

ASCOMS & Hospital celebrates World Patient Safety Day

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JAMMU: To commemorate World Patient Safety Day, Department of Hospital Administration, ASCOMS & H, organized Quality and Safety Week in which various activities were organized on the theme of "Patient Safety".

The event was organized under the supervision of Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal, Medical Superintendent, ASCOMS & Hospital and Dr. Deepika Mahajan, Dy. Medical Superintendent & Organizing Secretary.

Posters, Rangoli & Slogan competition were conducted during the week.

Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Director (Coordination), New Govt. Medical Colleges, Nursing and Paramedical Colleges of Jammu & Kashmir & President, Academy of



ASCOMS management members presenting memento to Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Director (Coordination), New GMCs, Nursing and Paramedical Colleges of J&K.

Hospital Administration India was the Chief Guest. Others present were Manik Batra, Trustee, ASCOMS & Guest of Honour, Dr. K.S. Mehta, Director Principal, ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Prof & HOD, Paediatrics, ASCOMS, Dr. Bella Mahajan, Prof & HOD, Microbiology, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Prof & HOD, ENT, Dr. Rajesh K Gupta, Prof & HOD, Orthopaedics, Brig (Dr.) R.K. Khajuria, Prof, PSM & Dr. Meraj Din Chauhan, DGM (Audit & Hosp Adm.) ASCOMS.

This event was also attended by faculty, staff, Postgraduate students, paramedics and both MBBS and nursing students.

Dr. Rabinder Rattanpal in his welcome address highlighted the importance of Patient Safety followed by a presentation about the activities conducted throughout Quality and Safety Week by Dr. Deepika Mahajan. Dr. Yashpal Sharma, the Chief Guest highlighted the various key points in his Guest Lecture on Patient Safety by giving a detailed Presentation.

He appreciated the efforts of Department of Hospital Administration for organizing this event.

Dr. K.S Mehta, Director Principal, congratulated the Organizing Committee for successfully conducting the Quality & Safety Week on the occasion of World Patient Safety Day 2023.

A cleanliness drive was also conducted at the start of the week which culminated on 15th of September 2023 and Department of Paediatrics secured first position.

A skit on Patient Safety was performed by the students of Nursing College under the guidance of Prof (Dr.) Indra Moza, Principal, ASCONE.

The participants and the winners were felicitated by the dignitaries followed by a vote of thanks by Dr. Meraj Din Chauhan in which he thanked the ASCOMS Management for their unwavering support and invaluable contribution to make the Event successful. Sonia Kohli was the host for the Event.

Lt Gen Kotwal elected President Endocrine Society of India

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Son of the soil, Lieutenant General Narendra Kotwal, Director and Commandant of the Armed Forces Medical College has been elected as President of Endocrine Society of India.

The Endocrine Society of India is the largest professional body of endocrinologists in India providing a common platform and network for clinicians, and researchers with special interest in endocrinology.

Lt Gen Kotwal did his MBBS from Government Medical College Jammu, MD in Internal Medicine from AFMC.

He is a Diplomate of National Board in Medicine and a Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (MNAMS).



Continuing his academic journey further, he acquired a Doctorate of Medicine (DM) in Endocrinology from PGIMER CHD. He is also an alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi where he was awarded an M.Phil. in Defence and Strategic studies.

Dr Kotwal belongs to a respectable family. His father Professor JL Kotwal is a renowned educationist and social reformer. His mother Binla Baloria is also an educationist and is Director of KNTI institute. The General Officer has the distinction of providing medical care to four Presidents of India.

He has also held the coveted appointments of member of Specialist Committee under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana; Advisor, UPSC for empanelment of advisors; Member, Standard Treatment Workflows (STWs) by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

He has also served as the Vice President, Endocrinology Society of India and as Secretary, Indian Thyroid Society.

He has been an academic guide to numerous postgraduate and super specialty students. He has numerous scientific publications in acclaimed international and national indexed academic journals and is also a reviewer for numerous international and national academic journals.

Bhalla asks party functionaries to highlight "failures" of BJP Govt



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla speaking at a party workers meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ahead of the Local Body and Panchayat polls in Jammu & Kashmir, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Saturday held a review meeting at party headquarters, here on Saturday in which important issues related to elections were discussed.

The meeting was attended by Mula Ram, Yogesh Sawhney, Balbir Singh, Hari Singh Chib, Kanta Bhan, Mammohan Singh, Rajnish Sharma, and others. Bhalla asked party workers to gear up for the upcoming urban local bodies and panchayat

elections, saying "deserving" candidates would be given the party mandate.

He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir are the worst hit due to the "wrong policies" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP and accused them of "snatching" their rights over land and jobs and "downgrading" a full-fledged state to a Union Territory.

He asked party workers to get ready to defeat the "anti-

CME on Nursing Excellence held in GMC Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Continuing Medical Education (CME) on Excellence in Nursing Care was organized by the Hospital Administration of Government Medical College (GMC) and Associated Hospitals, Jammu on Saturday.



