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Supreme Court has dismissed Review Petition on Rafale. SC says that Rahul Gandhi should not have made political comments without reading the full order. He needs to be more careful in future. We do not want to continue proceedings any further. From Road to Parliament, Rahul Gandhi and his party tried hard to mislead the country on this issue but Truth Prevailed. I wish Rahul Gandhi would be in country and should make apologies to nation. — **Jagat Prakash Nadda**



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wishes a very happy  
**VIVAH PANCHAMI** (01 DECEMBER)  
to all of its readers

# CONGRESS SHOULD APOLOGISE

**A** new government has been formed in Maharashtra. The swearing-in of Shri Devendra Fadnavis and Shri Ajit Pawar as Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister of the state respectively is sure to pave the path of a new era of stability and development. After the recently concluded assembly elections, as no party could convincingly stake claim for forming government, the state had to be placed under the presidential rule. It was very unfortunate that even when the people had given thumping majority to the BJP-Shiv Sena Mahayuti, the Shiv Sena by raising demands unacceptable to BJP chose to walk out of the alliance. Not only Shiv Sena chose to walk out but it started attempting to form a government with NCP and Congress. As the prolonged parleys created a lot of confusion among the people, they saw it as an opportunistic, unprincipled and unstable conglomeration unable to solve the problems of the state and provide a development oriented government. In such circumstances, any such government would have pushed Maharashtra in an era of instability, misrule, corruption and massive loot of public funds. The formation of government under Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar is set to serve the people with newfound energy, vigour and vision in the interest of the people of the state.

The Congress politics of duplicity, deceit and lies is getting exposed every day. The Supreme Court verdict on Rafale is yet another blow to the Congress propaganda politics in the country. Although the false issue on which the Congress tried to build a malicious campaign during the Lok Sabha elections was totally rejected by the people, the verdict is another testimony of the maturity of the Indian democracy. The Supreme Court has rightly cautioned Shri Rahul Gandhi to be careful in future while accepting his apology to the court. The way Shri Rahul Gandhi tried to create an issue out of nothing is not only deplorable, unethical but a threat to healthy politics in the country. The baseless propaganda has been defeated not only in the court of the people but also in the Supreme Court. The Congress and Shri Rahul Gandhi should immediately apologise for trying to mislead the nation and that too on the issue of national security. The power centric politics which the Congress has been following mindlessly has led it to a blind alley of unprincipled politics of duplicity, deceit and lies. It is unfortunate that the Congress has repeatedly refused to take lessons from its continuous strings of defeats and rejections at the hands of people and continues to pursue anti-people politics of baseless propaganda and deceit. The Congress should apologise immediately.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has changed the entire political landscape of the country. Under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the power centric political culture of the country has been consistently transformed into people centric political culture promising development and good governance. The performance based politics is set to usher in a new kind of healthy competition wherein the Congress finds itself misfit and obsolete. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given to the country a new vision and strong commitment to pursue that vision. In the last five years the country has not only seen a government in action, performing and delivering welfare schemes to the last man in the society but also a Prime Minister who has taken bold decisions against terrorism through surgical strikes, decisive action on Article 370 while helping resolve many longstanding issues before the country. The nation is now preparing itself to become a 5 trillion Dollar economy and scaling new heights in every sphere leaving its mark on almost all parameters of development. The Congress cannot survive on false propaganda and unprincipled opportunistic politics; it cannot win the trust of the people on the politics of duplicity, deceit and lies. The only path to win the trust of the people is by dedicating oneself to the service of Maa Bharati to which BJP has committed itself under the charismatic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. ■

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## PEOPLE IN JHARKHAND HAVE ALWAYS STOOD BY 'KAMAL': PM MODI

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a public meeting in Daltonganj, Jharkhand on 25 November, 2019. Calling for a stable government in the state, PM Shri Modi said, "Under the leadership of BJP, it is very important for Jharkhand that a strong and stable government is formed here."

At the public meeting, the PM said, "Jharkhand, especially Palamu, has always been a strong fortress for BJP. If lotus is blooming across the country today, it's due to the blessings of the people here & the party workers. The people here have always stood by 'kamal'."

Speaking on Naxalism, PM Shri Modi said that BJP had made an effort to free Jharkhand off naxals and created a peaceful environment in Jharkhand. He said, "Naxalism was an issue due to political instability here. Governments used to get toppled here, they didn't want to serve people but simply enjoy the power... How could there have been proper roads, industries & electricity, given the situation which was here."

The PM also highlighted the NDA Government's

initiatives like the Ayushman Bharat, Saubhagya Yojana aimed at transforming lives of people in Jharkhand. PM said, "Due to the sincere efforts of the BJP government, roads are reaching every village of Jharkhand today. Electricity is reaching every village."

Stepping up his attack on the Congress and its allies, he slammed the statements made by Congress leaders against the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the BJP had promised a solution for Article 370 and the party had fulfilled its promise.

In a strong attack against Congress, he asserted that the matter of dispute over the birthplace of Lord Ram was stalled by Congress. "Had they wanted, a solution could have been found much earlier. But they did not do that, they cared about their vote bank. Such thinking of Congress affected the country," he said.

Among others Jharkhand CM Shri Raghubar Das, BJP National Vice President and Jharkhand In-Charge Shri Om Prakash Mathur, other senior leaders of BJP and Union Ministers were present on this occasion. ■

## PM MODI WILL ENSURE JHARKHAND'S DEVELOPMENT: AMIT SHAH

**F**ormally launching party's assembly election campaign at Latehar in Jharkhand on 21 November, 2019 Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah accused the Congress party of delaying the proceedings in the Ayodhya verdict and blocking the construction of Shri Ram temple since long.

Shri Shah asked the public, "You tell me -- Should a Ram temple be built in Ayodhya or not? But the Congress party was not letting the case be heard continuously. Now, the Supreme Court has delivered a historic verdict, paving way for a grand Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya".

"Every person in the country wants a grand Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya but this Congress party continuously created obstacles," Shri Shah said.

The title suit in the Ayodhya case was pending in court for around six decades before it was resolved by the five-judge bench recently. The verdict came after 40 days of continuous hearing by the Supreme Court, he said.

Shri Shah said the court had ordered the Central government for setting up a Trust within three months and hand over the disputed site to it for the construction of a temple. The court had also ordered that five acres of land at a prominent location in Ayodhya be allotted for the construction of the mosque.

"We also wanted this matter to be decided by constitutional process through a decision of the court and with the grace of Shri Ram ji, the problem that had been going on for so long has been put to rest," he added.

The BJP President said the Modi government finally ended the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, which was protected by the Congress to continue for decades. "The Congress had allowed the Kashmir problem to continue for 70 years in its greed for a vote bank. However, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi removed the stigma of Article 370, bringing the Kashmir Valley on the path of development," Shri Shah added.

Shri Amit Shah also spoke in detail about the developmental works initiated by the BJP government in the state and said PM Shri Narendra Modi will ensure that Jharkhand touches new heights of development.

The BJP President also compared the budget allocated by the Congress and the BJP governments to Jharkhand. "The Sonia-Manmohan government had given Rs. 55,253 crore for the development of Jharkhand in the 13th Finance Commission. However, the Modi government has given Rs. 3,08,487 crore for the development of Jharkhand," he said.

BJP National President also urged people gathered at the public rally to vote for the BJP in the upcoming assembly elections in Jharkhand from November 30.

Notable, Jharkhand will go to polls in five phases. The first phase of polling will be held on November 30, after which polling will be held on December 6, 12, 16 and 20. The results will be declared on December 23.

In 2014, the BJP, which won 37 seats, tied up with the All Jharkhand Students' Union, which had won five seats. ■

# Every farmer gets direct benefits under PM-KISAN and CM Krishi Aashirwad Yojana in Jharkhand: JP Nadda



**B**haratiya Janata Party National Working President Shri JP Nadda began the campaigning for the upcoming Jharkhand polls on 25 November, 2019. Addressing a huge rally at Chandawa in Palamau district Shri Nadda said, "For the last 70 years, enemies were eyeing Jammu and Kashmir. Only three families were getting benefits of Article 370 since 40 years. They were also instigating the separatists. However, when Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister he has decided to scrap Article 370," he said.

Shri Nadda said, "The Congress and JMM might be shedding crocodile tears for the SC/STs. But, earlier there was no provision in J&K to send people from the SC/ST communities to the Lok Sabha and J&K Assembly. Now, after the delimitation they will be elected to the assembly from Jammu and Kashmir", he added.

Lauding the Prime Minister, he said, "China and the US might have different views but the Presidents of both the countries wish to meet PM Shri Narendra Modi. While Donald Trump broke protocol to witness PM Shri Modi's address in Houston, Chinese President Xi (Jinping) came to meet the Prime Minister at Mahabalipuram".

Even in the countries like Iran and Saudi Arabia, Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi was welcomed. Moreover, Saudi Arabia conferred its highest award on PM Shri Modi, he added.

The result of the double engine of BJP governments in Delhi and Ranchi is that today, the farmers of Jharkhand are getting double benefits. Every farmer family here gets direct help under PM-KISAN, along with additional benefits of Chief Minister Krishi Aashirwad Yojana," Shri Nadda said.

Noteworthy, in the first phase 13 constituencies will go to the polls on November 30, 2019.

Meanwhile, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 21 November, 2019 kicked off the election campaign for the Assembly polls in the State. It was followed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's rally on 25 November, 2019 at Daltonganj in Palamu district and Gumla.

Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh and Shri Nitin Gadkari also addressed public rallies at several places in the state, where they launched scathing attack on the Congress over poverty and corruption in the state and explained the development work undertaken by the Raghubar Das government during the last five years of its rule. ■





## PM MODI HAS CHANGED INDIA'S POLITICAL CULTURE: JP NADDA

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has transformed the country's political culture by bringing his own interpretation to the word 'power'. For Shri Narendra Modi, 'power' is not a means of enjoyment but a means to serve people, said BJP National Working President Shri J P Nadda while addressing a party Booth Presidents meeting in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on 15th November, 2019 during his first visit to the state after assuming office.

He said the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir was possible only due to the political will of PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji and strategy of Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah Ji. Shri Nadda said by uprooting a "70-year-old cancer" within a month of coming to power for a second term, the Prime Minister has shown how a strong government works.

He said Parliament which did not function smoothly for even five consecutive days earlier has increased its productivity by 128 per cent under the Modi government.

Under the Modi government, 100 bills were introduced in the Parliament and 40 of them were passed, Shri Nadda added.

Speaking to the BJP Booth Presidents he said abrogation of the provisions of Article 370 had paved the way for implementation of 106 central laws, including

Prevention of Corruption and the POCSSO acts in Jammu and Kashmir. He further added that people in Jammu and Kashmir were happy with the abrogation of Article 370, and it was reflected in BJP's impressive performance in the Panchayat BDC polls in which BJP had won 81 seats.

It has also paved the way for political reservation for tribals in Jammu and Kashmir including Gujjar Bakarwals who can now be elected to legislatures including Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha, he said.

On the growing strength of the BJP, he said it had rewritten its own record of being the largest party in the world with 17 crore members. "Within just 54 days we have broken our own record by adding 6 crore more members and increasing our strength from 11 crore to 17 crore," he said.

The BJP National Working President said out of 59 political parties which are recognized by the Election Commission, BJP is the only party which has true internal democracy. "BJP is the only party which does not suffer from the family syndrome. It is not run by the homes of leaders but by the power of our workers," he said.

Among others Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, BJP State President Shri Ajay Bhatt and other senior leaders of the party were present on the occasion. ■

# BJP HEADING FOR A THUMPING VICTORY IN JHARKHAND

Report by **VIPUL SHARMA**

**T**he dates for the upcoming Jharkhand Legislative Assembly elections are already announced by the Election Commission of India. As per Election Commission's announcement, the voting for the 81 constituencies in Jharkhand Assembly will be held in five phases from 30 November and counting of votes will be held on 23 December. The five-phase voting will take place on 30 November, 07 December, 12 December, 16 December, and 20 December. The tenure of the current 81 members Assembly will end on 05 January, 2020. Out of the 81 seats, 09 seats are reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC) and 28 for Scheduled Tribes (ST).

In the previous 2014 assembly elections, BJP along with its ally AJSU won 42 seats and formed the government in the state. In the 81-member house the party formed government along with AJSU which had won 5 seats. JMM was the largest opposition party in the state with 19 seats, JVM(P) won 8 and Congress managed to get only 6 seats.

As per the Election Commission data, BJP had a vote share of 31.26 per cent and Congress had 10.46 vote share in 2014 Assembly elections. The voter turnout went up around 10 percentage points and stood at 66.42 per cent in 2014 Assembly elections in Jharkhand.

Party	Seats	Vote Percentage
Bharatiya Janata Party	37	31.26%
JMM	19	20.4%
All Jharkhand Students Union	5	3.68%
JVM(P)	8	9.99%
Congress	6	10%

During the previous Congress-JMM alliance government, the state had witnessed rampant corruption and exploitation of state resources. The alliance especially Congress continued to exploit

Jharkhand in every way. The present opposition got opportunities for many years, but it could not give even a stable government in the state. During the last election the people of the state asked the opposition parties that why under the regime of Congress- JMM and other opposition parties they were not able to provide electricity, gas, health facilities or free treatment, house, toilet for poor etc. in last 70 years. Congress had cheated the tribals and denied them even the basic facilities and rights for the livelihood. Therefore, they defeated the opposition parties miserably in last elections.

However, in the last 5 years the BJP led state government successfully implemented various central and state schemes. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Yojana it is expected that 10 lakh farmers in Jharkhand are benefited. Whereas under the PM Awas Yojana 5.29 lakh houses were sanctioned in 2016-17 and the state government has completed 90 per cent of the housing units, and handed them over to the beneficiaries.

The State government has also implemented Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Scheme effectively which was launched from Ranchi by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. A total of 57 lakh families out of 68 lakh families in the state have been connected with the Centre's flagship project and the beneficiaries are getting "Golden Cards" which enables them to avail free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh under the health insurance scheme at designated hospitals.

Taking decisions for the welfare of the tribals in the country the Modi government in its landmark decision withdrew a controversial proposal to amend the Indian Forest Act IFA (1927), which came under



severe criticism for being 'draconian' to people especially tribals living in the forests. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also mentioned that Jharkhand has become the launch pad of big welfare schemes for poor and tribal communities.

The BJP-led regimes at the Centre and in the state which are popularly known as the double-engine government are very successful in implementing the welfare schemes and other development works.

The recent visits of the Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and party Working President Shri JP Nadda also added strength to BJP campaign. Shri Amit Shah by setting the tone of Jharkhand Assembly elections said, 'JMM leader Hemant Soren should be asked which party he has aligned with, a party which hoodwinked tribals for 70 years'. He said the Congress and JMM alliance is for corruption, cheating the Adivasis and the poor but not for the development of the state.

BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda had visited Jharkhand and while addressing huge public meetings said, "The state government and the organisation of the BJP are moving forward rapidly and the people will bless us with 65-plus seats this time".

Notable, CM Shri Raghubar Das is the first Chief Minister of Jharkhand after its formation to complete a full five year term in office and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party is confident to make history by returning to power in the state for a consecutive second term on the basis of its performance and on the popular

**MAJOR SCHEMES OF BJP GOVT.**

**MUKHYAMANTRI KRISHI ASHIRWAD YOJANA:** Under this scheme over 35 lakh all the small and marginal farmers would be offered an incentive of Rs. 5,000 per acre.

**FREE LPG CYLINDERS REFILL TO PM UJJWALA YOJANA (PMUY) BENEFICIARIES:** People would be able to get free refill of their gas cylinders received under the flagship PMUY Scheme along with 12 lakh new LPG connections.

**SAHIYA AROGYA KUNJI YOJANA:** Under this scheme aarogya kunji (medical kit) would be made available in all the villages to ensure proper health care services to all its citizens.

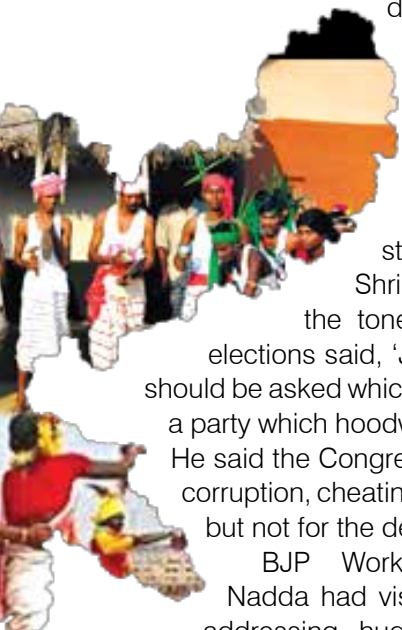
**MUKHYAMANTRI SUKANYA YOJANA 2019:** Under Mukhya Mantri Sukanya Yojana, all the girls from their birth till the age of 18 years will get protsahan rashi of Rs. 30,000.

**JHARKHAND OLD AGE / WIDOW / VIKLANG PENSION:** Jharkhand government raised the assistance Rs. 600 to Rs. 1000 per month.

appeal of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The central and state governments are committed for the development of the tribals and other section of the society in the state. The efforts made by the government in liberating Jharkhand from Naxalism and putting onto the path of development is welcomed by each section of the society.

Jharkhand election is also a high stake election for the opposition parties which are trying to wrest power in the state by coming together. The opposition parties have a considerable amount of ground to cover, as just five months ago the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) had won 12 out of 14 Lok Sabha seats.

It seems, the electorate of the state is wholeheartedly supporting the BJP government this time to expedite the ongoing development works and for the welfare of the poor in the state. The common people also know that BJP is the only party which is committed to make Jharkhand one of the fastest emerging states in the country. Therefore, it is expected as told by the BJP National Working President that "BJP is heading for a thumping victory in the upcoming Assembly Election in Jharkhand". ■



**Jharkhand Assembly Election Dates**

Phase 1 Election	November 30
Phase 2 Election	December 7
Phase 3 Election	December 12
Phase 4 Election	December 16
Phase 5 Election	December 20
Counting Of Votes	December 23

**MAHARASHTRA GETS A BJP LED GOVT.**



# DEVENDRA FADNAVIS SWORN IN AS CM FOR SECOND TIME IN MAHARASHTRA

## AJIT PAWAR TAKES OATH AS DEPUTY CM

**M**aharashtra BJP legislature party leader and former CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis was sworn in as Maharashtra Chief Minister once again and consecutively for the second time and NCP leader Shri Ajit Pawar took oath as Deputy CM in Raj Bhawan on 23 November, 2019.

Hon'ble Governor Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered the oath at Maharashtra Raj Bhawan after the President's rule, which was imposed in the state a fortnight ago, was revoked in the same morning.

Shortly after taking oath, Shri Devendra Fadnavis said, "I would like to express my gratitude to NCP's Ajit Pawar ji, he took this decision to give a stable government to Maharashtra and come together with BJP. Some other leaders also came with us and we

staked claim to form government."

