

JKNPP (Bhim) Backs Medical & Veterinary Interns' Agitation; demands immediate hike in Monthly Stipend

EARLY TIMES REPORT

JAMMU, Sept. 9: The Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party (Bhim) has extended full solidarity and unequivocal support to the MBBS, BDS, and Veterinary (B.V.Sc & A.H.) interns agitating across Government Medical Colleges (GMCs), Associated Hospitals, and SKUAST campuses in Jammu & Kashmir, urging the UT administration to immediately accept their legitimate demand for a dignified stipend hike to 30,000 per month along with an institutionalized annual increment mechanism.

In a press statement issued here today, Vilakshan Singh, President, JKNPP (Bhim), observed that medical and veterinary interns represent the frontline workforce and functional backbone of the region's public healthcare and animal husbandry sectors. He emphasized that medical interns endure gruelling 24- to 36-hour emergency shifts in trauma wards and ICUs, while veterinary interns carry out demanding clinical postings, emergency surgeries, disease surveillance, and rural ambulatory field duties across difficult terrains. At crucial junctures, it is these young graduates who deliver frontline interventions and monitor critical

cases round the clock. Singh expressed grave concern over the deep financial disparity and administrative neglect faced by both cadres. While MBBS and BDS interns receive an outdated stipend of 12,300 per month frozen since 2019, veterinary interns are paid an even lower pittance—just 6,000 per month for six months and 9,000 per month for the remaining period. Terming these figures an exploitation of professional talent in an era of sharp inflation, Singh pointed out that a formal proposal to enhance the veterinary stipend has remained stalled in the Finance Department since 2023 despite repeated pleas.

He highlighted that medical and veterinary interns in premier central and state institutions across India receive between 23,500 and 45,000 per month. Denying comparable, dignified remuneration to youth serving in Jammu & Kashmir amounts to blatant discrimination against local professionals. The Panthers Party (Bhim) leader took strong exception to administrative pressure, coercive show-cause notices, and threats of disciplinary action against peaceful student agitators. He remarked that forcing future doctors and veterinarians onto the streets and hunger strikes, rather than engaging in constructive dialogue, reflects poor administrative governance. Financial distress and severe burnout among junior professionals directly degrade clinical efficiency and public service delivery across the UT.

Singh emphasized that the administration must move away from ad-hoc, decade-long freezes that repeatedly force young professionals to agitate on the roads.

He demanded that the forthcoming Government Order must explicitly mandate a mandatory annual enhancement of the internship stipend—indexed to inflation or the consumer price index—

so that stipends automatically keep pace with the rising cost of living each year. Singh appealed directly to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, the Health & Medical Education Department, and the Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department to intervene immediately, clear the pending proposals before the Finance Department, and issue a comprehensive Government Order notifying an enhanced stipend of 30,000 per month for both medical and veterinary interns, along with an enforceable policy for regular annual revisions.

GDC Ganderbal organises awareness programme on World Literacy Day

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SRINAGAR, Sept 9: The Department of Education and Sociology, Government Degree College (GDC) Ganderbal, organised an awareness programme to mark "World Literacy Day" on Tuesday, in the College Conference Hall. The programme was organised with the objective of sensitising students about the importance of literacy as a fundamental human right and a matter of dignity, while highlighting its crucial role in building an educated, empowered and sustainable society. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Shaheena Akhter, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Education, who highlighted the significance of education in empowering individuals and bringing about positive social transformation. She stressed that education not only enhances knowledge and skills but also enables individuals to become responsible and active members of society.

The keynote address was delivered by Principal GDC Ganderbal, Dr. Rafiq Ahmad, who highlighted the importance of learning and knowledge in human life. Referring to the first revelation of Allah to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), he cited the word "Iqra", meaning "to read", emphasising the profound importance attached to knowledge and learning.

Dr. Rafiq Ahmad also spoke about the challenges faced by individuals deprived of educational opportunities. As part of the programme, around 18 students delivered speeches highlighting different dimensions of literacy and its relevance in contemporary society. The students emphasised that literacy is not merely confined to the ability to read and write; rather, it equips individuals with the ability to understand information, make informed decisions, access opportunities and participate meaningfully in social and civic life.

