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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and other senior leaders at a Road Show in Challakere, Karnataka on March 17, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing "Shakti Kendra Samagam" at Samalkha Patti Kalyana, Haryana on March 19, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda presiding over the BJP National General Secretaries Meeting at BJP HQ in New Delhi on March 15, 2023



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah receiving greetings during Janashakthi Rally in Thrissur, Kerala on March 12, 2023



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah at the foundation stone laying ceremony of Junagadh District Co-operative Bank headquarters on March 19, 2023



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for 350 development projects in Lucknow on March 18, 2023

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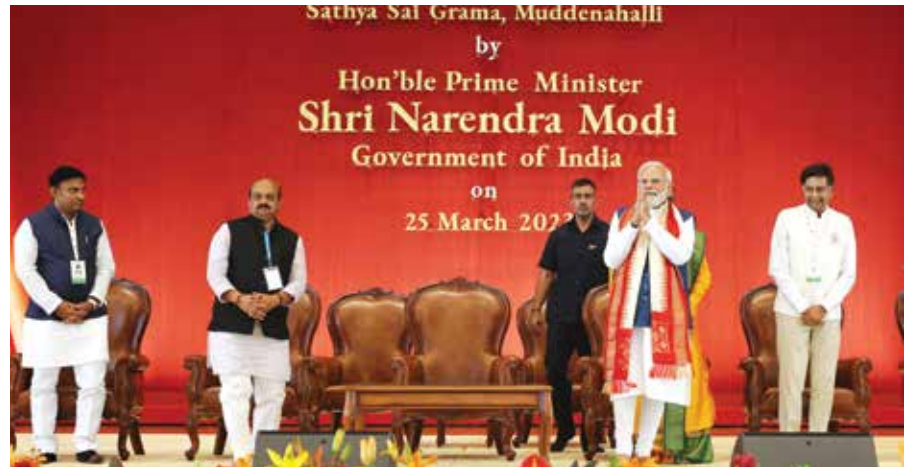
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@Narendramodi

Those who ruled for years preferred politics of perception. We prefer politics of performance.

(25 March, 2023)

@JPNadda

An excellent move by PM @narendramodi Ji to launch the Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (MITRA) Parks. These parks will provide world-class infrastructure, state-of-the-art technology and employment opportunities for women and youth, boosting India's textile industry. *(17 March, 2023)*



@AmitShah

Do you know that the word 'Namaste' was given to us by Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati? Otherwise we might have been using some foreign word for greeting today.

(20 March, 2023)



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According to NSSO, the average income of an Indian in 2014-15 has doubled today. Despite the global crisis, the banking system of our country has not been affected. If the credit goes to anyone, then it goes to the policies of our Prime Minister Modi. *(18 March, 2023)*



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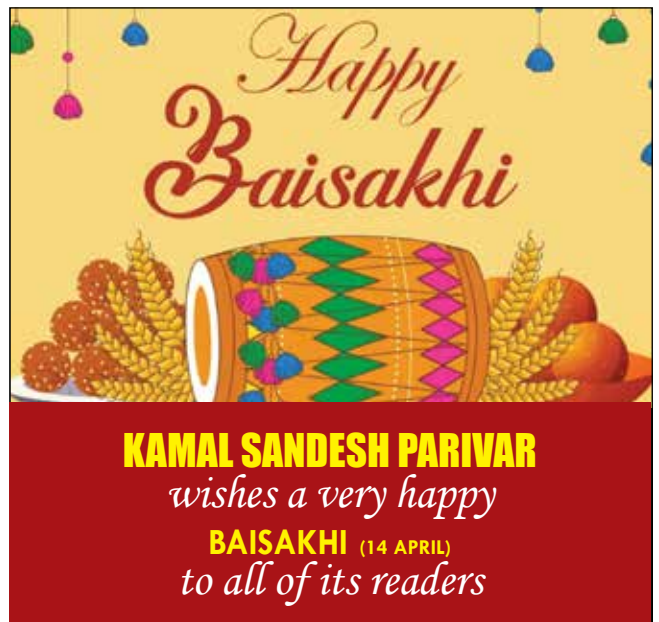
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With elections fast approaching @INCIndia high command scratches it's head to find a safe seat for its potential CM candidate Sri @siddaramaiah .With 17 aspirants for CM Chair @INCIndia doesn't want @siddaramaiah to face the same fate as @DrGParameshwara

(19 March, 2023)





CONGRESS IS TRYING TO DEFEND THE INDEFENSIBLE

The manner in which the Congress is trying to defend the indefensible is not only unfortunate but also condemnable. The Congress has sought to question and criticise the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi as a Lok Sabha member following his conviction by a court, even when there are clear legal provisions in this regard. The disqualification in accordance with Section 8(3) of the Representation of the People's Act, 1951, cannot be disputed after the conviction order has been passed by the court. While the law has taken its course, relief can only be sought legally, but the Congress feels that it can reap political capital out of it. Any attempt to politicise the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi will further expose the propagandist and baseless politics of the Congress, which people have repeatedly rejected. The days when the people were misled by such propaganda are over, and everyone can see through the conviction, which is the result of his irresponsible, slanderous, abusive, denigrating, and divisive politics. The nation expects a leader of a national party to behave in a socially acceptable manner and weigh his words responsibly, but Rahul Gandhi repeatedly stoops so low with his utterances that people have developed a penchant for rejecting his politics again and again, and every time more vigorously.

By opposing the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi, the Congress is actually committing the same blunder it has been repeating again and again

By opposing the disqualification of Rahul Gandhi, the Congress is actually committing the same blunder it has been repeating again and again. It has developed a habit of attacking the constitution, judiciary, parliament, election commission, EVM, and all other revered and respected democratic institutions of India rather than introspecting on its own plight. Every time there is a court ruling against it, it blames the court, and if it loses elections, it blames the Election Commission, the EVM, and even the voters. It is not surprising that Rahul Gandhi's supporters in the media are now blaming the law under which he has been convicted, but they have not offered a word of advice for him to respect the law of the land and desist from defamatory utterances and false allegations. As a habitual offender, Rahul Gandhi has gone to the extent of not only

raising the hoax of 'democracy in danger' in India but also seeking the intervention of foreign powers in India's internal affairs. While he tries to denigrate the name of the country, which is known as the "mother of democracies" in a foreign land, his conviction by the court is the result of the offences he commits repeatedly, even after being warned again and again. The nation has not forgotten the way he was forced to tender an apology in the Supreme Court for his 'Chowkidar Chor hai' remarks. As the Congress refuses to learn its lessons from the sins it has committed, it continues to pursue the politics of false propaganda, lies, and deceit.

The unabated decline of the Congress has now entered the phase of rapid degeneration wherein its recovery appears highly improbable. The ideological deviations that started in Congress early in the post independence period not only led to its organisational disintegration but also saw power-centric politics capture its soul. The result is that it has now become the symbol of every evil in Indian politics. It not only represents dynastic politics but promotes every kind of vote-bank politics, seeking to create space for itself by dividing the society on caste, regional, religious, language, and other grounds. Now that it is out of power and has been losing elections repeatedly, it has been relying more on propaganda politics. It believes that by continuously levelling false allegations, it can come back to power while having no faith in constructive politics, democratic institutions, or even the people of the country. ■

Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi
Government of India

on
25 March 2023

WITH 'SABKA PRAYAS', INDIA IS BECOMING A DEVELOPED NATION: PM MODI

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Karnataka on 25th March, 2023. Shri Modi inaugurated Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research at Chikballapur and addressed a huge gathering. He also inaugurated the Whitefield (Kadugodi) to Krishnarajapura Metro Line of Bangalore Metro and took a ride in the new metro.

Addressing the huge gathering, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi noted that Chikballapur is the birthplace of one of the architects of modern India, Sir M M Visvesvaraya and expressed gratitude for getting the opportunity to pay tribute at his Samadhi and visit his museum.

The Prime Minister called Satya Sai Gram a wonderful model of service. He lauded the mission being undertaken by the institution through education and health initiatives. He said today's inauguration of the medical college has further strengthened this

mission.

Shri Narendra Modi referred to the nation's resolution to be a developed nation during the Amrit Kaal and people's curiosity about accomplishing such a mammoth resolution in such a short time. "There is just one answer; a strong, resolute and resourceful answer i.e. Sabka Prayas. This is going to be surely realized by the effort of every countryman", he said.

He highlighted the role of social and religious institutions in the journey of achieving 'Viksit Bharat' and the great tradition of saints, ashrams and mutts. These social and religious bodies, along with faith and spiritual aspects, have been empowering the poor, Dalits, backwards and Adivasis. "Work done by your institute strengthens the spirit of 'Sabka Prayas', "the Prime Minister said.

PM inaugurates Whitefield to Krishnarajapura Metro Line



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Whitefield (Kadugodi) to Krishnarajapura Metro Line of Bangalore Metro on 25th March. He also took a ride in the newly inaugurated metro.

Highlights of the speech

- In the last nine years, the Prime Minister mentioned that the number of medical seats in the country has doubled.
- He noted that the number of doctors produced by the country in the next 10 years will be the same as the number of doctors produced in India since the time of independence.
- Underlining that Karnataka is also reaping the benefits of the development carried out in the



PM VISITS KARNATAKA

country, the Prime Minister informed that the state is home to roughly 70 medical colleges in the country.

- He informed about the decision taken to develop more than 150 nursing institutions in the country as part of this year's Budget and said that it will create new opportunities for the youth in the nursing sector.
- He emphasized that the present government took notice of this concern of the poor and resolved it with the Ayushman Bharat Yojana which has opened the doors of hospitals for poor families.
- BJP government works for the welfare of the poor
- The Government has guaranteed free treatment

up to Rs 5 lakh to the poor.

- We are giving top priority to mothers and sisters in health-related policies.
- The Prime Minister congratulated CM Shri Bommai and his team for setting up more than 9,000 health and wellness centers in the state.
- The Prime Minister praised the Karnataka government for strengthening and empowering ANM and ASHA workers.

Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Basvaraj Bommai, Chairman of Sri Satya Sai Sanjeevani Center for Child Heart Care, Dr. C Srinivas, and Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai were present on the occasion among others. ■

PM DEDICATES KEY PROJECTS IN HUBBALLI-DHARWAD TO THE NATION

'NEW PROJECTS SCRIPTING A NEW DEVELOPMENT STORY'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 12 March, 2023 dedicated and laid the foundation stone of key development projects in Hubballi-Dharwad, Karnataka. The projects include dedicating to the nation IIT Dharwad (whose foundation stone was also laid by the Prime Minister in February 2019), the longest railway platform in the world at 1507m in length at Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji Hubballi Station which has been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records recently, the electrification of Hosapete – Hubballi – Tinaighat section and the upgradation of Hosapete station, for boosting connectivity in the region. The Prime Minister also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects of Hubballi-Dharwad smart city. He also laid the foundation stone of the Jayadeva Hospital and Research Centre, the Dharwad Multi Village Water Supply Scheme, and Tupperihalla Flood Damage Control Project.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "I am indebted to the

overwhelming love and affection shown by the Kannadigas and the government will work towards fulfilling the needs of the people by making their lives easier, creating many employment opportunities for the youth, empowering the women of the region as a way of repayment".

