

# AIIMS Jammu starts Fundus Fluorescein Angiography services

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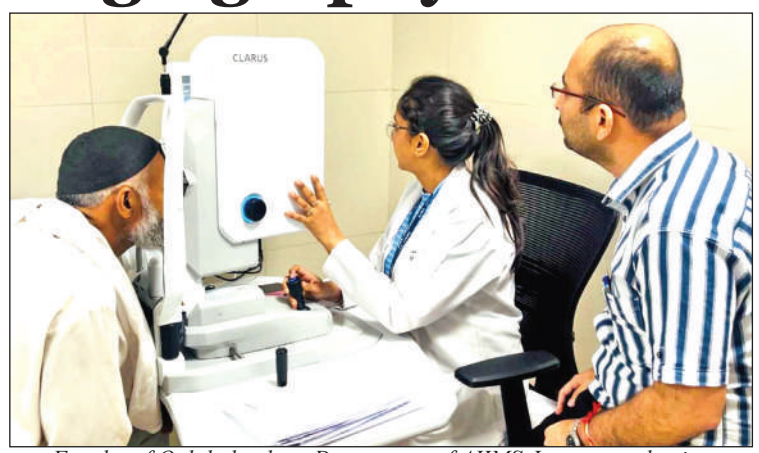
JAMMU: In a significant advancement for eye care in the region, the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu has officially launched Fundus Fluorescein Angiography (FFA) services at the Department of Ophthalmology.

This new facility marks a major milestone in the institute's commitment to offering state-of-the-art medical care and advanced diagnostic services.

The faculty in the Department, Dr. Bhavani Raina (Additional Professor), Dr. Nitin Kumar (Associate Professor), Dr. Nazia Anjum (Assistant Professor) and Dr. Ridham Nanda (Assistant Professor), expressed their gratitude for the introduction of this new service and thanked Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, ED and CEO, AIIMS Jammu, for his encouragement and unending support.

With the introduction of wide-field FFA, AIIMS Jammu is poised to enhance the diagnostic capabilities available to patients in the region. Previously, individuals requiring this procedure had to travel long distances, leading to delays in diagnosis and treatment. The availability of FFA at AIIMS Jammu will now provide timely and accurate diagnosis, allowing for better management of eye conditions and improving patient outcomes. This unit will help diagnose and plan treatment for various retinal and uvea diseases.

The procedure was performed in



Faculty of Ophthalmology Department of AIIMS Jammu conducting Fundus Fluorescein Angiography.

the specialised Retina lab at the Department of Ophthalmology under the supervision of Dr Nitin Kumar, Associate Professor, Ophthalmology Department at AIIMS Jammu.

The optometrist team included Bhavya Kapoor, Sohail Sheikh and Gagan Jha. A team of nursing officers assisted the clinician and optometrists in the Department of Ophthalmology in successfully conducting the diagnostic test. Dr. Nitin Kumar emphasized the importance of this new service.

AIIMS Jammu can capture wide-field images and is one of the best equipment available in its segment."

AIIMS Jammu has equipped its Ophthalmology Department with cutting-edge technology to perform FFA, ensuring high-quality imaging and precise diagnostic capabilities.

The procedure involves injecting a fluorescent dye into the bloodstream, which then circulates through the blood vessels in the retina.

Specialized cameras capture detailed images of the dye as it passes through these vessels, allowing ophthalmologists to identify abnormalities or blockages. This procedure is critical for diagnosing and managing a wide range of retinal conditions, including diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusion, and

other vascular disorders of the eye.

The ED and CEO of AIIMS, Jammu, Prof (Dr) Shakti Gupta, emphasised that the introduction of FFA services is expected to benefit patients from Jammu and those from neighbouring regions, including parts of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. This development aligns with AIIMS Jammu's broader goal of becoming a centre of excellence in healthcare and medical education in North India.

As AIIMS Jammu continues to expand its range of medical services, the addition of FFA represents a significant step in enhancing the quality of healthcare available in the region.

The institute also plans to introduce more advanced diagnostic and treatment facilities in the coming months, further solidifying its position as a leading healthcare provider.

Patients seeking FFA tests can now avail themselves of this facility at AIIMS Jammu, which ensures they receive top-notch care without needing to travel long distances.

The institute remains committed to providing accessible, affordable, and high-quality healthcare to all. This development highlights AIIMS Jammu's dedication to embracing technological advancements in medicine and ensuring that patients in the region have access to the best possible care.



