

Union MoS Shipping lays foundation of Oxygen Plant at Achabal

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ANANTNAG, Oct 21: Union Minister of State for Shipping, Ports and Waterways, Shantanu Thakur today laid foundation of a 500 LPM oxygen plant at NTPHC Achabal Anantnag.

The minister was also apprised about the vaccination drive in the district and informed that 11 lakh vaccine doses were administered in the last 6 months with record 29000 vaccine doses administered on a single day.

Interacting with health care workers, the Minister congratulated the medical fraternity for their concerted efforts towards vaccination. He appreciated the work undertaken by the doctors and health workers who made it possible to administer 1 billion

vaccine doses in the country. He felicitated the Health Care workers for the excellent contribution. He also commended the district administration for ensuring vaccination in far flung areas with mountainous terrains.

Earlier the Minister visited Martand Sun temple, one of the oldest surviving sun temples in the world. The minister passed directions to the district administration to take necessary steps to bring the temple on the tourist map. He said the temple is an important archaeological monument and its tourist potential can boost the local economy of adjoining areas.

The Minister was accompanied by DC Anantnag Piyush Singla, ADDC Anantnag, CMO Anantnag and other senior officers of the district administration.

Pharma Sector ignored under new Industrial Policy: JKMA

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JAMMU, Oct 21: JK Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association (JKPMA) has claimed that Pharma Sector has been ignored by the Union Govt under New Industrial Policy for Jammu and Kashmir.

The Association, led by its Chairman, Satish Kaul, in several representations submitted to several concerned visiting Central Ministers to J&K, strongly projected this issue and sought immediate intervention of the Prime Minister Modi, Finance Minister and the concerned Industry and Commerce Minister in this regard.

In a memorandum submitted, the Association said that for the growth of Pharma sector in J&K UT and generate huge employment for local skilled and semi-skilled youth, the massive support to this sector is must. It pointed out that the growth of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry is envisaged between US \$120 to 130 billion by 2030 and will help reach India among top countries in the world in Pharma sector.

The Chairman regretted that the New Industrial Policy for Jammu and Kashmir announced on Feb 19, 2021 has not provided any support for promoting exports of Pharmaceutical medi-

cines from the newly created UT of Jammu and Kashmir. He demanded that incentives provided in the new Industrial Policy for domestic manufacturing and sales, should be extended to the manufacturers of Pharmaceutical exports in possible mechanism.

Kaul further demanded reimbursement of road freight incentives for inward and outward supply for exports, establishment of Export Promotion Industrial Park and SEZ zones in Jammu; inclusion of Pharma sector under the ambit of RoDTEP Scheme announced on August 17, 2021 which will give Indian companies a competitive edge in the Global market, but Pharma sector has been kept out of this scheme which needs to be addressed at the earliest.

The Pharma Association further demanded that income from the exports should be exempted 100 % from Income Tax for 10 years. It urged the Union Govt to relax norms for setting up API (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) and Formulation Industries in the J&K UT to enable counter Chinese upper hand in the larger export destinations of the world. This can usher into big economic revival, growth and create large possibilities for employment in J&K UT, the Association maintained.

Union Govt committed to upgrade health infrastructure in J&K : MoS

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BARAMULLA, Oct 21: As part of the Union Government's public outreach programme, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ayush, Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai visited Baramulla district today.

The Minister presided over a seminar on meeting at Baramulla.

Regimental Therapies in Modern Perspective which was organised by Health and Medical Education Department, Directorate of Ayush, Jammu and Kashmir. The Minister also inaugurated a Hijama/Cupping Therapy Camp.

On the occasion, the Minister highlighted the importance of AYUSH. He said that these systems are based on definite medical philosophies and represent a way of healthy living with established concepts on prevention of diseases and promotion of health.

Complementing the participants who attended the seminar, the Union Minister highlighted the significance of AYUSH Medicare services and said that good public health through the intervention of innovative and traditional practices is the top most concern of the government. The Minister also said that institutions of AYUSH are being strengthened at grass root level



Union MoS for Women & Child Development and Ayush chairing a meeting at Baramulla.

and every possible step shall be taken in this regard.

The Minister said that the Union Government has a dream for development of Jammu and Kashmir, and added that Government is working on various flagship programmes aimed to develop socio economic status of the people. He assured that every possible initiative on the part of Union Government shall be taken to upgrade and develop the basic health institution of Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, the Minister interacted with the PRI representatives of different blocks of District Baramulla at Dak Bungalow. During the interaction programme, DDCs, BDC Chairpersons, Sarpanchs of different blocks apprised the Minister about various basic issues related to water supply and electricity, health, education, improvement of roads, establishment of Sub Health Centres and other demands of public importance.

Replying to the demands and issues raised by DDCs, the Minister directed the concerned officers to take inter-departmental meetings taking PRIs on board and prepare a holistic list of works that need to be taken on priority.

