

AOI Jammu hosts conference on gallbladder cancer updates

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JAMMU: The American Oncology Institute (AOI), in partnership with ASCOMS & Hospital, organized a comprehensive medical conference focused on the latest developments in the diagnosis and treatment of gallbladder cancer (GBC).



Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal of ASCOMS Hospital presenting memento to MLA Sham Lal Sharma.

Held in Jammu, the event served as a vital platform for oncologists, surgeons, and medical professionals to exchange insights, share knowledge, and discuss best practices in managing this aggressive form of cancer. The conference opened with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony. The inaugural address was delivered by Chief Guest Sham Lal Sharma, MLA Jammu North, alongside Guest of Honour Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal of ASCOMS Hospital. Both dignitaries commended AOI and ASCOMS

for their commitment to enhancing cancer care in Jammu and Kashmir. The academic sessions were led by renowned oncologists from the AOI team. Dr. Avinash Rajra, Consultant - Surgical Oncology, presented an overview of surgical strategies and outcomes in gallbladder cancer. Dr. Nadeem Showket, Consultant - Medical Oncology, shed light on systemic therapies, empha-

sizing recent advancements in chemotherapy. Meanwhile, Dr. Deepak Abrol, Senior Consultant - Radiation Oncology, spoke about the evolving role of radiation therapy in the context of a multimodal treatment approach. One of the key highlights of the event was an engaging panel discussion titled "Controversies in Gallbladder Cancer Management." The session fostered lively debate and collaborative dialogue,

allowing specialists to deliberate on complex treatment decisions and align on best practices. The interactive nature of the panel emphasized the importance of multidisciplinary teamwork in improving patient outcomes. The conference witnessed participation from over 50 doctors representing various medical institutions, underlining the growing interest in academic oncology and the importance of continuing medical education in tier-II and tier-III cities like Jammu. Speaking at the event, Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi, Regional COO of the American Oncology Institute, noted, "At AOI, our goal is not just to treat cancer but to empower the medical community with continuous education and access to global standards of care. Conferences like this reaffirm our commitment to bridging the gap

between technology, expertise, and patient-centric care in regions like Jammu." Rayhan Husaini, Facility Director at AOI-ASCOMS Jammu, added, "We are proud to host such an impactful academic initiative that brings specialists together to address region-specific cancer challenges. AOI-ASCOMS stands as a symbol of integrated cancer care in Jammu, and this event strengthens our resolve to further elevate oncological services." Prof. Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal of ASCOMS & Hospital, concluded, "As an academic institution, we are delighted to partner with AOI in creating a platform that fosters both clinical excellence and academic inquiry. This conference aligns with our mission of advancing medical education and multidisciplinary collaboration in Jammu and beyond."

Dental Surgeons stage protest outside Govt. Dental College Jammu



Dental surgeons during a protest at Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: The dental surgeon community of Jammu & Kashmir today staged a peaceful protest outside Govt. Dental College, Jammu, highlighting nearly 17 years of neglect by successive governments, during which no employment opportunities have been generated for dental professionals in the Union Territory. Hundreds of qualified dental surgeons, many of whom have remained unemployed for over a decade, participated in the protest. They expressed deep anguish that despite the growing oral health needs of the population, the government has failed to create posts, fill existing vacancies, or frame a policy to absorb skilled dental professionals. The protesters reminded that the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), in its memorandum, had clearly assured that employment avenues would be created for dental surgeons. However, even after years, no concrete steps have been taken, leaving

thousands of professionals disheartened and frustrated. Speaking on the occasion, representatives of the protesting dental surgeons said, "For the last 17 years, our fraternity has been completely ignored. Thousands of highly qualified dental surgeons are sitting unemployed, while people in rural and urban areas are deprived of proper oral healthcare. Even political parties that assured us employment in their memorandums have failed to deliver. This is a grave injustice to both professionals and the public." The protesting dental surgeons raised three major demands before the government including creation of regular employment opportunities for dental surgeons, immediate filling of long-pending vacant posts in hospitals and healthcare centres, and formulation of a transparent recruitment and policy framework for dental professionals. They warned that if their genuine concerns continue to be ignored, they will be compelled to intensify their agitation in the coming days.