Shri Ajit Pawar said, "I took this decision as the discussions of the alliance of the three parties Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena was not ending. There was a need to give a stable government in Maharashtra."

This decision came only after a long gap of around a month after the election results were out in the state and giving enough time to the opposition Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress to form the government.

Earlier, on 30 October, 2019 Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis was re-elected as BJP legislature party leader.

Shortly after the swearing-in, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi tweeted his congratulations to both CM Shri Fadnavis and Deputy CM Shri Pawar.

## MAHARASHTRA GETS A BJP LED GOVT.

**NARENDRA MODI @narendramodi**

Congratulations to @Dev\_Fadnavis Ji and @AjitPawarSpeaks Ji on taking oath as the CM and Deputy CM of Maharashtra respectively. I am confident they will work diligently.



This was followed by BJP National President and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah who congratulated both the leaders and said this government will be committed for the development of the state.

**AMIT SHAH @AmitShah**

Congratulations to Shri @Dev\_Fadnavis Ji and Shri @AjitPawarSpeaks Ji on taking oath as the CM and Deputy CM of Maharashtra respectively. I believe this government will be committed for the development and welfare of the state and establish new milestones of development.



Congratulating both the leaders in Maharashtra BJP National Working President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in his twitter message said;

**JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA @JPNadda**

I Congratulate @Dev\_Fadnavis Ji and @AjitPawarSpeaks Ji on taking oath as the CM and Deputy CM of Maharashtra respectively. I am sure that under the guidance of Hon PM @narendramodi Ji, BJP-NCP Gov will take Maharashtra to newer heights.



## Conspiracy to control financial capital: BJP

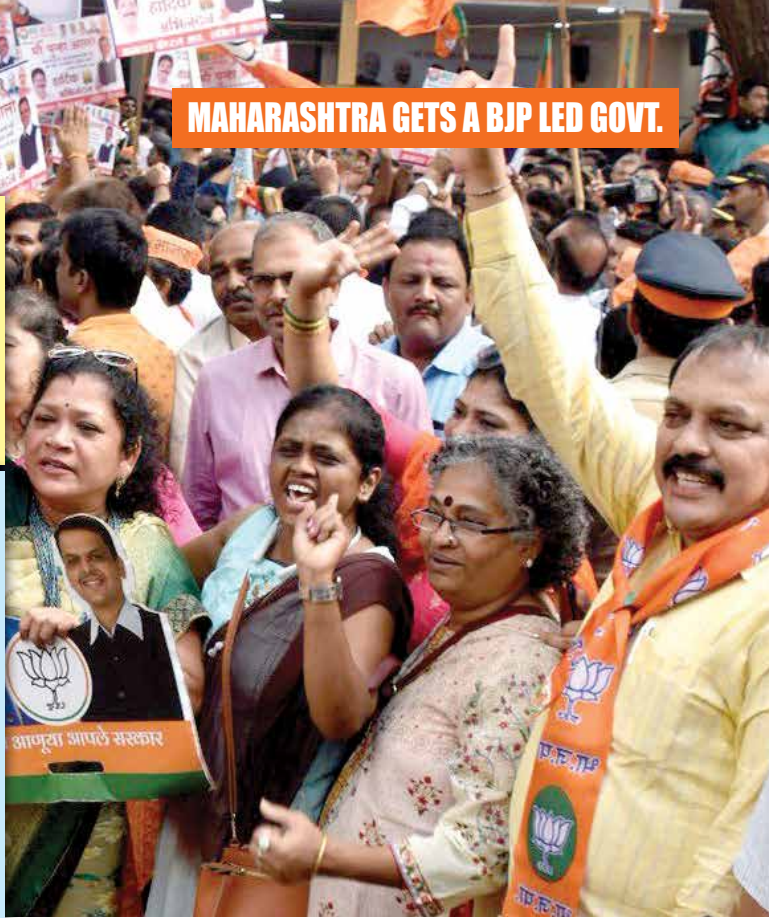
In the afternoon, Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad speaking to the media said it was a conspiracy by Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress to control the financial capital of India through the back door.

"We had the electoral and moral mandate to form the government in Maharashtra," he said.

He said Hon'ble President Shri Ram Nath Kovind signed the proclamation for revocation of the central rule and the gazette notification to this effect was issued by Union Home Secretary at 5.47 am in the morning.

Noteworthy, the state was plunged into a political crisis post election results on 24 October, 2019 after BJP's alliance partner Shiv Sena broke its three-decade-long ties with the party only to get chief minister's post in the state despite having only around half the total seats of BJP.

The BJP and Sena, which fought the Assembly polls in alliance, had secured a comfortable majority by winning 105 and 56 seats, respectively, in the 288-member Assembly. The Congress and the NCP, pre-poll allies, won 44 and 54 seats, respectively. ■



# 'OVER 18 LAKH FARMERS JOINED PM-KMY SCHEME'

**UNDER THIS SCHEME, A MINIMUM FIXED PENSION OF RS 3,000 IS PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE FARMERS**

**U**nion Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar on 19 November, 2019 informed the Lok Sabha that over 18 lakh farmers have registered themselves under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY).

"The Scheme aims to cover around 3 crore beneficiaries. As of November, 14 -- 18,29,469 farmers in the country have been registered under the Scheme, including 61,496 farmers of Gujarat," Shri Tomar said in a written reply in Lok Sabha.

The Government has launched a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY) to provide social security net for the Small and Marginal Farmers (SMF) as they have minimal or no savings to provide for old age and to support them in the event of the consequent loss of livelihood. "Under this Scheme, a minimum fixed pension of Rs 3,000 is provided to the eligible small and marginal farmers, subject to certain exclusion clauses, on attaining the age of 60 years. It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme, with an entry age of 18 to 40 years"

"The beneficiary can opt to become a member of the Scheme by subscribing to a Pension Fund managed by the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). The beneficiary is required to make a monthly contribution of between Rs.55/- to Rs.200/- to the Pension Fund, depending on the age of entry into the Scheme, with the provision of equal contribution by the Central

Government. Exit from the scheme may be voluntarily or on the failure of contribution or on demise," it said.

Shri Tomar said that a budgetary provision of Rs 900 crore has been made for the year 2019-20 and there is no State-wise allocation of funds under the Scheme. "The ratio of contribution to be

made by small and marginal farmers and the Union Government under this Yojana is 1:1. Government contribution under the Scheme is equal to the monthly contribution made by the farmer, which varies from Rs 55 to Rs 200 depending on the age of entry," said the reply. ■

# FPI INFLOWS TO INDIA TOUCH 82,575 CRORE IN 2019

**F**oreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have invested Rs 82,575 crore so far in 2019 in India. It is the highest amount that FPIs have pumped into the country since the beginning of Modi government in May 2014, a sign that the Modi administration has convincingly won the trust of bulge-bracket overseas funds. FPI investment into India in 2019 so far is the second-highest among all the emerging markets, next only to China.

These inflows into India have come on the back of qualified institutional placements (QIPs) and offer for sale (OFS) launched by Indian companies, especially from top insurance companies, corporate tax cuts announced in September and a stronger rupee said experts. Further, the unrest in Hong Kong has also increased attractiveness of Indian-listed assets. In 2014, FPIs had infused Rs 97,350 crore into India.



Worth mentioning on September 20, government announced a cut in basic corporate tax rate to 25% from 35%, while tax for new manufacturing companies was whittled down to 15% from 25%. After rollback in September the FPIs' focused on India. Since September 1, FPIs have invested about Rs 31,000 crore. ■

## ABOUT 16,500 KM NATIONAL GAS PIPELINE IS OPERATIONAL

**T**o increase the availability of natural gas across the country, the Government has envisaged to develop the National Gas Grid. At present about 16,500 km natural gas pipeline is operational. Apart from that, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorized pipeline which are at various stages of execution. PNGRB is taking steps for development of natural gas pipeline in order to cover additional area of the country through National Gas Grid. PNGRB has informed that approximately 1,820 km of natural gas pipelines have been commissioned during April, 2016 – March, 2019 and commissioned about 530 km pipeline up to September, 2019 in the current financial year.

With regard to coverage of population under City Gas Distribution Networks, PNGRB has so far authorized 229 Geographical Areas (GAs) covering

406 districts for development of CGD Network across the country till the 10th CGD Bidding Round, which covers around 70% of India's population and 53% of its area. These projects are at various stages of execution.

PNGRB has authorized Bharat Gas Resource Limited (BGRL) for development of CGD Network in Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara Districts GA under the 9th CGD Bidding Round. As per Minimum Work Program, the commitment of CGD entities are required to be achieved over a period of 8 years and under normal conditions, gas supply to this GAs is to commence from the second year onwards. PNGRB monitors the progress of the CGD projects and CGD Authorization Regulations also provide for imposition of penalty for non-achievement of the assigned targets. ■

# EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN MSME MORE THAN LARGE ENTERPRISES

**A**s reported by Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI), the Share of MSME in All India GDP during 2015-16 and 2016-17 and 2017-18 has been 29.5% and 29.3% and 29.7%, respectively. As reported by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), the share of MSME related products in total exports during 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (Apr-Aug,2019) has been 49.69%, 48.56%, 48.10% and 49.66%, respectively.

Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), the estimated employment generated (number of persons) in micro enterprises during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 has been 4.08 lakh, 3.87 lakh and 5.87 lakh, respectively.

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise

Development (MSMED) Act, 2006 contains provisions to address the issue of delayed payment to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs). In line with this, Ministry of MSME has launched MSME Samadhaan Portal to ease filing of application under Micro and Small Enterprise Facilitation Council (MSEFC), set up in States for settlement of disputes related to delayed payments. In order to support traditional industries, Ministry of MSME implements Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI). Employment generation in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises per investment is more than that in large enterprises.

