

# Modi Govt's Jal Jeevan Mission giving new impetus to nation's development: BJP



BJP J&K Incharge for Jal Jeevan Mission Th. Narayan Singh talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Modi Government's Jal Jeevan Mission (Har Ghar Nal Se Jal) is giving a new impetus to Nation's development, stated Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State Incharge for Jal Jeevan Mission Th. Narayan Singh at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

J&K BJP Incharge Social & Religious Organizations Th. Narayan Singh (Incharge, Har Ghar Nal Se Jal) and J&K BJP Secretary Vikas Choudhary (Co-Incharge, Har Ghar Nal Se Jal) were addressing a press conference accompanied by J&K BJP Office Secretary Tilak raj Gupta and BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra.

Narayan Singh, while addressing the media persons said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had spoken about Jal Jeevan Mission on 15th August 2019.

Under this, massive changes have taken place in the field of groundwater

management, water conservation, rain-water harvesting. Prime Minister Modi took the campaign of providing water from tap to every household under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Even after 70 years of independence, people had to yearn for water. The Congress and its allied governments never did anything for this. Women had to bring water from far and wide in the scorching sun. Har Ghar Nal Se Jal Yojana is another example of empowerment of the poor.

Since 2014, the focus of the government has been on the empowerment of citizens, especially the poor and the downtrodden. For this, many measures were taken, which included programs to provide homes, electricity, cooking gas, water.

Before the Modi government came to power, only 16.75% of the households in the country had access to tap water, whereas in just two years after the

launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, today about 49% households have access to pure drinking water from the tap.

It aims to provide safe and adequate tap water to every rural household by 2024. This will also improve the health of the citizens of the country. Apart from this, people's time will also be saved through this scheme.

Jal Jeevan Mission is giving a new impetus to the development of the country today. The way water has reached crores of homes in less than the last 3 years, it is a great example of public aspirations and public participation.

Narayan Singh further said that with all these measures, in rural areas including tough terrain of hills, people started getting clean drinking water at home. The women of the house do not have to go far to get drinking water. Especially the women of the house are getting complete freedom from the problem of water.

Narayan Singh added that under the mission 10 thousands Crores rupees have been allotted to the Jammu & Kashmir. He stated that 350 Tube Wells, 600 Borewells, 1100 filter plants, 350 overhead tanks and many other measures are to be constructed in the region. He also shared that in Jammu Province 9,87,000 households are to be covered out of which 5,33,000 households are already covered and 4,54,000 households are pending which will be covered very soon under the Har Ghar Nal Se Jal mission.

# Kavinder reiterates Govt's commitment to provide tap water to every household

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, while reiterating Modi Govt's commitment to provide tap water to every household under 'Jal Jeevan Mission', has urged the people to make judicious use of water.

He expressed this during a programme organized as part of the fortnight celebrations of the Bharatiya Janata Party's Foundation Day, where he along with Vinay Gupta, District President and party workers took pledge to save every single drop of water. The pledge was taken during a programme organized in this connection at Jeevan Nagar area of Satwari Mandal in

Jammu today. Today's programme was organized by Bharat Bhushan, President Satwari Mandal, BJP, J&K and Hardev Singh, former Vice Chairman Cantonment Board.

Addressing the gathering, Kavinder made the people aware about the judicious use of water. He said that Modi Govt stands fully committed to provide tap water to every house hold under its 'Jal Jeevan Mission' but at the same time people will have to proactively contribute in this direction by making judicious use of every single drop of water.

The senior BJP leader stated that Modi Govt is spending crores of rupees under the significant 'Jal Jeevan

Mission' to provide tap water to every house hold as still there are several areas across the nation where women have to traverse many kilometers distance to fetch potable water for their households. He said that today people need to take lesson from their ancestors in ancient times who took adequate measures to save water bodies right upto our present generation but it is an irony that we failed to protect and save these water bodies thus having been left with just limited sources of water today. In such a situation saving every single drop of water has become inevitable to sustain life, he added.