DIHAR has revolutionised Ladakh's Agro-Tech: LG Kavinder



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta during visit to DIHAR Centre in Leh.

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LEH: Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research (DIHAR) has revolutionised Ladakh's agro-tech sector by pioneering cold-arid agro-animal technologies, significantly improving food security, socio-economic development, and military-civil cooperation. Its research has enabled both locals and soldiers to cultivate a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, strengthened food availability for troops, and introduced innovative solar thermal technologies for sustainable heating - all vital for enhancing the quality of life in Ladakh's high-altitude environment.

This was stated by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, during his visit to the DIHAR Centre in Leh. He was accompanied by First Lady Bindu Gupta; Director, DIHAR, Dr. O.P. Chaurasia; scientists and staff of DIHAR. The Lt Governor highlighted DIHAR's vital role in developing and implementing advanced cold-arid agro-animal technologies to support the Army and local communities in extreme climatic conditions. He noted that DIHAR's innovations - such as specialised greenhouses, passive solar energy systems, and research on medicinal

plants - have been of immense benefit to both soldiers and civilians. Commending DIHAR for its revolutionary farming techniques, the Lt Governor said that the successful introduction of new vegetable and fruit crops in such a challenging terrain has been a breakthrough. He added that models like the Ladakh Greenhouse have ensured the supply of fresh vegetables during peak winter months, when temperatures plummet below minus 20 degrees, reducing dependence on tinned food. Earlier, Dr. O.P. Chaurasia gave a detailed presentation on DIHAR's journey since its inception in 1960, aimed at augmenting fresh food supply for troops in collaboration with local farmers. He highlighted the introduction of over 100 varieties of vegetables, several fruit crops, and the development of the Ladakh Greenhouse model. Earlier, the Lt Governor also inspected the Vegetable Research Unit and the Animal Research Unit.

3rd National Lok Adalat-2025 held in Jammu

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JAMMU: In Compliance to the directions of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, 3rd National Lok Adalat-2025 was held on Saturday at District Court Complex Janipur Jammu under the Chairmanship of Y. P. Bournay, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Jammu). The Lok Adalat was inaugurated by Y. P. Bournay. On the occasion, Chairman District Legal Services Authority Jammu emphasized the importance of National Lok Adalat in amicable settlement of long pending disputes and role of Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods which is a vital tool in the Justice delivery system for speedy and one time settlement of disputes. The general masses can take the benefit of Lok Adalats as the award passed by the Lok Adalat Benches attains finality. On the occasion, the Chairman DLSA Jammu distributed five MACT



Chairman DLSA (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Jammu), Y. P. Bournay handing over a cheque to a claimant.

Cheques among the claimants. Different kinds of cases were taken up wherein different cases were settled in a very amicable and conducive manner. A total of 29 benches were constituted in different Courts to deal with the matters of Civil nature, Bank Recovery, Criminal Compoundable, MACT, Matrimonial, NI Act u/s 138, Revenue Cases, BSNL Cases, Electricity Bills, Other Civil Cases

and Others Traffic Challans cases were taken up today in the District Court Complex, Janipur Jammu. A total number of 276581 cases pertaining to different nature were taken up, out of which 217525 cases were settled. The total Amount recovered is Rs. 16,14,38,844. Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Jammu also set-

tled several Cases. In Pinki Bhan vs Predaman Krishan Koul, an amount of Rs. 79,00,000/- was awarded in favour of the claimant after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by the respondent. Similarly, in Tulsi Dass Vs United India Insurance Co case an amount of Rs. 28,47,680/- was awarded in favour of the claimant

after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by the respondent. Likewise, three cases were settled by the Ld. Addl. Sessions Judge Anti Corruption Jammu (Addl. MACT Jammu):- In Pinky Devi & Ors vs Tata AIG Ins. Co. Ltd case an amount of Rs. 40,50,000/- was awarded in favour of the claimant after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by the respondent. In Sharina Begum vs TATA case an amount of Rs. 16,50,000/- was awarded in favour of the claimant after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by the respondent. For the Nirmala Khera vs Ashish case, an amount of Rs. 66,00,000/- was awarded in favour of the claimant after settlement. The amount was paid as compensation by the respondent.

