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■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BARAMULLA: Giving a major fillip to upgrading integrated healthcare services in Kashmir, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya on Sunday e-inaugurated five Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF) Centres from Regional Institute of Health and Family Welfare Baramulla.

These ATFs, one each for Budgam, Bandipora, Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam districts, will strengthen the existing drug de-addiction mechanism across the valley as they will provide holistic and integrated treatment to drug addicts.

The Minister was on a two day visit to Baramulla district as part of Union Government's public outreach programme which aimed to evoke public feedback at grass root levels besides giving impetus to basic infrastructure by a series of new developmental projects.

The Minister also presided over a felicitation ceremony where he felicitated the COVID-19 warriors for their remarkable services which they rendered during the tough circumstances that emerged due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister called them as the real gems of the country who worked tirelessly and selflessly for well-being of the people. He said that their valuable services shall be remembered for generations to come adding that whole nation is indebted to their extraordinary service.

Enlisting various initiatives taken to upgrade the basic infrastructure in health institutions, the Minister said that the current government is very keen to provide affordable and inclusive health and medicare services to the people with special focus on weaker and downtrodden sections. He added that under Ayushman Bharat Pariyojana, free and qualitative healthcare services are being provided to the people of J&K besides terming it as an evolutionary step taken in health sector. Moreover, he said that costly health expenditure was the main reason for health deprivation which was by and large eliminated after launching of the scheme.

'Kingdom of Momos' opens in Jammu

Director Prosecution, J&K Police (Retired), B R Gupta inaugurating Kingdom of Momos.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Bringing a new tasty outlet for food lovers in Jammu, "Kingdom of Momos", opened its outlet in the city of temples. Chief Guest on the occasion was B R Gupta, Director Prosecution, J&K Police (Retired). Guest of Honour was Mr. Rohit Gupta-CPO Anti-Corruption Bureau, R.K.Gupta- Chief Manager PNB (Retd). The fast food joint at Shop No.1, Rama Lane, Talab Tillo, Jammu, will bring the best of the classic momos and other Chinese dishes.

Speaking on the occasion, B.R Gupta appreciated the initiative of the young team and said that the out will provide best of quality and taste to the customers.

"I am happy that apart from providing employment the Kingdom of Momos will provide authentic taste to the foodies. We need to encourage young entrepreneur", Gupta said.

"Our team's priority is to serve the customer and provide them with the authentic taste of momo. We will give you the real stuff, but you won't have to burn a hole in your wallet for it", said Heena Mahajan, one of the owners of the outlet.

Other partners include Ravinder Singh and Rajdeep.

Specialties include a wide range of Momo's available in Steam, Fried and Pan Fried variants. Chinese Cuisine varieties like Soups, Noodles, Fried Rice, Chopusey and more.

Tandoori options in Champ, Momo's, Panner and much more. Kingdom of Momos will offer both vegetarian and Non-Veg items to the customers. "Be assured, your food is going to be clean and healthy. Kingdom of Momo King's objective is to provide momo of authentic taste and excellent quality at affordable prices", said Ravinder Singh and Rajdeep.

Kavinder flays Mehbooba for dishonouring Tricolour, seeks action

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta flayed PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti for dishonouring Tricolour at Kotranka Dak Bungalow and demanded strict action against her under law.

The BJP stalwart leader was addressing a deputation here at his residence. The senior leader met several deputations and listened to their issues and demands on Sunday.

Kavinder said that the government should take cognizance in the matter and book the PDP leader for this reprehensible act showing disregard towards the National Flag and the country. He said that it is not the first time that Mehbooba has committed such a kind of wrong as she has more of similar acts to her credit and therefore the government should take strict action in the matter.

Earlier, a delegation of Taxi Union also met and discussed various issues and sought early elections of the Union, which have been pending since quite some time.

The members of Taxi Union also projected their long pending issues regarding relief on account of setbacks to their business due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Banquet halls owners delegation submiting memorandum to former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta.

A delegation of owners of banquet halls also met Kavinder Gupta and apprised him about the restriction on number of guests.

Kavinder Gupta appealed to the district administration to consider their demand as most of the business activities have been resumed throughout the country.

He urged the district administration to address the issues of owners of banquet halls by giving them a relaxation on number of guests so that they would get a sigh of relief.

Other delegations which met the former deputy chief ministers included residents of different wards.

They demanded upgradation of civic edifice and improvement in cleanliness services run by JMC. The issue of street lights going haywire on a regular basis was also discussed.

After listening to deputations, the senior BJP leader assured that he will place the demands and issues before the concerned quarters and will ensure that sooner than later all the issues get resolved and people get the basic amenities at their doorsteps.

