

# Modi Govt's PMGKAY helped 80 crore needy people to survive COVID catastrophe: Randhawa

BJP lauds Modi Govt's decision to extend scheme

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JAMMU: Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PM-GKAY) has helped 80 Crore needy people to survive Covid catastrophe, said Ch. Vikram Randhawa, J&K BJP PMGKAY Convenor.

Vikram Randhawa (former MLC) stated that PMGKAY has helped the poor & needy especially those who lost livelihood during the lockdown. It has also provided relief to those families in rural areas that have migrant returnees.

Randhawa said "PMGKAY has provided free Food Grains to 80 crore people of the Country which was a never-before exercise in the entire world and it is still continuing".

Vikram Randhawa accompanied by J&K BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Co-convenors Shrey Sethi and Hari Om Sharma was addressing media persons at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar,

## Balwant Thakur initiates major Indian theatre movement in Mauritius

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MAURITIUS: The director of world's biggest cultural centre of India abroad Balwant Thakur today informed that altogether new efforts are being made to establish the legacy of Indian theatre globally in general and Mauritius in particular. He was speaking to Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation today in presence of celebrity actor and Chairman of National School of Drama Paresh Rawal and the Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage Republic of Mauritius at the Intercontinental, Mauritius.

Referring to Mauritius, Balwant Thakur informed that already a project to introduce children theatre has already been initiated with the joint collaboration of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage Government of Mauritius to take children theatre to the entire length and breadth of Mauritius culminating into 100 children performances in Mauritius.

The project will begin with the production of a model children play in which in addition to the

## Kavinder visits PDS outlets, distributes foodgrains among PMGKAY beneficiaries

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JAMMU: The Narendra Modi government's free ration scheme PMGKAY benefitted 80 crore people and did not allow the country's poverty level to increase despite the pandemic and resultant lockdown.

This was stated by Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta during visited public distribution system (PDS) outlets in Wards Number 58, 47 and 20 in the Gandhi Nagar constituency and distributed packets of foodgrains to beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojna (PMGKAY) on Wednesday. He undertook the activity as part of the BJP's 'Samajik Nyay'



J&K BJP PMGKAY Convenor Vikram Randhawa talking to reporters.

759 LMT of free foodgrains under the PM-GKAY till Phase V was allocated. With another 244 LMT of free foodgrains under Phase VI, the aggregate allocation of free foodgrains under the PM-GKAY now stand at 1,003 LMT of foodgrains", Randhawa said.

BJP leader shared that the benefit of free ration can be availed through portability by any migrant labour or beneficiary under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan from nearly 5 lakh ration shops across the country. So far, over 61 Crore portability transactions have benefitted the beneficiaries away from their homes.

Randhawa further said that decision shows the commitment of the Modi government for the welfare of the poor people in the trouble torn Covid time. He said that the party activists are helping the needy persons in the society and making sure that they get the due benefit of the scheme.

## Shobha Yatra of Sukrala Mata taken out with religious fervour

## Communal harmony is Jammu's hallmark: Yudhvir

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President, BJP J&K, on Wednesday emphasized upon maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood in the Jammu region while asserting that these are the hallmark of the City of Temples.

Sethi stated this while participating in the Shri Sukrala Mata Ji Shoba Yatra which was taken out from Purani Mandi area of Jammu city. The Yatra was organized by Shri Mata Sukrala Devi Sewa Dal with the blessings of Mahant Rameshwar Dass and Mahant Hanuman Mandir while Corporator Narotam Sharma, Sanjay Mahey, Parveen Kurni, Sudhir Anand and Savita Anand were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Sethi said that Goddess Durga who is also known by the name Maa Kaali or Maa Chandi never tolerates evil acts or evil doers and becomes terribly angry against them and the people of Jammu have been staunch devotees of Mata and always follow the path of righteousness.

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Vice President, BJP J&K, Yudhvir Sethi and others participating in Shri Sukrala Mata Ji Shoba Yatra.

He said that it is a result of this attitude that Jammu is well known across the nation for maintaining communal harmony and brotherhood amidst diversities in religion and faiths. He added that in the current times when the anti-national and anti-social elements are hell bent upon disturbing the communal fabric, it is essential for the people of Jammu not to be led away by the provocative statements of such elements and maintain communal harmony at all costs.

"Such pilgrimages provide an opportunity to devotees to seek spiritual solace while being amid the serene atmosphere," he said and hoped that this Yatra will be a harbinger of peace and tranquility between various segments of the society.

Sethi hoped that the Yatra will culminate in true spirit of togetherness with the devotees getting their spiritual thirst quenched. He urged them to spread the message of peace, tranquility and righteousness, adding that these are the hallmark of Sanatan Dharam. He also complimented the organizers for making available all the facilities to devotees and conducting the yatra in a spirit of camaraderie and bonhomie.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary

Kavinder asserted that the poor people were able to sustain with dignity after the lockdown due to the scheme. He asked the people to support the endeavour of Modi government for the overall welfare of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta along with Vinay Gupta, President District started development work of lane and drain at Ward 47 with an estimated cost of Rs 35 lakhs. Others who were present include Sharda Devi, Corporator, Neeraj Lucky Puri Mandal President, Vivek Patyal, Karuna Khetri, Purshotam, Subhash Chander, Dalbeer Singh, Karishan Lal, Dr Devender and Ashok Kumar.

March 26. Under the PMGKAY, the Central Government provides five kg of foodgrains per person per month for free. Since then 80 crore people have been provided with free foodgrains. Its impact was that when people emerged out of the lockdown, the level of poverty that would have otherwise increased did not rise and Modi's poli-



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta distributing packets of foodgrains among beneficiaries.

## Bhagwati Asthapan Trust celebrates 'Uma Jayanti'

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JAMMU: Uma Jayanti, the birthday of Goddess Uma Bhagwati was celebrated by Uma Bhagwati Asthapan Trust Brariangan Umanagri at Mata Sharda Bhawan Temple complex, Bantabab. In this regard, a Panch Sahakar Hawan was also organised followed by Prasad vitran. A number of people participated in the Hawan. On this occasion, a

symbolic Puja Archana was also held after 32 years at Mata's abode at Brariangan Umanagri in district Anantnag. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Sanjay Pandit, President Uma Bhagwati Asthapan Trust; Manas Bhattacharya Ultra Prant Sanghathak; Kishore Tokesar, Joint General Secretary, Vivekanand Kendra Kanyakumari.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises symposium on Dr BR Ambedkar

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JAMMU: Government College for Women (GCW) Bhagwati Nagar organised symposium on the topic 'Philosophy of Dr. B.R Ambedkar' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R Ambedkar.

The programme was inaugurated by the Principal, Prof Minnie Sharma who said that a nation becomes strong only when the people are strong. She encouraged the students to take inspiration from Dr. Ambedkar and work for our nation with a strong will and determination.

"Ambedkar jayanti is a reminder that we as citizens of India must fulfill our duties towards our country and should always stand against discrimination and fight inequality," she said.

The event was adjudged by Prof. Anju Bala, Dr. Pawanjeet Bali and Arti.

Priya Kumari of B.Com 1st sem was adjudged as first while Mansi and Priya Singh, both of B. Com. 1st sem got 2nd and 3rd position respectively.

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