This information was given by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on November 21. ■

## NSO SURVEY FINDS RISE IN SALARIED WORKERS, WOMEN FARE BETTER

### URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINES

**T**he Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released on November 23, 2019 by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO) shows that the share of regular wage earners and salaried employees in the total urban workforce increased between April-June 2018 and January-March 2019 — from 48.3% to 50% — with women faring better than men. The rising trend has been maintained over the last four quarters, with women salaried workers, representing organised sector workers, seeing a 2.1 percentage point increase, compared to 1.5 percentage points

for male workers.

According to the report, Unemployment rate in urban areas marginally declined to 9.3% during January-March this year as compared to 9.8% during April-June quarter of 2018.

The release said unemployment rate in urban areas among males was at 8.7% during January-March 2019 as compared to 9% during April-June quarter in 2018. Similarly rate of joblessness among women in urban areas was estimated at 11.6% during January-March 2019 as compared to 12.8% during April-June last year. ■





# SOME THOUGHTS



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## THE TRUE EGO

**W**E' is the most important word. Everything depends upon a corporate life. Even prosperity is the name of a certain condition of collective life. Once a friend who had returned from a tour of a foreign country very sadly said, "All countries in the world have only one impression of India—that it is a country of beggars." I asked him, "Did you beg?" He replied, "No but how can people say India begs alms?" In other words an insult to the nation was an Insult to all of us. On the other hand when the Indian armed forces defeated Pakistan in the Indo-Pak war of 1965, everyone raised slogans of victory and felt proud of the nation's success. In other words our glory depends upon the glory of the nation.

## EVILS OF MENTAL SLAVERY

THE truth is that mental slavery interrupts independent thinking. We must never forget that foreign influence on our outward life consumes our feeling of self-reliance and the time comes when the entire life of society is in danger of coming to an end. Many great societies in the world have been destroyed in this manner. We too would fail to make progress if in all fields of life we accepted

blind imitation of foreigners as our basis. Such imitation checks development; hence self-respect alone can be the basis of our whole life and it alone can show us a balanced way of give and take with the outside world.

## IMPORTANCE OF ORGANISATION

ORGANISATION means living together. It means an unbroken string of mutual cooperation. Organisation is also naturally necessary because no individual can do anything by himself. Whether you lead a physical life or a metaphysical one, the cooperation of many people is necessary. We may well say that we have done something by ourselves, but if we think a little we would realise that behind every act of ours and behind the result of every such act there is the hand of many of our brethren. Hence every individual must become a part of an organised social life. This is natural. In this lies happiness: prosperity and progress. There is strength in organization, and everything in this world can be achieved through strength. The greatness of organization lies in that it multiplies happiness many times and distributes unhappiness to an equal extent.

But organization does not mean a crowd. Many people confuse the two. The difference between a crowd and an organization is that in a crowd every individual considers himself alone, every individual has his own object and

interest. They are all strangers to one another.

There might be activity but there is no oneness on the level of experience. This is not the case with an organisation. Those who come together in an organization have one identity in spite of their being many in number. Their goal, then direction, their thought all these are one, hence then interest is common. Their actions produce a force that is a thousand times greater than their number. Every individual is an entity in himself and yet they are inseparable parts of one single whole. This is the secret of their success.

## ORGANISED SOCIETY IMMORTAL

TO come together in an organisation is the way to progress. To live as separate, un-organised individuals is the way to destruction. For an individual can come to an end while an organization is eternal. Man is immortal so long as he is organised. When individuals scatter, the end of the individual is certain. Hence individuals must give up individualism and cultivate the force of organization. Man yearns for immortality. This immortality can be achieved only through organization. Organised social life is the way to immortality.

## BODY AN INSTRUMENT

THE fundamental difference between our position and that of the West is that whereas they have regarded body and satisfaction of

its desires as the aim, we regard the body as an instrument for achieving our aims. We have recognised the importance of the body in this light. The satisfaction of our bodily needs is necessary, but we don't consider this to be the sole aim of all our efforts. Here in Bharat we have placed before ourselves the ideal of the fourfold responsibilities, of catering for the needs of body, mind, intellect

On the other hand, a person who engages in action, while remaining unattached to its fruits, is said to achieve Moksha inevitably and earlier.

### MESSAGE OF BHAGWA FLAG

THE Bhagwa Flag gives us the message of our culture. It fills us with a sense of sacrifice. It is possible that some people may not be able to hear this

only is it pure by itself but it purifies everything consigned to it. The Bhagwa Flag teaches us to lead a life of such fiery purity.

### MARTYRDOM AND SUICIDE

THERE is a difference between martyrdom and suicide. Suicide is wrong because it is confined to the feeling of 'I'. But when it is done for 'We', it is called martyrdom. When you offer your body for the country, for society, it is a matter of glory. It gives strength to society. Martyrs nourish a great cause. When a collective responsibility manifests itself in the form of 'We' it creates a tremendous force. Hence martyrs give new energy to the nation.

### COMMUNIST TREACHERY

THE developments in Tibet and the policy followed in that regard by the Communist Party of India have once again exposed the un-Indian character of this party. Whatever the economic and political systems of Tibet be, no outsider has any right to forcibly change them. If Communists in India, echoing Peking, can justify Chinese aggression in Tibet on grounds of the allegedly reactionary character of the Dalai Lama's Government, they might as well welcome such an aggression in India if they feel that the Government here continues to be "reactionary". It is nothing but base treachery. It is the duty of every patriotic Indian to see that they are not allowed to develop a potential that may some day seriously undermine India's freedom and security. ■

(Excerpts from the book – "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile" edited by Sudhakar Raje.)

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and soul, with a view to achieving the integrated progress of man. Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha are the four kinds of human effort. Purushartha means efforts which befit a man. The longings for Dharma, Artha, Karma and Moksha are inborn in men, and satisfaction of these give him joy. Of these four efforts, too, we have thought in an integrated way. Even though Moksha has been considered the highest of these Purusharthas, efforts for Moksha alone are not thought to give benefit to the soul.

message, for only a heart burning with dedication can assess the importance of this message. This flag symbolized the entire history of our nation. It brings alive the words of Vedic Rishis and the lives of great men from Rama, Krishna, Buddha and Mahavir to Tulsidas, Nanak, Chaitanya and Ramdas. It includes the victorious epics of mighty warriors, the temples scattered all over this country and the sacred rivers washing its soil. This flag is the symbol of fire and the characteristic of fire is that not

# Former MP CM Kailash Chandra Joshi passes away

**F**ormer Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Kailash Chandra Joshi passed away at 90 on November 24, 2019. He was not well for last two years. In April, he was diagnosed with pulmonary complications and was also suffering from diabetes-related complications. The last rites was performed on November 25 at his ancestral town Hatpipalya in Dewas district.

President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind said on the demise of the leader "Sorry to hear of the passing of Shri Kailash Joshi. A political worker, leader and remarkable legislator, Shri Joshi will be remembered for his work for the development and growth of Madhya Pradesh and its people. His demise leaves a huge void in our public life."

On his demise leaders from across parties expressed their condolences. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressing his condolences said in a tweet. "Kailash Joshi Ji was a stalwart who made a strong contribution towards Madhya Pradesh's growth. He worked hard to strengthen Jan Sangh and BJP in Central India. He made a mark as an effective legislator. Pained by his demise. Condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

The BJP National President and Home Minister Shri Amit Shah condoled Shri Kailash Joshi's death. He tweeted, "Received the news of sad demise of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Kailash Joshi. He was a leader who was down to earth and all stood for welfare of the public. He played an important role in building the organisation in MP. I express my condolences to his family."

The BJP Working President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said in a tweet "I am extremely sad on the demise of former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and senior leader of the BJP Shri Kailash Chandra Joshi ji. His demise is irreparable loss to the organization. I express my condolences to his grief-stricken family. I



pray to god that his soul rest in peace. Om Shanti!"

On the demise of Shri Kailash Joshi, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Kamal Nath tweeted, "The demise of Kailashji, who was a soft-spoken, simple, congenial person, is an irreparable loss in the field of politics. My condolences to the family. May god grant them the power to bear this grief in their shrine."

BJP leader and former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan tweeted, "Today, Madhya Pradesh has lost

one of its gems. Kailash Joshi, who committed his whole life to the upliftment and welfare of the poor and deprived, will always remain in the hearts of the people of Madhya Pradesh. I pay homage to the departed soul. Om Shanti!"

Born on July 14, 1929, Kailash Joshi, who was called as the 'saint of politics', served as the state's Chief Minister from 1977 to 1978. He was MLA for eight terms and also served as member of both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha.

As a member of the Lok Sabha he represented the Bhopal constituency in Madhya Pradesh.

The former chief minister is survived by three sons and three daughters. His wife died a few months back. ■

**Kailash Joshi Ji was a stalwart who made a strong contribution towards Madhya Pradesh's growth: PM**

# BY SAYING NO TO RCEP, PM MODI HAS KEPT INDIA FIRST



AMIT SHAH

**N**ovember 4, 2019 shall go down as an historic milestone for India's bold decision to stay away from the "Regional-Comprehensive-Economic-Partnership". The decision also cements India's growing stature as a country that is rock solid in its resolve to not only protect its own interests, but also to boldly ward off any attempts to being arm-twisted. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, New India reflects a new self-confidence.

