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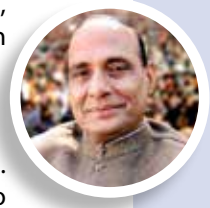
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Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is synonymous with courage and bravery. It is a great privilege to visit Janakinath Bhawan, Netaji's birthplace in Cuttack and pay tributes to him. The entire nation will always remain indebted to his monumental contribution to our freedom struggle.



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An irreparable loss! The INA veteran, Major (Retd.) Ishwar Lall Singh fought for India's independence with exceptional courage and diligence. I recall my interaction with him during my Singapore visit in November 2019. Pained by his demise. Condolences to his family. Om Shanti.



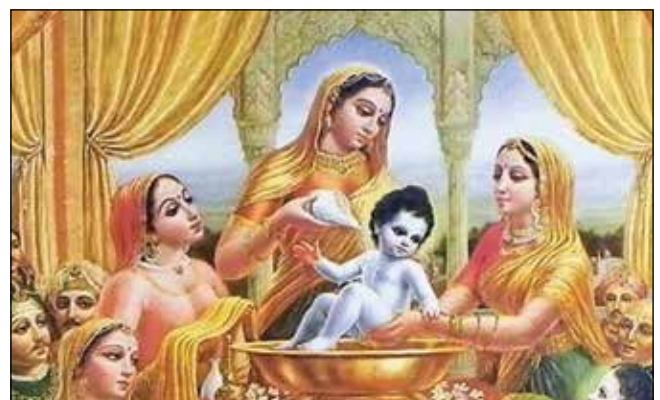
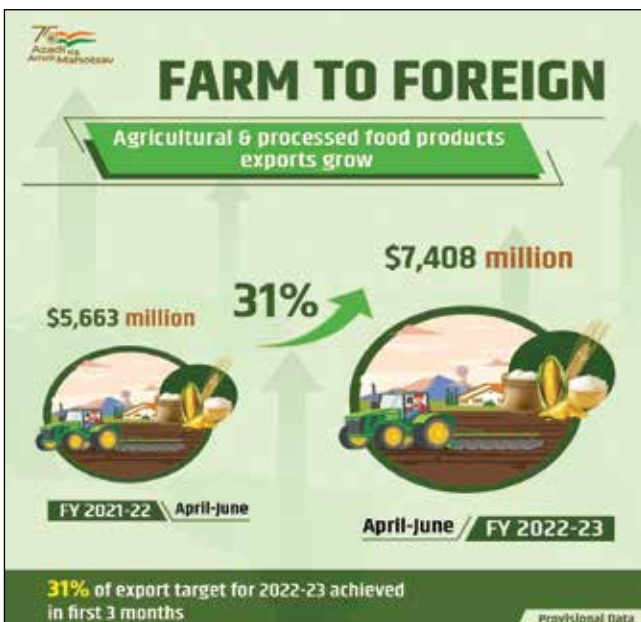
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KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
wishes a very happy
KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI (18 AUGUST)
to all of its readers

LET'S HOLD OUR NATIONAL FLAG HIGH

While the nation is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' is renewing the commitment of the people in realising the goals of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. As millions of people take to the streets, holding tricolours aloft and hoisting the national flag on their homes, a united India on the occasion of its 75th year of independence inspires everyone with renewed confidence, enthusiasm, and determination to build a "New India." It is time to remember the sacrifices of our forefathers who fought tirelessly for freedom and dedicated their entire lives to restoring Bharatvarsha's glory. It is time to again get inspired by the saga of struggle of the national heroes and take the pledge to fulfil the dreams of the great freedom fighters. It is time to be proud of centuries of past struggles, to remain unwaveringly committed to the high principles and ideals of the national movement, and to renew faith in the nation's destiny as envisioned by this great civilization's sages and seers. It is also a time to look back at the journey and the collective achievements of the nation amid all odds and adversities. It is also a time to count the disappointments and learn how even these disappointments have further strengthened our commitments and led us to the path of success.

It is an occasion to rededicate, renew commitments, and celebrate!

While the nation is celebrating 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', one can never forget the cost the nation had to pay for freedom from alien rule. While the nation got independence, the country was also partitioned due to the highly communal and separatist politics of the Muslim League in connivance with the Communists and the Britishers. The consequences were extremely painful as lakhs of people had to pay the price of partition through their lives. Millions were displaced from the lands of their forefathers and forced to migrate to distant places. During the partition, women, children, and the elderly were subjected to unspeakable miseries, violence, pain, and agony. It was the biggest tragedy in human history and it cannot be erased from the collective memory of the nation. Last year, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave a call to observe 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' on August 14th every year. It is not only to remember the sacrifices of the millions, their pain and sufferings for generations and continuous agony, but to take lessons from the tragic history of partition. The nation should always remember the horrors of partition and make the younger generation aware

of the consequences of highly communal, divisive and separatist politics in the country.

The occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', while calling for celebrations, also reminds everyone of the responsibilities and the journey of the nation ahead. It is also a time to redeem the pledge to build a strong, prosperous and capable India which remains committed to the mantra of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam' and the concept of 'Vishwa Kalyan'. As the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has made a call to the nation to dedicate completely to the 'Amrit Kaal' to build a 'New India' which is 'Aatmnirbhar', everyone has the responsibility to commit themselves to realising the full potential of the great nation. While the nation remembers the sacrifices of its heroes of the freedom struggle, and takes pride in the achievements of the 75 years of independence, the responsibility to take India forward in the 'Amritkal, is on the shoulders of every Indian. The 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' will undoubtedly rekindle the same fervour and enthusiasm that fueled the freedom struggle and will lead to the achievement of Amritkal's goals. The tricolour is the pride of the nation. It inspires everyone to move unitedly in the service of Maa Bharati. Let's hold our national flag high in every field. ■

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'TRICOLOUR - A REFLECTION OF THE PRIDE OF OUR PAST COMMITMENT TO THE PRESENT AND DREAMS OF THE FUTURE'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 'Tiranga Yatra' in Surat on 10 August, 2022. The PM began his address by wishing everyone a very Happy 'Amrit Mahotsav' and recalled that in a few days' time, India is completing 75 years of its independence. The Prime Minister said that all of us are preparing for this historic Independence Day as the Tricolour is hoisted in every corner of India.

Prime Minister Shri Modi remarked that every corner of Gujarat is full of enthusiasm, and Surat has only added to its glory. He said, "The attention of the whole country is on Surat today. In a way, a mini India is being seen in the Tiranga Yatra of Surat. People from all sections of society are involved in it." The Prime Minister further added that Surat has shown the real uniting power of the Tricolour. The Prime Minister further added that even though Surat has made a mark on the world because of its business and its industries, today, the Tiranga Yatra will be the centre of attention for the entire world.

While addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister acknowledged the people of Surat who brought alive the spirit of our freedom struggle in the Tiranga Yatra. He said, "There is a clothing seller, shopkeeper, somebody is a craftsman of looms, someone is a sewing and embroidery artisan, another one in transportation, they



are all connected." He appreciated the efforts of the entire textile industry of Surat who turned this into a grand event. The Prime Minister congratulated everyone for this Jan Bhagidari in the Tricolor campaign, especially Shri Sanwar Prasad Budhia, and the volunteers associated with 'Saket - Service is the goal' group who started this initiative. The Prime Minister further thanked Member of Parliament Shri CR Patil who empowered this initiative.

'EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT'

Shri Narendra Modi said, "Our national flag itself has been a symbol of the country's textile industry, the country's Khadi and our self-reliance." He said Surat

has always prepared the basis for a self-reliant India in this field. The Prime Minister further added that Gujarat led the freedom struggle in the form of Bapu and gave heroes like Iron Man Sardar Patel who laid the foundation of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' after independence. The message emanating from the Bardoli movement and the Dandi Yatra united the entire country.

Shri Modi remarked that the Tricolour of India does not contain only three colours in it, but is a reflection of the pride of our past, our commitment to the present and our dreams of the future. The Prime Minister mentioned that our Tricolour is a symbol of India's unity, India's integrity and India's diversity. Our fighters saw the

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BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT APPEALS TO CELEBRATE 'HAR GHAR TIRANGA' PROGRAM FROM AUGUST 13-15

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 02 August, 2022 appealed to fellow citizens to celebrate 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme from August 13-15. In a press release Shri Nadda said, "Entire country is celebrating 'Amrit Mahotsav' to mark the completion of 75 years of our Independence. We are commemorating this year remembering our great freedom fighters and martyrs. Together, we are making all efforts to make this occasion historic and memorable. Our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has planned a series of programmes and functions to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. These programmes showcase our nationalism; it reflects our commitment and dedication for our motherland".



TRICOLOUR IS OUR HONOUR, OUR PRIDE AND OUR GLORY

He said our National Flag; our Tricolour is our honour, our pride and our glory. It is not just a flag; it is a symbol of our great struggle for the freedom of the country. Lakhs of citizens gave their supreme sacrifices in our freedom struggles. It is due to the sacrifices and struggles of crores of our freedom fighters that today we are living in a free country. India is free today because of the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and martyrs.

Shri Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi wants to make the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal' a memorable one for every Indian. Therefore, it has been decided from August 13 to 15 we will celebrate the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme where every citizen will unfurl National Flag, our Tricolour atop their houses across the country for three days.

FULFILL THE WISH AND APPEAL OF PRIME MINISTER

"I appeal and request each and every citizen that we should all fulfill the wish and appeal of Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi by unfurling our Tricolour on top of our houses, outside our apartments and establishments for three days from August 13-15. It is my appeal to all the citizens to make this programme a huge success by showcasing their true feelings of nationalism and their love and affection for our great nation. We should all become part of this unique initiative to showcase our love and respect for our Tricolour. We have made arrangements of crores of Tricolour which will be hoisted on top of houses and buildings across the country", the BJP National President said.

