

Terror has no place in J&K's future: Vibodh

PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' has become a movement: Balbir

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JAMMU: BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta, while addressing party workers after listening to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's *Mann Ki Baat*, reiterated the Centre's unwavering commitment to restoring peace, prosperity, and democracy in Jammu & Kashmir. He lauded the Prime Minister's efforts in ridding the Union Territory of terrorism and separatism and establishing a development-oriented governance model.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a deep emotional connection with the people of Jammu & Kashmir. His visionary leadership has steered the Union Territory away from the shadows of



BJP J&K General Secretary Vibodh Gupta along with party workers.

terrorism and towards a future filled with opportunity, stability, and growth," said Vibodh.

Referring to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Vibodh strongly condemned the act, calling it a sign of desperation by the forces opposed to peace. "The cowardly attack is a reflection of the frustration of those who patronize terror. As schools,

colleges, and democratic institutions in the Valley begin to thrive, and as tourism and youth employment rise, these enemies of progress are trying to disrupt the peace. But they will not succeed," he asserted.

Vibodh also emphasized that the Government's consistent efforts have led to significant improvements in the lives of the people of

Jammu & Kashmir, citing the increased infrastructural developments, educational advancements, and the empowerment of the youth. He reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to ensuring that the dreams of the people of Jammu & Kashmir are fulfilled and that terrorism finds no space in the Union Territory's future.

Speaking on the occasion

State Media Incharge Pardeep Mahotra said that PM Narendra Modi's Man Ki Baat is truly inspiring, sparking positivity. And hope. He also highlighted various success stories narrated by the Prime Minister in his Mann Ki Baat.

Speaking on the occasion District Secretary Neelam Nargotra said that the Modi government stands firm against terrorism and remains committed to safeguarding every citizen. At the same time, we continue to see remarkable progress in Jammu & Kashmir through infrastructure development, investment, and integration efforts. Others who spoke on the occasion were Munish Gupta & General Secretary Talab Tillo Mandal, Arun Dubey.

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JAMMU: Balbir Ram Rattan, spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir BJP and former Vice Chairperson, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi connects with the citizens of the country through his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'. This programme is not only a means of communication but also an important effort to inspire the public on issues related to the nation's social, cultural, and developmental matters.

Balbir said that through 'Mann Ki Baat', the Prime Minister brings forward the unsung heroes, indigenous efforts, and social initiatives that are working to give the country a new direction. He appreciates and encourages the



efforts of youth, farmers, scientists, teachers, and various other sections of society. Along with this, the Prime Minister draws citizens' attention to critical topics such as environmental conservation, health, sanitation, education, and nation-building.

Balbir said that Prime Minister Modi's message is clear - every Indian must contribute to nation-building. 'Mann Ki Baat' has become an

inspiring platform where examples of positivity and public participation are showcased. Through this programme, the Prime Minister encourages citizens to bring about positive change in society through small individual efforts.

In addition, 'Mann Ki Baat' also reflects India's diversity, rich cultural heritage, and social unity. The Prime Minister's communication is a unique effort to directly connect with the public, wherein he not only shares his thoughts but also proudly highlights the achievements of the citizens.

Balbir further stated that 'Mann Ki Baat' has today become a movement that is leading the country towards the dream of a self-reliant and empowered India.

Billawaria, booth workers listen to PM Modi's 121st 'Mann Ki Baat'



Senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria along with party workers listening to PM's 'Mann Ki Baat'.

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JAMMU: Former Deputy Mayor Jammu and senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria joined booth-level workers, villagers, and families at Booth No. 36, Ward 47, Bahu Fort, to listen to the 121st episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular program 'Mann Ki Baat'.

The gathering, vibrant with children, women, and men,

came together in a spirit of unity and hope to hear the Prime Minister's monthly message. Speaking at the occasion, Billawaria said "Mann Ki Baat" is a soulful dialogue that strengthens the bond between the Prime Minister and the people, making every Indian feel heard and valued.

