

Modi ensured justice to SCs, Valmiki Samaj: Sanjay Nirmal

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JAMMU: The BJP-led government at the centre under Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has been deeply concerned for the welfare and socio-economic upliftment of different sections of the society in Jammu and Kashmir and during the last over ten years it has taken many decisions for the benefit of the deprived and marginalised sections.

BJP SC Morcha National General Secretary, Sanjay Nirmal, said this while discussing various initiatives of Modi government which has wiped tears and brought smiles on the faces of Valmiki Samaj, SCs, STs and other sections, who had no place in the programmes and policies of the successive governments of the Congress and NC at the cen-



BJP SC Morcha National General Secretary, Sanjay Nirmal during visit to Jammu.

tre and in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

He was discussing wide range of issues related to the reserved category communities with Balbir Ram Rattan, J&K BJP Spokesperson, Santokh Singh Guntala, SC Morcha National Secretary and J&K Prabhari for SC Morcha, Vijay Anand Gill, SC Morcha Vice President and

Adarsh Jathiar, SC Morcha General Secretary.

Quoting few examples, Sanjay Nirmal said that under the Modi government the Valmiki Samaj in Jammu and Kashmir has been included in the SC category like other parts of the country. Similarly, the West Pakistan refugees have gained full citizenship rights and more than 70 per cent

among them belong to the SC community. It has ended decades of oppressive treatment to them.

Sanjay Nirmal further said that the Bharatiya Janata party, in its election manifesto for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, has promised to ensure reservation in promotions for SCs and STs within government service. It

has also promised to create a transfer policy for all the employees, specifically for SCs and others working in Kashmir Valley, which is reflective of the commitment of the party and the Modi government to meet the aspirations of the Scheduled Castes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Expressing confidence of winning all the seven reserved assembly seats in the UT, the SC Morcha National General Secretary, said that every activist of the morcha should devote more time to reach out at the door steps of the members of different reserved categories and mobilise their support for BJP by educating them about numerous welfare schemes of the Modi government, which has brought changes in their lives.

LG Sinha visits Guwahati, offers prayers at Kamakhya temple



Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya with LG Manoj Sinha during a meeting at Raj Bhavan in Guwahati on Sunday.

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GUWAHATI: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited Guwahati on Sunday, an official said. During the day-long trip, Sinha visited the Kamakhya temple atop the Nilachal Hills and offered prayers. The temple manage-

ment committee's Himadri Sarma and Gyan Nath Sarma greeted Sinha with a 'gamosa' and a memento. The LG expressed his gratitude towards the temple authorities for helping him seek the blessings of the goddess. He said he feels a divine presence every time he visits the temple.

Centre's priority development of tribals, poor, youths, women: Modi

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RANCHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the Centre's priority is development of tribals, poor, Dalits, women and youths, and several schemes have been launched to benefit them. Jharkhand, which was lagging in development, will also see rapid growth with the launch of these projects, he said. "Jharkhand was lagging in development but now several projects would usher in progress here. Now, the Centre's priority is development of tribals, poor, youth, women and Dalit," Modi said, while virtually addressing people gathered at Tatanagar for the

launch of Vande Bharat trains and several projects.

The PM apologised to the people for not being able to reach Tatanagar as "my chopper could not take off from Ranchi due to bad weather".

He said rail and other projects would boost industry, tourism, economic growth and development in the eastern region.

"The Centre has increased its investment for the development of Jharkhand. This year, Jharkhand has been given an allocation of Rs 7,000 crore for the development of railway infrastructure. If we compare the budget of the past 10 years,

it is 16 times higher.

"Jharkhand has joined the list of states where 100 per cent electrification of the railway network has been achieved," he said.

Under the Amrit Bharat Station Yojana, over 50 railway stations in the state are also being transformed, he added.

Earlier, he virtually flagged off six Vande Bharat trains for Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar and UP at Ranchi.

On the occasion, Union ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Annapurna Devi and Sanjay Seth and Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar were present at Tatanagar station.