He said, "I want to make one more appeal to all my fellow citizens to please use our Tricolour as the DP (Display Picture) in all profiles of social media accounts till August 15. For next fortnight our national flag should be the profile picture of our social media accounts, that is my humble appeal to all my brothers and sisters".

He said I have full confidence that all citizens of India will make the celebrations of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' memorable and historic. We all will unfurl our National Flag on top of our houses, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and from Kutch to Kamrup, to express our feelings of nationalism and patriotism. It will be our true tributes to all our great leaders and freedom fighters who all laid down their lives and sacrificed everything for our Independence. ■

RESPECT FOR INDIAN FLAG GROWN GLOBALLY: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah participated in 'Tiranga Utsav' in Delhi on 02 August 2022. He also participated in the video launch program of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' anthem. 'Har Ghar Tiranga' is a campaign under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. It encourages people to bring the Tiranga home and hoist it for the 75th Independence Day of India.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah appealed to the people to participate in 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign with great enthusiasm to tell the world that India has risen from slumber. He said the country is swiftly moving forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and is on course to become a great power.

Addressing a gathering during the 'Tiranga Utsav' event, he also said that a "Naya Bharat" was being built under Shri Modi's leadership as per his vision since 2014. "Since 2014, the stature of India has grown abroad; the respect for the Indian flag has grown globally since. On any problem that arises in the world, until PM Shri Modi has made its statement, the world does not decide its thoughts on it," Shri Shah said.

The mega event was hosted by the Minister of Culture in the evening to celebrate the legacy of freedom fighter Pingali Venkayya, who also designed the Indian flag. Shri Shah appealed to the people,



especially the youth, to change their display picture on social media platforms to Tricolour from August 2 onwards as exhorted by PM Shri Modi, and take selfies with the national flag during the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign from August 13-15, and upload it on its portal.

By doing so, you would also be paying tribute to Venkayya who designed the flag for the country and the soldiers who have laid down their lives for India, he told the huge gathering at Indira Gandhi Stadium.

Shri Amit Shah also said that some people were making comments about the Tricolour event, but he will ignore them. "I am not here to make any political comments as Tiranga is our 'Aan, Baan aur Shaan,'" he said. ■

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future of the country in the Tricolour, saw the dreams of the country, and never let it bow down by any means. The Prime Minister remarked that after 75 years of independence when we are beginning the journey of a new India, the Tricolour is once again representing the unity and consciousness of India.

'HAR GHAR TIRANGA ABHIYAN'

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that the Tiranga Yatras being held across the country are a reflection of the power and devotion of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga

Abhiyan'. The Prime Minister said, "From August 13 to 15, the Tricolour will be hoisted in every house of India. People from every section of the society, every caste and creed are spontaneously joining with only one identity. This is the identity of the conscientious citizen of India."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WILL STRENGTHEN THE FOUNDATION OF NEW INDIA

Shri Modi emphasised that this is the identity of the child of Mother India. He expressed immense satisfaction after men and women,

youths, elders, everybody is playing their role in supporting the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. The Prime Minister also expressed happiness that many poor people, weavers and handloom workers are also getting additional income due to the 'Har Ghar Tricolor' campaign.

Shri Narendra Modi concluded his address by underlining the importance of such events that give new energy to our resolutions in the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. He said, "These campaigns of public participation will strengthen the foundation of New India." ■

NDA CANDIDATE JAGDEEP DHANKHAR BECOMES 14TH VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was on 11 August 2022 sworn in as the 14th Vice President of India. Shri Dhankhar's oath was administered by the Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, former Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, and several other leaders were present at the oath-taking ceremony of the new Vice President.

Ahead of his swearing-in, Shri Dhankhar visited Raj Ghat in Delhi and paid his respects to Mahatma Gandhi.

Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the 14th Vice President of India on 06 August 2022 as he defeated joint Opposition candidate Mrs. Margaret Alva. Shri Dhankhar, a former governor of West Bengal, secured 528 votes while Mrs. Alva got 182. While the Electoral College comprises 788 members, due to eight vacancies in Rajya Sabha, the present strength is 780. The Trinamool Congress had abstained from voting.

Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, 71, will succeed Shri M Venkaiah Naidu as Vice President of India whose tenure ends on August 10. He will take oath on August 11. After the results were announced, celebrations had started outside the residence of Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi where Shri Dhankhar was present. Joyous scenes were also reported from Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu, the hometown of Shri Dhankhar.

Shri Dhankhar, a lawyer by training who hails from Rajasthan, began his political career when he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Jhunjhunu in 1989. He was a Union deputy minister briefly from April-November 1990. He was in-charge of Parliamentary Affairs. He then shifted to state politics and won his next election for the Rajasthan Assembly. He represented Kishangarh seat from 1993 to 1998. After that, he practiced as a

lawyer in the Supreme Court until he was appointed the Governor of West Bengal in July 2019.

Soon after the announcement of the result, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda met Shri Dhankhar and congratulated him. Many senior leaders including the Hon'ble President of India also congratulated Shri Dhankhar over his victory.

Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu in her message said, "Congratulations to Jagdeep Dhankhar on being elected the Vice President of India. The nation would benefit from his long and rich experience in public life. My best wishes for a productive and successful tenure," she said.

Outgoing Vice-President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu said, "The nation would greatly benefit from Shri Dhankhar's vast experience and legal expertise. My best wishes for a successful and fruitful tenure," he said.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his message said, "At a time when India is marking 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', we are proud to have a Kisan Putra as Vice-President who has excellent legal knowledge and intellectual prowess... I am confident he will

LIFE SKETCH

1951- Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was born on 18 May, 1951 to Shri Gokal Chand and Smt. Kesari Devi in Kithana, a small village in Jhunjhunu in the State of Rajasthan. He completed his school education from Sainik School, Chittorgarh and then graduated in B.Sc and LLB from the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

1979- He married Smt. Sudesh Dhankhar in 1979 and they have a daughter.

1989- He has been a member of Janata Dal and Congress party in the past and was a MP of Janata Dal representing Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan during 1989–91 in the 9th Lok Sabha.

1991- He joined Congress in 1991 and was elected as a MLA from Kishangarh during 1993–98.

2003- He joined the BJP in 2003 and was a member of 2008 Assembly Election campaign committee of BJP.

2016- He headed the BJP's Law and Legal Affairs department.

2019- Assumed the charge of West Bengal



Governor on 30 July, 2019.

2022- He resigned as Governor on 17 July, 2022 after being nominated as the vice-presidential candidate of the BJP led NDA.

2022- On 6 August, 2022, Shri Dhankhar emerged victorious in the vice-presidential election by securing 528 votes out of the 725 MP votes.



be an outstanding Vice-President. He had received resounding support across party lines. Our nation will gain tremendously from his intellect and wisdom."

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda too greeted the newly elected Vice-President. In his message Shri Nadda said, "Congratulations Shri @

jdhankhar1 ji on being elected as the 14th Vice President of the country. It is a proud moment for the country to have the son of a farmer as the Vice President. I am sure, your tenure will take the pride of the country to new heights".

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh stated, "His long public life, wide experience and great awareness of people's issues would undoubtedly benefit the nation. He will be a fantastic Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman. Congratulations!"

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah congratulated Shri Dhankhar and said he would prove to be a superb Constitutional protector. "I have no doubt that Dhankhar ji would prove to be an excellent steward of the Constitution in his roles as Vice President and chairman of the Rajya Sabha. My congratulations. I also want to thank the NDA allies, other parties, and leaders for supporting Dhankhar Ji under Shri Modi ji's leadership". ■

PM BIDS FAREWELL TO M. VENKAIAH NAIDU IN RAJYA SABHA

Venkaiah Ji will be remembered for the upward journey of the Upper House: PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the farewell to Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in Rajya Sabha on August 8, 2022. The Prime Minister paid rich tributes to the Vice President who is ex-officio Chairman of the Upper House. Shri Modi remembered many moments that were marked by the wisdom and wit of Shri Naidu.

Noting the change of complexion of leadership in New India, the Prime Minister said “when we mark 15th August this year, it will be an Independence Day when the President, Vice President, Speaker and Prime Minister would have been born after Independence. And that too, each of them belongs to very simple backgrounds.” This has a great symbolic value and is a glimpse of a new era, he added.

The Prime Minister recalled the Vice President's continuous encouragement to the youth of the country in all the roles he undertook in public life. He always promoted young Members in the House also.

The Prime Minister underlined his close association

with Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in various capacities. He appreciated the Vice President's ideological commitment as party worker, work as MLA, activity level as a parliamentarian, organizational skills as the President of BJP, his hard work and diplomacy as Minister and his dedication and dignity as the Vice President and the Chairman of the House.

The Prime Minister highlighted the wit and word power of the Vice President. He said “your each word is heard, preferred, and revered...and never countered” The Prime Minister continued “The one liners of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji are famous. They are wit liners. His command over the languages has always been great” The Prime Minister said that both in the House and outside, massive expression skills of the Vice President have made a great impact. “There is both depth and substance in what Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji says, it is as direct as incomparable, there is both wit and weight, warmth as well as wisdom in what you say”, he said. ■

PM releases a chronicle on M. Venkaiah Naidu titled 'Interacting-Involving-Inspiring'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended a farewell function for the Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu at GMC Balayogi Auditorium in New Delhi on August 8, 2022 and a chronicle of Shri Naidu from 2017 to 2022 titled 'Interacting-Involving-Inspiring' was also released by the Prime Minister..

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister pointed out the quality of Shri Venkaiah Naidu of always staying active and engaged, a quality that will always keep him connected with the activities of public life. Shri Modi recalled his long association with Shri Venkaiah Naidu and remembered Shri Naidu's preference for Rural Development as portfolio when he was to be picked up as a Minister in the Vajpayee government. A portfolio that he served with distinction, he said.



