

## Preventing diabetes in pregnancy crucial for next generation's well-being: Dr Jitendra

Excelsior Correspondent

CHENNAI, Mar 10: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a nationally renowned Diabetologist, said here today that preventing diabetes in pregnancy is crucial for the next generation's well-being.

Dr Singh, as chief guest, while addressing the Annual Conference of DIPSI (Diabetes in Pregnancy Study Group of India), said that Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus has already assumed epidemic proportions in India, with India having achieved the dubious distinction of being described as the Diabetes Capital of the world. In an alarming situation like this, he said, unless we are able to effectively prevent the occurrence of diabetes in pregnant women, it may not be possible to break the chain of Type 2 diabetes Mellitus getting passed on from generation to generation and thus affecting the future generations.

It is a well known fact that a woman who gets Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) is likely to pass on to her progeny a higher preponderance to develop Type 2 diabetes and that too at a relatively younger age, he said.

Singh, who is a founder member of DIPSI and also

member of the team which laid down the WHO recognised guidelines for treatment of dia-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing Annual Conference of DIPSI at Chennai on Friday.

able and effective for future management. Dr V. Seshiah has now moved on to primordial prevention of diabetes in pregnant women, said Dr Jitendra Singh and added that the success of this will not only help in controlling the epidemic of diabetes in India but would also ensure the health and well-being of the youth whose energy and productivity is crucial for the next 25 years which Prime Minister Narendra Modi describes as Amrit Kal when India will reach the world pedestal.

Dr Singh said, the government today accords high priority to preventive healthcare which is evident from the manner India could develop first DNA vaccine against COVID and also provide it to the rest of the world under the personal supervision and patronage of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Commissioner Secretary Sheetal Nanda inaugurating Smart Classrooms in Samba.

## Sheetal Nanda inaugurates Smart Classrooms in Govt Schools of Samba

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Mar 10: Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, today inaugurated Smart Classrooms in Government Educational Institutions of Samba district established under Adarsh Gram Yojana of Pradhanmantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY).

These smart classrooms have been established at Government Middle School Kairanwali, Government Middle School Chhanni Manhasan and Government Middle School Nanga in district Samba.

The main inaugural function was held at Government Middle School, Kairanwali.

These three smart classrooms have been fully equipped with technologically advance infrastructure in which the stu-

dents from the said schools would attain computer education.

On the occasion, Director General Social Welfare, Vivek Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta, PRI representatives from the concerning panchayat and parents of students were present during the inaugural function.

Sheetal Nanda emphasized on creating awareness among children about digital literacy through latest technology driven smart classes. She said that under PM-Adarsh Gram Yojana focus is being laid on strengthening basic infrastructure in J&K. "With multipurpose and interactive learning through technology based equipments students and teachers can avail benefit through this initiative", added Commissioner Secretary.

## 41 employees served show-cause notice for un-authorized absence in Budgam

Excelsior Correspondent

BUDGAM, Mar 10: As many as 41 employees were served show- cause notice for their un-authorized absence from duties in Budgam today.

Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Budgam, an inspection team led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Budgam, Dr Nasir Ahmad conducted surprise inspections of various office at DC Office,

KPDCL and other offices and 41 employees were found un-authorizedly absent from their duties.

While checking the attendance (Bio- Metric), 41 employees of various categories have been found absent and served show- cause notice as to why action as warranted under rules shall not be initiated against them.

Meanwhile, DC Budgam S F Hamid said that these employees were found unauthorisedly absent from their duties which is complete dereliction and lackadaisical approach towards legitimate duties and warrants disciplinary action under rules.

The absentees have been directed to explain their position within stipulated timeframe, failing which action as warranted under rules will be initiated against them.

He said that the government has adopted zero tolerance against the dereliction of duties by employees.

He further directed employees to perform their duties regularly in letter and spirit and ensure prompt services delivery to the general public.

