

Mann Ki Baat inspires people to become active partners in nation-building: Sat

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, organized mass listening programmes across the Union Territory as party leaders, workers, and citizens came together to listen to the latest episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's widely acclaimed radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'.

J&K BJP President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma (CA), along with Jammu Bahu MLA Vikram Randhawa, attended a special screening of Mann Ki Baat by the BJP Transport Cell, J&K at Sainik Colony, Jammu.

J&K BJP All Cell Incharge Ved Sharma, District President Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Transport Cell Convenor Ashu Gupta, and others were also present. The programme was coordinated by Kamalpreet Singh, Co-Convenor, BJP Transport Cell, J&K UT, and K.S.

Manhas, Co-Convenor, BJP District Transport Cell, Jammu South. A large number of local residents, party workers, and office bearers participated enthusiastically in the event.

Following the broadcast, Sat Sharma interacted with the residents of Sainik Colony and patiently listened to their grievances and suggestions concerning local civic and developmental issues. Assuring the people of the BJP's commitment to public welfare, he said that all genuine concerns would be taken up

with the concerned authorities and addressed on priority.

Sat Sharma said that Mann Ki Baat has emerged as a unique platform that strengthens the emotional bond between the Prime Minister and the people of the country. He said that through the programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlights inspiring stories of ordinary citizens whose extraordinary contributions are shaping a stronger, self-reliant, and progressive India.

"The vision of Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi is centred on Jan Bhagidari (people's participation). Mann Ki Baat motivates every citizen to contribute towards social transformation, environmental protection, innovation, cleanliness, women's empowerment, and national development. It is not merely a radio programme but a nationwide movement that encourages every Indian to become an active stakeholder in building a developed and self-reliant India," Sat Sharma said.

Vikram Randhawa also

Congress will fight until students get a fair examination system

SAMBA, JUNE 28: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) on Sunday launched a blistering attack on the BJP-led Central Government over the recurring leakage of question papers in NEET and several other competitive examinations, accusing it of failing to protect the interests of students and educated unemployed youth.

The party alleged that repeated examination scandals have shattered the confidence of millions of aspirants and demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding him morally responsible for what it described as the collapse of the country's examination system.

The Congress leaders asserted that the party would continue its nationwide campaign until a transparent, credible and corruption-free examination system is established to safeguard the future of students.

The allegations were made during a public meeting organised by District



Congress Committee (DCC) Samba President Sanjeev Sharma, which witnessed the participation of Sarpanches, Panches, students, youth and Congress workers from different parts of the district.

The meeting was addressed by AJCC Secretary Pargat Singh, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee Working President and former Minister Raman Bhalla, former MLA and Samba District Observer Indu Pawar, and former Minister Yash Pal Kundal, all of whom criticised the Centre over repeated examination controversies and alleged administrative failures.

Addressing the gathering, Pargat Singh said the recur-

ring leakage of question papers in NEET and other national-level examinations has exposed serious shortcomings in the government's ability to conduct fair and credible examinations.

He alleged that repeated paper leak incidents have destroyed the hopes of lakhs of deserving students and increased uncertainty among educated unemployed youth preparing for government jobs and professional courses.

He said students invest years of hard work, money and sacrifice in preparing for competitive examinations, but their efforts are repeatedly undermined by alleged paper leak mafias and administrative failures. Singh demanded that

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan accept moral responsibility for the repeated failures and step down from office.

"The future of millions of students cannot be compromised because of government negligence.

The Congress will continue to raise the voice of students inside and outside Parliament until accountability is fixed and justice is delivered," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Raman Bhalla accused the BJP government of betraying the aspirations of the country's youth by failing to ensure a secure and transparent examination system.

He said repeated leaks of NEET and other examination papers have severely eroded public confidence in the country's recruitment and admission process. "The BJP government has failed to protect the interests of students and educated unemployed youth. Every paper leak robs deserving candidates of opportunities they have earned through years of dedication and hard work," Bhalla said.

BJP reviews organizational programmes, charts roadmap for upcoming events

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Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a meeting of its office bearers at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to review ongoing organizational activities and finalize the roadmap for upcoming programmes.

J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma chaired the meeting. It was addressed by BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, Vice-President Priya Sethi, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria, Anwar Khan, and Gopal Mahajan, besides Rajya Sabha MP Ghulam Ali Khatana.

The meeting was attended by the party's office bearers, district Prabharies, district presidents, and district Seh-Prabharies from across Jammu & Kashmir. The proceedings were conducted by Anwar Khan, while Baldev Singh Billawaria presented the vote of thanks.

On the occasion, a book documenting the major developmental initiatives and projects undertaken in the Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Parliamentary Constituency was also released. Sat Sharma, addressing

the meeting, reviewed the ongoing organizational activities and emphasized the need for the successful execution of all forthcoming party programmes at every organizational level. He shared details of six key programmes scheduled by the party and highlighted the significance of observing the birth anniversary of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee on July 6, being commemorated as part of the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Smriti Pakhwada from June 23 to July 6. He also informed the party leaders that BJP National President Nitin Nabin would visit Jammu on July 6 and 7, during which he would address party workers, public conventions, and organizational meetings.

Ashok Koul elaborated on the ongoing and forthcoming organizational programmes and stressed the importance of conducting regular meetings at every

level, from the district to the booth, to strengthen the party's grassroots network. He called for seminars on the life and contributions of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee on July 6, encouraged extensive plantation drives during the monsoon season, and emphasized the need for party leaders and workers to actively participate in the party's digital learning programme.