Priya Sethi slams Congress for misleading statement on unemployment

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JAMMU: National Executive Member BJP and former minister, Priya Sethi strongly countered the misleading statement made by Congress regarding unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir, calling it a baseless political tactic to mislead the public.

She asserted that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government has launched several transformative initiatives to create job opportunities and empower the youth across the country, including Jammu and Kashmir.

While during Door to Door campaigning for BJP Candidate in Jammu the former minister strongly reacted to the Congress leader's false claims,

She further added that Congress couldn't even release its manifesto till date so what J & K people can expect from a grand old party of India is a big question.

Priya Sethi emphasized that the Modi government



National Executive Member BJP Priya Sethi during door-to-door campaign in Jammu.

has taken unprecedented steps to ensure employment generation and skill development, giving young people more opportunities than ever before.

"The Congress is trying to manipulate the narrative for political gains. Under PM Modi's leadership, the youth have been at the center of every policy decision, whether it's education, entrepreneurship, or employment. The launch of schemes like Make in India, Startup India, Skill India, and the Pradhan

Mantri Mudra Yojana has empowered millions of young Indians to pursue their dreams and contribute to the nation's growth," Sethi said.

While campaigning Door to Door for BJP the former minister was accompanied by Gopal Mahajan, Corporator Adarsh SC Gen Secy,

Annu Gupta Dist Vice President, Savita Anand, Anuradha, Ram lubhaya and others.

Highlighting the strides made in Jammu and Kashmir post the abrogation

of Article 370, Priya Sethi noted that new avenues for private and public investments have opened, driving growth in sectors like tourism, infrastructure, IT, and manufacturing. These developments have directly contributed to job creation in the Union Territory. She further added that the central government's focus on local entrepreneurship through the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has provided substantial support to the youth of J&K to start their own ventures.

"The Congress should introspect on its own record of unemployment during its decades in power. It is under the Modi government that we have witnessed rapid infrastructural development, increased tourism, and enhanced skill training programs, all contributing to job creation. It is ironic that the Congress, which ignored youth unemployment for years, is now attempting to mislead people," former min-

ister and senior BJP Leader added.

Priya Sethi reiterated that the BJP remains committed to addressing the aspirations of young people and ensuring that Jammu and Kashmir thrives with more opportunities for growth. She urged the Congress to stop playing politics over sensitive issues like unemployment and focus on constructive dialogue for the betterment of the region.

She called on the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to avail themselves of the many opportunities presented by the central government, emphasizing that the Modi government's comprehensive policies are creating a path for a brighter future.

"From Digital India to Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Modi government's initiatives are centered around empowering young Indians to be job creators, not just job seekers. The Congress should understand that the times have changed, and so has the approach to tackling unemployment," Sethi added.

Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu celebrates 57th Engineers' Day

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JAMMU: The 57th Engineers' day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre at its Institutional Complex Jammu in which Er. Sandeep Gupta, IRSE, Chief Administrative Officer, (Northern Railway) USBRL Project, J&K was the Chief Guest & Er. Bimal Kumar Tickoo, FIE; Former Secretary (Technical) cum Development Commissioner (Works) PWD (R&B) J&K Govt. was the Guest of Honour in presence of Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE; Chairman, Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary of IEI, Jammu Local Centre and large numbers of engineers from various departments and organizations attended the function. This day is celebrated all over the country to commemorate the 163rd birth anniversary of the greatest engineer Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Bharat Ratna.

On this occasion, Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary extended gratitude warm welcome to Er. Sandeep Gupta, IRSE & Er. Bimal Kumar Tickoo, FIE for having consented to grace the occasion as Chief Guest & Guest of Honour. Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, FIE in her welcome address on the theme "Driving Sustainability with



Management of institute during the event in Jammu.

