

# Dr Jitendra inaugurates Asia's first health research 'Pre-clinical Network' facility, Genetic Repository

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
FARIDABAD: As a new milestone in India's healthcare journey, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated Asia's first health research related "Pre-clinical Network Facility" under Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) on Tuesday at Regional Centre of Biotechnology under the aegis of "Translational Health Science & Technology Institute" (THSTI), Faridabad. Coalition for Epidemic



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking at a programme. Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) has selected BRIC-THSTI as a Pre-Clinical Network Laboratory based on

its capability to handle BSL3 pathogens. It will be the 9th such network laboratory across the globe and the first such laboratory in the whole of Asia. The other labs are located in the USA, Europe and Australia. The experimental Animal Facility is one of the largest small animal facility in the country with a housing capacity of about 75,000 mice, including immune compromised mice and other species such as rat, rabbit, hamsters, guinea pigs etc Union Minister

of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh also inaugurated "Genetically Defined Human Associated Microbial Culture Collection (Ge-HuMic) facility" to act as a "repository" for providing microbial cultures to research institutes, universities, and industries for Research and development. Speaking at the 14th Foundation day of THSTI, Dr. Jitendra traced back the journey of THSTI since its inception. He also recalled Dr. M.K Bhan and his efforts in starting this facility. The Minister assured to press and support the needs of the department regarding office infrastructure etc.

He said "India is recognised as a frontline nation in preventive healthcare," emphasizing the challenges of contemporary health issues. He himself being an endocrinologist highlighted the burden of lifestyle related metabolic diseases prevalent in the Indian population. Dr. Singh highlighted the role played by THSTI in developing Nipah monoclonal antibodies. He underscored the recent example being the immediate kangaroo- mother care which is now a WHO-recommended practice to reduce infant mortality.

# J&K Waqf Board will ensure transparent management of Sufi Shrine: Dr Andrabi



Chairperson JKWB Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi speaking at a programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Tuesday participated as Chief Guest in a significant event organised by J&K Waqf Board at Pir Ki Gali on famous Mughal Road after taking over

the management of the Sufi Shrine of Qadir Sahib (RA) here. Dr Andrabi was accompanied by Waqf Executive Officer Shopian Javid Qadiri, SDPO Shopian and the concerned SHO. The management of this Sufi shrine was taken over by the Board recently in consideration of the persistent demand of the local population from both the divisions of J&K. "I thank the people for their support and their trust in the Board. The Board considered the demand of the people & took over the management of the shrine. I thank the Administration and the Police authorities for their exceptional support in making it possible", said Andrabi. She said that J&K Waqf Board will ensure a transparent management of the shrine. "All requisite developments will be done here. Plans for developing facilities for the visitors and devotees will be made and executed soon", assured Chairperson of the Board.

# NMDC hosts interactive session on World PR Day



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
HYDERABAD: NMDC hosted an interactive session, celebrating World PR Day at its head office on Tuesday in the presence of Amitava Mukherjee CMD (Addl. Charge) and B Vishwanath CVO. Samir Kapur, Guest Professor at IIMC, New Delhi and Sudhakar Reddy, Editor (Investigation), at The Times Of India delivered a session on importance of PR and Communication in this digitally advanced era. The event kick-started with the welcome speech by G Priyadarshini, CGM (P&A) followed by an opening remark by P Jaya Prakash, GM (CC). During the event prominent speaker from the field of Public Relations - Samir Kapur and Sudhakar Reddy shared their experiences

and expertise with the employees of NMDC on the theme- 'The Future of Public Relations in a Changing World'. He highlighted how the world and PR industry has changed post covid, current trends in the field and new tools & techniques used in digital media. Samir Kapur said, "PR and storytelling is crucial, everyone needs PR. There's learning from a storytelling perspective, PR is about having a good relationship with the public. Simply putting Public Relation is making sure that your image and reputation gets managed." Sudhakar Reddy added, "We're experiencing a huge digital and social revolution. What impacts the society at large, journalism impacts PR. We are living in the age of algorithms which plays a big role in shaping a brand's image. Hashtags make and break anything and even has significant impacts on democracies too." While, B. Vishwanath, CVO NMDC, said, "PR activities have a greater effect in the entire business process. And our CMD's broader vision on branding NMDC really worked and has ensured the attention across the country. We feel proud to see our hoardings at the Hyderabad airport and at Lakdi-ka-Pul metro station." Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Addl. Charge), addressing everyone, stated, "The most important thing in the field of PR and Communication is, 'What to communicate, whom to communicate and how to communicate' - these are very important aspects. And we need to strategize what must be communicated to the people. With print media, social media and electronic media, there's an explosion of information all over, we're in a business of grabbing attention and communicating things to maintain that image."

