

J&K BJP listens to PM Modi's address on Atmanirbhar Arthvyavastha through virtual mode

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized various programmes in Jammu & Kashmir to listen to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address on Atmanirbhar Arthvyavastha with the use of Audio-Visual Aids managed by the party's IT Department.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta and BJP NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi were present on the stage in the main programme while General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul and other senior leaders were also present in the programme organized at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Programmes to listen to the Prime Minister's address were also organized at BJP's District Headquarters at 25 places



BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina during a programme.

which were attended by senior leaders of the party in their respective Districts.

Prime Minister focused on the intricate mechanism of the Atmanirbhar Arthvyavastha vision envisioned in this Union Budget.

He deliberated in detail the highlights of this Budget highlighting the needful exercises and stressed areas to make the Nation totally self-reliant.

Prime Minister said that this Budget will be beneficial to the farmers, youth, students, entrepreneurs,

MSMEs, technology, Defense, health infrastructure, village modernization and other sectors. He said that the Budget will help to construct Brand India boosting the Make in India approach from Defense needs to health infrastructure to high quality Education to everybody.

He also focused on the importance of border villages and their residents and their development.

He focused on the Social justice and equitable development. PM focused on the

needs of small farmers and organic chemical free farming. He talked of ways to promote Start-Ups and innovation.

Banking in Post offices in rural areas was stressed in his address. He also talked of improved road networks and importance of Logistics in farming and trade & industries.

PM also talked of green infrastructure and Ease of doing business, while prompting all the citizens of Nation to contribute in the development process. Later, Ravinder Raina, thanked all party activists of J&K BJP for attending the PM's address attentively saying that the Budget is pro-poor and friendly to everybody.

He stressed that this Budget reflects the constructive approach and commitment of Good Governance of Modi Government towards the residents of this Great Nation.

AICC appoints observers from J&K for Punjab assembly elections

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JAMMU: All India Congress Committee on Wednesday appointed JKPC OBC Department office bearers as observers/election campaigners in Punjab for assembly elections for ensuring victory of Congress candidates.

The office bearers include Vice Chairman JKPC OBC Department Sandeep Dogra, Vice Chairman JKPC OBC Department Romesh Verma, Chairman District Kathua Rajnish Basotra, Vice Chairman JKPC Jammu Province Vice President Dogra.

Among those who joined the protest included Sunny Jatt Assembly President, Balram Langar Ward General Secretary, Ward President Durga Deep Singh, Rahul, Riky Ward Vice President, Sourav, Jony, Vijay, Anmol, Ravi, Sahil Choudhary, Arun and Vicky.

"We will again form the government in Punjab with an overwhelming majority," he said.

DPS Jammu, Nagbani, Katra management honour frontline educators



DPS management members and faculty members during a programme at Jammu.

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JAMMU: To acknowledge the role played by all Frontline Educators of the Delhi Public School (DPS) Family and to condole the loss of the family members of their staff during the COVID-19, the Management of DPS Jammu, Nagbani & Katra organized a virtual felicitation and condolence programme on Wednesday. The occasion was graced by Ajatshatru Singh, President RCT, Founder Chairman Trustee & PVC-DPS Nagbani, Founder Chairman Trustee-DPS Jammu & DPS Katra, Ritu Singh, PVC, DPS Jammu,

Founder Trustee-DPS Nagbani & DPS Katra, Rajkumar Ranvijay Singh, Member Trustee and S.S. Sodhi, PVC-DPS Katra and Director-DPS Jammu and DPS Nagbani. Around 100 educators of the schools joined the online event. The event began with a poignant tribute to the mother of S.S. Sodhi, Surjeet Kour, followed by the other family members of the school staff who lost their lives during pandemic. The support and cooperation received from the parents for online teaching and virtual activities were also appreciated. The role played by the teachers, particularly the

frontline educators was applauded. The Appreciation Certificates for the frontline educators were also displayed and distributed digitally.

Ajatshatru appreciated the dedicated and committed efforts of the frontline staff during these unprecedented times. He also expressed his concern for the children who have been attending virtual classes from home for almost two years now and hoped that their physical classes would resume soon.

Ritu Singh expressed appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for each Frontline Educators. Sodhi emphasized the significance of the teaching fraternity

and their families in supporting the online education for 6000+ students of DPS Jammu, Katra & Nagbani.

Also, present were Ruchi Chabra, Principal-DPS Jammu, Raj Kumar Verma, Principal-DPS Nagbani, Manikarnika Sharma, Vice Principal-DPS Katra, Meenu Gupta, Headmistress, Ravi Kumar Kotroo-Examination Incharge/Headmaster, Umesh Kumar Sharma-Dy. Headmaster, Rimi Sharma-Dy. Headmistress, Mrignaini Pathania-Coordinator, R.C. Gupta-CAO, Karandeep Singh-Snr. Manager Operations, among others.