Billawaria emphasized that the country eagerly awaits each episode, as it touches lives across diverse corners of India.

He highlighted PM Modi's strong assurance regarding the recent tragic attack in Pahalgam, stating that justice will be served to the innocent tourists and no terrorist will be spared.

The program also shed light on success stories like the thriving apple farming in Karnataka's hills, inspiring farmers to believe that with dedication, any endeavor can flourish.

In a moving moment, silence was observed to honor the souls of the innocent victims of the Pahalgam attack, underscoring the community's shared grief and solidarity.

Among those present were Sumit Kumar, Surendra Patyal, Captain Moti Lal, Pandit Kushal Chand, Mukhtiyar Singh, Akshay Sagotra, and others, who stood united in spirit and purpose.

Sat, Sunil, MLAs discuss socio-political, security issues, pay tribute to Pahalgam terror attack martyrs

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JAMMU: Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition, Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP National Secretary, and MLAs, discussed the current socio-political and security situation in Jammu & Kashmir.

In the meeting held at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here, the BJP leaders also paid tribute to the brave civilians who lost their lives in the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

The leaders observed a moment of silence and prayed for the peace of the departed souls, extending their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

During the meeting, the BJP leaders discussed the current socio-political and security situation prevailing



President, J&K BJP Sat Sharma along with LoP charing a meeting.

in Jammu and Kashmir. They acknowledged the need for collective efforts to maintain peace and stability in the region while ensuring that the safety and welfare of the citizens remain the top priority.

BJP leaders, univocally condemning the heinous crime on humanity, said that

the tragic attack, which took place in the picturesque town of Pahalgam, sent shockwaves across the nation, with innocent lives falling victim to targeted killings.

Sat Sharma condemned the cowardly act of terrorism and emphasized the BJP's unwavering commit-

ment to safeguarding the lives and security of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He prompted the party leaders to continue to work in close collaboration with security agencies and the government to ensure that such incidents do not disrupt the peace and harmony while teaching a tough les-

son to the terrorists, their sympathizers, and their bosses.

Sunil Sharma expressed his deep anguish over the loss of innocent lives and reiterated the need for strengthened security measures to tackle terrorism and protect the common people.

He also emphasized the importance of unity among all political and social factions to address the prevailing security challenges effectively. He asked the fellow MLAs to strongly push the government to plug all sources of aids for the terrorists.

The BJP leaders pledged to continue their fight against terrorism, ensuring that the region moves forward on the path of development and prosperity, free from fear and violence.

Rekha listens to PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat at Booth No 147

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan on Sunday participated in a special session to listen to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat at Booth No. 147, an event organized under the leadership of Shakti Kendra Parmukh Ajmer Singh.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from booth workers, local residents, and BJP sup-



Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan and others during the programme.

porters who gathered to hear the inspiring address

of the Prime Minister, who emphasized the importance

of people's participation in nation-building. Rekha

Mahajan, while interacting with the participants, highlighted the transformational impact of Mann Ki Baat in bridging the gap between the government and the grassroots.

"Mann Ki Baat is not just a program; it's a movement that connects the Prime Minister directly with the people of India," Rekha Mahajan said. She lauded the tireless efforts of Shakti Kendra Parmukh Ajmer Singh for mobilizing the booth workers and fostering a sense of unity and purpose among them.

Rekha Mahajan urged the booth workers to take inspiration from Mann Ki Baat and work with renewed dedication towards strengthening the BJP at the grassroots level.

The gathering also included discussions on the key points raised by the Prime Minister, focusing on community service, youth empowerment, and cultural pride.

The event concluded with a pledge by all present to continue spreading the vision and mission of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a stronger, self-reliant India.

Anti Crime NGO spreads kindness with Chabeel during scorching summer

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JAMMU: In a heartwarming initiative to provide respite from the intense summer heat, the Anti Crime NGO, under the supervision of its Chairman Sham Lal Gupta, organized a "Chabeel" (sweet water distribution drive) for the public. The event was aimed at offering relief to commuters, daily wage workers, and local residents suffering from the scorching temperatures that have gripped the region over the past few weeks.

