

99 pc beneficiaries rate AB PM-JAY SEHAT services as Excellent or Good

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JAMMU, Feb 21: As part of its efforts to improve services rendered under the AB PM-JAY/AB PM-JAY SEHAT scheme, Health & Medical Education department, through its 104 Call Centres, contacted 21,145 beneficiaries during the last six months out of the which 58 percent rated the services provided under AB PM-JAY/SEHAT as excellent, 41 percent as good and only one percent as poor.

On the basis of the feedback of the beneficiaries, grievances received on CGRMS, CPGRAMS, JKIGRMS, feedback of Insurance Company and triggers received from National Anti-Fraud Unit (NAFU) of National Health Authority (NHA) and strictly as per the guidelines issued by NHA, State Health Agency (SHA) conducted audit of 100 percent claims preferred by Empanelled Private Hospitals including highly utilized packages like Cholecystectomy (Removal of Gall Bladder).

So far more than 60,000 cases have been audited during the current policy period. This is in addition to the audit of each claim being done by the Insurance Company. This ensures efficient claim scrutiny which prevents unnecessary procedures from being booked under the scheme.

On the basis of the audit, SHA imposed Rs 3.06 crores as penalty on the erring empanelled health-care providers and have taken action under guidelines against erring hospitals and treating doctors for violating standard treatment guidelines or for any other malpractice.

BJP Govt committed to J&K's equitable development: Kavinder

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JAMMU, Feb 21: The BJP Government at the Centre will leave no stone unturned for equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. This is evident from the fact that it is paying focused attention on equitable development besides welfare and prosperity of the people of this traumatized region.

This was stated by Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader while interacting with residents of Gopinpur Chatha area of Jammu.

Kavinder Gupta reiterated Bharatiya Janata Party's commit-



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta during tour to Chatha on Tuesday.

ment to equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. He said that the Union Government is paying focused attention to Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and is determined to carry out developmental activities in every nook and corner of this sensitive region.

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Intl Theatre Festival at JU: 'Silence', a non verbal play from Kolkata staged

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JAMMU, Feb 21: On the second day of the ongoing National School of Drama's prestigious International Theatre Festival Bharat Rang Mahotsav, which is being organized here in collaboration with the University of



A scene from the play 'Silence' staged at JU during International Theatre Festival.

Jammu, a spectacular performance of the 'Silence', a non verbal play was witnessed on Tuesday. The play was creatively directed by Soma Giri from Baguati Nriyamandir, Kolkata, West Bengal. She was felicitated alongwith her team by Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor JU; Prof Bechan Lal, Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu and Santanu Bose, Senior Faculty from National School of Drama.

The play 'Silence' reveals instances, emotions, and affections of our turmoil life. The rele-

vant pertinent to mention that Government of J&K under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) and AB PM-JAY SEHAT, empowers every family of J&K with a financial protection of Rs 5 lakh annually for meeting health expenditure. Jammu & Kashmir was one of the first States/UTs to universalize AB PM-JAY.

So far, under AB PM-JAY and AB PM-JAY SEHAT more than 7 Lakh treatments have been provided to J&K domiciles including treatments received outside J&K using portability option and the treatments amount to more than Rs 1100 Crores. On an average the daily claim outgo is about Rs 2 Crores now.

Every 10 in-patients are facilitated by a Pradhan Mantri Arogya Mitra (PMAM) across all the empanelled health-care facilities of the Union Territory and there are about 425 such PMAMs working in Public Health-care facilities. Besides PMAM, Medical Coordinators have also been designated for each empanelled hospital for smooth processing of the case after admission of the beneficiary in the hospital.