Dr. Jitendra Singh spoke about the landmark developmental initiatives undertaken in Jammu & Kashmir under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He particularly highlighted the transformational progress witnessed in the Union Territory following the abrogation of Article 370, stating that the region has entered a new era of development, infrastructure expansion, and public welfare.

Sanjita Dogra reviewed the status of party meetings

and programmes conducted at the district, mandal, and Shakti Kendra levels. She sought detailed feedback and reports from the district presidents to ensure effective implementation of organizational activities.

Baldev Singh Billawaria reviewed the successful conduct of the Mann Ki Baat programme across Jammu & Kashmir and discussed the reporting mechanism with the party leadership to further strengthen public outreach.

Gopal Mahajan presented a detailed review of the recently concluded programmes marking 12 years of the Modi Government and discussed the ongoing activities being organized under the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Smriti Pakhwada from June 23 to July 6.

Earlier, the party also held a core group meeting, before the office bearers meeting.

Punjabi Sahitak Sabha organizes Kavi Darbar

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Punjabi Sahitak Sabha (PSS), R S Pura organized a Punjabi Kavi Darbar at New National Higher Secondary School, Tali Mode, Miran Sahib, Jammu where well known Punjabi poets of Jammu attended the meeting. Sh Jang S. Verma, well-known artist, writer & columnist on art & culture was the chief guest on this occasion whereas S. Harjit Singh Uppal, a renowned Punjabi poet & writer of Jammu & former President PSS RS Pura presided over the meeting. Dr. Rajvir Singh, President of Punjabi Sahitak Sabha (PSS), R S Pura shared the dais.

Dr. Rajvir Singh formally extended the welcome address. In his address he said

that the day's programme was scheduled to honour Sh. Prit Pal Singh Betab, the recipient of Sahit Academy Award this year, but due to his health issue the felicitation could not be conducted. While expressing his views on the presentation and conduct of the literary meeting of PSS, Sh. Harjit Singh Uppal appreciated the initiative of PSS to

organize such events and applauded the participation of poets writing in various genres & styles. While speaking on this occasion, the chief guest of the meeting, Jang S. Verma expressed his views on the poems recited by the poets in the meeting with various themes & genres, reflecting various aspects of contemporary life issues, and the

Nature. The poets who presented their poetry included Suraj Prakash Rallan, Renu Sharma, JPS Azad, Bhupinder Bhargav, Bachan Bhatti; Jang S. Verma, and Harjit Singh Uppal.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Harsimranjit Singh. Dr. Rajvir Singh extended the vote of thanks.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat is not just vision but reality under PM Modi's leadership: Rekha

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"Aatmanirbhar Bharat is not just a vision but a reality under PM Modi's leadership," said BJP Jammu & Kashmir Vice President Rekha Mahajan, while praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's transformative approach towards building a strong, self-reliant and developed India. She said the nation's progress in defence, technology, innovation and grassroots development reflects the success of PM Modi's vision of empowering every Indian and taking Bharat towards a new era of confidence and global recognition.

Reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 135th episode of "Mann Ki Baat", Rekha Mahajan said that the Prime Minister's address reflects the confidence, achievements and aspirations of a rising India. She said PM Modi has transformed the mindset of the nation by encouraging citizens to become partners in the journey of development, innovation and progress.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has moved from dependence to self-confidence. Whether it is defence, technology, innovation or grassroots development, the nation is witnessing a historic transformation where Indian talent and capabilities are getting global recogni-

tion," Rekha Mahajan said. She said the focus on Aatmanirbhar Bharat has empowered every sector and strengthened India's position as a capable and confident nation.

"The success of indigenous defence production, advancement in science and technology and India's growing global influence are proof of the strong foundation laid under PM Modi's leadership," she added.

Rekha Mahajan said Prime Minister Modi's vision has always placed citizens at the centre of development. She appreciated his emphasis on public participation, social responsibility, scientific thinking and celebrating the achievements of ordinary Indians who are contributing towards nation-building.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a new direction and energy to In-

dia's development journey. His vision of a developed India is inspiring every citizen to contribute towards making Bharat stronger, prosperous and self-reliant," she said.

Highlighting Jammu & Kashmir's progress, Rekha Mahajan said that the people of the Union Territory are actively participating in the journey of peace, development and empowerment. She said that improved infrastructure, new opportunities and welfare initiatives are strengthening public confidence and opening new avenues of growth.

She further stated that PM Modi's leadership has given India a new identity on the world stage. "Today, India is being recognised as a nation of innovation, capability and confidence. The journey towards Viksit Bharat is moving ahead with the dedication and participation of every In-

dian," she added. Rekha Mahajan congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that his vision, commitment and leadership continue to inspire the nation towards a brighter and more empowered future.

Dr Karan Singh visits Charar-i-Sharief, reaffirms Kashmir's interfaith tradition

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Former Member of Parliament Dr. Karan Singh, accompanied by his daughter Dr. Jyotsna Singh, today visited the revered shrine of Charar-i-Sharief, where he offered a chadar and donation and prayed for peace, harmony and the well-being of the people.

The shrine's caretakers also prayed for his health and recalled the long association of his family with the revered shrine across generations.

Dr. Karan Singh expressed happiness at seeing the reconstructed shrine, which was rebuilt after it was destroyed in the 1995 fire, while the sacred grave remained intact.

Speaking to media persons, Dr. Karan Singh said that the recent visit of Dr. Farooq Abdullah to the

Kheer Bhawani shrine and his own visit to Charar-i-Sharief reflect Kashmir's centuries-old tradition of interfaith harmony and mu-

tual respect. He hoped that this enduring legacy of communal harmony would continue to inspire future generations

and further strengthen the bonds of peace, understanding and brotherhood among all communities in Jammu and Kashmir.

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