health problems leading to patient morbidity and mortality. Overall, the Poison Information Centre will play a critical role in safeguarding public health by preventing poisonings, offering prompt assistance in emergencies, and promoting poison awareness and education.



Court rejects bail of two Narco smugglers

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JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Bhaderwah Amarjeet Singh Langeh on Thursday rejected bail application of alleged Narco Smugglers namely Sardar Mohd and Hushyar Singh both resident of Himachal Pradesh.

According to the prosecution that petitioners are involved in FIR No.56/2024 for offences under sections 8/20/29 NDPS Act; that on May 15, 2024 petitioners were found coming from Kahaljugasar to Gwari on

foot and tried to flee away when spotted by petrol party of respondent police station; that because of this suspicious movement, petitioners were rounded up who disclosed their names and on frisking; Charas was recovered in polythene bags from two petitioners weighing 800/900 grams in total; that subsequently based on the docket received from Head of petrol party, FIR No.56/2024 for offences under sections 8/20/29 of NDPS Act was registered and investigation started.

It is encouraging to see people acknowledging developmental measures of Waqf Board: Darakhshan Pays obeisance at Khankah-e-Moula, takes stock of facilities for devotees



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi visiting Ziyarat Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Hamadani (RA).

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SRINAGAR: Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, the Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board on Thursday paid obeisance at Ziyarat

Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Hamadani (RA) at Khankah-e-Moula in Srinagar. She also took stock of the Urs arrangements at the shrine.

Andrabi said that she was thankful to the people for acknowledging the developmental and management improvements by J&K Waqf Board at the shrine. "It is encouraging to see people acknowledging the developmental measures of Waqf Board," said Dr Darakhshan. She said that the message of brotherhood and peace of Hazrat Shah-e-Hamadani (RA) needs to be spread among the young generations for strengthening the Sufi tradition of co-existence and harmony in the society.

Sanatana Dharma is inclusive, treats world as family: Rana

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leaders Sham Lal Sharma, Devender Singh Rana and DDC Jammu Bharat Bhushan on Thursday said the concept of Vasudeva Kutumbakam, the eternal philosophy of Sanatan Dharma, is answer to promoting universal brotherhood and offsetting the ill-effects of confrontational tendencies that has emerged as a burst challenge to the global peace.



Senior BJP leaders Sham Lal Sharma, Devender Singh Rana participating in Shobha Yatra.

"Sanatan Dharma is inclusive and espouses the cause of human dignity, judicious world order and peaceful coexistence of communities to make this world a better place to live in", Rana said while flagging off, along with Mr Sham Lal Sharma, the 12th Shobha Yatra, organised by Shri Kali Babaji from Kangrel to Baba Sidh Goria Temple at Swokha Vijaypur to promote Sanatan Dharma and to seek the blessings. The organisers have arranged free bus service for the participating devotees. Speaking on the occasion, Devender Singh Rana said the glorious Indian civilisation treats the world as a family

and this ethos serves as a beacon of light in the dark tunnel of ignorance that treats humanity differently. The Vedic philosophy, however, does not differentiate between the people on religious or continental basis but treats them as one. This effort is now being appreciated globally more than ever before. He said every Sanatanini begins

the day with the prayers for everyone to be happy, everyone to be in good health and everyone to prosper as they believe God in every particle, least to speak of humans. Rana said the spiritual land of India has emanated the message of humanity from times immemorial and guided humankind to peace and prosperity. The renewed cultural renaissance in the present times is hugely contributing towards harmonious growth of the society, he said, adding that in the present grim scenario, the ancient Indian way of life rekindles hope for addressing the conflict issues for the humanity to grow and prosper; instead of creating the fear of animosity and uncertainty. Rana referred to the relentless efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for civilizational revival, saying the Indian ethos and heritage has been a beacon of light for the entire humanity.

"Those spreading venomous canards against the Sanatan Dharma and Sanatanis for petty political benefits beware and not be mistaken about their tolerance as a sign of weakness", Rana said, asserting that the Sanatanis believe in the philosophy of peaceful coexistence

and mutual respect and regard for each human being, irrespective of their religion, region or caste, however; they cannot tolerate insult of the Sanatan Dharma which is the identity and philosophy of existence of each Sanatanini, he added. Sharma said that in the obtaining conflict and crisis like situation in parts across the continents there is greater need of spreading the message of peace, tranquility and righteousness, the hallmark of Sanatan Dharma. Hinduism being a way of life, preaches love, compassion, righteousness and inclusiveness, remains innate strength of the Sanatan Dharma. This has been the source of its survival for thousands of decades, he added. Prominent Among others who were present included Zorawar Singh, Dil Bahadur Singh Janwal, Ashok Kerni, Bhagwan Dass Sharma, Sanjeev Singh, Rekha Langeh, Kuldeep Singh, Dayal Singh Lucky, Rahul Sharma, Sanjay Sharma, Vivek Gupta, Ashwani Sharma, Angrez Singh, Rajesh Singh, Shamsheer Singh, Rajesh Bawa, Vijay Singh.

BJP conducts meeting of Assembly Constituency Prabharies, others

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir conducted meeting of its Assembly Constituency Prabharies & Convenors, District Presidents, District Prabharies and Seh-Prabharies at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here.



President J&K BJP, Ravinder Raina addressing the meeting.