Vice Chancellor inaugurates Incubation Centre at IIMC Jammu

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu, marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of its Incubation Centre - a dedicated hub aimed at fostering innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship among media students. The centre was formally inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of IIMC, Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur, in the presence of distinguished academicians, faculty, staff, and students. The event was graced by Dr. Dilip Kumar, Regional Director, and Neha Jalali, Director (Administration and Finance), IIMC Jammu, along with faculty members



VC IIMC, Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur inaugurating Incubation Centre at IIMC Jammu.

and students. In her address, Dr. Gaur highlighted the importance of nurturing creativity and

entrepreneurial spirit in the evolving media landscape. She emphasized that the Incubation Centre will serve

as a dynamic platform for students to explore digital opportunities, experiment with ideas, and work on projects with real-world impact. She announced upcoming collaborations with premier institutions such as IIMs, IITs, and legal experts to provide mentorship and skill-building for aspiring media entrepreneurs. Encouraging students to take ownership of their learning, Dr. Gaur remarked, "Parents can pay the fees, but real effort must come from you. Beyond Instagram reels, focus on real learning. Whether preparing for UPSC or placements, stay aware of what's happening in the world." Dr. Gaur also stressed the

value of research and assured students of improved access to journals and upgraded library facilities. Highlighting gender diversity on campus, she applauded the academic achievements of female students and urged everyone to wisely use their time. "This time of study will not return," she reminded. She encouraged participation in Ideathon 2.0, creation of culturally rich podcasts, and emphasized physical fitness. The Incubation Centre, she noted, is open not only to current students but also to IIMC alumni. The initiative reflects IIMC Jammu's forward-looking vision to empower future leaders in media, research, and entrepreneurship.

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Adhivakta Parishad celebrates foundation day with session on Indus Waters Treaty

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JAMMU: Adhivakta Parishad Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh celebrated its Foundation Day with fervour, bringing together members of the legal fraternity for a meaningful commemoration. The event served not only as a tribute to the Parishad's remarkable journey but also as a platform for academic and national discourse through a thought-provoking session on the Indus Waters Treaty. The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a warm welcome extended to the distinguished guests - Sant Kumar Sharma, a veteran journalist and author of Indus Waters Treaty - Mirroring The Facts, and

Abhinav Sharma ji, Senior Advocate. They were received by Advocate Kuldeep Raj Gupta, Advocate K. S. Charak, Advocate S. S. Nanda, and other respected members of the Parishad. Advocate Jasbir Singh Jasrotia set the tone of the event by welcoming all participants and highlighting the Parishad's unwavering commitment to legal ethics and national awareness. He emphasized the importance of engaging with issues that shape India's legal and geopolitical framework. The highlight of the day was the enlightening session on the Indus Waters Treaty. Sant Kumar Sharma ji provided an in-depth analysis of the treaty's historical evolu-

tion, legal contours, and the broader impact on India's water rights. Abhinav Sharma supplemented the discussion with expert legal perspectives, emphasizing the treaty's contemporary relevance in light of regional and international dynamics. The Parishad also celebrated the professional achievements of newly designated Senior Advocates, honoring their dedication and contribution to the field of law. Concluding the event, Rohan Nanda, General Secretary, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, reaffirming the Parishad's mission to uphold constitutional values and continue its role as a beacon of justice and legal excellence in the region.

Jugal enhances MPLADS contribution to Rs 2.5 Cr for flood-affected



MP Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma handing over a allocation of Rs 2.5 crore under MPLADS to BJP J&K President.