The Prime Minister also appreciated Shri Naidu's quest to empower and enhance the capabilities of the House, members, and the Committees. Shri Modi said it is important that we should always try to fulfil the expectations that he has from all the Parliamentarians. ■

WORK RELENTLESSLY TO STRENGTHEN BJP ORGANIZATION: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda attended the two-day Joint National Executive meeting of BJP Morchas; which was held at Gyan Bhawan in Patna, Bihar on 30-31 July, 2022.

Shri JP Nadda held a grand road show in Patna after arriving in the Bihar capital to inaugurate the two-day Joint National Executive Meeting. Shri Nadda was received by Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Tarkishore Prasad and Smt. Renu Devi, Union Minister Shri Nityanand Rai, Bihar BJP President Shri Sanjay Jaiswal and state cabinet ministers upon his arrival at the Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport. The Bihar BJP accorded a rousing welcome to Shri Nadda by erecting welcome arches decorated with flowers on the airport premises, while thousands of party Karyakartas gathered on the road sides, waving party flags and beating drums. From the airport, Shri JP Nadda went to Patna High Court where he garlanded the statue of Dr. BR Ambedkar. Another section of the Karyakartas also organised a motorcycle rally upto Jay Prakash Narayan's statue near Gandhi Maidan to welcome Shri Nadda. Later in the day, the BJP National President inaugurated the Gram Sansad meant to deliberate on central and state government schemes and their implementation.

In his inaugural address, BJP National President Shri Jagat



Prakash Nadda guided the joint National Executive officials and working committee members and asked them to work relentlessly to strengthen the BJP organization in the country.

Shri Nadda called for publicity of public welfare schemes of the central government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and dedicated work to make the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' program successful.

'BIHAR GRAM SANSAD CHAPTER-II' PROGRAM

'Over 2.63 lakh Panchayat profiles uploaded on single portal'

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said that over 2.63 lakh Panchayat profiles have been uploaded on a single portal. He said this while inaugurating "Gram Sansad" program on 30 July, 2022 in

Patna, Bihar.

Addressing the Bihar Gram Sansad Chapter-II program Shri Nadda said, "Over 2.63 lakh Panchayat profiles have been uploaded on the portal. And a whopping Rs 5.9 thousand crores has been allocated to the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan."

He further said, "In order to revamp our Panchayats, a single interface has been created. All the development programmes meant specifically for Panchayats have been consolidated on a single portal. So that our Rural Development Minister can monitor progress on a computer screen sitting in one place."

During the program, the BJP National President said, "The idea of 'Gram Swaraj' was laid by Mahatma Gandhi. The leaders of Bharatiya Jana Sangh

IN 2024, BJP WILL AGAIN FORM GOVERNMENT AT THE CENTER: AMIT SHAH

In his concluding address, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said BJP is always ready for elections. BJP's preparations for 2024 elections are complete. He said the Lok Sabha elections in 2024 and Bihar Vidhan Sabha elections in 2025 will be fought under the leadership of respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. By winning more Lok Sabha seats than before in 2024, the Bharatiya Janata Party will again form the government at the Center.

The Home Minister said for the first time Smt. Draupadi Murmu, a Tribal woman, coming from a very poor family became the President of the country and it's a historic occasion for the country. For this, Shri Shah heartily congratulated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Shri Shah said the Modi government is committed for the welfare of villages, poor, farmers, Dalits, oppressed, tribals, women and backward etc. He further added now, the Center has the maximum number of Dalit, Adivasi, OBC and women ministers.



and highlighted the development works of the government. He said Prime Minister Shri Modi has done the work of constructing 11 crore toilets across the country. Under the Ujjwala scheme gas connections have been given to women. Here 10,000 km long roads have been built under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. Today, a network of roads is being laid all over the country," he added.

16 BJP DISTRICT OFFICES INAUGURATED IN PATNA

Shri JP Nadda on 31 July inaugurated 16 BJP district offices in Patna. While addressing on the occasion Shri Nadda said, "215 offices of BJP have been completed across the country; construction

and BJP have done the work to give it a shape by implementing it on the ideological background".

Hitting at the Opposition, BJP National President said the Congress has failed in recognising the vision of 'Gram Swaraj'. But their thinking about recognizing the conscience of the farmer, village, and poor was left behind. And they failed to realize the vision of Gram Swaraj".

He further lauded the work done under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



work is going on at 512 offices. Today, 16 BJP offices have been inaugurated and the foundation stone of seven offices has been laid in Bihar”.

The BJP National President said the party does not refer to its offices as “BJP office”, but a ‘Karyalay’. “We never refer to it as a ‘BJP office.’ We call it a ‘karyalay.’ An office opens at 10 am, and closes by 5 pm. But a ‘Karyalay’ is a living embodiment of our ideology. It is never shut,” he said.

Shri Nadda slammed Opposition parties for dynastic politics and said parties like PDP, J&K National Conference, Shiromani Akali Dal, Congress, Samajwadi party, RJD, TRS, Shiv Sena, and many more runs Dynastic Politics and our biggest challenge is fighting against political dynasties, he said.

LAUNCHED BOOK ON MAHAMAHIM GANGA PRASAD JI

The National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party Shri JP Nadda on 31 July, 2022 also graced the launch ceremony of a book ‘Smriti Prashant Mera Jeevan Aviral Ganga’ based on the life of Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad at the Bapu Auditorium, Gandhi Maidan in Patna.

Along with Shri JP Nadda, Governor of Bihar Shri Fagu Chauhan, Bihar CM Shri Nitish Kumar, Sikkim CM Shri Prem Singh Tamang and Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan were present at the event.

Shri Nadda said, “Since my childhood, I have taken inspiration from his life and I still continue to do the same.” Talking about Ganga Prasad’s personality, Shri Nadda said, “During the time of Emergency, Ganga Babu had fed countless people with his own hands.”

OFFERS PRAYERS AT PATNA SAHIB GURUDWARA



During his Bihar Pravas, the BJP National President offered prayers at Patna Sahib Gurudwara in Patna on Jul 31, 2022. Shri Nadda offered Ardas in the holy shrine Shri Harimandir Ji Patna Sahib Gurdwara Ji. After Ardas and Darshan, he participated and listened to the 91st edition of ‘Mann Ki Baat’ with Sikh brothers, hundreds of local people, senior party leaders and party booth workers in the community hall of Takht Shri Harimandir Ji Patna Sahib Gurdwara Ji. ■

18 ministers take oath in Maharashtra Cabinet expansion; PM congratulates all

The Eknath Shinde government in Maharashtra added 18 ministers to the state Cabinet on 09 August 2022. The oath-taking ceremony took place at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai in the presence of Deputy CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis. Governor Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered the oath.

Nine BJP ministers including BJP state President Shri Chandrakant Patil and BJP senior leader Shri Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil are among those inducted into the state Cabinet.

The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** has congratulated all those who took oath as Ministers in the Maharashtra Government.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said; "Congratulations

to all those who took oath as Ministers in the Maharashtra Government today. This team is a great blend of administrative experience and a passion to deliver good governance. My best wishes to them for serving the people of the state."

BJP National President **Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda** in his message said, "Congratulations to the newly appointed ministers who took oath in the cabinet of Maharashtra government.

I am sure, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, with the efforts of Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde Deputy Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis and all of you the state will establish new dimensions of development". ■

Kargil Vijay Diwas Samman Samaroh at BJP HQ, New Delhi

‘DURING CONGRESS LED UPA TIME “SCANDALS AND SCAMS” BECAME SYNONYMOUS OF DEFENCE DEALS’

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in his address on the occasion of 23rd Kargil Vijay Diwas at BJP National Headquarters in New Delhi on 26 July, 2022 said instead of importing bulletproof jackets in the country, India is now exporting them and added, it is due to the change in leadership that today, soldiers do not have to report at multiple stages but “Attack and then report to us is the new policy”. ‘Kargil Vijay Diwas’ is celebrated every year on 26 July to mark India’s victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Kargil war. Salient points of Shri JP Nadda’s speech:



23वाँ कर्गिल
विजय दिवस समारोह

- The victory of our brave soldiers in Kargil despite adverse circumstances is a golden chapter in the glorious history of our armed forces. Our brave soldiers sacrificed their lives while defending our Motherland and did not allow our enemies to set foot in our Motherland.
- I on behalf of crores of Bharatiya Janata Party workers pay my deep respect to the martyrs of Kargil who laid down their lives to protect our Motherland and our honour.
- Today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the hardware and software of our armed forces is strong. Our soldiers are the most courageous and most efficient in the world today.
- We all need to understand the importance of decisive, dynamic and strong leadership in our nation’s safety and security. First, it was Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and now Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who linked ‘Pride’ and ‘Proud’ from leadership to our brave soldiers. This is the real contribution to the Bharatiya Janata Party and its Prime Ministers to our armed forces.
- Till 2014, our armed forces were 20 years behind in terms of technology, ammunition, fighter planes and infrastructure, and it was because for 10 long years the Congress-led UPA government did nothing for the modernization of our armed forces and also failed miserably in upgrading our infrastructure on our borders.
- The Congress-led UPA government’s defence minister once said his government was not improving infrastructure on our borders along China because he feared it could displease China.
- During the Congress-led UPA government “scandals and scams” had become the second name of defence deals. In every defence deal during the Congress party-led UPA government, there are startling stories of scams and corruption to tell.

MODI GOVERNMENT MODERNIZED ALL THREE WINGS OF DEFENCE

- The Narendra Modi Government has modernized all the three wings of our armed forces, strengthened our borders and ensured

the rapid development of defence infrastructure and also of infrastructure along our borders.

- The construction of border roads, strategic bridges and communication infrastructure development is going on in a fast pace under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- Today we have a full squadron of Rafael, we have fighter Apache, Chinook, we have surface-to-air missiles, deadly Howitzers, Vajra artillery guns, while we have started exporting bulletproof jackets. We are developing a state of the art missile tracking system.

NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL WAS PENDING SINCE 1960

The concept of the National War Memorial has been pending since 1960. The Congress party governments did nothing for this. It was after Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi formed the Bharatiya Janata Party government in 2014, work on the National War Memorial started, its design was made, the budget was released and in 2019 our National War Memorial was built.

@Jagat Prakash Nadda

Today, on the 23rd #KargilVijayDiwas, I paid homage to all those martyrs who made the Supreme Sacrifice to defend Maa Bharti at the BJP HQ in New Delhi. Their valour, courage & bravery will always inspire us. We remain forever indebted to our men & women in uniform. Jai Jawan.



FOR BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY IT IS 'NATION FIRST'

- For every Karyakarta of Bharatiya Janata Party it is 'Nation First'. On behalf of the Bharatiya Janata Party government, I want to assure every soldier that PM Shri Narendra Modi is and will always stand like a rock for them.
- Every Diwali Shri Modi spends time with our soldiers posted on our borders. We all know that we can celebrate Diwali peacefully at our homes because our brave soldiers guard able to celebrate Diwali peacefully at our homes because our brave soldiers are guarding our borders round the clock. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT APPOINTS SUNIL BANSAL AS PARTY NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on 10 August, 2022 appointed Shri Sunil Bansal as the BJP National General Secretary and also handed him the charge of three important states such as West Bengal, Telangana, and Odisha. Prior to it, Shri Bansal had been the State General Secretary (Org.) in charge of Uttar Pradesh. ■

NEW ORGANISATION GENERAL SECRETARIES APPOINTED FOR UTTAR PRADESH & JHARKHAND



In a press release on 10 August, 2022, the BJP National President Shri JP Nadda also announced Shri Dharampal, who was the State General Secretary (Org.) in charge of Jharkhand, will be the new State General Secretary (Org.) of Uttar Pradesh.

Likewise, Shri Karamveer, who was the State Jt. General Secretary (Org.) in Uttar Pradesh, will go to Jharkhand as the new State General Secretary (Org.). ■

MAHENDRA BHATT APPOINTED UTTARAKHAND BJP PRESIDENT

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda appointed Shri Mahendra Bhatt as the BJP State President of the Uttarakhand unit on July 30, 2022. Shri Bhatt, a former MLA of Badrinath in Chamoli district, replaced Shri Madan Kaushik as the BJP's state President.



Shri Bhatt started his political journey with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in 1991 and from 1998 to 2000 he took charge as Uttaranchal Yuva Morcha state secretary in undivided Uttar Pradesh. After Uttarakhand (then called Uttaranchal) was carved out from Uttar Pradesh, Shri Bhatt was made the general secretary of the Yuva Morcha.

In 2002, when the first Assembly election for the new Uttarakhand state was held, Shri Bhatt contested from the Nandprayag constituency and defeated the Congress candidate. Shri Bhatt was an MLA from Nandprayag seat in the state Assembly from 2002 to 2007 and won from Badrinath seat in 2017 Assembly polls.

He was also appointed the Yuva Morcha State President. Besides, he was made in-charge of Yuva Morcha in Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra. Shri Mahendra Bhatt was also the BJP convener for Garhwal region from 2012 to 2014 and Pradesh BJP Secretary from 2015 to 2020. He was a member of the Uttarakhand Char Dham Devasthanam Management Board.

He was also actively associated with the Ram Janma Bhoomi movement and Uttarakhand's agitation for statehood undergoing brief imprisonment during both movements.

Congratulating Shri Bhatt on his appointment, Uttarakhand CM Shri Dharam Singh said, "The party will certainly get a new strength under his leadership. I pray to Lord Badrinath for your bright future," he said in a tweet. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT APPOINTS ARUN SAO AS CHHATTISGARH BJP PRESIDENT



Member of Parliament from Bilaspur Shri Arun Sao, 53, was on 09 August, 2022 appointed as the new state BJP President of Chhattisgarh. In a press statement, party National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh said that BJP National President Shri JP Nadda has appointed Shri Arun Sao as the state President of Chhattisgarh BJP with immediate effect. He will replace Shri Vishnu Deo Sai.

A lawyer by profession, Shri Arun Sao started his active political career as a member of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in 1990 and was elected to Lok Sabha for the first time in 2019 from Bilaspur Lok Sabha constituency in Chhattisgarh.

BJP National Vice President and former Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Dr. Raman Singh congratulated Shri Sao and said BJP leaders and workers will work with full dedication under his leadership to bring the party back to power in the state.

Congratulating him, former Chhattisgarh BJP President Shri Vishnudev Sai said Shri Arun Sao was a good organizer as he has a good hold in the party and politics. The party will be benefitted from his experience, he said. ■

INDIA ACHIEVES LANDMARK MILESTONE, OVER 75,000 STARTUPS RECOGNISED SO FAR

Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textile Shri Piyush Goyal on 3 August 2022 announced that India has achieved a landmark milestone, wherein 75000 startups have been recognized in the country. These numbers tell the power of a vision. A vision to see innovation & enterprise drive growth, he emphasized.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognized more than 75,000 startups- a milestone which coincides with 75th year of independence. As India celebrates Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Indian startup ecosystem continues to be fuelled by innovation, enthusiasm, and entrepreneurial spirit.

- Latest 10000 startups recognised in 156 days compared to initial ten thousand startups in 808 days
- 7.46 lakh jobs created by the Indian startup ecosystem
- 49% of startups are from Tier II & Tier III cities

During the Independence Day speech from the Red Fort on 15th August 2015, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had envisioned a new India which taps on the entrepreneurial potential of its people. On 16th January of the following year, the date which has now been declared as the National Startup Day, a program was initiated to lay out an action plan to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in the country. Six years hence, the action plan has successfully guided into making India the 3rd largest ecosystem. It is also interesting to note that, while the initial ten thousand startups were recognized in 808 days, the latest ten thousand were achieved in only 156 days. With more than 80 Startups getting recognized per day- highest rate in the world, the future of the startup culture is very promising and encouraging.

Startup India program which was primarily setup to provide an enabling environment for the startups, has today evolved into the launchpad for them. From providing funding to tax incentives, from support on intellectual property rights to eased public procurement, from enabling regulatory reforms to access to international fests and events, Startup India

program has become synonymous with sustainable economic growth.

Out of the total recognized startups, around 12% cater to IT services, 9% to Healthcare and Life Sciences, 7% to education, 5% to professional and commercial services and 5% to agriculture. An impressive, 7.46 lakh jobs have been created by the Indian startup ecosystem, so far, which has been a 110% yearly increase over the last 6 years. The fact that about 49% of our startups are from Tier II & Tier III today is a validation of the tremendous potential of our country's youth. ■

4,31,86,423 SUBSCRIBERS ENROLLED UNDER ATAL PENSION YOJANA UP TO 21 JULY

As per information received from Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), 4,31,86,423 subscribers



have been enrolled under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) up to 21 July, 2022. This was stated by Union Minister of State for Finance Dr Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on 2 August.

Giving more details, the Minister stated that the APY is a Government of India Scheme which was launched on 9th May, 2015, and was operationalised w.e.f. 1st June, 2015. It is open to all citizens of India between 18-40 years of age, having a savings bank account in a bank or post-office.

The Minister stated that APY is a voluntary, periodic contribution-based pension scheme, under which the subscriber would receive the pension after attaining the age of 60 years. Each subscriber under APY shall receive a Central Government guaranteed minimum pension of Rs. 1000 per month or Rs. 2000 per month or Rs. 3000 per month or Rs. 4000 per month or Rs. 5000 per month, after the age of 60 years until death, depending on the contribution chosen. On death of subscriber, same pension to spouse as the subscriber is guaranteed by Government of India, until the death of the spouse. After the demise of both the subscriber and the spouse, the nominee of the subscriber shall be entitled to receive the pension wealth, as accumulated till age 60 of the subscriber, the Minister stated. ■

OVER 77 CRORE PORTABLE TRANSACTIONS RECORDED IN ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD SCHEME (ONORC)

80 Crore beneficiaries avail benefit of ONORC recording nearly 3 Crore portability transactions per month

The Department of Food and Public Distribution is observing week-long activities to celebrate "One Nation One Ration Card" (ONORC) Scheme which was launched on 9th August, 2019, as a pilot project in four states. ONORC is a technology driven scheme which is being implemented by the Central Government for the nation-wide portability of ration cards under National Food Security Act (NFSA). This system allows all NFSA beneficiaries, particularly the migrant beneficiaries, to claim either full or part of their entitled food grains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country through existing ration card with biometric/Aadhaar authentication in a seamless manner. The system also allows their family members back home, if any, to claim the balance foodgrains on the same the ration card.

Since its inception on 9th August, 2019, in a very short span of time, it is now implemented in all 36 States/UTs across the country. Assam, the last state to come onboard, joined the plan in June 2022 and thus completing the pan-India roll out of the plan. Food security is now portable throughout the country. The Scheme is one-of-its-kind Citizen Centric initiative in the country. Presently, the system covers nearly all the (~80 Crore) NFSA beneficiaries (almost the entire NFSA population). Moreover, on an average, about ~3 Crore portability transactions per month are being recorded under the scheme. ■



ALL THE POST GRADUATES SPECIALIST DOCTORS WILL BE SENT TO RURAL AREAS AS A PART OF TRAINING

States allowed to offer negotiable salary to attract specialist including flexibility in strategies such as "You Quote We Pay"

As per the District Residency Program notified by the Board of Governors, all the post graduate students pursuing MD/MS in broad specialties in all Medical Colleges/Institutes under the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 shall undergo a compulsory residential rotation of three months in District Hospitals/ District Health System as a part of the course curriculum.