"The double-engine government of Karnataka strives for the complete development of every district, village and hamlet of the state with utmost honesty", the Prime Minister said.

New Bengaluru Mysuru expressway inaugurated

The Prime Minister mentioned his Mandya visit earlier in the day. He said

that the new Bengaluru Mysuru expressway will pave the way to take the software hub identity of Karnataka even further. Similarly, Shri Modi said, many development projects were either dedicated or their foundation stones were laid in Belagavi. He also mentioned Shivamogga Kuvempu Airport.

Shri Modi said these projects are scripting a new development story of Karnataka. ■





BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in a two day's Pravas visited the poll-bound Karnataka starting from 17 March, 2023. During the visit Shri Nadda took part in grand Road Shows and public meetings in Chitradurga and Tumakuru districts. On 17 March, the BJP National President participated in a massive Road show and public meeting in Chitradurga. Next day, on 18 March, Shri JP Nadda participated in two gigantic Road shows in Tumakuru district, one at Tiptur and the other in Chikkanayakanahalli. The Road shows also witnessed the unwavering support of the people for the BJP with the chants of 'Ek Baar BJP, Baar Baar BJP'. It's evident from the public mood that BJP's vision of a prosperous and developed Karnataka is resonating with the masses. Later, Shri Nadda also chaired the party's election management committee and campaign committee meetings in Bengaluru.

During his speech in Chitradurga, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda severely criticized the Congress and Rahul Gandhi. He said, "Congress means corruption and commission. They had looted Karnataka when in power and they are looking for another chance. But I am sure that the people of Karnataka are smart, and they know whom to elect in the upcoming election. Not just Karnataka, but the whole country is fed up with Congress' family politics. Rahul Gandhi goes to foreign land and questions India's democracy. With all your votes, you must answer him how strong democracy is in our country, he said."

BJP will win with a record majority

Shri JP Nadda also assured, Karnataka CM Shri Basavaraj Bommai will carry forward the legacy that former CM Shri Yediyurappa has left. "PM Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Yediyurappa worked hard to provide world class development in Karnataka. I can assure that CM Shri Basavaraj Bommai will continue to work towards the growth of the state and prove the power of the double engine government. I am confident that BJP will win the election in the state with a record majority, and it is time for the Congress party to wrap up their business," said Shri Nadda.

He said under the dynamic leadership of PM Shri

Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party is highly committed to make Karnataka a corruption free state, a state which is developed and prosperous, a state where every citizen leads a happy and prosperous life. With the support and blessings of the people of Karnataka the BJP is once again going to form its government in the state.

- The Congress party means dynasty politics, whereas BJP means nationalism and development oriented politics.
- The Congress party has given the country and its people the culture of 3Cs- corruption, commission and crime.
- Whereas, PM Shri Narendra Modi has established



the politics of report card and accountability in the country.

- The Congress party is moving towards mental bankruptcy, which is highly deplorable and condemnable.
- Now Rahul Gandhi went to England and said that democracy has collapsed in India. This shows how far Rahul Gandhi is away from ground realities.
- Rahul Gandhi pleads before America and Europe to intervene in Indian democracy.
- By doing this he is directly attacking and challenging our sovereignty.

TUMAKURU ROAD SHOW

Similar to Chitradurga, the BJP National President also participated in a massive road show as part of 'Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra' at Tumakuru district. BJP senior leader and former CM Shri BS Yediyurappa and BJP State President Shri Nalin Kumar Kateel were also seen along with Shri Nadda during the Road Show.

Addressing a huge rally, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said the policy of the Congress party

is to pitch one brother against another, to create division in our society. The Congress party wants to thrive on divide and rule policy. On the other hand PM Shri Narendra Modi has the policy of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabha Prayas'.

Shri Nadda said PM Shri Narendra Modi is highly committed for all round development and growth of Karnataka. He is working tirelessly for upliftment and empowerment of all sections of our society. He has only one mission-- development, development and development.

- The Bharatiya Janata Party has pledged to further speed up this pace of growth and development of Karnataka.
- We have come with the vision and mission to change the face of Karnataka.
- The Congress and the JDS, both parties are dynastic parties.
- The parties which have control of one dynasty and one family cannot do any good for Karnataka.
- They are here to destroy the state and derail all the development works done by the government. ■

New Organisational appointments in Odisha, Rajasthan, Bihar and Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda appointed new State BJP Presidents for Odisha, Rajasthan, Bihar and Delhi on 23 March, 2023.



As per the Press Release, former minister in the Odisha government Shri Manmohan Samal will be the new State President in Odisha. Lok Sabha MP Shri CP Joshi will be the new State President in Rajasthan.

Likewise, Member of Legislative Council (Bihar) Shri Samrat Chaudhary will be the new State President in Bihar while incumbent Delhi President Shri Virendra Sachdeva will be the new State President in Delhi. ■

'RAHUL GANDHI PART OF ANTI-NATIONALIST TOOLKIT'

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda on 17 March, 2023 launched a scathing attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his remarks in UK and said he has become a permanent part of the anti-nationalist toolkit. Shri Nadda said it's unfortunate that the Congress party is indulged in anti-national activities. After being repeatedly rejected by the nation, Rahul Gandhi has now become a permanent part of this anti-nationalist toolkit.

The BJP National President questioned Rahul Gandhi about his intention over "demanding the intervention of another country in the internal matters of India". "Rahul Gandhi, what is your intention when you demand the intervention of another country in the internal matters of India?" he asked. Shri JP Nadda further added, "At a time when India is becoming the 5th largest economy in the world and G20 meetings are being held here, Rahul Gandhi on foreign soil is insulting the nation and the Parliament." We are publishing the excerpts of the Press Release;



Certain people in India have always had a problem with a strong India, an empowered Indian democracy and a decisive Indian government. It is unfortunate that the Congress party is indulging in anti-national activities. After being repeatedly rejected by the nation, Rahul Gandhi has now become a permanent part of the anti-India Toolkit.

5th largest economy in the world

At a time when India has become the 5th largest economy in the world under the dynamic and decisive leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and the nation is hosting the G20 meetings, Rahul Gandhi is busy insulting the nation on foreign soil. He is demeaning our democracy and Parliament by questioning and insulting the 130 crore plus Indians who have elected the Narendra Modi Government with absolute majority. By doing this, he is siding with anti-national forces in India and abroad who want to derail our growth and sabotage our progress.

Rahul Gandhi attacked country's sovereignty

Rahul Gandhi on foreign soil said that democracy has been destroyed in India and Europe & US should intervene. What could be more shameful than this? By criticising the state of democracy in India and seeking

the intervention of the foreign forces on foreign soil, Rahul Gandhi has attacked the country's sovereignty. I want to ask Rahul Gandhi what are his intentions behind urging foreign forces to interfere in India's domestic matters? By conniving with foreign conspirators, are you trying to get India under economic and strategic siege? Are you trying to weaken our nation and put our sovereignty under threat?

An act against the Indian government

In India's history since Independence, even in the most difficult times, none of India's leaders ever appealed to foreign powers to act against the Indian government. This is a very serious matter in independent India's history. Due to this, there is a lot of anger in the public. The same anger is visible in the public representatives as well. Every patriotic MP is hurt from inside at this time. Rahul Gandhi ji, you will have to apologize to the people of the country for this sin committed against the country.

It is now clear that Mani Shankar Aiyar's request for Pakistan's help to remove Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and Salman Khurshid's demand for foreign help to remove Shri Modi Ji was not their personal views, but it was the intention of the Congress party and its top leadership. England ruled India for centuries. On that

same land, Rahul Gandhi is demanding interference from foreign forces in India. If this is not a conspiracy against the country then what else is?

Rahul Gandhi doesn't understand India's democracy

I have no doubts that Rahul Gandhi doesn't understand India's democracy and has no faith in the citizens. It would have been better if Rahul Gandhi had read the democratic history of independent India properly, then he would have come to know who murdered our democracy and who protected it.

Rahul ji, first you read the history of Emergency. Your own Congress Party government had imposed Emergency in this country for 19 months and put about one and a half lakh innocent people in jail without any reason, be it political workers, youth, old people or women. There was also a ban on speaking, on writing, on the media, on movies, on singers- I don't know, for what crimes these bans were imposed on them.

Imposition of Emergency

Rahul Gandhi ji, your party not only destroyed all the constitutional bodies of the country, but also left no stone unturned to weaken the judiciary. Your own party government had sacked the elected democratic governments without any reason by imposing President's rule about 90 times. Your party committed murder of democracy on numerous occasions.

Rahul Gandhi Ji, the way your party tried to abolish the Constitution of the country by imposing Emergency, the people of this country retaliated and uprooted your rule; and there was no role of any foreign power behind this.

Defaming and demeaning India on foreign soil

Rahul Gandhi ji, you are defaming and demeaning India on foreign soil whereas the World is saluting India for its achievements and successes under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. The Italian PM has called PM Modi 'the most lovable' PM. From the World Bank to IMF, all are appreciating development in India. The German Chancellor has said India's development is incredible. Japan, Australia, UAE, and Saudi Arabia are appreciating Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi ji's leadership. But Rahul Gandhi, you are disrespecting the nation.

No power in the world can harm the democratic legacy of India

Rahul Gandhi says that India is not a nation but a union of states. I have no words to express my dismay on the thinking of the man who does not believe in 'India' as a nation? Rahul Gandhi Ji, India is the mother of democracy. No power in the world can harm the democratic legacy of India. Today, no one listens to your party and the public does not trust you. This is the reason why your party has been nearly wiped off in the country.

Whenever the Parliament session is about to begin in India, the anti-national Gang suddenly becomes active and comes out with a tool-kit. Sometimes a false report of Pegasus is published, sometimes agitations are instigated, sometimes a documentary comes from nowhere, and sometimes a ruckus is created regarding the report of a foreign newspaper. It is said that one hand does not clap but it seems to me that here one hand is across seven seas and the other is here and together they clap in such a way that they do not hesitate to defame the country.

Why language of Pakistan and Congress is same?

- Why is the language of anti-India George Soros and Rahul Gandhi the same?
- Why is the language of Pakistan and Congress the same?
- Why is the language of anti-nationals and Congress leaders the same?

