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OPD at AIIMS...**



BNP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda along with National General Secretary Tarun Chugh chairing meeting with all the MPs, former MLAs, MLCs and DDC Chairmen at BNP's Jammu office.

four batches of medical students are getting education at the institute.

"The first batch started with 50 students and the second and third with 62 students each, while the fourth batch comprises 100 students," he said.

Earlier, addressing a gathering including students, Nadda said with the operationalisation of the AIIMS Jammu, no patient of Jammu and Kashmir and adjoining Punjab and Himachal will need to go to PGI Chandigarh or Delhi for treatment.

The patients will now be treated in this institute, he said, asking the doctors to ensure that the benefits of the government schemes like Ayushman Bharat reaches to the common citizens.

He said the government is also planning to digitalize the health records in the country and "we are moving in that direction".

Nadda said the people of the country have a lot of "expectations and aspirations from all of us and we have to fulfil all these to their satisfaction".

Tarun Chugh, BNP National General Secretary and In-charge of Jammu and Kashmir, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member Parliament, and Member of Institute Body, AIIMS Jammu, Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Parliament, Ravinder Raina, State President of BNP, Surjit Singh Slathia, Chander Prakash Ganga and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, all former ministers, Devender Singh Rana, former legislator and other senior leaders of BNP accompanied the Union Health Minister.

The Union Minister visited various facilities including the Digital Library with e-books, e-journals apart from hard copies of books & professional journals. The distinguished features showcased at the library include carrels for research work, state-of-the-art digital dashboard, automated book issue and deposit device and the RFID security gate at the entrance of the Digital Library.

The Union Health Minister was warmly received by the Executive Director (ED) & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, Prof. (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, who expressed his gratitude to the Union Health Minister for his visit despite hectic schedule and guiding AIIMS Jammu in its endeavours to become a world class healthcare Institute. The Director extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Union Health Minister on his appointment as the Health Minister of India.

He said the previous tenure of J. P Nadda as Health Minister was marked by remarkable achievements and set new benchmarks in the healthcare sector and it includes the launch of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), which aims to provide health coverage to over 10 crore families, and his pivotal role in expanding immunization programs across the country.

The Union Health Minister also visited the modern Lecture Theatres for students with state-of-the-art Smart Boards, special features of which were demonstrated to the dignitaries. He expressed his happiness that AIIMS Jammu is incorporating technology advancements in pedagogy at AIIMS Jammu.

The Minister also inspected the Outpatient Department (OPD), including the registration counters and "Indoor Navigation System" for patients. The Minister highly appreciated the inclusion of an "Indoor Navigation System" for the ease of patients to reach their desired department/destination, noting that this is the first AIIMS to have such a facility.

The Union Minister encouraged the faculty to persist in their pursuit of knowledge, service and research. The Minister commended their dedication and hard work, emphasizing the importance of continued excellence and innovation in healthcare and education. He remarked, "AIIMS Jammu is an institution that embodies the aspirations and dreams of countless individuals. It's a beacon of hope not only for the people of J&K, but also for that of Leh, and other neighbouring states like Punjab and Himachal Pradesh". He assured all the possible help and support to the institution in ensuring better healthcare access for millions.

He emphasized that skill & talent should never be compromised and exalted the faculty to work tirelessly to develop an "AIIMS culture which is an amalgam of selflessness, dedication, competency, integrity, innovation and trust. The patients need these to place their unwavering faith and trust in the hands of the Healthcare providers.

Regarding collaborative efforts, the Union Minister emphasised the need for focussing on applied research and focus on education with practical. He reiterated that each new AIIMS has an AYUSH Block and that the Modern Medicine & AYUSH should work together for patient care activities and research and formulate collaborative fundamentals of evidence based holistic Medicine processes systems.

UT Admin endeavouring...

Kashmir shares with the majestic world of cinema, the Lt Governor said the films and theatre have always played a key role in socio-economic transformation.

He said that J&K Film Policy has created a vibrant film ecosystem in the UT and administrative assistance to ease film making in Jammu Kashmir by setting up Single Window Cell to grant permission for shooting films, preferably within 2 to 4 weeks.

