

Modi changes global perspective about India: Pawan, Rana

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: Senior BJP leaders Pawan Gupta and Devender Singh Rana on Sunday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has changed the global perspective about India, a nation inching towards becoming a world leader.

"Thus far we have been talking about America and Russia as superpowers but now the world is perceiving India as a power to reckon with", Mr Rana said while addressing a public meeting along with the former minister Pawan Gupta at Jib-Thathi in Udhampur, adding that this transformation has become possible because of the decisive and visionary leadership of the Prime Minister.

Those present in the public meeting included senior BJP leader Satish Sharma Chairman DDC Udhampur Lal Chand, DDC Councillors Subash Kumar, Ashu Sharma, Pinki Devi and Puran Chand Sharma besides BDC Chairperson Balwan Singh and Jeevan Sharma, BJP District President Puran Chand and Municipal Council President Dr Yogesh Gupta.

Rana referred to India's response to Pakistan's terror act in Pulwama, saying the world saw what manifested later in Balakote in



Senior BJP leaders Pawan Gupta and Devender Singh Rana addressing a gathering.

terms of surgical strike. The firmness with which the Prime Minister is tackling the world issues has rekindled the hope, not only in the country but across the comity of nations. Tackling pandemic and meeting the global requirements of vaccines after covering over a billion domestic population has emerged as a case study for strategists in the field of health sector. Similarly, the Ayushman Bharat scheme has caught the imagination of the world, he added.

The Senior BJP leader Rana said that provision of 9 crore gas cylinders, 10 crore toilets and opening of 45 crore bank accounts has changed the entire scenario of the marginalised people, especially the women.

The concept of inclusive

development with the mantra of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas has brought about a discernible shift in the developmental paradigm of the country and motivated the economists to join heads for deliberating on all this as a case study, he added.

He said the massive investments of Rs 45000 crore would script J&K's new growth story with focus on employment generation. Addressing the public meeting, the former minister and Senior BJP leader Pawan Gupta said that Jammu and Kashmir has come into focus under the dynamic leadership of the Prime Minister with priority on ensuring the opportunities of progress and development to all the regions and sub regions, irrespective of caste creed

and religion.

The people have got a sense of feeling about fair play to everyone with appeasement to none. Discrimination has become a nightmare of the past. Now, all the regions including Jammu is enjoying equal say in the decision making as it is no more a prerogative of a particular region to dictate the term. The voice of this region is not only heard but given due weight, he maintained.

Gupta referred to the initiatives taken in the recent years in putting Jammu and Kashmir on the robust pedestal of fast track development. He said the implementation of central laws post 2019 political developments will greatly help the vast mass of marginalized segments of the society who were hitherto fore denied and deprived of various facilities.

Gupta said the people of Jammu were now feeling politically empowered and the sense of deprivation has been taken over by the promise of hope. He exuded confidence that the sound foundations being laid on the developmental front will ease the lives of people in all the regions and subregions.

Gupta exhorted the people to strengthen the BJP for prosperous, progressive and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir.

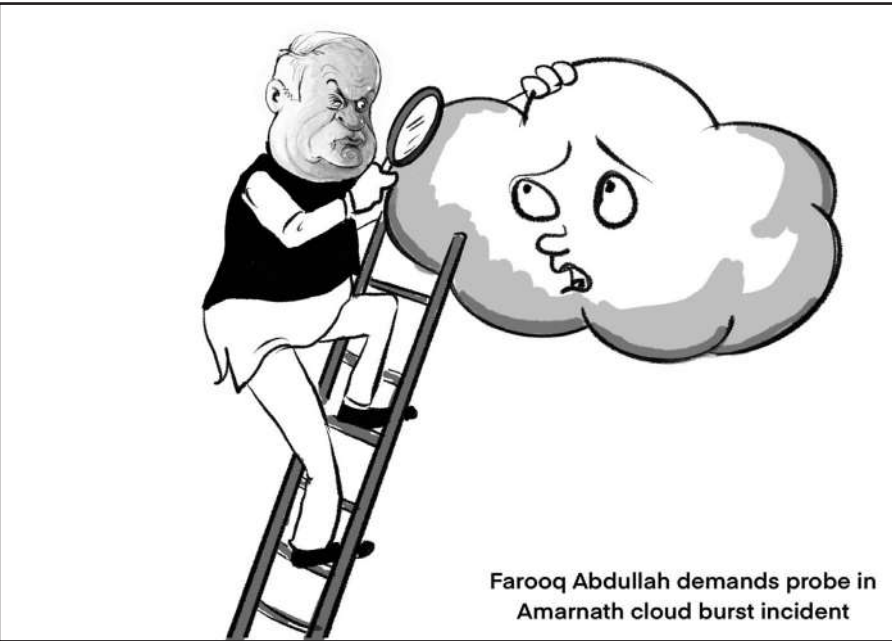
Senior BJP leader Satish Sharma, while addressing the gathering said the Pradhan Sevak is doing his sincere bid in changing the lives of the people, we too must contribute our share by lending our support and cooperation. For this peace, unity and tranquility are of immense importance, which has to be ensured at all costs, the BJP leader said.