Meanwhile, the Minister also enquired about the status of ongoing works in different blocks of Baramulla district and directed the concerned dignitaries to ensure monitoring of these works by way of carrying regular field visits and urged PRIs to play their active role in monitoring of ongoing works in their Panchayats and sought their cooperation for timely completion of these works.

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Bhupinder Kumar, SSP Baramulla, Rayees Mohammad Bhat, Director AYUSH J&K, Dr Mohan Singh, ADDC Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf and other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

Dr Jitendra interacts with first 20 All India toppers of IAS

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NEW DELHI, Oct 21: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today interacted and felicitated first 20 All India toppers of IAS/ Civil Services Exam 2020, who called on him at the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) headquarters, North Block here. The result of the exam was declared recently.

Welcoming the top-20 rankers and their family members, DrJitendra Singh said that it is indeed very encouraging to note that the top 20 candidates include 10 female candidates and they also represent a pan-India coverage as these candidates hail from the States/UTs of Bihar, Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. The Minister said that the demographic change, both at gender and regional level, in the last few years augurs well for a diverse country like India. He noted that a total of 761 candidates (545 men and 216 women) have been recommended by the UPSC for appointment to various Services this year.

Describing the young officers as Architects of New India, Dr Jitendra Singh said, they are privileged to enter the services during



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh with first three All India toppers of IAS/Civil Services exam, Shubam Kumar, Jagrati Awasthi and Ankita Jain, who called on him at DoPT headquarters at North Block, New Delhi on Thursday.

75th Year of India's Independence and added, they had eventful 25 years ahead to serve when independent India turns 100 and realises Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of New India that leads the rest of the world. He said, under Prime Minister Modi, India is already on the ascent and Civil Servants of this new generation have the privileged responsibility of taking it to the top league in the global arena.

Dr Jitendra Singh also recalled some of the path breaking reforms brought in for the young probationers and IAS officers during the last seven years. These, he said, included introduction of a 3 month stint of mentorship at the Central government before giving over to the respective State or Union Territory to join the allocated cadre.

the presence of eleven Engineers and three Medicos in the first 20 toppers of this year, which he hoped will add value to the work assigned to them in carrying out various specialised schemes and programmes introduced by the Modi Government in the last 6-7 years. The Minister hoped that the technocrats will add value to the highly specialised schemes and flagship programmes of the government in sectors like Health, Agriculture, Sanitation, Education, Skills and Mobility to name a few.

While welcoming toppers of CSE 2020, Shri P.K.Tripathy, Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training said that the officers are entering the service in the beginning of AmritKaal and they have to play a stellar role in next 25 years to define the future of the country.



Newly elected team of RBBA presenting bouquet to DC Jammu Anshul Garg.

Newly elected team of RBBA discusses issues with DC

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JAMMU, Oct 21: The newly elected office bearers of Raghunath Bazar Businessmen Association (RBBA) met Deputy Commissioner Jammu Anshul Garg and discussed various issues.

Sanjay Gupta President of the Association was accompanied by Sanjay Sethi, Vice President, Pawan Sharma Junior Vice President, Mohit Gupta Joint Secretary, Nitin Mahajan Secretary, Ankush Sethi Treasurer and Amit Goel General Secretary.

President, Sanjay Gupta after introduction of his team with Deputy Commissioner

requested him to visit Raghunath Bazar for on spot assessment of problems being faced by members besides interaction with them.

Sanjay Gupta also stressed the need of involvement of the RBBA in Smart City Project for beautification of Shri Raghunath Ji Chowk and other necessary developments in bazar.

Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing and assured of doing the needful after visiting Raghunath Bazar.

In the end, Amit Goel General Secretary thanked gratitude to DC for sparing his valuable time for discussing the issues.

Tata Motors launches annual customer-engagement program

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JAMMU, Oct 21: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, will celebrate 'National Customer Care Day' on 23rd October to commemorate the day when the first truck was rolled out from Tata Motors Jamshedpur plant in 1954.

The company has also launch its annual customer-engagement program, the Grahak Samvaad, from 20th to 28th October 2021.

The program aims to educate the customers about the company's innovative service and product offerings.

Executives from Tata Motors will interact with customers to collect feedback and understand their expectations, key pain points, and suggestions to further streamline its aftersales service and improve its product offerings for a hassle-free driving experience.

Commenting on this unique

program, R Ramakrishnan, Global Head Customer Care, Commercial Vehicle Business Unit, Tata Motors, said, "Grahak Samvaad acts as one of the major differentiators for customers opting for commercial vehicles from Tata Motors. The exemplary aftersales service ensures maximum uptime and lower total cost of operations (TCO) throughout the vehicle's entire life cycle. National Customer Care Day, every year presents us with a golden opportunity to converse with customers, gather precious feedback for our initiatives, that helps us further improve the quality of our aftersales service and customer relationship. We look forward to the suggestions, views, and market information received via our partners and customers and implements those learning in the development of our products and services."

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