

Manmohan inaugurates Jagati township

Govt to create conditions for KPs' return : Singh

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JAMMU, Mar 4: Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, today reiterated that efforts will be made by his Government to create a conducive atmosphere in Kashmir for the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants in their homes and hearths in the Valley.

Inaugurating the satellite Jagati township 12 kilometres from here today, the Prime Minister expressed the hope that situation will become normal in the Valley and the migrants will return to their native places. He handed over allotment letters to 12 migrant families from various camps on the occasion.

While congratulating the State Government for constructing the Jagati township in a time frame, he said out of 4200 flats at Jagati about 2100 flats constructed in first phase are ready for the allotment while the rest 2100 flats to be constructed in second phase will be ready by April this year, he added.

The Prime Minister, who was flanked by Governor, N N Vohra and Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah said that decision of constructing two room flats was taken



Prime Minister handing over the allotment of quarter to a Kashmiri displaced lady at Jagati on Friday.

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by his Government in 2004 when he first visited Jammu and Kashmir as Prime Minister to ascertain the problems of Kashmiri refugees who were forced to flee from Valley due to turmoil and were putting up in migrant camps at Jammu. "At that time I passed on directives to the authorities in State and Central

Governments regarding construction of two room flats for every family of Kashmiri migrants at Jammu and the township is part of the same plan" he added.

Dr Singh said it is matter of great delight that today he inaugurated the satellite township at Jagati.

Later the text of PM's speech

was also circulated to media persons which said that when Dr Singh had visited Jammu in 2004 he found that displaced people from Kashmir were living in miserable conditions and soon Central Government appointed an Inter-Ministerial team to look into their problems.

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