Congress involved in weakening India

Foreign forces want a weak and forced coalition government in India so that they can use the government to their advantage and manipulate according to their needs. Weakening India is a conspiracy of the Deep State in which the so-called Left Liberals and 'Bharat Todo' gang including Congress are involved. But, crores of patriotic citizens of the country will never allow these plans of Congress and foreign conspirators to succeed. Rahul Gandhi, you must apologise to the people of the country for this sin you have committed against the country and its people. ■

RAHUL GANDHI PUBLICLY HUMILIATES PEOPLE BELONGING TO A PARTICULAR SURNAME 'MODI'

Salient points of press conference By Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad on 23 March, 2023

Surat Sessions Court has sentenced Rahul Gandhi to 2 years in the defamation case. Congress leaders are talking a lot in this matter, but they are not telling what Rahul Gandhi had said, due to which he was sued for defamation.

'Modi' surname is a caste indicator word

- In fact, during the 2019 Lok Sabha election campaign, Rahul Gandhi had said in Karnataka that why all thieves have Modi as their surname? After all, what was the meaning of this statement of Rahul Gandhi? 'Modi' surname is a caste indicator word; many people with 'Modi' surname are sportsmen, doctors, engineers, leaders, professionals, businessmen etc. If Rahul Gandhi said such a thing on the surname 'Modi', shouldn't legal action be taken against him?
- If Rahul Gandhi publicly humiliates people belonging to a particular surname in such a way that one whose surname is 'Modi' is a thief, then the case of defamation is absolutely made out. In this case, a proper hearing was held in the Surat Sessions Court and Rahul Gandhi was also given a proper opportunity to present his case.



Rahul is on bail regarding surname issue in Patna

- After a full hearing in the Surat Sessions Court, the sentence has been pronounced in the defamation case against Rahul Gandhi. On the other hand, BJP leader Shri Sushil Kumar Modi has also registered a case against Rahul Gandhi in Patna regarding the surname issue. In that case also Rahul Gandhi is on bail.
- If Rahul Gandhi thinks he has the right to abuse and humiliate anyone, then the person aggrieved by his abuse also has the right to file a defamation case.

Comment of Congress President is surprising

- The comment of Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge is surprising when he says that

the judges of the court were changed repeatedly in this case. This simply means that Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge does not even have faith in the judicial system of the country.

Even in Rafale case, Rahul Gandhi questioned court's decision

- It is not that Rahul Gandhi has said such a thing for the first time. Even in the Rafale case, Rahul Gandhi questioned the court's decision and then apologized.

We respect criticism, but Rahul Gandhi does not criticize, Rahul Gandhi defames the country, defames democracy and defames the people of the country.

- In the recent elections held in the North East, the Congress had to face a crushing defeat. Mr Rahul, just because people don't vote for you doesn't mean you have the right to blame them, doesn't mean you have a license to malign India and its democratic values on foreign soil.

Sowing seeds of hatred against the country

- Rahul Gandhi said that I believe in truth and non-violence. Does believing in truth and non-violence mean going to foreign land and abusing your country? The ugly things he had said towards the country in the past are in public domain.
- Rahul Gandhi has been sowing seeds of hatred against the country by going abroad to defame India.

Rahul Gandhi said in London that India's democracy is under attack

- Rahul Gandhi also said in London that India's democracy is under attack. The voice of democracy has been suppressed in the country. Rahul Gandhi also said that Jammu and Kashmir is a very violent state. Whereas in the last eight years, there has been a lot of decrease in violent incidents in Jammu and Kashmir. The result of restoration of peace in Jammu and Kashmir is that Rahul ji came to Srinagar hoisting the tricolor. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT INAUGURATES 10 BJP OFFICES IN TAMIL NADU

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda visited Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu to inaugurate a party office in person on 10 March, 2023. Through video-conferencing Shri Nadda also inaugurated nine other party offices in Pudukkotai, Tiruchirapalli, Thoothukudi, Virudhunagar, Theni, Dharmapuri, Namakkal, Villupuram and Tiruvallur.

Tamil Nadu BJP President Shri K Annamalai, Union Minister Shri L Murugan, Coimbatore South MLA, and BJP National Mahila Morcha President Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan and other senior leaders were present during the event at Krishnagiri.

Addressing a huge public rally after the inauguration of new party offices, Shri Nadda said this is a historic day for the BJP as never before ten party offices were operationalized in one go. He said the BJP had decided to construct 887 district party offices across the nation and now 290 offices have already been constructed and inaugurated.

"In Tamil Nadu, there are 14 party offices and 39 more will be constructed," Shri Nadda said, adding that the one constructed at Krishnagiri is a state-of-the-art facility.

During the event, the BJP National President also spoke about BJP's growth and performance in the recently-concluded North-East polls and how BJP

was able to retain power in Tripura.



"Here in Tamil Nadu as well, the lotus will bloom. We are the only ideological, cadre-based party and have a mass following," he said.

He said PM Shri Modi always wanted the Tamil culture, language and tradition to be mainstreamed so that the whole country knows about the rich culture of Tamil Nadu.

Talking about the contribution of the BJP-led Union government to Tamil Nadu, Shri JP Nadda said after 40 years, the Central Railway budget has cleared nine projects of Tamil Nadu and for the first time, the Kashi Tamil Sangamam was held where 1,500 artists from the state participated. ■

BJP WINS IN MLC ELECTION IN TELANGANA

Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Shri AVN Reddy emerged victorious in the Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad Teachers' MLC seat in Telangana on 17 March, 2023. Shri Reddy won with 13,436 votes surpassing the necessary threshold of 12,709 votes. The Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad Teachers Constituency held voting on March 13 with around 29,720 voters registered across nine districts. The poll percentage was 90.40 percent.



Congratulating Shri AVN Reddy BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in a twitter message said, "Congratulations to Shri AVN Reddy, @bandisanjay_bjp_ji & team @BJP4Telangana on the historic victory in the Teachers Constituency of Mahbubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad in MLC elections. The people have discarded the BRS once more & have embraced the BJP's vision under PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji ". ■

Will make Kerala developed, strong and safe: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a massive 'Jana Shakti' Rally at Thekkinkad Maidan in Thrissur, Kerala on 12 March 2023. Presenting a long list of development projects implemented in Kerala by the Narendra Modi government, Shri Shah urged Keralites to support BJP and send BJP representatives to the Lok Sabha in 2024.

Shri Shah criticized the Left government, saying, "The Communists did not have an answer to the allegations leveled against their leaders in the gold smuggling case. The former PS of the Chief Minister has been arrested in the LIFE mission case. I urge the Chief Minister to respond to the allegations. Otherwise, the people of Kerala will make you speak in 2024, he said to the huge gathering".

Give BJP a chance

Shri Shah said Kerala has a public debt of Rs 3.40 lakh crore. "The state finance minister says Kerala is facing a grave financial crisis. I urge the people to give BJP a chance. We will make Kerala developed, strong and safe. The world has rejected Communism and India has rejected Congress. Neither of them can develop Kerala," he said.

Shri Shah said the BJP government banned the Popular Front of India as part of its crackdown on terrorism. "The UPA government gave Rs. 45,900 crore as tax share to Kerala from 2009 to 2014. However, the BJP government gave Rs 1.15 lakh crore in five years. National highways are being developed at an expense of Rs 55,000 crore. The state received the biggest share of Rs 8,500 crore under the National Rural



Employment Generation Scheme," he said.

Support Modi to transform the Indian economy

The Union Home Minister said support PM Shri Narendra Modi to transform the Indian economy. Support PM Shri Modi to make India number one in all sectors and make Kerala strong and developed before the 100th anniversary of Independence.

Union Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V Muraleedharan, BJP State President Shri K Surendran, BJP Kerala Prabhari Shri Prakash Javadekar, Metroman Shri E Sreedharan, actors Suresh Gopi, Devan, and others participated in the rally. ■

'MISSION OF PM MODI IS TO MAKE THE WHOLE NATION PROSPEROUS'

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of 'Sahakar Samridhi Soudha' and inaugurated various development works of Karnataka government's Department of Cooperation, worth about Rs.1400 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 24 March, 2023. Many dignitaries including Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai, former Chief Minister Shri B. S. Yediyurappa and Cooperation Minister of Karnataka, Shri S.T. Somashekhar were also present on the occasion.

In his address, Shri Amit Shah said under Jal Jeevan Mission, arrangements for drinking water



are being made in Panchayats like Kumbalgodu, Ramohalli, Jalahalli, Chikanahalli, Chunchankuppe and Kagalahalli at a cost of Rs.182 crore.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that it is the mission of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to make the whole nation prosperous and every state progressive. To fulfil the mantra of 'Sahkar se Samridhhi', for the first time after 75 years of independence, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi formed the Ministry of Cooperation, through which the way for the welfare of farmers, animal rearers and women across the country was opened.. ■

EMPLOYMENT IN MAJOR INDUSTRIES INCREASED OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS: PLFS DATA

Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Shri Rameswar Teli, in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on 16 March informed that the data source on Employment and Unemployment is Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June of next year.

The PLFS data indicates that the employment in the above major Industries has increased over the last three years. In construction sector, percentage of workers has increased to 12.4% in 2021-22 as compared to 11.6% in 2019-20.

Further, the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) is conducted by Labour Bureau which aims to assess the employment situation in respect of selected nine sectors of non-farm economy of India over successive quarters. Selected nine sectors are Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation & Restaurants, Information Technology (IT)/ Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and Financial Services.

As per the fourth round of QES (January-March, 2022), the estimated total employment in the nine selected sectors was 3.18 crore, which is 10 lakhs higher than the estimated employment (3.08 crore) from the first round of QES (April-June, 2021). Out of the total employment estimated in the selected nine sectors, Manufacturing sector accounted for 38.5% and Construction Sector 1.9%.

Investments in Infrastructure and productive capacity have a large multiplier impact on growth and employment. The budget of 2023-24 proposed to increase capital investment outlay steeply for the third year in a row by 33 per cent to Rs. 10 lakh crore, which would be 3.3 per cent of GDP. This substantial increase in recent years is central to the government's efforts to enhance growth potential and job creation.

The Government of India has announced Aatmanirbhar Bharat package to provide stimulus to business and to mitigate the adverse impact of Covid 19. Under this package, the Government has provided fiscal stimulus of more than Rupees Twenty Seven lakh crore.

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes is being implemented by the Government with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore, for a period of 5 years starting from 2021-22 which have potential for creating 60 lakh new jobs.

PM Gati Shakti is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development. The approach is driven by seven engines, namely, Roads, Railways, Airports, Ports, Mass Transport, Waterways and Logistics Infrastructure. This approach is powered by Clean Energy and Sabka Prayas leading to huge job and entrepreneurial opportunities for all.

All these initiatives are expected to collectively generate employment in the medium to long term through multiplier-effects. ■

6.27 lakh new employees added under ESI Scheme

As per the provisional payroll data of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), 16.27 lakh new employees have been added in the month of January, 2023. A year-on-year comparison of payroll data reflects an increase of 17.88 lakh employees who paid contribution in ESI Scheme in January 2023 as compared to January 2022.

As per data, around 22,800 new establishments have been registered in the month of January, 2023 under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation ensuring social security cover to their employees.

Of the total 16.27 lakh employees added during

the month, 7.52 lakh employees having age upto 25 years have got registered. This shows that the youth of the nation are getting good employment opportunities in the country.

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data indicates that enrolment of net female members has been 13.22 lakhs in January, 2023. The data also shows that a total 44 transgender employees have got registered under ESI Scheme in the month of January. This shows that ESIC is committed to deliver its benefits to every section of the society. The payroll data is provisional since the data generation is a continuous exercise. ■

2.67 CRORE WOMEN WORKERS REGISTERED ON E-SHRAM PORTAL

Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Shri Rameswar Teli, in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on 16 March informed that as per Census 2011 total 20.58 crore females are migrated due to Marriage and as per this census the number of women migrant workers is 64 lakhs across the country. Besides, this Ministry has launched e-SHRAM portal, a National Database of the Unorganised Workers on 26th August, 2021. e-SHRAM allows registration under 30 broad occupation sectors and around 400 occupations. In the written reply it was stated that as on 13 March 2023, 2.79 crore domestic & household workers have registered on e-shram portal out of which 2.67 crore are women.

In a another question, Shri Rameswar Teli in a written reply informed that as on 10th March 2023, a total of 28.64 crore unorganised workers have been registered on eShram portal. In the written reply it was stated that as on 31st March 2022 a total of around 3250 representations have been lodged in the Grievance Management System claiming for accidental deaths/disability by eShram registrants. ■

E-COURTS PROJECT FOR ONLINE HEARING

The Government has launched the e-Courts Integrated Mission Mode Project in the country for computerization of District and subordinate courts with the objective of improving access to justice using technology. As part of the National eGovernance Plan, the project is under implementation since 2007 for ICT development of the Indian Judiciary based on the "National Policy and Action Plan for Implementation of Information and Communication Technology in the Indian Judiciary".

E-Courts project is being implemented in association with e-Committee Supreme Court of India and Department of Justice. Phase I of the project was implemented during 2011-2015. Phase II of the project started in 2015 under which 18,735 District & Subordinate courts have been computerized so far. ■

INDIA'S PORT SECTOR IS GROWING RAPIDLY

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 16 March lauded the achievements of Tuticorin VOC

port a Y-o-Y growth of 11.35%. The Port has handled 36.03 Million Tonnes of cargo, as on 14.03.2023 and surpassed the target of 36 Million Tonnes, set by the Shipping Ministry 17 days ahead in the FY 2022-23.

In a reply, the Prime Minister tweeted; "Good! India's port sector is growing rapidly and contributing to economic progress." ■

INDIA'S REAL GDP IS PROJECTED TO GROW BY 9.1 PER CENT IN 2021-22 (1ST RE)

As per the latest estimates of National Income released by National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), real GDP is projected to grow by 9.1 per cent in 2021-22 (1st RE) and 7 per cent in 2022-23 (2nd AE). This was stated by the Union Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on 13 March.

The Minister further stated that the annual data, which provides a stable basis for assessment, shows that the growth momentum of the Indian economy continues after completing full recovery. The IMF and the World Bank projects India to be the fastest-growing major economy in 2023.

As per the latest data available on World Development Indicators, World Bank, India is the 5th largest economy in terms of GDP ranking of countries at Current US Dollar in 2021, the Minister stated. ■

PARADIGM SHIFT IN DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS IN INDIA WITH GROWTH OF MORE THAN 200% IN DIGITAL PAYMENT

For promotion of digital payments, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has introduced the Incentive Scheme for promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions for the current financial year. This was stated by the Union Minister of State for Finance Dr Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on 13 March.

The Minister said that several initiatives have been taken by Government of India, RBI, NPCI and Banks, to promote digital transactions and to create awareness about digital payments in the country. Some of the

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initiatives are BHIM-UPI, UPI-123, Aadhar Payment Bridge, AePS etc.

There has been a growth of more than 200% in digital payment volume during the last four years since 2018-19, the Minister stated. Further, as per the data sourced from National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI transactions registered in FY 21-22 were 45 billion, showing 8 times growth in last 3 years and 50 times growth in last 4 years, the Minister stated. ■

PMMY GENERATED 1.12 CRORE NET ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT DURING 2015 TO 2018

As per data uploaded by Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) on Mudra portal, as on 27 January 2023,

more than 38.58 crore loans have been extended since inception of the Scheme in April 2015. Out of this, over 26.35 crore loans have been extended to Women Entrepreneurs (68%) and 19.84 crore loans to SC/ST/OBC category of borrowers (51%). This was stated by the Union Minister of State for Finance Dr Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

The Minister further stated that the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) had conducted a large sample survey at the national level to assess employment generation under PMMY. As per the survey results, PMMY helped in generating 1.12 crore net additional employment in the country during a period of approximately 3 years (i.e. from 2015 to 2018). ■

2,08,648 farmers have benefitted from PM- KUSUM scheme

With the objectives including de-dieselisation of the farm sector, providing water and energy security to farmers, increasing the income of farmers and curbing environmental pollution the Government introduced Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM- KUSUM) on 8 March 2019.

The PM-KUSUM is a demand driven scheme and therefore capacities are allocated under the three components of the scheme based on demand received from the states/ UTs. Under Component-A of PM-KUSUM Scheme, individual farmers or a group of farmers or cooperatives or panchayats or Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) or Water User Associations (WUAs) can install solar power plants up to 2 MW capacity on barren/fallow/marshy/cultivable land. Under Component-B and Component-C of the scheme, individual farmers, group of farmers, cluster irrigation systems, WUAs, FPOs, and Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) can install the standalone solar pumps or solarize their existing grid-connected agriculture pumps. Till February, 2,08,648 farmers have benefitted from PM- KUSUM scheme as stated by Union Power & NRE Minister Shri R.K Singh on 21s March in Rajya Sabha. ■

Farmers' Income increased

Farmers' income is estimated through the survey conducted by NSSO. As per last "Situation Assessment Survey" conducted in 2012-13, Monthly Agricultural Household Income was estimated as Rs.6,426/- which increased to Rs.10,218/- as per the survey conducted in 2018-19.

Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee in April, 2016 to examine issues relating to "Doubling of Farmers Income (DFI)" and recommend strategies to achieve the same. The Committee submitted its final report to the Government in September, 2018 containing the strategy for doubling of farmers' income through various policies, reforms & programmes. Agriculture being a State Subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture and welfare of farmers in the State. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support and various schemes/ programmes.

As per the strategy suggested by DFI Committee, Government has adopted and implemented several policies, reforms, developmental programmes and schemes for achieving higher incomes for the farmers. ■

VACCINATIONS AGAINST FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE COMPLETED IN AROUND 24 CRORE CATTLE

During the second round of the Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination drive, around 24 crore cattle and buffaloes in the country have now been covered out of a targeted population of 25.8 Crore Cattle (as per data furnished by the states); reaching a near universal coverage of over 95% which is well beyond the herd immunity level. Reaching this milestone has been made possible due to the relentless efforts of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India, State/ UT Governments/ administration, and most importantly the support of the livestock owners.

The program is 100% funded by Government of India which is centrally procuring vaccines against FMD and supplying to States and is also providing for vaccination charges, accessories, awareness creation, cold chain infrastructure etc. to enable the States/ UTs to undertake vaccination in campaign mode. The livestock owners are sensitized and made aware through various information, education and communication measures to get their animals vaccinated and requested to contact the nearest livestock health workers/ veterinarians to avail the facility. ■

CABINET APPROVES LISTING OF INDIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LIMITED ON STOCK EXCHANGES

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 17 March, 2023 chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved for listing of IREDA - a CPSE under Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) on the Stock Exchanges through an Initial Public Offer (IPO) by part sale of Government's stake in it and to raise funds for IREDA through issue of fresh equity shares. Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) will drive the listing process.

This decision supersedes earlier CCEA decision taken in June, 2017 for allowing IREDA to issue 13.90 crore fresh equity shares of Rs. 10.00 each to the public on book building basis through IPO. The instant decision has been necessitated due to change in capital structure following infusion of capital to the tune of Rs. 1500 crore by the Government in March, 2022. ■



PM EXPRESSES DELIGHT AS MEGHALAYA GETS ELECTRIC TRAINS FOR THE FIRST TIME



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed delight as Meghalaya gets electric trains for the first time after Indian Railways completed the electrification of important sections between Abhayapuri – Pancharatna; Dudhnai – Mendipathar. Sharing a tweet by PIB Meghalaya, the Prime Minister tweeted; “Wonderful news for Meghalaya and furthering connectivity in the Northeast.”

Indian Railway is progressing at full throttle for becoming Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030. In an endeavour for complete electrification, Northeast Frontier Railway has achieved another milestone by commissioning Dudhnai – Mendipathar (22.823 Track Kilometre) single line section and Abhayapuri – Pancharatna (34.59 Track Kilometre) double line section on 15th March, 2023. ■

BROAD GAUGE NETWORK OF CHHATTISGARH IS 100% ELECTRIFIED

On the lines of setting the target of achieving Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030, the Indian Railways has 100% electrified existing Broad Gauge network of Chhattisgarh.

The 1,170 Route kilometre, resulting in saving on account of reduced line haul cost (about 2.5 times lower), heavier haulage capacity, increased sectional capacity, reduced operating & maintenance cost of electric loco, energy efficient and eco-friendly mode of transportation with reduced dependence on imported crude oil, saving of foreign exchange. ■



Modi's unique idea for celebration of Hedgewar Jayanti

By: Naresh Shah

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's unique and innovative ideas possess the strength to turn a simple event into a special one. One such event took place in 1981-82 on the occasion of Gudi Padwa which is also the birth anniversary of RSS founder Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar. Shri Naresh Shah (Gopal), an RSS Karyakarta from Gujarat narrates how Shri Modi's unique idea for this celebration turned out to be an emotional moment for the Swayamsevaks.

RSS celebrates 6 festivals and one such festival is Gudi Padwa which falls on the first day of the first month of Hindu Calendar. It is also the birth anniversary of Dr. Hedgewar. Shri Narendra Modi suggested a unique celebration for this event, Shri Shah recalls.

Shri Narendra Modi suggested to keep the hall dark by switching off the light where the event was celebrated. He then asked the Swayamsevaks to be silent throughout the program. His idea was that the only light in the hall should illuminate the picture of Dr Hedgewar on the stage. An audio cassette of the

recording of the last speech of Dr Hedgewar in 1940 was available with him. Shri Modi said that this audio recording will be played in the program.

According to Shah, this speech was only a recording of Dr Hedgewar's last speech from 1940, but the Swayamsevaks present there felt as if they were listening to the speech live. During the program there was pin-drop silence and the effect of the lights on Dr Hedgewar's picture in the hall created an aura which made the Swayamsevaks feel like Dr Hedgewar was among them. It was an emotional moment for the Swayamsevaks to attend such an event and they got inspired by this celebration a lot.

PM Shri Narendra Modi had the vision of organizing programs of the RSS through innovative ideas right from his early days. His suggestions often turned an ordinary program into a memorable one. His style of functioning continued even when he became the Chief Minister of Gujarat and it continues even now when he is the Prime Minister of this country. ■



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DEEPLY INSPIRED BY THE IDEOLOGY OF BJP

Shri Rebati Biswas was born in Bangladesh's Faridpur district, but later moved to Diglipur village in Andaman. At a very young age of 21, Shri Biswas became the disciple of Gopal Maharaj and grew closer to spiritualism. Shri Biswas was deeply inspired by the ideology of BJP and joined the party in 1990 under the leadership of Shri Bishnu Pada. Single-handedly, he established BJP in Diglipur, the northernmost island of

the country. By traveling to remote areas, he made people aware of BJP, and eventually several people became workers and supporters of the organisation. In 1996, Shri Biswas' tireless efforts helped Shri Bishnu Pada, a BJP candidate, become a member of parliament. As President of Kisan Morcha in 2013, he fought to make sure Diglipur farmers received fertiliser on time. In addition, he suggested building a dam on the



REBATI BISWAS
State President
Andaman & Nicobar

Kalpong river to provide irrigation throughout the year. Shri Rebati Biswas was appointed as the National Executive Member of the party. In 2005, he was also elected as a member to the Panchayat Samiti under Diglipur Gram Panchayat, but he preferred to work for the party. ■



WHY INDIA MUST BECOME A 'CYBER SUCCESS SOCIETY'

The impact of cyber attacks are constantly evolving. Moreover, terrorism and radicalism are finding havens in cyber space. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Cyber security is no longer limited to the digital world. It has become a matter of national security."



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The world has witnessed significant technological transformations over the last few decades. The increased use of digital platforms has made life simpler and faster. But the benefits come with serious risks to cyber security. Due to the borderless nature of cyberspace, the threat landscape, sophistication of the methods and tools of cyber criminals, the impact of cyber attacks are constantly evolving. Moreover, terrorism and radicalism are finding havens in cyber space. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Cyber security is no longer limited to the digital world. It has become a matter of national security." Cyberspace has become the new realm of warfare.

Before 2014, it was assumed access to digital services was exclusively for urban and affluent households. In a revolutionary

shift from status quoist thinking, the Modi government in 2015 introduced Digital India as an umbrella concept to create 'digital infrastructure as a fundamental service' for every citizen. With 65 crore internet users, 114 crore mobile users, broadband infrastructure reaching more than

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6 lakh villages, and the number of digital transactions of more than Rs 9,000 crore, BJP government successfully transformed what was the prerogative of the privileged into a rights-based access for all. The foundational idea behind the expansion of Digital Public Infrastructure was that if the poor can't reach technology, then technology must reach them.

Humane application of technological advancement has always been a priority for

Prime Minister Modi. He has consistently emphasised working on the "internet of things", while keeping in mind the "emotions of things", to ensure compassion and sensitivity in the use of technology.

For nine years, our government has developed a strong digital ecosystem for procurements, transfer of welfare benefits, and financial inclusion. These efforts and initiatives of the Modi government have laid the groundwork for Amrit Kaal – India will become a \$5 trillion economy soon and a developed country by 2047.

But government is also alive to the threats that come with rapid expansion of access and is committed to protect citizens. To ensure safe use of the digital ecosystem and combat cybercrime, the ministry of home affairs has taken several significant steps. A project to develop technology infrastructure to combat cyber crime stands accomplished to the level of police constables. In keeping with Modi's approach, coordination among central-state agencies

has vastly improved, building on the framework of a uniform cyber strategy, real-time reporting of cybercrimes, capacity-building of law enforcement agencies, development of analytical tools, setting up of a national network of forensic laboratories, ensuring cyber hygiene, and making citizens cyber-aware.

The Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) has now been integrated in all 16,447 police stations of the country. In 99.9% of police stations, 100% of FIRs are registered immediately in the CCTNS. The Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) has been initiated to expedite justice by exchanging data across courts, police, prosecution, prisons, and forensic labs.

Recently, the government approved Phase-II of ICJS which is based on the principle of 'one data, one entry' and would be made available through a dedicated and secure cloud-based infrastructure with high-speed connectivity.

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), under which seven platforms operate like a reporting portal, a cyber-threat analytical unit, a cybercrime investigation task force and a research centre, works in coordination with each other. So far, more than 20 lakh cybercrime complaints have been registered on the portal, with 40,000 converted into FIRs. Fifteen crore people have used this portal.

A fingerprint data system 'NAFIS' has been launched with storage capacity of 300 crore fingerprint data along with a '1930' helpline. More than 250 banks and financial intermediaries are on boarded on this platform, which helps in real-time actions like blocking and lien marking of defrauded money. The quick reporting system and action by the task force resulted in the recovery of over Rs 235 crore embezzled by cyber criminals from over 1.33 lakh citizens so far.

The ITSSO (Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences) portal was launched in 2019 for real-time monitoring and management of cases of

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sexual assault and cases under POCSO. The Safe City project that aims to create a safe, secure, and empowering environment for women in public places has been introduced in eight selected cities.

MHA is also working to promote cyber sanitation and hygiene to safeguard the most vulnerable. Our government has always adhered to the responsibility of an enabler with a 'preventive and proactive approach' – a grant-in-aid of about Rs 100 crore has been provided to states/UTs to set up forensic-training laboratories

for the cyber world.

Cyber security is a collective responsibility of both the Union and state governments. Several measures are in place to support states to enhance their cyber security capabilities. A massive open online courses' platform (MOOCs) called the 'CyTrain' portal has been developed under I4C, while cell personnel have also been provided training on crypto currency, the dark web, anonymisation networks, deep fakes etc.

Challenges of cyber security are evolving, and we must continue to "innovate, adopt and implement" new approaches to stay ahead of the threats.

Society is evolving in the direction of a technology-driven lifestyle. We must understand this long-term transition at the micro scale to determine appropriate policy – our goal is to create a 'cyber success society' and not a 'cyber failure society'.

We are presented with an opportunity to fulfill our commitment towards the twin objectives of 'using technology with sensitivity' and 'ensuring public safety and security'. However, this task cannot be handled by governments alone. I appeal to citizens for commitment to awareness and alertness to ensure online safety and security. Cyber security is a shared responsibility and we must work together to ensure that our digital world is safe and secure for everyone.

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BJP AND INDIA



SHIV PRAKASH

Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee founded the Bharatiya Janata Sangh to provide an alternative to the Congress while promoting nationalism, poor welfare, the preservation of Indian cultural values, and transparency in the country. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay, a distinguished scholar of Indian politics, laid the intellectual groundwork for “Integral Humanism.” This party, which has been steadily growing since its inception, merged with the Janata Party during the emergency to protect democracy. On April 6, 1980, a new party called the Bharatiya Janata Party was formed on the Indian political horizon on the Mumbai sea coast with the resolve of “Andhera Chhantega, Suraj Niklega, and Kamal Khilega.” Atal Bihari Vajpayee led the party.

Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the same party with 18 crore members has grown to become the world’s largest party. Many states, including in the center, have BJP-led governments. The country has benefited from nationalist ideas, programmes for the welfare of the poor, and the party’s strong, sincere leadership.

Since its inception, the BJP has been committed to strengthening national integration through the establishment of nationalism in politics. Following democracy from the polling booth to election of the National President became the Bharatiya Janata Party’s resolve to preserve democracy in the country. The goal is to uplift the poor through decentralized economy without any discrimination in society. Following their respective modes of worship without discrimination, everyone’s contribution in the country’s development, and adhering to the principle of ‘Nation

Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay, a distinguished scholar of Indian politics, laid the intellectual groundwork for “Integral Humanism”

First,’ serving the people of the country with pure conduct became the BJP’s goal. Our country is a country with diversity. Language, caste, modes of worship, food, color, and dress make us different from each other. Many people with superficial thinking and under the influence of foreign conspiracies made this diversity the basis of their politics considering this diversity as division. And not considering a nation they tried to harvest votes based on mutual struggle between castes, tribal and city dwellers, upper-caste and Dalit. Since the beginning, BJP has been doing politics on the

basis of the principle of one nation, one people, one culture. Diversity is not its weakness, it is the beauty of this country. Northeast has also expressed this voice by making BJP win the elections. That’s why Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that now the Northeast is neither far from Delhi nor far from the heart. Bandh, chakka jam, and terror have now ended and the stream of development is flowing there. Freed from 370, Kashmir is smelling of saffron. Kashi Tamil Sangamam has deepened the belief in unity under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s unique initiative ‘ Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat ‘.

The BJP leadership, by fighting for Berubadi, Kutch, and Kashmir, has instilled in the people a sense of nationalism and national unity. As a result, millions of people from across the country and around the world are chanting “Bharat Mata Ki Jai” in unison.

The parties active on the political ground are losing their internal democracy. The election process is either not followed or it is just a show-off. All the regional parties of the country including Congress are suffering from the crisis of ‘Parivarvad’.As a result, the talented leadership of those parties is either leaving the party or is inactive. The parties that cannot follow democracy within their own ranks cannot be expected to protect the country’s democracy.

Congress has already crushed democracy by declaring a state of emergency in the country.

The democracy of the country can be in danger due to 'Parivarvad'. This was also on the minds of those who drafted our country's constitution. The BJP has sacrificed everything to protect the country's democracy by adhering to its constitution and following the process from the polling booth to the election of the national president within a specific time frame. The BJP is the only party that has merged its existence in Janta Party in order to protect democracy.

This respect towards democratic institutions by BJP leadership has increased the confidence of people in the party, while other parties are working to raise questions on the Election Commission, EVMs, and the courts.

Gandhiji believed that the country should be developed on the basis of an indigenous and decentralized economy. His Swaraj was founded on the concept of Gram Panchayat. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay saw poor's welfare (Antyodaya) as the foundation of government success. He proposed that we make economic progress through Swadeshi (indigenous), simplicity, and a decentralized economy. Water, and employment in the farmer's field; were the basis of his economy. He gave the principle of 'increase in production, restraint in expenditure'.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Golden Quadrilateral Scheme, the river-linking project, and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan run by Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari

Vajpayee are all examples of the country's resolve uplift the poor and infrastructure development. In the same way, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's numerous schemes for the welfare of the poor, use of technology in implementation, agricultural irrigation scheme, and self-reliance mantra are the realization of Gandhiji and Deendayalji's ideas, earning the trust of the poor and the country in the economic field. India is now a fast-growing economy.

Attacking Indian culture and Indian society in the name of so-called secularism has become a tradition of many political parties. The one who abused more had become more ardent secularist. Leaders and parties steeped in corruption were giving education to the countrymen under the cover of their secularism. Those who indulged in violence were pretending to be secular. In the name of secularism, the very existence of Lord Shriram was denied. Secularism had become synonymous with appeasement.

With a heavy heart, society was watching the deeds of these parties. The BJP stated that we will provide justice to all without favouritism in development. The BJP worked step by step to be proud of its cultural value points. Today, India's cultural pride shines brightly like the sun. Whether it was the task of bringing back stolen idols from all over the world, the corridor of Shri Ram temple, the beautification of Kedarnath ji, or the construction of Mahakal Lake, everyone was telling their story of glory. Contact with Sufi saints, plans for the development of Bohra

and Pasmanda Muslim, societies, and initiatives, such as One Day, One Church demonstrate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's sense of religious equality.

Corruption used to make daily newspaper headlines prior to 2014. Politicians and political parties were embroiled in corruption. As the doctrine was being developed, government property was for their personal use. After 2014, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi set an example of political transparency by declaring "Na Khaunga, Na Khane Dunga." Many political workers who adhere to the "Nation First" principle are a gift from the BJP, who have created the image of their honesty even after being in power. Everything is possible in politics, and where this principle is preached, the government can be run and reformed honestly, as the BJP leadership has demonstrated. Because of this these values are alive in politics. This belief has awakened the public.

Everyone's contribution to the freedom and development of the country, on the basis of respect for all great men, nuclear explosion, and modern army and weapons in the defence sector, BJP has brought India to a respectable place in the world. The importance of Indian culture has been established all over the world. As a result, not only India, the whole world is looking at the Bharatiya Janata Party and its leadership with hope. The BJP is the party that fulfils the aspirations of India, which will prove to be a boon for India through its service. ■

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POWERING AMRIT KAAL



HARDEEP S PURI

As the world's fastest-growing major economy with rising energy needs, India will account for approximately 25 per cent of the global energy demand growth between 2020-2040, as per BP energy outlook and IEA estimates. Ensuring energy access, availability and affordability for our large population is imperative. This makes our case sui generis and has driven our energy strategy, now acknowledged the world over as being pragmatic and balanced.

How has India managed to do this?

When petrol and diesel prices went up by 35-40 per cent in the US, Canada, Spain and the UK, and despite importing over 85 per cent of its crude oil requirements and 55 per cent of its natural gas requirements, prices of diesel in India have actually gone down in the last 1 year. When several countries in our neighbourhood have had dry outs and power cuts to manage demand, there has been no shortage of fuel anywhere in India, even during floods and natural calamity situations.

This was made possible due to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ensuring

energy justice. The Centre and many BJP-ruled states announced massive cuts in excise duty and VAT rates, twice. Oil PSUs, being good corporate citizens, absorbed huge losses to ensure that the massive hikes in the prices of crude oil and natural gas in the international market were not passed on to Indian consumers. Subsidised APM gas for the city gas distribution sector was drastically increased even at the cost of cutting down the captive use of domestic gas by our own PSUs. We even imposed an export cess on petrol, diesel

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and ATF, and a windfall tax on domestically produced petroleum products to prevent refiners and producers from profiteering at the cost of domestic consumers.

Over the years, India has expanded its network of crude oil suppliers from 27 nations to 39 nations. India has also further strengthened ties with countries like the US (energy trade has gone up 13 times in the last four years) and Russia to ensure a reliable supply of crude oil. This strategic market card, as the world's third-largest importer, not

only ensured affordable energy for Indian consumers but also had a calming effect on global petroleum markets.

What is inescapable is that India's purchase of petroleum products from certain nations has actually kept the global demand and supply of around 98-100 million barrels/day balanced, thereby keeping oil prices in check for the global value chain. Had this not been done, global prices would have shot up to \$300/barrel.

We are working on both traditional fuel exploration as well as energy transition. Our reforms in making India an attractive energy and power destination are reflected in the consulting firm Wood Mackenzie noting that India could be the licencing wildcard of 2023. By 2025, India wants to boost its net geographic area under exploration from 8 per cent

(0.25 million sq km) to 15 per cent (0.5 million sq km). It has reduced the prohibited/no-go areas in our exclusive economic zone (EEZ) by 99 per cent, releasing nearly 1 million sq km for exploration.

However, as demonstrated by PM Modi at Glasgow, we remain steadfast in our climate change commitments – becoming net-zero in emissions by 2070 and cutting down emissions by 1 billion tonnes by the end of 2030.

We are also rapidly expanding our petrochemical production, in line with the massive increase

in living standards and rapid urbanisation. India is a global exporter of petroleum products and its refining capacity is the fourth-largest in the world after the US, China, and Russia. Efforts are underway to further enhance this capacity to 450 MMT by 2040. The refining capacity expansion was also one of the major factors in ensuring fuel price stability during the international oil price volatilities of last year.

India is also accelerating its efforts to move towards a gas-based economy by increasing the share of gas from the current 6.3 per cent to 15 per cent by 2030. India has connected more than 9.5 crore families with clean cooking fuel in the past nine years. PNG connections have increased from 22.28 lakh in 2014 to over 1 crore in 2023. The number of CNG stations in India has gone up from 938 in 2014 to 4,900 in 2023. Since 2014, India has increased the length of its gas pipeline network

from 14,700 km to 22,000 km in 2023.

At the recently-concluded India Energy Week 2023, India took a giant stride in its biofuel revolution by launching E20 – 20 per cent ethanol-blended gasoline, which will be rolled out in 15 cities across the country in the next two years. India's ethanol blending gasoline has grown from just 1.53 per cent in 2013-14 to 10.17 per cent in 2023, and now India is also setting up five second-generation ethanol plants that can convert agricultural waste into biofuel, further reducing pollution due to stubble burning, and generating income for farmers.

The National Green Hydrogen Mission has been launched with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore to develop the country's green hydrogen ecosystem in the country and accelerate India's efforts towards 4 MT of annual green hydrogen production. It will save Rs 1 lakh crore in cumulative

fossil fuel import savings by 2030. India is poised to realise its full potential to create a green hydrogen ecosystem by 2030.

Just like our energy strategy, we are also taking an integrated path for transitioning India's future mobility pathways. Therefore, along with green hydrogen and biofuels, India is also supporting electric vehicles through a production-linked incentive scheme to make advanced fuel cells of 50 gigawatt hours. Customs duty exemptions have also been announced for the sector. We are targeting the installation of alternative fuel stations (EV charging/ CNG/ LPG/ LNG/ CBG) at 22,000 retail outlets by May 2024.

As we implement our Amrit Kaal plan to become a \$ 26 trillion economy by 2047, ensuring energy security and achieving energy independence remains our key goal. ■

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Union Agriculture Minister launches DigiClaim for claim disbursal through National Crop Insurance Portal

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar on 23 March launched National Crop Insurance Portal's digitized claim settlement module namely DigiClaim under the ambit of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) today at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. With the launch of the module, claims will be disbursed electronically, which will benefit the respective farmers of six states. Now, the automated claim settlement process will be an ongoing activity to ease all insured farmers' lives and provide them with a sustainable financial flow and support. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Tomar said that it is a matter of pride for our Ministry to have taken a revolutionary step in ensuring that farmers can receive claim amounts digitally in a timebound and automated manner, thereby

making our farmers Aatmanirbhar and Sashakt.

With the launch of a DigiClaim Module, insurance claims totaling Rs 1260.35 crore have been disbursed on March 23, 2023 to insured farmers in the states of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Haryana with the click of a button, and the process will continue as and when the claims are released. The Union Minister also mentioned that till date Rs 1.32 lakh crore claim amount has been disbursed to the insured farmers under PMFBY. He also took special note of 'Meri Policy, Mere Haath' ongoing campaign and observed that the campaign has been monumental in enhancing the awareness around PMFBY at the grassroot levels. ■

“GLOBAL MILLETS CONFERENCE IS A SYMBOL OF INDIA’S RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE GLOBAL GOOD”

Based on India’s proposal, the year 2023 was declared the International Year of Millets (IYM) by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). In line with the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s vision to make the celebrations of IYM 2023 a ‘people’s movement’ and position India as the ‘global hub for millets’, all central government ministries/departments, states/UTs, farmers, startups, exporters, retail businesses and other stakeholders are being engaged to promote and spread awareness about the benefits of millets (Shree Anna) for the cultivator, consumer and climate. The organization of the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference in India is an important programme in this context.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference at Subramaniam Hall, NASC Complex, IARI Campus, PUSA New Delhi today. The two-day global conference will have sessions on all important issues related to millets (Shree Anna) like promotion and awareness of millets among producers, consumers and other stakeholders; millets’ value chain development; health and nutritional aspects of millets; market linkages; research and development etc.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated and visited the Exhibition cum Buyer Seller Meet Pavilion. He also unveiled a Commemorative Stamp and Commemorative Coin. This was followed by the Prime Minister digitally launching a compendium of Indian Millet (Shri Anna) startups and a book of millet (Shri Anna) standards.

International leaders conveyed their messages on the occasion. President of Ethiopia, H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde congratulated the Government of India for organizing the event. She said that millets provide an affordable and nutritious option to feed the people in these times. Ethiopia is an important millet-producing country in Sub-Saharan Africa.

H.E. Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana said that India has assumed global leadership in promoting the cause of millets and in doing so it is placing its expertise for the use of the rest of the world. He said that the success of the International Year of Millets will go a long way in achieving SDGs. Guyana has recognized millets as a key factor in ensuring food security, he informed.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister congratulated everyone on the organisation of the Global Millets Conference and said that such events are not just a necessity for the global good but also a symbol of India’s responsibilities towards the global good. Highlighting the importance of turning a resolution into a desirable outcome, the Prime Minister reiterated that the year 2023 was declared the International Year of Millets by the United Nations after persistent efforts by India. He expressed delight that India’s campaign is a significant step in this direction when the world is celebrating the International Year of Millets. ■



India hosts Ministerial Round Table of leading millets producing countries

Ministerial Round Table of Millets was held post-inaugural session of the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference held on 18 March in New Delhi. Ministers from Guyana, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname & Zambia; Permanent Secretary, Agriculture of Gambia & Maldives and Director General, Millets Initiative, Nigeria participated in the meeting. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India welcomed the delegates attending the meet. ■

'PM MODI CHANGED INDIA'S CULTURE'

BJP National President Shri Nadda addressing at the BJYM National Youth Parliament and Tamil Nadu State Assembly-2026 at SRM University in Chennai on 19th March 2023 said, "PM Modi Ji has changed India's political culture. I appeal to the youth to go to every nook and corner of the country and tell everyone about the change PM Shri Narendra Modi has brought to Indian politics. Today, under the leadership of Shri Modi, India is showing a path to the world."

He said, "before 2014 our country was full of corruption, there was policy paralysis, and it was in a backward state."

Noteworthy, in the presence



of BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya, more than 300 participants attended the youth parliament, representing all the states and Union Territories of the country. The participants were provided a platform to express their opinions, thoughts, and ideas about the country's development and progress. BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh

and BJP Tamil Nadu President Shri Annamalai attended the program and addressed the gathering.

Speaking about the programme, BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya said, "The National Youth Parliament and State Assembly programme is an excellent opportunity for young Karyakartas from all over India to come together and discuss issues that are of great importance to our nation. This program will further the Prime Minister's vision of empowering and engaging the youth in the political process, and we believe that it will go a long way towards nurturing the next generation of leaders in India." ■

BJP National Mahila Mochra organizes one-day workshop for 'Kamal Mitra'

The BJP National Mahila Mochra on March 13, 2023 organized one-day training workshop 'Kamal Mitra' at the BJP National Headquarters in New Delhi. Women professionals including Professors, Lawyers, Research Scholars, IT professionals, and others attended this workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by BJP Mahila Morcha National President Smt. Vanatthi Srinivasan, former Mahila Morcha National President and Rajya Sabha MP SuShri Saroj Pandey, and others.

Who addressing the gathering Ms. Saroj Pande said that under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, women are the biggest beneficiaries of the central government's schemes across the country.

The Morcha National President, Smt. Vanatthi Shrinivasan, also addressed the participants. She said the Mahila Morcha Karyakartas must prepare for the upcoming parliamentary elections and create a road map as soon as possible.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi, the government is doing tremendous work for women

in this country. Each and every scheme of the government is based on the vision of the Prime Minister to strengthen and empower the women of the country. She stated that through this Abhiyan, one lakh 'Kamal Mitra' will be trained in each parliamentary constituency.

The valedictory session was addressed by BJP National Secretary Smt. Alka Gurjar. In her address to the participants, she stated that Prime Minister Shri Modi is constantly working towards not only "women empowerment," but "women-led empowerment." Ujjwala Yojana, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Mudra Yojana, and Mahila Samman Savings Scheme—all these schemes show that all the sections and age groups have been covered in the empowerment drive. This is true example of inclusive growth and development. ■





'INDIA'S YOUTH BRINGS HOPE TO AN UNCERTAIN WORLD'



**ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR**

Across the globe, youngsters are making huge strides in science, sports, technology, business, politics, creativity, environmental sustainability and innovation, leveraging disruptive technology even in the face of macroeconomic shocks and geopolitical uncertainties. They are the ones with local solutions to global socio-economic problems.

No distance, difference and boundary has stopped youth globally from driving social change as well as steer Fortune 500 companies with elan.

Youth in Argentina take their football seriously, in Sweden and Nordic nations they are vocal about climate change. Indians rooted in culture and social values are spearheading startups. As stakeholders and builders of tomorrow, youthful vigour, vitality and vibrancy is unmatched. As they will inherit the future they build, it is imperative for the world to pay heed to their words and provide a meaningful platform to channelise their emotions, energy and actions.

India, home to one-sixth of humanity, is diverse, democratic and demand driven – known as

the land of spirituality, sports, software, sustainability, startups and social entrepreneurship. At about 60% of total population, India's demographic dividend is poised to usher in an era of rapid social, economic, environmental and technological innovation. Whether social media-led social causes or billion-dollar startups, India's youth leads from the front.

Listen to their solutions

India will host the Youth 20 (Y20) Summit later this year on the sidelines of the G20 presidency

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– opportunity to express global youths' vision, values and ideas to arrive at solutions that will be shared with G20 leaders. The Y20 Summit will host youth from across the world who will be heard in the world's largest democracy by those geared to pick up the baton to the future.

The five key themes of the summit were chosen in step with a more digital, disruptive, demand-driven world. Knowledge that the marketplace will determine future skills led to the first theme – "Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century Skills".

Climate change, extreme

weather events, shifting crop cycles, and natural disasters as witnessed by Turkey and Syria make the second theme critical – "Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction", which will focus on "making sustainability a way of life".

The land of the Buddha has taught us mindfulness and spirituality. PM Modi's proposal of Yoga Day in his 2014 UNGA speech was supported by 177 member states – the world celebrated its first International Yoga Day on June 21, 2015. "Health, Wellbeing and Sports: Agenda for Youth" is the final critical theme.

Exchange of Ideas

About 21 foreign delegates and 200 Indians participated at the recent Y20 inception

meeting in Guwahati, Assam, of students, faculty from globally renowned institutions, industry experts and government officials. Panellists included retired Gen VK Singh and retired Lt Gen Satish Dua and also two surrendered insurgents, Bipul Kalita and Binal Warry. Scientists, social entrepreneurs, sportspersons, doctors, industrialists, consulting engineers, founders, professors, were all part of the conclave. I also held a youth dialogue with all delegates at IIT Guwahati. In the run-up to the event, 10,000 youths from 36 colleges of Assam participated in seminars, debates,

workshops and quiz contests.

In a complex world, 'vasudhaiva kutumbakam' holds special significance. Indian ethos encourages youth to look beyond personal interests to global wellbeing, united in the quest for a world more equitable, sustainable, inclusive, intergenerational, progressive and peaceful. From volunteering to activism or spreading kindness, youth can be a positive impact. It is time to go beyond aspirations towards affirmative action to attain, achieve and ascend towards New India's shared development goals.

Every day brings opportunities for young, optimistic, upbeat, tenacious and hopeful (YOUTH) population, a rising young India.

Our youth is our network to drive change and develop new ideas for Amrit Kaal.

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that with courage, consistency, commitment and cooperation, anything is possible. Youth will play a pivotal role in making India a developed nation by 2047 – the future of global economy and humanity lies in the hands of restless youth ready to take on the world.

Given the Russia-Ukraine war, India strongly advocates "Peace building and Reconciliation", another theme, with sharp focus on "ushering in an era of no war". Our army is the world's third largest troop contributor to peacekeeping operations; around 6,700 troops and police from India are at present on various UN peace keeping missions.

India's participatory governance with political youth wings, civil society groups and digital platforms ensures young people have a say at every level that will form the fourth theme – "Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance". ■

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PM NARENDRA MODI AND BANGLADESH PM SHEIKH HASINA JOINTLY INAUGURATE THE INDIA-BANGLADESH FRIENDSHIP PIPELINE

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Ms. Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurated the India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFP) on 18 March in a virtual mode. The foundation stone for the construction of this pipeline was laid by both Prime Ministers in September 2018. Numaligarh Refinery Limited has been supplying petroleum products to Bangladesh since 2015. This is the second cross-border energy pipeline between India and its neighbours.

Cooperation in the power and energy sector has become one of the hallmarks of India-Bangladesh relations. IBFP is the first cross border energy pipeline between India and Bangladesh with a capacity to transport 1 Million Metric Ton Per Annum (MMTPA) of High-Speed Diesel (HSD) to Bangladesh. Enhanced connectivity with Bangladesh will further strengthen people to people linkages between two sides.



Bangladesh is India's top-most development partner and its largest trade partner in the region. The operationalisation of the Friendship Pipeline will enhance ongoing energy cooperation between the two countries and will further growth in Bangladesh, particularly in the agriculture sector.

Prime Minister thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her constant guidance on the project and expressed his wish to continue working with her for the benefit of the people of the two countries. ■



SHREE ANNA- THE GAME CHANGER FOR FARMERS



**RAJKUMAR
CHAHAR**

The first grains grown when mankind came into existence were probably millets or 'Shree Anna'. In her 2023-24 Budget speech Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman also referred to millets or coarse grains as 'Shree Anna'. With PM Shri Narendra Modi's initiatives, year 2023 has been designated as the International Year of Millets by the United Nations (UN). Under the leadership of India, the whole world is now celebrating the 'Year 2023' as 'Millet Year'. This has been formally launched in India by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at an international conference in New Delhi on March 18. Recently, India also organised the Global Millets/'Shree Anna' Conference in New Delhi and even it is leading from the front in spreading the word about 'Shree Anna' throughout the globe.

Similarly, efforts are being made to revive the production of the forgotten Millets through the International Year of Millets (IYM)-2023. The Central Government under the dynamic leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi has been constantly making efforts to popularize 'Shree Anna.' Whether, it is lunch organized

for MPs or G20 meeting in Delhi, 'Shree Anna' dishes are being served prominently in all these events now. Whether it is a food festival or a conclave, efforts are being made to attract foreigners and promote exports of products that are made from 'Shree Anna'.

During the 'Millet Year', as per the guidance of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP National Kisan Morcha has been organizing seminars and programs at various places

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across the country to propagate, promote and increase the consumption of millets, as well as to make every small farmer of the country aware about the 'Shree Anna'.

Noteworthy, at present, India is the largest producer and second largest exporter of 'Shree Anna'. Most of the millets like Ragi, Caneri, Jowar and Kuttu are exported from our country to USA, UAE, UK, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Libya, Tunisia, Oman and Egypt.

But, what characteristics make millets the 'Super food' or 'Shree Anna' and why is it beneficial for everyone is the moot question?

What is 'Shree Anna' or Millets?

Several historical evidences regarding the consumption of 'Shree Anna' during the Indus Valley Civilization suggest that it was one of the earliest crops cultivated in India.

Millets are important crops in the semiarid tropics of Asia and Africa (especially in South India, Mali, Nigeria, and Niger), with 97% of millet production in developing countries. This crop is favored

due to its productivity and short growing season under dry, high-temperature conditions. It is also called the grain of the poor. Millets are also very good for health. Millets not only provide enough protein and fiber, but also cure diseases arising due to excess

carbohydrate in the body.

Why 'Shree Anna' is called super food

Essentially there are more nutrients in 'Shree Anna' in comparison with others food. These grains are gluten free, bad cholesterol free and full of other essential vitamins like beta-carotene, niacin, vitamin-B6, folic acid, potassium, magnesium, zinc etc. which if we consume can live a healthy and disease free life. Along with this, these grains are rich in Fiber, which improves digestion. In this way, the person who eats it does not have the problem of constipation. Consuming these



strengthens the bones. 'Shree Anna' is also considered best for diabetes and heart patients. For all these reasons, 'Shree Anna' is also called super food.