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# Jammu unitedly stands against anti-national forces: Rana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NAGROTA: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday asserted that Jammu has always and will unitedly stand up against anti-national forces, saying national integrity and sovereignty is DNA of the land of warriors.



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana during flagging off of e-bus from Bus Stand to Ban toll Plaza.

"Jammu is committed to national unity and security", Rana said in an informal interaction with the media persons at the sidelines of the flagging off of e-bus from Bus stand to Ban toll Plaza via Nagrota, Panjgrian here this afternoon. Rana said that Jammu has all along remained on the forefront in isolating anti-national forces, maintaining sovereignty and combating threats to

national integrity. He referred to sinister machinations of Pakistan and its patronized ecosystem to destabilize Jammu and Kashmir, saying they will not succeed on the face of people's firm resolve to maintain inclusivity and strategized operations of the security forces and police to combat terrorism

among all sections of society and government to effectively combat terrorism and ensure security and peace. The Senior BJP leader condemned the Doda terror act, leading to martyrdom of an officer and three soldiers, saying the perpetrators will not go unpunished as the decisive government under Narendra Modi has zero tolerance against terrorism. He said the people of Jammu are in solidarity with the families of brave-hearts, who have offered supreme sacrifice in line of duty. Their sacrifice will not go waste as the nation is further firming up its resolve to eliminate the scourge of terrorism, raising its monstrous head in the Jammu

region, he added. "My heart goes to the families, who have lost their valiant sons in the dastardly act", Rana said, adding that terrorism has no place in a civilized world and those indulging in such barbaric acts were the enemies of humanity. He exuded confidence that terrorists cannot succeed in breaking the will and determination of the compatriots by such dastardly acts, saying the country sees through the nefarious game plan and remains vigilant against their mechanizations. He conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families, prayed for peace to the departed souls and wished speedy recovery to the valiant injured personnel.

# Political, social organizations condemn Doda terrorist attack

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In response to the tragic martyrdom of five soldiers, including an Army officer, during an encounter in Doda district, several prominent figures and organizations have expressed their condolences and condemnation of terrorism. Ranvijay Singh, grandson of former Sadr-i-Riyasat Dr. Karan Singh, mourned the loss of the soldiers and emphasized the need for a firm response from the Central Government against such acts of aggression. He underscored the soldiers' sacrifice in defending the nation's borders and called for unity and resilience among citizens to support the armed forces. Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, strongly condemned the cowardly terror attack and expressed solidarity with the martyred soldiers' families. He called for heightened security measures, especially during the ongoing Amarnath Yatra, and urged the public to

remain vigilant against anti-national elements. Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari, President of Apni Party, expressed grief over the loss of four Army personnel in Doda and called for strengthened intelligence capabilities to prevent such attacks in the future. He urged community cooperation and emphasized the need for comprehensive policies to combat terrorism. Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS), led by Ashok Gupta, organized a protest rally in Jammu City, demanding dismantling of support networks for terrorists and highlighted the need for international cooperation in combating terrorism effectively. Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, strongly condemned the attack and vowed retaliation against terrorist actions. He called for public cooperation in providing information to enhance anti-terror operations and ensure security in the region.

Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Jammu & Kashmir, expressed profound grief and condemnation over the recent martyrdom of five soldiers. Gupta extended heartfelt condolences to the families of the brave martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. He underscored the persistent threat of terrorism originating from across the border and emphasized the necessity for a resolute and appropriate response to Pakistan's continual backing of terrorist activities in the region. "The sacrifice of our soldiers will not be forgotten. The nation stands united against terrorism, and it is crucial that we deliver a strong message to those attempting to disrupt our peace and stability," he stated. Highlighting the urgency of a comprehensive anti-terrorism strategy, Gupta stressed the importance of reinforcing security measures, improving intelligence operations, and ensuring robust border management.

