

Dr Jitendra leads nation in countrywide Beach cleaning drive

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MUMBAI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday led the nation in countrywide Beach cleaning drive, by participating in the concluding nodal programme of the 75-day long campaign at Juhu beach here. The formal launching of the campaign had also been done by the Minister on 5th of July this year. Simultaneous coastal cleanup and sea beach cleaning took place across all the sea beaches along 7,500 km long coastline of India with lakhs of volunteers participating to commemorate "International Coastal CleanUp Day" that is observed all over the world on the third Saturday of every September, which this year incidentally coincides



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh participating in the concluding programme of 75-day long countrywide Coastal CleanUp drive, at Juhu beach, Mumbai on Saturday.

with the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 17th September being observed as 'Sewa Divas'. While Governors, Chief Ministers, film artists and celebrities along with voluntary organisations join the countrywide drive, at Juhu beach, Mumbai, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra and

participated in beach clean-up activities along with thousands of volunteers from all walks of life. BJP MP Poonam Mahajan and several celebrities as well as NGOs also joined the campaign. A specially composed video song sung by leading playback singers of Bollywood was

also played on the occasion. Dr Jitendra Singh said, in India, the longest and largest beach cleaning campaign in the world lasting 75 days culminated today with Governors, Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, MPs, MLAs,

celebrities including from film and sports world, civil society groups joining the campaign with overwhelming enthusiasm at important beaches in the country. Speaking at the Juhu beach, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the International Coastal CleanUp Day this year coincides with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday celebrated as "Sewa Divas", which has doubled the spirit of volunteers and they have surpassed the target to remove 1,500 ton of single use plastic garbage from the sea coasts through clean-up drive across the country.

The Minister informed that over one lakh volunteers have registered on Eco Mitram App alone.

Congress wins Tingmosgang LAHDC seat

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LEH: In a big jolt to the ruling Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP), the Indian National Congress (INC) candidate Tundup Tashi won the prestigious by-election of Tingmosgang Councillor constituency of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh on Saturday. Counting of votes began at Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra Leh from 10:00 AM. Congress candidate Tashi Tundup, who was later declared as the winner, won with a margin of 273 votes. Tundup bagged 861 votes while BJP candidate Dorjay Namgyal managed only 588 votes. By-election to Tingmosgang Constituency was necessitated as the seat had fallen vacant after the demise of Sonam Dorjay in May this year: Sonam Dorjay was elected from the Constituency during 6th General Election of LAHDC Leh in October 2020. The election was a direct and tough contest between Bhartiya Janata Party candidate Dorjay Namgyal, who has served as a Councillor from the constituency from 2005 to 2010 and INC candidate Tashi Tundup, who is a new entrant into politics. BJP leaders including MP Ladakh Janyang Tsering Nangyal and CEC Leh Tashi Gyaltsan, and Congress leader and former Minister Nawang Rigzin Jora were among the leaders who campaigned rigorously in the constituency.

This election was closely watched by observers as a crucial one and similarly, both political parties have been focusing all their strength, resources and energy to the constituency. The election is seen more as an expression of people's dissatisfaction with the current arrangement of the UT Administration which has no say of any local representative.



Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association J&K calls on LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacting with CGPWA members.

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Central Government Pensioners' Welfare Association (CGPWA), J&K on Saturday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here.

The delegation comprising Mohammad Shafi Pandit, President CGPWA J&K, Abdul Salam Bajad, Showkat Malik, G.H. Kango, G.M. Wani, Sayed Humayun Qaisar and

Khurshid Ahmed Ganai apprised the Lt Governor about various issues and demands of central government pensioners of Jammu Kashmir.

The demands and issues put forth included setting up of Assisted Housing Colonies for senior citizens under PPP mode; extending cashless treatment facilities, setting up separate counters for CGHS for the pensioners

in various tertiary hospitals; setting up Day Care Centre for the pensioners, adjacent to Wellness Centre Srinagar, besides allotment of accommodation at government rates for CGPWA and preference in accessing facilities at public utilities.

