

# LG inaugurates 150-bedded Ujala Cygnus Kashmir Superspeciality Hospital in Nowgam

**'Facility will strengthen Govt's efforts to ensure quality healthcare services to people'**

## STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated the 150-bedded Ujala Cygnus Kashmir Superspeciality Hospital in Nowgam.

The Lt Governor said that the new state-of-the-art Hospital, equipped with all the advanced medical facilities, will strengthen the government's efforts of ensuring quality healthcare services to the people of J&K, besides generating employment opportunities for the locals.

To protect the health of citizens is the foremost responsibility of the administration. The UT Government is partnering with renowned healthcare companies, bringing private players on board and facilitating all such efforts to bridge the health gap for extending affordable & accessible healthcare facilities for all segments of society, observed the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor said, J&K, once struggling to cater to the healthcare needs of the people is now emerging as one of the leading states/UTs in various health parameters.

Even after 67 years of Independence, there were only three medical colleges in Jammu and Kashmir. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seven new medical colleges have been established in the UT in just eight years. J&K has the unique distinction of



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being the first UT of the country with two AIIMS, the Lt Governor observed.

Before 2019, there were only 129 health and wellness centers across Jammu and Kashmir. As many as 1275 new health and wellness centers have been set up in two years, he added. Furthermore, 211 Ambulances are serving the people of the UT round the clock. Dialysis facilities are now available in all 20 districts of UT. Government Medical College Jammu has also successfully performed a record three kidney transplants this year. Moreover, J&K is getting a much higher average per capita healthcare budget allocation than many states having more than twice the population, the Lt Governor further added.

Within a year, 22 proposals worth Rs

4400 crore have been approved for developing Medicity in Jammu and Kashmir, which will create additional 1000 MBBS seats, and add thousands of beds for patients in health facilities, besides providing large employment opportunities to medical professionals, noted the Lt Governor. The UT of J&K is also in a better position in the country with 92.4% Institutional births, 96.5% Fully Immunized Children, besides having Life Expectancy Rate of 74, informed the Lt Governor. All these achievements are a reflection of the government's resolve towards improving the quality of life and quality of health for all, the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor congratulated the entire team of Ujala Cygnus and hoped that the health facili-

ty launched today will serve the people with full dedication. Probal Goshal, Executive Chairman, Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals' expressed his commitment to providing highest standard healthcare services to the people of J&K. Digital and physical healthcare services shall be provided to people even residing in far flung areas for the well-being of people, he added. Ujala Cygnus Kashmir has committed to offering medical services under Ayushman Bharat Yojana. Founders & Directors, Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals, Dr Shuchin Bajaj and Dr Dinesh Batra, delivered the welcome address and the Vote of thanks respectively. The new hospital has secondary and tertiary care facilities in Interventional Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic and Joint Replacement Surgery, Laparoscopic Surgery, Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Neonatology, Internal Medicine, Urology, Rheumatology, OncoSurgery, Ophthalmology, ENT, Plastic and Vascular Surgery, Pulmonology, Nephrology, Neurology, 24x7 Trauma and Critical Care. The hospital also includes a radiology department, round-the-clock pharmacy, labs, and ambulance services. It also has a 24x7 toll-free mental health helpline facility.



# Modi introduced innovation in governance reforms: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching 16th edition of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP) 2022, at New Delhi, on Friday.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday said that besides making governance technology driven, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also introduced innovation in governance reforms.

This is the essence of the success story of Modi's Mantra of "reform, perform and transform", he said.

Speaking after the launch of 16th edition of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP) 2022, the Minister said, there is continuous innovation in reforms under Modi, who takes personal interest in all governance related issues. He also informed that some of the success stories in governance reforms implemented by Modi as Chief Minister of Gujarat are being replicated at the Centre like the abolition of interviews, prompt redressal of grievances and weeding out of

obsolete laws. Dr Jitendra said, since 2014, when Modi took charge at the centre, there is a visible change in the work culture and all the Ministries are strictly adhering to timelines in execution of projects. Referring to CSMOP 2022, the Minister said, after 2019, this is the 2nd Manual prepared by DARPG within such a short time under Modi Government and this is a clear-cut reflection of continuity, consistency and innovation in reforms.