He said that PM Narendra Modi has particularly asked the party leadership in J&K to ensure that all the basic facilities should be provided to people without any hassle or difficulty. He also assured the Taxi Union representatives of conducting the union polls as soon as possible.

MVD Leh organises 'Ride for Road Safety' cycling competition

Lt. Governor Mathur felicitates winners

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

LEH: The Motor Vehicle Department (MVD), UT Ladakh organised a Cycling and Bike Rally on Sunday, as a Road Safety awareness Programme, under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration to commemorate the 75 years of India's Independence.

Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh, R K Mathur presided as the Chief Guest for the event.

Three different cycling rallies with a total of 50 bikers and 200 cyclists were flagged off from the Nawang Dorjey Stobdan Stadium in Leh and finished at Spituk Pharka.

The theme for the Cycling and Bike Rally was 'Ride for Road Safety and Wear Helmet'.

The event was organised in collaboration with the Cycling Association Ladakh, Maruti Suzuki Driving School, Togo Hyundai, Mentokling Mahindra, Force Motors, Neyshatok SML Isuzu, Foton PMI and Royal Enfield.

At the finishing spot in Spituk, LG Mathur felicitated the winners and distributed prizes/certificates to the winners and runners-up of the three different categories.

Addressing the event, the Mathur appreciated the Department for taking the initiative of organizing the cycling event.

Lt Governor Ladakh, R K Mathur felicitating winners.

He expressed hope that the participants, majorly comprising young children, will become ambassadors of road safety and requested them to spread awareness about its importance amongst their friends and families.

Reiterating the importance of suitable roads and related infrastructure for safe conveyance, LG Mathur urged the road project implementation agencies like PWD Ladakh, CPWD, NHIDCL, BRO etc for construction of roads which meet all safety parameters and also highlighted the need for improvement of existing roads.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk, shared that the onus of adhering to road safety and traffic rules falls on all the citizens. He expressed gratitude to the Motor Vehicle Department and the sponsors for organising the event highlighting road safety importance.

Member of Parliament, Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal appreciated the initiative of the Motor Vehicle Department for educating the locals on road safety through the medium of cycle rally. He stressed on working out plans to reduce traffic issues in Ladakh. He spoke on the nuisance caused by the non-usage of dippers which become a reason for many road casualties. He also stressed on ensuring safety measures are being followed in school buses.

Earlier, Regional Transport Officer, Ladakh, Tsering Palden in his welcome speech shared that the event aimed to spread awareness on road safety and also send a message of Carbon Neutral Ladakh. He informed that the MVD plans to establish an Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR) and Inspection and Certification Centre to enhance the driving skills and to inspect and certify the vehicles respectively.

SP Traffic, Mohammad Rafi Giri in his address highlighted the importance of Road Safety. He shared that as per the records 138 lives were lost due to road accidents in Leh district from 2017- 20 which is a high figure in proportion to the population of the district. He added that the road safety engineers are surveying black spots and accident-prone areas in both Leh and Kargil districts which would help in finding viable solutions to provide better transport facilities and reduce road fatalities.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO), Leh, Delex Namgyal presented the vote of thanks.

Post distributions of prizes and trophies to the winners, the sponsors for the event were also felicitated for their contribution and participation.

Secretary, Transports Saugat Biswas and officials of Traffic Police Dept. and Transports Dept. were also present during the event.

MoS Home Affairs e-inaugurates several dev projects in Pulwama

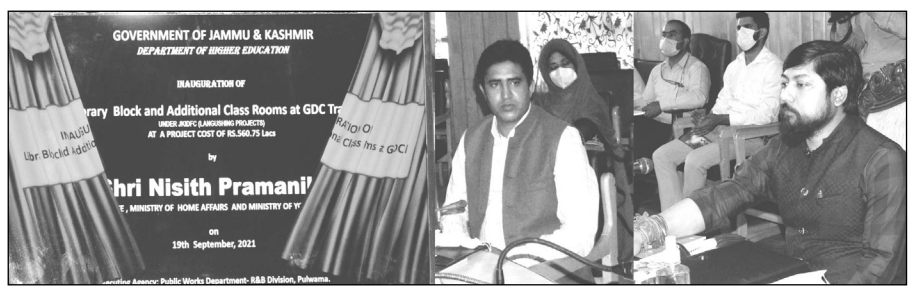
■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

PULWAMA: As a part of the Union Government's public outreach programme for Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Youth Affairs and Sports, Nisith Pramanik on Sunday visited Pulwama.

The Minister e-inaugurated various developmental project including Multipurpose Indoor Stadium Bajwani Tral, ISM Building Larve Kakpora, Sub Centre Gulshanpora, Library Block cum additional classroom GDC Tral, and various roads from, Wuiyan, Shalwani, Wahipora Pirtakia, Abu Turab and slaughter house at Awantipora.

