

66% above 45 yrs receive first dose in J&K

India's vaccination drive unmatched in scale: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, May 26 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances,



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh in an exclusive interview with Sansad/Rajya Sabha TV, on Wednesday.

Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that India's vaccination drive is unmatched in its scale and despite a large population of 135 crore and heterogeneous character of the country, the vaccination drive is proceeding smoothly. In Jammu & Kashmir alone, around 66% population above the age of 45 years have received the first dose of vaccine, he said.

In an exclusive interview to Sansad/Rajya Sabha TV, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India was

the quickest to administer 100 million doses of vaccine and fastest to begin vaccinating those above the age of 18. He said, instead of politicising the issue, we should all collaborate to make India's vaccination drive a mass movement.

The initial hesitancy or apprehension about taking the vaccine, said Dr Jitendra Singh, has also been overcome. In every part of the country today, all the eligible

age groups are turning out in huge numbers for inoculation. He said, the second wave of the pandemic has further reiterated the need to receive vaccines for all eligible persons.

Responding to a question about the recent surge of COVID in Jammu & Kashmir, Dr Jitendra Singh said, from the end of April and beginning of May, entire Jammu & Kashmir particularly Jammu District has shown increased positivity rate and increased mortality rate. It became a matter of concern for

the administration and also caused apprehensions in the society. However, he said, over the last one week, there has been a downward trend in these parameters and positivity rate.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the mortality rate in Jammu & Kashmir peaked around 17th of May, but is now showing progressive decline. Another heartening feature, he said, is that around 66% persons above the age of 45 years have received the first dose of vaccine in the Union Territory.

Referring to reports about the Northeast turning into a hot spot, Dr Jitendra Singh said, there is no doubt that in recent times, the North Eastern States, which had remained unaffected in the first wave, have shown a steep rise in Covid positive cases. But the preparedness and the infrastructural capability is in place, with satisfactory handling of the situation and tremendous amount of confidence is there among the general public.

Dr Jitendra Singh also enumerated a number of initiatives taken by the Ministry of DoNER in the wake of the pandemic. He said, the Ministry of DoNER is helping State hospitals and other related health infrastructure in Northeastern States including Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Assam, and Tripura.

Dr Jitendra Singh also referred to the support by Japan and UNDP who have come forward to set up 8 Oxygen Plants in different parts of Northeastern regions. Meanwhile, he said, over 71 lakh persons have already been vaccinated in the North Eastern region with the maximum number being from Assam.

J&K targets 4,200 km PMGSY roads in 2021-22

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JAMMU, May 26: The Chief Secretary, B V R Subrahmanyam today held a meeting with the Principal Secretary, Public Works Department (R&B), to review the progress made under the flagship programme, 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana' (PMGSY) in the previous financial year and fixed a target of

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completing 4,200 km of road this fiscal. While appreciating the progress made in the previous financial year, the Chief Secretary observed that the department has registered an unprecedented achievement by completing 3,300 km of rural roads under various schemes,

Nation needs one more Nehru to lead India: Mir

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SRINAGAR, May 26: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Ghulam Ahmad Mir today paid rich tributes to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on his death anniversary and recalled his selfless services to the Nation. JKPCC president said Pt. Nehru played a crucial role in independence movement and laid the foundation of modern India after

thereby providing safe and secure all-weather connectivity to the eligible habitations.

The Chief Secretary maintained that the department must utilize the acquired expertise in fast-tracked project execution to achieve a road length of 4,200 km this fiscal. The projected target includes 800 km and 3400 km rural road in Kashmir and Jammu province, respectively. He asked the Principal Secretary to periodically review district-wise progress for timely resolution of bottlenecks and associated challenges. He advised the department to prioritize works that are free from encumbrances while simultaneously resolving such issues/grievances in the projects facing delays.

The department was also asked to maintain quality standards and ensure creation of high-quality infrastructure, besides undertaking routine inspections of the works with focussed attention on maintenance works.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed issues related to un-awarded works, forest clearances, land acquisition, quality standards and utility shifting.

taking over as first Prime Minister and worked tirelessly for the inclusive development of India.

