

CS asks to establish critical care ICUs in all new medical colleges

Reviews major infra projects coming up in health sector

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Tuesday in a meeting held to review functioning of Medical Colleges and status of ongoing infrastructure projects, impressed upon the concerned to establish critical care Intensive Care Units (ICUs) in all the newly established Medical Colleges of the UT.

Present in the meeting were Secretary Health & Medical Education, Secretary, PWD; Secretary, Planning; MD, NHM; Director, SKIMS; DG, Codes; MD, JKPC; Principals of Medical Colleges; Development Commissioner (Works); Director Health, Kashmir/Jammu; Chief Engineers and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary took stock of the major services being offered in these Medical Colleges. He enquired about the novel diagnostic tests introduced in these health institutions and the unique procedures performed by the doctors. He exhorted upon the Principals of these Colleges to strive for continuous upgradation of facilities so that there remains no need to refer patients from these facilities to anywhere.

Dulloo directed the concerned department to form an expert panel to find out the specific procedures that could be done in these Colleges with optimum utilization of manpower and



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Tuesday.

resources available there.

While taking appraisal of the faculty status in these Colleges, the Chief Secretary stressed on filling all the available positions of Assistant Professors besides taking measures for engaging eligible persons for higher positions. He asked for repeating the advertisements till all the faculty positions are availed by these Colleges.

He maintained that the old medical colleges like SKIMS, GMC Jammu/Srinagar should play a mentoring role for the overall handholding and capacity building of staff in these Colleges to enhance their efficiency and outcomes.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Health department to work towards offering Drug De-addiction Indoor Patient Department (IPD) facilities in its District Hospitals where there is availability of space and professional psychiatrists. He called for better utilization of these resources for bringing respite to the victims of drug addiction.

Dulloo reviewed progress on the major infrastructure projects including the balance work on the 07 new medical colleges at Kathua, Doda, Rajouri, Anantnag, Baramulla, Udhampur and Handwara.

He also assessed progress on operationalization of new block of Bone & Joint Hospital Srinagar and Extension of Labour Room at SMGS Hospital Jammu. He asked for taking swift steps for operationalization of Phase 2nd of Government Dental College Jammu.

The Chief Secretary enquired about the status of facilities like PET-Scan, Branchy therapy, Linear Accelerator in the two Cancer Institutes here. He asked about the occupancy of beds there and any other requirements, if needed for their efficient working.

Secretary, H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah, presented an overview of functioning of the department highlighting major achievements made during the year. He also threw light on the status of faculty position at each Medical College, the critical-

ity plan and way forward for completion of the major infrastructure projects currently under progress.

He informed the meeting that an improvement of 5% in faculty position of new medical colleges has been registered in the last 3 months. He said that all entry level posts stand referred to JKPCS, out of which, some selections have been made and recommendations are being received from

the selection body.

It was revealed that QR Code facility, as per the previous directions, had been introduced at payment counters in hospitals of J&K for efficient and transparent queue management. It was added that services of Bone & Joint Hospital Jammu has been improved by way of starting Operation Theatres, CT Scan & Ultrasound Services in the new hospital building.

Besides, the meeting was apprised that the IPD services of de-addiction have been started in GMCs of Baramulla, Kathua, Anantnag and Rajouri. A notable improvement has been achieved in services at State Cancer Institute, Jammu by way of establishment of PET CT Scan, high dose rate of Brachytherapy during this period.

LG administration has prioritised tribal welfare in J&K: Andrabi

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GUREZ: A meeting of all local heads of various departments was convened and chaired by the Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi today to access the development activities and implementation of centrally sponsored schemes in the tribal area of Gurez.

All heads of departments and the designated representatives from various offices participated in the meeting. In addition former legislator Faqir Mohammad Khan & DDC representative Aijaz Khan were also present.

Dr Andrabi sought details about the progress in different developmental works and also assessed the facilities provided to the people.

She also learnt about the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes and other welfare programs of central government & UT administration.

Dr Darakhshan stressed upon the departmental heads



Dr Darakhshan Andrabi chairing meeting with senior officers from various departments at Dawar Gurez.

to ensure that the people don't feel difficulty in approaching to the government offices for redressal of their problems.

"The tribal population of J&K got many benefits and facilities after the implementation of central tribal welfare laws and programs and it was our collective responsibility to facilitate every illegible person to benefit properly. As envisioned by the PM, we have to take the welfare systems to the doorsteps of every citizen. The LG administration has prioritised the tribal welfare in J&K", said

Andrabi.

She stressed upon the government servants working in this remote area to ensure punctuality and dedication in serving the people in their border valley as the geography poses many challenges to the people here.

"The holistic environment friendly development of these areas is our shared responsibility and we need to rededicate ourselves to the service of these peace loving and hardworking people so that their lives are improved and ease of living for all is guaranteed.

RTO Jammu suspends 153 DLs, issues notices to 403 traffic violators

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JAMMU: Tightening its noose on the traffic violators of district Jammu, RTO Jammu, Pankaj Bhagotra, suspended 153 driving licenses and issued notices to around 403 violators during the last 02 days.