The revival of film shooting and return of cinema halls have created entrepreneurial opportunities for the talented youth of Jammu Kashmir. We are hopeful of attracting investment in Jammu Kashmir through the film industry to generate greater job creation and it will also play a major role in promoting tourism, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor called upon the people to support the government in its efforts to build a peaceful and prosperous Jammu Kashmir.

"The Swinging 70s" brings together a collection of essays that celebrate the myriad dimensions of the era of 70's- the fashion, the music, the different genres of films, the iconic stars and the unheard stories of behind the scenes.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; RR Swain DGP; Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti

Department; Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary Culture Department; senior officials, editors and publishers of the Book, eminent literary personalities, and a large gathering of Art and film lovers were present on the occasion.

Czech Ambassador interacts... and promoting tourism exchanges.

Prominent business leaders and young entrepreneurs like President Hoteliers Club, Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya; President Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Javed Ahmad Tenga; President FCIK, Shahid Kamli; President Textile Park, Zakura, Afaq Qadri; Farooq Amin, Faiz Bakshi, Mujtaba Qadri, Sajad Shah, Yaseen Tuman, Izhan Javed, Shahla Ali, Ruhaab Meer and others entrepreneurs were present during the interaction and expressed their views on different aspects of business environment.

Speaking about the visit, Ambassador Dr. Eliska Zigova expressed her enthusiasm about the economic potential, scenic splendour and cultural richness of Kashmir. She emphasized the importance of such interactions in deepening mutual understanding and forging partnerships that benefit both regions.

She elaborated on the strengths of Czech Republic in the field of Automobiles, Machinery, Tourism, Food Technology, Horticulture, etc, and expressed interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in these areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Vikramjit Singh highlighted about the opportunities available in the fields of Health spas, technology, tourism, handicrafts and food processing sectors and explained various aspects of NCSS package, J&K FDI Policy and J&K Industrial Policy and other industry friendly measures initiated by J&K Government to develop industrial landscape in Jammu and Kashmir.

During the interaction, Khalid Jahangir extended a warm welcome to the Ambassador and delegation on behalf of Government of Jammu and Kashmir. He underlined the commitment of Government of Jammu and Kashmir to foster meaningful collaborations and promote Jammu and Kashmir as an investment and trade destination. In addition to the business meeting, JKPTPO also curated an exhibition, featuring unique products of J&K. This exhibition served as a showcase of the rich cultural diversity and craftsmanship of the region, offering the Ambassador and her delegation insights into the local artisanal traditions and potential export products.

Pertinently, Ambassador Eliska is currently on a three-day visit to Kashmir to strengthen bilateral ties and explore opportunities for economic collaboration. As part of her visit today, JKPTPO organized series of events aimed at fostering business relationships and showcasing the cultural heritage of the region.

The visit of the Ambassador of Czech Republic to Kashmir marks a significant step towards strengthening bilateral relations and exploring new avenues for cooperation in various sectors.

Six terrorists killed...

well as in terms of messaging," he said.

The success of the operations is an indication that the fight for elimination of terror in Jammu and Kashmir will reach its end, Swain said.

"This is an indication that the security architecture and involvement of people is leading to the flow of human intelligence and this fight (against terror) will be taken to its logical conclusion," he added.

Soldier injured as....

nearly half-an-hour between the two sides but the terrorists managed to flee into the nearby forest.

A massive search operation was launched to track down the terrorists.

NIA arrests key ...

narcotic drugs and generating funds in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of India.

The conspiracy was hatched by drug smugglers in close association with operatives of banned terrorist outfits, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen, based across the border in Pakistan.

Funds generated through the narcotics racket were pumped into Jammu and Kashmir by a network of over-ground workers (OGW) for promoting terrorist violence, the NIA's investigations revealed.

The case was originally registered at Handwara police station following the arrest of one Abdul Momin Peer, after his Hyundai Creta vehicle was intercepted by police and Rs 20,01,000 cash and two kg of heroin were seized.

On questioning, Peer had led police to the recovery of another 15 kg of heroin and Rs 1.15 crore cash.