## DB asks NIA to file cancellation of bail of Parra before Trial Court

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JAMMU: In an appeal filed by NIA against the bail of Waheed Para, A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Puneet Gupta and Justice Rajesh Sekhri while hearing appeal, observed that the appeal is not pressed by the appellant in view of the aforesaid change of circumstances. The same is disposed of. However, in view of changed circumstances the appellant shall be at liberty to apply for cancellation of bail, and if any such application is filed,

the same shall be decided on its own merits and in accordance with law. An appeal filed by the appellant against the order dated January 9, 2021 passed by the Special Judge, NIA (3rd Additional Sessions Judge) J&K at Jammu in RC No.1/2020/NIA/JMU dated 17th January, 2020 whereby the respondent-accused had been granted bail for the offences under Sections 120-B of IPC and Sections 17/18/38/40 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. DSGI Vishal Sharma, sub-

mits that the challan has filed and charges have already been framed against the respondent-accused by the trial Court after the appeal was filed. DB observed that the appeal is not pressed by the appellant in view of the aforesaid change of circumstances. The same is disposed of. However, in view of changed circumstances the appellant shall be at liberty to apply for cancellation of bail, and if any such application is filed, the same shall be decided on its own merits and in accordance with law.

## ADGP Jammu Zone reviews security arrangements for Kailash Kund Yatra



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain on Tuesday conducted a comprehensive review of the security arrangements to ensure a safe and secure pilgrimage for the devotees.

The yatra, which attracts thousands of pilgrims each year, is set to commence shortly in the scenic Udhampur-Doda hills.

During the meeting, which was attended by senior Police officers, including DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range DIG U-R Range Rayees Mohd. Bhat, SSP Udhampur Amod Nagpure,

SSP Reasi Gaurav, Addl. SP Udhampur Sandeep Bhat and other Police officers of the district, ADGP Jammu emphasized the need for meticulous planning and robust security measures.

He directed all concerned agencies to work in close coordination to address any potential challenges that may arise during the yatra.

Anand Jain highlighted the importance of ensuring the safety of the pilgrims, particularly in the challenging terrain of the Udhampur-Doda region.

He instructed the officers to deploy sufficient manpower at key points along the Yatra route, establish addi-

tional checkpoints, and intensify patrolling to prevent any untoward incidents.

The ADGP also reviewed the arrangements for medical assistance, communication facilities, and disaster management preparedness.

He directed the officers to make necessary provisions for emergency medical teams, ambulances, and heliplanes in case of any medical emergencies.

In addition to the security measures, Anand Jain stressed the importance of maintaining public order and ensuring smooth traffic management during the yatra.

Moreover the discussion covered several aspects, including the provision of dry rations and winter clothing to ensure the comfort and safety of the personnel in harsh weather conditions.

Additionally, the activation of the helipad, medical support arrangements, and the deployment of Village Defence Committees (VDCs) along with the yatra were discussed.

## Regional PF Commissioner holds awareness, outreach programme under "Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0"

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UDHAMPUR: Employees' Provident Fund Organization, Jammu conducted an awareness program of Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 in the presence of Rizwan Uddin, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I, along with District Nodal Officer Devinder Singh, Enforcement Officer, Harshit Pathak at Hotel Trinatar, Patnitop.

The representatives of Employers who were present in the programme were Rohit Gupta (Nodal Officer), Hotel Trinatar, Darshan Lal (Manager), Hotel Oasis, R S Katoch (Manager), Hotel Samson, Suresh Sharma (Manager), Hotel Subash Palace and others. Sandeep Kumar, SS (Ladakh) conducted similar programme at Director, National Institute Leh, Ladakh.

While speaking on the occasion, Rizwan Uddin, apprised the stakeholders about various initiatives undertaken by EPFO under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 such as E-Nomination, UAN Activation, KYC Updation, Bank, Aadhar Seeding, Online ECR Filling, Salient Features of Employees Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Scheme, 1976, Employees' Pension



Rizwan Uddin, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I chairing awareness program of Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0.

Scheme 1995 benefits for the Registered Employees and other beneficiaries.

The handholding session was also provided to the employers for registration of DSC/E-Sign, filing of ECR challans etc.

Another issue was that it was told that employees don't want to enroll themselves in the schemes by EPFO since many of the workers work for only 5 to 6 months.

However, during the address by Rizwan Uddin, on Salient Features of Employees Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI)

Scheme, 1976, Employees' Pension Scheme 1995, the miscommunication was removed and all the stakeholders agreed and wanted to be a part of EPFO.

During the course of discussions, the members present raised numbers of issues pertaining to the EPFO Office and on spot directions has been given by Rizwan Uddin to resolve the issue on priority basis. Employers were also educated on how to access the Principal Employer Portal to check sub-contractor compliance and benefits of e-nomination.

Apart from this, grievances were redressed and members got PF related guidance, how and when to withdraw their PF, under which para they should apply.

The workshop lasted for more than one hour, where P. F. Commissioner Rizwan Uddin heard the issues being faced by the establishments and employees. A hand holding and interactive session continued for another hour in which various stakeholders went live and learnt how to deal with the problems faced by them.

Services and benefits of "Social Security"-Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 and enhanced quantum (up to Rupees Seven Lakhs) of Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Schemes, 1976 are being rendered to employees of Union territory of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh with effect from November 2019 onwards. The features of these schemes were discussed in detail at the Nidhi Aapke Nikat programme.

The programme was also held at The Director, Institute of Sowa Rigpa Leh, Ladakh by Sandeep Kumar, SS where representatives of establishments and employees were present in the program.