The 153 Driving Licenses have been suspended as per the recommendations of different enforcement agencies/ teams and 250 more Driving Licenses are under process for suspension and will be suspended after



Rehana Tabassam, ARTO HQr checking documents during a drive at Jammu on Tuesday.

completion of notice period. Meanwhile, the enforcement teams of RTO Jammu laid Nakas regularly at different locations in Jammu district viz. Bhagwati

Nagar, Tawi 4th Bridge, Near Railway Station Jammu and Jammu-Akhnoor Road to monitor complaints of overcharging during ongoing Shri

Amarnath Ji Yatra. The main focus of the last two day's drive was overloading and overcharging by Passenger Vehicles particularly e-Autos and e-rikshaws carrying Amarnath Pilgrims and vehicles plying with expired documents.

During the last 02 day's enforcement drive nearly 265 vehicles, which includes 2-Wheelers, Taxi/ Maxi Cabs, e-Rikshaws, e-Autos and Three Wheeler (Passenger) etc. were checked for various offenses viz. Route Permit violations, RC violations, Overloading, without Seat Belt, Without Helmet, without SLD etc. out of which 90 vehicles e-challaned.

A fine of Rs. 1,10,000 (Rupees one lakh ten thousand) was imposed on viola-

tors during these drives.

In addition to issuing Challans, the overloaded Passenger Vehicles were offloaded on spot and vehicles were arranged for the extra passengers for their respective destinations.

The drives are being widely appreciated by the pilgrims and have shown RTO's commitment to fair practices and regulatory standards. The public/commuters were encouraged to report any malpractice with the Motor Vehicle Department during the drives.

The enforcement teams comprised of Rehana Tabassam, ARTO (HQr), Motor Vehicles Inspectors, Vikas Srivats, Jasbir Singh, Jagandeep Singh, SMVI, Amanish Sharma.

CUJ shines at Government Achievements & Schemes EXPO-2024

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JAMMU: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the patronage of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu made a notable mark at the Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2024, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi securing the first Prize in the "Providing Excellent Higher Education Category on 22 July 2024.

This event saw active participation from Central Universities, IITs, IIMs, and NITs, each showcasing their remarkable achievements.

The award recognizes the Central University of Jammu's outstanding contri-



VC CUJ Prof. Sanjeev Jain receiving award.

butions and innovative approaches in the field of higher education. The university's participation in EXPO-2024 highlighted its commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and

community engagement.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor Central University of Jammu, appreciated and congratulated the university community and all the stakeholders for their out-

standing contributions towards this achievement and development of the University. He stated, "This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students. It underscores our relentless pursuit of academic and research excellence. We are immensely proud of this achievement and will continue to strive for greater heights."

EXPO-2024 provided a platform for educational institutions to exhibit their accomplishments and exchange ideas for furthering educational development in India.

JU concludes Second Round of Summer Internship Program

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JAMMU: The Community Radio Station of the University of Jammu (JU), 91.2 FM Dhvani JU, concluded the second round of two-week Summer Internship Program.

The concluding session was conducted by Mansi Mantoo, Media Officer, JU. A distinguished media professional acclaimed for her expertise in media reporting, Mantoo imparted invaluable guidance and instruction to the interns, generously sharing her extensive knowledge and experience in the field.

She shared insights on how to make news stories and communicate with confidence. The session, while offering the interns a better understanding of the media landscape, also provided training in effective



Mansi Mantoo, Media Officer, JU speaking in a session.

management of social media handles.

Students from different colleges namely, GGM Science College, Cluster University of Jammu, GCW Bhagwati Nagar, GDC Nagrota and Dogra Degree College, Bari Brahmana, Jammu participated in the Internship Program, seizing the opportunity to engage in a comprehensive range of practical sessions.

These included report writing, editing, recording, broadcasting, ethical considerations, etc. where interns mastered the technical and non-technical nuances of radio broadcasting.

The Internship will prove to be highly beneficial for the participants, providing them with practical skills and knowledge

indispensable for a successful career in media and broadcasting.

The resounding success of this Internship Program underscores the paramount importance of practical hands-on learning experiences in preparing students for their future careers.

The knowledge and skills gathered by the interns will significantly contribute to their evolution as successful and proficient media professionals.

In keeping with the vision of the Vice Chancellor, Prof Umesh Rai, emphasising skill-based education, the Community Radio Station, JU, had designed this program to equip the students with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue a fulfilling career in radio.

Plantation drive held at Humanity Public School



Humanity Public School faculty during plantation drive.

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SAMBA: In order to sensitize masses towards the need to preserve our environment and ecology, plantation drive was organised by Humanity Public School (HPS) Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana.

The main purpose of the programme was to sensitize the future global citizens about the relevance of their con-

tribution to the environment. It is these young minds, who will herald the changes that will return the planet to its former glory.

Sapling distribution was also organised by School administration. Nearly 200 saplings were distributed at HPS to Admin Staff, Faculty members, Students, Drivers and menial Staff. The participants also took a pledge to

conserve the environment, to preserve the existing trees and not to indulge in any activities that would cause harm to nature. The participants were also instructed to maintain a growth record for the particular sapling.

School Administration Officer Ravinder Sadhu addressed the gathering and highlighted that tree plantation is a necessity and an urgent need of the hour.

The Principal of the School, Gaurav Charak emphasized the need for tree plantation to save our ecosystem and to preserve the environment for the future generations. Its aim was to raise awareness and consciousness about the environment among the masses.

The drive was a huge success empowering students and staff with substantial knowledge of the environment and plants.

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Smt. Janak Dulari

With profound grief and sorrow,
we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved

Smt. Janak Dulari

(W/o Late Sh. Deepak Chander Sharma)
R/o House No. 230 Sector 7, Channi Himmat, Jammu
on July 23, 2024.

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