"The five year reconstruction plan setup by the First Prime Minister helped India to develop in every field. Nehru implemented moderate socialist economic reforms and committed India to a policy of industrialization," JKPCC president said

"India needs one more Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru to lead, who was a man of vision and committed to development of every section living in the country," Mir added and described Pt. JI as a best statesman and architect of Modern India.

On this occasion, Mir expressed serious concern over the current situation in the country and said Nehru's India was witnessing uncertainty, politics of hatred and exploitation and said Nation needs to follow Nehruvian Policy and work for the unity, peace and progress.

1550 vaccinated in 2-day COVID vaccination camp at HC

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JAMMU, May 26: A total of 1550 persons including advocates, staff of High Court and District Court Jammu were vaccinated in 2-day COVID vaccination camp held in the premises of J&K High Court at Jammu, here.

The vaccination camp was organized for the advocates of J&K Bar Association belonging to age group 18-45 years, by the Law Department and Health Department in collaboration with High Court of J&K.

Registrar Judicial SR Gandhi along with Joint Registrar Protocol/Judicial Dinesh Gupta and other staff members were present in the camp. Besides, Director Litigation Villy Koul along with other officials were also present.

On the first day of the camp i.e. on May 25, 720 persons were administered vaccine while 830 persons were vaccinated today while following all SOPs relating to COVID-19. In total, 1550 persons received vaccination in two-day camp.

The vaccination team was headed by Dr Ambika Bali. She was accompanied by nodal officer Dr Nahida Kousar, Dr Archana, Dr Yamini and Dr Puja along with other paramedical staff.

8 violators booked, 6 FIRs registered: SSP Jammu

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JAMMU, May 26: Around 8 persons were booked for violating the SOPs issued by the District Magistrate Jammu in wake of spike in COVID-19 pandemic cases.

According to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu Chandan Kohli, 8 persons were booked for SOPs violation. Six FIRs were registered at different police stations of Jammu district against the violators, 2 shops were sealed and 1 vehicle was seized.

He stated that they are getting good response from the people in breaking the chain of COVID-19 pandemic.



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

'Every eligible child to get scholarship without discrimination'

LG reviews extension of benefits under various social welfare schemes

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JAMMU, May 26: In order to review the extension of benefits under various welfare schemes, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today chaired a meeting at Raj Bhavan, in which he called upon the concerned officials to put dedicated efforts in ensuring 100% saturation of social security & beneficiary-oriented schemes across J&K.

While reviewing the coverage of eligible beneficiaries under 55 flagship schemes implemented in J&K, and category-wise status of beneficiary oriented schemes, the Lt Governor expressed satisfaction over several welfare schemes reaching maximum saturation, despite the Covid pandemic.

The meeting was informed that 100% target has been achieved under SAUBHAGYA, PM Ujjwala Yojana, UJALA, Mission Indradhanush, Social Security Schemes-Pension under NSAP & ISSS, PM Matru Vandana Yojana Kisan Credit Card, PM Mudra Yojna, MGN-REGS, Merit cum Means Minority Scholarship, IDSRR-Scheme for Sheep Farm Units, DBT-LPG and National Youth Corps.

Minority Pre-Matric Scholarship has gone up by 391% with 4,49,424 beneficiaries covered against the targeted 1,14,856. Minority Post-Matric also registered excellent numbers with 287% saturation, thus taking the tally of beneficiaries to 53,403.

With a view to provide succour to women in distress, the Lt Governor directed the officials to ensure functioning of "One Stop Centre for Women" across all districts to support them, besides Observation centres, special &

shelter homes for children in every district of the UT.

The Lt Governor asked the Department of Social Welfare, Higher Education and Department of School Education to ensure that every eligible child is covered under respective scholarship without discrimination.

"We have a collective responsibility to make sure that no eligible beneficiary is left behind. Take comprehensive measures to reach out to every eligible beneficiary, besides making the welfare schemes, envisioned by the Centre and the UT Government, easily accessible to the people so that maximum population can reap the benefits," the Lt Governor asked the officers.

While reviewing the implementation of various modules of education through telecasting, radio, online and community classes, in view of Covid pandemic, the Lt Governor directed the Education Department to make modules more interactive.