The former Deputy Chief Minister made a fervent

appeal to the people at large belonging to every section of the society to voluntarily come forward to join this most significant campaign to create massive awareness among the people about the necessity of saving every drop of water so that the sustainable development goal is achieved in true letter and spirit. He urged one and all to take a pledge to take a sincere pledge to save water by adopting proactive measures for the survival and welfare of humanity.

Among those who were present include Ramesh Gupta, Jyoti Parkash, Sahil Gupta, Naveen Gupta, Ajmer Singh, Narinder Koki, Ranjit Singh, Sanjay Bhau, Suraj Rana, Daler Singh and Monu Salathia.

## 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022 'Shilpkari Bazaar' receives 'Kala Nidhi' Award

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JAMMU: 'Shilpkari Bazaar' which is a Channi Himmat based Jammu organisation run by Sanchaita Pradhan Khajuria and Arnab Khajuria received the coveted 'Kala Nidhi' Award on the concluding ceremony of 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022 for showcasing and bringing the forgotten wild grass crafts of Jammu region to lime-light.

Traditional Binna and Chabadi, which were near extinct crafts with the passage of time besides being revived now, have come with upgraded contemporary version of artifacts and utility items such as laundry boxes, umbrella stands, pen stands, dry fruit trays, jewellery box, home decor items etc. providing gainful employment to the marginalized local artisans and craftsmen. These items, which are eco-friendly and sustainable, were a major attraction in the Mela. Sanchaita, who is the founder of Shilpkari Bazaar, said, "We owe our gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and other dignitaries of J&K for visiting our stall in the Mela and encouraging us for the initiative. During his visit, the LG was sought for GI tag for the famous Basholi paintings of Jammu." Arnab, the Co-Founder of Shilpkari Bazaar said "Our sincerest thanks to Authorities of the Tourism and Handicrafts Departments, J&K and to all our patrons, artists and artisans for supporting and believing in our small endeavour. We assure that we will continue to play our hum-



'Shilpkari Bazaar' owner Sanchaita Pradhan Khajuria receiving "Kala Nidhi" Award.

ble role like the little squirrel of Ramayan for the larger cause of Vocal for Local which is championed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi." Currently 'Shilpkari Bazaar' covers 4 districts of Jammu Region as if now which includes Samba, Kathua, Reasi and Jammu. The Team is confident to cover the pending 6 districts on priority and support the people at the grass root level. Their vision is to bring the art and craft of Jammu to a global level as there is a lot of potential. Shilpkari Bazaar is available on all social media platform of Facebook, Instagram as well as twitter.

# India's Nuclear programme for improving quality of life: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday said that India's Nuclear Programme is for improving quality of life and not for causing harm to human life.

Dr Jitendra said that India has covered a long journey since the inception of the Atomic Energy programme by Dr Homi Bhabha based on the peaceful use of nuclear energy. He said that time has come to renew the noble pledge of Dr Bhabha as "Sankalp se Siddhi".

Dr Jitendra was chairing the meeting of the reconstituted Joint Hindi Salahkar Samiti of Department of Atomic Energy and Department Space at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. He said, applications of nuclear energy and radiation have played a significant role in the field of electricity production, agriculture, medicine, health, food preservation, improved seeds varieties, water purification technologies, urban waste management technologies, industrial application of radioisotopes and radiation technologies particularly in petroleum industry. He, however, lamented that most of the societal applications of nuclear energy are not much known to the people.

The Minister also

informed that Gamma Irradiation Technology is used for inhibition of sprouting in bulbs and tubes, insect disinfection of cereals, pulses and grains, microbial decontamination (hygienization) of dry spices etc., for preservation/shelf life extension by applying pre-determined radiation doses. He said, even during COVID pandemic, the Department of Atomic Energy(DAE) came out with novel innovations like COVID BEEP, India's first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients.

Dr Singh said that Tata Centre Mumbai, which is running a number of Cancer Hospitals across the country works under the aegis of the Department of Atomic Energy. He also informed that the Department of Atomic Energy and Tata Memorial Centre, with assistance from Tata Trust, is setting up additional units in Bihar, Assam and Uttarakhand.