The Lt Governor assured the delegation to look into their genuine issues and demands on merit.

Team Jammu, YRS release Varsha Jamwal's album 'King Rajput Maharaja Hari Singh'

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JAMMU: Appreciating the contribution of Dogra artists including writers, lyricists, music composers and actors in carrying forward the Dogra legacy to the younger generation, Chairman Team Jammu, Zoravar Singh Jamwal along with chief patron of Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS), Rajinder Manhas on Saturday released new Dogri-Punjabi album "King Rajput Maharaja Hari Singh" sung by budding singer Varsha Jamwal and Sunny Salaria, here at Maharaja Hari Singh Park. Former President, YRS, Rajveer Singh, Sr Vice President, YRS, Mandeep Singh Chib, Vice-President, Vishal Singh, Yashvir Singh Jasrotia, Mohan Singh Chib, Narinder Singh, Maheshwar Singh and Manish Singh were special guests in the occasion.

While interacting with media person during the release cere-



Team Jammu Chairman, Zoravar Singh Jamwal and others releasing Dogri album.

mony, Chairman Team Jammu said "this is the need of the hour that every Dogra belonging to any religion, caste or creed must ensure that the younger generation knows mother tongue Dogri. If we will forget our mother tongue, we will move miles away from our culture and ethos that will finally end up of our vast and glorious

history." While appreciating Lieutenant Governor, J&K UT, Manoj Sinha for declaring September 23, the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh as holiday, Team Jammu chief said that "this new album of budding singer who is popularly known as Jammu Di Kudi, Varsha Jamwal is another tribute to

last Dogra ruler of J&K. He also lauded the role of musician Sahil Nath, Director K K Malhotra, Assistant Director Prerna, Sharma, DOP Danish Mir for their collective effort in making such a scintillating Dogri-Punjabi album that would definitely hit the stands. Team Jammu chief Zoravar Singh Jamwal also pointed out that "It is apathy of successive governments that Dogri folk, music as well as artists were never given a proper platform to rise and

show their talent to the nation as well as world. But hats off to the Dogra, writers, singers and artists that despite all odds they through their tireless efforts have made a mark in promoting the local folk." Chief Patron, YRS, Rajinder Manhas in his address said that "Let all Jammuites make joint effort to promote our culture, heritage as well as stories of Dogra warriors by promoting our own Dogra artists and writers by making right use of social media like Facebook and Whats app. He assured them that YRS will promote young and budding Dogra artists so that Dogra folk and retain its pristine glory.

Varsha Jamwal appealed to music lovers especially Jammuites to promote her new album King Rajput Maharaja Hari Singh Ji, as it is not just an entertainment album a tribute to Maharaja Hari Singh who gave us Indian nationality and made big social reforms for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

MP Jugal Kishore visits Chamber House, listens to issues raised by members



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma interacting with traders.

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JAMMU: Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma paid a visit to the Chamber House and held a discussion with CCI members on various issues. President Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Arun Gupta while welcoming the Chief Guest said that Jammu Airport which is being developed as an International Airport for which 967 Kanals land has been transferred to Airport Authority of India, out of which 150 Kanals land,

belonging to Animal/ Sheep Husbandry Department need to be sorted out for further expansion of Jammu Airport.

Arun Gupta further said that Jammu City is being developed under Smart City Project which we wholeheartedly welcome the initiative but at the same time we wish to point out that funds are being used in a haphazard manner without doing proper ground work. He further said that the projects should be separated from department to department, to

get proper benefit while main chowks of the city should be developed in proper manner for creating better markets.

