

CM Omar Abdullah attends 58th Engineers' Day at IEI Srinagar, pays tribute to Sir M Visvesvaraya

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15 : Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today attended the 58th Engineers' Day celebrations at Institution of Engineers (India), J&K State Centre (IEI JKSC), Srinagar, where he paid glowing tributes to Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya and underscored the vital role of engineers in nation-building.

Highlighting the importance of innovation and ethical responsibility, the Chief Minister said that engineers form the backbone of development and implementation. "Whether the government is successful or not, engineers play a very important role in this. We may come up with new ideas in meetings and sessions, but without you, they cannot be translated on the ground," he said.

Assuring the engineering community of the government's commitment to address their concerns, Omar Abdullah said, "I want to assure you all that



my colleagues and I are working very seriously on this. We are determined to find a sustainable solution for your long-pending issues, not just a one-time measure. You should con-

tinue contributing towards making J&K a developed state, while we will shoulder the responsibility of resolving your service matters." On the occasion, the

Chairman IEI JKSC Er. Iftikhar Ahmad Hakim and Honorary Secretary IEI JKSC Dr. Jahangeer Ali also addressed the gathering and highlighted the contribu-



Chief Minister unveiled policy briefs and the newsletter of IEI JKSC.

Advisor to the CM, Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Lal Chowk Sheikh Ahsan Ahmad (Pardesi),

tions of engineers in shaping society and infrastructure.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from engineers, technocrats and other professionals.

Give your best to steer our nation ahead in growth & development: Deputy CM to Engineers, Technologists



JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15 : Deputy Chief Minister of J&K Surinder Choudhary today addressed the 58th Engineers' Day celebrations at Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre here.

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav; Er. Anil Verma, FIE; Chairman, Er. Avneet Gupta, MIE; Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Local Centre and large numbers of engineers from various departments and other organizations were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy CM paid rich tributes and honoured the legacy of Bharat Ratna, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, the visionary engineer whose

birth anniversary marks this day. He called upon the engineers to imbibe the exceptional qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya in their day-to-day works and design solutions that are innovative, sustainable and technology driven so as to provide a better future for generations to come.

Highlighting the qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya like austerity, integrity, competence and discipline, the Deputy CM also insisted the young and serving engineers to work with dedication, zeal and enthusiasm and don't feel shy to take guidance from the senior engineers. He also requested the IEI to conduct more and more training programme for budding engineers.

The Deputy CM further maintained that decade ahead must be technology driven with sustainable contributions of Engineers & Technologists. He exhorted on them to give their best to steer our nation ahead in growth and development.

Dr. Devansh Yadav in his address highlighted the contributions of Sir M. Visvesvaraya. He informed that Sir Visvesvaraya was not just an engineer but a nation builder.

He added that Sir Visvesvaraya pioneered various projects laying the groundwork for India's industrial might. He called upon the engineers to learn the ideals of honesty and integrity from him so as to overcome the day-to-day challenges by blending technology and innovation so as to provide a sustainable future.

Earlier, during the welcome address on the theme "Deep Tech and Engineering Excellence: Driving India's Techade," Er. Anil Verma said that today India stands at the threshold of becoming a global technology leader and this theme resonates stronger than ever.

On the occasion, the Deputy CM honoured Former Chairman, IE (India), Jammu Local Centre, Er. B. B. Sharma with IEI Award (Posthumously) for his outstanding services rendered to the engineering. Former Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu Local Centre, Er. Mohinder Singh was also honoured with "D K Gupta Memorial Engineer of the Year award for his meritorious services rendered throughout his professional career till date.

Moreover, R. L. Sharma Memorial gold medal was given to Er. Ranjeev Sawhney for presenting the best technical paper, Rudra Bhagwati silver medal to Er. P K Nanda for presenting 2nd Best Technical Paper and Bronze Medal to Er. Anil Kumar for presenting 3rd Best Technical Paper during the year 2024-25. The Deputy CM also released first issue of 23rd Volume of quarterly newsletter 'IEI Jammu News' of Jammu Centre. A book titled "Musings Unabated" authored by Er. L. K. Mengi, Former Managing Director, J&K Housing Board was also released on the occasion.

Sakeena Itoo flags off group of MBBS students for All India Educational Tour

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15 : Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo flagged off a group of pre-final batch MBBS students of Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar to 15 days All India Education Tour from college premises here today.

Principal, GMC Srinagar, Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah; Administrator Associated Hospitals, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak; HoDs of various departments, faculty members, doctors and large number of students were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Health Minister said that this educational tour will mark a transformative chapter in the academic journey of our future doctors and give them exposure to diverse medical practices, advanced research environments and interaction with leading medical experts from reput-

ed health institutions they are visiting across the country. She added that this



exposure tour will not only broaden their clinical perspectives but also nurture their holistic growth as healthcare leaders of tomorrow.

The Minister further said that this initiative underscores Government's commitment to strengthening medical education by providing students with real-world exposure beyond

classroom teaching.