Types of 'Shree Anna' and its health benefits

- **Jowar:** It is gluten free and a good source of protein. It is a great food for Diabetic patients.
- **Bajra:** Vitamin B6, folic acid is present in it. It removes Anemia.
- **Ragi:** It is a source of natural calcium. Helps in strengthening bones of growing children and elders.
- **Sawa or Sama:** Rich in fiber and iron. Removes Acidity, Constipation and Anemia.
- **Kangni:** It helps in Detoxification. Controls BP and bad Cholesterol.
- **Kodo:** It is also rich in fiber. Beneficial in diseases related to Goitre, Rosacea and Piles.
- **Kutki:** It is a good source of antioxidants. The magnesium present in it controls Healthy Heart and Cholesterol.
- **Kuttu:** It is beneficial for Asthma patients. The amino acid present in it prevents Hair Loss.

Easy to Cultivate

Under the visionary leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi India has taken several steps to popularize 'Shree Anna'. The PM also wants India to become the global hub of 'Shree Anna' and International Millet Year 2023 to be transformed into a 'people's movement'. Of course, India is playing an important role in explaining the

benefits of Millets to the world. About 80 percent of Asia's and 20 percent of the world's Millets are produced in our country. Cultivation of these grains is done with less cost and lesser water. Additionally, there are fewer crop-related diseases, due to which the use of pesticides is also negligible. Since it can be easily grown on un-irrigated land, its production can be increased manifold in India if the demand increases.

Increase in farmer's income

Millets or 'Shree Anna' are our traditional food, which can be grown with less labor, less water, dry land and very low cost with good yield. This is such a grain that can be produced without fertilizers. When the demand for 'Shree Anna' will increase, then its price will increase in the market, only then the income of poor farmers with uncultivated land will also increase.

Millet crop is rain fed, so, poor farmers can produce it in barren land. If the use of millet increases in the world, processing will increase, exports will increase, which will benefit small farmers and they will be successful in improving their financial condition. This millet year is very important from this point of view for our farmers.

Promotion of millets consumption

Under the direction of the Prime Minister, a plan has been

prepared for the promotion of millet through G-20 meetings. In all the programs of G-20, priority is being given to millet in food, so that when these people return to their country, they take good taste of food from here and India's 'Shree Anna' gets new recognition in the world. Our farmers and the country will get the benefit of this.

To increase research on this in the country, three National Centers of Excellence have been set up in Haryana, Hyderabad and Bengaluru, through which a lot of work is being done. There is about 2000 startups working in the agriculture sector, most of which are related to millets. Agricultural products worth more than Rs. 4 lakh crore were exported from our country, most of which are organic and millet.

'Shree Anna' (Millet) is the need of the day as it is rich in nutrients. These nutritious grains are very important from the point of view of food security. India is a major producer of millets, yet millets are missing from our plate in terms of daily diet. In the present environment, whether at home or outside, food is available to us, but it lacks nutrients as per requirement. We required nutrients in sufficient quantity in our food plate, for this it is necessary to have 'Shri Anna' in the plate. ■

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JAPAN AND INDIA ANNOUNCE TO INCREASE BILATERAL COOPERATION IN VARIOUS AREAS

Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Fumio Kishida was on an official visit to India to meet with Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. Prime Minister Kishida arrived in New Delhi of 20 March, 2023.

Japan is one of the very few countries with which India has a system of Annual Summits. In 2014, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made his first bilateral visit outside India's immediate neighbourhood to Japan. During that visit, the India-Japan relationship was upgraded to a Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

Guided by strong political will on both sides, the partnership has made significant progress in the last few years, covering the entire gamut of mutual engagement as witnessed in the growing convergence of political, strategic and economic interests. In fact, Prime Minister Modi has referred to the India-Japan relationship as being one of the most natural partnerships in the region. India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, built on the shared values of democracy, freedom and respect for rule of law, is crucial for fostering peace, prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

2023 is a pivotal year for both India and Japan as chairs of the two major international groupings – India as the President of the G20 and Japan as the Chair of G7. Through G20 presidency, India is working with partner countries, including Japan to provide greater voice to issues of interest to developing countries, in particular the countries of the Global South, about which we have spoken in the past briefings also.

When Prime Minister Kishida arrived in New Delhi, he went to Rajghat to pay his tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. The two Prime Ministers then arrived at Hyderabad House for Delegation-level talks and delivered the press statements. It was followed by a Restricted Lunch Meeting between the two. Both of them later visited the Buddha Jayanti Park where they visited the Bal Bodhi tree.

Through these talks, the two leaders have held substantive discussions which is corresponding and commensurate with the depth and expanse of India-



Japan engagement.

Key topics that were discussed during the meeting, key topics of bilateral cooperation, included the domain of Defense and Security, Economic Partnership, Climate & Energy - including energy transition, People-to-People exchanges, Skill Development, Innovation.

Prime Minister explained at length India's priorities for G20 and he heard in turn Prime Minister Kishida's priorities and Japan's priorities for G7. These two also formed an important component of bilateral conversation.

In terms of concrete outcomes of the visit, there were two documents that were signed on the sidelines. One was renewal of Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on Japanese Language that was originally signed in 2017 essentially focussing on higher level language learning. And second document which was signed was Exchange of Notes for the 4th tranche instalment of JICA ODA Loan of JPY 300 Billion on Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Railway Project, roughly INR 18,000 crores. We also announced 2023 as "India-Japan Year of Tourism".

PM Kishida invited Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the G7 Summit in Hiroshima in May this year. PM Modi has accepted the invitation. ■



PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE AND DEDICATES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN VARANASI, UP

In the last nine years, the Prime Minister has put a special focus on transforming the landscape of Varanasi and enhancing the ease of living for the people living in the city and adjoining areas. Taking another step in this direction, the Prime Minister dedicated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth over Rs 1780 crore, during the programme at Sampurnanand Sanskrit University ground on 24 March, 2023.

The projects include laying the foundation stone of the Passenger Ropeway from Varanasi Cantt station to Godowlia, a 55 MLD sewage treatment plant at Bhagwanpur under Namami Ganga Scheme, Phases 2 and 3 of the redevelopment work of Sigra Stadium, an LPG bottling plant at Isarwar village, Sewapuri to be built by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, a primary health center in Bharthara village and floating jetty with changing rooms among others. The Prime Minister also dedicated 19 drinking water schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission, which will benefit more than 3 lakh people of 63 Gram Panchayats. He also laid the foundation stone of 59 drinking water schemes under the Mission.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said today, a new chapter is being added to the prosperity of Varanasi. The Prime Minister said that Kashi's development is being talked about everywhere and every visitor is going back with new energy. He said that Kashi defied the apprehensions of people and succeeded in transforming the city.

The Prime Minister remarked on the simultaneous 'darshan' of the old and the new in

Highlights

- 19 drinking water schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission
- Kashi defied the apprehensions of people and succeeded in transforming the city
- Everyone has witnessed the transforming landscape of Ganga Ghats in the past 9 years
- 8 crore households in the country have received tapped water supply in the last 3 years
- The government strives that every citizen contributes and none are left behind during the development journey of India in the Amrit Kaal
- Uttar Pradesh has emerged from the shadows of disappointment and now treading the path of its aspirations and expectations"

in just one year. These tourists are creating new economic opportunities and employment in the city.

Shri Modi also highlighted the

new development projects related to tourism and the beautification of the city. "Be it roads, bridges, railways or airports, the connectivity to Varanasi has completely eased", the Prime Minister said as he pointed out that the new ropeway project will take the connectivity in the city to a new level. He noted that it will boost the facilities of the city along with creating a new attraction for tourists. He informed that the distance between Banaras Cantt Railway station and Kashi-Vishwanath Corridor will

be covered within minutes after the completion of the ropeway while also easing traffic congestion in areas between Cantt Station and Godowlia. ■



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Under Digital India Programme, Ministry is implementing e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP) with the aim to transform the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), making them more transparent, accountable, and effective.

The Ministry launched eGramSwaraj, a work-based Accounting Application for Panchayati Raj Institutions under the e-Panchayat MMP on 24th April 2020. This application encompasses all aspects of Panchayat functioning viz. planning, budgeting, accounting, monitoring, asset management etc, on a single digital platform including online

payments. Further, in order to ensure better financial management of PRIs for enhancing transparency & accountability in maintenance of accounts, Ministry has integrated eGramSwaraj with PFMS. With this integration, Panchayats can transfer payments online to their vendors.

So far, 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayat (GPs) across States/UTs have prepared and uploaded their Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) for 2022-23 on eGramSwaraj. Moreover, 2.24 lakh GPs have carried online transactions under 15th Finance Commission during 2022-23. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi lays foundation stone and dedicates key development projects at Mandya in Karnataka on March 12, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference at Subramaniam Hall (PUSA) in New Delhi on March 18, 2023



PM Shri Narendra Modi welcomes the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Anthony Albanese at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on March 10, 2023



PM of Japan, Mr. Fumio Kishida calls on PM Shri Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on March 20, 2023



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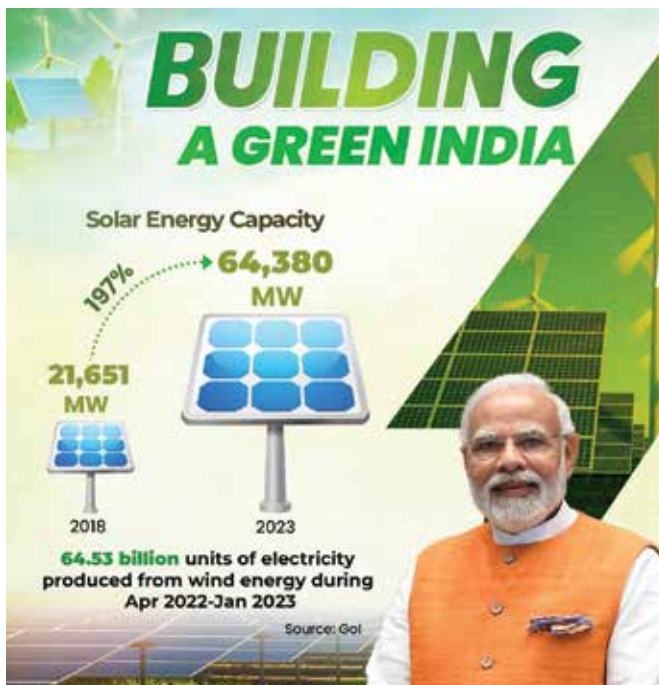
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