Ravinder Sawhney said that drainage system in city is very poor and needs to be developed. Jagdish Langer highlighted issued regarding CLU, stating that same is not to upto mark and circle rates for private land for Industries are 3 to 4 lakh per kanal but the Government has fixed rate as Rs 16 lakh per Kanal. Rajan Gupta, President JPDA Jammu raised the point regarding Reliance/multi brand chains of smart points as same will impact trade. MP Jugal Kishore Sharma gave a patient hearing to the issues raised by CCI members and assured for taking up the issues with concerned departments. Others present on the occasion included Anil Gupta, Rajeev Gupta, Rajesh Gupta and Rajesh Gupta.

Blood Donation Camps organized at various jails in Jammu region



Police Officer donating blood at District Jail Amphalla.

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JAMMU: On the directions of DG Prisons J&K, H.K Lohia, all prisons in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad , organised blood donations camp on Saturday, on the Birthday of Prime Minister, to support the Country Wide Mega Blood Donation Drive, to raise awareness about humanitarian issue of donation of blood.

Certificate and refreshment were provided to the donors , as a mark of our gratitude . 31 vol-

unteers also donated blood at district Jail Amphalla Jammu. Similar camps were organized in Central Jail Jammu and District Jail Rajouri. The blood donation camps were open for volunteers from amongst the staff and citizens, and many volunteers donated blood. Proper protocol was followed to ensure safety. Certificates and refreshments were provided to the donors as a mark of our gratitude.

The Jawans of CRPF, JKP and Fire & Emergency Service

also donated blood at District Jail Rajouri during the blood donation camp. Speaking on occasion,

Sanjeev Kumar, Superintendent District Jail Rajouri, said that donating blood is one of the most precious gifts for humanity and also appreciated the blood donors for their support and participation in making the blood donation camp Successful.

A special Para Medical Team, headed by Dr. Zulfiqar Ahmed, from Department of Blood Transfusion Medicines SMGS Hospital Jammu along with Medical officers and Para medical staff of the Central Jail conducted the blood donation process. Certificates and refreshment was provided to the donors, as a gesture of gratitude. At Bhadarwah, Superintendent Jail Mushtaq Malla said that a total 30 jawans of Jail police and CRPF volunteered themselves to donated blood on first day of the nationwide campaign.

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JAMMU: Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu on Saturday organised CME on 'Palliative Care & Cancer Pain Management' under the aegis of Indian society of Anaesthesia (ISA), Jammu.

The CME was organised by Department of Anaesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain Medicine, GMC Jammu.

The CME was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Bhupinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education and Guest of Honour, Ayushi Sudan, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Jammu.

Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal & Dean, GMC Jammu welcomed the dignitaries.



Admn Secretary H&ME Bhupinder Kumar lighting a lamp.

Bhupinder Kumar said that the National Palliative Care programme was started in 2012 with the primary aim of improving quality of life in patients suffering from chronic or debilitating illnesses which may be not curable.

He said that an interdis-

plinary and multispecialty co-ordination is required for the success of the programme.

He further said that public awareness regarding the availability of facilities for palliative care is required so that the public can benefit out of it.

He urged the faculty of Anaesthesia to train more and more doctors in palliative care and assured them full support for the successful implementation of the programme.

Proceedings of the conference were chaired by Dr. Anju Jamwal, Professor & Head, Department of Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine. Dr. Rajesh Mahajan, Associate Professor was the Organising Secretary. Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar, Professor & Head, Onco-Anaesthesia and Palliative Care, AIIMS New Delhi delivered the presidential address.

The theme of conference was Palliative Care and Cancer Pain Management among the doctors in Jammu region.

Faculty from various premiere institutes of the country joined the CME to impart knowledge and share views on the issues of palliative care and pain management.

Faculty of Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine namely Dr. Naine Bhadrara, Dr.Shruti Gupt, Dr. Neha Sharma, Dr. Rajdeep Kour carried out the scientific proceedings.

In addition to real time proceeding of the conference, it was available on online mode. More than 200 delegates attended the proceedings of the conference.

Ashwani Khajuria, Administrator GMC & AHs, HoDs and staff from various departments of GMC Jammu were present on the occasion. Dr. Anita Vig presented the vote of thanks.