All the administrative and personnel matters related to health human resource including specialist doctors of various streams of medicines in rural and remote hilly regions lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, under National Health Mission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides financial and technical support to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

Under NHM, following incentives and honorarium are provided for encouraging doctors to practice in rural and remote hilly regions of the country:

- Hard area allowance to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas.
 - Honorarium to Gynecologists/ Emergency Obstetric Care (EmoC) trained, Pediatricians & Anesthetist/ Life Saving Anaesthesia Skills (LSAS) trained doctors is also provided to increase availability of specialists for conducting Cesarean Sections in rural & remote area.
 - States are also allowed to offer negotiable salary to attract specialist including flexibility in strategies such as "You Quote We Pay".
 - Non-Monetary incentives such as preferential admission in post graduate courses for staff serving in difficult areas and improving accommodation arrangement in rural areas have also been introduced under NHM.
- 2 years Diploma course is conducted for graduate

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doctors which can be pursued through NEET exam. Further, the said course is not limited to graduate doctors working in district hospitals only.

The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha 2 August. ■

INDIA ADDS 10 MORE WETLANDS DESIGNATED AS RAMSAR SITES TO MAKE TOTAL 64 SITES

India adds 10 more wetlands designated as Ramsar sites to make total 64 sites covering an area of 12,50,361 ha in the country. The 10 new sites include: Six sites in Tamil Nadu and One each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. Designation of these sites would help in conservation and management of wetlands and wise use of their resources.

India is one of the Contracting Parties to Ramsar Convention, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971. India signed it on 1st Feb 1982. So far 64 wetlands covering an area of 12,50,361 ha have been designated as Ramsar Sites of International Importance from India, till date. ■

INDIA'S MERCHANDISE EXPORT IN APRIL -JULY 2022-23 WAS USD 156.41 BILLION WITH AN INCREASE OF 19.35%

The export of non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery in April -July 2022-23 was USD 110.39 billion, an increase of 10.73% over cumulative value of non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery exports of USD 99.69 billion in April -July 2021-22.

India has achieved merchandise export of USD 35.24 billion in July 2022, almost at similar levels



PM LAUDS 6 BILLION UPI TRANSACTIONS IN JULY

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 2nd August lauded the outstanding accomplishment of 6 billion UPI transactions in July, highest ever since 2016.



In a response to a tweet by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the Prime Minister said; "This is an outstanding accomplishment. It indicates the collective resolve of the people of India to embrace new technologies and make the economy cleaner. Digital payments were particularly helpful during the COVID-19 pandemic." ■

of USD 35.51 billion in July 2021. This has been achieved despite measures to control inflation (Iron Ore & Pellets, Iron and Steel, Petroleum Products, etc.) and the continued disruptions of supply chains due to Covid and Russia-Ukraine conflict. ■

LOK SABHA PASSES CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT), BILL 2022

Lok Sabha on 3 August passed Central Universities (Amendment), Bill 2022 for conversion of the National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI), a Deemed to be University into Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), a Central University.

While replying in the Lok Sabha, Shri Pradhan spoke about the transformations taking place in the infrastructure and transport sectors including roads, railways, shipping, aviation etc. He said that the transformations taking place in the transport sector calls for building an institution to build a knowledge repository, conduct research, curate best practices, facilitate skill development, work on capacity building and facilitate the growth of transport sectors. He also said that the students of future would need to learn about environment, commerce, and social sciences, in addition to STEM to succeed in the infrastructure sector. Thus a world-class, multi-disciplinary, multi-dimensional futuristic institution called Gati Shakti University has been envisioned. ■

CABINET COMMITTEE APPROVES FAIR AND REMUNERATIVE PRICE FOR SUGARCANE FARMERS

Keeping in view interest of sugarcane farmers (Ganna Kisan), the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23 (October - September) at Rs. 305/qtl for a basic recovery rate of 10.25%, providing a premium of Rs. 3.05/qtl for each 0.1% increase in recovery over and above 10.25%,



& reduction in FRP by Rs. 3.05/qtl for every 0.1% decrease in recovery. However, the Government with a view to protect interest of sugarcane farmers has also decided that there shall not be any deduction in case of sugar mills where recovery is below 9.5%. Such farmers will get Rs. 282.125/qtl for sugarcane in ensuing sugar season 2022-23 in place of Rs. 275.50/qtl in current sugar season 2021-22. ■

Rs 9.98 lakh crore sanctioned to 16.67 crore loan accounts under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana in 3 years

As per the extant guidelines, any individual who is otherwise eligible to take loan and has a business plan for non-farm income generating activities in sectors such as manufacturing, trading, services and activities allied to agriculture and whose credit need is up to Rs.10 lakh is eligible to avail credit under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY). This was stated by Union Minister of State for Finance Dr Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on 2 August.

The Minister stated that loans under the scheme

are extended across three categories, viz. Shishu (loans up to Rs. 50,000), Kishore (loans above Rs. 50,000 and up to Rs. 5 lakh) and Tarun (loans above Rs. 5 lakh and up to Rs. 10 lakh). ■

GOVT. TAKES STEPS FOR INCREASING EXPORTS THROUGH E-COMMERCE

Government has implemented several legislative and policy measures for e-commerce keeping in mind the retailers. Some of these measures are FDI Policy; Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999; Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020; Consumer Protection Act, 2019; Competition Act, 2002; Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act, 2017; Information Technology Act, 2000; Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007; Companies Act, 2013; Copyright Act, 1957 etc.

Government has taken the following steps for increasing exports through E-Commerce:

Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) has digitized import and export clearances of courier parcels through the launch of Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS) at all major International Courier Terminals (ICTs). The Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Regulations, 2010 enables the electronic processing and clearances of courier imports and exports.

With the recent issue of the Notification No. 57/2022-Customs (NT) and Circular 09/2022 both dated 30th June 2022, e-commerce exports of jewellery have been further facilitated in compliance to the budget announcement of 2022 for providing a simplified regulatory framework for e-commerce exports of Jewellery.

Exports by Post Regulations, 2018 and Circular 14/2018-Customs both dated 04.06.2018 were issued in order to facilitate exports and specifically give a fillip to the global outreach of Indian exports via e-commerce (more so to the small & medium enterprises) through Foreign Post Offices.

This information was given by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Shri Som Parkash, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha on 3 August,2022. ■

'DEMOCRACY IN INDIA HAS EMERGED STRONGER'

Historic speech of Atal Ji after 13 days government on 28 May, 1996

On 28 May, 1996 India witnessed an epic moment at Lok Sabha in the Parliament and the person behind that moment was the then Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Notably, the Bharatiya Janata Party emerged as the single-largest party in the general elections of 1996 with 161 Members. Then President Shri Shankar Dayal Sharma invited Atalji to form the government and gave him two weeks time to prove its majority. After 13 days, by not indulging in horse trading, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee decided to face the trust vote and he delivered this memorable speech during the Motion of Confidence in the Parliament. We are publishing the excerpts of this historic speech...

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I shall feel highly obliged if the House listens to me with patience after having witnessed so much uproar. I want to express my thanks to all those who have participated in the discussion on my Motion. This House is meant for peaceful, restrained and rational debate. Some friends wanted that there should be no debate on it and the Motion should be put to vote right away so that they could be enthroned immediately after they left the House.

Sir, I have been in Parliament for the last 40 years. Such occasions have come many times. I have been witness to formation of Governments, change of Governments and installation of new Governments, but on every occasion, democracy in india has emerged stronger and I am sure, this occasion will not be an exception.

Sir, I have been a critic to the Governments all these 40 years. Today, most of the times I had to listen to criticism. There is a saying in Marathi : "Nindkache ghar asave shojari, i.e. "निंदक नियरे राखिए, आंगन कुटी



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छवाय". You should keep your critic near you, otherwise sycophants will spoil you. If you have a critic, he will keep you spotless without any cost.

I would like to extend my special thanks to Sarvashri George Fernandez of the Samata Party, Sarpotdarji of the Shiv Sena. Barnalaji of the Akai Dal and Jai

Prakash ji of the Haryana Vikas Party who have supported my Motion. Those who have criticized will get a reply to their criticism. However, I would especially like to mention Shri Murasoli Maran. I have a special word of gratitude for my dear friend Shri Murasoli Maran. Despite our differences on

certain issues, he was generous enough to set the record straight on the issue of horse trading by stating categorically that we did not use suit-cases to convert our minority into majority. He has in fact demolished the baseless and politically motivated allegation leveled by some members. I am also glad that Thiru Maran has taken note of our resolve to restore the balance of resources in favour of States.

We have always held the opinion that the Centre cannot be strong if the States are weak. Thiru Maran is disturbed over our advocacy of one nation, one people, one culture. I am happy that he shares our perception of one nation. But I must say that he has got it all wrong on our interpretation of one people and one culture. I categorically state here that the BJP does not stand for uniformity. We recognize India's multi-religious, multi-lingual and multi-ethnic character.

Sir an allegation has been leveled against me that I have a lust for power and whatever I did during the last 10 days was nothing but lust for power. This allegation has hurt me deep in my heart. Just now, I said that I have been in Parliament for 40 Years. The hon. Members have seen my behavior and my conduct. I had been in the Government with my friends in the Janata Dal. I have never done anything wrong in pursuit of power. During the course of this debate a remark has been made repeatedly that personally Vajpayee is a good leader but his party is not good.

Lord Rama has said that 'I do not fear death, if at all I fear, I fear

bad name, I fear public odium'. My political career spanning 40 years has been as a pen book. But when the electorate voted us as the single largest party, should we have rejected their mandate? When the Hon. President invited me to form the Government and told me that the oath of the council of Minister would take place the next day and the majority should be proved by the 31st, should I have run away from shouldering the responsibility? When I initiated the discussion, I had

Lord Rama has said that 'I do not fear death, if at all I fear, I fear bad name, I fear public odium'. My political career spanning 40 years has been as a pen book. But when the electorate voted us as the single largest party, should we have rejected their mandate?

clarified this point also isn't it a fact that we have emerged as the single largest party? Now, I shall come to the other arguments that are being given in this regard. On being invited to form the Government, should I have asked the Hon. President to give me some time so that I may have consultations in the party?

