

9-year-old Iraqi girl diagnosed with rare blood disorder at HCMCT Manipal Hospitals

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DWARKA: In a recent case, doctors at HCMCT Manipal Hospitals, Dwarka successfully treated a 9-year-old patient from Iraq who was suffering from a rare disease called Diamond Blackfanemia presenting as aplastic anemia.

She presented with low hemoglobin, low platelets, and low TLC. The team led by Dr. Divya Bansal successfully performed a bone marrow transplant where the donor was the patient's 3-year-old sister. Diamond-Blackfanemia (DBA) is a rare blood disorder that occurs when the bone marrow fails to make red blood cells, which are essential for carrying oxygen from the lungs to all the other parts of the body. In this case, the patient had a extremely rare presentation of Diamond Blackfanemia, where her bone marrow was suppressed and she had low hemoglobin, platelets, and TLC.

This was a challenging case as she was platelet transfusion refractory; no matter how



Doctors performing surgery at HCMCT Manipal Hospital.

many platelets she was given, her platelet count did not rise, and she was bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth, which was life threatening.

Transplant in this condition was particularly challenging, as conditioning therapy, which is given before donor stem cell infusion, further depletes the platelets.

Speaking about this case, Dr. Divya Bansal, Consultant of Clinical Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplant, HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Dwarka said, "This was a different case, the little girl was brought to us

with a history of weakness and bleeding from the nose and mouth. We evaluated her further and found that she had congenital bone marrow failure syndrome, diamond blackfanemia. There was a high PNH clone (paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria), which is another uncommon condition in the general population and even more so in children. She had a congenital cause as well as an acquired cause for aplastic anemia. Luckily, one of her sisters, who was just 3 years old, turned out to be a 100% HLA match for a bone marrow

transplant. However, the difference between donor weight and recipient weight was very wide. The recipient was around 40 kg, and the donor was around 12 kg. Generally, a 10% weight difference is accepted. The protocol is that when you have a major weight difference, then the stem cell collection is done in two settings. But due to the time factor, we had to do it in one sitting only."

The patient contracted a dreadful infection at an early stage of the transplant. However, with the assistance of experienced experts and cutting-edge technology at Manipal Hospitals, the patient was successfully treated, and she was engrafted on day 14 of the transplant, and the chimerism was performed on the 30th day. She is now 100 percent donor chimerism, which means that all the cells in her body are from the donor. This was a success story for us because it was a rare disease with exceedingly rare complications and presentation but was done successfully.

37 new PPOs issued by EPFO Jammu in June-2022



PF Commissioner, J&K and Ladakh, Rizwan Uddin clearing claim of an employee.

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JAMMU: Pension is one of the most relevant forms of social security for employees and their family members in times of need and eventualities. EPFO Regional Office, Jammu has initiated the process of settlement of Pension claims from the offices of Jammu and Kashmir itself. In some of the cases pension is being disbursed to widow and family members of even such members in respect of whom Pension contribution equivalent to one month pension has been remitted by Employer. Towards this, the office has settled total 37 pension claims in Jammu with ini-

tial arrear amount Rs. 20,83,265 in June, 2022.

Pension claims were settled in respect of Late Bhushan Singh -Raja Rani (widow), and Tania (daughter) with the monthly pension amount respectively being Rs. 2046, and Rs. 512 Pension claim has also been settled in respect of Late Deshraj - Gita Devi (Widow), Sanju Sharma (Son) and Priya Sharma (Daughter) with monthly pension amount being Rs. 1791, Rs. 448 and Rs. 448. Apart from family pension, the office has also settled several superannuation pension claims in which members get a minimum pension of Rs. 1000.

In this context, it is pertinent to mention that the monthly pension is available to members if they have ten or more years of service under Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 in one or more establishment(s). The eligible members may avail Superannuation Pension by applying online claim through their UAN Login after attainment of 58 years of age. Provision of monthly pension is also available to the family of EPS members in case of unfortunate demise of an EPS member while in service. The family member(s) may avail monthly pension by applying an offline claim through the employer of the deceased member.

All the Pensioners, who visited EPFO, Jammu expressed their pleasure and appreciated the efforts made to team EPFO, Jammu in disbursing their monthly pension and arrears before close of month -June, 2022.

Congress criticizes Govt for its failure to regularize daily-wagers

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JAMMU: J&K Congress on Thursday criticized the government's failure to resolve the issues of agitating daily wagers and regularize their services for long time.

In a statement JKPC has taken strong exception to the approach to the issues of daily wagers, need based workers in PHE, irrigation and flood control besides in several other departments who are rendering their services for decades and large of them have even retired, without regularisation. JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma has said that it is cruel joke of the present government with the youths who are on agitation for justice. The BJP had promised them regularisation before election in 2014 but betrayed them for eight years.

The party has fully supported their cause and demanded to regularize all such category of daily wagers in different departments including Jal Shakti and others without any delay and payment of all Pending wages to them.

LIC says determination of embedded value in progress, may announce by July 15

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MUMBAI: Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India, said the exercise of determining its embedded value as of March 2022 is on' and is likely to be completed by July 15.