India's not joining RCEP was summed up by the PM himself: Whenever I try and gauge India's interest in light of her joining RCEP, I do not get an answer in the affirmative; neither Gandhiji's policy of self-reliance nor my wisdom allows me to join RCEP. What makes this decision significant is that this has yet again demonstrated that the PM can go to any extent to safeguard the interests of farmers, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), textile, dairy and manufacturing, medicine, steel and chemical industries.

The PM didn't compromise on it since the agreement didn't seem to accommodate India's concerns on issues like trade losses and dumping. India should not be party to any such international treaty that's one-sided & against the interests of our farmers and entrepreneurs.

The Congress-led UPA government failed in safeguarding the interests of India. In 2007, it had already begun thinking of engaging in a regional trade agreement (RTA) with China. How this affected India's trade with China is borne out by the fact that during UPAs tenure, India's trade

losses with China grew 23 times from \$1.9 billion in 2005 to \$44.8 billion in 2014. This hit indigenous industries hard.

An example of Congress history of compromising with India's interests is the 2013 Bali Agreement. While participating in the WTO conference, then commerce minister Anand Sharma had weakened India's stand on its provisions for agriculture subsidy and support prices to farmers. This could have created havoc for farmers, but for the timely intervention of the PM in 2014, who ensured that then commerce minister Nirmala Sitharaman



rejected the proposal.

## REBUILDING THE WALL

It is ironic that Congress, which has had a shaky history of dealing with such international treaties, is now desperately trying to take credit for the PM's decision to stay away from RCEP. In fact, it was Congress lack of foresight that had led to India agreeing to become part of this bloc. In its original form, other than 10 Asean countries, only China, Japan and South Korea were to join RCEP.

However, thanks to Congress lack of concern for the kind of damages it could pose to SMEs and farmers, the UPA government agreed to become part of RCEP.

It was evident from the start that this could open the floodgates for Chinese goods to enter India. India also did not share favourable terms of trade with other countries of the bloc.

Congress had also compromised India's interests in the Asean free trade agreement (FTA). Even as countries like Indonesia and Vietnam decided to open only 50% and 69% of their market share for India, New Delhi decided to open 74% of India's commodities for trade. Decisions like these caused India enormous loss in its trades with RCEP countries from \$7 billion in 2004 to \$78 billion in 2014. In the context of current exchange rates, this translates into losses of Rs 5,46,000 crore (2014) from Rs

50,000 crore (2004).

## 2019 IS THE NEW 2014

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opening up the services sector for the first time for India, higher exports from India, etc. Congress was so eager to be a part of RCEP that it had conceded that the import duty as applicable on January 1, 2014, would be taken as the base rate, assuming the agreement would be operational by 2016.

This could have caused havoc, as the 2014 base rate would have led to unhindered imports. Also, the import duties on many products have gone up in last few years. The PM argued for 2019 as the base rate.

In the RCEP conference, along with commerce minister Piyush Goel, the PM put forward the interests of farmers, SMEs and manufacturing industries, and

vigorously asked for amendments vital to India's interest. The most prominent demands were amendment in tariff differential, changes in base rate for customs duty, changes in the most favoured nation (MFN) rule, asking for exemptions built into ratchet obligations as part of the pact, respecting India's federal character while determining investments, etc. India was unwavering in its resolve to bring to the fore these pertinent issues.

At one point during the dialogue, out of the 70 agenda items, around 50 were of concern to India.

GoI has begun to evaluate Asean and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Agreement (CEPA) with South Korea. It is working on getting into trade relations with Japan, the US, EU countries, and other developed nations that shall help in making India a \$5 trillion economy. Considering India's growing stature, RCEP members can't afford to ignore it for long, and will come around to agree to GoI's terms. Meanwhile, India has maintained successful economic relations with Asean by the means of FTA.

By rejecting RCEP, India has firmly protected its industries from any adverse effects that Chinese interests could have caused. For us, India remains first, and foremost. ■

**(The writer is Union Minister of Home Affairs, GoI)**

# ‘RAJYA SABHA HAS BOTH CREATED AND WITNESSED HISTORY AND IS A REFLECTION OF INDIA’S DIVERSITY’



**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Rajya Sabha during a special discussion on 250th session of the House on 18 November, 2019 and said that the ‘far-sighted’ house has seen ‘history being made’. The Prime Minister lauded the role of the Rajya Sabha in discussing and passing key legislation such as bills related to the reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir, Triple Talaq and the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

During the special discussion on the Role of Rajya Sabha in Indian Polity and Need for Reforms to commemorate the beginning of the Upper House’s 250th session, PM Shri Modi spoke about the contribution of the Upper House.

Hailing the Triple Talaq bill as human empowerment, Shri Modi also underlined the milestone decisions of his government that were taken in the upper house of the Parliament.

“This house has seen many historic moments; it has made history also and has seen history being

made as well. It is a far-sighted house,” he said, adding, “Whenever it has been about good of the nation, Rajya Sabha has risen to the occasion. It was widely believed that Triple Talaq bill would not pass here but it did. Even GST became a reality after it was passed in this house.”

“The Rajya Sabha gives an opportunity to people away from electoral politics to contribute to the country and its development,” he further said. Commenting on Article 370, Shri Modi said that the house witnessed a ‘glorious’ withdrawal of Article 370. “We can never forget the role of the Rajya Sabha when bills related to Articles 370 and 35(A) were passed,” he said.

Shri Modi also hailed the NCP and BJD for adhering to the Parliament norms and ‘not going to the well’ in protest. “Today I want to appreciate two parties, NCP and BJD. These parties have strictly adhered to parliamentary norms. They have never gone into the well. Yet, they have raised their points very effectively.

Other parties including mine can learn from them," PM Shri Modi said during his speech.

Recollecting former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 2003 speech on the occasion of 200th session of the Parliament, PM Modi said, "In 2003, Atal ji had remarked that Rajya Sabha may be the second house but it should not be called a secondary house. Today, I agree with the thoughts of Atal ji and add that the Rajya Sabha must be an active supportive house for national development."

He said the Rajya Sabha is about checks and balance. This is absolutely essential for our democracy. Debates have to be many and effective. But, there is also a difference between Checking and clogging, Balance and blocking.

"The Rajya Sabha, as the Council of States enables us to further the spirit of cooperative federalism," the PM said. "Who can forget that it was through the Rajya Sabha that a stalwart like Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar could contribute even more to national progress. The Rajya Sabha gives an opportunity to those away from electoral politics to contribute to the nation and its development," the PM said.

He said the House was the soul of India's federal structure and was representative of the country's diversity.

Rajya Sabha chairman Shri M Venkaiah Naidu said the Upper House had played a significant role in the socio-economic transformation of the country during its journey of last 67 years but "all is not well". He said since the first sitting of the House on May 13, 1952, the Rajya Sabha held 5,466 sittings and passed 3,817 Bills.

Shri Naidu made several suggestions for making the functioning of the House more effective. These include holding an adequate number of sittings,

keeping in view the nature and volume of legislation and ensuring members with the right background are sent to the House to enrich debates.

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## INDIA'S VOICE BEING HEARD BY THE WHOLE WORLD UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PM NARENDRA MODI

**T**he former Prime Minister of Australia, Tony Abbott, during his visit to India, on November 19 said that India's voice is being heard by the whole world under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also supported India's claim to be a part of the United Nations Security



Council and said that India has the required military strength and economic potential to be a part of the coveted organization. The former Australian PM also said that India has been introspective in its approach over the years and did not take stand outside the subcontinent. ■

# CABINET APPROVES BILL FOR REGULARISATION OF 1,731 COLONIES IN DELHI

**T**he Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 2 approved the proposal to introduce the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Recognition of Property Rights of Residents in Unauthorised Colonies) Bill, 2019 during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament.

This Bill will set the ball rolling for the registration of properties for the residents of unauthorised colonies. The move will benefit approximately 40 lakh residents in 1,731 colonies from lower-income groups who live in these colonies.

“Keeping in view the socio-economic conditions of the residents of these unauthorised colonies and

ground realities, it is necessitated to recognise and confer rights of ownership or transfer or mortgage to the residents of such colonies on the basis of Power of Attorney, -Agreement to Sale, Will, Possession Letter and other documents including documents evidencing payment of consideration and to facilitate development or redevelopment to improve existing infrastructure, civic and social amenities which will lead to better quality of life,” a statement released by the government said.

The Bill aims to recognize the power of agreement, Will, Agreement to Sell, Purchase and Possession documents as a special one-time relaxation. ■

## Cabinet approves reduction of Government of India equity shareholding in select CPSEs below 51% by retaining management control

**T**he Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on November 20 chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has accorded ‘in-principle’ approval for enabling reduction of Government of India paid-up share capital below 51% in select CPSEs while retaining the management control on case to case basis, taking into account the Government shareholding, and the shareholding of Government-controlled institution.

This is intended to widen the bandwidth of disinvestment window in select CPSEs. This will also help in pursuing the objectives of disinvestment i.e. spreading the wealth of the nation among a greater number of people, promoting efficient management of Government investment in CPSEs and ensuring greater transparency and increasing contribution of the CPSEs towards higher economic growth of the nation.



It would also increase the free float available in the market which may have positive impact on Foreign Portfolio Investments in Indian capital markets and in creation of wider investment space for retail and institutional investors and may increase in the market premium of CPSEs due to likely positive investors perception. ■



# CABINET APPROVES STRATEGIC DISINVESTMENT OF CPSES

**T**he Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 20 has accorded 'In-principle' approval for strategic disinvestment in select CPSEs as per the details below :

**(i) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL)**

(a) Strategic disinvestment of Government of India shareholding of 53.29% in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (except its equity shareholding of 61.65% in Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) and management control thereon) along with transfer of management control to a strategic buyer.

