

People anxiously waiting for PM to announce development projects on Panchayati Raj Diwas: Randhawa

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JAMMU: The people of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are anxiously waiting for visiting Prime Minister, Narendra Modi to announce the development projects for J&K on the occasion of Panchayati Raj Diwas.

In a statement to the press, former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa, who has been appointed as Incharge Ramgarh Mandal to mobilise the people to attend the Prime Minister's rally in Panchayat Palli of District Samba on Panchayati Raj Diwas on April 24 said that residents of Palli and others areas of UT J&K are eagerly waiting for the announcements made by the Prime Minister for the development of Union Territory.



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa during visit to Ramgarh.

He informed that in the past 20 days, the Palli Panchayat has turned into a model Panchayat in the country, adding that the people are anxiously waiting to give a red carpet welcome to their leader and compliment him for his concern for the welfare and development of the J&K.

"Prime Minister launched several schemes and projects during the past eight years of BJP rule at the Centre", he said, adding that apart from the people,

the Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also address the PRIs across the country virtually tomorrow. "With Narendra Modi visit, the development not only in Palli Panchayat but entire J&K will get further boost", he said, adding that it is a matter of honour for the Palli residents that among lakhs of Panchayats, Modi's choose Palli to visit.

Former legislator said that various flagship schemes were launched by

the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi including Ayushman Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, etc for the benefit of the common masses.

"Central Government headed by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi has come up with an inclusive agenda of development, growth, investment and creating opportunities for the youth-skilled, unskilled and educated.

The initiatives put into action by the visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi will transform Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of region, religion, caste or ethnicity", he said.

Former Legislator while referring to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi about Jammu and Kashmir said that while the economically marginalised segments of the society have been brought under Ayushman Bharat scheme as part of health for all across the country, it has been made applicable as Ayushman Sehat in the Union Territory with benefits of Rs 5 lakh medical cover to every family without any economic slab.

DLSA Udhampur hosts awareness programme on Prohibition of Child Marriage



Secretary DLSA Udhampur, Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge) and others during awareness programme at a school.

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UDHAMPUR: A Legal Awareness Programme on Prohibition of Child Marriage was organized on Saturday by District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur in collaboration with Government Middle School Meer at Government Middle School Meer. The event was held in compliance with the Common Minimum Programme provided by J&K Legal Services Authority and

under the Chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Y.P. Bournay and overall Supervision of Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur, Rajni Sharma (Sub-Judge).

Panel Lawyers Adv. Sanjeet Kumar and Adv. Akhil Dubey, were the Resource Persons for the Programme.

The main purpose of this

awareness programme was to sensitize the general masses, especially Children about the importance of Prevention of Child Marriages in India.

The Resource Persons threw light on all the provisions of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2005, impressing upon the gathering especially Children and Women victims to come forward and approach various Legal Services Institutions for redressal of their grievances.

Later, the Secretary DLSA Rajni Sharma, thanked the participants for attending the Legal Awareness Programme. She asked the participants to take a pledge to fight the menace of Child Marriage as it ends the Childhood and negatively influences Children's rights to Education, Health and Protection.

The Programme was attended by Head Master of the School, Bhim Singh, and students of Government Middle School Meer.

Youth Congress launches Young India Ke Bol Season-2



JKPYC members launching Young India Ke Bol Season-2.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After getting overwhelming response from the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, Indian Youth Congress (IYC) has launched Season 2 of Young India ke Bol-2022.

Briefing media persons here today, Uday Bhanu Chib President J&K Youth Congress along with Akshay Dadhya, IYC National Spokesperson Incharge J&K, informed that 'Young India Ke Bol' is a programme specially devised for the youth providing them a golden opportunity for youth of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to connect with the ideology of India National Congress (INC). He said that this programme is basically a speech

competition event whereby spokespersons would be selected at district and state levels.

Uday Chib informed that the details of participants will be collected through Google form in the first phase after which in the second phase, a speech competition will be organised at district level in which five winners will be selected from the competition at the district level. Finally ten winners will be selected at state level, he added.

Chib said that five winners will be appointed as the District Youth Congress Spokespersons and the other ten winners will be appointed as State Youth Congress spokesperson for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He stated that five selected participants from every state would participate at the national level competition in New Delhi and the winners of the national level competition would be appointed as the IYC national spokespersons.

Uday Chib asked the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to fill the form by following this link-<https://yeca.in/youngIndia/ind> e.html.

Among others who were present include National Spokesperson Rishav Bali, Vice President Ajaz Choudhary, State Secretary Latish Sharma, State Secretary & Incharge Office Manpreet Singh and State Spokesperson Deepanshu Bhat.

PM should ask J&K Admn to establish all institutions of PRIs as per 73rd Amendment & PR Act: JKPC

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JAMMU: JKPC has said that J&K Government has failed to fully establish and empower the institutions of Panchayat Raj as per the 73rd and 74th amendment incorporated in the J&K Panchayat Raj Act.

In a handout, the party said that the elections to the institution of Vice Chairpersons at BDC levels have not been conducted even after two and a half years of BDC Chairpersons elections and the elections to the various elected bodies of the DDC's have not been conducted even after one and a half year of the elections to the DDC's Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons.

The DDCs are not able to function in accordance with the spirit of the Panchayat Raj Act in the absence of these Bodies/Committees which had to be elected from amongst the DDC mem-

bers, immediately after the elections to the Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons.