## People can't pay Property Tax; consider shelving it: KCC&I

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 10: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCC&I) today said the people of J&K were not in a position to pay the Property Tax-the notification of which was recently put out by the Government-and that the economic scenario of the UT is not conducive for "overloading" the people with taxes.

KCC&I in a statement issued here said that its Executive Committee has concluded that the people in general and the trade community, in particular, are "not in a position" to bear any sort of burden of Property Tax for the time being.

"It needs to be appreciated that besides geographical hurdles the erstwhile state of J&K has been facing odds and uncertainties for decades that have led to its poor economic growth as has also often been recently stated publicly by the Lieutenant Governor of the UT. Again the economy of the erstwhile state has been on a rumble over the past more than 30 years; first due to turmoil and

of late for the effects of ravaging floods of 2014 and Covid and such other situations soon thereafter," KCC&I said.

The trade body said that the economy of UT is settling back on track to normalcy, where, KCC&I said, it deserves material support to sustain rather than the imposition of taxes.

"Thus it is not well placed for the people to bear any additional burden which could add to the miseries and lead to their unrest. Needless to mention here tax on the property was tried to be imposed in the past also but had had to be withdrawn for obvious reasons."

The KCC&I has appealed to the LG-led Administration that the Property Tax notified to be imposed be shelved for now at least until the economy of the UT recovers fully.

"It also needs mention here that the economic status of the UT cannot be measured with the yardstick applied in its neighbouring states/UT like Delhi, Punjab and Haryana. In future when the economy stabilizes the imposition of property Tax/ other Taxes could be discussed," KCC&I said.

## Kishtwar admn revokes gun license of Amritpal Singh's close aide

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 10: Days after Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann met Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss the law and order situation in Punjab and asked the District Magistrates (DMs) to review the gun licenses issued to the close aides of "Waris Punjab De" head Amritpal Singh, the Kishtwar administration in Jammu and Kashmir has also cancelled the arms license of one of the close aides of the "radical Sikh preacher".

Official sources said that the DC Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav revoked the arms license of one Varinder Singh after Punjab Police shared inputs with the District Administrations in Samba and Kishtwar regarding issuance of two gun licenses from the two districts to as many individuals, Varinder Singh and Talwinder Singh of Tarn Taran, Punjab, in 2013.

"The 12 bore license of Varinder Singh has been cancelled yesterday and very soon he will be booked under the Arms Act," DC Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav told the Excelsior.

DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta said she doesn't know whether any arms license has been issued

to any person linked with Amritpal Singh in Samba district.

The DCs in Kishtwar and Samba Districts said that no fresh license has been issued to any individual after 2017. They however said that arms licenses have been renewed after proper verification of the individuals possessing the licenses.

Usually an arms license is renewed after a period of five years, but according to police sources, Varinder Singh and Talwinder Singh, who had got the arms licenses through third parties in Jammu and Kashmir, have not got their licenses renewed since 2017.

The issuance of arms licenses to Varinder Singh, Talwinder Singh and several other aides of Amritpal Singh in Punjab became a controversy after the "Waris Punjab De" head along with his supporters earlier entered a police station in Amritsar, Punjab and brandished weapons while demanding that an FIR registered against them was revoked.

Pertinently, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been probing a case of issuance of around 2.80 lakh gun licenses to non-J&K residents between 2012 and 2016 in violation of norms.

## Secretary Revenue reviews functioning of Registration Department

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 10: Appreciating the digital interventions made by the Registration Department in promoting citizen-centric and hassle-free registrations, Secretary Revenue, Dr Piyush Singla, has asked the department to adopt best practices from other States/UTs to ensure assured service delivery to the citizens with minimum human interface.

Speaking at the maiden review meeting of Registration Department, Secretary stressed upon the importance of putting in place a robust technical support system of professionals at central level for attending to development, capacity and enhancement issues of NGDRS application besides its implementation, maintenance and sustainability. He called for roping in DIOs of NIC at the district headquarters in consultation with SDU, NIC Pune who could be instrumental in addressing the local issues of Sub-Registrars at district headquarters/ Sub Divisional level as per requirement.