Doctors presenting memento to Principal & Dean, GMC Jammu, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta.

In the inaugural note, Principal & Dean, GMC Jammu, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta said Ancillary Services are most important services which define the outlook of any hospital, providing any services to the community.

He stressed that beside having clinical and surgical skills as well as nursing skills, it is equally important to have effective communication and ethical skills.

He stressed while dealing with the patient one and all should have both sym-

pathy and empathy in their behaviour.

Further, Principal & Dean announced that code blue for Emergency Triage system of the hospital for the fastest delivery of action in case of acute emergency arising in hospital shall be introduced very soon in key

areas of Government Medical College & Associated Hospitals, Jammu dealing with emergency.

He congratulated Ashwani Khajuria, Administrator, AHJ, Dr. Narinder Singh Bhatial, Medical Superintendent, GMCH Jammu & Rehana Akhter Bijli, Personnel Officer, AHJ for this excellent initiative for the first time in the history of Government Medical College Jammu for this event. He further said this will be the regular affair henceforth.

Various session, Deliberations &

Interactions were held. Kanta Devi spoken on Ethics and Behavior, the session was chaired by Dr. Ashok K. Sharma, Dr. Sanjay K. Bhasin and Dr. Vishal R. Tandon. Subsequently, Reema Sharma spoken on Nutrition and the session was chaired by Dr. Ghanshyam Saini, Dr. Rajeev Gupta and Dr. Suman K. Kotwal and Sumaiya Siddiqui. Mohammad Arif deliberated on role of infection control by nurses, the session was chaired by Dr. Rahul Gupta, Dr. Anju Jamwal, Dr. Sandeep Dogra and Dr. Shruti Gupta.

The CME was attended by many Senior Members of the Administration, Faculty Members, Nurses, Paramedical Staff, Resident and Postgraduate students.

FICCI FLO JKL's 'Uday Programme' paving way for entrepreneurship and innovation

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 'Uday Programme,' a collaborative effort between FICCI FLO JKL and Bangalore-based Seaham India, is an effort to build foundations in the realm of entrepreneurship in the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh regions.

This initiative, aptly named 'Uday: Nayi Ummeedon Ki Shruuaat' is shining a beacon of hope and creating fresh opportunities for young talents.

The programme's core mission is to instill an entrepreneurial mindset in young individuals, fostering their creativity and providing the necessary support to turn their ideas into thriving businesses.

Varuna Anand underscores the collective responsibility to boost the startup ecosystem by identifying and supporting young talents with exceptional ideas, enabling them to translate their concepts into successful ventures.

The program offers a substantial cash prize of 51,000/- to five finalists in the student category, along with financial support, mentorship, and guidance for five students whose ideas demonstrate the potential for growth and success in the undergraduate category.

By investing in these budding entrepreneurs, 'Uday' aspires to cultivate a vibrant startup culture in the region while promoting gender inclusivity within the startup landscape. The application process for this program is user-friendly and free, accessible via the official website at www.udaystart-up.in.

Varuna Anand highlights that the 'Uday' investment program caters to two distinct age-based categories: students from Class 9 to Class 12 and those pursuing undergraduate studies in colleges.

Postgraduate Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics organizes guest lecture



Dr Rakesh Gupta Principal & Dean IGGDC Jammu and others at a programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Postgraduate Department of Conservative Dentistry And Endodontics today organized guest lectures in the auditorium of IGGDC Jammu by renowned speakers and pioneers in their respective fields. Dr. Sourabh Gupta Dean examination, AIIMS Jammu who is a well known root canal specialist gave a detailed presentation on recent advances in the diagnostic field related to endodontics and gave tips to young faculty and postgraduates in endodontics. Dr. Sai Kalyan Director, Research Prevest Denpro Ltd. spoke about recent trends in material

aspect of therapies crucial for saving young permanent teeth. This faculty development program was conceived by Dr. Prof Azhar Malik HOD, Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics was attended by senior faculty, postgraduates and undergraduate students of the institute.

The event also carried 2 CDE points by J&K SDC in which Dr. Bhupender Singh President JKSDC (observer) and Dr. Ritesh Gupta Registrar JKSDC were also invited. Dr. Rachna Dhani (Asstt. Prof) gave welcome address and Dr. Rudra Kaul (Lecturer) introduced the speakers. Dr. Professor Parveen Akhtar Lone Prof

If Pakistan does not shun wounding Kashmir, India will respond heavily: J&KBJP chief

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), J&K said that if Pakistan does not shun wounding Kashmir onwards, the India has no option left except to respond heavily while penetrating in their territory.