It said that the institutions are not able to fully perform in the absence of the related institutions of Panchayat Raj besides, lack of will to fully functional District Planning and Development Boards. The party questioned why the most important anti-corruption institution of ombudsman as per the 73rd amendment duly incorporated in the J&K Panchayat Raj Act has not been appointed when crores of rupees are being pumped in these institutions without any proper and effective mechanism of watch dog.

It said that Prime Minister should ask these questions to the J&K Administration when he (PM) would be addressing a gathering of PRI's and government employees besides, others in Palli-Samba tomorrow.

DGP sanctions meritorious scholarship in favour of 162 wards of serving personnel

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JAMMU: Encouraging and appreciating the hard work of the wards of Police personnel who have excelled in class 12th annual examination during the academic session 2021-2022, the Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh has sanctioned meritorious scholarships of over Rs 10.45 lakh in

favour of 162 wards of serving police personnel. Vide order number 1447 of 2022 issued by PHQ the DGP has sanctioned Rs 7200 each in favour of 64 students who have secured more than 90% marks while Rs 6000 each has been sanctioned in favour of 98 students who have secured 80% and above marks in the Annual

Examination of class 12th during the academic session of 2021-22. The amount has been sanctioned out of Central Police Welfare Fund.

Police Headquarters has been sanctioning scholarships, rewards, for wards of martyred and serving/retired Police personnel under different schemes to boost their morale.

UPSSS Gadigarh celebrates Earth Day



Students and faculty members of UPSSS during celebration of Earth Day.

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JAMMU: Let's join hands on Earth Day to make our Earth a better place with the theme invest in our planet for 2022 - to live in.

With this thought the morning at Unique Public Senior Secondary School Gadigarh, here was reverberated with excitement and enthusiasm of their students

who were all geared up to create awareness on environment thus celebrating the occasion of Earth Day.

The start of program was from Primary Wing were 1st and 2nd class were made aware with Props regarding the Earth then it was followed by Nature Walk, speeches and plantation drive from students of Senior

Secondary Wing.

Chairman of the School, Jasbir Singh blessed students and said, "Each person can contribute in their specific manner to make this day a success".

While giving information he also said this day was announced by Gaylord Nelson, former politician of the US and conservationist, in 1970 when there were

huge damage to environment caused by the oil explosion.

Trustee, Nirlep Kour, while showering blessings on the occasion, said that this day is celebrated to honour our mother earth and create awareness of the need to protect her.

"Due to many issues like pollution, global warming and deforestation, our earth is suffering and Earth Day enable we people to protect our earth from further harm," she said.

Principal, Ravinder Kour in her address said, "In our solar system earth is the only planet that sustains life. Earth Day is celebrated to protect the earth from all manmade harm."

Administrator Meenakshi Sharma, while sharing her views, said, "We can also take part in the Earth Day movement by using less electricity, saving tap water, throwing waste items in the garbage box, not pouring polluting chemicals in the washroom drains." The vote of thanks was presented by the School's Coordinator Arti Rajput.

GGM Science College, JKPC organise awareness-cum-interaction webinar on e-waste

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JAMMU: Department of Environmental Sciences, GGM Science College in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) organises an Awareness-cum-interaction Webinar on submission of annual report in Form-3 under E-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2016 and ensuring its safe disposal by Bulk consumers, under the patronage of Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal.

The webinar sensitized the stake holders of Higher Education Department regarding channelizing of e-waste generated through only producer responsibility

organizations /registered dismantlers or recyclers etc. The Webinar was coordinated by Prof. Preeti Dogra and Dr. Arti Sharma. Ms. Anuradha Scientist, E-Waste Management Division JKPCC made an elaborated presentation on E-Waste Management Rules, 2016 and procedural framework for annual E-Waste Return filing. The Webinar was attended by the stakeholder of various colleges of Higher Education Department, J&K Govt. belonging to both the Divisions of Jammu and Kashmir. The vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Preeti Dogra, Nodal Officer, E-Waste Management, GGM Science College, Jammu.

PHQ orders promotions; DGP congratulates promotees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh has issued promotion order in favour of two police officers of Photography cadre of UT J&K. The Departmental Promotion Committee under the Chairmanship of the DGP J&K has issued promotion in respect of two Sub-Inspectors of Photography Cadre to the rank of Inspectors in the pay level 6E.

Those who have been promoted are Reyaz Ahmad and Pawan Kumar.

The DGP congratulated the promoted officers and their families, he has expressed hope that the officers will continue to work with more zeal and enthusiasm.

Toddlers' World-a unit of JKPS Kunjwani organises 'backpack' activity



Tiny tots of Toddlers' World-a unit of JKPS Kunjwani during backpack activity.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Kunjwani, always endeavoring to do something different

in order to retain the interest of young learners. A critical thinking activity gets learners to think about themselves and

explore their own makeup. With this belief, 'Toddlers' World, a unit of JK Public School (JKPS) Kunjwani con-

ducted a 'backpack' activity for the tiny tots.

With this unique activity teachers can make all the differ-

ence by showing kids where each thing goes and helping them returns stuff to its 'home'.

Learning to zip and unzip,

pack and un-pack can develop a sense of independence among the kids.

After the activity, kids shared

their experience with Shivangni Pandotra, Coordinator 'Toddlers' World. She expressed her belief by saying that good organization

is one of the most important study tools for a successful student-not just now but for all the years of the school ahead.