Focus on early and primary education in the curriculum for laying a strong foundation for the

future, added the Lt Governor.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor sought a detailed status of progress made under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, Social Security Schemes-Pension, other Social Security Schemes, Schemes for Students, Schemes for Farmers, Schemes for Skill Development/Entrepreneurship/Subsidies, Bank-linked Schemes, Schemes for Social Welfare and Minority Affairs (Beneficiaries disbursed through approved Institutes/NGOs/Agencies).

Sheetal Nanda, Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department briefed the chair about the coverage of welfare schemes for the year 2020-21.

BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary; Arun Kumar Mehta, Financial Commissioner, Finance Department; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; BK Singh, Secretary School Education; Sushma Chauhan, Administrative Secretary, Higher Education Department and other senior officers attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode.

JLNM gets another 1000 LPM oxygen plant

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SRINAGAR, May 26: Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather today visited JLNM Hospital Srinagar where a trial run of a newly installed 1000 LPM oxygen plant was held. He also reviewed the Covid management and facilities available at the hospital.

A spokesperson of the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir said the trial run for the 1000 LPM oxygen facility was held in presence of the Director.

The Director at the hospital said that with the new facility, the oxygen generation capacity of the hospital has crossed 2000 LPMs as the hospital already has a 1000 LPM oxygen plant.

"We are on the ground and we are doing whatever resources we have. The new facility will go a long way for the patient management," Dr Mushtaq said.

He also announced that they would soon add 50 oxygen beds to JLNM hospital which will increase the overall bed capacity of the hospital.

The spokesman said the Director took a round of the hospital and visited its various sections to review the preparedness for Covid. He also reviewed the patient management care and patient management services being offered at the Covid hospital.

Director also inspected the hospital's new building where, as per the spokesman, 100 low flow oxygen beds are being created at the JLNM hospital for patient care.

The spokesman said the Director has created a module of training for medical officers, nodal officers of Covid, paramedical staff, basic health workers, ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers where they will be trained for basic and advanced management of Covid-19.

The director also visited various vaccination sites in Srinagar including Zainda Shah Masjid vaccination centre and indoor stadium vaccination centre to take stock of the vaccinations and related arrangements.

DGP sanctions scholarship for meritorious police wards

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 26: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh has sanctioned meritorious scholarships for the wards of the serving police personnel.

The scholarship has been granted in favour of those wards who have secured 80 percent or above marks in the annual examination of class 12th during the academic year 2020.

The DGP has sanctioned Rs 9.6 lakh scholarship in favour of one hundred and forty one wards of serving police personnel, out of Central Police Welfare Fund. Rupees 7200 each has been sanctioned in favour of fifty students who have secured more than 90 per cent marks while ninety one students who have secured 80 per cent and above marks has been given Rs 6000 each.

The amount has been credited to the concerned DDOs for further disbursement to the meritorious wards of police personnel. Out of the sanctioned amount, Rs 6000 each have been created to IGP Armed Kashmir, SSP Kishtwar, SSP Shopian, SSP PCR Kashmir, Commandant JKAP 7th Battalion, Commandant IR 20th Battalion, Commandant IR 23rd Battalion

and Principal SPS PTS Manigam, Rs 2,28,000 to Director Police Telecom, Rs 13,200 to DIG ARO Kashmir range, Rs 20,400 to SSP Anantnag, Rs 12,000 to SSP Pulwama, Rs 18,000 to SSP Ramban, Rs 19,200 to SSP Kulgam, Rs 26,400 to SSP Ganderbal, Rs 7,200 to SSP Doda, Rs 39,600 to SSP Budgam, Rs 91,200 to SSP Baramulla, Rs 19,200 to SSP PD Awantipora, Rs 12,000 to SSP Security Kashmir, Rs 79,200 to SSP CID SB Kashmir, Rs 56,400 to SSP CID CI Kashmir, Rs 19,200 to Director Home Guard Kashmir, Rs 37,200 to Commandant JKAP 3rd Sec. Rs 13,200 to Commandant JKAP 5th Battalion, Rs 7,200 to Commandant JKAP 9th Battalion, Rs 37,200 to Commandant JKAP 11th Battalion, Rs 7,200 to Commandant JKAP 12th Battalion, Rs 13,200 to Commandant JKAP 13th Battalion, Rs 7,200 to Commandant IRP 4th Battalion, Rs 12,000 to Commandant IRP 6th Battalion, Rs 13,200 to Commandant IRP 10th Battalion, Rs 12,000 each to Commandant IRP 13th Battalion and Commandant IRP 21st Battalion and Rs 18,000 to Commandant SDRF 1st Battalion.