Two-week long Refresher Course in Life Sciences concludes at JU

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JAMMU: Department of Botany, in collaboration with UGC-HRDC, University of Jammu organized a Refresher Course in Life Sciences for teaching faculty of Life Sciences on virtual mode.

Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice-Chancellor of the University and Chief Guest in the valedictory function of this two-week-long academic event said that such events are important for personal development.

Referring to last year's bypolls in various assembly and parliament constituencies of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Karnataka wherein the BJP suffered a setback, Dogra said the results were a verdict against the "anti-people" policies of the BJP-led dispensation.

He also slammed the BJP-led government at the Centre over "high prices" of fuel and cooking gas and other essential commodities and the "growing rate" of unemployment.

He stressed upon the participants that they should also go for such studies so

that the sustainability goals can be achieved by 2030.

Earlier, Prof. S. K. Pandita, Director UGC-HRDC, formally welcomed all the participants.

Prof. Veenu Kaul, Head, Department of Botany and coordinator of this course

said that a total of 32 different lectures on diverse aspects of life sciences were delivered by eminent experts from the country and abroad.

Some of the main topics like sixth mass extinction and its impact on biodiversity

by Prof. K.R. Shivanna, Science of COVID-19 by Dr. Sumit Gandhi, Endophytes by Prof. Sanjana Kaul, Biodiversity Informatics by Dr. Gitanjali Yadav, ethnobotany by Dr. Radhakrishnan, research ethics by Prof. Kalpana Pai, Stroke & "The Brain

Attack" by Prof. Anjana Munshi, geo-spatial data by Dr. H. C. Dutt, paleontology by Dr. Varun Parmar, biological invasions by Prof. Zafer Reshi, electron transport chain by Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, sex chromosomes by Prof. Namrata Sharma, behaviour of bees and hon-eebees by Prof. Somanathan, cancer biology by Dr. Shashank Singh, butterflies by Dr. Neeraj Sharma, biodiversity monitoring by Dr. Pushpinder Jamwal was covered during the course.

Further, Prof. Ambarish Vidyarthi, Vice-Chancellor, Bikāner Technical University also delivered a lecture on National Education Policy-2020.

A vote of thanks was delivered by Ranjit Kalra, Teaching Faculty, UGC-HRDC, University of Jammu.

Rinchen Dolkar appointed as BJMM President Ladakh

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LEH: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Ladakh on Wednesday appointed Rinchen Dolkar as State President of Bharatiya Janata Mahila Morcha (BJMM) Ladakh.

Member Parliament

Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgyal issued a statement

saying that after the appointment of former State President of BJMM Rinchen Lhamo as Member of National Commission of Minority, State President Ladakh Phunchok Stanzin has appointed Rinchen Dolkar as State President BJMM, Ladakh.

Rinchen Dolkar had served the party as District President BJMM Leh and District General Secretary BJP Leh.

"Heartiest congratulations to all the Karyakartas of Mahila

Morcha of Leh, Kargil, Nubra and Zanskar as well as the people of

Rinchen Dolkar Ladakh for having such an educated, dedicated, vocal, sincere and bold woman leadership to lead the BJP in Ladakh," MP Ladakh said in his congratulatory message.

Meanwhile, BJP State President Phunchok Stanzin and State Executive Members congratulated Rinchen Dolkar on being appointed as new President of BJP Mahila Morcha, UT Ladakh and hoped for working towards betterment of the society, especially for women rights.

ICSI applauds Union Budget 2022

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NEW DELHI: The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) applauded Union Budget 2022, unveiled by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1, 2022.

Focusing on the four pillars: Productivity, Climate Action, Financing Investment and PM Gati Shakti plan, Budget 2022 is aimed at growth and sustainability.

The proposal such as Kisan Drone for crop assessment and digitization of land records will be a forward-looking step in inclusive development of farming. Besides this, Sovereign Green Bonds, Battery Swapping Policy, Energy Service Company Business model in large commercial buildings etc. are

commendable initiatives on Climate Action. Giving his insight on the budget, CS Devendra V Deshpande, President, The ICSI said "It is a very progressive budget aiming at inclusive development through incentivising MSME sector and start-ups. It proposes to strengthen the digital payment ecosystem which will have positive impact on Ease of Doing Business and will promote FDI as well. Besides this, the introduction of Digital Currency is forward-looking step and would place India at the International Platform in this arena."

CHILDLINE Jammu provides hygiene kits to inmates of Muskan

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JAMMU: In its efforts to reach out the children Childline Jammu Nodal organization Department of Law, University of Jammu distributes hygiene kits to inmates of Muskan Child Care Institution.

Personal hygiene and cleanliness are critical for staying healthy and for preventing sicknesses, disease and protection against COVID 19 infection.

The importance of basic hygiene and staying clean extends beyond physical health.