# Bhalla led Congress workers protest against terror attack in Doda

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: District Congress committee Jammu urban held a protest against a terror attack in Doda Dist. on Tuesday and series of other attacks in Jammu region in recent past leading to several casualties of our jawans. Expressing solidarity with the martyrs & their families and raising slogans in favour of army & security forces, the Congress workers led by working president Raman Bhalla along with Dist President Manmohan Singh and other senior leaders strongly denounced terrorism and demand action to control terrorism. They raised strong slogans outside PCC H.Q at Shahidi

Chowk and held a strong protest. They registered the strong resentment at anger of the people over rise in terror activities and loss of precious lives in recent months and demanded strong action. Senior Vice President Ravinder Sharma, Vice



Senior Congress leaders during a protest rally.

Presidents Yogesh Sawhney, Ved Mahajan, Rajnish Sharma, General Secretaries Narinder Gupta (org), Amrit Bali, PCC Secretary Dwarka Choudhary, Congress Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Bano Mahajan (Mahila Congress), Sandeep Dogra (OBC), Nasir Masih

(Ministry), Rieky Dalotra I/C HQ PYC, DCC Office Bearers Ram Prakash Magotra, Sat Pal Sapolia, Rakesh Sharma and others. Earlier a meeting of Dist. Congress Committee Jammu Urban led by Th. Manmohan Singh was held at PCC HQ in which rich tributes were paid to the martyr soldiers in the recent attacks. Raman Bhalla said that the Congress Party stands with our armed forces to eliminate terrorism but expressed great anger over rising terror attacks which are not tolerable. He demanded firm action from Modi Govt. to check Pakistan and terrorism.

# CRIME REPORT

## Drug Control Authorities closes-down 03 Medical Establishments for License Violations

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: Drug Control Authorities Anantnag closed down the operation of 03 medical establishments for violation of conditions of licences and other norms. Intensive inspections were carried out in various areas of Bijbehara tehsil of District Anantnag by a team of Drug Control officers during which more-than 15 inspections were conducted and operation of 3 medical establishments was closed down for violation of various provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940. The establishments whose operation was closed include Vet Healthways Naibasti, Qadri Medical Store New Colony Bijbehara and Shah Medical Store New Colony Bijbehara. Earlier 20 legal and 17 informal drug samples were also lifted to ascertain their quality parameters. Strict directions were passed to the chemists of the area to install computerized billing systems for bringing transparency in sale and purchase records. Records of Schedule H/H1 drugs were checked on spot and 02 show-cause notices issued where the discrepancy was found. It is worthwhile to mention that the Drug Administration has adopted a zero tolerance approach in misuse of any habit forming drug and has taken many stringent measures like launching prosecutions, suspension/ Cancellation of licenses to deal with such incidents.

## FSD Anantnag seizes foreign brand cigarettes without pictorial warnings

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: Food Safety Department (FSD) Anantnag on Tuesday conducted a massive raid in Anantnag on the trade and sale of illicit cigarettes particularly foreign brands violating different provisions of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003. During the raids, many departmental stores were found selling cigarettes without the mandatory pictorial warnings on packets thereof. Huge cache of such cigarettes worth Rs. 32,500 were seized from Abdullah Sirs Departmental Store and Rumi Utility Stores at Anantnag, under section 7 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA). Further, the Food Safety team warned shopkeepers to desist from sale of any kind of the Tobacco products, without pictorial and statutory warning failing which stern action as per law shall follow against those who are found violating the different provisions of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.

## Police books miscreant under Public Safety Act

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: Acting tough against Anti-national and anti-social elements, police in Baramulla booked one person under Public Safety Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority.

The booked person identified as Bashir Ahmad Beigh son of Ghulam Mohiuddin resident of Shirpora Chandoosa Baramulla has been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Srinagar after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority.

Pertinent to mention that many cases are registered against him and was involved in disturbance of L&O and subversion. Despite his involvement in many FIRs, he did not mend his anti-national & anti-social activities.

## 3 vehicles seizes; 3 persons arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: Cracking a whip on illegal mining & transportation of minerals, police have seized 03 vehicles and arrested 03 drivers in Baramulla. A police party under the supervision of SDPO Kreeri assisted by SHO PS Kreeri seized 3 vehicles (2 tractors, 1 excavator) & arrested 3 drivers involved in illegal extraction/transportation of minerals at Harnow Kreeri, Baramulla. They have been identified as Sajad Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Assadullah resident of Allapora, Bilal Ahmad Lone son of Ab Khaliq resident of Harnow & Jitender Singh son of Balveer Singh resident of Punjab. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Kreeri and investigation was taken up.