There is a dedicated National & UT level helpline for the beneficiaries who are being facilitated throughout the process of treatment. General Public or prospective beneficiary patients may contact SHA in case of any grievance through 104 Call Centre, QR Code Scan (available at Ayushman kiosk at all the EHCPS), Helpline No: 18002335554, 18002034138, Whatsapp Helpline No: 9906241592.

urban or other discrimination. He said that cleanliness is the basic necessity to maintain optimum health of the people living in their area and proper sanitation is inevitable to augment the efforts towards cleanliness. He said that the Government will leave no stone unturned in ensuring the proper sanitation infrastructure like drains, etc along all the lanes and roads.

The former Deputy Chief Minister took the opportunity to interact with the people of the area and took stock of their problems and issues on the occasion. After giving them a patient hearing, he assured to get their grievances addressed at the earliest by



WCWS officials posing with doctors and paramedical staff during a medical camp in Udhampur district.

taking up the same with the concerned authorities. He appealed to the people to further strengthen the hands of PM Narendra Modi for equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Among those who accompanied the former Deputy Chief Minister include Baldev Singh Billawaria, Dy Mayor, Pawan Singh corporator, Bharat Bhushan, Vice Chairman Cantonment, Sanjeev Gupta, Rinku Gupta, Kuldeep Pinta.

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vance of the story begins with the absence of the students in the dance teacher's life because several circumstances of the life of those students who cannot express their frustration, anger, desire, fear, had come out in this story.

In this lockdown, the director of the play found herself differently in loneliness. Being a teacher, she felt that a teacher has no existence without a student. At the same time also the latent feelings of the subconscious mind suddenly came out. Those are the private feelings of every woman.

The festival is being monitored by Prof Ramesh Chandra Gaur, Director National School of Drama. Dr Suman Vaidya (Festival Director), Dr Santanu Bose (Centre Incharge, J&K), Prof Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare and Mushtaq Kak, Festival Incharge.

On 22nd of February, Satyabhan Savitri (Nautanki-Hindi), directed by Umesh Chandra Sharma from Shri Shri Narhari Seva Sansthan, Mathura (UP) will be staged at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu at 6 pm.

DM Reasi calls for encouraging information sharing about drug peddlers

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Feb 21: District Magistrate Reasi today called for encouraging information sharing by the public about the Drug Peddlers and those struggling with addiction.

Chairing the monthly NCORD meeting here, she directed the concerned to circulate the dedicated helpline number 9070907017 among the public through social media, at Police Public meetings, Thana Diwas, Writing on the Government Buildings, especially on Panchayat Ghars, Patwar Khanas, Schools and Colleges to enable the public to share any information with regard to the Drug abuse.

The Senior Superintendent apprised that one person has been detained under PIT NDPS Act, 3 FIRs have been registered against drug peddlers and 45 awareness camps were conducted during the month of February 2023 to educate the people about the ill effects of the drugs.

The Chief Education Officer Reasi and Principal Degree Colleges also furnished the details of the awareness programmes organised under Nasha Mukti campaign in their respective institutions.

The efforts made by the Agriculture, Excise and Taxation and Revenue Departments in

monitoring the illicit cultivation of poppy and cannabis in the district were also discussed.

The District Magistrate directed Principals of Degree colleges, Polytechnic College and Chief Education officer Reasi to direct the staff to regularly monitor the behaviour of the students and ensure that no student who has left the institution room again without any reason and if any such student(s) are found the matter be immediately brought to the nearest Police Station in a secret way.

The motive is to conduct counselling of the drug victim and take strict penal action against the drug peddlers so as to eradicate this menace from the society. She directed that counselling in the District Hospital shall be done on every Saturday and at CHC Katra on Thursday.

All the committee members of the NCORD shall work in a co-ordinated way for exchange of information of the drug peddlers/victims, illicit cultivation of poppy and cannabis and counselling of drug victims and conducting maximum awareness programmes regarding drug menace.

The meeting was attended by Amit Gupta, Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi, Abdul Star, Additional Deputy Commissioner Reasi and all the members of the District level NCORD Committee.



DC Pulwama Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary posing with villagers during Maha Gram Sabha at Parigam.