During the interaction with the staff of the CCI they were also urged to take extra care to protect the children from deadly disease of COVID as we are facing the danger of third wave which is more

Modi Govt's schemes making women self-reliant: Rekha

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JAMMU: During her visit to Akhnoor in connection with party programmes, Jammu and Kashmir BJP Secretary & District Prabhati Rekha Mahajan, discussed various schemes of Narendra Modi government for women empowerment. She held a meeting with prominent local women activists and stressed upon them to get full information related to these schemes and share the same with the women in their respective areas. They can become self-reliant by availing these schemes.

Rekha informed them that among many schemes launched by Modi government, for the first time after independence, included providing free gas connections to women and construction of toilets for them, opening their Jan Dhan accounts, giving newly con-

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JAMMU: Seeking humane approach towards resolving the issues confronting to over six lakh displaced Kashmiri Pandits, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Minority Cell today exhorted the Centre to chalk out a time-bound roadmap for their safe, honourable and dignified return as per the aspirations of the stakeholders.

The forced and painful exodus of the microscopic minority community continues to haunt the nationalist KPs who continue to be refugees in their own country for the past over three decades", the Charter of Demands adopted at a high level of the community functionaries under the Chairmanship of Provincial President Mr Rattan Lal Gupta at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here stated, reminding the present dispensation

The Provincial President Rattan Lal Gupta described the migration of Kashmiri Pandits as a blot on the glorious ethos of Jammu and Kashmir which is known the world over for its inclusiveness and harmonious co-existence.

He also enumerated the measures taken by the National Conference during its various spells of governance for ameliorating the lot of the displaced community.

Gupta hoped that the administration will take a call

PDPSP Forum opposes closure of one-time settlement relief scheme for PoJK DPs

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JAMMU: PoJK Displaced Pahari Speaking People (PDPSP) Forum has denounced J&K Government's notification for closure of one-time settlement scheme for Displaced People of 1947, 1965 and 1971 from PoJK.

During a meeting of the forum held at a village Brij Nagar, R S Pura, the members, termed the notification as unreasonable, irrational and fraudulent. "Only 31,619 families are registered in records while 9,000 PoJK families are still unregistered due to various reasons. Under the

at the Centre to keep up the promise of facilitating dignified return of the Kashmiri Pandits, who had leave all their movable and immovable property behind during the painful and forceful displacement from the Valley.

NC Minority Cell President M K Yogi highlighted the key points of the Charter of Demands amid overwhelming applause from the participants from camp and non-camp migrant dwellings.

on the pressing issues facing the unfortunate people and resolve these earnestly. The Charter of Demands, inter alia, seeks the involvement of all the stakeholders including intellectuals besides heads of KP social and philanthropic organizations; enhancement of monthly relief assistance from meager amount of Rs 13000 to 25000 per month as the current amount is too meager to make their livelihood in present times of inflation; creation of 10,000 posts for the educated unemployed youth of displaced community as the unemployment among KP youth is on the rise; compensation to over aged educated and unemployed youth who are running from pillar to post in exile for sustenance of their livelihood.

The Charter of Demands also emphasizes the crucial need of political reservation for the 6 lakh Kashmiri Pandits living in exile till their return back to their homes and hearths.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Amit Koul, Naveen Gosami, Ashok Koul, Umesh Talash, Dr. Amina Sheikh, Neelam, Daisy Buzar, Chandra, Sunita, Raj Brli, Ashok Koul, Chand Ji Pandita, Harminder Singh, Ashwani Bhat, Sumit Bhat, Anjali Tickoo and Sanjay Bhat.

The Charter of Demands

scheme, thousands of files were already rejected due to non-availability of proper documents which the administration was demanding after 74 years of partition," they asserted. Accusing the Government of dividing the community with the recent action, they said that PoJK families reside in districts Jammu, Kathua, Reasi, Samba and Udhampur of Jammu Province have been sidelined from privilege of 4 per cent reservation granted to Pahari Speaking People and still struggling to establish their identity.

The Forum urged LG's administration to take the matter seriously otherwise the DPs would be forced to adopt the path of agitation against such outrageous decisions.

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reached houses in their own names, speaks of the concern for their socio economic upliftment.

Rekha further asked them to go through the salient features of this year's budget, which has continued with taking more care of the women empowerment.

She said that under Mission Shakti, one scheme named 'Sambal' is aimed at strengthening safety & security of women and another scheme named 'Samarthya' is dedicated towards empowerment of women, as pronounced in Aatam Nirbhar Bharat Ka Budget. This mission will give ensure holistic welfare development of women.

Over 5.5 crore tap water connections were provided in past 2 years and now 3.8 crore more households will get tap water in 2022-23, which will enable welfare and making Indian women self-reliant.

The list is too long and a glance at every single provision for women would obviously prove that empowering them is among top priorities of Modi government. Rekha also expressed gratitude to the Union Finance Minister as well, for announcing this year's budget with special focus on welfare and making Indian women self-reliant.