#NewVision FOR GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY

- **Free, Fair and Peaceful** Panchayat* Elections Conducted
- **58,54,208** Total Electorate
- **74.1%** Voter Turnout
- **3650** Sarpanches; **23,660** Panches Elected
- Elections to Block Development Councils held for the first time in the history of J&K on 24th October 2019 - **98.3%** Voter Turnout

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EMPOWERING PANCHAYATS *

- Over ₹ 1500 crores transferred to Panchayats in the last year alone
- Panchayats given charge of monitoring, implementing and execution of subjects as per 73rd Amendment
- Midday Meals scheme and Anganwadi Centres now being run or supervised by Panchayats

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EMPOWERING PANCHAYATS*

- BDC Chairmen given formal position in the Warrant of Precedence - Given rank equivalent to DMs
- Formal coordination mechanism for interaction with district administration set up - A senior officer appointed nodal officer
- Elected grassroots representatives unfurled the National Flag at Block Headquarters on Republic Day 2020, 1st time since independence.

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BACK TO VILLAGE

A Unique Outreach Initiative

Over 4000 senior officers go to the villages

Every Panchayat* is visited by at least one officer

2 Phases of the programme successfully concluded so far

Over 20,000 developmental works identified directly by the people

7000 identified works already executed

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A Unique Outreach Initiative

- Every single gram panchayat is visited by a senior officer
- The visiting officer spends 2 days including a night halt in the panchayat
- The officer interacts closely with the people and attends gram sabha* meetings
- People identify development works to be undertaken; express grievances

*Gram Sabha: village assembly
A FIRST OF ITS KIND PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAMME
(JAN 18-24, 2020)

36 Union Ministers Visited 60 Locations in 12 Districts of J&K
Addressed 100 Public meetings

Inaugurated 210 Public works

Received 1066 Peoples' demands

Action initiated on 440 Demands
J&K: An Administration Sensitive to Public Concerns

- Public Grievance box placed at every Panchayat*
- J&K Grievance website upgraded
- Regular Public Interaction by DCs
- Weekly tours & public meetings by Administrative Secretaries

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