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Mann Ki Baat highlights youth, innovation and responsibility in nation: Sat

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir organized booth-level programmes throughout the Union Territory to collectively listen to the 131st edition of Mann Ki Baat, the popular monthly radio address by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Senior party leaders, activists, and residents participated with enthusiasm, underlining the party's commitment to strengthening public engagement and inclusive development.

J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma, along with MLA Vikram Randhawa, heard the broadcast at the residence of MLA Devyani Rana at Booth No. 24, Gandhi Nagar Mandal in the Bahu Assembly segment. Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that Mann Ki Baat continues to motivate citizens especially youth to embrace innovation, responsibility, and community values. He highlighted how in today's episode the Prime Minister



spoke about India's leadership in the recently concluded Global AI Impact Summit, describing it as a turning point that showcased the country's technological capabilities and creative solutions that benefit farmers, livestock management and heritage preservation.

Sat Sharma also noted the Prime Minister's call for digital vigilance, urging people to guard against online fraud while adopting technology responsibly. He referred to PM Modi's inspiring mention of organ

donation stories, such as that of a young donor whose selfless act saved lives, reinforcing the message of compassion and social awareness that resonates deeply across communities.

J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, along with other senior leaders, listened to the broadcast at C-Pattan, Booth Haarinara (62) in Srinagar. Ashok Koul said that the Mann Ki Baat programme reflects the nation's progress rooted in responsibility, innovation, and cultural pride. He em-

phasized that today's episode reinforced the importance of encouraging students during examinations, adopting local solutions, and responsibly engaging with emerging technologies.

Koul reiterated that organizing listening sessions at the booth level enhances the party's grassroots connect, ensures the Prime Minister's message reaches every household, and inspires every citizen to contribute to the broader national vision of progress, unity and shared prosperity.

CBC holds day-2 pre-publicity programme for Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel in Udhampur

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The Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office, Udhampur organized the second day of its pre-publicity programme at Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel, Udhampur in continuation of the upcoming Multi Media Exhibition scheduled to be launched from 23rd to 27th February, 2026 at Government Degree College (Boys) Udhampur.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of students, staff and local public to actively engage the youth and spread awareness about various flagship schemes and developmental initiatives of the Government of India. A series of IEC activities including a quiz contest, drawing competition, and seminar were organized.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Sh. Gulsher Ahmed Assistant warden, who welcomed the guests and participants and appreciated the initiative taken by CBC Udhampur to conduct awareness activities at their hostel.



Sh. Vikram Uppal from CBC Field Office Doda also delivered a brief address, motivating students to stay informed and play a proactive role in Nation-building efforts. He said the forthcoming Multi Media Exhibition will focus on key national themes such as Viksit Bharat, Mission Aroma, Startup India, and VB-G RAM G. through exhibitions, audio-visual presentations/Aids, cultural programmes, and interactive sessions, the event aims to highlight transformative initiatives contributing towards inclusive growth and the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The quiz contest was conducted by Ms. Farhat Roheen, Accounts Assistant of the Hostel, who encouraged students to participate enthusiastically and test their knowledge about government schemes and national initiatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Gurnam Singh from CBC Field Office Udhampur elaborated on the significance of public awareness and community participation in ensuring effective implementation of Government programmes at the grassroots level. He also extended his gratitude to the Warden. Staff of Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel for their

coordination and Support and invited them to participate in ensuing Multi Media Exhibition with Family and Friends

Sh. Gulzar Hussain, Warden of Gujjar & Bakerwal Hostel, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he appreciated the efforts of CBC Udhampur in spreading awareness among students and encouraged them to actively participate in the upcoming exhibition to gain maximum knowledge about various welfare schemes.

The programme culminated with the prize distribution ceremony.

Awareness Camp on PM-MKSSY Held at Asia's Largest Fish Farm in Kokernag

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An awareness camp was organized today at Asia's largest fish farm located in Kokernag, under the banner of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY). The camp witnessed active participation from several fish farm owners and fish farmers from across the district.

The Chief Project Officer attended the event as the Chief Guest. Deputy Inspector Fisheries Syed Manzoor Ahmad, along with other senior officials of the Fisheries Department, was also present on the occasion.

Addressing the participants, the Chief Guest and other speakers emphasized the need for fish farmers to take full advantage of government schemes, adopt modern aquaculture techniques, and work towards strengthening the fisheries sector. They highlighted that under PM-MKSSY, financial assistance, training, and technical guidance are being provided to fish farmers to enhance production



and help achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income.

The speakers urged fish farm owners to maintain close coordination with the Fisheries Department and avail themselves of available subsidies and other support measures.

