

Itoo visits GMC Jammu, enquires about well being of injured girl students

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Minister for Health & Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu and took detailed stock of the health condition and treatment being provided to girls injured in road accident yesterday evening.

During her visit, the Minister went around the hospital wards and interacted with the injured girls, enquiring about their well-being, medical treatment and facilities being extended to them. She also interacted with the attending doctors and hospital authorities and sought a detailed briefing on the nature of injuries and the treatment plan being followed in each case.

The Minister directed the GMC administration and medical teams to ensure the best possible treatment, round-the-clock monitoring and comprehensive medical care to all the injured. She stressed that all necessary medical resources should be mobilised to facilitate their speedy recovery.



“The health and well-being of every injured girl is our foremost concern. The government stands firmly with the affected families in this difficult time. Every possible facility will be made available to ensure their best possible treatment”, the Minister said. She further directed the doctors and concerned officers to maintain continuous monitoring of the condition of critically injured patients and ensure timely interven-

tion wherever required. “There must be no lapse in patient care and every injured girl should receive prompt and quality treatment, with special attention to those in critical condition”, she said. The Minister also asked the hospital authorities to ensure proper coordination among various departments and availability of medicines, diagnostics, surgical facilities and other requisite support for the injured.

She expressed hope that all the injured girls would recover at the earliest and assured that the Health Department would extend all necessary support to the patients and their families. During the visit, the hospital administration apprised the Minister of the treatment arrangements and the medical condition of the injured, assuring that dedicated teams of doctors and paramedical staff were attending to them.

Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, centenary celebration of Vande Mataram takes off in Udhampur

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Minga Sherpa today said the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and the commemoration of 150 years of Vande Mataram has commenced in the district with special emphasis on Jan Bhagidari and maximum public participation.

Briefing the media persons here, the Deputy Commissioner informed that the campaign is being observed across the district from August 9 to 17. He appealed to people of the district to participate enthusiastically to make Har Ghar Tiranga a true people's movement. He urged youth, students, prominent citizens, former PRIs, social organisations and civil society members to actively participate in the campaign, proudly display the Tiranga at their homes



and join the Selfie with Tiranga initiative. He further informed that a series of activities have been planned across the district during the campaign period, including mass singing of Vande Mataram, Tiranga Bike/Cycle/E-bike rallies, Partition horrors remembrance day programmes, Independence Day celebrations, Tiranga-themed illumination and decoration, Rangoli, quiz, debates com-

petitions and cultural activities in educational institutions and public spaces. Earlier, a district-level mass singing programme of Vande Mataram was organised at DC Office Complex. Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa; Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan; ACP Dr. Ashwani Hansa; District

Information Officer Neeraj Bhargav, along with other officers and officials participated in the programme. Officers and officials from government departments and educational institutions also participated in the mass singing of Vande Mataram through virtual mode, reaffirming the spirit of patriotism, national unity and collective participation in the commemorative campaign.

National Deworming Day: 1.85 lakh children targeted for deworming in Kathua District

KATHUA, AUGUST 10: The District Administration Kathua on Monday launched the National Deworming Day campaign here from Government Girls Higher Secondary School.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Mahima Madan launched the campaign as deworming tablets were administered to the school children. The ADC underscored that the campaign aims to promote awareness about the importance of regular deworming, personal hygiene and preventive healthcare among children and adolescents.

Highlighting the health benefits of deworming, the ADC said that intestinal worm infections can adversely affect the nutritional status of children, leading to anaemia and impaired physical and cognitive development. She appealed to all parents and guardians to ensure that their wards receive the deworming tablets during the campaign period.

The ADC further informed that dedicated teams have been constituted to ensure maximum coverage, with field functionaries visiting schools and Anganwadi Centres to administer the tablets in a systematic manner.

A mass recitation of Vande Mataram



was also held at the school with enthusiastic participation of students and staff. The programme highlighted the importance of civic values, national unity and responsible citizenship among the younger generation. Earlier, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vijay Raina informed that nearly 1.85

lakh children in the age group of 1 to 19 years, studying in government and private schools as well as those registered at Anganwadi Centres, are being covered under the campaign. He further informed that a mop up day is also earmarked on 17 August 2026 to cover any left out children.