In its update on stock exchanges today, LIC said, "it is informed that the exercise of determining the Indian Embedded Value (IEV) as of March 31, 2022, may take some more time to get completed."

"Once completed and after requisite approvals, the required public disclosures of the same, will be made in this regard," LIC added.

Under-trial Review Committee conducts periodical inspection of District Jail Udhampur



Pr. Distt & Sessions Judge Udhampur, Y.P Bourney during inspection of District Jail.

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UDHAMPUR: In pursuance of direction by Supreme Court In W.P.(C) No.406/2013, Under Trial Review Committee Meeting/ Periodical Inspection of District Jail Udhampur was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of Y.P Bourney Pr. Distt & Sessions Judge Udhampur, Secretary District Legal Services Authority Udhampur Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge), which was attended by Committee Members Kritika Jyotsna, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Vinod Kumar, SSP Udhampur and Harish Kotwal Superintendent Distt. Jail Udhampur. ADC Udhampur Mohd. Syed Khan was also present during the visit.

The committee reviewed the cases of all the prisoners/ Under Trial/ Jail inmates and there after visited all the Barracks of Jail etc, and

interacted with all Jail inmates/ under trial. Committee also enquired from jail inmates with regard to the facilities made available to them viz eating, lodging and other facilities. Committee especially enquired and checked personally about the sanitization of barracks. Chairman Under Trial Review Committee Y. P Bourney (Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge Udhampur) also put emphasis & made them to understand to make best use of their time by involving into Positive activities. The Committee interacted with the Jail Inmates and enquired also with regard to their well-being and asked them to always maintain positive attitude towards Life. The Committee directed the Jail Authorities to take best care of all the Jail inmates and provide all basic facilities to them under rules.

ADC Jammu inaugurates Aadhar Helpdesk at Yatri Niwas



ADC Jammu Satish Sharma after inaugurating Aadhar Helpdesk at Jammu.

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JAMMU: To provide Aadhaar Services for the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Yatra at one place Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra along With Aadhaar Seva Kendra Jammu Organises Aadhaar Helpdesk

at Yatri Niwas Bhagwati

Nagar: The Camp was inaugurated by Additional Deputy

Commissioner Jammu Satish

Sharma.

ADC Jammu Satish Sharma said that Aadhaar Card is Mandatory for Shri Amarnath

Yatra and to provide Aadhaar Services to the pilgrims Samvedna Society has taken a very good initiative by providing

Aadhaar Services at Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar so that

pilgrims may not have to suffer

because of these services & this

Violation of Right to Property: HC imposes special penalty of Rs 10 lakh on R&B Deptt

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, imposed special penalty of Rs 10 lakh to R&B Department on account of violation of Right to Property of petitioner, which is guaranteed by the Constitution.

The grievance of petitioner was regarding 9.053 Marlas of land falling under survey No 550 of Moza Sultanpora Sumbal, Bandipora, District Baramulla. The petitioner Shabir Ahmed Yatoo alleged that he is owner of land and in 2017, the R&B Department took possession of aforesaid land for construction of long Steel Girder Bridge at Zalpora Sultanpora Sumbal, Bandipora but without acquiring aforesaid land in accordance with any statutory provision or with consent of the petitioner. The petitioner has not been paid any compensation either.

DB observed that respondents have filed reply to the writ petition and they accept that for the purposes of construction of the above Steel Girder Bridge, the possession of the land of petitioner was taken over. The representation of the petitioner for grant of compensation is under consideration and the respondents propose to pay compensation as per stamp duty rate. "Aforesaid facts and circumstances clearly reveal that the private land of the petitioner has been taken over by the respondents forcibly without the consent of the petitioner and without taking recourse to any procedure prescribed in law. It is also an admitted

fact that petitioner has not been paid any compensation in respect of the said land. It is well recognized that Right to Property is a basic human right which is akin to a fundamental right as guaranteed by Article 300 A of Constitution of India and that no one can be deprived of his property other than by following procedure prescribe in law and the facts as narrated above clearly reveal that the respondents have violated the basic human right of the petitioner and has deprived him of his property without following any procedure of Law. Respondents are liable to be penalized for violating the basic human right of petitioner and at the same time to pay compensation of the said land at the stamp duty rate prevalent today as well as the rental compensation for its use and occupation from the year 2017 till date," the DB observed and directed the respondents are directed to assess and determine the compensation of aforesaid land payable to the petitioner at the stamp duty rate as prevalent in the area within a period of 6 weeks and to make payment thereof within a further period of 3 months. The respondents shall also pay token rental compensation for use and occupation of the aforesaid land from the year 2017 till 2021 i.e., 5 years @ Rs 1 lakh per year within 3 months. DB further ordered that on account of violation of the right to property of the petitioner, which is guaranteed by the Constitution, the respondents are directed to pay special penalty of Rs 10 lakh to the petitioner within a period of three months.

Summer Camp beneficial for holistic development of children: Prof Rai

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JAMMU: Summer Camp for Children organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu concluded here today at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium with scintillating performances by children (Dance, Short Play and Art Exhibition) which they had prepared during the camp. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest at the occasion, appreciated the endeavours of the Dean Students Welfare and his team to come up with such a wonderful programme.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, University of Jammu and Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor were also present at the occasion along with faculty members, officers, officials of the university and members of the Campus Cultural Committee.