The Chabeel was organized at a prominent location where volunteers actively served chilled sweet water to hundreds of people throughout the day. The event not only provided physical relief from the heat but also spread the message of compassion, community service, and human kindness - values that the Anti Crime NGO has been championing consistently.

Ex-Corporator Sahil Gupta graced the occasion with his presence and extended his wholehearted support to the noble cause. He praised the efforts of the NGO and emphasized the importance of such community-driven initiatives, especially during



NGO members serving sweet water.

challenging weather conditions. Speaking on the occasion, Sahil Gupta stated that such acts of kindness not only help individuals physically but also uplift the community spirit, encouraging others to come forward and contribute to society.

Several active members of the NGO, including Rohit Kumar, Bunt Kumar, Jagjeet Kumar, and Monu Kumar, participated enthusiastically in the event. They ensured the smooth distribution of sweet water to all passersby, maintaining hygiene and order throughout the drive. Their dedication and hard work were clearly visible, as they worked tirelessly under the blazing

sun to make the event successful.

Chairman Sham Lal Gupta expressed gratitude to all the volunteers and supporters for making the initiative impactful. He reiterated the NGO's commitment to serving society not just through its anti-crime awareness programs but also through humanitarian activities that address immediate community needs.

The event concluded on a positive note, with smiles and gratitude from the people who received the service. The Anti Crime NGO's efforts once again highlighted the crucial role that non-governmental organizations play in building a compassionate and resilient society.

Terrorists will be dealt with iron hand: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta today listened to the monthly broadcast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' at Booth No. 100 in the Jammu South constituency.

He joined party workers, local residents, and booth-level karyakartas to listen to the 121st episode of the PM's radio programme, which delivered a strong and emotional message in the wake of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

PM Modi, while addressing the nation, condemned the cowardly terrorist attack that claimed 26 innocent lives, stating that "terrorists and their patrons want Kashmir to be destroyed again." The Prime Minister assured that the perpetrators of the attack would be



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta along with partymen.

dealt with sternly, saying, "They will be served with the harshest response."

Reacting to the PM's address, Kavinder said the entire nation stands united with the families of the victims and with the security forces who are working tirelessly to root out terrorism from the soil of Jammu and Kashmir. "The PM's words today have given courage to every patriotic Indian. The attack in Pahalgam is not just

an attack on innocents but an attack on the peace, progress, and prosperity of Kashmir. As the PM rightly pointed out, when Kashmir was witnessing a new era of development - vibrant schools, growing tourism, fast-paced infrastructure work, and strengthening democracy - these enemies of peace conspired to bring destruction," he said. The senior BJP leader also praised the swift action taken by security

forces in the aftermath of the attack, including the demolition of houses belonging to terrorists. "These measures send a clear signal - terrorism and its sympathizers will not be tolerated in the new Jammu and Kashmir," he said. Kavinder further stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the resolve to eliminate terrorism is stronger than ever, and the entire country is determined to ensure that Kashmir remains on the path of peace, prosperity, and development.

The programme concluded with a pledge by party workers and residents to continue supporting the government's efforts to uphold peace and fight terrorism in all its forms.

Channi Himmat Brahmin Sabha demands gazetted holiday for Parshuram Jayanti

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JAMMU: In the heart of Jammu, where faith and tradition breathe together, the Brahmin Sabha Channi Himmat on Sunday inaugurated a three-day grand celebration of Bhagwan Parshuram Jannotsav-a festival of light, learning, and legacy. In collaboration with various social and religious organizations, eminent personalities, former bureaucrats, and journalists, the Sabha launched their fervent plea to the government: declare Parshuram Jayanti, April 29th, 2025, a gazetted holiday in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

In a function brimming with devotion and unity, a unanimous resolution was passed, echoing a collective heartbeat - to honor Bhagwan Parshuram, not with a restricted holiday, but with the full recognition of a gazetted holiday. Citing



Sabha members during Bhagwan Parshuram Jannotsav-a festival.

precedents set by Punjab and Haryana, where Parshuram Jayanti shines brightly under the Negotiable Instrument Act, the Sabha called upon the Jammu and Kashmir administration to step forward in a gesture of cultural embrace.