Dr Singla took a comprehensive review of registration scenario and the new initiatives being implemented by the Registration Department. IGR J&K, AIGRKKJ. Officers of Revenue Department, District Registrars and Sub Registrars attended the meeting both in person and virtually.

The meeting deliberated on various aspects of document registration from slot booking to the acceptance of the document on the NGDRS portal.

The meeting was informed that registration of documents is con-



Secretary Revenue Dr Piyush Singla chairing a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

ducted online through the NGDRS portal in all the 86 Sub-Registrar offices. The slew of reforms introduced in the department viz. online booking of slot, document submission/uploading, online payment of stamp duty and registration fee, linking of checklist of documents with Articles/Instruments, PAN verification, SMS alerts, Rapid Assessment System etc. have not only promoted transparency in document registration but also eliminated the waiting period, frivolous bookings and scope of discretion in registration. This has also resulted in steady increase in registration and revenue collection.

IGR J&K and his team of officers gave a detailed presentation on the registration and revenue collections, potential of the department, initiatives undertaken, facilities available in the Sub Registrar offices in the form of equipment, machinery.

A separate presentation was given on NGDRS portal, its existing work flow and linkages with various portals like SHCIL, LRIS, RAS, e-GRAS, JK Bank, PAN, Digi-Locker etc and further improvements/interventions required.

Dr Singla asked the department to put an institutional

arrangement in place wherein final copy of the registered document could be made available to the citizen on his login on the NGDRS portal to enable him to download the document from any location without any encumbrances and without having to visit the Sub Registrar office twice. For this purpose, the department will also explore the possibility of use of e-sign of parties and digital signatures of the Registering Officers.

While reviewing functioning of CCTVs with two-way audio in Sub Registrar Offices, Secretary Revenue directed that a central panel be installed in IGR Office by 20th of March, 2023 for further transparency in the working of the Sub-Registrar Offices. He also directed the department to propose required amendments in the Registration Act, 1908 to pave way for implementation of other citizen friendly initiatives in a time bound manner on the pattern of other States.

Reiterating the importance of e-Office, Secretary directed the Sub Registrars to fully switch over to e-office before 31st of March 2023 for all official correspondences.

## 'Boards to present political non-involvement certificate' Govt releases GIA for Registrars of Board for Ayurvedic, Homeopathic Systems

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 10: The Government has released the Grant-in-Aid (GIA) to the tune of Rs 7 lakh in favour of the Director, AYUSH J&K for further release to the Registrar J&K Board of Ayurvedic, Unani and Homeopathic System of Medicines while noting that the political non-involvement certificate must be sought from the boards before the further release of the GIA by the Directorate of AYUSH.

In this regard, the Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department has sanctioned the advance drawal of Rs 4 lakh and Rs 3 lakh, respectively in favour of the Registrar of both the system of medicines in J&K.

The Grant-in-Aid, as per the details, has to be further credited into the official account of Registrar, J&K Board of Ayurvedic and Unani System of

Medicines, J&K and Registrar J&K Board of Homeopathic System of Medicines, during the financial year 2022-23.

The release of funds has been made available subject to conditions which include that the Director, AYUSH, J&K shall vouchsafe the availability of funds under the Detailed Head and shall ensure that relevant Acts/Rules governing Ayurvedic and Unani Board are complied with and the Board is entitled to Grant-in-Aid from J&K Government.

The H&ME also stated as a condition that it needs to be ensured that the Boards are registered with the Registrar of Societies of J&K and that the political non-involvement certificate from the District Magistrate is sought before the release of GIA, which is under the revised guidelines that have been issued by the administration regarding the Grant-in-Aid.

The boards have been further directed and noted a condition, that their accounts must remain open for scrutiny and that the

issued grant must be ensured to be utilized as per the set directives.

