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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda celebrates Samvidhan Diwas Programme at BJP HQ, 6A DDU Marg, New Delhi



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda performing "Ganga Aarti" at Har ki Pauri, Ganga Ghat, Haridwar



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda visits Shantikunj, Haridwar



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda offers prayers at Shri Bangla Sahib Gurudwara in New Delhi on the occasion of Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji

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For new facilities, reforms are necessary for new arrangements. Earlier reforms were in pieces and taking into account some sectors, some departments. Reforms are now being carried out with the idea of an entirety.



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Hon PM Shri @narendramodi Ji conveyed future projection in his address at India Mobile Congress. India is establishing as #AatmanirbharBharat in the sectors like telecom & technology, encourage entrepreneurs, innovations, attract investments & empower millions of Indians.



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Kudosto@investindiafor winning the UNCTAD's 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award. This remarkable achievement echoes PM @narendramodi's tireless efforts and visionary leadership to make India a preferred investment destination with a focus on ease of doing business.



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The government launched the Sugam Bharat campaign to create obstacle-free environment for Divyang people with the aim of making public buildings, transportation systems and information technology accessible on a large scale by creating accessibility and inclusive physical and virtual infrastructure for Divyang people.



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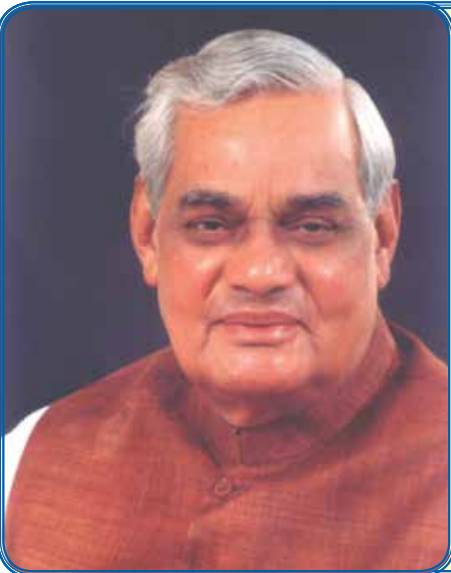
NCP Kaka , DMK Stalin , AAP AK , Capt Amarinder Singhfull of double talk , U turns , duplicity. Now that they are exposed running from poll to poll giving clarification. You all have to answer for generations for the anarchy you all trying to provoke . #FarmersWithPmModi



Nitin Gadkari



For the prosperity of the farmers in the country and for the best quality of agriculture, every farmer needs to get a soil health card by testing the soil in his field. Today, on the occasion of #WorldSoilDay, let us try to create awareness among the farmers.



**KAMAL SANDESH Parivar
pays tribute to
Former Prime Minister of India
Bharat Ratna SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE
on his Jayanti.**

SHAT SHAT NAMAN !

Birthday : 25 December

AGRICULTURAL REFORMS WILL PAVE THE PATH FOR AN ATMNIRBHAR BHARAT

As nation is moving forward with fast pace under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, almost every sector of the economy is experiencing transformation with crucial reforms revolutionizing every sphere of life. While the recent agricultural reforms have been welcomed in the entire country, some confusion created by certain vested interests have led a section of farming community to raise objections on few points. While the government is trying to convince this section by addressing their concerns, attempts are being made to politicise the process and block the dialogue process by raising intransigent demands. It is to be noted that any demand raised by keeping ulterior motives in mind has always failed in getting people's support in the country.

The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion & Facilitation) Bill, 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020, and, Essential Commodities (Amendments) Bill, 2020 are the three laws which were demanded by various stakeholders to reform the agricultural sector in the country. These reforms were discussed for long in the country and various farmer leaders, experts, political parties have been advocating these steps on various forums from time to time. The

passing of these laws have set the farmers free from the decades of bondage as now they can sell their farm produce to the buyers of their choice. Not only this, farmers are also free to sell their produce anywhere in the country. These laws have not only freed the farmers and gave them access to competitive market which can get them remunerative prices but also paved the path for modernisation of the agriculture sector with new technology, marketing and food processing infrastructure while involving them with trading and export activities. These are the reforms which will not only benefit the farmers immediately but empower them in the longer run as a strong component of Indian economy.

No one can deny the fact that the Modi government is the first government in India which has taken so many pro-farmer, rural-centric and agriculture friendly initiatives in the country. It is for the first time in the history of India that MSP has been fixed at one and half times more than the cost of production. Not only this, while the MSP has been continuously increased, it has been announced for many new crops and procurement has been historically high in the last six years creating many records in the country. It is for the first time in the history of India that with the introduction of neem coated urea now the

farmers are not compelled to wait in long queues and buy urea in black markets. The crop insurance scheme introduced by Modi government has given an immense sense of security to the farmers. Under the PM-KISAN, for the first time the farmers were given cash support through direct transfer of more than Rs. one lakh crore to their accounts till now. In addition to these, allied activities like fisheries, horticulture and dairy have received huge boost in a bid to increase farmers' income. The pro-farmer and pro-agriculture works of Modi government are so numerous that it may take volumes to elaborate on them in detail.