DC Pulwama presides over Maha Gram Sabha at Parigam

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 21: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary today visited Panchayat Halqa Parigam A & B and presided over the Maha Gram Sabha.

SSP Pulwama Ghulam Jeelani, ADDC Sheikh Abdul Aziz, PRIs, ACR, ACP, CPO, Tehsildar Pulwama, BDO Nawa, XEN KPDCIL, XEN PHE, CEO Pulwama, besides senior officers of District Administration attended the event. Besides, large number of senior citizens of the area also participated in the Maha Gram Sabha.

The DC spent whole day in the Gram Sabah at Parigam and redressed hundreds of grievances on the spot. He gave a patient hearing to the grievances raised and assured quality disposal of genuine issues in a time-bound manner.

The DC also gave on-the-spot directions for the redressal of many issues of urgent nature as per the competence of concerned departments. He said that District Administration is ensuring to provide all facilities to the people at



WCWS officials posing with doctors and paramedical staff during a medical camp in Udhampur district.

WCWS holds medical camp at village Chiryai

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UDHAMPUR, Feb 21: We Care Welfare Society (WCWS), Jammu organized a free medical camp for Eye, General Health and Heart check-up at village Chiryai, Panchayat Dhanoo of Block Tikri.

During the camp, Dr Abhishek Sachdeva (Ophthalmologist) and his team of famous eye hospital 'Sachdeva Netralaya', Gandhi Nagar (Jammu), examined eye patients for all eye diseases and ailments.

Around, 150 eye patients were examined and 15 of them were screened for cataract surgery. Subsequently, they will be operated upon in the coming days at Sachdeva Netralaya.

Dr Neeraj Gupta, well-known Cardiologist and Head

of ASCOMS Artemis Heart Centre, Jammu and his team, examined 135 patients of general health and heart related problems of which 8 patients were referred for further examination and treatment at Artemis Heart centre. Facilities of ECG, BP, blood sugar (F), eye testing with latest equipments were provided at the camp. Medicines and spectacles were also distributed to the patients free of cost.

Nisha Sharma (Chairperson, BDC Tikri) along with Sarpanchs and Panchs, were also present in the Camp. WCWS office bearers including Dr R K Gupta (president) and Prof M Sadiq Nargal (chairman) as well as paramedical staff of 'Sachdeva Natralaya' also gave their services in the Camp.

DC Kishtwar launches monthly e-Journal reflecting activities of Administration

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Feb 21: District Administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with District centre of Department of Information & Public Relations (DI&PR) has brought out the first edition of the e-Journal to acquaint people about developmental activities being conducted by Government departments working in the District.

The maiden edition of the monthly e-Journal was launched today by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav in presence of District officers and media persons.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar said that the public in general and netizens in particular can access the coverage of events and other administrative activities and the achievements in the district through this e-journal just at a click as the same is available on the Facebook page of District Administration

DC Budgam calls for zero tolerance against perpetrators of drug abuse

Excelsior Correspondent

BUDGAM, Feb 21: The 8th NCORD meeting of district Budgam was held at Sheikh ul Alam Hall of DC Office under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid.

At the outset, the DC stressed on imposing strict penalties against the drug peddlers. He reviewed all the departments involved directly in curbing the spread of drug abuse in Budgam.

The DC directed Forest, Agriculture and other concerned departments to come up with a proposal for plantation of useful vegetation to replace the wild cannabis (Bhang) in the district. He directed the Excise and Taxation Department to check the cultivation of poppy and cannabis before it is actually grown.

The sub divisional administrations were directed to coordinate with police and Assistant Drug Controller and make a committee at sub-division level to carry out joint poppy destruction Exercise by involving PRIs and other stakeholders.

The DC directed the education, health, social welfare and Information departments to conduct awareness programmes in all colleges, schools of the district.

He further directed the Health Department for health check up of students in all Degree Colleges, Higher Secondaries and High Schools under the direct supervision of



Dignitaries during a seminar in Jammu.