Rich Harvest School Shastri Nagar bags Runner-Up Trophy in Open District Speed Ball Championship

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JAMMU, Sept 9: Rich Harvest School Shastri Nagar Bags Runner-Up Trophy in Open District Speed Ball Championship Jammu, September 8, 2026: Rich Harvest School, Shastri Nagar, Jammu, secured the Runner-Up Championship Trophy in the Open District Level Speed Ball Championship 2026, organized by the J&K Sports Speed Ball Association on September 6, 2026, at R.N. Tagore Higher Secondary School, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. A total of 26 students from Rich Harvest School participated in the championship and delivered an impressive performance, winning 22 medals, including 2 Gold, 6 Silver and 14 Bronze medals. On this occasion, School Principal Madam Rasvinder kaur felicitated the medal-winning players



Students of Rich Harvest School displaying certificate at Jammu.

on the school premises and congratulated them for bringing laurels to the institution. Mrs. Uma Katal, Chairperson of Rich Harvest School, also congratulated all the winning players and their parents for their outstanding achievement. She appreciated the efforts of the school's coach, Mr. Sunny Nanda, for his guidance and dedicated training of the students. Gold

Medal Winners * Daksh Choudhary * Royaldeep Singh Silver Medal Winners * Kavya Goswami * Inaya Gupta * Sarvin Mehata * Armaan Singh * Angadveer Singh * Tejas Chagotra Bronze Medal Winners * Aarvi Sharma * Suhana Anand * Doyle Vaishnav * Aadhya Mahajan * Rishan Khajuria * Shivansh Salaria * Ridhav Gupta * Aayansh

Raina * Yuvraj Singh * Shreyansh Sethi * Advit Oberoi * Shivansh Anand * Alvin Verma * Navdeep Singh * Havish Verma All the medal winners have been selected for the State Level Speed Ball Championship 2026. The school management expressed pride in the achievement and wished the selected players the very best for the upcoming State Championship.

KCV Diagnostic Center hosts Two-day Free Wellness Camp

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JAMMU, Sept 9: In a heartfelt tribute to the teachers who have shaped generations and helped make us who we are today, KCV Diagnostic Center organised a two-day Wellness Camp on September 5 and 6, 2026. The initiative brought together a distinguished panel of medical specialists, cancer experts and wellness practitioners, offering women and other participants an opportunity to access specialist consultations, preventive screening and holistic wellness services. A major focus of the camp was women's health and cancer prevention. Free breast and cervical cancer screening was conducted, encouraging women to take a proactive approach towards their health. On the first day, consultations were provided by Dr. Ritesh, Sports Medicine Specialist; Dr. Shabnam, Pathologist; and Dr. Jha Raghunath, Consultant Gynaecologist. Dr. Surbhi Kudiar, Breast Oncosurgeon from the American Oncology Institute, was also present and counselled women with breast-related concerns. The second day saw the



A view of Wellness Camp at Jammu.

participation of Dr. Kanchan Kaur, Breast Oncosurgeon from Medanta, who provided specialist consultation to patients with breast problems. The presence of breast oncosurgeons during the camp was particularly beneficial for women in the perimenopausal age group, who often require greater awareness and timely assessment of breast health. The camp also offered consultations by Dr. Indu Gupta, Senior Consultant Eye Specialist, and Dr. Vijay Bharti, Psychiatrist. Both doctors extended their expertise and selfless services to patients attending the camp. Early Detection: The Key Message Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shikha Chaudhary, who runs KCV Diagnostic Center, emphasised that pre-

ventive healthcare and early detection must become an integral part of women's healthcare. She stressed that when cancer is detected at an early stage, the patient may face a substantially lower financial, psychological and physical burden, while timely treatment can also improve the prospects of recovery. Dr. Chaudhary also highlighted KCV Diagnostic Center's commitment to providing advanced diagnostic services locally. The centre is equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic technology, including highly advanced equipment described as the first of its kind in Jammu and Kashmir, bringing world-class diagnostic capabilities closer to the people of the region. Wellness Beyond Medicine..

Wheat Seed dispatch for Rabi 2026-27 commences; Director Agriculture Jammu flags Off Consignments

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JAMMU, Sept 9: Director Agriculture Jammu, Shri Anil Gupta, flagged off the consignments of wheat seed for dispatch to various districts of Jammu Division for the Rabi 2026-27 season, marking the commencement of the seed dispatch process aimed at ensuring timely availability of quality seed to farmers. The event was attended by Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs) Shri Sanjay Anand, Agriculture Research Engineer Shri Firdous Ahmad Tak, Divisional Seed Certification Officer Shri Nirmal Parkash Sharma, Assistant Agriculture Engineer Ms. Bharti Thusoo, ASCO Akhnoor Shri Rajesh Langer, Store Officer S. Ravinder Singh, besides officers and staff of the Seed Processing Plant, Jammu. Earlier, Director Agriculture Jammu, Shri Anil Gupta, also visited the Seed Processing Plant, Jammu, and inspected the ongoing wheat seed processing operations. He took stock of the various activities involved in pro-



Directo Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta flagged off consignment of wheats seed.

