

Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves to huge crowd at Palli Gram Panchayat in Samba district on Sunday. Also seen are Union Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh, Union MoS in PMO Dr Jitendra Singh and Lieutenant Governor

UT presenting new example in

development, democracy

'Elimination of distances of heart, resources our big priority'

# PM reaches out to youth, says they will not inherit problems faced by their elders

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PALLI (SAMBA), Apr 24: On his first visit to Jammu and Kashmir post abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A two Union Territories of J&K and He also met a business delegation of dadi, your nana and nani, had lived a tives taken by the Government in the past Ladakh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reached out to the youth saying they will not inherit the problems faced by their parents and grand-

He said distances whether of hearts, languages, customs or of resources, their

#### \*Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

elimination is our very big priority today. Modi was addressing a huge gathering at Palli Panchayat here, about 17 United Arab Emirates (UAE) as industri- life of trouble (museebat). My youth, few years. trict, on the occasion of National

Panchayati Raj Day.

Modi launches Rs 20,000 cr worth projects in J&K from Palli

"The youth of the Valley, your Kashmir should trust his word, and highand conversion of erstwhile State into Rs 20,000 crore for the Union Territory. father and mother, your dada and lighted the peace and development initia-

# carbon-neutral Panchayat

The nondescript hamlet of Palli in Samba district of Jammu region today became the country's first 'carbon-neutral Panchavat' with Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicating

stones of several projects worth around

Palli becomes Ist

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kilometres from Jammu, in Samba dis- al investments in Jammu and Kashmir you will not live such a life of trouble. I reached to the tune of around Rs 38,000 assure this," Modi said in a message to crore. The investments are expected to the Kashmiri youth. Modi inaugurated and laid foundation touch Rs 70,000 crore in next six months.

## **Sidelights**

\* The audience, who had started reaching venue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally at Palli Panchayat in Samba district as early as 6 am, were left disappointed as they could not hear the speech of Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Union

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He said that youth of Jammu and

### Sea of humanity turns up at village

A sea of humanity turned up to hear Prime Minister Narendra Modi here in his first public appearance in Jammu and Kashmir post abrogation of Article 370 giving special status to

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"Projects worth Rs 20,000 crore related to connectivity and electricity have

## 'Post Aug 2019, golden period for J&K'

# Security forces engaged in finishing terror, says LG

**Excelsior Correspondent** 

PALLI (SAMBA), Apr 24: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said today that security forces are engaged in destroying terror ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir and this is the first Government which doesn't believe in buying peace but will establish peace in the **Union Territory.** 

Addressing the gathering here in Samba district in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sinha lauded Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army and other security forces for the work being done by them.

which doesn't believe in buying but establishing peace. Our security forces are engaged in destroying terror ecosystem in J&K " Sinha said

He said Jammu and Kashmir

was dreaming of 'Ek Vidhaan, months, 80 lakh tourists visited Ek Nishaan' for last 70 years Jammu and Kashmir breaking which was fulfilled by the Prime record of last 15 years. Minister who made 1.20 crore people of J&K as partner of real development in the UT.

Describing "post August 2019" as "golden period of once it used to be far behind in Jammu and Kashmir", Sinha said now there is no discrimina-

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tion with anyone and listed series of measures taken by the people and boost development

"This is the first Government Jammu and Kashmir has been marching towards new era because of the commitment of Sinha said J&K had Rs 5136 the Prime Minister to take it to crore Capex budget in 2020-21 new heights of development," he added.

Sinha said during last six

He said that Jammu and

Kashmir is not only marching ahead but competing with developed States of the country though different rankings. He attributed this progress to reforms introduced in J&K post August 5, 2019 (when the Central Government had scrapped special status of erstwhile State and bifurcated it into two Union Government for welfare of the Territories of J&K and Ladakh).

Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi for establishing "During last 32 months, three-tier Panchayati Raj System in Jammu and Kashmir for the first time in 70 years, which went up to Rs 12,600 crore in 2021-22 and it has now

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and Kashmir, many development 35A by his government. initiatives are being taken up in the

Modi said that these initiatives will provide huge employment opportunities to J&K's youth.