## Convenors, Co-convenors felicitate Yudhvir, assure full support in resounding victory of BJP in ensuing polls

Yudhvir urges Party cadre to gear up for Upcoming Assembly Polls

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JAMMU: Convenors and Co-Convenors of BJP East Constituency on Tuesday felicitated Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir, on being nominated as the contesting candidate for the East Constituency in the upcoming Assembly elections. The programme witnessed the presence of prominent party leaders including Kuldeep Khandari, Convenor, Ramesh Gupta, Co Convenor, Anil Masoom BLO1, Sanjeev Sahni, Office Secretary and other office bearers from across the constituency.

Expressing gratitude to the Convenors, Co-Convenors, and the party workers for their overwhelming support, Yudhvir Sethi lauded their unconditional support in his journey in serving the people of East Constituency. He also extended his heartfelt thanks to the BJP High Command for reposing faith in him and selecting him as the candidate for this crucial election. "It is a great honor and responsibility to represent BJP in the East Constituency. I assure everyone that I will work



Convenors and Co-Convenors of BJP East Constituency felicitating Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President BJP J&K.

tirelessly to ensure that the party secures a decisive victory," he stated.

The senior BJP leader called upon the party cadre to stay active on the ground as there is limited time left before the elections. He emphasized the importance of connecting with the people, understanding their concerns, and conveying the transformative policies and achievements of the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre. "We must inform every citizen about the key initiatives and reforms undertaken by the Modi government, particularly in Jammu & Kashmir. The abrogation of Article 370, infrastructural development, empowerment of youth, and welfare schemes are examples of Modi government's commitment to

united, and committed in their efforts to ensure BJP's resounding victory in the upcoming Assembly polls. "Each of you plays a pivotal role in this mission. Your dedication and hard work will pave the way for our party's success," he added.

The programme concluded with a pledge from the Convenors, Co-Convenors, and other party workers to leave no stone unturned in securing BJP's win, further strengthening the party's presence in Jammu & Kashmir.

## Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian BJP candidates file nominations

### BJP manifesto will be people's vision document: Darakhshan

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SRINAGAR: BJP candidates of Anantnag, Pulwama & Shopian filed their nominations for J&K Assembly elections today in presence of BJP National Executive Member & senior party leader Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi.

Mohammad Rafiq Wani filed nominations for Anantnag West, Advocate Syed Wajabat for Anantnag, Javed Ahmad Qadiri for Shopian & Arshid Bhat for Rajpora) in Pulwama.



BJP candidate filing nomination for J&K Assembly elections in presence of senior party leader Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi.

## NCB Jammu arrests two narcotics smugglers

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JAMMU: The sleuths of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Jammu have seized over 3000 Alprazolam Tablets, 14106 Spasmo Proxyvon Plus (Tramadol) Capsules, 221 Bottles of Codeine based Cough Syrup (100 ml each) and Approx 5 Litres of Codeine based Cough syrup in water bottles from Near Zamindara Dhaba, Ring Road, Samba, J&K from the possession of two narco smugglers Mohd Abbas Bhat, son of Nazir Ahmad Bhat, resident of Noorpora, Pulwama and



Zahoor Ahmad Shah, son of Takeya, Ghulab Bagh, Pulwama.

Accordingly, FIR under the relevant provisions of

NDPS Act 1985 has been registered vide NCB Jammu Crime number 15/2024 and both the accused persons have been

arrested by NCB Jammu Zonal Unit. They were traveling from New Delhi to Anantnag. Further investigation is going on in this case. Yesterday, a team of NCB Jammu along with Police Outpost Sidhra under Police Station Nagrota conducted a house search of a habitual offender Mohd Abbas, son of Masum Ali, resident of Sidhra, Jammu, booked under FIR 275/13 PS Nagrota and FIR 36/19 PS Phillaur Punjab.

During the search operation, 9mm bullet and 03 other bullets were recovered from the house of said accused. Accordingly, a Panchnama has been drawn and case was transferred to concerned Police Station for lodging an FIR under the Arms Act against the said accused.

On the spot inquiry, it came in light that he had been residing without any legal/valid documents. In the wake of upcoming Legislative Assembly elections, NCB has geared up its preparation to tackle the drug menace and its possible misuse in the election scenario. Being the national nodal agency for drug law enforcement, it has committed itself to stop the supply of drugs in the region.

Dr Darakhshan and the candidates were taken to the returning offices in huge processions in which people participated in large numbers.

"BJP manifesto will be released within a few days. BJP manifesto will be people's vision document and we will implement this agenda in letter and spirit", said Dr Andrabi while speaking to the media.

She said that our candidates have served their respective areas for years and people have trust in the

party to which they belong. "BJP has given shape to a new political order in J&K and now there is least scope for sentimental exploitation of the people by politicians. People now aspire for a peaceful and progressive life and BJP only has a clear cut roadmap related to people's progress and development. During the past five years, we have shown unprecedented transformation at the ground level in J&K under Prime Minister Modiji's leadership", said Andrabi.