Also present were Som Nath Khajuria, Ashok Singh Manhas, Sucha Singh DC, both Corporators JMC, BJP Mahila Morcha President Nisha Mahajan, Sashi Pal, Suraj Parkash Magotra, Isher Dass, Balbir Singh and others.

On the occasion, prominent social and political activists joined the BJP.

They included Harish Kumar, Puran Chand Prasher, Rattan Lal Dubey, Meena Singh, Nivan Sharma, Shivam Sharma, Nakul Kerni and many others.

Devender Rana and Pawan Gupta profusely greeted the new entrants in the party; saying with their joining the BJP will be further strengthened at the grassroots level.



Farooq Abdullah demands probe in Amarnath cloud burst incident

Modi Govt introduced new work culture, boosted StartUps: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a press conference at Moradabad, UP on Sunday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MORADABAD: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Sunday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will always be credited for having introduced a new work culture in India wherein each of the pro-poor and public welfare schemes were designed in such a manner so as to reach the most needy or the last man in the last queue, regardless of cast, creed, religion or vote consideration. Similarly, considering the emerging scenario of contemporary India, Modi has constantly boosted StartUps who should be capable of earning their own livelihood, he said.

Addressing a press conference here, Dr Jitendra said, purely objective parameters were followed to meet the requirement, wherever the requirement was not met in the past and to deliver justice wherever justice had been denied in the past.

This, he said, was quite a departure from the past practice followed by Congress and its allied governments wherein vote bank politics pre-determined the selective rolling out of State benefits.

Modi successfully raised the standards of public delivery much above the vote consideration, based on the principle of justice for all and then left to the public to decide whom they wanted to vote for, and the public too endorsed this approach by returning the Modi government for the second term with a much higher mandate than the earlier election, he added.

Citing an example, the Union Minister said, the citizen-centric schemes like PM Awas Yojna, Ujjawala Yojna, Sochhalaya, etc., reached every such household where these amenities were found lacking and the authorities never asked as to which religion or caste the family belongs to, or which political party they had voted for in the last election.

This new work culture, he said, will become a new norm in Indian politics and the masses will expect every political party to follow the same.

During a short span of 8 years, the Centre has been able to bring many schemes closer to 100% saturation and benefits are given to deserving people by following the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas".

Dr Jitendra Singh said that due to game changer schemes like Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana, Jan Dhan, Ujjawala, Sochalaya, PM Awas, Har Ghar Jal, Har Ghar Bijli and Ayushman, the people of the country have reposed faith in Modi Government time and again both at the Centre and in most of the States. He said, people are getting the benefits of welfare schemes without any discrimination, unlike in the past, when appeasement policy was rampant.

The Minister emphasised that these welfare measures brought crores of people out of the clutches of abject poverty and gave them a life of dignity.

Dr Jitendra Singh told the journalists that they can find out themselves that the beneficiaries of these welfare schemes belong to all caste, creed and religion as the lists

of beneficiaries are made with full objectivity and without any bias, as was the case in earlier dispensations. The Minister also added that these schemes along with other measures like rural job scheme have transformed the lives of the poorest of the poor and have helped raise their standard of living to a level of dignity. The Minister also emphasised that full benefits are directly reaching to the needy without any leakages through a transparent and efficient delivery mechanism.