Rajesh Sharma, the patron of the Sabha, spoke with passion and purpose, appealing to the government led by Omar Abdullah to recognize the profound significance of Parshuram Jayanti for the Brahmin community. "This is not just about a day off"

Sharma said, his voice firm yet hopeful, "it is about nourishing our roots, uniting our people, and inspiring generations to walk the noble path carved by Bhagwan Parshuram."

Adding his voice to this sacred symphony, Pawan Dev Sharma emphasized that making Parshuram Jayanti a gazetted holiday would awaken the spirit of learning, valor, and righteousness among the youth - a bridge between ancient wisdom and tomorrow's dreams. Sanjeev Sharma, Senior Executive Member of

Brahmin Sabha, radiated optimism, expressing confidence that the government, sensitive to the cultural and social mosaic of Jammu and Kashmir, would heed their earnest appeal. "It would be a profound favor to the Brahmin community," he said, "and a beautiful affirmation that traditions matter in the tapestry of our collective identity."

Meanwhile, Dalvinder Sharma highlighted how this recognition would not only boost the community's morale but also affirm the value of Bhagwan Parshuram's eternal teachings - teachings that ring out like sacred bells across the ages, still guiding humanity towards truth, courage, and justice.

The event was graced by the recitation of Vedic mantras, an invocation of wisdom through the prayer "Hey Prabhu Anand-Data, Gyan Hunko Dijiye", and

the soul-stirring Samoohik Path of Shriram-Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa. The gathering, vibrant with families and youth alike, radiated a spiritual energy that transcended generations.

As the melodies of devotion filled the air, the assembled speakers shared reflections on Bhagwan Parshuram's timeless valor - his shield against injustice, his sword for dharma. A Satsang session, led by revered Acharya Manoj Kumar from Ayodhya, deepened the spiritual resonance of the occasion, nurturing the soul with ancient wisdom and invoking Lord Ram and Hanuman's blessings.

Among the distinguished attendees were Dayanand Sharma, Biswanand Sharma, Pawan Sharma, Rajinder Sharma, Simple Sharma, Ponal Sharma, Vishwabal Sharma, and others, all lending their voices and hearts to the cause.

Shiv Sena leaders meet LG, express grief over Pahalgam terror attack

Assured support on every decision of the government



Leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) meeting NC Chief Farooq Abdullah.

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SRINAGAR: The National and local leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) on Sunday met Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha and assured full support on every decision of the Central Government for restoration of peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Party national spokesperson, Anand Dubey, along with state head Manish Sahni and senior leaders of the state met Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha in Srinagar today and expressed deep grief on the disgusting, nefarious and cowardly attack on the tourist place Pahalgam in Kashmir valley by asking about religion and appealed to eliminate terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, which is called heaven on earth, and increase the deployment of army in the most sensitive areas. Along with this, assurance of support was given on every decision of the Central Government and Lieutenant Governor regard-

ing elimination of terrorism and restoration of peace from Jammu and Kashmir. On the occasion Gulab Singh, Vikas Bakshi, Balwant Singh, Raj Singh, Shahsipa were present.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena (UBT) national spokesperson Anand Dubey and senior state unit leaders including Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni, reached Kashmir with the message of not giving impetus to the agenda of terrorists and Pakistan and maintaining mutual brotherhood, today made a formal visit to the Srinagar residence of former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and MP Dr Farooq Abdullah.

Dr Farooq Abdullah and Shiv Sena leaders jointly appealed to strictly crush terrorism and strengthen mutual brotherhood.