(b) Strategic disinvestment of BPCL's shareholding of 61.65% in NRL along with transfer of management control to a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) operating in the Oil and Gas Sector.

**(ii) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI)**

Strategic disinvestment of Government of India shareholding of 63.75% in Shipping Corporation of India Ltd along with transfer of management control to a strategic buyer.

**(iii) Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR)**

Strategic disinvestment of Government of India shareholding of 30.8% (out of 54.8% equity presently held by the Government of India) along with transfer of management control to a strategic buyer.

**(iv) Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDCIL)**

Strategic disinvestment of Government of India shareholding of 74.23% in THDCIL along with transfer of management control to an identified CPSE strategic buyer, namely, NTPC.

**(v) North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO)**

Strategic disinvestment of Government of India shareholding of 100% in NEEPCO along with transfer of management control to an identified CPSE strategic buyer, namely, NTPC.

Strategic disinvestment of CPSEs will be undertaken through already established procedure and mechanism.

The resources unlocked by the strategic disinvestment of these CPSEs would be used to finance the social sector/developmental programmes of the Government benefiting the public. The unlocked resources would form part of the budget and the usage would come to scrutiny of the public. It is expected that the strategic buyer/ acquirer may bring in new management/ technology/investment for the growth of these companies and may use innovative methods for their development. ■

## Govt. initiatives to revive Construction Sector

**T**he Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 20 approved certain measures for the effective implementation of the CCEA's decision of 31 August 2016 on Initiatives to revive the Construction Sector<sup>1</sup>.

Following proposals put forward by NITI Aayog with respect to the arbitrations by/against Government Entities were approved:

(i) Government Entities will take the decision to initiate proceedings for setting aside of the arbitral award, and any appeal(s) thereto, with the opinion of a Law Officer

i.e. Attorney-General for India / the Solicitor-General for India / the Additional Solicitor-General for India, in consultation with Department of Legal Affairs.

(ii) Where a Government Entity has challenged an arbitral award, resultant of which the amount of the arbitral award has not been paid, 75% of such award will be paid by the Government Entity to the contractor / concessionaire against a bank guarantee only for the said 75% and not for its interest component. With respect to the interest payable to the Government. Entity, should the subsequent court order require refund of the said 75%, payment of the same will be as per court order. ■

# BILL GATES APPLAUDS PM MODI FOR PRIORITIZING NUTRITION AS A KEY FOCUS AREA

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 18 had a meeting with Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, during the latter's three-day visit to India. The two had last met in September in New York, on the sidelines of the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr. Bill Gates reinforced his Foundation's commitment to supporting the Government of India, in its efforts to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), with a particular focus on health, nutrition, sanitation and agriculture.

Mr Gates commended the Prime Minister on prioritizing nutrition as a key focus area, and the efforts being made under the National Nutrition Mission.

He also presented new ideas that can help enhance agricultural productivity and systems performance, with a particular focus on improving access, to enable the upliftment of the poor and the marginalized.



The Prime Minister appreciated the Foundation's efforts and highlighted how the government values the expertise and responsiveness demonstrated by the Foundation. He suggested that data and evidence-based thoughtful interventions and support by development partners can help accelerate the work in the sectors of health, nutrition, agriculture and green energy. Mr. Bill Gates was joined by the key members of his India leadership team. ■

## India has potential for 'very rapid economic growth', says Bill Gates

India has the potential for "very rapid economic growth" over the next decade which will lift people out of poverty and allow the government to invest in health and education priorities in an "exciting way", billionaire philanthropist and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates said during his visit to India to review the work of his foundation in the country.

Interacting with media, Gates specifically complimented India's Aadhaar identity system and the country's performance in the financial services and Pharma sectors. "...Everybody hopes that there's really good growth because the potential is certainly there for India to have high growth," he said.

"Well, in all of our areas, India's been a key place where we find innovators and financial services. It's fantastic the way that the Aadhaar identity system and the overall UPI system is gaining adoption, and there's some great lessons out of that work," he said. "We partner with people like Nandan Nilekani to think, okay, how do the lessons from India apply to other countries for things like digital identity or financial services," he said.

"When people think of India, they think of the IT services and the great work done there. Less visible but certainly very impactful for improving the human condition is the great work done by the vaccine manufacturers, whether it's Serum, who's the largest, but a dozen others - Bharat Biotech, Bio-E, a number of companies," he said.

# AMIT SHAH INAUGURATES 1ST WINTER-GRADE DIESEL OUTLET FOR LADAKH

THE MOVE WILL BOOST TOURISM IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS



**U**nion Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on November 17 launched the the first Winter-Grade Diesel outlet for Ladakh region, which will help to address the problem faced by people due to loss of fluidity in Diesel fuel during extreme winter conditions. He said, the winter grade diesel produced by Panipat Refinery for the first time has a pour point of – 33degreeCelsius and does not lose its fluidity function even in the extreme winter weather of the region unlike the normal grade of Diesel which becomes exceedingly difficult to utilize.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Shah said that the government led by Shri Narendra Modi was committed since 2014 to bring the region of Ladakh at par with the rest of the country, which was neglected for the last 70 years. He said that the abrogation of Article 370 was a step in that direction. He also said that by bringing change in the status of Ladakh and the enhanced budget, all round development of the region has been ensured. He added that the newly introduced provisions of local taxation will also augment their financial resources.

Referring to a series of developmental measures taken by the Narendra Modi Government in the last 5 years including the Srinagar-Leh Transmission Line for electricity, 14 Solar projects for Leh and Kargil, Ladakh University, 2 new degree colleges,

5 new Tourist Circuits and Tracks for tourists and mountaineers, subsidised helicopter sewaand up gradation of District Hospital, Shri Shah said that people of Ladakh, Leh and Kargilnow enjoy same rights and will be an equal partner in the development of the country.

Shri Shah said that besides 9 MW Hydro power project, India's largestSolar project of 7500 MW with an outlay of Rs, 50,000 Crore will be completed in 4 years. This will not only bring development in the Ladakh region but will also create employment opportunities.

The Home Minister said that this Winter-Grade Diesel will not only smoothen the travel and transportation during peak tourist season in extreme cold, but will also help in giving a boost to tourism and supply needs of the people of the region and helping in the overall economic development.

Tour and Taxi operators and the common man linked through the video-conferencing from Leh thanked the Union Home Minister for taking this historic measure and said this new version of Diesel will bring a New Dawn in the region. Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Member of Parliament from Ladakh, JamyangTseringNamgyal and other senior officials of the Home Ministry and Petroleum Ministry were present on the occasion. ■

# **BRICS BUSINESS COUNCIL CREATED A ROADMAP TO ACHIEVE \$ 500 BILLION INTRA-BRICS TRADE TARGET BY THE NEXT SUMMIT : PM**

**PM Modi welcomes decision of Brazilian President to grant visa free travel to Indian citizens**



**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 14 along with the Heads of states of other BRICS countries participated in the Leaders dialogue with BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank.

Prime Minister said that the BRICS Business Council created a roadmap to achieve the \$ 500 billion Intra-BRICS trade target by the next summit and identification of economic complementarities among BRICS countries would be important in this effort. The partnership agreement between New Development Bank and BRICS Business Council would be useful for both the institutions, he added.

PM requested BRICS countries and NDB to join Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure initiative. He also requested that the work of establishing the Regional Office of NDB in India should be completed soon. This will give a boost to projects in priority areas, he added.

PM concluded that our dream of strengthening BRICS economic cooperation can be realized only with

the full cooperation of the Business Council and New Development Bank.

*Some of the significant announcements made by the Prime Minister included the following:*

*(i) India will host the BRICS Digital Health Summit on Innovative Solutions to Healthy Lifestyle. This will be in keeping with "Fit India Movement" launched by PM. The Digital Health Summit will seek to integrate digital technology with healthcare informatics and diagnostics.*

*(ii) PM also announced his intention to build on the workshops hosted on Traditional Medicine and have a BRICS MoU on Traditional Medicine. As you are aware, this is an initiative which was taken up under India's Presidency in 2016.*

*(iii) Another initiative was on Sustainable Water Management. PM has offered to host the first BRICS Water Ministers Meeting in India.*

*(iv) Since, India has been a world leader in film production and technology. India will host the BRICS Film technology Symposium in conjunction with FICCI-FRAMES in Mumbai in March 2020.*

## PM hold bilateral meetings with Brazil, Russia & China

### BRAZIL

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also held bilateral discussion with member countries of BRICS on the sidelines of the 11th BRICS summit at Brasilia on 13 November 2019.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Mr. Jair Messias Bolsonaro, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil. Prime Minister Modi invited the President of Brazil to be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day 2020. The Brazilian President has accepted the invitation with pleasure. Both leaders agreed that on this occasion the two countries can comprehensively enhance our strategic partnership. PM Modi said that he looked forward to discussing matters relating to trade. He also outlined areas for potential investment from Brazil, including in areas of agricultural equipment, animal husbandry, post-harvest technologies and biofuels. The President of Brazil expressed his readiness and informed PM that a large business delegation will accompany him to India. They also discussed other areas of cooperation including space and defence sectors. PM welcomed the decision of President to grant visa free travel to Indian citizens.

### CHINA

On the sidelines Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also held meeting with Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China.

President Xi Jinping conveyed his deep appreciation to PM for hosting him at the 2nd Informal Summit in Chennai and said that he would not forget the welcome given to him by PM Modi and the people of India. He invited PM for the 3rd informal summit in

China in 2020. The date and venue for which will be determined through diplomatic channels.