The NIA has so far charge sheeted a total of 15 accused, through various charge sheets filed between December 2020 and February 2023, in the case, in which investigations are continuing, the statement said.

People's enthusiasm, excellent...

achievements.

"Today's optimism and unwavering belief in our capabilities extend to all areas, including space science, defence, and business. Organisations like JITO have played a significant role in these achievements over the past decade, contributing to the vision of a self-reliant India," Modi said. The JITO Incubation and Innovation Foundation (JIIF) hosted its annual Innovation Conclave on July 6-7 with the theme 'Ideas to Impact: Cultivating Innovation and Entrepreneurship'. The two-day event featured leading minds from various sectors, including Vijay Shekhar Sharma (Paytm), Aadit Palicha (Zepto), and Sanjeev Bikhchandani (Infoedge). It brought together over 300 angel investors, 100 startups, 30 unicorns, and numerous international investors, providing unparalleled networking opportunities. JIIF, a subsidiary of Jain International Trade Organization (JITO) has invested over Rs 200 crore in 80 companies and incubated over 25 Jain entrepreneurs.

There is a...

to its development as well as the development of the state and the country," he said. "Today people are serving the country after studying in many institutions of Kadva Patidar community of north Gujarat," Shah said.

Speaking on the occasion, Patel said that due to the 'Shala Praveshotsav' (school enrolment) and 'Kanya Kelavani Mahotsav' launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the then chief minister two decades ago, the education sector in the state has seen a lot of development. "It is very important to give good and quality education to children. Education is the foundation of development. The government is constantly striving to strengthen education to uplift the future of the country," the CM said. Shah also inaugurated the newly constructed multi-specialty SLIMS Hospital in Ahmedabad. "Built at a cost of over Rs 30 crore, the 8-storey hospital has state-of-the-art facilities like robotic surgery and cardiac care centre along with OPD facilities. I am confident that this hospital equipped with modern facilities will help in meeting the medical needs of the area," he tweeted.

Kathua Admin closes down 25 stone crushers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In a major crackdown against illegal mining activities and unauthorised processing of mined material, Kathua district administration closed down 25 stone crushers here today.

The action was initiated by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rakesh Minhas after conducting physical verification and assessing the working of stone crusher units operating in the district.

Earlier, a team of mining department was also deputed by the Deputy Commissioner at various places from where a large number of complaints of Illegal Mining and unauthorised transportation of minerals were received in the DC office.

It was informed that after a spot visit, a detailed list of unauthorised stone crushers operating in the district was also prepared and placed before the Deputy Commissioner for action. All these crushers have already given ample opportunity of being heard through notices.

A formal order in this regard has also been issued by the authorities whereby one week time has been granted to stone crushers to close down their crusher units and remove their structures and machinery installed on the sites including ramps in order to avoid any other forceful move of district administration.

It is worthwhile to mention here that four more crusher units have already been closed by the Deputy Commissioner on the request of PCB last year. Further, a communication has been sent to PCB for taking action against operational crusher units for violating pollution norms.

Deputy Commissioner also informed that besides streamlining all existing stone crusher units in the district, no permission shall be granted to install new stone units and similar instructions have already been passed to authorities of the pollution control board.

Four held with heroin like substance

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN : Cracking down heavily on Narcotics smuggling under Operation Sanjeevani Jammu and Kashmir police in District Ramban foiled a Narcotics smuggling bid in Banihal area and arrested two persons with Heroin like substance.

A police party of Police Station Banihal headed by SHO Police Station Banihal while conducting naka checking duty in Banihal town intercepted two pedestrians who upon seeing the Police Naka party tried to run away but were apprehended by the Naka Party. On questioning they disclosed their identity as Mohd Sadiq Wani son of Late Ghulam Mohd Wani resident of Chinar Gali Tehsil Banihal and Farooq Ahmed son of Abdul Khaliq resident of Watanarh Kokernag District Anantnag. During the process of checking Heroin like substance weighing 50 grams approx. was recovered from their possessions.