## Notorious drug smuggler booked under PIT-NDPS Act

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police booked notorious drug smuggler under PIT-NDPS Act in Sopore after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority. The notorious drug smuggler namely Altaf Hussain Yatoo son of Farooq Ahmad Yatoo resident of Chijhama Rafiabad have been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority. He has been taken into custody and is now being held in the Central Jail Kot-Balwal, Jammu. It is important to mention that many cases have been registered against the said drug smuggler and was still involved in drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to the local youth of the Police District Sopore and other areas of the district.

## Crackdown on illegal mining, 4 vehicles seized

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources. In an operation which was carried out at different locations in South Zone of District Jammu, PP Belicharana under PSI Rajesh Kumar detained 03 dumpers and PP Chatha under PSI Paramjeet Singh detained 01 tractor trolley loaded with sand seized under illegal mining. In all, 04 vehicles have been seized in jurisdiction of PS Satwari of South Zone by JKP. After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

## Cyber Cell recovers defrauded amount of Rs 50K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN : Cyber cell DPO Ramban, a dedicated unit to deal with cases of online frauds and cyber crime, has successfully recovered hard earned money of the complainant which had been fraudulently transacted.

Brief facts of the case are that Cyber cell DPO Ramban received a complaint mentioning therein that the complainant lost money from her account as she got scammed by an unknown person.

During the course of indepth enquiry it has been found that the Complainant got a call from an unknown person, the said person told the complainant that she has to pay the amount in advance and in return they will gift her an expensive house hold item. The complainant fell into the trap of fraudster and transferred the amount but later she learned, it was a fraud.

During the Enquiry, the Cyber Cell DPO Ramban, acted swiftly and exhibited the ultimate professional excellence which resulted in recovery of defrauded amount Rs.50,000. District Police Ramban, equipped with advanced technology and expert human resources remains at the forefront in the fight against cybercriminals.

## 89 vehicles Challenged under operation third eye

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: In continuation to the operation 3rd Eye District Police Kishtwarchallenged 89 violators under Motor Vehicle Act for wrong parking, without helmet, overloading in Kishtwar town.

Under the directions of the SSP Kishtwar Shri Abdul Qayoom the team so constituted for the purpose of traffic challan, the team with the help of technical aid CCTV surveillance mechanism shot photographs/conducted videography for violation of traffic rules, identifying the vehicles through number plate reading system and subsequently, after ascertaining residential addresses of owners of vehicle and accordingly the copies alongwith photograph of violation of traffic rules sent at their residential addresses.

The vehicle numbers of violators were JK179758, JK17A6170, JK06B7511, JK17A0582, JK174963, JK17A5835, JK17A5703, JK02BE8678, JK179781, JK17A3930, JK174381, JK06A4633, JK17A4602, JK06B7511, JK176912, JK17A0446, JK17A5677, JK02BJ4136, JK178159, JK17A5273, JK17A0806, JK06A8909, JK01V6348, JK220078, JK062482, JK17A6655, JK172868, JK177785, JK17A5947, JK175256, JK176651, JK17A5857, JK14E2753, JK17A0733, JK17A1351, JK172316, JK02CD0663, JK17A6298, JK17A2285, JK177514, JK02AR4650, JK02AU8498, JK17A1913, JK174233, JK174645, JK17A0618, JK178474, JK20C0785, JK17A6484, JK17A6959, JK178295, JK17A1421, JK178372, JK17A2766, JK17A3876, JK06B6241, JK02DB9069, JK17A0298, JK02DF8584, JK17A7667, JK178263, JK175947, JK17A6018, JK17A6244, JK179813, JK17A5186, JK174381, JK17A1845, JK17A7150, JK062906, JK02AJ3084, JK062715, JK02BE5932, JK02BH0407, JK12B6514, JK02BM4366, JK174896, JK17A7184, JK06A2642, JK14D8877, JK175174, JK178558, JK178295, JK17A3644, JK178586, JK17A7754, JK17A3686, JK17A5168 and JK170568.

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 8 bovines rescued, 1 vehicle seized

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu police tightening its noose against bovine smugglers under operation KAMDHENU Police team of Police Post Nehru Market under PSI Ajesh Jamwal foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in which 08 bovine rescued from a vehicle bearing registration number No. JK 19 A 2256 at Bikram Chowk. The driver of the vehicle tried speeding away and as a result his an e-rickshaw causing injuries to 2 persons. After hectic efforts, the driver was caught and booked at the spot. 8 bovines were rescued and vehicle seized. In this connection, one FIR under relevant sections of law stands registered in P/S Gandhinagar and further investigation of the case is underway.