They both agreed on the importance of maintaining close dialogue on matters relating to trade and investment. President Xi thanked PM for India's substantial participation in the just concluded China Import Export Expo in Shanghai. The two leaders agreed that the new High Level Mechanism on Trade and Economy should meet at an early date.

### RUSSIA

In the bilateral meeting with the Russian President Vladimir Putin both leaders noted with satisfaction that the USD 25 billion target of bilateral trade by 2025 has already been achieved. The two leaders decided that the 1st Bilateral Regional Forum at the level of Russian Provinces and Indian States be held next year to dismantle the barriers of trade at regional level.

The two leaders noted the stability and progress made in imports of oil and natural gas. President Putin highlighted the potential of Arctic region in natural gas and invited India to invest in the region.

The two leaders also reviewed the progress made in the field of Infrastructure particularly railways in context of raising the speed of the Nagpur-Secunderabad sector railway line. The leaders also noted with satisfaction the cooperation in Defence sector and in the field of Civil Nuclear Energy. They welcomed the prospects of cooperation in civil nuclear energy in third countries.

President Putin reiterated the invitation to PM to visit Moscow to participate in the Victory Day celebrations next year, which PM gladly accepted.



(v) Terrorism has been an important area of focus in BRICS and, as Brazil just hosted the first BRICS Seminar on Strategies to counter terrorism. BRICS has also set up 5 sub working groups on terrorism. PM announced that India will host a BRICS workshop on Digital Forensics. (vi) PM also mentioned that India will host the BRICS Youth Summit with focus on areas like start ups, hackathon,

games etc. This is in keeping with the people-to-people initiatives taken by India during our Presidency in 2016, all of which has been welcomed and sustained over the last few BRICS chairship.

(vii) PM announced his intention to initiate BRICS internship and fellowship Programme for students from all BRICS countries. ■

# India didn't join RCEP to safeguard interests of farmers and Small & Medium Enterprises'

## WHAT IS RCEP

**T**he Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed agreement between the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its free trade agreement (FTA) partners. The pact aims to cover trade in goods and services, intellectual property, etc. Member states of ASEAN and their FTA partners are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Japan, India, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

## WHY DID INDIA NOT SIGN THE PRESENT FORM OF RCEP AGREEMENT?

- India decided on November 4, 2019 against joining the 16-nation Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade deal, saying it was not shying away from opening up to global competition across sectors, but it had made a strong case for an outcome which would be favorable to all countries and all sectors.
- The Indian government has decided not to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), which would have been the world's largest trade pact, over concerns that it could lead to a potential flood of Chinese imports in the country.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, attending the RCEP summit in Bangkok, stood firm on India's concerns in the trade deal not being addressed and decided there cannot be any compromise on core interests. "RCEP agreement does not reflect its original intent. The outcome was not fair or balanced," he said.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "The present form of the RCEP Agreement does not fully reflect the basic spirit and the agreed guiding principles of RCEP. It does not address satisfactorily India's outstanding issues and concerns."
- India's not joining RCEP was summed up by the PM himself: 'Whenever I try and gauge India's interest in light of her joining RCEP, I do not get an answer in the affirmative; neither Gandhiji's policy of self-reliance nor my wisdom allows me to join RCEP.'
- The decision not to join RCEP is taken to safeguard the interests of farmers, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), textile, dairy and manufacturing, medicine, steel and chemical industries.
- India had 105 billion dollar trade deficit with RCEP members in Fiscal Year 2019. Out of which China alone accounted for \$52 billion. This 15-member group accounts for 34 per cent of our imports, while our exports to them only amount to 21 per cent of our total exports. This concern was not address adequately by the members countries.
- Apart from the perennial dread of cheap Chinese import flooding Indian markets, this time the anxiety was over the impact of the agreement on India's poor and marginal farmers and milk producers.
- Farm products from Australia, milk from New Zealand, palm oil from Malaysia, and so on, would affect these vulnerable parts of our population. Hence, Our Prime Minister Shri Modi's reference to Gandhi's talisman: "Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him."
- The pact also undermines our 'Make in India' initiatives.
- Under RCEP, India would have been required to eliminate tariffs on 74% of goods from China, Australia and New Zealand, and 90% goods from Japan, South Korea and ASEAN. India was not ready to face the risk of becoming a dumping ground for cheap imports.
- Even, historical data shows that Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership haven't proven to be very beneficial for India. In fact, over the span of six years (2014-19), among its trading partners, India has improved its trade balance only with SAFTA countries, as a whole. ■

# SC REJECTS REVIEW PETITION SEEKING A COURT-MONITORED CRIMINAL PROBE INTO THE RAFALE FIGHTER JET DEAL

**T**he Supreme Court on November 15 dismissed a review petition seeking a court-monitored criminal probe into the Rafale fighter jet deal between the Indian government and France's Dassault Aviation.

The three-judge bench of the Supreme Court comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, Justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph dismissed the review pleas in a unanimous judgment.

"We cannot lose sight of the fact that we are dealing with a contract for aircrafts, which was pending before different governments for quite some time and the necessity for those aircrafts has never been in dispute" held the bench reiterating what it had held in its original judgment that it "did not consider it appropriate to conduct a roving enquiry in an Article 32 (remedies for enforcement of rights) petition," observed the bench.

The bench also rejected a plea by former Union Ministers Yashwant Sinha and Arun Shourie, and senior lawyer Prashant Bhushan to hold defence ministry officials liable for perjury i.e. giving false information to the court.

A huge controversy was sought to be created about the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report on the Rafale deal, as the earlier judgment had noted that the CAG report has been placed before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Parliament. The Supreme Court, however, accepted the explanation given by the government.

"We are of the view that the confusion arose on account of two portions of the paragraph referring to both

what had been done and what was proposed to be done" said the bench.

The SC bench declined to go into the aspects of pricing differences, procurement process and process by which the offset partner was decided, and in fact, rejected the allegations of "interference" by the PMO that had been raised by the petitioners on basis of certain leaked MoD Documents.

The review plea had alleged that the documents show objections raised to the deal by officials of the Defence ministry and Officers of the Forces.

"We, however, found that there were undoubtedly opinions expressed in the course of the decision-making process, which may be different from the decision taken, but then any decision-making process envisages debates and expert opinion and the final call is with the competent authority, which so exercised it." The bench has observed while dismissing the allegations.

In what has been hailed as a win by the BJP government, the bench

also made certain scathing remarks on the plea itself -- "It does appear that the endeavour of the petitioners is to construe themselves as an appellate authority to determine each aspect of the contract and call upon the Court to do the same.." the Supreme Court observed.

"The Supreme Court's decision to dismiss the review petition on Rafale is a befitting reply to those leaders and parties who rely on malicious and baseless campaigns. Today's decision, yet again, reaffirms Modi sarkar's credentials as a govt which is transparent and corruption-free." tweeted Home Minister Shri Amit Shah. ■

## RAHUL GANDHI SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL: SC

The Supreme Court on November 14 scolded Shri Rahul Gandhi and closed a contempt plea filed by BJP MP Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for wrongly attributing to the court his "chowkidar chor hai" slogan against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Rafale case.

The Supreme Court said, "Mr Rahul Gandhi needs to be more careful in future" for attributing to the court his remarks. Shri Rahul Gandhi had made the remarks on April 10 for which he filed apology in the court. His apology was accepted by the supreme court.

## ‘HOUSING FOR ALL IN RURAL INDIA WILL BE FULFILLED BY 2022’

**U**nion Minister for Rural Development Shri Narendra Singh Tomar on November 20, 2019 interacted with the beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) from 5 States namely Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh from the Doordarshan studios in New Delhi and heard their testimonies. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana was launched on 20th November 2016 with an aim of providing housing for all in rural areas. PMAY-G has completed three years on 20th November, 2019 and on this occasion Rural development minister interacted with the beneficiaries.

While interacting with beneficiaries across these five States, Shri Tomar said that **although a housing scheme for rural poor was in existence before the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government, its implementation was poor and was stuck in a lot of red-tape. He said that under the guidance of Prime Minister’s vision, PMAY-G scheme was launched on 20th November 2016 and it was made more comprehensive as it included amenities like water,**

gas, toilet and electricity supply in all the households. Under the PMAY-G, houses are being constructed using New Technologies. Time for Construction of Houses under the scheme has reduced to 114 days from 314 days in 2015-16 due to use of direct benefit transfer (DBT) platform. Under PMAY, the minimum size of a house has also been increased to 25 square meters.

The Union Rural Development Minister further informed that 87 lakh homes in different parts of the country have already been completed and the aim is to have 2 crore 95 lakh houses by 2022. This will complete Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s dream of housing for all in Rural India by 2022. Shri Tomar further said that Government has ensured that all houses constructed under PMAY-G are designed properly by experts who have made it on the basis of topology and they are climate resistant homes. The common thing said by most beneficiaries was that their lives have been transformed after getting a ‘pucca’ house and it has boosted their self-esteem, social status and standard of living. ■

## Left-wing extremism reduced by 43% in last 5 years: MHA

**T**he home ministry on 19 November, 2019 told the Lok Sabha that Left-wing extremism had declined by 43% during the period May 2014-April 2019 as compared to the preceding five years. Also, its geographical spread had shrunk considerably, with two-thirds of Maoist violence being reported from just 10 districts.

Replying to a question in the Lok Sabha seeking details of steps taken by the Centre to counter Left-wing extremism, particularly in Jharkhand, minister of state for home Shri G Kishan Reddy said violence in Jharkhand had dipped by 45% in the first term of Modi government as compared to UPA government’s term from May 2009 to April 2014.