Accordingly a case FIR No. 114/2024 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS registered at PS Banihal. The accused persons have been arrested on the spot and contraband seized, investigation of the case going on to prove backward and forward linkages.

Police team from Police Station Udhampur led by SHO PS Udhampur Insp. Raghuraj Singh while performing routine naka checking at Jakhani naka point stopped one vehicle bearing registration number JK14J 8556 (toyota innova) for checking purpose.

On frisking of driver and passengers sitting inside the vehicle, while frisking of one person namely Mohd. Saleem S/O Abdul Hamid R/O Noor Bagh, Srinagar who was sitting on the co-driving seat, approx. 13.35 grams of heroin (chitta) like Contraband substance was recovered from his possession. The above said accused person was arrested on spot.

On this, a case vide FIR No. 319/2024 U/S 8/21/22/ NDPS Act stands registered in P/S Udhampur and further investigation was set into probe.

Meanwhile, a party of P/P Pounichak established a special Naka at ring road Sandwan area for checking of vehicles. During checking one pedestrian who was coming from Suhanjana towards Ghou Manhasan when he saw Naka party, he immediately diverted his direction and tried to escape but Police Party apprehended him on spot. During questioning he disclosed his name as Yashpaul @ Kaka S/O Mohan Lal @ Monu R/O Ward No. 04 Kotli Mian Fateh Tehsil R S Pura Jammu. On the suspicious activities of the said person his search was got conducted during which a light green coloured polythene was found in his right pocket on opening which approximately 10 grams of heroin like substance was received from his possession. In this regard a case FIR No.186/2024 U/s 8/21/22/ NDPS Act got registered at P/s Domana. Arrest and seizure made by police party headed by IC PP Pounichak PSI Vijay Kumar under supervision of SHO PS Domana Insp Sushil Choudhary,SDPO Domana Mudasir Hussain.

Further investigation of the case is going on.

Missing person traced

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An information was received at Police Station

Domana about the missing of a person namely Suraj Kumar S/O Vijay Kumar R/O Dhateryal Jammu, whose missing report was entered at PS Domana vide DD No.20, Dtd.08.06.24.

Acting upon this, A Police Team of PS Domana led by SHO put strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing person and after completing all legal formalities the said person has been handed over to his legal heirs. Accordingly missing report has been closed.

General public has appreciated the swift action of police in tracing out the missing person.

112 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu police tightening its noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of PS Jhajjar Kotli in the wee hours have foiled 3 bovine smuggling bids in which total 78 bovines were rescued and 03 vehicles were seized at Naka point Suketar. During checking Truck bearing registration number JK19A-7444 loaded with 25 bovine animals, Jk02CL-1144 loaded with 33 bovine animals and Canter No. JK19A-3199 loaded with 20 animals without any valid permission. The driver of the vehicle (Jk02CL-1144) arrested on the spot namely Manzoor Ahmed Wani S/O Abdul Majid Wani R/o Gool District Ramban, While driver of the vehicle No. JK19A-7444 and Jk19A-3199 fled away from the spot after leaving behind their vehicle on the road. In this regard three FIRs FIR No.159, 160,161/2024, 223/BNS 11 PCA Act have been registered in Police Station Jhajjar Kotli.

Moreover one more bovine smuggling bid foiled by Team of PS Nagrota in which 34 bovines rescued and one Truck seized bearing Reg. No. JK19A/9585. The driver of the vehicle arrested on the spot namely as Sharief Khan S/O Maroof Khan R/o Hari Marot Surankot District Poonch. In this regard case FIR No.195/2024 U/S 223/ BNS 11 PCA Act, 50/52/54/56 Transport of animals Rule registered at PS Nagrota. Further investigation of all the cases are underway.

Man vandalises temple, claims to have acted against 'black magic' after arrest

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A temple was vandalised on the outskirts of Jammu, police said on Sunday, adding that the perpetrator was arrested within hours of the incident.

The man, alleged to be responsible for the vandalism and arson at the temple, claimed he carried out the act on Saturday night after being "annoyed by black magic being practised by some members of the community" at the temple, they said.