cessing and preparation of wheat seed for the upcoming Rabi season and interacted with the concerned officers and staff regarding the progress of the work. During the inspection, Shri Anil Gupta emphasized that the processing and preparation of quality wheat seed must be carried out as per prescribed standards and within the stipulated timelines. He directed the concerned officers to ensure proper quality control at every stage and stressed the need for timely completion of processing, certification, packaging and dispatch so that certified seed reaches farmers well before the commencement of sowing operations. The Director further emphasized that time-

ly availability of quality seed is crucial for better crop establishment, enhanced productivity and improved returns to farmers. He called upon the field functionaries to maintain close coordination and ensure smooth distribution of seed to farmers across all districts of Jammu Division. The Department has put in place necessary arrangements for the processing, certification, packaging and dispatch of wheat seed, with consignments being dispatched to different districts as per their requirements. The initiative reflects the Department's commitment towards ensuring timely agricultural inputs and supporting farmers for a successful Rabi 2026-27 season.

Free Breast, Cervical Cancer Screening Camp organise



A view of Medical Camp at Jammu.

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JAMMU, Sept 9: Under Project AAROHI, a Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Initiative exclusively for women was successfully organized at NTPHC Salher, Block Bishnah, Jammu. The initiative was supported by General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) and implemented by Human Organisation For Patronisation of Environment (HOPE). Medical Team Present Dr. Meenu Khajuria – Medical Officer Dr. Meenu – MLHP Awareness & Medical Guidance A comprehensive awareness session was conducted by Dr. Meenu Khajuria and Dr. Meenu (MLHP). The women were sensitized about breast and cervical cancer, common risk factors, early warning signs, preventive measures, and the importance of regular cancer

screening. The medical team emphasized the importance of early detection and timely medical consultation. Women were encouraged to remain aware of their health, undergo regular screening, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and seek medical advice promptly if they notice any unusual changes or symptoms. Camp Outcome The camp provided women with free cancer screening, medical consultation, and health guidance, helping promote awareness about early detection and preventive healthcare. The HOPE team actively supported the successful organization and smooth conduct of the camp under Project AAROHI, with the aim of making cancer awareness and screening services accessible to women in the community.

DPS Jammu students shine at Inter Zonal District Level Basketball Competition

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JAMMU, Sept 9: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school by winning the Inter-Zonal

have been selected for the State/UT Level Basketball Competition, which will be held at a later date. The esteemed management of DPS Jammu under the vision-



Students of DPS Jammu displaying winning medals and certificates.

District Level Basketball Competition organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports at M.A. Stadium, Jammu, from 25th to 27th August 2026. Four talented students of DPS Jammu — Vibhuti Mahajan (XII-E), Priyanshi Gupta (XII-E), Farheen Mohsin (XII-E), and Gunsheen Kour (XII-G) — represented the school in the Under-19 Girls Basketball category. Adding to the achievement, all four students

ary leadership of Sh. M.K. Ajatshatru Singh Ji (President-RCT), Kuwarani Dr. Ritu Singh Ji (Pro-Vice Chairperson) and Sh. S.S Sodhi Ji (Director) along with Ms. Ruchi Chabra (Principal) and staff, congratulated the students, their parents and the sports faculty on this achievement. They appreciated the students' hard work and encouraged them to keep doing their best and bring more laurels to the school.

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
E-Tender Notice				
Tender No. 136, 137-2026-27-SrDEN-III-FZR			Date: 09.09.2026	
Sr.DEN-III-FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 29.09.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card, etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR, etc. are not allowed. For more information login to www.ireps.gov.in .				
Tender Type		Tendering Section		Bidding System
Open		Works		Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders		Bid Starting Date		Bid Closing Date/Time
07.09.2026		15.09.2026		29.09.2026/15:00 Hrs.
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender		
1.	136-2026-27-SrDEN-III-FZR	Provision of Relay Hut at (25 Nos Level crossings) for Gate Signalling at Non Interlocked L-xing gates over Firozpur Division (TVU between 10,000 and 20,000) in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-III/FZR as per Type Plan No. HQ/01/02-2017/R-1.		
Advertised Value		Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
Rs.4,54,09,308.70		Rs.9,08,200.00	60 Days	10 Months
Similar nature of work:- "Construction of building/quarters."				
2.	137-2026-27-SrDEN-III-FZR	Provision of Relay Hut at (24 Nos Level crossings) for Gate Signalling at Non Interlocked L-xing gates over Firozpur division (TVU between 10,000 and 20,000) in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-III/FZR as per Type Plan No. NRHQ Plan No. 0-97/2017/R1.		
Advertised Value		Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
Rs.3,08,03,482.52		Rs.6,16,100.00	60 Days	08 Months
Similar nature of work:- "Any structural work made of Pre-cast PSC/RCC panels."				
Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.				
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