When the President told me that the oath ceremony will take place the next day and I was given time up to 31st May 1996 to prove majority, I offered to make best use of the time being given to me by talking to other parties in a bid to garner the support and try to create an atmosphere conducive to moving ahead on the basis of a common programme. What is objectionable

in it? How does it indicate our greed of power? Moreover the decision to form the Government was not just mine, rather it was that of the party.

Once the date i.e. 31st of May was fixed for a trial of strength and it could take place only on the floor of the House. We never subscribed to the view that this trial of strength should take place either in Rashtrapati Bhawan or Raj Bhawan. It therefore became necessary to summon the House and once the House is summoned

President's Address is a Constitutional obligation. We could have listened to some other business too for the sitting, at least we could have moved a Motion of Thanks on the President's Address but neither people on the Opposition benches permitted nor insisted on it. We looked for the earliest opportunity for the trial of strength. Hence the Motion of Confidence was brought on 27th May and today is 28th May and the matter will be decided. We could have insisted that since we have been given time up to 31st May and we will remain in power.

Sir, one should not be hit below the belt or be put under a cloud. I never played this game and will never play such a game in the future. Democracy in a system now they are making a count of the percentage of votes we got. Under the Westminster model of the parliamentary system that our country has adopted, the number of votes or the percentage thereof which a party gets is not taken into account; what counts is the number of seats that a party wins. ■

To be continued.....

LEADER OF THE MASSES - BHARAT RATNA ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

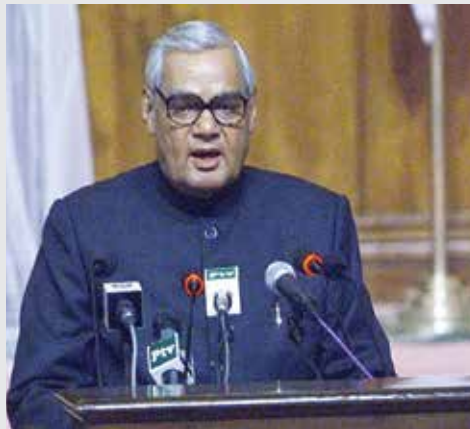
Atalji has left a unique and glorious legacy in Indian politics. He in fact represented the spirit of India where democratic traditions have shaped the socio-cultural fabric of the nation. While believing in the democratic functioning within a political party and in governance, he was quick in opposing emergency and dictatorial tendencies in politics. His nationalism was imbued with democratic spirit wherein the diversities of Indian society were to be addressed through tradition of evolving consensus on various issues of national and international concerns. In his long parliamentary life, he was able to leave his indelible mark on important issues even while being in opposition.

It was by dint of his grasp over the various problems afflicting the nation that he tried to find solutions within the framework of national ethos and value system. A leader rooted to soil he was known for having political insights which was even valued by his political opponents. The nation had so much faith in him that in time of crisis his advice was sought even by his political adversaries. As a true son of Maa Bharati, he on occasions preferred to rise above the partisan politics as he chose to sacrifice interests of the party on the altar of national interests. When emergency was declared, Jansangh was merged with Janata Party in the national interest. As an uncompromising leader on principles and ideology, he came out of Janata Party along with his colleagues to form Bharatiya Janata Party. He had unflinching faith on principled and value based politics.

Born in the family of a humble school teacher on December 25, 1924, in the erstwhile princely state of Gwalior (now a part of the Indian State of Madhya Pradesh), Shri Vajpayee's rise in public life is a tribute to both his political acumen and Indian democracy.

Over the decades, he emerged as a leader who commanded respect for his liberal worldview and commitment to democratic ideals.

An orator par excellence, he mesmerised the masses with his magical appeal. The nation wanted to see him as prime minister and this dream was realized with the increasing support of the people in the country. As prime minister he led the country on every front with remarkable success. India emerged as a peaceful nuclear power state which became confident of itself even in the face of international economic sanctions. As a true 'Atal' he never buckled under pressure rather it was an opportunity for him to prove India's internal strength at global level. He wrote a new saga of good governance and development while giving a massive boost to infrastructure sector and making India self reliant on various fronts. As he rightly said in one of his speeches, he has



left ineffaceable imprints on the canvas of time. The path shown by him has become guiding light for the emerging New India.

Atal ji inspired generation after generation to contribute to the national life with intense feeling of patriotism and love for the nation. The political movement which started with the aim of giving alternative in Indian politics culminated in him as he became the first non-Congress Prime Minister of India who completed his full term in office. It was a history created under his leadership and a legacy cherished by millions of people in the country. A true statesman, democrat, a leader, a consensus builder and above all he was a gentleman in politics. He left for his heavenly abode on 16 August 2018 at the age of 93. We pay our rich tribute to the memory of our Atalji. ■



MALDIVES PRESIDENT VISITS INDIA

PRESIDENT SOLIH THANKED PM MODI FOR STANDING BY THE PEOPLE OF MALDIVES

The President of the Republic of Maldives, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih on 2 August was on an Official Visit to India at the invitation of the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Shri Narendra Modi.

It was President Solih's third visit to India since assuming office on 17 November 2018. President Solih was accompanied by a high-level official delegation.

During the visit, President Solih had delegation level talks with Prime Minister Shri Modi in New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi also hosted an official lunch for President Solih and the accompanying delegation.

President Solih also met with President of the Republic of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, during the visit and congratulated President Murmu on assuming office as India's 15th President.

The India-Maldives bilateral partnership is underpinned by geographical proximity, historical, cultural ties and shared values. Prime Minister Shri Modi underlined that the Maldives occupies a special place in the hearts of Indians and in India's "Neighbourhood First"

policy. President Solih reaffirmed his government's "India-First Policy". The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the rapid expansion of the bilateral partnership in recent years, which has benefited citizens of both countries. The leaders reiterated their commitment to further strengthen and deepen this mutually beneficial comprehensive partnership.

President Solih thanked Prime Minister Shri Modi and the Government of India for standing by the Government and the people of the Maldives during the Covid-19 pandemic. The medical and financial assistance from India helped the Maldives overcome the health and economic fallouts of the pandemic. India was the first partner to gift Covid-19 vaccines to Maldives. Prime Minister Modi congratulated President Solih and the people of the Maldives for their resilience, the successful vaccination drive and the solid economic rebound post-pandemic.

Prime Minister Shri Modi and President Solih agreed to further deepen institutional linkages

for cooperation in the areas of defence and security, investment promotion, human resource development, infrastructure development including climate and energy.

OUTCOMES OF THE VISIT:

B. Agreements/MoUs Exchanged

1. MoU on Capacity Building & Training of Members of Local Councils & Women Development Committee of Maldives between NIRDPR, India and Local Government Authority, Maldives
2. MoU on Collaboration in potential fishing zone forecast capacity building and data sharing and marine scientific research between INCOIS, India and Ministry of Fisheries, Maldives
3. MoU for Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security between CERT-India and NCIT, Maldives
4. MoU for cooperation in the field of disaster management between NDMA, India and NDMA, Maldives
5. Agreement between EXIM Bank, India and Ministry of Finance, Maldives for USD 41 Mn Buyer's Credit Financing of Police Infrastructure in Maldives
6. Letter of Intent between Exim Bank of India and Ministry of Finance, Maldives on Buyer's Credit funding approval of USD 119 Mn for additional 2,000 social housing units to be constructed in Hulhumale. ■

CONGRESS PARTY PROTESTING TO PROTECT A FAMILY, NOT THE COUNTRY: JP NADDA

Salient points of the address given by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda to the media in the Parliament premises in New Delhi on 27 July, 2022 over the investigation into corruption cases against top leadership of Congress party.

- The Congress party which is holding protests over the investigation into corruption cases against their top leadership, it is not "Satyagrah" but it is "Duragrah" in support of lies and corruption.
- The reality is that the Congress party is trying to influence and pressurize law enforcement agencies and trying to shield the truth.
- If they are not happy with the investigation of our law enforcement agencies, they are free to approach our courts. To protest against our law enforcement agencies and to try and sabotage the investigation into corruption cases proves that the Congress party is legally on a weak footing in the cases of corruption and they do not want the truth to come out.
- The Hon'ble Supreme Court has recently passed a judgment on the powers and jurisdiction of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and the Enforcement Directorate. The Supreme Court has upheld the PMLA and has also validated the jurisdiction of the ED. We honour and respect our Supreme Court and also our Constitution and our law.
- Congress party president Sonia Gandhi is being questioned by the ED in the National Herald scam involving thousands of crores and the Congress party is doing so called Satyagraha against it. It is nothing but an unholy attempt to save the family.



Unfortunately the Gandhi family considers itself to be above the law and the country. They cannot tolerate if someone questions them

- This is a political campaign to save one particular family.
- The Congress party is holding protests against the law enforcement agencies, the Congress party leaders are raising questions over our law enforcement agencies, all this is highly inappropriate and illegal. All this should stop immediately.
 - Everyone knows that crores of rupees were swindled in the 'National Herald' corruption case. All those linked with this scam should appear before the law enforcement agencies and give their statements, this is their primary responsibility. But unfortunately the Gandhi family considers itself to be above the law and the country. They cannot tolerate if someone questions them.
- The Gandhi family considers itself above the law.
- Our nation runs as per our Constitution and as per law. To put something before the law is the right of every citizen and it is also important. But the Congress party by holding protests against the ongoing investigation in the National Herald corruption case is unfortunate and uncalled for which also shows that the Congress party and one particular family, the Gandhi family, consider themselves above the law.
- This is not going to work in our country. Law is the same for all citizens. It is the duty and responsibility of every citizen to follow the law of the land and to cooperate with the law enforcement agencies. ■



BJYM LAUNCHES TWO-DAY TIRANGA YATRA IN KASHMIR ON KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) launched a two-day Tiranga Yatra on the Kargil Vijay Diwas starting on July 25, 2022, under the leadership of BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya. BJP National General Secretary Shri Tarun Chug flagged off the Yatra from Lal Chowk, Srinagar attended by 3000 Youths including all National Office Bearers, State Presidents & NEC members. On 26 July, BJYM also organised 'Prabhat Pheris' across all districts with Tiranga Yatra. This is for the first time after the Abrogation of 370 such a grand event has been organised in Kashmir.

