Youth will be key in achieving \$5 trillion economy: Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: Priya National Executive Member and former minister, emphasized the pivotal role of the youth in propelling India towards its ambitious goal of achieving a \$5 trillion economy

Speaking on the sidelines of a programme held here today, Priya Sethi highlighted the transformative initiatives undertaken by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government, particularly the 'Startup India' program, as a platform for young entrepreneurs to realize their innovative ideas into successful business ventures

"In today's dynamic landscape, the young population holds the key to our economic aspirations. It is through their ingenuity, resilience, and entrepreneurial spirit that we can realize our vision of a \$5 trillion



NEM BJP, Priya Sethi inaugurating an outlet.

economy by 2025," Priya said. Underlining the significance of 'Startup India,' Priva Sethi commended Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fostering an ecosystem conducive to nurturing startups, positioning India among the top five countries globally in terms of startup activity. "Prime Minister Modi's

Eid in peaceful atmosphere has added to

happiness of festival: Darakhshan

Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi during Eid celebration at Srinagar.

only propelled India onto the global stage but has also transformed it into a soft power," she added.

Recognizing the remarkable achievements driven by Bharat's youth, Priya Sethi reiterated that today, India stands among the top five economies globally and boasts visionary leadership has not one of the top three startup ecosystems worldwide. "The youth of Bharat has demon-Party (BJP) candidates in strated unparalleled potential, Jammu and Kashmir, emphadriving innovation, securing sizing the party's unwavering patents, and establishing India commitment to fostering youth empowerment and driving as a prominent manufacturing hub on the global map," she inclusive growth across the

> Earlier, the former minister inaugurated PS Foods, a manufacturing unit specializing in sova-based products, located in the Subash Nagar area of Jammu city .She commended the proprietors, Isha Abrol and Amit Abrol, for their entrepreneurial endeavor. She also encouraged the youth to draw inspiration from their example and strive to become job providers rather than relying solely on government employ-



Stay vigilant against anti-national elements, uphold communal brotherhood: Kavinder urges Muslim Community

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emphasized.

The senior BJP leader

emphasized that the signifi-

cance of seizing the present

moment, referring to it as the

'AmritKaal' a golden opportu-

nity for the youth to script his-

tory and leave a lasting legacy.

"Now is the time to channel

your energy, ambition, and

vision towards shaping the

future of our nation," she

As the Lok Sabha polls draw

near, Priya Sethi called upon

the youth to extend their sup-

JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister today urged the members of Muslim community to maintain unity against anti-national elements to foster communal brotherhood in the union territory. While exchanging Eid greet-

ings with members of Muslim community, the BJP stalwart said that under the dynamic leadership of PM Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a transformative shift towards inclusive governance, ensuring that every community, including Muslims, receives the attention and benefits they rightfully deserve. "The BJP 's commitment to the welfare and development of all sections of society, irrespective of their religious or cultural background, has started resonating deeply with the Muslim community and that is the reason behind this community

reposing faith in BJP's leader-



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta greeting Eid to Muslim brothers.

ship", he said, adding that party's initiatives have not only empowered the community but also provided them with a sense of belonging and security, which was lacking in the past.

The senior BJP leader stated that BJP firmly believes in the principles of equality, justice, and progress for all and it is heartening to see that Muslims in Union Territory have recognized and embraced these values. He said that BJP leadership wanted to ensure that people should become part of the party's mission to build a peaceful, prosperous, and harmonious society, where every individual can thrive and contribute towards the growth and development of the nation.

Kavinder emphasized that to ensure camaraderie and soli-

darity, which are prerequisite for developed India, it is imperative that everyone, irrespective of religious affiliations must unite against elements that pose a threat to the nation's integrity. He underscored the significance of collective efforts to build a harmonious society where every citizen, regardless of religious background, plays a role in

preserving the nation's unity and integrity. He stressed on the importance of dispelling misunderstandings and building bridges of trust to strengthen the fabric of the Kavinder said by fostering an environment of trust and

understanding, the diverse communities within the country can work collaboratively for the nation's progress. He expressed optimism about the power of unity, asserting that collective efforts to denounce anti-national elements would contribute significantly to building a stronger, more resilient India where communal brotherhood prevails.

Loyal Indian Muslims will ensure over 400 LS seats to BJP: Khatana 'Congress, NC, PDP responsible for miseries of Muslims'



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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (RS), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that the oldest political party of India-Congress has now been exposed before the Muslims of the country who have realised that in the guise of secularism slogan their interests were badly harmed by the Congress.

Khatana was addressing a public meeting at Samroli near Udhampur where more than 250 activists from Congress,

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) joined BJP and were welcomed into the party by MP Khatana.

The firebrand BJP leader said that in its long rule over the country Congress only used Muslims as vote bank and did nothing for their wel-

"It was in the last ten years of change under the leadership of PM Modi that Muslims have started living a life of dignity and have been given their dues which Congress never extend-

PM Modi chartered a new era of development in J&K: Yudhvir

tained adding that in J&K, NC and PDP also coordinated the Congress for victimising Muslims.