Prof. Umesh Rai expressed his gladness on watching soulful performances by the children. He stated that such programmes are very beneficial in the holistic development of the children, who are the future of the Nation.

He suggested to continuously organize such programmes which yield multifaceted benefits. He appreciated the participants for their imaginative fine-art work under the mentorship of Dr. Milan Sharma, Semi-Classical Dance choreographed by Ankita Yadav and Skit 'Safai Main Bhalai' written and directed by Sumeet Sharma which conveyed a significant message of getting aware of the importance of cleanliness. He also felicitated the participants on the occasion.

Children were given training in Theatre, Fine Arts and Dance by the experts in this camp. Dr. Milan Sharma



Students participating in a play at JU.

(HoD Painting Department IMFA), Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor SW), Ankita Yadav (Dance Faculty-IMFA) were the resource persons of the camp who inculcated creative skills among the participants.

Earlier, in his address, Prof. Prakash Antahal shared that other than organizing several programmes of cultural and literary importance for the students and scholars of the university, the Department of Students Welfare regularly organizes the Summer Camp

for the wards of university employees which provides an opportunity to them to sharpen their skills.

Moreover, it is during such camps, children get an atmosphere where in addition to learning, they get a chance to interact with each other and share ideas. They also develop a sense of pride and belonging towards the institution which is a great milestone to achieve.

The Department of Students Welfare initiated this activity in the year 2015,

and since then best efforts are being put in to make this event a unique fun and learning experience for the children. The event was vibrantly conducted by Prof. Vishav Raksha, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee

who also presented the vote of thanks. It is pertinent to mention here that, in connection with India @ 100-Amrit Kaal, the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu has prepared a vibrant calendar of events of cultural and literary importance for various stakeholders of the university under the patronage of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai by the team consisting of Prof. Prakash Antahal, Prof. Vishav Raksha, Prof. Sanjana Kaul (Co-Chairperson, CCC), Dr. Anil Gupta (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Garima Gupta and Dr. Pritam Singh (Assistant Deans, SW), Dr.

A.R. Manhas & Dr. Shalhu Sharma (Deputy Proctors), members of Campus Cultural Committee, Mansi Mantoo and Sumeet Sharma.

Children who participated in the summer camp included Manvi Bhushan, Shiva Gupta, Prajval Antahal, Jigisha Thusoo, Harshan Tikoo, Adhyan Langer, Aakriti Jasrotia, Khushi, Sutejas Gupta, Aradhya Charak, Navya Raina, Nitya, Devin Dev, Priyanshi Sharma, Priyanjali Sharma, Iknoor Kaur, Madhav Thakur, Shambhavi Sharma, Yakshita Singh, Ishanvi Salaria, Jyvanji Salaria, Kashi Mahajan, Aaryaveer Varinder, Bhavya Majotra, Keshav Veer Sharma, kavya Jandial, Urvashi Mahajan, Nandani, Manyata, Pragati and Vikas Sharma. The sound system was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur and Arif Paul.



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa serving Langar.

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JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa on Thursday inaugurated a grand Langar at Railway Station here.

The Langar is being organised by Rehri Union of Railway Station Jammu for the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Yatra vis people and tourists, which will continue till the end of the Shri Amarnath Yatra.

Randhawa inaugurates Langar for Amarnath Yatra pilgrims

every citizen of J&K. "Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is a reflection of our composite culture and people belonging to all the faiths are contributing to make it successful", Randhawa said, adding that the pilgrimage was like a "big festival, a celebration of Kashmiriyat for common man of J&K and each and every citizen of J&K will ensure warm hospitality and comfort of the pilgrims.

"The senior BJP leader appealed to the people for their continuous support and assistance in the conduct of the Yatra, which is pride of Jammu Kashmir and reflection of unity in diversity," former Legislator said, adding that Yatra is a vital part of J&K's economy and livelihood source for a large number of local people.

Ranjeet elected President, Balwinder Vice President of DGPC Jammu



Newly elected office bearers of DGPC Jammu.

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JAMMU: Ranjeet Singh elected as president of District Gurdawara Prabandhak Committee Jammu.

"It is notified for the information of all concerned that under rule 51 of m Sikh Gurdawara and Religious Endowment Rules 1975, a meeting of newly elected members of the District Sikh Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee was held in the office of Deputy Commissioner Jammu on June 30, 2022 at 4.00 PM; read the notification. "Out of 11 (Eleven) elected mem-

bers, seven members attended the meeting and five candidates were elected as office bearers of District Gurdawara Prabandhak Committee Jammu for the post," it added.

As per notification, Ranjeet Singh, winner of R.S Pura constituency, has been elected as President, Balwinder Singh of Jammu East constituency as vice president, Surjeet Singh of Gadigarh constituency as Secretary, Ranvir Singh of Akhnour constituency as Joint Secretary and Jagpal Singh of Nanak Nagar constituency has been elected as Treasurer.