The Minister also laid e-foundation of Nowdal Dadsara Naibugh Road, Gusso Deeri Road, Aglar Gujjarbasti Kanigam road, and Pulwama Monghama road.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked all the ministries of Government of India to work in tandem for the overall development of the UT of J&K. He said that PM Modi is very keen to pace up the developmental tempo of the UT for which the Central Government has a separate blueprint.



Union MoS Home Affairs, Nisith Pramanik e-inaugurating various developmental project.

The Minister said that the Central Government has taken up a series of developmental schemes and individual benefit programmes which aim to ensure overall socio economic development of the people of this UT. He added that the PSUs are also conducting a series of training programs for the unemployed youth of J&K.

The Minister also met different stakeholders, including vegetable farmers, Traders Federation Pulwama, Industrial Association IGC Lassipora, saffron growers and NRLM beneficiaries who apprised him about their demands and grievances.

The Minister gave a patient hearing and expressed happiness over the meeting held with the delegations. He said that the Union Government has a good dream for development of Jammu and Kashmir, adding that the present out-reach programme has been initiated by the Government to know the basic problems of the people at the ground.

He assured that the demands and grievances projected by the delegations have been taken note of and the same would be put up with Government at Union level as well as with Lieutenant Governor for their timely redressal.

The Minister said that the Union Government under the leadership of PM Modi is dedicated to pace up the developmental scenario of the UT and drastic changes will be witnessed by the people in the coming days.

The Minister said that the Government of India has already been working on various flagship programmes aimed to develop socio-economic status of the people and a number of new schemes are also in the pipeline.

Impressed with the positive and cooperative attitude of different sections of the people, the Union Minister said that everyone has to play a part for boosting the development tempo.

Army guides students for brighter future

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: There are a large number of young students who have passion to Sainik and Military Schools and thereafter Armed Forces, however they lack awareness of how to Join these premier schools. To make students aware and answer queries of students, Indian Army conducted an awareness programme on "How to join Sainik School and Military School" at GHSS, Taralla in District Rajouri (J&K).

The event was focused on helping youth and children to take an informed decision related to join Sainik and Military Schools. During the interactive session with students, main emphasis was laid on approach, methodology to be adopted, syllabus, schedule of exams and various entry schemes. The lecture was well received by keen audience. Students raised queries on the process which were explained in detail by the speaker, thereby motivating the students to join Sainik School and Military School.

Deliberations on implementation of Sc & Tech interventions will be a big step towards making J&K a modern, self-reliant UT: LG

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday addressed the valedictory session of one day workshop on CSIR initiatives for Science & Technology led development in J&K UT, inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, and DoPT at SKICC here.

While inaugurating the workshop Dr. Jitendra Singh said that as every sector is increasingly becoming dependent on technology, awareness among stakeholders is essential for optimum outcomes.

"Science & Technology is the priority sector of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and under his dynamic leadership there is a visible change in this field", Dr. Singh added.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor expressed gratitude to Sh Jitendra Singh, for bringing together the scientists of the premier institutes of CSIR, and taking initiative for accelerating J&K's development through the intervention of science and technology.

The Lt Governor observed that the impressive deliberations and brainstorming on the implementation of Science and Technology interventions will be a big step towards making J&K a modern, safe, self-reliant and prosperous UT.

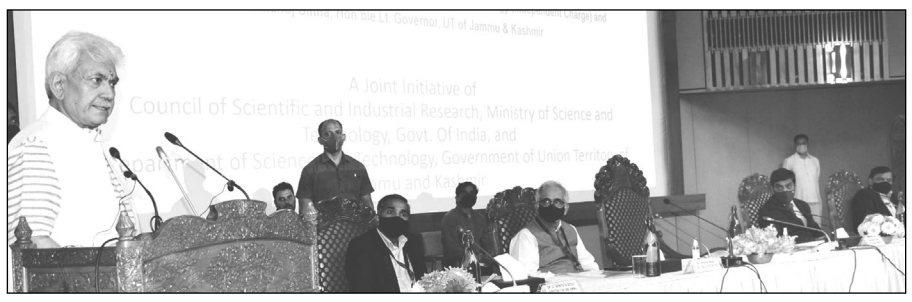
"Technology is evolving at an ever-faster pace today. Science and innovation have huge power to meet the new demands in agriculture, environment, industries & even building affordable housing in rural areas. With right interventions, we will lead J&K on the path of development and prosperity", he added.

The Lt Governor said that it is our responsibility to unleash the long-repressed creativity and business drive of the people and that can only happen with enhanced contacts between CSIR scientists and the common masses.

"The technologies developed by CSIR will be implemented in Jammu and Kashmir to maximum possible extent so that works like Purple revolution of Lavender cultivation under the Aroma Mission can be implemented in other areas across the UT", he added.