Referring to productive and result-oriented reforms in grievance redressal, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) in the union Ministry of Personnel has emerged as a role model, which many of the States and UTs are trying to emulate. He also pointed out that requests are pouring in from several States and UTs for linking their grievance portal with Central CPGRAMS. He said, after Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, several such requests are being received.

Apart from the launch of 16th edition of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP) 2022, Dr Jitendra Singh also launched Impact Evaluation Report of the Initiative for Increasing Efficiency in Decision Making in the Central Secretariat 2022, Swachhta Assessment Report 2022 and CPGRAMS Monthly Report July 2022.

All the 4 reports will be available at www.darpg.gov.in.

# CS e-inaugurates online portal of H&P Deptt, additional accommodation block at Circuit House Jammu

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday e-inaugurated online room booking portal of Hospitality and Protocol (H&P) department. He also e-inaugurated an additional accommodation block at Circuit House Jammu. Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Vivek Bhardwaj was also present on the occasion.

The online portal provides for reservation system of circuit houses of H&P department within and outside Jammu and Kashmir. With the e-inauguration of online room reservation system, Government employees and other people can apply online for booking of the circuit houses from the click of their mobile phones within and outside J&K.

The portal allows for online submission of booking request by officers/officials and citizens. With the submission of booking request, an OTP is generated on the mobile



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta e-inaugurating online room booking portal of Hospitality and Protocol Department.

phone of the customer and the booking is confirmed once the OTP is entered. The booking details are sent to the mobile phone of the customer.

Chief Secretary appreciated the efforts of Hospitality and Protocol department and said that this is another feather in the journey of Digital Jammu and Kashmir. He

expressed hope that the new system will bring further transparency and fairness in the allotment system.

He also asked the concerned officers to maintain online data of the circuit houses and keep assessing the requirements of the circuit houses on regular basis. He also called for maintenance and upkeep of circuit

houses and other assets. He also stressed on checking the utilities of these assets on daily bases by the concerned caretaker.

Commissioner Secretary Hospitality and Protocol, Talat Parvez informed the Chief Secretary about the online portal and said that it has been completely integrated with RAS. He said the portal is very user friendly and the room reservation confirmation status is instantly intimated to the applicant through SMS or Sandes App.

Giving details about the additional block at circuit house, he informed that it consists of 2 suites and 12 very well furnished rooms. The work on the project was started by the executing agency PWD(R&B) Jammu in June 2019 and was completed on June 2022. He informed that the total cost of the project was 660 lakhs, however total expenditure incurred on completion of the block is 510.83 lakhs.

# Nodal officer SVEEP holds awareness programme on Electoral process at GDC Khour



Nodal officer SVEEP, Devinder Singh Manhas and others during an awareness programme at GDC Khour.

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KHOUR: Under the guidance of District Election Officer Avny Lavasa, an awareness programme was organized by Devinder Singh Manhas, Nodal officer SVEEP along with DLMTs Dr. S Perminder Kour, Dr. Ajay Singh Manhas, Poonam Gandotra, Sugandh, Neeraj Jamwal, Satpal Kour and Darshan Lal

regarding the Electoral process at Government Degree College (GDC) Khour. A large number of students were sensitized regarding the current Electoral process which includes registration of new voters, self deletion, any type of correction and shifting of voters from one place to another too was explained effectively by

DLMTs. Suraj Singh Bhau, Vice Chairman DDC, Anil Thakur SDM Khour, Balbir Singh Bhau BDC Chairman, Dr. T K Sharma Principal GDC Khour and Sharda Devi Sarpanch Narayana, appreciated the efforts of SVEEP/ELC Team for imparting awareness and enriching students regarding electoral process and importance of casting vote in Elections.

Various informative games provided by ECI were also shown to the prospective voters to make the programme filled with fun and knowledge. As students are ambassadors and were encouraged to carry forward the learning of programme in the society so that real essence of Democracy is achieved and each eligible voter should cast vote in elections.