Muftis

Abdullahs,

Gandhis used the political slogan of secularism to befool innocent Muslims but in reality they remained focussed to their own welfare and they got thousands of innocent Muslims killed in J&K by pushing them into terrorism, separatism and other wrong practises only to continue in power," Khatana further said.

He said that these dynasts

rendered numerous children as orphans, they made several young ladies widows and mass gravevards in J&K remained the achievement of governments led by Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis as these selfish rulers made many innocent people fodder of the guns by their wrong policies.

The BJP leader also said that now the Muslim of India is heaving a sigh of relief from the misgovernance of Congress and all hopes which the community had pinned on PM Modi are being honoured satisfactorily.

"Known for their loyalty across the world, the Muslims of India will thank to PM Modi in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections by voting overwhelmingly to BJP candidates in large number so that Modi may again become PM of India with more than 400 seats," he con-

KPS celebrates Navreh with traditional gaiety, fanfare

Waqf Board Chairperson.

eye of disrupters of peace and may harmony

and prosperity be our future", said Dr

Andrabi. She expressed her satisfaction on the

arrangements made by Waqf Board for Eid

"People's endorsement of our satisfactory

services encourages us all. Public cooperation

is our strength and together we have to go

ahead with more zeal and dedication", said

Dr Darakhshan celebrated Eid with the

security staff also. She distributed sweets to

the security personal at her residence.

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humanity.

SRINAGAR: Chairperson of J&K Waqf

Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi offered

Eid prayers at Dargah Hazratbal today. After

the prayers, speaking to media, she said that

she prayed for the well being of the whole

"We all should specially thank Allah for the

peace we got after decades of unrest. We all

have to put in our efforts for sustaining this

peaceful atmosphere. Today we are celebrating

Eid without the fear of any adverse law & order

situation. May Almighty save us from the evil

JAMMU: The Navreh celebration organized by the Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) at Ambphalla was marked with traditional fervour and enthusiasm this year. The event commemorated the Vikrami calendar year -2081 Bikrami Samvat Saptrishi Samvat 5100. Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary J&K UT, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Ashok Bhan, former DGP J&K, was the Guest of Honour.

menced with the lighting of the traditional lamp by the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour.

Kashmiri Renowned singer Deepali Watal captivated the audience with bhajans, devotional adding to the ambiance of the event. S L Bagati, the General Secretary of KP Sabha, presented the Annual Report, highlighting the Sabha's activities and its support for the economically weaker sections of the community.

The Chief Guest, Guest of Wattal were honored with



mementos and shawls. Dr. Sujata Sathoo conducted the proceedings, while A.K. Braroo delivered a discourse on the signifi- maintenance of Hindu cance of Navreh celebra- temples, enhancement of tion in Kashmiri culture. relief for displaced comemphasizing the importance of preserving tradi-

President K.K. Khosa welcomed the attendees highlighted the Sabha's century-long service to the community. He addressed the recent crisis among Kashmiri youths and urged the state administration to support the KP communi-

President Khosa also called for political representation for Kashmiri Pandits and emphasized Honour, and Dr. Deepali the need for security and package employees.

Moreover, he appealed for more employment opportunities for the youth, munities, and construction of accommodations. President Khosa stressed the importance of ensuring the safety and security of minority communities in the valley.

Atal Dulloo encouraged adherence to religious ethos and emphasized community support for mitigating the sufferings of the downtrodden.

Dr. Ashok Bhan commended KP Sabha's efforts and advocated for entrepreneurship among youth while cautioning against drug addiction. accommodation for PM The prominent members

of the community who graced the occasion were J. L. Zutshi, Prof. B. L. Zutshi, Shiban Khabari, Dr. Vijay Parimoo, M. K. Jalali, T. N. Bhat, Prof. B. L. Kaul, Dr. Kalesh Mehra Sadhu, Prof. R. L. Shant, U. K. Jalali, C. L. K. Raina, Sheela Handoo, R. L. Pandita, Kashmi Lal Dr. Bhat, Sanjotia Soodan, Dr. K. K. Kitchloo, $\mathrm{Dr}.$ Tickoo, B. B. Bhat, B. L. Jalali, Pradeep Dutta, including executive mem-

Urges for unwavering support for Modi's vision through BJP candidates

JAMMU: The BJP Government headed by PM Narendra Modi at the Centre has ensured progress in J&K as never before with people getting all the facilities and services without any hassle or hardships.

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This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President J&K BJP while addressing an election campaign meeting at Rehari area of Jammu today. The meeting was organised by former Corporator Dr Akshay in which Suresh Salgotra, Raman Sharma, Shri Kerni, Navin Sharma, Puneet Chawla, Ajit Yogi, Raman Dhiman, Ajay Singh, Sharda Devi,

Kamalieet Kour and Jvoti Gupta. Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir said that the move of abrogation of

Articles 370 and 35-A has not only extended all the Constitutional rights to people of Jammu and Kashmir but also chartered a new era of development in the Union Territory. He said that the major boost has been given to industries, tourism, roads and railways, healthcare and also education.