Engineering Solutions Embracing the Latest AI-driven Technologies," said it underscores the pivotal role of engineering in solving global challenges. Artificial Intelligence focuses on how engineering disciplines are increasingly integrating sustainable practices and artificial intelligence to address complex global challenges. Rich Tributes to Sir M. Visvesvaraya were paid by Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma, MIE on behalf of IEI, Jammu Local Centre in which he highlighted the sterling qualities of Sir M. Visvesvaraya like Austerity, Integrity, Competence and Discipline.

Further, on this occasion Er. A K Nagpal, FIE; Former Chairman, IEI(India), Jammu Local Centre was honoured with IEI Award for his outstanding services rendered to the engineering profession and to the Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre. He was presented with a Gold Medallion as a mark of respect. IEI, Jammu also pre-

sented R. L. Sharma Memorial Gold Medal to Er. Joy Ganjoo for presenting the Best Technical Paper, Rudra Bhagwati Silver Medal to Er. B L Rawal for presenting 2nd best technical paper and IEI Bronze Medal to Er. Ranjeev Sawhney for presenting 3rd best technical paper during the year 2023-24.

In addition to above first issue of 22nd Volume of quarterly IEI Jammu News - Newsletter of Jammu Local Centre was also released by the Chief Guest & Guest of Honour in presence of Editorial Board comprising of Prof. Dr. Bhawna Sharma, Chairman cum Editorial Director, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. Anil Verma, Er. Pooja Wazir & Er. Sachin Tickoo, Hony. Secretary.

IEI also honoured Er. Ajay Sharma, Er. P. K. Nanda, Er. B. L. Rawal, Er. Vijay Kumar

Sharma, Er. Ranjeev Sawhney, Er. Sumil Goyal, Er. Joy Ganjoo, Er. Akash Dugotra, Er. Anil Kumar & Er. Lovlensh Talwar with mementoes for presenting two or more technical papers during the year 2023 - 2024.

Sandeep Gupta, Chief Guest presented detailed presentation of Prestigious USBRL Project. The Project assumes significance as it entails world class bridges, tunnels that showcase engineering prowess. The Chenab bridge in Reasi being the highest railway bridge of world and Anji bridge the first ever cable stayed bridge form the classic example of the workmen ship on this project.

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Honour said that AI is transforming our approach to sustainability. It plays a crucial role in addressing climate change by improving predictive models, which help us better prepare for extreme weather and optimize the use of renewable energy. In agriculture, AI-powered analytics are reshaping crop management, resulting in higher productivity and a reduced environmental impact. Cities benefit from AI-driven traffic systems that minimize congestion and emissions, while smart waste management systems enhance recycling efficiency.

Er. Sachin Tickoo, MIE; Honorary Secretary while speaking on the occasion highlighted the pivotal role of J&K Engineers in shaping the face of the UT of J&K and creating world class infrastructure projects which not only are inspiration for people of J&K but also for country as well. While thanking role of staff of centre for successful completion of the program and conducted the proceedings of the function and presented vote of thanks to the august engineers, guests, line departments, Information Department and media persons for making this function a grand success.

Mehbooba has only brought destruction to J&K: Omar

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SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah Sunday hit out at People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti, saying she has brought nothing but destruction to Jammu and Kashmir.

On Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's announcement of resignation, the NC leader said it remains to be seen what will be his next steps.

"Mehbooba Mufti has brought nothing but destruction to Jammu and Kashmir. If anyone has played the biggest role in bringing BJP (in J&K) then it is PDP and its leadership," Abdullah told reporters in Anantnag district of south Kashmir.

Referring to the violent

street protests after the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani in 2016 that left over 90 civilians dead, Abdullah said Mufti should give an account of 2016 before pointing fingers at him.

"She talked about milk and toffee...she has not yet apologised for bringing the BJP here. She has not apologised for pushing Jammu and Kashmir towards this destruction. Why is she targeting me? Let her clear her own record first," the NC leader added.

The former chief minister asked what compulsion did the PDP have to form an alliance with the BJP in 2015?