Dr. Singh reiterated that because of the impetus given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi which began with his call for "StartUp India StandUp India" from the ramparts of Red Fort in 2015, the number of StartUps in India has grown to 70,000 from about 300 to 400 which is something to be cherished by youth of Uttar Pradesh who want to have a career in different Start-Ups. There are more than 100 unicorns in India and Biotech StartUps have shown an upward swing.

The Minister reiterated the need to spread awareness, particularly among youth, about vast unexplored avenues of StartUp and the technology as well as financial support being offered by the government to StartUps.

Dr. Singh also noted that the eight years of Modi Government has set a new dawn and direction to 'Yuva Shakti' and 'Nari Shakti' in the country giving prominence to their aspirations, objectives and goals.

Kavinder slams Yashwant Sinha for targeting Govt over Amarnath tragedy



Sr BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta interacting with party workers.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Sunday slammed Yashwant Sinha, opposition's candidate for Presidential poll for raising fingers against the government over the tragic incident at Shri Amarnathji Shrine due to heavy downpour in the upper reaches.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP stalwart leader said that it is unbecoming of Yashwant Sinha for criticizing the government over the tragic incident at the Holy Cave Shrine where 16 persons have lost lives and dozens

of others are still missing. He said that it is unwarranted that the person who is in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to seek votes indulges in such a controversy because the occurrence of death and destruction at the Holy Shrine of Baba Barfani was due to a natural calamity, which is beyond anyone's power. He said that the administration is working hard to carry out rescue operations and locate those who had gone missing.

Kavinder said that reaction of Yashwant Sinha over this human tragedy is uncalled for and he should revisit what he has said in

the matter. He said that Sinha has earlier raised questions over the surgical strikes thus making it amply clear that criticizing the government over one issue or the other is his political compulsion and the same has nothing to do with the facts and figures. He said that the inappropriate behaviour of the candidate for the presidential post speaks of the difference between him and the candidate of the party in power Draupadi Murmu.

The former Deputy Chief Minister said the tenures of last three presidential candidates of BJP were non-controversial and the current candidate for presidential election Draupadi Murmu is also having an outstanding record making it necessary that her tenure as next President will also be unblemished and exceptional. He said that the government has taken up the rescue operation at war footing and it would leave no stone unturned to provide relief to those affected by the unprecedented rainfall in the region.

Bhalla visits Eidgahs, exchanges greetings



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla greeting locals on Eid.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Sunday visited various Eidgahs of his home constituency included Malik Market in Narwal, Karayani Talab, Macca Masjid in Bathindi and Digiana and exchanged Eid-ul-Azha greetings with Muslim brethren. Interacting with the Muslim brethren, Bhalla hoped that the Eid-ul-Azha will bring prosperity and welfare for the whole community of J&K.

He said "Let us celebrate Eid with religious sanctity and traditional fervour for amity and brotherhood and spread the message of love

and peace to all".

He asked for sharing Eid joys with poor and needy which is the essence of Eid celebrations.

Former Minister said that the day symbolises love, compassion and kindness. He asserted that Eid-ul-Azha reminds us of our responsibility towards poor and needy and inculcates the spirit of sharing happiness and joy with everyone.

He maintained that Islam teaches peace, brotherhood, amity and love besides tolerance and patience.

Bhalla stated Eid is an occasion to rededicate ourselves to the teachings of Islam and preaching's of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Private schools hold great responsibility in shaping society: Sr Adv Zafar Shah

Schools facing multiple challenges for effective implementation of NEP 2020: Var

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PULWAMA: Senior Advocate Zafar Shah said that private schools have a major responsibility to shape the society besides preparing youth to compete globally and lead in future. While addressing a gathering of school-owners of Pulwama and Shopian at Town Hall Pulwama on Sunday organized by Private School Association of J&K (PSAJK), Adv Zafar Shah said that private schools should take their ventures as a mission and not as business. Stressing on the need to meet challenges of changing times, he urged schools to

equip children with knowledge in such a manner that they can face challenges of future. He also urged schools to provide quality education to children. "A child after spending his formative years in these schools under guidance of able teachers will be able to compete globally in 21st century," said Zafar, urging school owners to strengthen their association to overcome challenges that are ahead of them while implementing New Education Policy (NEP).

Earlier, President PSAJK, G N Var, in his address explained difficulties and problems being faced by private schools.