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JAMMU: Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma has announced an increased allocation of Rs 2.5 crore under the MPLADS, raising the earlier commitment of Rs 1 Crore, to accelerate relief and rehabilitation efforts for the flood-affected people. The announcement was made at the BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, in the pres-

ence of J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, Spokesperson & former MLC Girdhari Lal Raina, Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta, KDD President Rajeev Pandita, along with other senior party leaders. Expressing appreciation, Sat Sharma said that Jugal Kishore Sharma has demonstrated true commitment to public service by

stepping forward in a time of crisis. Jugal Kishore Sharma, while announcing the enhanced support, said that the allocation is not just about funds but represents a pledge of solidarity with the people. He underlined that restoration of damaged infrastructure and revival of livelihoods is the topmost priority, assuring that MPLADS resources will be fully utilized for the welfare of those impacted.

BJP slams AAP for patronizing anti-national elements, shielding tainted leaders

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JAMMU: Dr. Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia, spokesperson of Jammu & Kashmir BJP, came down heavily on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for its open patronage of anti-national and anti-social elements, charging the party with giving top positions to individuals with the most tainted police chargesheets. He also warned the people of Punjab and elsewhere against the divisive and anti-national and anti-social conduct of Aam Aadmi Party. Dr. Abhijeet was addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, accompanied by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge J&K BJP, and spokespersons Dr. Hari Dutt Shishu and Adv. Parimoksh Seth. Dr. Jasrotia exposed the hypocrisy of AAP leader Sanjay Singh, stating that while Singh tried to shield AAP MLA Mehraj Malik by



J&K BJP Spokesperson, Dr. Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia talking to reporters.

waving certain documents, his own record makes him the "most tainted politician" with as many as 22 FIRs registered against him, far more than even Mehraj Malik. "A leader with such a dubious record has no integrity to testify for others. In fact, this is the very character of AAP, its office bearers and representatives seem to be history-sheeters, as if having criminal records is a prerequisite for elevation in the party," he charged. Lambasting Sanjay Singh further, Dr. Jasrotia said

Singh came only to spread lies. Referring to Singh's remarks that Piaz Ahmad Nazar was a terrorist, he clarified that even the administration had confirmed that Nazir's name was falsely confused and at the time he was merely a student. "This proves how casually AAP picks issues, without facts, only to instigate the atmosphere and befoul the public. After deceiving the people of Delhi, they are now attempting to mislead people elsewhere, including Jammu & Kashmir," he said.

He accused AAP of deliberately trying to create communal wedges, asserting firmly that BJP will not allow such designs to succeed. Dr. Jasrotia highlighted several glaring cases exposing AAP's true character: Sheikh Fida Hussain, its contested candidate from Devsar, remained under TADA court custody for a year; Manjinder Singh Lalpura, AAP MLA from Taran-Taran, faces molestation trials so severe that the victim had to seek security for her safety; and Mehraj Malik has glorified jihadist groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba, hailed terrorist Burhan Wani, insulted a lady doctor. These activities endorse Swati Mahiwal's charges also. Malik even abused Hindus by calling them 'Sharabis with Tilaks', branding Muslims as "Chor-Sharabis," and said that he will spit on the face of Singh, while abusing the

DC. He habitually hurled abusive remarks against dignitaries, including government officials. He went so far as to instigate road blockades that tragically caused the death of a two-month-old girl child. "Such behavior is not aberration but the very qualification for climbing ranks in AAP," Dr. Jasrotia said, further exposing Raghav Chadha's close ties with separatist sympathizers and recalling Pannu's allegations of funding AAP while seeking freedom for terrorists. Issuing a stern warning, Dr. Jasrotia called upon the people of Punjab to rise against AAP, which has already plunged the state into a cesspool of drugs, mafia, and lawlessness. "If Punjab continues to rely on AAP, it risks becoming a breeding ground for terrorism, given the party's direct liaisons with such forces," he cautioned.