"We were ready to give them the government at

that time. The NC and the Congress first sent a message of their support to Mufti Sahab and after his death, to Mehbooba Mufti. Why did they reject it? What was their weakness that they had to go with the BJP?" he asked.

He said Mufti used to say that time that they would bring more confidence building measures (CBMs) from Delhi because of the alliance with the BJP, but "one after the other, all our CBMs were stopped".

Asked about Kejriwal's announcement, Abdullah said, "I have just heard about it. Why is he resigning, will there be elections after his resignation or is he making someone else the chief minister. Let the information come, then we will talk about it."

PM Modi guarantee to development, NC-Cong guarantee to destruction: Union Minister



Union Minister G Krishna Reddy briefing media in Jammu on Sunday.

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JAMMU: The Union Minister and J&K Election Incharge, G Krishna Reddy, on Sunday said that the agenda of the BJP is better future of J&K and its development, while the agenda of the NC, Cong and PDP is destructive and divisive.

This was stated by Reddy while being accompanied by BJP Working President, Sat Sharma, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP National Secretary and BJP candidate from Jammu South, Narinder Singh Raina, Chief Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi and media in-charge, Dr. Pradeep Mahotra at BJP Media Centre.

"PM Modi is guarantee to development of J&K and its better future for next generations, while the NC-Cong alliance is guarantee

to destruction and division," Reddy said, adding, "BJP is getting full support from every section of the society".

Reddy said, "Seeing the immense response of the people of J&K, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the BJP will form next government in J&K".

He appealed to the people to support BJP in the Assembly elections for bright future off J&K.

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"BJP is fighting Assembly election for the

betterment of future generations and in the national interest," he said.

Referring to PM Modi's rally at Doda, he said that after 42 years a Prime Minister has visited Doda. "There was massive participation in the Doda rally and the people response shows that BJP will form next government in J&K", he added.

The rally venue was packed beyond capacity which shows PM Modi's popularity, he said and added that the number of people listening to Modi was more than 4 times than those present at the venue.

Reddy urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to support the BJP and thwart the plans of those who wish to push the J&K back into the era of unrest, turmoil and darkness.

Prof Dr Tandon from GMC Jammu conferred most prestigious fellowship

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JAMMU: The award of Fellowship of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (A, scientific, academic, research and professional body governed under Ministry of Health and family welfare, Govt. of India) is an honour bestowed upon eminent Medical scientist, researchers and academicians after credential based selection for their academic excellence and professional achievements who have brought honour and respect to the Academy as well as medical fraternity by their immense contributions at state, National and International level.

Dr Vishal R Tandon, emi-



nent and Rewound, Faculty members from GMC Jammu has brought laurels for the state by joining the pool of only fellows from J&K ie. Prof. Dr Nasib Singh Pathania- Founder Principal GMC Jammu, Prof. Dr Ravinder Madan, Former Principal and honourable Member Public Service Commission, Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta- Executive Director, AIIMS Jammu, Dr

Quadri, Mohd Ismail-Srinagar, Dr Syed, Amin Tabish- Srinagar, Dr. Mohd Ashraf Ganie- Director SKIMS Kashmir.

This rare Distinction & honour has followed to him on account of his meritorious and distinct contributions in the field of Medical Education, Research, Medical Journalism, Patient care, Drug safety & promotion of rational drug use and public awareness as well as his valuable consistent contributions for the academy.

Previously he has been awarded prestigious fellowships and memberships like FRCP (Edn)-UK, FRCP (Glasgow)-UK, FIMS, FIMSA, MAMS & CIMP.

Dr Tandon is a permanent member of World Association of Medical Editor (WAME), International Committee of Medical Journal Editor (ICMJJE) and is rendering his services as National expert in subject expert committee and an expert in National Periodic Safety Update Reports (PSUR) Review Committee at Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) under Directorate General of Health Services, Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

He is also expert member of signal review committee of two national programmes, PvPI and MvPI, IPC, MoHFW, GoI.