Dr Jitendra called upon the members of Committee and Department of Rajbhasha to take steps to popularise the achievements of Space and Nuclear Technology among the common through proper translation in Hindi and Vernacular languages through professional

translators. He also laid stress on proper translation of Science textbooks and literature in Hindi and regional languages.

Dr Singh said, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Department of Rajbhasha which is a part of Home Ministry headed by Amit Shah, is working a sea change is being witnessed that most of the official works in Central Ministries and Departments are being done in Hindi. The Minister underlined that that Prime Minister Narendra Modi always pitched for using vernacular languages in promoting science communication in a "big way" to develop "love of science" in the youth and underlined that language should not be a barrier but a facilitator.

Dr Jitendra said that Space Technology is being applied in diverse fields and sectors to bring "ease of living" for common man. ISRO scientists briefed the committee meeting about the wide-spread application of Space Technology in fields like Agriculture, Soils, Water Resources, Land Use/Land Cover, Rural Development, Earth and Climate Studies, Geosciences, Urban & Infrastructure, Disaster Management Support, Forestry and Ecology and Using Geospatial Technology as

a tool for enabling Decision Support Systems. The Minister said that in the recent past Drone Technology is being used to bring a new revolution in the field of agriculture. He was informed by members of the Advisory Committee that some of the MBBS syllabus will be taught in Hindi at Gandhi Medical College Bhopal from May this year and efforts are on to translate the entire curricula through medical and scientific professional experts.

## FCS&CA B'pora celebrates success of PM-GKAY

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BANDIPORA: The Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) on Saturday organised a day-long programme to celebrate the success of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

Vice-Chairperson District Development Council Bandipora, Kousher Shafeeq was the chief guest on the occasion while DDC member Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Rather, Assistant Director FCS&CA Bilal Ahmad, Sarpanchs and Panchs also attended the function.

Speaking on the occasion AD FCS&CA said the reason for celebration of this

event was to highlight the positive impact of PMGKY during the pandemic. He said the PMGKY was kick started in March 2020 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi amid the Covid-19 pandemic in the country.

He said the scheme is part of Atmanirbhar Bharat, aimed to supply free food grains to migrants and poor populations. He pointed out the phase wise extension of the scheme, provided by the government in order to ensure the food grain provisions to the distressed sections. He said current is the sixth phase of extension, which began from April 2022.

The AD FCS&CA said under this scheme, 05Kg food grains/person/month over and above the regular monthly NFSA food grains

is being provided to AAY & PHH beneficiaries at National Level.

Giving details about the performance of Bandipora under the scheme, Bilal Ahmad said that more than 2.42 lac beneficiaries are availing the benefits under the scheme every month. Speaking on the occasion, Kousher Shafeeq appreciated the efforts of the administration in reaching out to the under-privileged class during tough times. She said the PMGKY scheme averted the rise in extreme poverty in the country as more than 80 crore people benefited from the scheme.

She said during lockdown when there was no employment to most of the people, this scheme helped to prevent needy and poor beneficiaries from Starvation.

## DC B'pora visits Dairy & Food Processing Units of district

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BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Saturday visited various units established by the Department of Animal Husbandry Bandipora under various Dairy and Poultry related schemes.

On the occasion, Dr Owais visited the Bulk Cooling Facility of JKMPCL Nadihal, Harmukh Dairy Farm, Insha Frozen Foods Nesbal, Salsabeel Paneer Making Unit Asha, and inspected the working of these units besides interacting with the owners.

At the Bulk Milk Cooling facility of JKMPCL, Nadihal, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer (CAHO), Dr G A Lone detailed to him about the role of JKMPCL in the marketing intervention of the dairy farms of the district.

At Harmukh Dairy Farm, officers informed that the farm possesses 20 Dairy Cow units established under IDDS Scheme, Dr Owais interacted with its Owner Aijaz Ahmad who is a Post Graduate and has left the job of Contractual lecturer to start his own business ven-



DC Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad presenting appreciation certificates to Dairy/Poultry unit holders.

ture.

Dr Owais was impressed to see highly productive stock and profitable status of the farm and expressed happiness to see that educated youth of the district are setting up such ventures to generate a sound source of income besides the employment generation at the units.

During the visit to the Insha Frozen Foods unit at Nesbal, officers were informed that the Unit had been augmented under the IPDP scheme of the department. Dr Owais interacted with its owner Muddasir Amin (MBA). He expressed satisfaction over the success of the project with an educated entrepreneur running it profitably besides generating huge employment at the unit.

Later, Dr Owais visited Salsabeel Paneer making Unit at Asham, established under IDDS Scheme of the Department. Dr Owais interacted with its owner Basher Sidiq. Sidiq detailed the DC about all the machinery components and the steps involved in making of packaged paneer. He was impressed that the District has its own brand of Paneer and Curd which is sold both in this district but others as well.

The DC concluded his visit with the distribution of appreciation certificates among the Dairy/Poultry units' holders.

He appreciated the efforts of the Department of Animal Husbandry Bandipora in general and CAHO Bandipora in particular in the establishment and functioning of such

## Director Agriculture inaugurates 2nd phase of vegetable seedling distribution at Lalmandi

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SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal on Saturday inaugurated the second phase of vegetable seedling distribution drive at Kitchen Garden Premises Lalmandi, here.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director appreciated the efforts of the concerned officers/officials of Kitchen Garden and Hi-Tech Poly House installations and said that the department, to a great extent, has been successful in making vegetable seedlings available to the farming community round the year and this endeavour will continue till the set targets are

achieved.

He on the occasion highlighted the importance of vegetable cultivation for the region and asked the educated youth to come forward and adopt this as a career option.

Iqbal said that amid climate change and global economic scenario strengthening of vegetable cultivation in the region could play a major role in achieving the economic security for the farming community.

Meanwhile, a large number of farmers, kitchen garden lovers and backyard farmers across the valley were present on the occasion. Earlier, Seed Production Officer, Ghulam Mohiudin Kumar gave a detailed overview of different interventions, vegetable crops that have been grown in the kitchen garden for distribution.

## Director Agriculture visits Pulwama; seizes Pesticides shop

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PULWAMA: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Mohammad Iqbal Choudhary along with the Enforcement Wing of South Kashmir on Saturday seized fake pesticides shop of Shaheen Enterprises Pulwama.

Director Agriculture Kashmir Mohammad Iqbal Choudhary said that there will be zero tolerance against the sale of fake pesticides and nobody will be allowed to play havoc with the agriculture sector besides damaging the farming community through sub-standard pesticides.

Choudhary said the LG administration has taken different measures to curb the sale of fake pesticides across the province. Welfare of farmers and revival of the agriculture sector were top priorities of the department.

## Raina releases Dogri song 'Dharain Poundian Dhooran'



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and other senior leaders releasing Dogri song.

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JAMMU: With a view to promote local Dogri culture and folk lore, a novel effort by Romi Ramnagar and his team found an outlet with release of a song 'Dharain Poundian Dhooran'.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina along with former MLA & party Spokesperson Ranbir Singh Pathania and other senior leaders released the song at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

While releasing the song Ravinder Raina dwelled upon the sweetness, folk-touch relevance and theme of the song which dwells upon the living styles of people living in hilly areas. He recalled huge contribution of singers and folk artists of Ramnagar in preserving, promoting and propagating the Dogri culture, dance, Geetru, Paakh and musical instruments also.

Shanker Dass, sang the song before

the press and the present prominent people while enthraling the audience with his melodious voice.

The music of song has been done by Gautam Ganesh. Lyrics are composed by Romi Ramnagar. Sapna Soni and Romi Ramnagar have been the actors in the song. Aditya Hyderabad and Alankar are the cast of album. Makeup has been arranged by GMJ productions and Sunny RJ.

Ranbir Singh Pathania further called for including Dogri as a subject in Central University of Jammu as well as SMVDU, Katra. He also dwelled in detail on various facets of Dogri culture, its essence and edifice.

Munish Sharma, Incharge of BJP All Cells, Narain Singh, Vikas Choudhary, Tilak Raj Gupta, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Iqbal Malik, Sanjay Baru, Sanjay Bakshi and a galaxy of local leaders remained present on the occasion.