

■ AIMS Mobile Medical Unit Sets off to the Flood-hit J and K

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KOCHI: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off the Mobile Medical Facility and Mobile Telemedicine Unit (AMTU) of the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), Kochi, from New Delhi to Kashmir, for providing medical aid to the people affected by the recent floods.

Addressing the gathering, Rajnath Singh said that Mata Amritanandamayi is an ocean of kindness. "The whole country should emulate Amma's humanitarian activities," he said. The medical team will set up camps at Bandipore in the first week and at Srinagar in the second week, complementing the efforts of the Jammu and Kashmir state administration to provide medical help to the people affected by the devastating floods.

The mobile medical facilities are equipped with two beds each, ultra-sonography, X-ray radiography, ventilator, minor operation theatre, delivery room, electrocardiography, light microscope, digital photography and bio-chemical testing facility with a semi-auto analyser to analyse hepatitis-B and leptospirosis. The AMTU is being accompanied by a team of medical experts headed by Dr Puneet Dhar, professor and head of the gastrosurgery department at AIMS, including specialists from the departments of general medicine, general surgery, paediatrics, emergency medicine, dentistry and radiology.

Vaccination Drive

They will provide vaccinations for DPT, polio, MMR and hepatitis-B. A team of veterinary doctors, with medicines and vaccinations for animals, is also part of the AMTU. The centrally air conditioned AMTU is also equipped with satellite-based video conferencing facility.

Trained Med Team

It is supported by two emergency ambulances with cardiac treatment facilities, a trained medical team and medicines. The ambulances are designed to reach the interior areas where the AMTU cannot reach.