While extending her wishes to students and

lighting the importance of such initiatives in their professional development.

Pertinently, this 15 days comprehensive educational tour is designed to provide the students with a unique opportunity to visit some of the nation's most prestigious medical institutes, hospitals and research centers in New Delhi, Kerala, Goa and other places.

During the tour, the students will traverse several states, engaging in academic interactions, hospital rounds, workshops and seminars that cover a wide spectrum of medical disciplines and emerging healthcare technologies. They will also participate in interactive sessions with eminent medical researchers, observe cutting-edge medical procedures, engage in hands-on workshops and attend lectures on advancements in medical science, public health policy and medical ethics.

accompanying faculty members for the tour, Minister Sakeena urged them to make most of this opportunity to enrich their knowledge and experiences.

Interacting with the Health Minister on the occasion, the students expressed immense gratitude and excitement about the journey ahead, high-

Javid Dar reviews status of NH-44 restoration, stresses on priority movement for fruit-laden trucks

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15 : Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development,



Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Departments, Javid Ahmad Dar, today undertook an extensive tour of National Highway-44 (NH-44) to assess the status of fruit-

laden truck movement and review infrastructure challenges affecting transportation.



The Minister interacted directly with truck drivers, traders, and transport officials at Qazigund, emphasizing the need to give top priority to fruit-laden trucks to prevent delays and safe-

guard the interests of farmers and traders.

During the visit, he also inspected damaged stretches of the highway in Udhampur district, reviewing ongoing repair works and coordination between agencies to ensure smooth and safe traffic flow.

DIG Udhampur Sridhar Patil and other senior officers briefed the Minister about the restoration works and traffic clearance in Udhampur particularly the Tharad-Balli Nallah stretch where extensive damages have occurred

SSP Udhampur Amod Ashok Nagpure; SSP Traffic Adil Hamid and several prominent citizens were also present during the visit of Minister.

Earlier, during the tour,

the Minister also chaired a review meeting at DC Office Ramban, which was attended by DDC Chairperson Dr. Shamshad Shan; MLA Banihal Sajjad Shaheen; MLA Anantnag East-Shangus, Reyaz Ahmad Khan; MLA, Anantnag West, Abdul Majeed Bhat; Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, SSP Ramban Arun Gupta and other senior officers.

The Deputy Commissioner briefed the Minister on measures taken to ease congestion, particularly between Banihal and Nashri, and on arrangements made for meals and support services to stranded drivers and passengers by the district administration, J&K Police, and NHAI.

Delegation of Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers Cum Dealers Union call on LG Manoj Sinha

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15 : A delegation of Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers Cum Dealers Union led by its Chairman Shri Bashir Ahmad Basheer called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, today.

The members of the delegation expressed their gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha for the new Parcel Train from Budgam to Adarsh Nagar, New Delhi. They also put forth various welfare issues of fruit growers and traders from the valley including

smooth movement of fruit-laden trucks on National Highway-44 and 10-tyre

growers and traders. He said that men and machinery have been deployed for

nals will be established to facilitate the fruit growers and traders from different



trucks on Mughal Road.

The Lieutenant Governor assured the delegation that appropriate action will be taken to address the issues of fruit

complete restoration of the National Highway, and the stranded fruit-laden vehicles will be cleared on priority. He further assured that railway freight termi-

parts of the valley. Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor was also present during the meeting.

Oral health an overlooked aspect of healthcare, but it plays a critical role in preventing systemic diseases: Sakeena Itoo

Also flags off Dental Awareness Rally on Oral health hygiene

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15 : Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo inaugurated four days 'Oral Health Awareness Programme - Bright Smiles, Happy Lives' at Government Dental College (GDC) here today.

The event, organised by department of Public Health Dentistry of GDC Srinagar, aims to raise awareness about the importance of oral hygiene, preventive dental care and the overall impact of oral health on general well-being of an individual.

Speaking during inauguration ceremony of the event, the Health Minister highlighted that oral health is often an overlooked aspect of healthcare, yet it plays a critical role in preventing systemic diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular ailments and respiratory infections. "Oral health is not just about a bright smile, it is integral to the overall health of every citizen," Minister Sakeena stated.

The Health Minister added that in recent years oral hygiene practices and dental check-ups have emerged as an essential

routine for people, especially the young generation. She urged the public to adopt regular oral hygiene practices and make dental check-ups an essential part of their healthcare routine.

The Minister further said that the present Omar

regarding Oral Health and Hygiene in rural and far-flung areas by organising camps, so that the people in these areas are made aware about dental health care and wellbeing associated with it. Commending the medical fraternity for signifi-

the goal of this programme is to bridge the knowledge gap regarding oral diseases, their prevention and treatment options.

The Principal also gave a brief about the services being provided at the Dental college and other



Abdullah led government is giving major thrust for development of medical infrastructure across the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir. She added that dialysis facilities have been established at all SDHs, besides MRI, CT scan and other advanced medical facilities have been established in various GMCs and hospitals to provide best and quality medical care services to people.