"Space for private schools is being narrowed down by concerned authorities. They are being asked for multiple certificates and NOCs when it comes to registration or up-gradation, which consumes a lot of energy and resources, leaving little room to think over investing in quality education," he said. He asked the Government to provide a stress-free atmosphere to private schools so that they can focus on quality education which is the prime duty of a school owner. He urged school owners of both districts to prioritize teacher's training and capacity building so that

they can implement NEP 2020 in letter and spirit.

Earlier, Sheeraz Ahmed Wani, District Coordinator Pulwama welcomed the guests, which also included District Presidents of Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam. Manzoor Ahmad Chairman South Kashmir, Mohd Sayed District President Anantnag, Khalid Reshi District President Pulwama, Waseem Hanief Vice President Pulwama, Shiraz Ahmad, District Coordinator Pulwama and G M Lone, Advisor PSAJK were also present on the occasion.

BVP celebrates 60th Foundation Day, conducts various activities



BVP members planting a sapling and honouring Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), a social organization working for the welfare of people all across the country on these basic points Sampark, Sehyog, Sanskar, Sewa and Samarpan, on Sunday celebrated its 60th Foundation Day at Tagore School, Rani Talab, Digiana here. The function organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad J&K Prant and Sanjay Nagar Branch in which various activities including plantation drive, blood donation camp & free medical checkup camp by team of doctors from Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Katra held. The Chief Guest, Ramesh Kumar,

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, appreciated the activities of Bharat Vikas Parishad while Guest of Honour, Dev Raj Sharma, Regional President, spoken on the national level achievement like artificial limbs, group marriage, rain water harvesting techniques etc. Garib Singh, Chairman Tagore Higher Secondary School and Advocate Sudershan Sharma were the Special Guests.

The function started with the lighting of lamp and recitation of Vande Matram. Munesh Raina, Branch President gave the welcome address. Arun Sharma, Regional General Secretary presented the vote of thanks. Narinder Mishra, J&K

General Secretary conducted the proceedings of the programme.

Others present were Anita Sharma, B.B Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Rajesh Gupta, Trishula Gupta and Ashok Gupta. Dr. J.P. Singh (Clinical Director) and Dr. Gopal Sharma (CAO SMVDNSH) were the Special Guests from SMVDNSH.

Doctors from SMVD Narayana Super Specialty Hospital Katra available at camp include Dr. Sushant Kumar (Cardiology), Dr. Mohd Shamim (Pulmonology), Dr. Shiv Kumar (Urology) and Dr. Nitee (Ortho).

The programme ended with the National Anthem.

Thought management key to happy, stress-free life: Rajesh Sharma

■ **MALU SHARMA**
Life these days is full of stress and everyone is having its own problems and issues, and feel difficult to cope-up with the situation. STATE TIMES interacted with Motivational speaker Rajesh Sharma who is also DGM, Territory Manager Bharat Petroleum in Western UP, who shared his Mantras and tips to live a happy life.

Rajesh Sharma shared, "We give, share with others what we have. If I have to give happiness to someone I need to be happy first. I need to be stress-free and contented. I believe we all have



STATE TIMES Journalist, Malu Sharma interacting with motivational speaker Rajesh Sharma.

some time and I don't believe on this, that we don't have for our self. What we all need to do is thought management and this is what I practice."

He added that Bhagwat

Gita gives you immense positivity and path to live a good life. "It says, follow the procedure and go towards results. It makes us learn positivity. We need to understand that positive thinking

doesn't mean that you ignore life's less pleasant situations. Positive thinking just means that you approach unpleasantness in a more positive and productive way. You think the best is going to happen, not the worst. One must read Bhagwat Gita to understand the real values of life", he added.

Rajesh further shared that if the thoughts that run through your head are mostly negative, your outlook on life is more likely pessimistic. If your thoughts are mostly positive, you're likely an optimist - someone who practices positive thinking. Positive thinking,

thought awareness, and rational thinking are simple tools that help you turn this around.

"We need to understand our energy and learn to manage our thoughts. We must work on our thoughts. Our energy is drained if we think negative and similarly, our energy is saved and increases if we think positive. We all need to cultivate good Sanskar. We all need to understand the thin line between expecting and accepting. This can give rise to a new positive environment. We need to make our children learn this technique so that they become mentally fit," stated Sharma.