WWAO organizes seminar

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 21: World Women Awakening Organization (WWAO) in collaboration with MIER College of Education organized a seminar on the theme 'Bhartiyata Mein Asheelta Ka Atkraman.'

Sneh Bali, national vice president WWAO; Dr. Renu Gupta, president; Prabha Jain, general secretary; Shashi Sharma, treasurer and Sarla Kohli, former president WWAO Jammu chapter were present on the occasion. Along with these, members of WWAO including Veena Handa, Esther William, Vineta Sharma, Veenu Khanna and Prabha Sharma also graced the occasion.

HoDs and Deputy HoDs of UG and PG Departments at MIER College of Education along with faculty and students also participated in the seminar.

7-day international FDP begins at Commerce College

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 21: A seven day international online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) organized by Research & Development Cell of Government SPMR College of Commerce in collaboration with Cape Comorin Trust from Tamil Nadu on the topic 'Research Methods, Tools and Techniques for Multidisciplinary Research Design' began today.

The FDP commenced with the inaugural address by Prof Deepshikha Sharma, Organizing Secretary of the programme. In her address, Prof Deepshikha deliberated upon the collaborative FDP and its importance in the contemporary times. She enlisted various issues which the FDP would touch upon.

Elaborating on the vision of the FDP, she said that this FDP will include hands on sessions where

Kishtwar. He said the information about various departmental activities meant for the welfare of common masses will be regularly updated.

"The aim behind launching this e-journal is to enrich the knowledge and increase the feedback output of the common masses regarding day-to-day Administrative activities in the form of this electronic and mobile friendly version," informed the DC Kishtwar.

He further informed that a special column has been dedicated to people and scholars of district Kishtwar wherein they can send their views, suggestions and feedback on developmental issues and various govt schemes under implementation in the district.

He also stressed upon the media persons to act as a bridge between the people and administration in highlighting the issues and grievances of people by following the ethics of journalism in true spirit.

He directed to complete the exercise within the shortest possible time.

Seeking strict enforcement of drug control rules, he asked Assistant Drug Controller Budgam to ensure mandatory maintaining of record of sale of psychotropic drugs by the medical stores.

He further directed principals of different colleges of Budgam to actively participate in curbing this social abuse.

He called for sensitisation of local Imams and religious heads through imparting training to them at District level for counselling the youth against effects of drug abuse.

The DC stressed upon the members to ensure effective implementation of the directions aimed at to curb the drug abuse in the district. He said, we all need to curb this menace with a heavy hand.

Earlier, SSP Budgam threw light on the drug abuse, its causes and prevention. He briefed about the measures Budgam Police has been taking for prevention of drug abuse like carrying out frequent awareness rallies and conducting awareness programmes/seminars in schools, colleges and during Thana Diwas at Police Stations throughout the district.

Besides, SSP Tahir Geelani; ADDC Budgam, Dr. Akhramullah Tak; CEO, CMO, SDMs, DIO, Principals of colleges, ETO, Assistant drug controller, EOS of MCs were present in the meeting.

Dr Samoon reviews modalities for upgradation of FCI to IHM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 21: Principal Secretary Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, today chaired an officer's meeting at Civil Secretariat to review upgradation of Food Craft Institute (FCI), Nagrota.

Dr Samoon had a detailed discussion on modalities for upgradation of FCI to Institute of Hotel Management (IHM) and Catering Technology besides Applied Nutrition.

The meeting was informed that the institute has applied for upgradation from FCI to IHM where the students get three year degree course in Hospitality and Hotel Administration i.e. Bsc (H&HA) under the aegis of National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT). Union Ministry of Tourism, keeps a provision for allotment of seats to FCI/IHM Jammu in the overall allotment of seats for three year degree programme.

Dr Samoon said that a detailed proposal has been submitted for administrative approval regarding upgradation of FCI to IHM.

