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Jammu celebrates birth...

particularly Yuva Rajputs for their fight," Raina told reporters.

Congress party led by its working president Raman Bhalla also took part in the celebrations and asserted that it was time for the central government to fulfil another demand of restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

A group of displaced Kashmir Pandits took out a rally in Muthia area and raised pro-Maharaja slogans. Similar celebrations were also held in Kathua, Samba, Udhampur, Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar and Rajouri districts.

In Kathua, some public transporters offered free travel to passengers as a tribute to the Maharaja.



Members of Jammu Manhas Sabha welcoming Maharaja Hari Singh's rally.

am sure, nature will also be benefitted."

While stressing that this work is not just limited to Information Department or the Education Department, the Prime Minister said that public awareness is another important aspect of protecting the environment. "As you all are well aware that in the National Education Policy that has been implemented in the country, a lot of emphasis has been laid on experienced-based learning", Shri Modi added. The Prime Minister remarked that this campaign should be led by the Ministry of Environment. This will create awareness about biodiversity among the children and will also plant the seeds of protecting the environment. "Children who live in our coastal areas should also be taught how to protect the marine ecosystem. We have to make our children, and future generations sensitive toward the environment", the Prime Minister added. The universities and laboratories of our states should give top priority to innovations related to environmental protection, following the mantra of Jai Anusandhan. The Prime Minister also underlined the adoption of technology in protecting the environment. "Study and research on the conditions of forests in the forests are equally important", Shri Modi added.

Focussing on the alarming rate of forest fires in the western world, the Prime Minister remarked that India's share in global emissions may be negligible due to wildfire, but we have to stay alert at all times. The Prime Minister emphasised that the forest fire fighting mechanism in every state should be technology driven and robust. Shri Modi also stressed the training of our forest guards, should be given special emphasis when it comes to forest fire fighting.

Pointing out the complications involved in getting environmental clearance, the Prime Minister said that the development of modern infrastructure and efforts to improve the standard of living of the countrymen is hindered. The Prime Minister gave the example of Sardar Sarovar Dam which was initiated in 1961 by Pandit Nehru. He pointed out that it took decades to complete its construction due to the conspiracies carried out in the name of the environment. The Prime Minister also identified the role of urban naxals in hindering the development of India by taking crores of rupees from different global organizations and foundations. The Prime Minister also pointed out the conspiracies of such people due to which the World Bank had refused to give a loan to increase the height of the dam. "It took some time to thwart these conspiracies, but the people of Gujarat came out victorious. The dam was being described as a threat to the environment, and today the same dam has become synonymous with protecting the environment", the Prime Minister added. The Prime Minister also urged everyone to stay alert from such groups of urban naxals in their respective states. The Prime Minister reiterated that more than 6000 proposals for environmental clearance and 6500 applications for forest clearance are lying with the states. "Efforts should be made by the states to clear every proper proposal soon. You can guess that due to this pendency, projects worth thousands of crores of rupees will be stuck", he added. The Prime Minister also emphasised the need to bring about a change in the work environment so that the pendency goes down and clearance is expedited. The Prime Minister further added that in giving environmental clearance, we also take care of the rules and give priority to the development of the people of that area. "It is a win-win situation for both the economy and ecology", he said. "It should be our endeavour that by raising the name of the environment unnecessarily, no obstacle should be allowed to be created in the quest of Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business. We have to remember that the faster the environmental clearance is available, the faster the development will also take place."

The Prime Minister gave the example of the Pragati Maidan Tunnel in Delhi that was dedicated to the nation a few weeks ago. "Due to this tunnel, the trouble of the people of Delhi getting stuck in the jam has reduced. Pragati Maidan Tunnel will also help in saving more than 55 lakh litres of fuel every year", he added. This will reduce carbon emissions by about 13 thousand tonnes every year which is equivalent to more than 6 lakh trees, according to experts. "Be it flyovers, roads, expressways, or railway projects, their construction helps in reducing carbon emissions equally. At the time of clearance, we should not ignore this angle" Shri Modi said.

