

Quality healthcare, education pillars of J&K's progress: Omar

SRINAGAR, JULY 15: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today inaugurated a 120-bedded state-of-the-art additional block at the Bone & Joint Hospital, Srinagar, reaffirming his government's firm commitment to strengthening the two foundational pillars of development—health and education.

Post inauguration, the Chief Minister also took a round of the operation theatres, staircase, ramp and wards, and interacted with the hospital staff and faculty members.

Addressing a large gathering on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that no amount of infrastructure development—be it roads, power projects, or commer-



cial complexes—can substitute for quality healthcare and education. “Without robust schools, colleges, universities and hospitals, our progress as a society will remain incomplete,” he stated.

Recalling the rich legacy

of the Bone & Joint Hospital, CM Omar said that the institution has faced extraordinary challenges over the past 30–35 years. “From natural disasters to tragic accidents, this hospital has stood as a symbol of resilience and