He said that the idea of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" is to focus on bridging distances, asserting that the Government's aim is to provide "all-weather connectivity" to Jammu and Kashmir

'When I speak about 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat', our focus is on connectivity and bridging distances. Our aim is to provide all-weather connectivity to Jammu and Kashmir. The day is Kanyakumari will meet Vaishno

Devi with a single road," he said. "Distances, whether of hearts, languages, customs or of resources. eir elimination is our very big pri-

enthusiasm, the Prime Minister years, the new dimensions of develand Kashmir.

'Modi expressed deep satishas made its way to grassroots in Jammu and Kashmir. Be it he added. democracy or resolve for develop-

For the first time, he said elec- and groundwater. tions to the three-tier Panchayati Raj

Referring to the process of inclusion of Jammu and Kashmir in the this collective efforts are needed. development journey of the nation, Modi said more than 175 Central Laws have become applicable in Jammu and Kashmir post August

anomalies in the reservation clauses.

"Valmiki Samaj has been freed being fortified," he said. from the fetters that were put in their feet for decades. Today sons and also getting the benefit of reservation **dom fighters.** now," he said without mentioning the

Modi said the celebration of Jammu and Kashmir marks a big payment.

in Jammu and Kashmir and people are being benefited from them.

"People in the villages are the iggest beneficiaries of schemes for LPG, toilets, electricity, land rights

The Prime Minister dwelled on 'Amrit Kaal' of Independence is going to be the golden period of

"This resolve is going to be realized by 'Sabka Prayas' (everyone's region at an unprecedented pace. effort). In this, the role of the Gram

referred to the developments of he stressed that the role of Panchayat infrastructure in the region," he said. the country. August 2019 and said in the last 2-3 should deepen in planning and implementation of every project ment, Jammu and Kashmir is setting also laid foundation stone of Rattle Singh said. opment have been created in Jammu related to the development of the vil- a new example for the rest of the and Kwar hydroelectric projects, a

faction and pride that democracy emerge as an important link in the and Kashmir in the last two to three cost of around Rs 5,300 crore, and achievement of national resolutions", years, the Prime Minister said.

ment, today Jammu and Kashmir farming, the Prime Minister said that Panchayati Raj, he said that it is a is presenting a new example," he it is critical to free mother earth of symbol of change that this year the network of 'Jan Aushadi Kendras' in cation into two Union Territories people love Modi from the core chemicals as it is harming the land

> "If our villages move towards the level of Gram Panchayats, for Modi said.

"People on the ground have to be

The Prime Minister said 75 in Jammu and Kashmir for years, are named after the martyrs and free-

Modi also elaborated upon the

### PM reaches out to youth, says they will not inherit problems faced by their elders Palli becomes Ist carbon-neutral Panchayat speed up the development in Jammu abrogation of Article 370 and Article push for transparency and empower- Banihal-Qazigund road tunnel to to the nation a 500 kilowatt solar with an upgraded Panchayat Ghar

National Panchayati Raj day in linking processes from planning to Union Territory. change. He said Panchayats will be audit-The Prime Minister pointed out ed online and a system of citizen Panchayat Raj Diwas at Palli Gram Panchayat in Samba, said the youth

Government are being implemented encouraging the 'Sabhas' for taking He also highlighted the role of women in these institutions and village governance, especially water

Constitutional reforms with regards the role of Panchayats in the devel- to J&K in August 2019, the Prime opment of the country and said "this Minister said the Government has been focused on bringing about

hose foundation stone was laid

Be it democracy or develop-

Reiterating his push for natural for showing the way forward for cost of over Rs 4,500 crore. Panchayati Raj Day is being cele- Jammu and Kashmir, and to make in August 2019.

brated in the Union Territory. system-Gram Panchayat, Panchayat natural farming that will benefit I am addressing Panchayati Raj centres were inaugurated by the Jammu region to celebrate Naseema, a BJP's Pahari Samiti and District Development entire humanity," Modi said and Institutions across the country from Prime Minister. These centres are Diwali with Army troops twice activist from Tangdhar in North Councils (DDCs) have been held in asked the farmers to explore how Jammu and Kashmir when democlocated in remote corners of the on October 27, 2019 and Kashmir's Kupwara district said natural farming can be promoted at racy has reached the grassroots," Union Territory.

