

Priya Sethi finalises arrangements for three-day 'Nav Bharat Pradarshani' commencing today

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Minister Priya Sethi on Thursday finalized arrangements for three-day Nav Bharat Pradarshani being organized in Jammu in connection with PM Narendra Modi's birthday celebrations.

It is pertinent to mention here that Priya Sethi is the Programme In-charge for organizing the celebratory functions and programmes on Narendra Modi's birthday in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and she has been making relentless efforts to make the celebrations a grand success. In this regard, Priya Sethi visited the exhibition site at Parking Place Gole Market at Gandhi Nagar to take stock of on ground situation.

She informed that the three-day exhibition is being organized under "Seva Aur



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Samarpan Abhiyaan" from September 17 to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday as well as the completion of his two decades in public service. Detailing the reporters about the programme, the senior BJP leader said that the highlight of the 'Nav Bharat Mela' includes showcasing the emergence of a 'New India' under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

It will also highlight various schemes undertaken by the

Modi led Union Government.

Priya Sethi informed that in addition to this, multiple stalls will be set up to facilitate registration of citizens who wish to enroll for availing benefits under various central government welfare schemes.

Moreover the stalls of local handlooms and handicraft products, paintings, arts, traditional food, organic produce will also be established at the venue to propagate and promote the cause of 'Vocal4Local' that

forms the basis of a sound economy of a nation and its states and UTs. The special point of attraction at this site would be the digital technology stalls for the visitors encouraging them to download NaMo App, which will help them communicate with the Prime Minister directly besides enabling them to know about the various welfare and other schemes launched or in pipeline to be undertaken by our government. Divulging details about the departments proactively making the function a grand success, Priya Sethi said that on the occasion Social Welfare Department shall be providing forms for distribution and submission with regard to OAP Pension scheme, Handicap Pension scheme, Widow pension Scheme, Prosthetic, hearing aids etc and NFBS scheme for widows. She said that Adhaar

Card Camp as well as Ayushman Bharat Camp will be organized. Moreover Department of Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs shall be focussing on 'One Nation One Ration card scheme', PHH Ration Card for Destitute Families and (PM-GKAY) during the programme she added.

The senior BJP leader informed that during the programme people shall also be made aware about various health schemes besides providing them testing and screening facilities. J&K Housing Board shall disseminate information about Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PM-AY) and Department of Ayush will be providing Immunity Booster medicines. Last but not the least the Agriculture Deptt shall also set up the stalls to promote schemes for the benefit of farmers.

RNU, AIR Jammu distribute prizes among winners of National Anthem Singing Competition



Winners of National Anthem Singing Competition posing with officials.

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JAMMU: As a part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav celebrations throughout the country, the Regional News Unit (RNU), All India Radio (AIR) Jammu held a prizes distribution ceremony in connection with the National Anthem Singing Competition engaging its entire staff organised by regional news unit.

Deputy Director, RNU, AIR, Jammu, R.K Raina presented the mementos and certificates among the winners.

Pranav Sharma, Technical Assistant secured the first position, Mustakeem Baig, Editor & Rajesh Malhotra,

Dogi News Reader secured second and the third position was secured by Nirmal Vikram, Dogri News Reader, Alam Khan, Gojri News Reader and MTS, Tarseem Kumar.

Speaking on the Prizes Distribution Ceremony, R.K Raina, Deputy Director said that besides this competition, RNU, Jammu is also organising various events for general listeners of AIR, Jammu and one such event is a weekly quiz in collaboration with DSW, University of Jammu.

During the ceremony, Senior News Readers, Vijay Verma, Jagmohan Sharma & Vijay Kumar Bajaj were also present.

Kavinder-led BJP delegation calls on Union Minister Narayan Rane Capitalize J&K's inherent strength by setting-up big industries: Kavinder

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JAMMU: A deputation of senior leaders of BJP led by former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta met Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Narayan Rane and put forth various demands pertaining to industries and creation of jobs in the UT of J&K.

Besides Kavinder, the delegation comprised of Sat Sharma ex minister, Sham Chowdhary, Mayor Jammu Chander Mohan Gupta, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, Dr Manyal, ex minister and general secretary, Vibodh Gupta Ex-MLC and General Secretary and Arvind Gupta Secretary.

At the outset, Kavinder asserted that capitalizing inherent strength of the UT by promoting industries like English willow, Basohli Pashmina shawls, horticulture, tourism, etc by establishing big units necessary for changing the development profile of the region as the dearth of industries has also affected the creation of jobs.



BJP deputation during meeting with Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Narayan Rane.

He said that district-wise spread of industry is a prerequisite for all round development of the UT as making industrial hubs in twin capitals will not fully satiate the aspirations of the job seekers and those who are interested in setting up these units in their respective areas.

Kavinder said that there is a lot of scope in the MSME sector in the UT especially after train chugging in the region in the days to come after tracks will be linked with the rest of the country. He said that J&K's roadmap to development will pass through a vibrant industrial revolution and therefore it is required to pay attention

towards this sector.

The former Deputy Chief Minister also said that ease of doing business should be applied to the industry by ensuring a single window for bank loans and other incentives. Another major issue which the former deputy chief minister raised during the meeting was inclusion of the hotel industry under the Industrial policy as tourism is the mainstay of J&K's economy.

The Union Minister listened to the delegation patiently and appreciated the insightful presentation of issues by BJP leadership. He assured that the points raised will be considered on priority.