"Whenever Kashmiris start to live a peaceful and untroubled life, and continue their affairs brotherly with each other, Pakistan intervenes with violent activities like Anantnag and Rajouri encounters. Pakistan wants to turn Kashmir into a graveyard. It has paid heavy price in past for such actions, and if the neighbouring country will not mend its behavior and stop sending terrorists in Kashmir, India will otherwise respond heavily in coming days," said Ravinder Raina after visiting the residence of DySP Humayun Muzamil Bhat in Humhama, who along with other two Army officer laid down his



President BJP J&K, Ravinder Raina expressing condolences with family members of DySP Humayun Muzamil Bhat in Humhama.

life in Anantnag encounter. Raina said few elements in Kashmir Valley doesn't want peace to continue and that is why they are playing bloody games to inflict terror in the minds of people.

"DySP Humayun Bhat and other Army officers laid down their lives for the integrity of India. Those committed this sin and killed our bravehearts will be responded heavily," he said.

Replying to a query, the BJP J&K President said "I'm not here to give political

statement as today I visited here with an aim to offer my condolences with the family of DySP Humayun Bhat. India always initiated dialogue with Pakistan, but they always reciprocated with violence. Will Dr. Farooq Abdullah give us a guarantee that Pakistan will stop terrorism once India comes to the table. The former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee reached Pakistan through bus. He also called Pak President to

Agra for talks. However, the neighboring country responded with Kargil attack, Parliament attack etc. Dr. Farooq Abdullah should come along on these actions and killers."

Paying homage to DySP Muzamil Humayun and other Army officers, Raina said, "I salute to these Braveheart's who fought with bravery and courage against terrorists. Nation stands with them and their families," he added.

DB directives in PIL regarding Illegal construction at Patnitop

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding illegal construction at Patnitop, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice N Kotishwar Singh and Justice Rajesh Sekhri granted four weeks time to Sr. AAG Monika Kohli appearing for the CBI to do the needful in terms of order dated July 24, 2023, failing which, the concerned officials will be directed to appear before this Court.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on December 31, 2019, Division Bench had directed Director Central Bureau of Investigation to conduct in depth enquiry into encroachment on forest land and other public land; illegal change of use and misuse of the land in violation of the permitted user; raising of illegal constructions; failure of the authorities to take action; fix the responsibility of the persons who were at the helm of affairs and were duty bound and responsible for their taking action; their failure to proceed in accordance with law on issues regarding several aspects relating to the illegal constructions compounding and misuse thereof and; any other illegality.

HC stays investigation in FIR against XEN

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Justice MA Chowdhary of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court after hearing Adv Aseem Sawhney, stayed the investigation in FIR registered against an Executive Engineer (XEN).

The petitioner Er. Mohd Aslam Lone is an Executive Engineer and presently posted as Executive Engineer PWD, R&B Division Marwah and while performing his duties in the area of his jurisdiction the petitioner and his staff encountered the illegal acts of the respondent no. 2 who is a contractor of JAL (Jaiparkash Industries Limited) and when confronted, the respondent no. 2 took law into his hands and manhandled the petitioner and his staff for which the petitioner lodged an FIR before the Police Station Kishtwar bearing no. 198/2023 dated August

23, 2023 under Sections 353/504/506 IPC against the accused/ respondent no. 2. Irked by the lodging of the FIR the respondent no. 2 moved the Court of Ld CJM Kishtwar and by concocting the facts of the same incident got the impugned order under section 156 (3) against the petitioner on which the impugned FIR no. 201/2023 dated August 30, 2023 has been registered.

Justice MA Chowdhary after hearing Adv Aseem Sawhney, observed that when the Government road was being damaged by Respondent no. 2, the petitioner had objected to that and the said respondent had created a scene and committed offences which were reported by him to the Police for investigation; that on his complaint, a case was registered vide FIR No. 198/2023 dated 23.08.2023 having been offended of the registra-

tion of the case against him, the complainant/Respondent No. 2 moved an application before the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kishtwar, which was forwarded to the Police for registration of the case, which is apparently the abuse of process of law, as such, the same is not in consonance of the law laid down by the Apex Court in case titled as "Anil Kumar vs. M.K. Aiyappa" reported in 2013 (10) SCC 705 wherein it has been held that a Magistrate before passing direction for investigation against Public Servants have to keep in mind the requirement of sanction.

The High Court issued notice to respondents and directed that subject to objections from the other side and till the next date of hearing before the Bench, further investigation into the case be ordered to be stayed.

DPAP organises workers meet, starts preparations for upcoming Panchayat Elections



DPAP leader Mohd Amin Bhat along with party youth leader Irshad Ahmad Bhat addressing workers meet.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) organised workers meet at Bihama, Qazigund by Mohd Amin Bhat along with party youth leader Irshad Ahmad Bhat.

Provincial President Kashmir requested people to vote and support DPAP and make the party strong at gross root level.

He made people aware about the party manifesto and said, "if we will get majority in upcoming elections we will eradicate unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir."

"Unemployment is biggest problem in Jammu and Kashmir and our Party Chairman, Gh Nabi Azad, is expected to become the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and is believed to have the capability to address the problems facing the people of the region," Bhat added.