> Similarly, Gram Panchayats will Jammu and Kashmir are witnessing and Mapping with Improvised the National Panchayati Raj Day early construction of the Sadna play a major role in combating mal-such an event after decades, he said Technology in Village Areas) cards was marked with massive slogaturnel to facilitate round-the-year nutrition with the help of Sabka that it is proving an example for the to beneficiaries under the scheme. neering in his support by enthusirest of the country.

deprived section of the area," he said the country from malnutrition and private investment has been crore in the last seven decades.

daughters of every community are trict by August 15 in 2023 and ment projects worth over Rs 20,000 gories. able to fulfil their dreams. Those who urged the concerned that these crore in Jammu and Kashmir, did not get the benefit of reservation sarovars should be lined with trees including the opening of the Rs 5 lakh to Rs 50 lakh.

"Measures like e-Gram Swaraj are between the two regions of the Modi, who celebrated the He said Panchayats will be audit- Panchayat Raj Diwas at Palli Gram that all schemes of the Central charter for all the Gram Sabha is of Jammu and Kashmir will get employment opportunities through

foundation of project of Rs 20,000 crores took place today. This will

He said that it is a big day for speeding up the development of the

The Prime Minister also laid the ease of living for the people of the foundation stone of three road pack- Central Government's 'Gram Urja living should be called back to particages of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Swarai' programme, officials said. "The projects inaugurated and Expressway, being built at a cost of

Among other projects, Modi country," Palli villager Gurdeep 540 MW Kwar hydroelectric proj- witnessing a major transformation grid station. Praising Jammu and Kashmir ect to be build on the same river at a

In order to further expand the the erstwhile State and its bifur- for their Prime Minister... the good quality generic medicines "It is (a matter of) great pride that available at affordable prices, 100 areas of Rajouri district of him," Raina said.

Asserting that the people of 'SVAMITVA' (Survey of Villages from Jammu, on the occasion of Modi Government along with The cards will give villagers docu- astic participants. "Jammu and Kashmir will write mentary proof of their ownership of

### been inaugurated here today. In a bid to (Contd on page 9 Col 1)

Palli has shown the way to the coun-

nearly three weeks.

moving towards becoming the country's first Panchayat to become car-"The inauguration and laying of have demonstrated what 'Sabka for irrigation of farmlands, Sharma prayas' can do," Modi said.

"People of Palli have helped in the project. They have also provided

All 1,500 solar panels put up in a total area of 6,408 square metres will

"It is a red-letter day for us. With Thanking the audience for their leagues is very important," he added. vision of basic amenities, ensuring seeking to develop and rejuvenate India as the first carbon-neutral solar for choosing this hamlet across the which will be beneficial for them.

of democracy and all of you col-will go a long way in facilitating pro-launching 'Amrit Sarovar' initiative village has entered into the history of will celebrate its birthday.

over Rs 7,500 crore, apart from the blessings of Narendra Modi, the Palli village's formation day and they It is the effort of the Government, ease of mobility and development of 75 water bodies in every district of village. We thank the Prime Minister villagers to go for organic farming

From the macadamized roads to time, officials said. The electricity country. New dimensions of devel- 850 MW facility to be constructed the recently launched electric bus generated will be distributed to the "With this, Panchayat will opment have been created in Jammu on Chenab river in Kishtwar at a service, the village located just 17 km village, having a daily requirement of from the winter capital Jammu is 2,000 units, through the local power

Though Modi visited border in large numbers to welcome November 3, 2021, his visit to they are hopeful of getting the Modi also handed over Palli Panchayat, 17 kilometres Scheduled Tribe status under the

A group of Pahari-speaking

from all sections of the society him."

ment of Gram Panchayats. establish all-weather connectivity plant, installed in a record time of renovated Government high school

Palli's Sarpanch Ravinder "With the inauguration of a 500 Prime Minister, told him that village KW solar power plant at Palli, it is has LED bulbs, solar cookers and

said that 10 such pumps have been installed and 40 more will be

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members and members of Urban attended the event.

Both Mayors,

The Prime Minister said that playfields and electric bus ride.