Flagging off the Yatra, BJP General Secretary Shri Tarun Chug said earlier, no one was allowed to unfurl the National Flag at Lal chowk, and if someone attempted then he faced numerous problems. But a lot of changes are taking place now after the Abrogation of 370 in Jammu & Kashmir. Huge investment is coming to Jammu & Kashmir and progress is clearly visible.

BJYM President Shri Tejasvi Surya said this march from Lal Chowk to Kargil on Vijay Diwas day is a symbol of the unity and integrity of our country. "I salute the great martyrs of Kargil and salute the iron will and determination



of Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji who made this glorious victory possible. On behalf of lakhs of BJYM karyakartas, I pay homage to Capt. Batra and all the martyrs who sacrificed their lives to protect the honor of the Tiranga." ■

National Anti-Fraud Unit created at NHA for monitoring and implementation of National Health Insurance

Ayushman Bharat –Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is governed on a zero-tolerance approach to any kind of fraud viz. suspect/non-genuine medical treatment claims, impersonation and up-coding of treatment packages/procedures etc.

The Government of India adopts a pro-active approach towards fraud and abuse. It goes on to underscore that several countervailing strategies have been employed under PM-JAY to address various types of fraud and it acknowledges the success of the AI-based technologies deployed under the scheme.

National Health Authority -the implementing agency of AB-PMJAY has issued a comprehensive set of anti-fraud guidelines. Anti-fraud advisories are issued to States/UTs. National Anti-Fraud Unit (NAFU) is created at NHA for overall monitoring and implementation of anti-fraud framework supported

by State Anti-Fraud Units (SAFUs) at State level. All claims require mandatory supporting documents along-with on-bed patient photo before approval and payment. The feature of Aadhar-based biometric verification of beneficiary at the time of admission and discharge is launched at all private hospitals. Use of artificial intelligence and machine learning is made for a comprehensive fraud analytics solution to detect fraud pro-actively, develop algorithms that can be used on large volume of data to identify suspect transactions and entities and risk scoring of hospitals and claims. Around 0.18% of the total authorized hospital admissions under the scheme are confirmed as fraud since its inception.

The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on 2 August. ■



PM launches India's first International Bullion Exchange - IIBX at GIFT City

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 29 July laid the foundation stone of the headquarters building of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) in GIFT City, Gandhinagar. He also launched the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX), India's first International Bullion Exchange in GIFT-IFSC. He also launched the NSE IFSC-SGX Connect. Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Union Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Union and State Ministers, diplomats, business leaders were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said this day is very significant for the growing economic and technological strength of India and also for the

growing global confidence in the prowess of India. "Today, in GIFT City, the foundation stone of the International Financial Services Centers Authority - IFSCA headquarters building, has been laid. I believe, as grand as this building is in its architecture, it will also create unlimited opportunities to make India an economic superpower", he said. The Prime Minister said that IFSC will promote innovation and will be an enabler as well as a catalyst for growth. Institutions and platforms launched today will help 130 crore Indians to get connected with the modern global economy. "India is now entering the league of Countries like the USA, UK and Singapore who are giving direction to global finance" he added. ■

PM lays foundation stone of various projects of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Dharampur, Gujarat

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 4 August inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various projects of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Dharampur in Valsad district, Gujarat via video conferencing. Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel was among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said hospital projects will prove to be of great service to women and other needy sections of society. He praised the spirit of silent service of the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission.

Recalling his long associations with the Mission, the Prime Minister praised their record of service and said that this spirit of duty is the need of the hour in today's time of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The PM expressed happiness over the commendable work done by the Shrimad Rajchandra Mission under the

leadership of Pujya Gurudev in the field of rural health in Gujarat. He said that the Mission's commitment to the service of the poor gets strengthened by the new hospital. This hospital and the research centre will make affordable quality healthcare accessible to everyone. "This is going to give strength to the vision of a healthy India in the 'Amrit Kaal'. This also strengthens the spirit of Sabka Prayas (everyone's efforts) in the field of healthcare", he said.

The Prime Minister reiterated, that "in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the country is remembering its children, who made efforts to bring India out of slavery. Shrimad Rajchandra ji was such a saint whose great contribution is part of the history of this country." He also narrated the admiration of Mahatma Gandhi for Shrimad Rajchandra ji. He expressed gratitude to Shri Rakesh Ji for continuing the work of the Shrimad. ■

MINISTRY OF COOPERATION TAKING VARIOUS INITIATIVES UNDER 'SAHKAR-SE-SAMRIDDI': AMIT SHAH

In order to revitalize the cooperative sector, bringing transparency, modernization, computerization, creating competitive cooperatives and deepening its reach to the grassroots across the country the Ministry of Cooperation has been taking various initiatives under 'Sahkar-se-Samridhi'. This was stated by the Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha on 3 August, 2022. Excerpts:

1. On 1st June, 2022, Union Cabinet has taken a decision allowing cooperatives to register as 'buyer' on Government e-Marketing platform, enabling them to procure goods and services from about 40 lakh vendors registered on the GeM portal throughout the country. This will help cooperatives in making savings and improving transparency in their procurement system.
2. A centrally sponsored project "Computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)" has been launched on 29th June, 2022 with a budgetary outlay of Rs 2,516 crores for digitalization of 63,000 functional PACS which are at the bottom of the three-tier rural credit structure.
3. Draft model bye-laws for PACS are being prepared in consultation with the State Governments, National Cooperative Federations and all other stakeholders to diversify their activities and make them vibrant multi-purpose economic entities at village level.
4. Government vide its notification dated 25th October, 2021 offered a major relief to cooperative sugar mills by clarifying that sugar co-operative mills shall not be subjected to additional income tax for paying higher sugarcane prices to farmers upto to the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) or State Advised Price (SAP), as the case may be.
5. Surcharge on Co-operative societies was reduced from 12 % to 7% for those cooperative societies having a total income of more than Rs. 1 Cr. and up to Rs. 10 Cr. to enhance the income of Co-operative societies and its members.
6. Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) rate reduced for the Co-operatives from 18.5% to 15% to provide them a level playing field with Corporates.
7. In order to provide adequate, affordable and timely credit to the co-operative institutions to give a boost to the co-operative based economic development model, non-scheduled Urban Co-operative Banks, State Co-operative Banks and District Central Co-operative Banks has been notified as Member Lending Institutions in Guarantee Fund Trust (CGTMSE) Scheme vide circular dated 3rd February, 2022.
8. On 8th June, 2022, Government of India has taken decisions in the co-operative banking sector to give new impetus to the development of cooperatives viz:
 - a. The limit of individual housing loan has been doubled for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) and Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs – State Cooperative Banks and District Central Cooperative Banks).
 - b. The RCBs have been allowed to lend to Commercial Real Estate Residential Housing sector.
 - c. UCBs have now been allowed to provide doorstep-banking facility to their customers like commercial banks.
9. The Ministry is also taking initiative to formulate 'Cooperation to Prosperity' Scheme with the aim of all round development of cooperatives.
10. A scheme for modernizing and professionalizing the cooperative education and training institutions across the country is also under formulation. ■



INDIA WOULD BECOME THE FIRST COUNTRY TO DELIVER INDIGENOUS 5G

Shri Rajeev Chandrashekhar, Union Minister of State for Information Technology, stated on August 2 that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has increased confidence in Digital India, which is why India is now among the leading countries and one of the first to deliver indigenous 5G. He went on to say that India will be the first country to deliver indigenous 5G, which is a proud moment for India, and that India is going with the 5G network in the 5G generation that is designed and built in India.

“The equipment we are now using for 5G has never been used before.” The country’s 2G, 3G, and 4G networks were always imported from elsewhere. Today, thanks to the PM’s leadership, we are receiving Rs 1.5 lakh crore from the government,” he added.

According to Shri Chandrashekhar, it is a significant milestone for India that the spectrum’s latest generation 5G network will be made available



to citizens using equipment designed in India.

“It is critical to have 5G rollout because, as we have seen since last week, with the auction of a 5G spectrum, India would become the first country to deliver indigenous 5G.” ■

BIHAR BJP LASHES OUT AT JD(U) LEADER NITISH KUMAR FOR BREAKING TIES WITH NDA

Senior BJP leader and former Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad lashed out at Janata Dal (United) leader Shri Nitish Kumar for breaking ties with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and joining hands with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) to form a new government in Bihar. Talking to reporters in Patna, Mr Prasad said, Nitish Kumar left the NDA accusing the BJP of trying to destroy his party. He said, BJP made him a union minister several times. He was also made a chief minister. Why did he rethink his decision on alliance with RJD in 2015 and come to the BJP in 2017, Ravi Sahankar Prasad asked.

Shri Ravishankar Prasad also recalled how Nitish Kumar joined hands with the BJP when the latter was probing the fodder scam against RJD patriarch Lalu Yadav. We have a question for Nitish Kumar,” the former Union Minister told reporters.

“Did he not win the 2020 election through Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s leadership? Did you win the 2019 election on your own steam? Your 14 men went to the Lok Sabha. You have insulted the mandate of Bihar. How could you do that?” he added. “If the BJP bothered you so much, why you did you stay on? You could have said goodbye in 2020,” Shri Prasad added.