Principal Secretary asked the officers to strictly follow the guidelines and rules of NCHMCT so that degree course could be started in the coming session. He

Dr Samoon said that the FCI provides direct employment to the youth of JKUT after completion of training. The students from FCI get jobs at local as well as national level in different sectors of hotel industry. He further stressed upon officers to work hard for early execution of works related to upgradation of FCI to IHM so that hostel facilities are created at the earliest for accommodating outstation students.

Principal FCI informed the meeting that the institute is providing quality training to the youth as per the hotel industry demands. He informed about the requirement of staff and infrastructure in the FCI.

The meeting was attended by Senior Economic Advisor, Union Ministry of Tourism, Principal of FCI, Financial Advisor, SDD, Joint Director Planning, SDD, Superintendent Engineer, PWD and other concerned officials of the department.



Deputy Mayor, Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria kick starting work on left out portion of Nallah in Ward 56 on Tuesday.

Dy Mayor kick starts construction of left out work of Nallah

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 21: Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria kick started the construction of the left out portion of the Nallah at Ward 56 Gangyal in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency, today which will prevent flood water from entering the houses in the area.

The estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 76 Lakh and will be undertaken by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC).

Deputy Mayor said that this Nallah will help in diverting the flood water away from the houses in the area thereby protecting the properties and livelihood of the people living in the area. The completion of this nallah will also help in preventing the water logging in the area, he added.

He further said that the JMC has been working tirelessly to improve the infrastructure of Jammu and this project is a testament to the same.

The Deputy Mayor has assured that the project will be completed in the stipulated time period and will ensure the safety of the citizens living in the area. He requested the people to cooperate in the construc-

tion work and support the JMC in ensuring a safe and secure future for the area.

He assured that the JMC will take all measures to ensure that the construction of the nallah is completed with minimal inconvenience to the citizens and the environment. He also asked the people to report any issues related to the project to the Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Billawaria has helped spread the message of Swachh Bharat by urging people through his words & action.

Later, Deputy Mayor visited Ekta Vihar and started the construction work of the lane and drain. These works are being done under the supervision of the Public Works Department (PWD).

Deputy Mayor said that the completion of development works will provide better sanitation and hygiene to the people of Ekta Vihar. The project is a part of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas', and it will provide a much-needed drainage system in the area.

He said that the initiative will go a long way in addressing the long-standing problem of water logging and flooding in the area.



Resource persons along with staff and students of GCOE during a skill based training on Tuesday.

Two-day skill based training on Digital Marketing & Video Editing begins at GCOE

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 21: Two day skill based training on "Digital Marketing and Video Editing via mobile phone" began today at Government College of Education, Jammu.

The training program was a joint venture of the NSS unit of the College, ICT Department and IQAC in collaboration with Ministry of Education, Govt of India in a blended mode. The program was organized under the

patronage of Prof Aekta Gupta, Principal of the College.

Samarth Sharma and Ajay Tanwar, consultants of MGNCRE were the resource persons on the occasion. The aim of the training program was to make students aware about the importance of digital marketing and to provide in-depth knowledge of tools and techniques required for video editing to students.

In the inaugural address, Principal of the college stressed that such programs boost the morale of the students and to choose digital market also as their career. She also put emphasis on the skill enhancement among the students to make them employable in near future.

NSS PO Dr Shubhra Jamwal said that the workshop was organized to let students overcome their physiological limitations and provide them hands on session to improve their skills on digital marketing and mobiles. The two key speakers of the event dwelt on registration and networking, overview of digital marketing awareness, job market trends, demands and projections 2023. They emphasized that jobs in digital marketing were some of the fastest growing across any sector, according to Linked In, which shows a 52% rise in demand for such roles.

Dr Shubhra Jamwal, Dr Deep K Bangotra and Prof Shalini Rana coordinated the event while as Prof Anju Bala, Prof Satish Sharma, Prof Neeraj, Prof Seema and Prof Shapita were present on the occasion.

The FDP was attended by 120 participants from India and abroad. The proceedings of the program were convened by Prof Harpreet Kour and Dr Fayza.