

## Civic Bodies stand as nursery of emergence of future leadership: AJK PM

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MIRPUR (AJK): August 21; Azad Jammu and Kashmir Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar ul Haq has said "local government bodies' representatives are the nursery of democracy and the basic unit from where the future leadership emerges".

"I myself started my political career as a civic body representative and reached the sitting position", Anwaar said while addressing a reception hosted in his honour by the city Mayor Usman Ali Khalid here Wednesday.

The AJK PM continued that he wanted to see local government institutions in more stable and active form manifested in the determined civic bodies rules and ambitious to serve the humanity. The government, Prime Minister said, has furnished with funds of over Rs. one billion recently empowering them to establish true democratic traditions.

Anwaar assured to address all the concerns of overseas Kashmiris and take all possible measures to turn Mirpur worthy city.

The ceremony was attended among others by senior ministers including Colonel (Retd) Wagar Noor, Minister of Law Mian Abdul Wahid, Minister of Energy Chaudhry Arshad Hussain, Minister of Communications and Public Works Chaudhry Azhar Sadique, Minister of Physical Planning and Housing Chaudhry Yasser Sultan, Minister of Health Nisar Ansar Abadali, Minister of Higher Education Zafar Iqbal Malik, Advisor to the Prime Minister Nabeela Ayub, Advisor Sabiha Siddique, Chairman District Council Raja Naveed Akhtar Goga and others.