Shri Reddy credited the declining level and spread of Left-wing extremism to proper implementation of the national policy and action plan approved in 2015 to

holistically address the Maoist problem.

The plan envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security related measures, development interventions and ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities etc. Outlining the measures taken, the MoS Rs 1,775 crore worth of funds had been provided over the past three years as special Central assistance to fill critical gaps in public infrastructure and services. Of this, Rs 773 crore was released for Jharkhand alone.

Under the Road Requirement Plan-I (RRP-I) that envisages construction of 5,422 km roads, 4,833 km roads have been completed so far. The completed roads include 707 km in Jharkhand alone. Under road connectivity project for LWE areas (RRP-II) 5,065 km roads, including 615 km roads in Jharkhand, have been sanctioned. Of these 1062 km roads, including 184 km roads in Jharkhand, have been completed. ■



# UNION TERRITORIES OF J&K, LADAKH COME INTO BEING

## NEW INDIAN MAP SHOWS BOTH UTS

**T**wo new Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh came into being on 31 October, 2019 putting into effect the reorganization of the erstwhile state.

The implementation of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which got President's assent on 9 August, means the special status enjoyed by Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 comes to an end after 72 years.

The Survey of India has also redrawn the map of India to depict the newly formed Union Territories (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh. Areas such as Gilgit, Gilgit Wazarat, Chilhas and the Tribal Territory of 1947 that have been occupied by Pakistan are included in the Ladakh UT. Other areas in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) such as Mirpur and Muzaffarabad have been included in the J&K UT.

The President of India issued a notification on 02 November, 2019 to define the districts in the two UTs that came into being on 31 October as per the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019. "The new UT of Ladakh consists of two districts of Kargil and Leh. The rest of the former State of Jammu and Kashmir is in the new UT of J&K," the Home Ministry said.

In 1947, J&K had 14 districts: Kathua, Jammu, Udhampur, Reasi, Anantnag, Baramulla, Poonch, Mirpur, Muzaffarabad, Leh and Ladakh, Gilgit, Gilgit Wazarat, Chilhas and Tribal Territory.

By 2019, they were reorganised into 28 districts. The new districts were Kupwara, Bandipur, Ganderbal, Srinagar,



Budgam, Pulwama, Shupian, Kulgam, Rajouri, Ramban, Doda, Kishtivar, Samba and Kargil.

"The Leh district of the new Union Territory of Ladakh has been defined in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Second Order, 2019, issued by the President of India, to include the areas of the districts of Gilgit, Gilgit Wazarat, Chilhas and Tribal Territory of 1947, in addition to the remaining areas of Leh and Ladakh districts of 1947, after carving out the Kargil District," the notification said. ■

## 'Industries won't need NOC from Departments of Pollution, Labour, Industry in Delhi'

**U**nion Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar on November 16 said that there will be no need for industries to get the no-objection certificate (NOC) from Departments of Pollution, Labor and Industry in the national capital. "Narendra

Modi Government's big decision for Delhi. It will be easier for domestic industries to operate. No need for NOC from Department of Pollution, Labor and Industry. Three lakh domestic industries will benefit," Javadekar tweeted. ■

# 'Our civilization, culture and languages convey the message of unity in diversity'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 59th edition of his monthly radio programme "Mann Ki Baat" on November 24, 2019. Excerpts;



**S**hri Narendra Modi in his 59th edition of his monthly radio programme said countrymen, welcome to Mann Ki Baat. Every 4th Sunday of November is celebrated as NCC Day. Our youth remembers the friendship day without fail. There are some who also remember NCC Day in a similar way. I congratulate all the current cadets and former cadets on NCC Day.

'I am also fortunate that I have been an NCC Cadet in my village school, that's why I know this discipline and uniform, and due to that the confidence rises', he said. The PM said the Armed Forces Day is celebrated on December 7. We remember our soldiers' sacrifice and courage this day. Let's express our gratefulness towards the courage and dedication of the Armed Forces this day.

## VALUES OF PEACE, UNITY AND GOODWILL PARAMOUNT

PM Shri Modi said post Ayodhya verdict on 9th November, 130 crore Indians again proved that nothing is more important than country's interest. The morals of peace, unity and harmony are above everything.

He said, "In the last edition of Man Ki Baat, we had discussed the 2010 Allahabad High Court Judgment on the Ayodhya issue. And I have referred to how we had maintained peace and harmony back then. Whether it was before the verdict or after the verdict. This time too, when the Supreme Court pronounced its judgment on 9th November, 130 crore Indians once again proved that for them, national interest is supreme. The values of peace, unity and goodwill are paramount in our country. When the verdict on Ram Mandir was pronounced, the entire country embraced it with open arms. They accepted the verdict with ease and with peace. Today, through the Man Ki Baat program, I would like to appreciate and thank my countrymen. I am particularly grateful to them for the

patience, restraint and maturity shown by them".

## USE MOTHER TONGUE

There are a lot of people of Rung community living in Pithoragarh's Dharchula. These people converse in the local language called Runglo. They used to get sad knowing that people speaking the language were reducing. So one day, all resolved to protect their language and very soon many rung community people joined this mission.

The Prime Minister further said, "Hundred and fifty years ago, the father of modern Hindi Bharatendu Harishchandra had also said, "The progress of one's language is the source of one's overall progress. All progress is meaningless if one's mother tongue is neglected"

That means no progress is possible without the knowledge of one's mother tongue. This initiative of the Rang community, thus, is sure to be showing the path to the rest of the world. If you too, have been inspired by this story, then start using your language or dialect from today. Inspire the society and your family to do so.

## 'NEVER HAD DESIRE TO ENTER POLITICS'

Answering one of the cadets, PM said, "Every child goes through multiple phases in life. Sometimes one wants to become this, sometimes one wants to become that, but it is true that I never had the desire to enter politics, nor I ever thought about it," he said.

The PM said that "due to Google", his reading habits have suffered as there is a shortcut available to find references.

Shri Modi also asked to take a pledge to rid our surroundings of plastic waste, "Plastic Free India" can become a new example for the whole world. ■



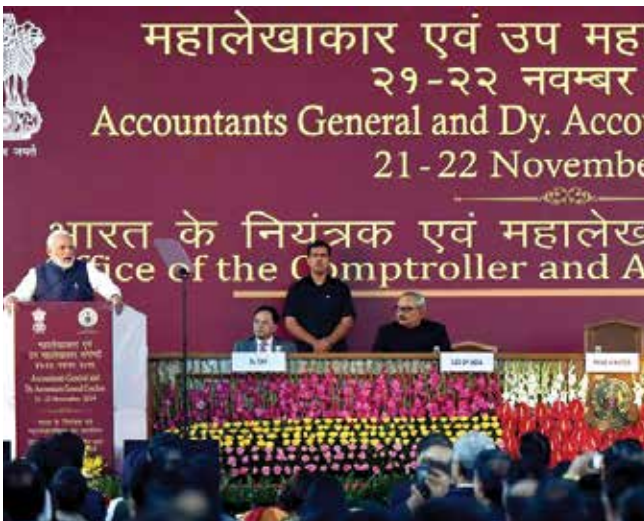
PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing the BRICS Business Forum on the sidelines of BRICS Summit in Brazil



PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting the President of Russia Mr. Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of BRICS Summit in Brazil



PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting the President of China Mr. Xi Jinping on the sidelines of BRICS Summit in Brazil



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing the Accountants General and Dy. Accountants General Conclave in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi attending the All Parties Leaders Meet ahead of Winter Session of Parliament in New Delhi



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**GANDHI JI'S DREAM OF NEW INDIA BEING DELIVERED BY PM MODI'S VISION**  
 CLEANLINESS IS NOT JUST A HABIT BUT A WAY OF LIFE

**Swachh Bharat Mission delivers An Open-Defecation Free India**

- 3 lakh diarrheal deaths avoided since 2014
- Rs 50,000 (approx) health costs avoided annually for any household
- 75.5 Lakh (approx) full-time equivalent jobs created between 2014 & 2019

Source: WHO & UNICEF | [www.bjp.org](https://www.bjp.org)

**INDIAN TRADE CONTINUES TO GROW AMID GLOBAL SLOWDOWN**

**VEHICLES SALE WITNESSES A 4% HIKE IN OCTOBER 2019**

Category	Total units sold in Oct'18	Total units sold in Oct'19	% Rise
PASSENGER VEHICLES	2,23,498	2,48,036	11%
TWO-WHEELERS VEHICLES	12,70,261	13,34,941	5%
ALL CATEGORIES VEHICLES	16,38,832	17,09,610	4%

Source: Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations

**Modi Govt's initiatives empowering Indian dreams & economy**

**Customer Outreach Initiative conducted by PSBs in October**

- Rs 2.53 lakh crore disbursed as loans in a single month
- Outreach camps conducted across 374 districts in India
- Total credit of Rs 19,627 crore given to NBFCs by PSBs
- New term loans worth Rs 1.05 lakh crore & new working capital loans worth Rs 46,800 crore disbursed

\*NBFC - Non-Banking Financial Company  
 \*PSB - Public Sector Banks  
 Source: Govt of India | [www.bjp.org](https://www.bjp.org)

**PM MODI IS BUILDING A NEW INDIA OF MAHATMA GANDHI'S DREAMS**

ON WORLD TOILET DAY, INDIA IS OPEN-DEFECATION FREE FOR THE 1ST TIME IN HISTORY

**RURAL SANITATION COVERAGE IN INDIA**

Year	Coverage (%)
2014	39%
2018	76%
2019	100%*

\*Approx | Source: GOVT OF INDIA