Ravinder Raina, President, J&K BJP accompanied by Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization) chiefly addressed the meeting. Dr. Narinder Singh, National Secretary, BJP, Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, MP (Rajya Sabha), Shamsheer Singh Manhas, former MP (Rajya

Sabha), Sat Sharma, former Minister, Suni Sharma, General Secretary and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary also addressed the meeting. Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, congratulated the party functionaries and appreciated their dedicated work

during the just concluded Lok Sabha elections. He said that the enthusiasm and the momentum of this election should be increased further while entering the next elections in Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the party will note down all the suggestions and the issues raised by the senior party

leaders present in the meeting and assured that the necessary action will be taken on all the suggestions listed by the party leaders. He also told the party leaders to introspect the political working in their respective areas to prepare the organization for even better results in the

next election. Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, sought the detailed reporting of various aspects during the Parliamentary election in their respective areas. He also prompted them to share any issues, suggestions, or incidents during the period. He also asked the senior party leader to put stress on the review of voter lists and work for a stronger organizational base. He also shared the list of important forthcoming party programmes with the party leaders. Dr. Narinder Singh spoke on the management at the Mandal level and asked the party leaders to use the time between the elections to build up the faith of people in the party and its leaders. Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana stressed on the support of all the communities to the BJP and asked the party leaders to approach the prominent leaders of these communities more vigorously to gain their further support in the next elections. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

Crackdown on child labour, 15 FIRs filed

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JAMMU: In a first of its kind crackdown on child labour, the district administration has filed FIR against 15 business establishments for engaging child labour. In a meeting to review efforts for rehabilitation of children in street situations, the Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Thursday spoke with officers to make regular inspections to identify children selling goods on the road, employed in child labour or begging and asserted that child labour and begging would not be tolerated in the district.

It is pertinent to mention that Sachin Kumar has mandated stringent action, especially cancellation of the registration of business establishments of those found forcing children to work in

dhabas, trafficking or forcing children into begging. The DC has directed officials to scan all major hubs of such activities. SSP, Dr Vinod Kumar has instructed the district police to adopt zero tolerance policy against child exploitation of such kind. The Chief Education Officer and Social Welfare Department have been entrusted to ensure that the rescued children receive education within their vicinity. Acting upon the ground report of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, 15 FIRs, 11 earlier and 4 today, have been lodged against child labour employers. The public is informed that instances of child abuse, trafficking or any other form of child exploitation can be reported to District Child Protection Unit/ Childline at 1098.

DDC Chairman reviews Jal Shakti, power sector developments



District Development Council Chairman Bharat Bhushan chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: The District Development Council, under the leadership of Chairman Bharat Bhushan, convened a significant review meeting on Thursday with council members and officials from the Jal Shakti Department and Jammu Power Development Corporation Limited. The focus of the meeting was to assess the progress of the developmental works by these depart-

ments for public welfare. The Jal Jeevan Mission, aimed at providing Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) to every home, is on a tight schedule to meet the ambitious October deadline. With 283 schemes currently underway in the district, Chairman Bharat Bhushan emphasised the need for swift action to achieve the mission's goal of ensuring 100% FHTC. The Revamped Distribution Sector

Reform Scheme (RDSS) was put under scrutiny. The Chairman instructed officers to prioritise the installation of poles, conductors, and power receiving stations based on ground assessment reports. This strategic approach is expected to maximise the public benefit and uphold the principle that public convenience is paramount. The DDC Chairman also addressed the upcoming paddy season, a critical

time for farmers. He called upon the officers to guarantee that the farmers' community would not suffer from unnecessary power cuts or disconnections during this peak farming period. The meeting concluded with a general review of the developmental activities undertaken by both departments, reflecting the council's commitment to overseeing and expediting public welfare projects.

District Administration, Department of Ayush organise Yoga Competition at TRC Kishtwar



SSP Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom speaking at a programme at TRC Kishtwar.

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KISHTWAR: Department of Ayush Kishtwar in collaboration with the District Administration spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav organized a Yoga Competition at the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC), Kishtwar. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various age groups, highlighting the growing interest in yoga as a means to achieve physical and mental well-being. The competition aimed to encourage the community to integrate yoga into their daily lives. Participants showcased their skills in different yoga postures and sequences, judged by an experienced yoga instructor from J&K Sports Council Rohit Chouhan. The event featured three categories, ensuring inclusive participation. SSP Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom who was the chief on the occasion emphasized the importance of yoga in fostering a healthy lifestyle and reducing stress. He praised the Department of Ayush for its initiative and urged residents to continue

practicing yoga regularly. The competition was also graced by the presence of DYSSO Kishtwar Jaffer Sheikh and Dr. Vikram Singh Janwal, the District Nodal Officer AYUSH Kishtwar. Dr. Vikram expressed gratitude to the District Administration for their support and highlighted the benefits of yoga for both physical health and mental clarity. He also announced plans for future yoga camps and workshops to further promote wellness in the district. Winners of the competition in various categories were Ritesh Sen (male); Mysha Fatima (female) under Junior Category (below 14) besides Akash Sharma and Sanjeevani Sharma under the 18 Years Category. Whereas below 25 Years Category Simranjeet was announced as a winner. They were awarded certificates and medals, with top performers receiving special recognition for their exceptional skills. The event concluded with a yoga demonstration by a group of students, besides vote of thanks from Dr. Atul Gupta MO.