During the camp, participants were given detailed information about various government schemes, loan facilities, and advanced aquaculture practices. Experts also conducted an interactive question-and-answer session, listened to the

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MLA highlights importance of Rajyoga, Spiritual Discipline at Shiv Jayanti Function

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On the auspicious occasion of Shiv Jayanti, a grand Flag Hoisting Ceremony was organized with great spiritual fervour and enthusiasm by the Brahma Kumaris at Charitra Nirman Bhavan, Rajiv Nagar, Bantala. The program was conducted successfully in an atmosphere filled with divine vibrations and positivity.

The ceremony was presided over by Rajyogini BK Sudarshan Didi, who enlightened the gathering about the spiritual significance of Shiv Jayanti. She explained that the flag of the Supreme Father Shiv symbolizes peace, purity, and spiritual power, inspiring individuals to lead a life based on moral and divine values.

Sham Lal Sharma, MLA Jammu North, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Guest of Honour, Dr. Arvind Karwani, also graced the event with his esteemed presence. They appreciated the efforts of the



Brahma Kumaris and emphasized the importance of organizing such spiritual events for the upliftment of society.

Addressing the gathering, Sham Lal Sharma congratulated the Brahma Kumaris family for organizing such a spiritually enriching program. He stated that Shiv Jayanti serves as a reminder of eternal values such as peace, unity, and righteousness. He emphasized that in today's fast-paced world, spirituality and Rajyoga meditation are essential for maintaining

mental balance and moral strength. He encouraged citizens, especially the youth, to embrace spiritual practices and contribute towards building a peaceful and value-based society.

Senior Brother BK Ravindra addressed the gathering and highlighted the various spiritual and social services being carried out by the Brahma Kumaris in the Jammu region. He motivated the audience to incorporate spirituality into their daily lives for inner peace and overall well-being.

The program was effi-

ciently conducted by BK Kusum, In-charge of the Bantala Service Centre. She guided the attendees through Rajyoga meditation, enabling them to experience mental peace, concentration, and positive energy.

The event also featured the sharing of the divine message, Rajyoga meditation, distribution of prasad, and Brahma Bhoj. A large number of local mothers, sisters, youth, and prominent citizens participated and experienced the spiritual energy of the occasion.

GCW Gandhinagar Students participates in workshop against Sexual Harassment

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In a significant step towards awareness, empowerment, and collective responsibility, the students of PSPS, GCW Gandhinagar, actively participated in a one-day workshop on the theme "Causes and Remedies for Sexual Harassment of Female Students in Educational Institutions and Working Women at Workplaces" held at MAM College.

Accompanied by Prof. Priyanka Sharma and Prof. Anisa Karim, under the able guidance of Dr. Kulvinder Kour, Principal of the College and Coordinated efforts of Dr. Nidhi, Convener, CASH Committee, the students attended the workshop with enthusiasm and an eagerness to broaden their horizons. An eye-opener, the event shed



light on the pressing issue of sexual harassment and emphasizing that silence is not golden when dignity is at stake.

The workshop delved deep into the root causes of harassment, its psychological and social repercussions.

Experts and speakers addressed the crucial subject, encouraging partici-

pants to speak up, stand tall, and break the chains of stigma.

The interactive sessions reinforced the idea that awareness is the first step of prevention, and creating awareness is not merely ticking a box but building a culture of respect and equality where every individual can thrive without fear.

The workshop concluded on a hopeful note, reminding participants that change does not happen overnight, but every small step counts. By joining hands and raising voices, institutions can ensure that harassment is nipped in the bud and that campuses and workplaces remain spaces of dignity and opportunity.

Sharma dedicates 63-KVA Substation and Other Development Works

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District Development Council Member Pandit Suresh Sharma dedicated a series of public development works to the people of Block Maira Mandrian, including a newly installed 63-kVA power substation near Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nardi Bala, aimed at improving electricity supply to the surrounding locality.

Other works inaugurated on the occasion included the construction of a stage at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya and the development of a platform at Kai Devsthan in village Ardhan, Panchayat Kathar. Residents described these projects as long-pending demands that will greatly benefit the community.

Speaking on the occasion, Suresh Sharma said that over the past five years, development initiatives have



been undertaken across all sectors with a focus on public needs.

He highlighted that new transformers have been installed in areas affected by low-voltage issues, and facilities such as waiting halls, platforms, and lighting have been provided for the improvement and beautifica-

tion of religious sites.

Local residents expressed their gratitude to Suresh Sharma for completing these works. Among those present were BJP leaders Dr. Ramlal Lal Sharma, OBC Morcha State Vice-President Rita Verma, Ravel Singh, Kishore Kumar, Praveen Kumar, Subedar

Sukhdev Raj, Ashok Singh, Subedar Shamsher Singh, Subedar Lal Singh, Sham Malhotra, Mukesh Kumar, Vishan Baba, Bodh Raj, Prabhudev, Captain Om Prakash, Sanjay Kumar, Ankush Sharma, Raman Kumar, officials from the concerned department, and other prominent citizens.