Arjun Sharma, a local resident, confessed to his involvement before the magistrate, solving the case within a few hours of the incident, Jammu (rural) Superintendent of Police Brijesh Sharma told reporters here.

The SP said the timely arrest of the culprit has averted a potential flare-up over the issue.

This was the second incident of vandalism reported at a place of worship in the past week in the Jammu region. Earlier, a place of worship was found vandalised in a village in Reasi district on June 30, with police detaining 43 suspected persons for questioning.

SP Sharma said an FIR under relevant sections of law was registered at Nagrota Police Station after a complaint was received that some idols were desecrated and mats set on fire by unidentified persons at the temple in Narain Khoo area late Saturday night.

A police party along with a team of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and Crime branch with sniffer dogs rushed to the scene and rounded up four suspected persons on the basis of investigation and CCTV footage of the area, the officer said.

Arun Sharma confessed to his involvement in the incident, the SP said.

"The timely arrest of the culprit averted a certain flare up in the situation. We are thankful to the people for their positive role and maintaining calm to allow police to conduct its investigation," the SP said, adding the accused worked alone in the incident.

The SP said the accused claimed that he was "annoyed with 'black magic' being practised by some members there. He also had a personal enmity with the village 'numbardar' and a few others, he said.

The investigation of the case is still at its initial stage and further details will emerge with the completion of the probe, the SP said.

The SP appealed to people to not rush to any conclusion in such "sensitive matters" on social media without getting the version of the police.

Senior BJP leader and former MLA of Nagrota constituency Devender Singh Rana lauded the police and the civil administration for taking a serious note of the incident and reacting promptly to bring the culprit to book.



Amar Mahal Museum undergoes top-level professional reframing of invaluable art & paintings

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Amar Mahal Museum in Jammu is currently undertaking a comprehensive professional reframing exercise aimed at enhancing the display and preservation of its esteemed Nala Damayanti collection of Pahari Miniature Paintings and the contemporary art collection which includes works by Sobha Singh, G.R. Santosh and M.F. Hussain.

Dr. Jyotsna Singh, Director of Amar Mahal Museum informed that the ongoing reframing exercise at Amar Mahal Museum marks a significant effort to safeguard and preserve the rich artistic heritage housed within its walls. She said that the exercise includes archival mounting and framing techniques that are being meticulously employed to ensure the longevity and protection of these invaluable artworks and this meticulous process involves the use of acid-free and lignin-free materials to prevent yellowing and deterioration over time.

Dr. Jyotsna Singh further said that UV-filtering glass and acrylic are being utilized to shield the paintings from harmful light exposure, thus safeguarding their delicate pigments and ensuring they retain their original vibrancy.

Martand Singh, Trustee of Amar Mahal Museum and the Hari Tara Charitable Trust emphasized the importance of this endeavour, stating, "The reframing of our Nala Damayanti collection and Contemporary Art Collection is not merely about aesthetic enhancement but also about our commitment to preserving our art, creative



and cultural legacy for future generations. Each painting tells a story of our heritage, and it is our responsibility to protect and present them in the best possible manner."

Martand Singh further said "The meticulous attention to detail in this reframing project reflects Amar Mahal Museum's dedication to maintaining international standards of conservation and exhibition. Visitors can expect an enriched viewing experience as these artworks are thoughtfully reframed to highlight their artistic intricacies while ensuring their long-term preservation. This is our effort to best showcase and

protect the valuable and unique art heritage housed at Amar Mahal Museum and has been executed by famous Delhi based 'Ahuja Framers' run by Shri Ram Murti Ahuja."

Located in the heart of Jammu, Amar Mahal Museum is an iconic landmark of the city in terms of tourism and heritage. It is renowned for its exquisite collection of Pahari Miniature Paintings and artifacts that reflect the cultural heritage of the region. The Museum also comprises a library of 25,000 antique books, many rare art collections, and a large collection of portraits collected over the past century by the Dogra Maharajas of Jammu & Kashmir. It would be important to note that 2024-25 marks the completion of the Golden Jubilee, 50 years of the Amar Mahal Museum which was inaugurated and established in 1975 by Dr. Karan Singh in the presence of Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi.