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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda at a meeting with Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Ministers and party karyakartas in Shimla



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda getting the blessings of senior party leader Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi at his residence in New Delhi



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing BJP National Office Bearers meeting through video conference in New Delhi



Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh visits PGI Hospital in Lucknow, and enquires about the well being of former UP Chief Minister Shri Kalyan Singh



A delegation under the leadership of Shri Ramesh Vaidya, National President of Sahakar Bharati meets Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi

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Modi cabinet has approved the continuation of the CSS for the development of infrastructure facilities for the Judiciary. This will increase well-equipped digitalised courts and give impetus to the Gram Nyayalayas to provide speedy & affordable justice to the rural marginalised.



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Under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi Ji, record pace in infrastructure development is boosting opportunities for everyone. National Highways are being constructed in the country faster than ever. #PragatiKaHighway




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TRULY PLURALISTIC AND INCLUSIVE

It is highly unfortunate to see that the Congress led Opposition sought to create disruptions in both houses of parliament while Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was introducing his new council of ministers after its first expansion. The Prime Minister has rightly pointed out that the opposition was not comfortable with the huge representation given to women, OBC, SC & ST communities in the recent expansion of council of ministers. It is to be noted that apart from 11 women ministers, 28 ministers from OBC community, 12 ministers from SC community, eight ministers from ST community, five ministers from minority community and 29 ministers from other communities have found place in the expanded Council of Ministers. The Modi government is now representing a rainbow of all the communities across the nation and more particularly the hitherto deprived, oppressed and neglected sections of the society have found their voice in the governance of the country. In the broadest spectrum of representation so far it truly represents the pluralistic and inclusive nature of the Indian society. At the same time talents and expertise drawn from various sectors of excellence can be seen in the inclusion of youth power blended with experience while including five former CMs, 23 former ministers in the states, 38 former MLAs along with 13 lawyers, six Doctors, five engineers, seven civil servants, seven PhDs, three MBAs and 68 graduates. The ministers are from socially and economically backward regions of the nation representing 25 states and UTs. Such an all inclusive, professionally competent and full of talents, youthful and experienced at the same time and powered by 'Naari Shakti', council of ministers is naturally unnerving the Congress led Opposition badly.

IN A STINGING INDICTMENT OF THE TMC GOVERNMENT, ITS ADMINISTRATION AND GOONS IN WEST BENGAL, THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT TO THE KOLKATA HIGH COURT HAS REVEALED THE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, ANTI-HUMAN AND BARBARIC FACE OF MAMTA GOVERNMENT...

The Congress and its allies are getting exposed every day with the unmasking of their false agenda in the country. While they sought to create panic and doubt in the minds of people during the national fight against Covid-19 pandemic, they are also guilty of dissuading people from getting vaccinated. As the world's largest and fastest vaccination drive is gaining momentum day by day in the country, the Congress and its allies are once again made to bite dust by the people. As per the figures available till 23 July, more than 43.87 crore doses of vaccines have been administered to the people across the country. No one can forget how state governments led by Congress and its allies failed to provide vaccines to the people and even committed the crime of wastage of the most valuable vaccines supplied to them by the union government. While the BJP governments were administering free vaccines in their respective states and the union government administering free vaccines to 45+ age group, most of the non-BJP state governments were showing their inability to provide vaccines to the 18-

44 age group people. Finally, it was the intervention of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who launched free vaccination drive for 18-44 age groups; the country is now witnessing full scale vaccination drive in the country providing free vaccines to everyone. The propaganda by Congress and its allies doubting the efficacy and non-availability of vaccines now stands exposed.

The Congress and its allies have lost moral ground to even raise question in the country. The manner in which the BJP karyakartas were politically targeted and rape, arson and loot were organized by the TMC goons in West Bengal now stands exposed before the nation. In a stinging indictment of the TMC government, its administration and goons in West Bengal, the Human Rights commission in its report to the Calcutta High Court has revealed the anti-democratic, anti-human and barbaric face of Mamta government which has wreaked political vengeance on the BJP karyakartas causing untold miseries to the innocent people in one of worst post-poll violence in the state. The Congress led opposition by maintaining a studied silence on the issues has further exposed its anti-democratic and opportunist face. The nation will never forget and forgive them for such criminal acts by the Congress and its allies. ■

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'IT SHOULD MAKE EVERYONE PROUD THAT SEVERAL WOMEN, PEOPLE BELONGING TO SC, ST & OBC COMMUNITY HAVE TAKEN OATH AS MINISTERS'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 19, 2021 lashed out at the Opposition for creating a ruckus and preventing him from introducing newly-induced Union Ministers in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, saying such a negative mindset has never been seen in Parliament. As the Prime Minister rose in the Lok Sabha to introduce the new Ministers, Opposition members created uproar by raising slogans. Dismayed over the disruption, Shri Modi said, it should make everyone proud that several women, many people belonging to the SC and ST community have taken oath as Ministers.

In the Rajya Sabha also, while the Prime Minister introduced the newly-induced Ministers, several slogan-shouting Opposition members trooped into the well of the House obstructing the proceedings. The Prime Minister slammed the Opposition over it. Excerpts of the speech;



Speaking in the Lok Sabha the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "I was thinking that today there will be an atmosphere of enthusiasm in the House because a large number of our women MPs, SC, ST brothers have become ministers in large numbers".

He said, "This time our fellow MPs in the house who are from farmers' family and from rural areas, belong to socio-economically backward class and OBC community got a chance in the council of ministers in large numbers. I would have enjoyed introducing them if they would have been honored by thumping the bench from every corner of the house".

However, it seems some people can't digest that more women, SC, ST and OBC community members

are becoming Ministers.

Shri Modi said, "Therefore, they do not even allow me to introduce them. And therefore, Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the newly appointed members of the cabinet should be considered as Introduced in the Lok Sabha".

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In Rajya Sabha the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "It is a matter of pride that people from rural India, who come from ordinary families, have taken oath as Ministers. But some people don't want Ministers to be introduced. They also have an anti-women mindset since

they do not want women Ministers to be introduced to the House".

"Such a negative mindset has never been seen in Parliament," he said in the Rajya Sabha. ■



TILL NOW 40 CRORE INDIAN HAVE BECOME 'BAHUBALI' BY TAKING VACCINATION ON THEIR ARMS: PM

PM SHRI NARENDRA MODI ON JULY 19 MADE REMARKS AT THE START OF MONSOON SESSION OF PARLIAMENT 2021. IN HIS REMARKS HE SAID THAT TILL NOW 40 CRORE INDIAN HAD BECOME 'BAHUBALI' BY TAKING VACCINATION ON THEIR ARMS. HE ALSO WISHED POSITIVE DEBATE ON PANDEMIC IN PARLIAMENT. THE TEXT OF THE REMARKS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Welcome friends and I hope all of you have been vaccinated at least once. But even then, I pray to all of you and my colleagues in the House to cooperate in following the Corona protocols. Vaccine is given in 'baahu' (arms), and those who take it become 'Baahubali'. The only way to become Baahubali to fight against corona is to get vaccinated.
- Over 40 crore people have become 'Baahubali' in the fight against Corona. It is being taken forward rapidly. The pandemic has gripped the entire world, the entire human race. Therefore, we want meaningful debates in the Parliament over the pandemic. It should be given the highest priority so that we get all the practical suggestions from all the honorable MPs so that there can be a lot of innovation in the fight against the pandemic. If there are some shortcomings, then they can be rectified and we can move forward together in this fight.
- I have also requested all the floor leaders to take time out in the evening tomorrow because I want to give them a detailed presentation on the pandemic situation. We want the discussion in the House as well as outside with all the floor leaders, because I have been continuously meeting chief ministers. Discussions are taking place at different forums. It will be convenient if there is a discussion with the floor leaders along with the debate in the House.
- Let this session be result oriented with effective debates so that the government can give people the answers sought by them. I would urge all the honorable MPs and all the parties to ask the most difficult and sharpest questions in the Houses but should also allow the Government to respond in a peaceful atmosphere. Democracy is strengthened when truth reaches people. It also strengthens people's trust and improves the pace of development.
- Friends, the internal arrangement during this session is not like the last time, everyone is going to sit and work together because almost everyone has been vaccinated. I once again thank you all very much and urge you to take care of yourself. Let us all work together to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the country. ■

PM APPRISES FLOOR LEADERS OF BOTH HOUSES ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC



'PANDEMIC SHOULD NOT BE A MATTER OF POLITICS, IT IS A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR ENTIRE HUMANITY'

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with floor leaders of all parties of both houses of the Parliament on July 20, 2021 to keep them informed of the trajectory of COVID-19 in India and the Public Health Response to the Pandemic.

The PM thanked all leaders for participating in the meeting and giving very practical inputs and suggestions and added that inputs from different parts of the country help immensely in policy design.

The PM said that the pandemic should not be a matter of politics & is a matter of concern for entire humanity. He added that mankind hasn't seen such a pandemic in the last 100 years.

PM Shri Modi also spoke about the efforts being made to ensure one oxygen plant in every district across the country.

The PM informed leaders about the rising speed

of India's vaccination program and how the first 10 crore doses took around 85 days while the last 10 crore doses have taken 24 days. He also informed the leaders that the daily closing stocks show an average of more than 1.5 crore vaccines at the end of the day throughout the country.

Shri Modi stressed the need to properly plan the vaccination drives at the district level based on the advance availability indicated by the Central Government to ensure no inconvenience to the people. The PM said that it is a matter of concern that around a significant number of Healthcare workers and Frontline workers are yet to get the vaccine even after 6 months since the drive commenced & added that states need to be more proactive towards this.

The PM spoke about the need to stay vigilant looking at the situation in various countries. He added



that mutations make this disease very unpredictable, and hence we all need to stay together and fight this disease.

Shri Modi also spoke about India's unique experience of using technology in this pandemic in the form of Cowin & Aarogya Setu.

Former Prime Minister HD Shri Deve Gowda lauded PM Shri Narendra Modi for his constant monitoring & working tirelessly through the pandemic. Leaders across parties thanked the PM for his efforts through the pandemic. Leaders also spoke about their own unique experiences with the disease. They also highlighted the situation in various states and spoke about the vaccination drives in their respective states. They also spoke about the need to constantly ensure Covid appropriate behaviour. Leaders unanimously appreciated the presentation given to them for its rich information and insights.

A detailed presentation was given by Health Secretary Shri Rajesh Bhushan. He informed that as of date, only 8 States have more than 10,000 cases with majority of caseload in the State of Maharashtra and Kerala. Just 5 states have a positivity rate more than 10%.

It was informed that throughout the Pandemic, the Prime Minister held 20 meetings with CMs of States while the Union Health Minister held 29 meetings with States. The Union Cabinet Secretary briefed the State Chief Secretaries 34 times while 166 Central Team deployed to aid 33 States/UTs in COVID-19 management.

India had augmented its drug availability throughout the Pandemic. CDSCO permitted the increase in number of Remdesivir manufacturing sites from 22 in March to 62 in June which increased the production capacity from 38 to 122 lakh vials per month. Similarly, Import of Liposomal Amphotericin was encouraged which saw the cumulative allocation rise from just 45,050 to 14.81 lakh. While cases are declining at present, States have been advised to maintain buffer stocks of drugs to address any future surge in Covid cases with stress on minimum 8 drugs identified by the Union Health Ministry: Enoxaparin, Methyl Prednisolone, Dexamethasone, Remdesivir, Tocilizumab (for COVID-19 treatment), Amphotericin B Deoxycholate, Posaconazole (for COVID associated Mucormycosis), Intravenous

Immunoglobulin (IVIg) (for Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)) IS-C). The Union Health Ministry will facilitate procurement for North East States and UTs.

THE MEMBERS WERE ALSO APPRISED OF INDIA'S COVID-19 VACCINATION STRATEGY. THE STRATEGY AIMS

- To provide free vaccination to all adult Indians, safely, as fast as possible.
- To protect on priority Healthcare Workers & Frontline Workers.
- To protect those vulnerable population i.e. 45 years and above, who contribute to more than 80% of COVID related mortality in the country.

Based on scientific & epidemiological evidence and global best practices, each phase of the exercise broad-based the vaccine coverage across new priority groups based on dynamic mapping to the production and availability of COVID-19 vaccines in the country.

India has administered the most number of vaccine doses (41.2 Cr) in comparison to US (33.8 Cr), Brazil (12.4 Cr), Germany (8.6 Cr), UK (8.3 Cr). 12.3Cr (42%) vaccine doses were administered in urban areas while 17.11 Cr (58%) in rural areas in the period 1st May to 19th July. In the same period, 21.75 Cr males (53%), 18.94 Cr females (47%) and 72,834 other-gendered persons also received the vaccine.

The guiding principles of Test, Track, Treat, Vaccinate and COVID Appropriate Behaviour were highlighted as the way forward in India's war with COVID-19.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Pandemic should not be a matter of politics, it is a matter of concern for entire humanity.
- The PM stresses the need to properly plan the vaccination drives at the district level based on the advance availability information.
- India has administered the most number of vaccine doses (41.2 Cr) in comparison to US (33.8 Cr), Brazil (12.4 Cr), Germany (8.6 Cr), UK (8.3 Cr).
- Looking at the situation in various countries, we need to stay vigilant.
- Leaders across parties thank PM for his efforts through the pandemic. ■



DISRUPTORS AND OBSTRUCTERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DERAIL INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT TRAJECTORY



AMIT SHAH

Disruptors and obstructers will not be able to derail India's development trajectory through their conspiracies. Monsoon session will bear new fruits of progress.

The facts and sequence of events are for the entire nation to see. Today (19 July 2021) the Monsoon Session of Parliament has started. In what seemed like a perfect cue, late last evening we saw a report which has been amplified by a few sections with only one aim - to do whatever is possible and humiliate India at the world stage, peddle the same old narratives about our nation and derail India's development trajectory.

The people of India have high hopes from the current Monsoon Session. Key bills for the welfare of farmers, youngsters, women and the backward sections of society are lined up for debate and discussion. No less than the Prime Minister said that the Government is ready to discuss all topics.

Just a few days ago the Council of Ministers was expanded with great emphasis given to women, SC, ST and OBC members. But there are forces unable to digest this. They also want to derail national progress. This merits the question - to whose tune are these people dancing, who want



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to keep showing India in poor light? What pleasure do they get to time and again show India in bad light?

To see the rudderless Congress, jump on to this bandwagon is not unexpected. They have good past experience in trampling over democracy and with their own house not in order,

they are now trying to derail anything progressive that comes up in Parliament.

When the Prime Minister rose in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to introduce his Council of Ministers, which is a well-established norm, the Congress-led Opposition was in the well of both the Houses. Is this their respect for Parliamentary norms? The same behaviour continued when the IT Minister was speaking about the issue.

People have often associated this phrase with me in lighter vein but today I want to seriously say - the timing of the selective leaks, the disruptions... Aap Chronology Samajhiye! This is a report by the disrupters for the obstructers. Disrupters are global organisations which do not like India to progress. Obstructers are political players in India who do not want India to progress. People of India are very good at understanding this chronology and connection.

And, I want to assure the people of India that the Modi govt's priority is clear - 'National Welfare' and we will keep working to achieve that no matter what happens. ■

(The writer is Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Government of India)

VACCINATION DRIVE, 'SEWA HI SANGHATAN' & UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN MANIPUR DISCUSSED

The Manipur BJP Core Committee Meeting was held at Imphal on 03 July, 2021. BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri BL Santhosh attended and addressed the meeting of the State Core Committee. It was attended by Manipur Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh, BJP State President Smt. A Sarda Devi, BJP National Spokesperson & State In-Charge Shri Sambit Patra and BJP NE In-Charge Shri Ajay Jamwal. Among other senior leaders, former BJP State Presidents Shri Th Chaoba and Shri Ksh Bhabananda, MPs Shri RK Ranjan & Leishemba Sanajaoba and State minister Shri Th Biswajit were also present.

Speaking to the Committee members Shri BL Santhosh discussed the forthcoming Assembly election in the State and discussed steps to be taken up to ensure the party's victory in the 12th Assembly elections, which is due in the early part of 2022. He also discussed about the vaccination drive against Covid 19 and on the progress of 'Sewa Hi Sanghatan' in Manipur.

Appealing to all to get vaccinated without any hesitation, Shri BL Santhosh had also appealed to the people including the pregnant women to get vaccinated against Covid-19. He added that vaccination is the only means to take the fight to the virus. Following the meeting, Manipur BJP President Smt. A Sharda Devi, in a press briefing thanked the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda for appointing her as the BJP President of the State unit.

She further stated that a number of meetings of the party State Executive and Core Committee were held in the presence of BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri BL Santhosh to strengthen BJP Manipur unit and to chalk out strategies for the forthcoming elections. The Manipur BJP President further said that Shri BL Santhosh's three days Pravas to Manipur was to review the progress of 'Seva Hi Sangathan', preparations for the upcoming elections and to meet party representatives and office bearers.

The meeting mainly discussed the responsibilities of the Core Committee in the forthcoming State



Assembly Election and strategies relating to it, which is due early next year. She added that the party Core Committee has also decided to increase the participation of women in the Assembly and local body elections.

Highlighting the achievements of the BJP government, Smt. A Sharda said that the long-cherished dream of implementing Inner Line Permit System (ILPS) in the State has been delivered since the coming of the incumbent BJP Government led by Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh and the indigenous people now feel more secure.

Further stating that conditions of National Highways, State Highways and inter-village roads have also been improved considerably since the coming of the BJP led Government, she asserted that the incumbent Government has given benefits of Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) and others to the people.

She also stated that frequent imposition of bandhs and blockades in the State has also dropped noticeably with the coming of the BJP led Government.

The BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) also met with party's state leaders, BJP MLAs and functionaries to chalk up strategies for the upcoming assembly election, during his Pravas in Imphal.

Later in a twitter message Shri BL Santhosh said, "Core committee meeting of @BJP4Manipur was held in the presence of State President Smt. Sharada Devi, CM @NBirenSingh and State Prabhari @sambitswaraj. We discussed vaccination drives, 'Sewa Hi Sangathan' & upcoming assembly elections". ■

UP BJP STATE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

Uttar Pradesh BJP State Working Committee Meeting was held in Lucknow on July 16, 2021. Addressing the meeting virtually from New Delhi BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and able leadership of UP Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, the State is marching ahead establishing new records and milestones of development.

The BJP National President said, “The State of Uttar Pradesh had witnessed a transformation under the BJP government. Remember how a few years ago, Uttar Pradesh was gripped by politics of appeasement, how power was misused to support one section and harass another section of the society and this was the order of the day. Only nepotism prevailed in UP but there was no development”.

Appreciating the work done by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and reminding how Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also praised his efforts for Covid management, Shri Nadda said, “If we talk of today, then we can proudly say that in last four years Uttar Pradesh has become one of the leading States of the country.”

He said, “The BJP government helped the State of Uttar Pradesh to get rid of Gunda Raj, Riots and Curfew”.

HOW NARROW-MINDED POLITICIANS CAN BE EXPECTED TO HANDLE UP

Criticizing the Opposition leaders as narrow-



BJP GOVERNMENT HELPED U OF GUNDA RAJ, RIOTS A

minded for raising questions on Covid-19 vaccines developed in the country Shri Nadda said, “Some dumb and narrow-minded leaders of the country, who have less intelligence are saying we should not be treated as rats, we are not guinea pigs... this has been the words of Opposition leaders”. But the country was able to manufacture two Covid-19 vaccines in a record time, he added.

Shri Nadda further said, “A leader from Uttar Pradesh referred to the vaccine as BJP’s vaccine. But when his father took the shot, he also became ready. Such statements reveal the leader’s level.”

Criticizing the Congress, Shri Nadda said, “Some politicians/ political tourists see politics as tourism, they do not come to power for service unlike BJP”.

Shri Nadda said, “Those who have such narrow-minded thinking, how they can be expected to handle a state like Uttar Pradesh?”



UTTAR PRADESH TO GET RID OF CURFEW: JP NADDA

IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TELL THE PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT THEY HAD BEEN DEPRIVED OF IN THE PAST TO MAKE THEM REALISE OF WHAT THEY HAD GAINED TODAY UNDER THE BJP GOVERNMENT.

ENSURE BIGGER VACCINATION DRIVES ACROSS THE STATE

The BJP National President asked party Karyakartas to ensure bigger vaccination drives across the State to give a befitting reply to statements on vaccines made by Opposition leaders.

He also asked them to spread awareness about the welfare schemes of both the central and State governments. He said it was important to tell the

people about what they had been deprived of in the past to make them realise of what they had gained today under the BJP government.

Informing the party workers about the deadlines for increasing manufacturing and procurement of vaccine and how Uttar Pradesh had taken a lead in vaccination, Shri JP Nadda asked workers to ensure that maximum people are vaccinated in the state as it would be a befitting reply to Opposition leaders' statements.

BJP WILL WIN MORE THAN 300 SEATS IN UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath speaking to the participants said we won a massive 68 out of 75 District Panchayat seats, 648 seats out of a total of 825 seats in block Panchayat polls and the BJP will win more than 300 seats out of 403 seats in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections too.

Addressing on the occasion BJP State President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh severely criticized the Opposition and said while the BJP and the government working persistently for the people during the Covid pandemic, there were leaders who were coming after a gap of over a year just like a tourist to UP.

He said the party has recently registered a massive victory in the District and block Panchayat polls. He congratulated the party Karyakartas for that and said be ready to register a mammoth victory once again in the upcoming 2022 UP Assembly elections with more seats than previous time.

Bharatiya Janata Party National Vice-president and UP BJP Prabhari Shri Radha Mohan Singh, BJP National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh, Union Ministers Smt. Smriti Irani & Shri Mahendar Nath Pandey, Deputy CMs Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dr. Dinesh Sharma, State General Secretary (Org.) Shri Sunil Bansal and Union Ministers, all MPs, MLAs of the State and Members of the UP Working Committee were present in the meeting.

In the meeting political situation of poll-bound UP, organizational works of the party, upcoming programmes in the organisation were discussed and the Working Committee was also set up to plan a road map for the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls. ■

UNION MINISTERS PIYUSH GOYAL & MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI APPOINTED AS LEADER & DEPUTY LEADER IN RAJYA SABHA

Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal, 57, was appointed as the Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha on 14 July, 2021. Announcing the appointment, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi said, "Congratulations to @PiyushGoyal ji on being appointed the Leader of House in Rajya Sabha. He has been entrusted by PM @NarendraModi ji with key responsibility. Wishing him continued vigor in the service to the nation."

Shri Piyush Goyal, who is a Rajya Sabha member from Maharashtra, is also in charge of several key ministries, including commerce and industry, consumer affairs, food and public distribution, and textiles. He was Deputy Leader of the Rajya Sabha when Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot was the Leader of the House. But after Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot became the Governor of Karnataka the post was vacant.

Congratulating Shri Piyush Goyal, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "I want to extend my warm wishes to @PiyushGoyal Ji for being appointed as Leader of House in Rajyasabha. I am sure that with your rich experience & statesmanship



you will become the strong voice of BJP in the upper house. Wishing you the best."

Similarly, Union Minister Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi was on 19 July, 2021 appointed as the Deputy Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha. Shri Naqvi, 63, succeeds Shri Piyush Goyal, who has been appointed as the Leader of House. In a written communication to Rajya Sabha Chairman Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi said, "The Prime Minister has directed me to inform that Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Union Minister of Minority Affairs, has been appointed as the Deputy Leader of the Rajya Sabha". ■

BJP YUVA MORCHA NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS' TEAM ANNOUNCED

With the consent of BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya on 14 July, 2021 announced the names of 22 office bearers of BJYM including 7 national Vice-Presidents, 3 General Secretaries and 7 Secretaries in the executive body.

In a press release the new names of National Vice-Presidents, National General Secretaries, National Secretaries, Treasurer, Office In-charge, Media In-charge, Social Media In-charge and Policy & Research Department of BJP National Yuva Morcha were announced.

As per the release, Shri Anup Kumar Saha (MLA), Shri Madhukeshwar Desai, Shri Manish Singh, SuShri Arpita Aparajita Badajena, Shri Ram Satpute (MLA), Dr. Abhinav Prakash and Smt. Neha Joshi have become new National Vice-Presidents of the BJP Yuva Morcha.

Shri Raju Bista (MP), Shri Rohit Chahal, Shri Vaibhav Singh are new National General Secretaries of the BJP Yuva Morcha.

Shri Shyam Raj, Ku. Shahzadi Syed, Shri Ravi Bhagat, Shri Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga, Shri Gaurav Goutham, Shri Arun Jyoti Hajarika, Shri Ningthoujam Mongpoknganba are also appointed as new secretaries.

As per the release, Shri Sai Prasad is Treasurer, Shri Vinit Tyagi is Office In-Charge, Shri Amandeep Singh is Media In-Charge, Shri Kapil Parmar is appointed as Social Media In-Charge of BJYM; while the Policy & Research Department will be led by Varun Jhaveri. ■

RS 75,000 CRORE RELEASED TO STATES AND UT WITH LEGISLATURE AS GST COMPENSATION SHORTFALL

Ministry of Finance has released on July 15, Rs 75,000 crore to the States and UTs with Legislature under the back-to-back loan facility in lieu of GST Compensation. This release is in addition to normal GST compensation being released every 2 months out of actual cess collection.

Subsequent to the 43rd GST Council Meeting held on 28.05.2021, it was decided that the Central Government would borrow Rs 1.59 lakh crore and release it to States and UTs with Legislature on a back-to-back basis to meet the resource gap due to the short release of Compensation on account of inadequate amount in the Compensation Fund. This amount is as per the principles adopted for a similar facility in FY 2020-21, where an amount of Rs 1.10 lakh crore was released to States under a similar arrangement. This amount of Rs 1.59 lakh crore would be over and above the compensation in excess of Rs 1 lakh crore (based on cess collection) that is estimated to be released to States/UTs with Legislature during this financial year. The sum total of Rs 2.59 lakh crore is expected to exceed the amount of GST compensation accruing in FY 2021-22.

All eligible States and UTs (with Legislature) have agreed to the arrangements of funding of the compensation shortfall under the back-to-back loan facility. For effective response and management of COVID-19 pandemic and a step-up in capital expenditure all States and UTs have a very important role to play. For assisting the States/UTs in their endeavour, Ministry of Finance has frontloaded the release of assistance under the back-to-back loan facility during FY 2021-22 Rs 75,000 crore (almost 50% of the total shortfall for the entire year) released today in a single instalment. The balance amount will be released in the second half of 2021-22 in steady instalments.

The release of Rs 75,000 crore being made now is funded from borrowings of Govt in 5-year securities, totalling Rs 68,500 crore and 2-year securities for Rs 6,500 crore issued in the current financial year, at a Weighted Average Yield of 5.60 and 4.25 percent per annum respectively.

It is expected that this release will help the States/UTs in planning their public expenditure among other things, for improving, health infrastructure and taking up infrastructure projects. ■

RECORD ALLOCATION 109.33 LMT FOODGRAINS FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO 14.71 CR BENEFICIARIES OF UP

In order to bring relief to the most vulnerable, a record allocation 109.33 LMT food grains for free of cost distribution for Uttar Pradesh has been made under PMGKAY. Over 14.71 Crore persons of Uttar Pradesh are being benefited through the said scheme. The cost of these food grains amounts to Rs 40,093 crores. The Government of India is bearing the entire cost on account of such distribution including food subsidy, intra-state transportation, dealer's margin/additional dealer's margin etc and the foodgrains are being issued free of cost to the State Government by Food Corporation



of India. Under this scheme, 5 Kg food grains per person (which includes 3 Kg Wheat and 2 Kg Rice) per month was distributed additionally to the NFSA beneficiaries. Uttar Pradesh has the highest allocation in the country under NFSA. ■

'HAR GHAR JAL' REACHES 1 LAKH VILLAGES AND 50 THOUSAND GRAM PANCHAYATS

To translate the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of providing clean tap water to every household in the country by 2024, Jal Jeevan Mission, working with speed and scale, has achieved a milestone of providing tap water supply to every household in 1 lakh villages across India, in a short period of 23 months. As per a report published on 14 July 2021 at the launch of this ambitious programme, out of 18.94 Crore rural households in country, only 3.23 Crore (17%) had tap water connections. Despite Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown disruptions, Jal Jeevan Mission provided 4.49 Crore tap water connections during 23 months and has also made 50 thousand Gram Panchayats 'Har Ghar Jal' by providing tap water supply to every household in these panchayats.

Today tap water supply has reached to 7.72 Crore (40.77%) households. Goa, Telangana, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry have achieved 100% tap water supply in rural areas and has become 'Har Ghar Jal'. Following the principle of Prime Minister's vision of 'SabkaSaath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', the motto of the Mission is that 'no one is left out' and every household in a village should be provided with tap water connection. At present, 71 districts, 824 blocks, 50,309 Gram Panchayats and 1,00,275 villages have achieved the target of 'Har Ghar Jal'.

Announced by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra



Modi on 15th August 2019, in a paradigm shift from earlier water supply programmes, Jal Jeevan Mission focuses on water service delivery rather than providing mere water supply infrastructure. Under JJM, aim is to ensure that every household irrespective of its socio-economic condition, has tap water supply. The JJM is built on the principle of 'no one is left out' ensuring poorest of the poor, weaker and marginalized sections of society - those unserved so far, get assured potable tap water supply in their homes. Assured availability of drinking water in homes will save the women and young girls of centuries old drudgery faced by them across rural India. It will improve their health, education and socio-economic conditions. Further, tap water connection in every rural home, brings dignity to the people as it bridges the urban-rural gap and brings 'ease of living' in accessing safe water. ■

GABINET APPROVES CONTINUATION OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED NATIONAL AYUSH MISSION

The Union Cabinet on July 14 chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from 01-04-2021 to 31-03-2026 with financial implication of Rs. 4607.30 crore (Rs 3,000 crore as Central Share and Rs. 1607.30 crore as State Share). The Mission was launched on 15-09-2014.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE MISSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Better access to AYUSH healthcare services

- through increased healthcare facilities offering AYUSH services and better availability of medicines and trained manpower,
- Improvement in AYUSH education through a well-equipped enhanced number of AYUSH Educational institutions,
- To focus on reducing communicable/non-communicable diseases through targeted public health programmes using AYUSH systems of Healthcare. ■

INDIA EMERGES AS 5TH LARGEST FOREX RESERVES HOLDER IN THE WORLD WITH \$608.99 BILLION AS ON JUNE 25, 2021

With India's forex reserves at \$608.99 billion as on June 25, 2021 stood, India has emerged as the fifth largest foreign exchange reserves holder in the world after China, Japan, Switzerland and Russia. This was stated by Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

The Minister stated that India's foreign exchange reserves position is comfortable in terms of import cover of more than 18 months and provides cushion against unforeseen external shocks. Government and RBI are closely monitoring the emerging external position calibrating policies or regulations to support robust macroeconomic growth.

Giving more details, the Minister said that RBI takes regular steps for diversification of forex reserves by scaling up operations in forex swap and repo markets, acquisition of gold and exploring new markets/products, while adhering to safety and liquidity standards. Variation in India's forex reserves is primarily the outcome of RBI's intervention in the foreign exchange market to smoothen exchange rate volatility, valuation changes due to movement of US dollar against other international currencies in the reserve basket, movement in gold prices, interest earnings from deployment of foreign currency assets and inflow of aid receipts.

The Minister further stated that a current account deficit, accompanied by increasing foreign exchange



reserves, reflects a surplus on the balance of payments i.e., the magnitude of the net capital inflows exceeds the volume of the current account deficit. In 2020-21, India's balance of payments recorded surplus in both current account and capital account which contributed to the increase in foreign exchange reserves during the year.

Besides exports and imports of goods and services, the overall stability of the external sector depends on other components of balance of payments including remittances (transfers), income in the current account, the size of net capital flows and external debt. India is comfortable in most of these external sector vulnerability indicators, the Minister said. ■

IIT ROPAR DEVELOPS FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND OXYGEN RATIONING DEVICE - AMLEX

To increase the life of medical oxygen cylinders three fold, the Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar has developed a first-of-its-kind Oxygen Rationing Device – AMLEX that supplies a required volume of oxygen to the patient during inhalation and trips when the patient exhales CO₂. This process saves oxygen which otherwise unnecessarily get wasted.

So far, during exhalation, the oxygen in the oxygen cylinder/pipe is pushed out along with the exhaled CO₂ by the user. This leads to wastage of a large volume of oxygen in long run. In addition to this, a large volume of oxygen escapes from the openings of the mask to the environment in the resting period (between inhalation and exhalation) due to continuous flow of life saving gas in the mask. As we have seen the demand of medical oxygen has jumped manifold amid the second wave of Covid-19, the device would help in stopping the unwanted wastage of the same. ■

CABINET APPROVES INCREASE IN DEARNESS ALLOWANCE AND DEARNESS RELIEF

The Cabinet Committee chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 14 has approved increase the Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners with effect from 01.07.2021 to 28% representing an increase of 11% over the existing rate of 17% of the Basic Pay/Pension.

In view of the unprecedented situation which arose due to the COVID-19 pandemic, three additional instalments of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners, which were due from

01.01.2020, 01.07.2020 and 01.01.2021, had been frozen.

Now, the Government has decided to increase the Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners with effect from 01.07.2021 to 28% representing an increase of 11% over the existing rate of 17% of the Basic Pay/Pension. The increase reflects the additional instalments arising on 01.01.2020, 01.07.2020 and 01.01.2021. The rate of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief for the period 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2021 shall remain at 17%. ■

CABINET APPROVES SPECIAL LIVESTOCK PACKAGE FOR LEVERAGING INVESTMENT OF RS.54,618 CRORE

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on July 14 approved implementation of special livestock sector package consisting of several activities by revising and realigning various components of Government of India's schemes for next 5 years starting from 2021-22 in order to further boost growth in livestock sector and thereby making animal husbandry more remunerative to 10 crore farmers engaged in Animal Husbandry Sector. This package envisages Central Government's support amounting to Rs.9800 crore over duration of 5 years for leveraging total investment of Rs.54,618 crore for 5 years.

As per this, all the schemes of the Department will be merged into three broad categories as Development Programmes which includes Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), National Livestock Mission (NLM) and Livestock Census and Integrated Sample Survey (LC & ISS) as sub-schemes, Disease Control programme renamed as Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC)

which includes the present Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH & DC) scheme and National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) and Infrastructure Development Fund wherein, the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development fund (AHIDF) and the Dairy Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) are merged and the present scheme for support to Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in Dairy activities is also included in this third category.

The Rashtriya Gokul Mission will help in development and conservation of indigenous breeds and would also contribute in improving the economic condition of the rural poor. The National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) scheme is targeted towards installation of about 8900 bulk milk coolers, thus providing benefit to more than 8 lakh milk producers and 20 LLPD milk will be additionally procured. Under NPDD, financial assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will be availed thus strengthening and creating fresh infrastructure in 4500 villages. ■

EIGHT NEW ROUTES LAUNCHED TO BOOST REGIONAL AERIAL CONNECTIVITY

Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation along with Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh and Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on July 16 virtually flagged off 8 new routes bolstering the aerial connectivity from Madhya Pradesh to Maharashtra & Gujarat. Shri Rakesh Singh, Member of Parliament, Jabalpur, Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation along with other senior officials of the ministry were also present during the flag off.

Shri Pradhuman Singh Tomar, Minister of Energy, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh; Shri Tulsi Silawat, Minister of Water Resources, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh; Dr. Kirit Solanki, Member of Parliament, Ahmedabad; and Shri Vivek Narayan Shejwalkar, Member of Parliament, Gwalior also joined the flag-off event virtually. Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, said "I would like to congratulate the people of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat on the commencement of the new flight operations. Besides, additional flights between the Delhi-Jabalpur route will also commence from July 18 onwards, and Khajuraho-Delhi-Khajuraho flights from October 2021 onwards. We are committed to bolster regional air connectivity and take the Prime Minister's vision of Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) to greater heights!"



The airlines M/S SpiceJet will commence operations on these 8 new routes: Gwalior-Mumbai-Gwalior, Gwalior-Pune-Gwalior, Jabalpur-Surat-Jabalpur, and Ahmedabad-Gwalior-Ahmedabad route.

Earlier this month, under the UDAN scheme, M/S Indigo airlines started another flight to connect Kolkata, West Bengal & Imphal, Manipur with Dibrugarh, Assam.

To date, 359 routes and 59 airports including 5 heliports and 2 Water Aerodromes have been operationalized under the UDAN scheme. The number of domestic passengers is on the rise as flying emerges as a preferred, safe & time-saving mode of transport. On 15 July 2021, 1,56,450 passengers travelled on 1,450 flights. Total flight movement was 2,915 & total passenger movement was 3,12,892. ■

INDIA'S ENGINEERING GOODS EXPORTS REGISTERED A GROWTH OF 52.4%

Merchandise exports in June 2021 were USD 32.50 Billion, as compared to USD 21.91 Billion in June 2020, exhibiting a positive growth of 48.34 per cent. Indian engineering exports were on their upward journey in June, 2021 following the trend of the last two months. India's engineering goods exports registered a growth of 52.4% during the month of June 2021 as compared to the same period last year. With reference to June 2019, the growth witnessed (in June 2021) was 41.9%.

Engineering exports which stood at USD 6274.9 Million in June, 2019 and USD 5841.6 in June 2020 rose to USD 8903.5 million in June 2021. Cumulative engineering exports during April-June 2021-22 were to the tune of USD 24772.6 million, witnessing a massive growth of 82% vis-a-vis April-June 2020-21, and growth of 24.8% vis-a-vis April-June 2019-20.

‘Artha’ includes what is known as political and economic policies. According to the ancients, it used to include the justice and punishment also. ‘Kama’ relates to the satisfaction of various natural desires. “Dharma” defines a set of rules to regulate the social activity, ‘Artha and Kama’, so as to progress in an integral and harmonious way, and attain not only ‘Kama’ and ‘Artha’ but also ‘Moksha’ eventually.

Thus even though Dharma regulates Artha and Kama, all the three are interrelated and mutually complementary. Dharma helps achieve Artha. Even in business, one requires honesty, restraint, truthfulness etc. which are the attributes of Dharma. Without these qualities one cannot earn money. It must be admitted that Dharma is instrumental in attaining Artha and Kama. Americans proclaimed, “Honesty is the best business policy”. In Europe they said, “Honesty is the best policy”. We go one step forward and assert “Honesty is not a policy but a principle” i.e. we believe in Dharma not just because it is instrumental in acquiring Artha but because it is a fundamental principle of civilized life.

Kama too can be attained only through Dharma. Having produced the material things such as nice food-when, where, how and in what measure it will be used can be determined only by Dharma. If a sick person eats food meant for a healthy one and vice-versa, both of them will be at a disadvantage. Dharma helps in restraining the natural tendencies of man, whereby he is able to determine what is beneficial to him apart from what is pleasurable. Hence Dharma is given the foremost place in our culture.

Dharma is of primary importance, but we should not forget that it is not possible to practice Dharma in the absence of Artha. There is a saying “What sin will not be committed by one who is starving? Those who have lost everything become ruthless.” Even a rishi like Vishwamitra driven by hunger broke into the home of a hunter and ate the flesh of a dog. Therefore, we are enjoined to see that there is enough wealth created continuously, since wealth also strengthen Dharma. Similarly the government has to maintain law and order and prevent chaos, which definitely destroys Dharma. At the time of Chaos, law of the jungle prevails where the strong feed upon the weak. Therefore, stability in the state is also essential for the

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In order to do this, education, character building, spread of idealism, and suitable economic structures are all necessary. Governments also fall inside the realm of Artha. Excessive power of state is also harmful to Dharma. It was said that a king should be neither too harsh nor too soft with his people. Heavy reliance on harsh measures produces a feeling of revolt in people. When state usurps the rightful position of Dharma, then there is this evil of preponderance of power of the state. Dharma

suffers thereby. This is the reason of the decline of Dharma in ruthless states.

When the state-acquires all powers, both political and economic, the result is the decline of Dharma. In this way if the state has unlimited powers, the whole society looks towards the state, for everything. Officers of the government neglect their duties and acquire vested interests. These are all signs of the preponderance of the powers of state. Dharma suffers a setback. Hence Artha should not be allowed to acquire hold in either of these two ways.

Karma too has been considered on the same lines. If the physical needs are neglected, and desires entirely suppressed, Dharma does not grow.

Dharma cannot be observed if one has no food to eat. If the fine arts which satisfy the mind, are altogether stopped, then the civilizing influence on people will not be present. Mind will become perverse and Dharma neglected. On the other hand, if greediness of the gluttons of Rome or sensuousness of Yayati prevails, then the duties will be forgotten. Hence Kama too must be pursued consistent with Dharma. We have thus considered the life of an individual in a thorough

and integrated manner. We have set the aim of developing body, mind intellect as well as soul in a balance way. We have tried to satisfy the manifold aspiration man taking care that efforts to satisfy two different aspirations are not mutually conflicting. This is the integrated picture of all the fourfold aspirations of an individual. This concept of a complete human being, integrate individual, is both our goal as well as our path. What should be the relation of this integrated human being with the society and how the interests of the society should be enhanced will also be discussed.

We considered man as an individual. There are different aspects of an individual personality, different levels of needs of an individual. In order to develop complete personality, to satisfy the needs

progressively but simultaneously at all levels, certain specific kinds of efforts are needed. These, too, were considered. But man does not exist merely as an individual. The individual comprising of body, mind, intellect and soul as not limited to singular "I" but is also inseparably related to the plural "We". Therefore we must also think of the group or the society. It is a simple truth to treat society is a group of men. But how did society come into being? Many views have been put forward by philosophers. Those propounded in the West and on which the western socio-political structure is based can be broadly summarized as "society is a group of individuals brought into being by the individuals by an agreement

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among themselves." This view is known as "Social Contract Theory". Individual is given greater importance in this view. If there are any differences in different western views, these pertain only to the questions, namely, "If the individual produced a society, then in whom the residual power remains vested, in the society or in the individual? Does the individual have the right to change the society? Can the society impose a variety of regulations on the individual and claim a right

to the allegiance of the individual to itself? Or the individual is free as regards these questions?"

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There is a controversy in the West on this question. Some have opted for the society as supreme and from this a conflict has arisen. The truth is that the view that individuals have brought society into being, is fundamentally incorrect. It is true that the society is composed of a number of individuals. Yet it is not made by people, nor does it come into being by mere coming together of a number of individuals. ■

To be continued...

(Excerpts of the Speech delivered on "Integral Humanism" in Bombay on April 22nd - 25th, 1965 by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya in the form of four lectures.)

KUSHABHAU THAKRE: JAYANTI-15 AUGUST SHAT-SHAT NAMAN !

Shri Kushabhau Thakre was born on August 15, 1922 in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh to parents Dr. Sundar Rao Shripati Rao Thakre and Smt. Shanta Bai Sundar Rao Thakre. He was educated at Dhar and Gwalior.

In 1942, he was inducted as a Pracharak in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh then moved to the Ratlam Division (Ratlam, Ujjain, Mandsaur, Jhabua, Chittaur, Kota, Bundi, halawad, Banswada (Rajasthan) and Dahod (Gujarat)). Shri Kushabhau Thakre remains a guiding light to thousands of karyakartas of BJP who were inspired by him to dedicate themselves to nation building process. He is remembered as true karyakarta who held high offices in the party but always remained connected to the ground and committed to ideology and organization.

RSS & JANA SANGH:

Shri. Kushabhau Thakre was associated with the RSS since 1942. He became Pracharak in 1942 at Neemunch (M.P) and then moved to the Ratlam Division(Ratlam, Ujjain, Mandsaur, Jhabua, Chittaur, Kota, Bundi, Jhalawad, Banswada(Raj.), Dahod (Gujarat)).



A GLIMPSE OF HIS JOURNEY THROUGH THE YEARS IN THE BHARATIYA JANA SANGH

- 1956 :** Secretary (Organisation), Madhya Pradesh since its inception.
- 1967 :** National Secretary, Bharatiya Jana Sangh, Orissa and also additional In-charge of Gujarat.
- 1974 :** National Secretary (Organisation), BJS
- 1977 :** President, Madhya Pradesh
- 1977 :** Jailed for 19 months during Emergency.
- 1979 :** Elected to Lok Sabha in a bye-election from Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh.
- 1980 :** Was appointed National Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party and In-charge of Gujarat, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh. Remained on this post upto 1984.
- 1984 to 1986 :** National Vice-President, BJP
- 1986 to 1991 :** BJP National General Secretary and In-charge of Madhya Pradesh.
- 1991 to 1993 :** BJP National Vice-President and In-charge of Uttar Pradesh.
- 1993 :** BJP General Secretary (Organisation) and In-charge Madhya Pradesh.
- 1998 to 2000 :** National President Bharatiya Janata Party. He left for his heavenly abode on December 28, 2003. We pay our respect to the great soul on him jayanti on 15th August. ■



PM INAUGURATES AND DEDICATES TO NATION MULTIPLE PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 16 inaugurated and dedicated to the nation several key projects of the Railways in Gujarat through video conference. He also inaugurated the Aquatics and Robotics Gallery, and Nature Park in Gujarat Science City during the event. He also flagged off two new trains i.e Gandhinagar Capital – Varanasi Superfast Express and MEMU service trains between Gandhinagar Capital and Varethā.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said the goal of the country today is not only to create a concrete structure but to create an infrastructure which has its own character. He said that children's learning and creativity should also get space along with their entertainment for their natural development. He added that Science City is a project that combines re-creation and re-creativity. It has such re-recreational activities that encourage creativity in children.

The Prime Minister noted that the Aquatics Gallery built in Science City is going to be even more enjoyable. It is one of the top aquariums not only in the country but also in Asia. He said that the sight of marine biodiversity from around the world at one place is a wonderful experience in itself.



The Prime Minister said the interaction with robots in the Robotics Gallery is not only the center of attraction but will also inspire our youth to work in the field of Robotics and will inculcate curiosity in their mind.

The Prime Minister stressed that India's needs of the 21st century cannot be met by the modus operandi of the 20th century. Therefore, there was a need for a fresh reform in the railways. He said that today the results of efforts to develop railways not just as a service but as an asset are visible. He said today major railway stations across the country are being modernised. Even railway stations in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities are now equipped with Wi-Fi facilities. The unmanned railway crossings on broad gauge have been completely eliminated to enhance safety of the people.

The Prime Minister emphasized on the critical role played by railways in a vast country like India. He said that railways also bring new dimensions of development, new dimensions of facilities. Due to the effort of the last few years, today trains are reaching the capitals of the North East for the first time. "Today Vadnagar has also become a part of this expansion. I have so many memories attached to Vadnagar station. The new station looks really attractive. With the construction of this new broad gauge line, the Vadnagar-Modhera-Patan heritage circuit is now connected with better rail service", said the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister remarked that the vehicle of development of New India will move forward only by moving on two tracks simultaneously. One track is of modernity, the other track is for the welfare of the poor, farmers and middle class. ■

PM INTERACTS WITH CMs OF 6 STATES ON COVID SITUATION

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on July 16 interacted with CMs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Maharashtra and Kerala to discuss Covid related situation. Union Home Minister, Health Minister were also present in the meeting. The Chief Ministers thanked the Prime Minister for lending all possible help and support in tackling Covid. They briefed the Prime Minister about the progress of vaccination and steps that are being taken to contain the spread of the virus in their states. They also provided feedback about the vaccination strategy.

The Chief Ministers talked about the steps taken to boost medical infrastructure and gave suggestions on dealing with any possible rise of cases in future. They also discussed post-Covid issues being faced by patients and steps being taken to provide assistance in such cases. They gave assurance that they are doing their best to control the surge of infection.

Union Home Minister mentioned that these six states account for more than eighty percent of the total cases during the month of July, while some of these states have very high test positivity rate as well. Union Health Secretary discussed the Covid cases in the country, and talked about the need to reinforce Covid appropriate behaviour and containment measures in the districts with high case load. He also suggested that opening up of these districts should be done in a graded and calibrated manner.

In his closing remarks the Prime Minister lauded the state governments for their mutual cooperation and learning in their fight against the pandemic. The Prime Minister said that all of us are at a point where apprehensions of the third wave are continuously expressed. Despite experts giving positive signals due to the downward trends increasing number of cases in few states is still worrisome. The Prime Minister pointed out that during the last week 80 per cent cases as well as 84 per cent unfortunate deaths came from the states present in the meeting. Initially experts believed that states where the second wave originated will see the normalization first. However, increasing numbers in Kerala and Maharashtra are cause of grave worry, said the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister cautioned that similar trends were seen in January-February before the second wave. That's why, the Prime Minister insisted, that in



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the states where cases are rising, we have to take proactive measures to prevent the possibility of the third wave.

The Prime Minister underlined the expert's view that if the cases keep on rising for long time, chances of mutation of the Corona virus will also increase and dangers of new variants will also rise. Therefore, said the Prime Minister, we need to continue with the strategy of Test, Track, Treat and Teeka (vaccination) while putting special focus on Micro-containment zones. Districts with large numbers should be focussed on. Shri Modi stressed increased testing in entire states. Terming vaccine as a strategic tool for high infection areas, the Prime Minister stressed the effective use of vaccination. The Prime Minister praised the states who are using this time to improve their RT-PCR testing capacity.

The Prime Minister talked of the financial help that is being provided for enhancing medical infrastructure like ICU beds and testing capacity. Referring to the recently approved Rs 23000 emergency Covid response package, the Prime Minister asked the states to use the funds to strengthen medical infrastructure.

The Prime Minister exhorted the states to fill the



MARASHTRA AND KERALA IS A CAUSE OF CONCERN: PM

infrastructural gaps, specially in the rural areas. He also asked to strengthen IT systems, control rooms and call centres so that citizens get access to resources and data in a transparent manner and patients are spared the hassle. Shri Modi said that out of 332 PSA plants allocated to the states present in the meeting, 53 plants have been commissioned. He asked the Chief Ministers to expedite the completion of the plants. The Prime Minister made special mention of the need to protect children from being infected and make all possible arrangement in this regard.

The Prime Minister noted with concern the rise of number of cases in Europe, America and Bangladesh, Indonesia, Thailand and many other countries. This should alert us and the world, said the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister reiterated that Corona is not over and expressed deep concern over the pictures that are coming post lockdown. He emphasized need to follow protocol and avoid crowding as many states in the meeting have metropolitan cities with dense population. He also called upon political parties, social organizations, and NGOs to spread awareness among people. ■

COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE

The new phase of universalization of COVID-19 vaccination commenced from 21st June 2021. The vaccination drive has been ramped up through availability of more vaccines, advance visibility of vaccine availability to States and UTs for enabling better planning by them, and streamlining the vaccine supply chain.

As part of the nationwide vaccination drive, Government of India has been supporting the States and UTs by providing them COVID Vaccines free of cost. In the new phase of the universalization of the COVID19 vaccination drive, the Union Government will procure and supply (free of cost) 75% of the vaccines being produced by the vaccine manufacturers in the country to States and UTs.

More than 42.15 crore (42,15,43,730) vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far, through all sources and a further 71,40,000 doses are in the pipeline. Of this, the total consumption is 40,03,50,489 doses as per data available till 20 July 2021. ■

SITUATION PREVAILING IN WEST BENGAL IS A MANIFESTATION OF “LAW OF THE RULER” AND NOT “RULE OF LAW”: NHRC

The situation prevailing in West Bengal is a manifestation of “law of the ruler” and not “rule of law”, the NHRC panel probing post-poll violence in the state has said in a damning indictment of the Mamata Banerjee government, and recommended CBI investigation in cases of rape and murder.

The NHRC panel, constituted following an order by a five-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court, also said the cases of alleged rape and murder be tried outside the state. Business Standard in a news report

people were assaulted, forced to flee their homes and their properties destroyed in post-election violence.

A five-judge bench headed by Acting Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal had directed the NHRC chairman on June 18 to constitute a committee to examine all cases of alleged human rights violation during the violence that lasted several days.

“This was retributive violence by supporters of the ruling party against supporters of the main opposition party,” the NHRC panel said in the report.

“It is indeed ironical that, in the land of Rabindra



said, “The committee has recommended that grievous offences like murder, rape, etc should be handed over to the CBI for investigation and these cases should be tried outside the state,” the report, submitted to the court in sealed covers on June 13”.

“The situation in the State of West Bengal is a manifestation of ‘Law of Ruler’ instead of ‘Rule of Law,’ the report of the seven-member committee said, as it highlighted “appalling apathy” of the government towards the plight of victims.

After the report was submitted on 13 July the court had directed that its soft copies along with annexures be supplied to the counsel for the petitioners, the Election Commission, and the Additional Solicitor General of India.

A clutch of PILs filed before the court had alleged



Nath Tagore, ‘Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high; where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls’; thousands of its citizens have been subjected to murder, rape, displacement

and intimidation, etc. in the last couple of months,” it noted.

The report also spoke of government machinery being used to further the objectives of the party in power.

“This may well be death knell for democracy in this great nation. It is high time that the rot is stemmed and this trend is reversed in the interest of having a vibrant democracy in this nation,” the committee said in the strongly-worded 50-page report.

It warned that if the worrisome trend was not

checked the “disease” may spread to other states also.

Maintaining that the acts of violence resulted in disruption of life and livelihood of thousands of people and their “economic strangulation”, the report said, “The local police has been grossly derelict, if not complicit, in this violence.”

Holding that violence and intimidation has continued, the report said that there is palpable “fear among victims against police and goons of ruling party.”

It said that many displaced persons have not yet been able to return to their homes and resume their normal life and livelihood.

“There have been several sexual offences but victims are scared to speak out. Loss of faith in state administration among victims is very evident,” the report noted.

The panel said neither senior officers nor political leaders condemned the violence, visited the spots, assuaged the victims or did anything substantive to ameliorate the problems.

“People were left on their own to protect the violation of their human and fundamental rights, including right to life, liberty, dignified living and health,” the committee said, as it held reponsible “a pernicious politico- bureaucratic-criminal nexus” for the violence.

The seven-member panel recommended constituting a committee headed by a retired judge to monitor the implementation of the orders of the high court. The committee should have independent officers as observers in each of the affected districts.

It suggested that barring the grievous cases like rape and murder, which should be handed over to the CBI, others be probed by a court-monitored SIT. The trials, it said, should be conducted in fast track courts and witnesses given adequate protection.

The recommendations included ex-gratia payment, compensation for damage to property, rehabilitation of the victims, protection to women, static pickets of central forces and action against delinquent government servants.

Several teams under the seven-member committee headed by Rajiv Jain visited 311 spots across the state in 20 days before compiling the report.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NHRC REPORT

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- This was retributive violence by supporters of the ruling party against supporters of the main opposition party.
- Thousands of citizens have been subjected to murder, rape, displacement and intimidation, etc. in the last couple of months.
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The panel received around 1,979 complaints about over 15,000 victims from various sources including the NHRC itself, West Bengal Legal Services Authority, WB Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women and petitions filed in courts. ■

NEW MODI CABINET 2.0: SOCIALY MOST DIVERSE AND ALL INCLUSIVE

-BY RAM PRASAD TRIPATHY

The first cabinet expansion by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, after assuming charge for a second term in May 2019, is being hailed as socially most diverse and inclusive in the nation's parliamentary history, in the pursuit of realising a 'New India'. With this reset, the Prime Minister has infused young blood and has also given representation to various social groups, and regions to bring into governance the 'collective voice of all of India'.

With the inclusion of 43 new faces in the Council of Ministers, of whom 15 took oath as Cabinet ministers and 28 as ministers of state, the overall strength of the Union Cabinet has risen to 78, including the Prime Minister.

The New Modi Cabinet 2.0 includes the vibrancy and color of India's various communities and regions and is represented by almost all sections of the society. Therefore, it will be not an exaggeration if we call this new cabinet, a true reflection of India's diversity that ensures representation for India's poor, socially oppressed and backward, various states and regions, women, and youth.

Following the expansion, the Modi cabinet 2.0 has also become the government of

many 'Firsts'. This cabinet is also energized with the Youth power – to foster innovation and change. The outgoing Cabinet had an average age of 61 years, whereas the average age of the new cabinet is 58 years, in which, 14 ministers, including six in the cabinet, are below the age of 50 years.

In the same way, drawing from various sectors of the talent pool and expertise from various walks of life, the ministry

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includes 13 lawyers, six doctors, five engineers, seven former civil servants, seven PhDs, and three MBAs, with more than 68 having graduate degrees.

For a country to be empowered, the empowerment of women is extremely vital. Acknowledging this fact, Prime Minister Modi in the last seven years has ensured that women are given ample benefits, and equal and plentiful opportunities. Going by the tremendous amount of work done for the

welfare of women, this period will undoubtedly be remembered as the most significant period for 'Women Empowerment' in the recent history of India. Further continuing this effort and shaping New India's growth story, this is probably the first time in independent India where the Prime Minister included 7 women ministers, including two cabinet ministers, taking their overall strength to 11. This transition shows that India is transforming from women development to 'women-led development' under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In the context of social justice, the recent changes in the Union Cabinet are going to have far-reaching implications. For the first time in the post independent India, Modi government 2.0 has a record 12 Scheduled Caste Ministers, including two Cabinet Ministers, from across eight States– Bihar, MP, UP, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu, and representing 12 SC communities including – Chamar, Ramdassia, Khatik, Pasi, Kori, Madiga, Mahar, Arundathiyar, Meghwal, Rajbonshi, Matua-Namashudra, Dhanga and Dusadh.

Likewise, there is a record eight ST Ministers in Modi cabinet

and they represent eight States – Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Assam. These eight ST Ministers, including 3 Cabinet Ministers, come from seven ST Communities – Gond, Santal, Miji, Munda, Tea tribe, Kokana and Sonowal-Kachari.

Similarly, for the first time a record 28 OBC Ministers, including five Cabinet Ministers, from across 15 States and 20 communities – Yadav, Kurmi, Jat, Gurjar, Khandayat, Bhandari, Bairagi, Tea Tribe, Thakor, Koli, Vokkaliga Tulu Gowda, Ezhava, Lodh, Agri, Vanjari, Meitei, Nat, Mallah-Nishad, Modh Teli and Darzi, with many of the communities getting a seat in the cabinet for the first time, are included in the government.

The minorities also got adequate representation with five Minority Ministers from across five States – Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Punjab and Arunachal Pradesh. One Muslim, one Sikh, one Christian, two Buddhist, including three Cabinet Ministers in the government, resonate the basic mantra of Modi government 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'

Apart from it 29 Ministers are from other communities like Brahmin, Kshatriya, Baniya, Bhumihaar, Kayasth, Lingayat, Khatri, Kadva and Leuva Patel, Maratha, Reddy, and Nair etc.

The Modi government has

also included the experience of seniors – seasoned administrators and legislators to anchor and guide. 46 ministers have prior experience of being Ministers in the Central Government and 23 have been elected to Parliament for three or more terms – bringing in more than a decade of Parliamentary experience with them.

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government has also for the first time included faces from almost all the states– bringing the soul of Federalism into the Central government. At present the government has Ministers from 25 States + UTs. Five former CMs, 23 former Ministers in State Governments and 38 former MLAs – with State legislative experience will definitely enrich the government with their long

experience in their respective States.

The induction of new faces in the cabinet has undoubtedly infused new energy, dynamism and determination in the government. Needless to say, the new look government is brimming with confidence to counter any challenge that comes in the way of India's emergence as a world leader.

The new Cabinet for 'New India' has representation from across all the states and regions of the country representing the length and breadth of the country. With it Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given a clear cut message that Social justice and Gender justice is no longer about symbolic or ceremonial presence but a more robust and result-oriented representation at crucial decision-making positions, that only can bring meaningful results. Therefore, with the inclusion of a sizeable number of SCs, STs and OBCs, and ample number of women this will be the most socially diverse and inclusive council of ministers in the political history of the country.

By making the weaker sections of our society decision makers and stakeholders in the affairs of the nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has heralded a refreshing and historic change for the overall development of these sections to realize the dream of the founding fathers of the nation. ■



PM INAUGURATES AND LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN VARANASI

LAUDS KASHI AND UTTAR PRADESH FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN FIGHT AGAINST THE PANDEMIC

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on July 15 inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects in Varanasi. He inaugurated various public projects and works, including a 100 bed MCH wing in BHU, multi-level parking at Godauliya, Ro-Ro Vessels for tourism development on River Ganga and three lane flyover bridge on the Varanasi Ghazipur Highway. Projects worth around Rs. 744 crores.

He also laid the foundation stones of several projects and public works worth around Rs. 839 crores. These include the Centre for Skill and Technical Support of Central Institute of Petrochemical Engineering and Technology (CIPET), 143 rural projects under Jal Jeevan Mission and mango and vegetable integrated pack house in Karkhiyaon.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister recalled the difficult last few months when the mutated coronavirus attacked with full force. The Prime Minister lauded the efforts of Uttar Pradesh and Kashi in dealing with the challenge. He praised the efforts of the Government of Uttar Pradesh in dealing with the pandemic. He praised his team from Kashi, the administration and the entire team of Corona

warriors for the way they mobilized day and night to create arrangements in Kashi. "Even in the difficult days, Kashi has shown that it never stops and never tires", said the Prime Minister. He contrasted the unprecedented handling of the second wave with the earlier instances when Japanese encephalitis type of diseases used to wreak havoc. Even the small challenges used to acquire massive proportions in the absence of medical facilities and political will. Today, UP is the state with the highest number of tests and vaccinations, he said.

Shri Modi enumerated the rapidly improving medical infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh. Number of medical colleges in the last four years has grown four-fold. Many medical colleges are in various states of completion. Shri Modi talked of about 550 oxygen plants that are being established in the state out of which 14 were inaugurated today. He also praised the efforts to improve pediatric ICUs and oxygen facilities by the state government. He said that the recently announced Rs 23000 crore package will help Uttar Pradesh. He said that Kashi city is becoming a big medical hub of Purvanchal. He added that the treatment for some diseases for which one had to go

to Delhi and Mumbai is now available in Kashi. Some projects that were inaugurated today will further augment the medical infrastructure of the city.

The Prime Minister said that Many projects are propelling the ancient city of Kashi on the path of development while keeping its essence safe. He said projects like highways, flyovers, railway overbridges, underground wiring, solving the problems of sewer and drinking water, promoting tourism have seen unprecedented push from the government. "Even currently, work is on for schemes worth 8000 crore" The Prime Minister informed.

He said that cleanliness and beauty of Ganga and Kashi is the aspiration and priority. For this, work is being done on every front like roads, sewage treatment, beautification of parks and ghats. Broadening of Panchkosi Marg, Bridge on Varanasi Ghazipur will help many villages and adjoining cities.

The Prime Minister said Large LED screens installed all over the city and latest technology information boards on the ghats will be of great help to the visitors to Kashi. These LED screens and information boards will present the history, architecture, crafts, art, every such information of Kashi in an attractive way and will be of great use to the devotees. The broadcast of the aarti at the Ghat of Maa Ganga and at Kashi Vishwanath temple will be possible in the entire city through big screens. The Prime Minister also informed that Ro-Ro service and cruise service that were inaugurated today will boost tourism and Rudraksh center that is being inaugurated today will provide a world class platform to the artists of the city.

The Prime Minister also talked about the development of Kashi as a centre of learning in modern times. Today Kashi also got model school, ITI and many such institutions. CIPET's Centre for Skilling & Technical Support will help the area in industrial development. The Prime Minister said Uttar Pradesh is fast emerging as the leading investment destination of the country. He added that UP which was considered difficult to do business in till a few

years ago is becoming a favorite place for Make in India today. The Prime Minister credited the Yogi government for this as the focus on infrastructure development has been relentless in recent times. Shri Modi listed Defence Corridor, Purvanchal Expressway, Bundelkhand Expressway, Gorakhpur Link Expressway and Ganga Expressway as some examples of the recent push.

The Prime Minister said that a special fund of Rs 1 lakh crore has been created for modernizing agricultural infrastructure in the country which will now benefit our agricultural markets as well. This is a big step towards making the system of agricultural markets of the country modern and convenience-rich.

Noting the long list of fresh development projects in Uttar Pradesh, the Prime Minister said earlier also schemes and finances were planned for the state. But then in Lucknow they used to get blocked. The Prime Minister praised the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister for his energy and efforts to make sure that the result of development

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reaches all.

The Prime Minister said today there is rule of law in UP. The mafia raj and terrorism, which were once going out of control, are now under the grip of law. The way parents always lived in fear and apprehensions regarding the safety of sisters and daughters, that situation has also changed. Today, the government in UP is run by development not on corruption and nepotism. That is why, today in UP, the people are getting the benefits of the schemes directly. That is why, today new industries are investing in UP and employment opportunities are increasing, said the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister concluded by reminding the people of Uttar Pradesh about their responsibility of not allowing Corona to gain strength once again. He cautioned that despite slowing down, any carelessness can invite a massive wave. He called upon everyone to strictly follow the protocol and get vaccinated under "Vaccine for all-Free for All" Campaign. ■

PM INAUGURATES THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE – RUDRAKSH IN VARANASI

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 15 inaugurated the International Cooperation and Convention Centre – Rudraksh in Varanasi, which has been constructed with Japanese assistance. Then he inspected the Maternal and Child Health Wing, BHU. He also met with officials and medical professionals to review Covid preparedness.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that despite Covid, the pace of development remains intact in Kashi. He added that the 'International Cooperation and Convention Center - Rudraksh' is the result of this creativity and dynamism. He said this Centre shows the strong connect between India and Japan. He lauded Japan's effort in helping to build the convention centre.

Shri Modi recalled that Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Suga Yoshihide was the Chief Cabinet Secretary at that time. From then till he became the Prime Minister of Japan, he has been personally involved in this project. Shri Modi added that every Indian is grateful to him for his affinity towards India.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi remembered former Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe who was closely connected with today's event. He recalled the moment when he had a discussion with the then Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe on the idea of Rudraksh when he came to Kashi. The Prime Minister said this building has both the shine of modernity and cultural glow, it has the connection of India Japan relationship as well as scope of future cooperation also, said the Prime Minister. Shri Modi said that from his visit to Japan this kind of people to people relations were envisaged and projects like Rudraksh and Zen garden in Ahmedabad symbolize this relationship.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi lauded



Japan for being one of the most trusted friends of India today in both the strategic and economic spheres. He added that India's friendship with Japan is considered one of the most natural partnerships in the entire region. India and Japan are of the view that our development should be linked with our gaiety. This development should be all-round, should be for all, and should be all-encompassing.

The Prime Minister said songs, music and art flow from veins in Banaras. Here on the ghats of the Ganges so many arts have been developed, knowledge has reached the summit and so many serious thoughts related to humanity have taken place. That is how Banaras can become a huge global centre of music, religion, spirit and of knowledge and science. He added that this Centre will be a cultural hub and a medium to unite different people. He requested the people of Kashi to preserve this Centre.

Kashi has been adorned with so many development projects in the last 7 years, how could this adornment be completed without Rudraksha, said the Prime Minister. Now that Kashi which is the real Shiva has worn this Rudraksha, the development of Kashi will shine more, and the beauty of Kashi will increase more. ■

DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR JUDICIARY

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 14 has approved continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary for further five years from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026 at a total cost of Rs.9000 crore, out of which Central share will be Rs.5357 crore including Rs.50 crore for the Gram Nyayalayas Scheme and their implementation in a Mission Mode through National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms. Following activities will be carried out;

- Construction of 3800 court halls and 4000 residential units for Judicial Officers (JO) in all the District and Subordinate Courts in all the District and Subordinate Courts with an expenditure of Rs.4500 crores.
- Construction of 1450 Lawyers' Halls in all the District and Subordinate Courts with an expenditure of Rs.700 crore.
- Construction of 1450 toilet complex in all the District and Subordinate Courts with an expenditure of Rs.47 crore.
- Construction of 3800 Digital Computer Rooms in the District and Subordinate Courts with an expenditure of Rs.60 crore.



- Operationalisation of Gram Nyayalayas in implementing states with an expenditure of Rs.50 crore.
- An on-line monitoring system has been set up by the Department of Justice enabling data collection on progress, completion of court halls and residential units under construction as well as better asset management.
- Department of Justice has developed an online monitoring system with technical assistance from ISRO. ■

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POWERED GRIEVANCE MANAGEMENT APPLICATION LAUNCHED

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on July 15 launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered grievance management application in New Delhi on July 15, 2021, developed by Ministry of Defence with the help of IIT-Kanpur. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh graced the occasion.

This is the first AI based system developed to improve grievance redressal in the Government. The AI tool developed as part of the initiative has capability to understand the content of the complaint based on the contents therein. As a result, it can identify repeat complaints or spam automatically. Based on the meaning of the complaint, it can categorise complaints of different categories even when key words normally used for such search are not present in the complaint. It enables geographical analysis of complaints in a

category including analysis of whether the complaint was adequately addressed or not by the concerned office. Easy user-friendly search enables user to formulate his own queries/categories depending on management requirements and seek performance results based on the query. Given that lakhs of complaints are received on CPGRAMS portal of DARPG, this application will have great use in understanding the nature of complaints, geographies from where they emanate and policy changes which can be introduced to create systemic improvements to address these grievances.

Speaking on the occasion, the Raksha Mantri described the application as a product of good governance, which reflects the growing synergy between the Government and academia. He said this initiative is another citizen centric reform of the Government that aims to empower the people at large. ■

BIG DIP IN J&K TERROR INCIDENTS IN 2021

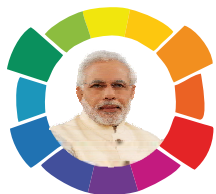
Jammu & Kashmir recorded a significant decline in terror related incidents this year, which fell to 67 till July 16, 2021 from 105 till June 30 last year. Local terror recruitment too was lower at 57 cases till July 16 this year as compared to 73 in the first half of 2020.

Sources in the central security establishment attributed the positive signs to concerted efforts by the UT administration to engage J&K youths with entrepreneurship initiatives and recreational activities like sports, etc. Of the 57 locals who joined terror ranks until July 16 this year, 34 have been neutralised and 11 have surrendered, leaving only 12 new recruits still active.

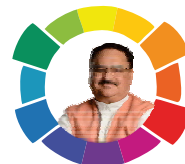
Around half a dozen security force personnel were killed till July 16 this year, as against 62 security personnel killed through 2020. Also, 14 civilians were killed by terrorists this year (till July 16) as against 37 killed through last year. Explaining the



fall in numbers of local youths joining terror outfits, a senior government official claimed that the push to entrepreneurship through measures such as offering commercial vehicles to youngsters for self-employment, skill development initiatives and constructive engagement through sports and other recreational activities helped dissuade local youths from picking up the gun. ■



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacts with the Indian athletes contingent bound for Tokyo Olympics, through video conferencing, in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the International Cooperation and Convention Centre - Rudraksh, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing the gathering after dedicating to the nation multiple development projects in Gujarat through video conferencing, in New Delhi



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