The Prime Minister emphasised the use of the Parivesh Portal, single-window mode for all types of clearances related to the environment while stressing its transparency and efficacy in reducing the rush for getting approvals. "Where environmental clearance used to take more than 600 days 8 years ago, it takes 75 days today", the Prime Minister added.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the coordination in infrastructure projects has escalated while many projects have gained momentum since the implementation of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. The PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan is also a great tool for protecting the environment. He also stressed the need for disaster-resilient infrastructure. Shri Modi said that we have to make good use of every emerging sector of the economy while facing the challenges related to climate change. "Both the central and the state government together have to move towards a green industrial economy", the Prime Minister added.

In concluding his address the Prime Minister said that the Ministry of Environment is not just a regulatory body but also a great medium for economic empowerment of the people and creating new means of employment. "You will find a lot to learn, see and do in Ekta Nagar: Sardar Sarovar Dam, which gives Amrit to crores of people of Gujarat, is present here itself", he added, "Such a huge statue of Sardar Saheb inspires us to stick to the pledge of unity."

Pointing out the learning opportunities in Kevadiya, Ekta Nagar, the Prime Minister remarked that solutions to issues like the simultaneous development of

ecology and economy, strengthening of the environment and creation of new employment opportunities, bio-diversity being a medium to increase eco-tourism, and how the wealth of the forest goes up with the wealth of our tribal brothers and sisters can be addressed here.

Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel and Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupendra Yadav were those present on the occasion.

4 of family...

due to drowning in Rannagar tehsil of Udhampur is extremely heartbreaking. In this time of grief, my thoughts are with the bereaved families. Directed district administration to provide all necessary assistance to the families" LG Manoj Sinha wrote on Twitter.

Indian concept of..

of nationalism since ancient times and "for us different languages and different modes of worshipping god is natural. This land not only gives food and water but also gives values. That is why we call it Bharat Mata."

Presiding over the programme, Nripendra Misra, chairman of the Ayodhya Ram Temple construction committee and former principal secretary to the prime minister, said the Sankalp Foundation is encouraging promising and needy students and assisting them in their studies for 36 years.

The foundation is an RSS-backed training academy for UPSC aspirants. RSS joint general secretary Krishna Gopal is one of the mentors at the institute.

PFI got 'concealed'...

abroad "are remitted to India through hawala/underground channels and through remittances sent to the accounts of members/activists/office bearers of PFI/CFI and other related organisations."

The agency said the funds received from abroad are "concealed" from government agencies and compliance for collection of such funds and donations was not done by PFI as they are not a registered entity under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). It alleged Payeth, who was earlier based in Qatar allegedly undertook the same modus operandi and transferred funds from abroad to his NRI account in India and later made funds transfer to PFI member Rauf Sherif (Rs 21 lakh) and Rs 16 lakh to a linked organisation called the Rehab India Foundation (RIF).

Payeth's premises in Kerala's Kannur district were raided by the ED in December last year and he was also questioned by the agency as part of summons issued to him earlier.

While PFI treasurer P Koya told the agency earlier that they have never received foreign funds and the organisation has no policy to get donations from abroad, the ED seized documents in 2020 that showed that the PFI has been "raising and collecting substantial funds from abroad in a well organised and structured manner."

The PFI, after Thursday's swoop of the agencies, had said the claims of the probe agencies against it were "baseless and sensationalist and were solely aimed at creating an atmosphere of terror."

The ED has been investigating the PFI's alleged "financial links" on charges of fuelling the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act protests, the Delhi riots of February, 2020, and the "conspiracy" in the alleged gangrape and death of a Dalit woman in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras and a few other instances.

It said the PFI and its related entities got more than Rs 120 crore funds, largely in cash, over the years.

The organisation was formed in 2006 in Kerala and is headquartered in Delhi. The ED has filed two chargesheets against PFI and its office bearers before a special PMLA court in Lucknow.

In February last year, the ED has filed its first chargesheet against the PFI and its student wing Campus Front of India (CFI) on money laundering charges claiming its members wanted to "incite communal riots and spread terror" in the aftermath of the alleged Hathras gang rape case of 2020.