Asked by the Prime Minister whether the village has solar pumps

installed in the next phase. Prime Minister asked the villagers to celebrate the birthday of their hamlet after fixing a date for it.

ipate in the celebrations," Modi said. Sharma said that April 24 is the

The Prime Minister suggested to

The solar project was completed at a cost of Rs 2.75 crore in a record

of their heart and have turned up

The organizers had made Government to turn border vil-"The biggest beneficiaries of this made aware about the initiative taken a new chapter of development", he properties so that they can use them arrangements for over one lakh lages into model villages. The have been the women, poor and by the Central Government to save said, adding that Rs 38,000 crore of for financial benefits, if required. people at the sprawling fields to roads on the other side of the bor-He also digitally transferred accommodate the people who der are in good condition comand also talked about removal of anaemia. Now the rice being given received in the Union Territory in prize money of Rs 44.70 crore to the turned up in large numbers since pared to our roads...a message under the Government schemes is two years as compared to Rs 17,000 bank accounts of 322 awardee early morning from all parts of needs to be conveyed to Pakistan Panchayats across 31 States/UTs in the Union Territory. Thousands by constructing better roads and Earlier, he inaugurated and laid the country which are winners of of Panchs, Sarpanchs, Block and providing other facilities," Sartai. sarovars will come up in every disthe foundation of multiple developawards given across different cateDistrict Development Council a Panch from Tangdhar said. DDC Poonch member

The prize money ranged from Local Bodies from Kashmir also Choudhary Afzal Gani said it is a proud moment for the people of Chander J&K that Prime Minister has Mohan Gupta (Jammu) and chosen J&K for the observance Junaid Azim Mattu (Srinagar), of the National Panchayati Raj along with senior BJP leaders Day but the Government needs to including UT president Ravinder do more for full empowerment of Raina, former ministers and leg- the Panchayati Raj Institutions islators were also among the otherwise the dream of grassroots democracy cannot be fulfilled.

> people were seen chanting slo- er DDC member from Drabshalla gans in support of the demand for in Kishtwar district, said the Scheduled Tribute status, while Prime Minister is well aware of many youngsters were on their the issues and problems of J&K tenterhooks throughout chanting and "we are hopeful that he will take J&K to new heights of "This is the love of the people development as promised by

Ashok Kumar Parihar, anoth-

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22,126 crore for districts for times speed of works but has also this year i.e. 2022-23.

"Credit for all this goes to the Prime Minister," he said This has also been a golden period for industrial development in the Union Territory after the Prime Minister announced Rs 28,400 crore worth Industrial

Development Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir, he added. "During last 70 years, Jammu and Kashmir received total investof Rs 15,000 crore while during last just one year it got Rs 52,155 crore

worth industrial investments," the Lieutenant Governor said In the next six months, the

6 lakh jobs. Sinha said under the leadership of Narendra Modi, Jammu and Governor said Kashmir is marching toward devel-

"While in 2018-19, 9229 proj- Jammu and Srinagar. ects were completed at the cost of Government completed 21943 projects by spending Rs 4,000 crore less i.e. Rs 63,000 crore. In Airport," Sinha said. 2021-22 financial year, 51,891 works have been executed with 20-25 percent less expenditure,"

he said. He said not only the completed.

further been raised to Rs Government has increased five made system accountable and transparent in such a manner that even a person sitting in the villages can watch them on his mobile tele-

"Presently, we are spending Rs one lakh crore on road and tunnel year but the figure has now gone up

to 3200 kilometres," Sinha said. Similarly, he added, prior to ments in private sector to the tune 2019, 2000 kilometres road were blacktopped in a year. However, during last financial year, 6625 kilometres road length

macadamized. In 2017, Jammu and Kashmir investments are likely to cross Rs figured at 11th place in Pardhan 70,000 crore which will generate 5- Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana while presently it is at Numl entire country, the Lieutenant

> He also referred to construction of two near Airport terminals in

"On an average, 105 flights are Rs 67.000 crore, in 2020-21, the operating daily from Srinagar airport while last month, 1346 record flights operated from Jammu

> He added that 12,000 jobs have been given in last one year in most transparent manner while process for selection of 9278 more has been