Minister Sakeena, in her address, also called upon the administration of GDC Srinagar to carry awareness

cant improvements in healthcare system, the Minister said that being a doctor is not only about wearing white apron and stethoscope around neck, but remaining committed to the welfare of common masses with the motto of 'Equal Treatment for All'.

In her welcome address, Principal of GDC Srinagar, Dr. Sandeep Kour Bali highlighted that the programme is designed to reach out not only to students and healthcare professionals but also to the general public. She added that

achievements.

On the sidelines of the event, Minister Sakeena also flagged off Dental Awareness Rally, aimed to hold interactive sessions, live demonstrations of correct brushing techniques, awareness workshops, and distribution of informative literature on oral hygiene best practices to the general public.

Later, the Health Minister also inaugurated Mutli Disciplinary Research Unit (MDRU) at the Central Library of the GDC Srinagar.

GCOE Jammu celebrates Hindi Diwas

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 15 : The Department of Hindi and IQAC Government College of Education organized a series of engaging events, including a Poetry Recitation and Slogan Writing competition to celebrate Hindi Diwas. The events, aimed at promoting the richness and significance of the Hindi language, were a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty alike.

The event saw impressive participation, with students delivering powerful poetry that celebrated Hindi's cultural and literary heritage. The Slogan writing competition was equally compelling, with students displaying creativity

and passion in their thought-provoking slogans on the theme of "Koti Koti Kantho ki Madhur Swaradhara, Hindi Hai Humari, Hindustan Humara."

The program was inaugurated by the College Principal, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, who congratulated the Department of Hindi for organizing the series of events that not only highlighted the importance of the Hindi language but also encouraged students to actively participate in preserving and promoting their cultural heritage.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Satish Sharma, a respected linguist and faculty member, who spoke about the enduring significance of the

Hindi language in shaping India's national identity.

The events were skillfully organized by Prof. Balwan Singh, the program coordinator, who also took the opportunity to inspire students with valuable insights on the career opportunities available to those proficient in Hindi.

Prof. Singh emphasized the growing demand for Hindi professionals in various fields such as publishing, media, translation, content writing and academia. He encouraged the students to harness their linguistic skills and pursue diverse career paths.

Dr Suraj Prakash from the Urdu department said that Hindi also symbolizes the composite culture of India. It is a symbol of

Ganga-Jamuna Tahzeeb.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof Balwan Singh. Dr Shalini Rana, IQAC Convener lauded the efforts of the department and emphasized on the relevance and beauty of the Hindi language. Dr Rajinder Kour and Dr Rakesh Bharti also expressed their views on Hindi Language and Literature. The program was attended by Prof Sunanda Kumari, Dr Shalika Gupta, Dr Sushma Bala, Dr Shubhra Jamwal, Dr Shailu Jasrotia, Prof Priyanaka Mahajan, Prof Chanchal Singh, Prof Deepali Devi, Prof Kiran Thapa, Prof Roopa Kumari, Dr Ambica Sharma and Dr Sonam Gandotra.

Committee on Petitions calls for stringent action against food adulteration, spurious drug sale in J&K

SRINAGAR, SEPT. 15 : The Committee on Petitions today held a meeting to deliberate upon a petition on "Widespread Adulteration of Essential Food Commodities including Mutton, Fish, Chicken, Milk, Wheat, and other Processed Food Items within the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir."

The meeting was chaired by Chairman, Pirzada Farooq Ahmad Shah, and attended by members including Mushtaq Guroo, Salman Sagar, Mian Mehar Ali, and Thakur Randhir Singh.

Also present were the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Authority, J&K; Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation; Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Kashmir; Director, Animal Husbandry, Kashmir; Commissioner, Excise and Taxation, J&K; Controller, Legal Metrology, J&K; and Food Safety Officers.

At the outset, the Chairman called for rigorous market checking drives across Jammu and Kashmir

and strict monitoring of the sale and supply of food items to the region.

ensure the revival and proper functioning of slaughterhouses across J&K,

sized. Members of the Committee expressed con-



The committee deliberated on measures to curb the supply of substandard mutton, fish, and chicken. The Chairman instructed that all laid-down guidelines be implemented in letter and spirit, and stringent action be taken against those involved in the sale of rotten meat or adulterated products.

He further directed the concerned authorities to

strengthen checkpoints at Lakhanpur, Udhampur, and other strategic locations, and monitor the entry of adulterated food items and spurious drugs into J&K.

"Supply of rotten meat and other food items to J&K is a sensitive and serious issue which must be investigated with utmost urgency so that strict action is taken against the offenders," the Chairman empha-

cern over the rising number of cases of foodborne illnesses in J&K and urged for aggressive market inspections, regular sample collection, and testing to ensure the sale of safe food products across the region.

Stressing the importance of strict enforcement, the Committee also directed that penalties be imposed on violators to deter future violations.