Time extension to..

investigation.

Setting aside the verdicts of the high court and the trial court, it said, The extension of time is not an empty formality. The Public Prosecutor has to apply his mind before he submits a report/ an application for extension.

It allowed the plea of one Jigar alias Jimmy Pravinchandra and other co-accused in criminal cases lodged with Jamnagar City A' Division Police Station in Gujarat for offences under the Gujarat Control of Terrorism and Organised Crime Act.

The FIR was registered on October 15, 2020 and the accused were arrested on different dates.

Reports were submitted by the Public Prosecutor seeking extension of time up to 180 days to complete the investigation and the prayer for extending the time up to 180 days was allowed by the special court on the very day on which the applications were filed. The order was upheld by the high court disregarding the claim that it was passed behind the back of the jailed accused.

The orders passed by the special court of extending the period of investigations are rendered illegal on account of the failure of the respondents to produce the accused before the special court either physically or virtually when the prayer for grant of extension made by the Public Prosecutor was considered, it held.

Be addicted to hard-work, duty to parents: YSYB

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing the series of programs on Nasha Mukt Jammu ore Kashmir for Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan in the Amit Kaal celebrations for Fit India, the Yuva Soch Yuva Bharat (YSYB) IKA, an Initiative of the students of GDC Udhampur under the Patronage of Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta and teacher-mentorship of Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Dr. Ajay Sharma and other staff of the college, presented a dogri Nukkad Play titled Aao Chaleh Nashe Shaa Duur. The play was held in the Conference hall of the college.

Speaking on the occasion, the patron, Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta congratulated the YSYB Team and their mentors for their die-hard efforts for the social cause/s particularly the Bigul against the menace of Drug-abuse, and the way they are spreading it through the street plays and other mediums. Prior to this the Yuva Saathis of YSYB presented the play with the central theme of Plight of youth on wrong track of taking drugs and intoxicants that leads to death, financial loss and legal proceedings. The acting was so immersing and mesmerising that the Principal, staff and all audience present was spell-bound. The lead roles were played by the YSYB members viz. Vishal Rai Roudhan, Amandeep Singh, Antriksha, Marshal Singh, Rahul, Sunali jumval, Sumeeta, Shyama, Ayush, Vishakha, Harpal and Kanav.

Pertinent to mention that as a part of college outreach and extension programs the Yuva Soch Yuva Bharat Tkai is doing awareness drives in the areas like Udhampur, Tikri, Pancheri, Jib-Thathi, Garhi and surroundings very actively. They have also done and have planned to do programmes in collaboration with Udhampur Municipal Council, JK Public School, Udhampur; GCW Udhampur; Bhaskar Degree College, other schools and colleges as well as Govt. Departments and NGOs of Udhampur. The programme was attended by a number of staff members and students. Dr. Pankaj Sharma tendered vote of thanks on the occasion.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya hosts cluster level science exhibition

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Nardi Bala Jammu 2 hosted the cluster level Science Exhibition. The program began with seminar competition wherein students from different JNVs gave presentations on the topic: Scientific Academic Institutes of India. Students displayed their spoken skills and confidence through the seminar. Anil Kumar TGT Maths, introduced the judges and welcomed the Principal, teachers and the participants.

The judges for the Hindi presentations were MK Dutt, vice Principal and Pragya Sharma whereas for English, the judges were Mr. Raj Mohammad, Anshu and Sangeeta Nathaniel. The Cluster level Science Exhibition started at 4:00 PM in the Vidyalaya's Academic Block. Students from different JNVs displayed their well - prepared models and exhibited their innovative skills. The topics were related to various themes such as Efficiency in

Transport, Technology, Environment, Health and cleanliness, Effects of pollution and global warming etc.

The experts invited to judge the exhibition were Bodhi Raj, Kuldeep Singh, Dushyant Manhas, Zorabar Singh and Diananath Sharma from GGHSS Akhnoor; Pawan Kumar and Raj Mohammad from HSS Nardi Bala; Vinod Sharma and Askok Kumar from HSS Boys Akhnoor.

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