# LBNROH organises Indo Canadian Radiation Oncology meet



Dignitaries at a programme organized by LBNROH at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Lajwanti Bhagatnath Radiations of Hope (LBNROH)- a Cancer Care Foundation trust organised Indo Canadian Radiation Oncology meeting on Zoom platform in association with faculty of Cancer Care Manitoba- Action Cancer Manitoba, Canada.

The event started with felicitation of visiting faculty by President J&K Dharmarth Trust and Advisor Trustee LBNROH, Adv Ajay Gandotra and Secretary Shashi Khajuria. The meeting witnessed three lectures

on latest techniques in radiation oncology. Dr Ryan Rivest spoke on DIBH in breast cancer and surface RT-planning, followed by an interactive case based presentation by Dr Arvind Dubey on SBRT in lung cancer. Dr Rashmi Kaul, in her talk, gave detailed presentation on prostate RT in Manitoba- a Journey of different fractionation. The meeting was attended by Dr Rahul Sharma Associate Professor Radiation Oncology GMC Jammu, Dr Vikas Roshan HoD Radiation Oncology Aof Jammu, Dr Rajpal Singh HoD Radiation Oncology SMVDNH Katra and Dr Deepak Abrol Assistant Professor Radiation Oncology GMC Kathua. Dr Rajesh Vashistha President Association of Radiation Oncologists of India also virtually the meeting and lauded efforts of trust for carrying out cancer awareness activities at regular intervals. Technical support team included Smitidhi Kohli, Prince Rajan Khajuria, Rudransh Abrol, Yaser Chauhan and Mazhar Khan.

# Bar Association continues ongoing protest, takes out protest rally

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JAMMU: Continuing its ongoing protest, J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, led by its President senior Adv M K Bhardwaj took out a protest rally on Friday, from High Court and to Deputy Commissioner Jammu's office. Raising slogans in support of their demands, a number of Bar members, holding National Flags in their hands, on reaching Deputy Commissioner Jammu's office, staged a Dharna. The lawyers' were protesting for several long pending demands including construction of multi-storey building for housing all the judicial works within court premises. The lawyers resolved to keep their protest going on till redressal of their



Lawyers protesting outside DC office at Jammu.

grievances. Speaking on the occasion, Adv M K Bhardwaj apprised the media about the positioning of Central Administrative Tribunal where in it is not only difficult for the advocates but also for litigants to approach, due to lack of proper place for parking, no place for advo-

catees waiting hall and no proper infrastructure. He requested UT Administration to resolve all pending demands / issues put forth by the Bar Association without further delay, as due to wrong policies of the Government the members of Bar Association as well as general public are facing a lot of hardships. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Mohinder Pal Singh, Surjeet Singh Andotra, Aditya Sharma, Amandeep Singh, Rohit Sharma, Gagandeep Singh Lucky, Yaseer Farooq Khan, Karanjeet Singh Johal and Naresh Kumar.

# Congress workers protesting against price hike, unemployment arrested

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JAMMU: Hundreds of Congress workers were detained on Friday when a massive protest was held by the party and marched towards Raj Bhavan from Shaheedi Chowk Jammu. Led by JKPC President G A Mir along with working president Raman Bhalla, Vice presidents Mula Ram, former Minister G M Saroori, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Vice president Kanta Bhan, General Secretary I/C Jammu Yogesh Sawhney and several other prominent leaders were taken into custody while holding a protest march towards Raj Bhavan, raising slogans in favour of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi



Congress leaders taking out a protest rally at Jammu.

and against price rise, unemployment and misuse of central agencies. The protestors were also raising slogans demanding restoration of statehood and early democracy in Jammu and Kashmir. As part of nationwide call of AICC, a large number of

Congress leaders and workers including Mahila workers assembled at Shaheedi Chowk Jammu. They declared that the struggle against injustice, price rise, unemployment and vendetta politics shall continue. Prominent others who participated and arrested included Sumit Mangotra, Uttam Singh, Virinder Singh, Ram Mangotra, Surinder Khajuria, Balbir Singh, Rajan Sharma, Manav Upadhaya, Ajaib Motton, Kewal yogi, Latish Sharma, and several others.