Sarpanch arrested for duping two families

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 26 : Police today arrested a Sarpanch for taking over one lakh rupees from the families of two persons who were detained for questioning in a militancy related case, to secure their release in Anantnag district of South Kashmir.

Police said that two suspects from Kokernag were called for questioning regarding a militancy related incident. "While they were being questioned to establish their involvement or otherwise, their families approached one person Nisar Ahmad Khan of Kadipora, Anantnag to secure their release," police said.

In the meanwhile, police said, the two individuals were not found involved or having any knowledge of circumstances that resulted in the commission of incident.

"Accordingly they were Narwal Sabzi Mandi to remain closed on weekends from June 5

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JAMMU, May 26: Due to Covid pandemic situation, the Sabzi Mandi Narwal in Jammu shall remain closed on every Saturday and Sunday from next week.

Decision in this regard was taken during a meeting of the Jammu Vegetable & Fruit Association, held under the chairmanship of the Association President, s Surinder Singh Kala.

The Association announced that if the condition of Jammu city does not improve in relation to Covid-19 pandemic, the Narwal Sabzi Mandi shall remain closed for next two to three weekends.

released. Subsequently it was known that they have paid money to Nisar Ahmad Khan. The said person who is Sarpanch of Gopalpora village had taken Rupees One Lakh and ten thousand from the families promising their release," police said.

Nisar had approached police and also sought appointment with a police officer for the same, police said. "He was, however, not allowed to meet the officer and instead conveyed on phone that they will be sent home if not found involved," police said, adding, "FIR No 238/2021 under section 420 IPC (cheating and dishonesty) was registered in Police Station Anantnag against the accused and money so paid to him has been recovered."

The money, police said, will be handed over to families with due process. "He has been arrested in the instant case. Further investigation is going on," police said, adding, "People are advised to refrain from paying money to touts and unscrupulous elements and instead meet senior police officers in their respective areas for redressal of any grievances."

Man dies in in-laws house

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 26: A man died under mysterious circumstances at his in-laws house in Bantalab here today, police sources said.

The deceased was identified as Dhaminder Singh, son of Pritam Singh of Gandli Salehar Arnia District Jammu.

After conducting post-mortem, the body of the deceased was handed over to legal heirs for last rites.

Chinore Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

26 Profs of SKIMS seek advertisement for post of Director

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 26 : Apprehending that the Government may give extension to Director SKIMS Professor A G Ahangar, at least 26 senior faculty members and HoDs of various departments of the Institute have written a letter to the Chief Secretary demanding that the post of Director should be advertised as soon as possible.

As per the letter, the senior faculty members and HoDs have brought to the notice of Chief Secretary that vide Government order dated 9-October-2019, Prof. A G Ahangar's term as Director SKIMS and ex-Officio Secretary to Government completes on June 25, 2021.

"We were expecting an advertisement notification for the selection of the post since the completion of the tenure of the incumbent is approaching," reads the letter.

"In case no selection process is held well in time, many of us will get deprived of an opportunity to

participate in the process and elevation to the post which will adversely affect smooth functioning of our departments and patient care in particular."

They urged the Chief Secretary to take cognizance and issue instructions for the appointment of next SKIMS Director and the Ex-Officio Secretary to Government.

As per the seniority list former Director Omar Javed Shah is the senior most professor who is retiring in December this year. He is followed by Dr Tariq Gojwari, Dr Bashir A Laway, Dr S R Masoodi, Dr Gull Mohammad, Dr G N Lone, Dr Altaf Omar Ramzan, Dr Altaf Hussain Shah, Dr G M Gulzar and Dr Pir Afroz in seniority list with date of retiring August 2022, March 2024, Feb 2025, December 2021, March 2023, July 2022, July 2022, May 2024, November 2025 and March 2023 respectively.

A senior Faculty member said that Professor Ahangar is trying hard to get extension as Director SKIMS.



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