Recalling his recent meeting with Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, DG- CSIR, and Dr. D. Srinivasa Reddy, Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, the Lt Governor said that he had asked them to organize a brainstorming on identifying the technologies available with CSIR for their implementation in the J&K.

Terming lavender cultivation as Purple Revolution of Jammu and Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that it has happened with the help of science and technology. Lauding the efforts behind these initiatives, he hoped that through such interventions of science and technology, not only will we get effective control over various problems in the villages and cities but also convert it into an opportunity for the development of J&K.



Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha addressing valedictory session of workshop on CSIR.

The Lt Governor observed that the speed with which the technology is changing and the ease with which it is available; will make any region socially and economically progressive with effective implementation.

"I am reminded of the anti-gas cloth, one of the inventions of CSIR founder Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar. The one invention saved so many lives during World War II. Dr. Bhatnagar always emphasized on the practical utility of science. From the birth of the oil refinery to the development of manganese ore, it was all possible because of him, since he passed the technology from the lab to the field and brought about revolutionary changes. I hope that the same legacy will be carried forward", added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor urged the experts to look at the challenges specific to Jammu & Kashmir in the areas like agriculture, infrastructure, waste management, industrial development, ecology conservation, urban planning, etc due to its unique geo-climatic conditions. While referring to National Environmental Engineering Research Institute's efforts for the revival of three completely disappeared lakes in Bangalore, he asked the concerned to explore if the same, cost-effective technology can be implemented in lakes like Dal, Wular, Jhelum, Nageen.

He mentioned about a recent initiative of CSIR and Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and Intel, leading to a solution-driven by Artificial Intelligence, which could reduce road accidents substantially. He called upon the CSIR scientists to work in the areas like recycling of the material used in the construction of roads, and Cold Mix Plant based technology instead of Hot Mix Plant for longer life of roads in regions like Jammu and Kashmir. "We also need scientific interventions in rural housing, food technology, processing and value addition of medicinal and aromatic crops", he added. While quoting former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Behari Vajpayee, the Lt Governor said that those associated with science and technology should work closely with the craftsmen, artisans of the lower level and help them achieve the full potential of their natural creative skills.

He also quoted Hon'ble PM Sh Narendra Modi saying that science and technology should help address the issues of the poorest. Since 70 percent of the J&K's population is dependent on agriculture and more than 4 lakh women are associated with self-help groups, besides a large population associated with the handicraft sector, if we get the scientific and technological support in these sectors, we will be successful in taking J&K in the direction of rapid development, improving common man's life, he said.

"What CSIR has done so far in Jammu & Kashmir, I consider it as a huge scientific breakthrough for the UT. Now it is time to divide the different scientific and technological properties for a larger impact on growth in different sectors, concluded the Lt Governor.

On the occasion, Secretary, DSIR and Director General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Dr. Shekhar C Mande delivered a presentation of Science & technology led initiatives. He gave a brief about the support to infrastructure development in J&K under the Purple (lavender) Revolution in J&K through floriculture activities.

Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, DG-CSIR; Dr. D. Srinivasa Reddy, Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu; Dr. Ritesh Vijay, Director, CSIR-NEERI besides team of Scientists of CSIR participated in the one day workshop.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary to Government, Science & Technology Department besides vice-chancellors of J&K Universities, senior scientists, professors and officers from UT administration were also present on the occasion.

Workshop on cyber crime held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: The trend of Cyber Fraud and Crime is on the rise, more so in the present lock-down scenario. Indian Army's cyber warrior team has taken up initiative to spread awareness amongst local populace on precautions to be taken while using mobile phones. To spread awareness Army organised an awareness lecture on "Cyber Crime and Bank Fraud" at Lower Kishti in District Poonch (J&K).

During the workshop participants were made aware about various types of Cyber/ internet crimes prevalent in the era of information warfare and measures to prevent Cyber crimes like hacking, ransomware, espionage, financial theft, phishing activities and other internet related crimes. Precautions required to be undertaken while using the social media like Facebook, Whatsapp etc were also discussed in detail and measures like using genuine softwares, firewalls, Antivirus etc and the importance of not sharing passwords was explained. The locals enthusiastically participated in the discussion and clarified their queries during interactive session.

Priyanka of BBSBHC Poonch becomes Resident Secretary of Hockey J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Priyanka Singh of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Hockey Club Poonch became the Resident Secretary of Hockey Jammu and Kashmir .

She is the first ever women in the history of Poonch elected by Hockey Jammu and Kashmir in the presence of IOA, Hockey India and Sports Council.

After the concluding of AGM met with Dr.Narinder Dhruv Batra President FIH, IOC,IOA.

Thanks Hockey India and Hockey Jammu and Kashmir.