"The accounts of the grantee shall be open to audit by the Accountant General and the Health & Medical Education Department and the amount shall be utilized strictly as per Grant-in-Aid Rules/instructions issued by the Government from time to time," H&ME said.

It further noted that the codal formalities/procedures / standing orders must be observed before the release of the amount to the Board. "Utilization Certificates, Income and Expenditure and other audited statements of the grantees shall be furnished to the department duly verified by the Chartered Accountant," H&ME said, adding all previous utilization certificates shall be furnished to the Accountant General.

It further directed that a separate account must be maintained by the grantee in respect of expenditure so far it relates to Grant-in-Aid and the amount shall be strictly utilized for the bonafide purpose.

## DGP sanctions Rs 2.04 crore as Special Welfare Relief

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 10: Continuing with its endeavour to provide financial assistance to the families of the Police personnel/SPOs who have attained martyrdom or have passed away while in service, Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs 2.04 crore as Special Welfare Relief for NoKs of ten deceased Police personnel/ SPOs.

The special welfare relief of rupees 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents/legal heirs of deceased Police personnel; SI Om Parkash, ASI Surinder Kumar, HCs Girdhari Lal and Under Kumar Sharma, SgCts Suresh Kumar and Bashir Ahmad, Ret Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, Followers Sheikh Ghulam Qadir and Jaswant Raj.

These Police personnel have passed away due to illness/ natural death while in service. Rupees one lakh each has already been paid to NoKs of deceased police personnel for performing their last rites. The Special Welfare Relief is sanctioned out of Contributory Police Welfare Funds.

DGP has also sanctioned rupees 6 lakh as Special Welfare Relief in favour of NoKs of deceased SPO Gurmeh Singh who passed away during the course of his engagement in the department. Rupees 50 thousand had already been given to his family for performing last rites. The fund is sanctioned out of the Contributory Welfare Fund of SPOs.

According to a press release, Police Headquarters is running many schemes for the welfare of its personnel and their families including schemes for the wards of Police personnel and SPOs, schemes for the NoKs of martyrs, their wards and for the retired Police personnel and their spouses.



Women achievers awarded by ASSOCHAM along with other dignitaries posing for a group photograph in Jammu on Friday.

## ASSOCHAM honours six women achievers from J&K

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 10: On International Women's Day, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) honoured six women achievers from Jammu and Kashmir in the third edition of the ASSOCHAM J&K Women Achievers Award-2023.

As per a statement, the council had invited nominations in different categories for J&K Women Achievers 2023, for which several nominations were received.

respectively," read the statement.

It further said that the event was graced by Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, who was the Chief Guest, and Khalid Jahangir, MD JKTPO, who was the Special Guest.

It said that Lavasa praised the event for recognizing women's contribution to society and nation-building, encouraging them to come forward and showcase their talent.

The event's Co-Chairman, Bhupesh Gupta, emphasized the importance of recognition and acknowledgment for women achievers in every professional area, said the statement.

Pertinently, the event was sponsored by Batra Group and Ruchika Makeovers as Prime Partners and Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM as Radio Partners.



JU Vice-Chancellor & others at the inaugural of multi-arts festival on the campus on Friday.

## Multi-arts festival "Duggar Darpan" begins at JU

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 10: Ten-day multi-arts festival "Duggar Darpan" by "Utsaah" - the Clubs, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, began here today.

Chief Guest for the occasion was Prof Lalit Magotra, Sahitya Akademi awardee and the function was presided over by Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu.

On the occasion, logo for "Utsaah," the cluster of twelve clubs, which was prepared by Rakesh Sharma, Coordinator, Painting Club, was also released. A certificate of appreciation was also presented to Narinder Kumar, a PhD scholar of the Department of English, JU who won the "Naming Contest" of the clubs.

Prof Lalit Magotra, in his address, emphasised the importance of artistic leadership and the role of universities in providing it. Talking about the significance of Translation Club, he stressed how translation has the potential of breaking cultural and linguistic boundaries. He also assured of his support and participation in all the clubs in any capacity.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Umesh

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