

Jammu & Kashmir state was awarded first rank for maximum reduction in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in one year as per latest Sample Registration System (SRS) at National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Healthcare Systems in India.

This summit was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 6<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The award was conferred to the State by Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Lok Sabha Speaker who presided over the National Summit. The inaugural session was attended by Sh. Fagan Singh Kulaste & Ms. Anupriya Patel, Union Ministers of State for Health and Family Welfare & Rustom Singh, Health Minister of Madhya Pradesh.

The award was received by Dr Pawan Kotwal, Commissioner/ Secretary to Government Health and Medical Education, Dr Gurjeet Singh Soodan Director Health Services Jammu , Dr Mohan Singh Mission Director NHM J&K, & Dr Saleem Ur Rehman Director Health Services Kashmir on behalf of the State.

Sh. Bali Bhagat Minister for Health and Medical Education Department J&K congratulated and appreciated the role of Health Department especially Director Health Services Jammu, Mission Director NHM J&K , Director Health Services Kashmir & Director Family Welfare J&K for bringing glory to the State at National platform.

In the National Summit, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare identified 500 State specific best practices across the country with regard to implementation of various schemes under the umbrella of National Health Mission. Out of these, only 50 were selected as the Best Practices to be awarded in the 4th National Summit on Good, Replicable and Innovative Practice in Public Health Care Systems in India in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

The best practices that were selected from Jammu and Kashmir State included :-

1. Role of Facility Based Newborn Care in reducing IMR in the State.
2. Kashmir Skills & Simulation Centre- Trauma and Emergency Management Program.
3. Screening and Orientation of ASHAs on National Communicable Diseases (NCDs).