Throwing light on the policies and programmes of Modi Government at the Centre. Sethi said that much has been done towards strengthening the society and for the welfare of common masses. "Tranquility in Kashmir is

the testimony to the fact that people have started showing faith in the policies of Modi government and are negating the separatist ideology and terror mongers, which has lead to peace in most parts of the Union Territory", he said, adding that government has successfully devastated terror edifice in the Union Territory and peace will soon take over the turmoil and normalcy will be restored.

The senior BJP leader said that there are plenty of public welfare schemes launched by the BJP Government and the people should avail the maximum benefit from the

rv and meant for one and all. He said that people should support the BJP in the forthcoming political contest to continue with the development spree in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir or else other parties may snarl the tempo of development undoing whatever the BJP government has done so far.

Yudhvir Sethi urged the people to bolster Prime Minister Modi's endeavors by unequivocally supporting and voting for BJP candidates in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls, envisioning a future of continued prosperity and growth under the BJP's

State Engineering Gazetted Cadres are under multi pronged administrative, professional, and financial stresses

Due to poor HR Management some retired I/C CEs got pension even in AEE grade for Ten Years Why even "Top Grade" Engineers from IITs rush for IAS stream & not even IES as first preference? J&K Gazetted Engineering Services not provided even Non-Functional (M) Grade Promotions

A Look through

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rnder SR0-403 dated 14th September, 2018 issued under Court orders the pay scale of Superintending Engineer was changed / upgraded from Rs. 3150-4500 to Rs. 4500-5700(old grade which after VII Pay Commission is Grade Level- 13 i.e 123100-215900) notionally w.e.f. 01-04-1987 and monetarily w.e.f. 01-04-1990). That way the pay scale of Superintending Engineer became equal to the pay scale of Chief Engineer . It was expected that before issuing SRO 403 in 2018 the GAD & Administrative Departments of Engg Department handling human resource affairs would have taken notice of the correction required in the grade of SE and its effect on the grade/level of CE without waiting for petitions/ representations from Chief Engineers but that did not hap-

Er. Sheikh Mohammad Hussain and Ors, filed SWP No. 2134/2020 before the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir at Srinagar with the prayer that the cascading effect of the revision of Pay Scale of Superintending Engineers in terms of SRO 403 of 2018 in the higher post of Chief Engineer and Development Commissioner has not been mentioned in the said SRO but the said writ petition was date copy of this order is received for the benefit sought and the por-

transferred to the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench for adjudication where the CAT on 22.03.2021 disposed of the aforesaid case bearing TA No. 3749/2021 with the directions: <"We, therefore, dispose of the T.A., directing the competent authority, i.e. respondent

Nos. 1 and 2, to pass appropriate orders on the representations submitted by the applicants on 03.09.2018 and subsequent thereto, within three months from the date of the receipt of a copy of this order. We, however, make it clear that we did not express any view on the merits of the matter. Any benefit, which may result on account of such revision, shall be prospective in nature." The CAT order was challenged before the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh through the medium of WP(C) 1722/2021 and the High Court on 09.09.2021 passed the order:<" Meanwhile, respondents shall consider the representations of the petitioners submitted on 03.09.2018 and subsequent thereto, within three months from the

tion of the order impugned to the extent of rider is stayed and shall not come in the way of the respondents" "> But so strangely Government under Government Order No. 319 -F of 2021Dated:-06-12-2021 issued by Finance Department ordered that representation was

found devoid of any merits and the same is accordingly rejected. Trying to make the order a speaking order the finance department had based the decision on the pleas (i) that as per recruitment rules notified vide SR0-297 dated 14.09.2006 governing the Jammu & Kashmir Engineering (Gazetted) services the Pay Scale of the post of Chief Engineer is Rs 14300-400-18300 revised to Pay Band PB-4 Rs 37400 67000+G. P 8700 (as per 5th Pay Commission) which has been further revised to Pay Level-13 Rs. 123100-215900 (as per 7th Pay Commission) and (ii) the post of Chief Engineer is a Head of Departments Level Post, which is equivalent to that of Special Scale of KAS, and other Head of Department Level posts so in case the post of Chief Engineer is placed in a high-

er scale than that of any of the Head of Departments similar claims will pour from other departments which is bound to generate resentment/criticism besides litigations. The reasons do not stand to logic, question is of reasonable justice and disposal by government Finance department does not stand to the fact that one who enters Gazetted Engg Service through PSC enters at Level 8A of higher grade and has to be an Engineering degree Holder where as one who enters the KAS service through PSC can be any Graduate Degree holder and enters at Level 8 of lower grade only so how a Engineer could be restricted to Level 13 only when KAS can move to Level 14 and even Level 15 after induction in IAS (ofcourse Engineers too can be considered for induction in IAS as per service rules of IAS but that has not been done J&K for many years). More so it as an Administrative matter and should have been examined by

The J&K Engineering Gazetted Service Engineers are under multipronged administrative, professional, financial and social stresses.

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