Temporary employee cannot be replaced with Temporary: CAT

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JAMMU: The Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) comprising Rakesh Sagar Jain (Judicial Member) and Anand Mathur (Administrative Member) restrained respondents not to advertise two ST category vacancies of Range Officer Grade-I (Territorial) Forest Department.

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'Funds should only be released different sports association on basis of performances'



RTI activist, Balvinder Singh talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: RTI, Balvinder Singh along with veteran hockey players Waryam Singh, Janak Singh, Iqbal Singh, Rajinder Singh Sudan, P.P Singh, Beant Singh, Mahesh Kotwal and Mammohan Singh appreciated the circular issued by J&K Sports Council, with the approval of LG JK UT Manoj Sinha, for streamlining the functioning of sports Associations and implementation of additional guidelines expecting a meaningful full reforms which can improve the functioning of sports Associations in JKUT. "Its done to check malfunctioning and monopolized elections in close door meetings in hotels instead recommends the election to be conducted through ballot voting," Balvinder said in a press conference here on Thursday.

Randhawa distributes ration under PMGKAY

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JAMMU: Former Member Legislative Council (MLC) and State Secretary Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) JKUT today distributed ration among the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY) at Ward No-43, Nanak Nagar in Gandhi Nagar assembly segment. Randhawa said that BJP is committed for the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden section of the society and will take every step for their welfare. He urged upon the grassroot workers to make general masses aware about these welfare schemes so that majority of beneficiaries be benefitted. While terming PMGKAY a boon for the poor amid pandemic Randhawa said that the scheme has been launched keeping the miseries of the poor people in mind. He said the BJP government is sensitive enough towards the sufferings of the common man and announced a mega public friendly scheme under which free ration is being provided to the 80 crore families of the nation.

He further said that it is now the duty of the local workers to ensure proper implementation of such schemes where government is spending huge amount. "Nobody should sleep hungry during a period when the poor was having no scope of earning their livelihood and to ensure food for them PMGKAY was launched hence it is a boon for the poor", Randhawa added.

More than hundred families were provided free ration today in the presence of Councilor JMC Ward No-43, Surjeet Choudhary.

The beneficiaries of the scheme hailed the efforts of the former MLC and local Councilor in reaching out to them even during crisis.



Former MLC Ch Vikram Randhawa distributing ration.

Sood reviews 'Sewa aur Samarpan Abhiyaan' programmes

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JAMMU: Ashish Sood, Seh-Prabhari of BJP Jammu & Kashmir chaired final review meeting for the "Sewa aur Samarpan Abhiyaan" programmes at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta (former MLC) & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal (former Minister) and Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi (former Minister) also addressed the meeting. BJP District Prabhari and the Incharges for various activities under 20-days "Sewa aur Samarpan" participated in the meeting.

Ashish Sood discussed in details all the activities to be conducted under the "Sewa aur Samarpan Abhiyaan" including booth level activities, environment related activities, health activities, sewa activities, publicity activities, media activities and social media activities. He sought activity



Seh-Prabhari of BJP J&K, Ashish Sood chairing review meeting.

wise planning from District Prabharies and Moreha Presidents.

Ashish Sood concentrated on the public outreach programmes while conducting "Sewa aur Samarpan Abhiyaan" programmes and asked the party leaders to be pioneer in establishing one to one contact with the local masses through these programmes. He also asked about the involvement of local masses in these activities like Blood donation Camps, plantation drive, cleanliness of water bodies.

Sood said that these events remind us of the importance of complete dedication to our

country and its people, a quality that has been a feature of these 20 years in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's active political life. Vibodh Gupta stressed on the need of more and more involvement of the common masses in these programmes and spread the message with involvement of each individual party activist. Dr. Manyal added that it is important to ensure all the adequate safety precautions to be taken under standard COVID protocols, while performing these activities.

Priya Sethi provided the details of the mega event of inauguration of exhibition on 17th September.

Dr Avtar Singh brings new hope for his patient



Chief Orthopaedic at Amandeep Group of Hospitals, Dr. Avtar Singh donating a bicycle to one of his patients.

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JAMMU/AMRITSAR: Chief Orthopaedic & Joint Replacement Surgeon at Amandeep Group of Hospitals, Dr. Avtar Singh donated a bicycle to one of his patients, who had lost his legs in a train accident. 23-year-old Rajesh had both his legs amputated after the accident. He was brought to Amandeep Hospital in a painful condition and, performed the surgery and

implanted artificial limbs. Lost in his despair and pain, Rajesh thought he would never be able to live a normal life. But Dr. Avtar gave him a ray of hope with the artificial limbs and this became a life-changing procedure for Rajesh.

After recovering successfully, he today wears a broad smile as he has returned to leading a happy and contented life. He is having more than 10 million followers in josh App. He is a passionate dancer and can pursue his passion with the support of his artificial legs. "After the accident, I had lost all hope and felt that life would be miserable. But Dr. Avtar and the staff of Amandeep Hospital have brought back mobility to my life and an opportunity to earn my bread, without being dependent on anyone," said Rajesh.

"At Amandeep Hospital, we aim to rehabilitate a patient not only physically but also socially. Our connection with the patient is heartfelt and we treat every patient with love and care. This bicycle symbolizes independence and hope. I wish Rajesh all the very best in life," said Dr. Avtar.

This generous act by Dr. Avtar Singh has helped Rajesh reintegrate into society with dignity and has made him self-reliant.