AIIMS conducts first outdoor voluntary blood donation camp at SNM, Samba

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AIIMS Jammu successfully conducted its first outdoor voluntary blood donation camp of the Department of Transfusion Medicine & Blood Centre at Sant Nirankari Mission, Samba, on August 9, 2026.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from volunteers of the Sant Nirankari Mission, reflecting their commitment towards voluntary blood donation and community service. Strict quality protocols were followed throughout the donor registration, medical screening and blood collection process. The camp was organised under the guidance and leadership of Executive Di-



rector & CEO, Prof. (Dr.) D. N. Sharma, whose continued support contributed to its successful conduct. Necessary administrative and logistical support was provided by Medical Superintendent, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Kundal. The camp was conducted

under the expert supervision of Dr. Urveshi Kotwal, Associate Professor & Head, Dr. Sushant Kumar Meinia, Associate Professor, and the dedicated team of the Department of Transfusion Medicine & Blood Centre, AIIMS Jammu. The department expressed gratitude to

all donors, volunteers, organisers and support staff for their valuable contribution to the lifesaving cause. The successful camp reaffirmed the importance of voluntary blood donation as a noble act of community service and a vital contribution towards saving lives.

Director Horticulture Jammu visits Bhalwal Zone, reviews scheme implementation

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Director Horticulture Jammu, Gul Syed, today visited Bhalwal Zone along with Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu, Sh. R.K. Kotwal, and other officers and officials of the Horticulture Department to assess the implementation of various horticulture development schemes.

During the visit, the Director visited Kangar and Thatar villages, where he interacted with farmers and obtained feedback on the implementation of departmental schemes. He also took stock of the issues and requirements of the farming community and assured the farmers of all possible



departmental support. The Director inspected various horticulture plantations and developmental

activities being undertaken under JKCIP, normal-spacing plantations and other departmental programmes.

He reviewed the progress of the schemes on the ground and stressed upon timely and effective implementation to ensure maximum benefits to farmers. He also visited a dragon fruit orchard at Raipur and interacted with the farmer regarding cultivation practices, production, field-level challenges and the scope for promoting dragon fruit cultivation in the area. Appreciating the efforts of the field staff, Gul Syed directed the officers to maintain close coordination with farmers, provide timely technical guidance and encourage adoption of modern and high-value horticulture practices to enhance productivity, diversification and farmers' income.

BIS holds General Awareness Program for Municipal Council in Poonch

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu & Kashmir Branch Office (JKBO), organised a General Awareness Programme for officials of Municipal Council Poonch and consumers at the Meeting Hall of the Municipal Council here today. More than 60 officials and consumers participated in the programme.

Former Chairman, Municipal Council Poonch, Sunil Sharma, was the chief guest. Senior Assistant Ravinder Singh, Khilafwarzi Inspector Amarpal Singh and Senior Swachhata Executive Ramandeep Singh, besides other officials of the Municipal Council, attended the programme.

BIS Standard Promotion Officer (SPO), Ashish Kumar Dwivedi, delivered a detailed presentation on the Bureau's activities and initiatives, highlighting its role in ensuring quality, safety and reliability of products through standardisation and certification.

Dwivedi particularly stressed upon the importance of quality-conscious public procurement by the Municipal Council. He urged officials to ensure that only BIS-certified and ISI-marked products are used in municipal works and procurement, including construction materials, electrical items, water supply components, sanitation equipment and other prod-



ucts covered under BIS certification.

He said incorporating BIS certification requirements in tender documents and procurement specifications would help ensure the use of standardised products, thereby improving the quality, durability, safety and performance of public infrastructure.

The participants were also apprised about the significance of the ISI Mark, Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS), hallmarking of gold jewellery and

the BIS Care App. Resource Person, BIS, Paramjit Singh, conducted a live demonstration of the BIS Care App and explained how consumers can verify the authenticity of ISI-marked and hallmark products, lodge complaints and access various BIS services.

Addressing the gathering, Sunil Sharma appreciated the initiative of BIS and stressed the need for organising such awareness programmes more frequently, particularly for

government school students and common consumers, to strengthen awareness about quality standards and consumer protection. The programme concluded with an interactive session during which participants raised queries related to quality standards, certified products and consumer rights. BIS reiterated its commitment to promoting quality awareness and consumer empowerment across Jammu & Kashmir.