Shri Kumar ended the alliance with the BJP on 10 August and staked claim to form a new government with Lalu Yadav’s Rashtriya Janata Dal and other parties.

He claimed that Shri Kumar left the previous Grand Alliance with the Congress and the Rashtriya Janata Dal due to corruption and joined the BJP. Shri Kumar had joined the BJP in condemning Jangalraj, looting, corruption, and lawlessness. According to sources close to Nitish Kumar, Nitish’s national ambition is the reason for breaking the alliance with the NDA. ■



MONSOON SESSION, 2022

FIVE BILLS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT AND SIX BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

The Monsoon Session, 2022 of the Parliament which commenced on 18th of July, 2022 has been adjourned sine die on 8th of August, 2022. The Session provided 16 sittings spread over a period of 22 days.

The Session, which was originally scheduled to have 18 sittings from 18th July to 12th August, was curtailed due to completion of essential Government Business and demand of members in view of two gazetted and the Parliamentary holidays ahead.

During the Session six Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha. Seven Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and five Bills were passed by Rajya Sabha. One Bill was withdrawn with the leave of Lok Sabha. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of the Parliament during the Session is 5. Some of the major Bills passed by both Houses during the Session are as under:

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The Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022 seeks to amend the parent Act to provide for the establishment of Family Courts in the State of Himachal Pradesh with effect from the 15th February, 2019 and in the State of Nagaland with effect from the 12th September, 2008; and for insertion of a new section 3A to retrospectively validate all actions under the parent Act taken by the State Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland..

The Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill, 2022, inter alia, seeks to — (a) prohibit financing of any activity in relation to weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems; (b) empower the Central Government to— (i) freeze, seize or attach funds or other financial assets or economic resources for preventing such financing; (ii) prohibit making available funds, financial assets or economic resources for any

prohibited activity in relation to weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.

The Indian Antarctica Bill, 2022 provides for the national measures for protecting the Antarctic environment and dependent and associated ecosystems and to give effect to the Antarctic Treaty, the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021 provides for the constitution of the National Anti-Doping Agency for regulating anti-doping activities in sports and to give effect to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation International Convention against doping in sport, and compliance of such other

obligations and commitments thereunder and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022 seeks to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009, inter alia, to provide for the establishment of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya as a body corporate.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSIONS-

In the Lok Sabha, one Short Duration Discussion under Rule 193 was held on price rise. Further discussion on the need to promote sports in India and steps taken by the Government in this regard on the 31st March, 2022 in Lok Sabha, was also taken up but again remained inconclusive.

In the Rajya Sabha, one Short Duration Discussion under Rule 176, was held on rising prices of essential items. The productivity of Lok Sabha was approximately 48% and that of Rajya Sabha was approximately 44%. ■

CABINET APPROVALS



INDIA'S UPDATED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION TO BE COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 3 August 2022 approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The updated NDC seeks to enhance India's contributions towards achievement of the strengthening of global response to the threat of climate change, as agreed under the Paris Agreement. Such action will also help India usher in low emissions growth pathways. It would protect the interests of the country and safeguard its future development needs based on the principles and provisions of the UNFCCC.

India at the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, expressed to intensify its climate action by presenting to the world five nectar elements (Panchamrit) of India's climate action. This update to India's existing NDC translates the 'Panchamrit' announced at COP 26 into enhanced climate targets. The update is also a step towards achieving India's long term goal of reaching net-zero by 2070.

Earlier, India submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to UNFCCC on October 2, 2015. The 2015 NDC comprised eight goals; three of these have quantitative targets upto 2030 namely, cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil sources to reach 40%; reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 33 to 35 percent compared to 2005 levels and creation of additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent through additional forest and tree cover.

As per the updated NDC, India now stands

committed to reduce Emissions Intensity of its GDP by 45 percent by 2030, from 2005 level and achieve about 50 percent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030. Today's approval, also takes forward the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of sustainable lifestyles and climate justice to protect the poor and vulnerable from adverse impacts of climate change. The updated NDC reads "To put forward and further propagate a healthy and sustainable way of living based on traditions and values of conservation and moderation, including through a mass movement for 'LIFE'—'Lifestyle for Environment' as a key to combating climate change". The decision on enhanced NDCs demonstrates India's commitment at the highest level for decoupling of economic growth from greenhouse gas emissions. ■

CABINET APPROVES A PROJECT FOR SATURATION OF 4G MOBILE SERVICES IN UNCOVERED VILLAGES AT A TOTAL COST OF RS. 26,316 CR

Digital inclusion and connectivity for all is an integral part of 'antyodaya' vision of the Government. Last year Government approved a project for providing 4G mobile services in 7,287 uncovered villages in 44 aspirational districts across 5 states.

In his Independence Day address in 2021, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave a call for saturation of government schemes. The Union Cabinet on 27 July approved a project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country at a total cost of Rs. 26,316 Cr.

The project will provide 4G mobile services in 24,680 uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas. The project has a provision to include 20% additional villages on account of rehabilitation, new-settlements, withdrawal of services by existing operators etc. In addition, 6,279 villages having only 2G/3G connectivity shall be upgraded to 4G. ■

PM HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF TRADITIONAL FAIRS IN PROMOTING SPIRIT OF 'EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during the 91st Edition of 'Mann Ki Baat' on 31st July, 2022, highlighted the importance of traditional fairs in promoting the spirit of unity in diversity 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat'. Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat has been accorded the pride of place in various editions of Mann ki Baat. In the 91st Edition of 'Mann Ki Baat', the Prime Minister stated that this time 'Mann Ki Baat' is very special. The reason for this is Independence Day, when India will complete 75 years of its Independence.

During Man Ki Baat address, the PM said, "I have received a letter from a listener of 'Mann Ki Baat', Shriman Ashish Bahl ji from Himachal Pradesh. He has mentioned in his letter the 'Minjar Mela' of Chamba. Actually, the inflorescence of the maize plant is called Minjar. When flowers bloom on the maize, Minjar Mela is also celebrated and in this fair, tourists from all over the country come from far and wide to take part. Incidentally, the Minjar fair is also going on at this time. If you have gone to visit Himachal, you can go to Chamba to see this fair. "Chambe Ek Din Ona Kane Mahina Raina" That is, those who come to Chamba for a day, they stay back here for a month seeing its beauty."

The Prime Minister Modi added that fairs have also been of great cultural importance in our country. Fairs connect people and hearts. When Kharif crops ripen after the rains in Himachal in September, in Shimla, Mandi, Kullu and Solan, Sari or Sair is also celebrated. Jagra is also going to arrive in September itself. In Jagra fairs, Bisu songs are sung after invoking the deity of Mahasu. This

awakening of Mahasu Devta takes place in Himachal at Shimla, Kinnaur and Sirmaur; simultaneously in Uttarakhand.

PM further highlighted that there are many traditional fairs of tribal societies in different states in our country. Some of these fairs are associated with tribal culture, while some are organized in

connection with tribal history and heritage. For example, if you get a chance, you must visit the four-day Samakka-Saralamma Jatara Fair in Medaram, Telangana. This fair is called Mahakumbh of Telangana. The Saralamma Jatara Mela is celebrated in honor of two tribal women heroes – Samakka and Saralamma. It is a big center of faith for the Koya tribal community, not only in Telangana, but also in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. The Maridamma fair in Andhra Pradesh is also a big fair

connected with the beliefs of the tribal society. The Maridamma fair runs from Jyeshtha Amavasya to Ashadh Amavasya and the tribal society here associates it with Shakti upasana, worship. Here, in Peddhapuram, East Godavari, there is also a Maridamma temple. Similarly, the people of Garasiya tribe in Rajasthan organize 'Siyawa ka Mela' or 'Mankhan Ro Mela' on Vaishakh Shukla Chaturdashi.

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat is the unique initiative by the government that aims to enhance interaction between people of different States and Union Territories by sharing and appreciating their diversity; and thereby promoting mutual understanding among them. ■



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during the 91st Edition of 'Mann Ki Baat' on 31st July, 2022, highlighted the importance of traditional fairs in promoting the spirit of unity in diversity 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat'

PM LAUNCHES POWER SECTOR'S REVAMPED DISTRIBUTION SECTOR SCHEME

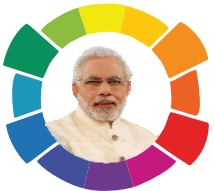
PM DEDICATES AND LAYS THE FOUNDATION STONE OF VARIOUS GREEN ENERGY PROJECTS OF NTPC WORTH OVER RS 5200 CRORE

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the Grand Finale marking the culmination of 'Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya – Power @2047' on 31st July via video conferencing. During the programme, he launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. He also dedicated and laid the foundation stone of various green energy projects of NTPC. He launched the National Solar rooftop portal.

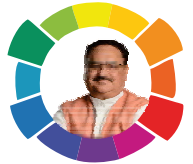
Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said Energy and power sectors have a huge role to play in accelerating India's progress in the next 25 years. The strength of the energy sector is also important for Ease of Doing Business and is equally important for Ease of Living. He said that the projects launched today are significant steps in the direction of green energy and energy security for the county. These

projects will strengthen India's renewable energy goals, commitment and aspirations of its green mobility, he said. The Prime Minister announced that work on two big green hydrogen projects in Ladakh and Gujarat is starting today. The plant being set up in Ladakh will produce green hydrogen for vehicles in the country. This will be the first project in the country which will make commercial use of green hydrogen-based transport possible. Ladakh very soon will be the first place in the country where fuel cell electric vehicles will start to ply. This will help in making Ladakh a carbon-neutral region, he said.

The Prime Minister also informed that after blending ethanol in petrol and aviation fuel, now the country is moving towards blending green hydrogen in piped natural gas pipelines. Which will reduce import dependence on natural gas. ■



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