The Modi government is committed to the doubling of farmers' income, modernise agriculture and revolutionise the rural sector. It is highly unfortunate that certain vested interests in the existing system have tried to create confusion and mislead the farmers on ground of some baseless apprehensions to scuttle the reform process. But as the efforts are being made to address those confusions, concerns and apprehensions, the agitating farmers will very soon realise the necessity of these laws and support the agricultural reforms wholeheartedly. As the entire nation is supporting reforms in every sector, the agricultural reforms will pave the path for an Atmnirbhar Bharat building a 'New India' of 21st century. ■

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'GURU NANAK DEV JI HIMSELF IS THE BIGGEST SYMBOL OF REFORMS IN SOCIETY AND SYSTEM'

PM CONGRATULATES KASHI FOR GETTING BACK STOLEN STATUE OF MATA ANNAPURNA

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on November 30 participated in 'Dev Deepawali Mahotsav' in Varanasi. Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said it was another special occasion for Kashi as, he said, the idol of Mata Annapurna that was stolen from Kashi more than 100 years ago, is now coming back again. It is a matter of great fortune for Kashi. He said these ancient idols of our gods and goddesses are a symbol of our faith as well as our priceless heritage.

The Prime Minister said if such effort had been made earlier, the country would have got back



many such statues. He said, for us legacy means the country's heritage, while for some, it means their family and their family name. He added, for us heritage means our culture, our faith, our values! For others it might mean, their idols and family photos.

The Prime Minister said Guru Nanak Dev ji is himself as the biggest symbol of reforms in the society and system. He said whenever there are changes in the society and the national interest, the voices of uncalled for opposition arise somehow. But when the significance of those reforms becomes clear, everything gets alright. He cited

this as the lesson we get from the life of Guru Nanak Devji.

The Prime Minister said when development works started for Kashi, the protesters protested for the sake of it. He said when Kashi had decided that Vishwanath Corridor would be built till Baba's Darbar, the protesters had criticized that too, but today the glory of Kashi is being revived by the grace of Baba. He said centuries-long direct connection between Baba's Darbar and Maa Ganga is being re-established.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that by the grace of the Lord Kashi Vishwanath, he got the opportunity to participate in the festival of light at Kashi. He recounted the glory of the ancient city and said that Kashi has guided the world over the ages. The Prime Minister said that due to the Corona restrictions he could not come to the city, which is also his constituency, very frequently and keenly felt the void created by this. He said he was never distant from his people during this time and kept tab on the arrangements during the pandemic times. He praised the spirit of public service displayed by the people of Kashi during the pandemic.

PM INAUGURATES SIX-LANE WIDENING PROJECT OF VARANASI-PRAYAGRAJ SECTION OF NH-19

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his visit to Varanasi on November 30 inaugurated six-lane widening project of the Varanasi - Prayagraj section of NH-19. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said we are now seeing the outcome of the work of connectivity alongwith the beautification of Kashi done in the past. He added that the unprecedented work has been done on new highways, pull-flyovers, widening of roads to reduce traffic jams in and around Varanasi.

The Prime Minister remarked that our farmers would benefit greatly when modern connectivity expands in the area. He said over the years, efforts have been made to create infrastructure like cold



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storage alongwith modern roads in the villages. A fund of 1 lakh crore rupees has also been created for this.

The Prime Minister cited an example of how the farmers are benefiting from the government's efforts and modern infrastructure. He said

black rice was introduced 2 years ago in Chandauli to increase the income of the farmers. Last year, a farmer committee was formed and around 400 farmers were given this rice to grow in the Kharif season. While normal rice sells for Rs 35-40 a kg, this black rice was sold for up to Rs 300 a kg. For the first time, this rice has been exported to Australia, that too at the rate of around Rs. 800 per kg.

The Prime Minister said India's agricultural products are famous all over the world. He asked why farmers shouldn't have access to this big market and higher prices. He said new agricultural reforms have given farmers new options and new legal protection and at the same time the old system also continues if someone chooses to stay with that. He said earlier, transactions outside the mandi were illegal but now the small farmer can take legal action on the transactions outside the mandi also.



CRITICISM ON MERE APPREHENSIONS

The Prime Minister said Governments make policies, laws and regulations. Criticizing the opposition, he said earlier the decisions of the government were opposed but now the criticism is based on mere apprehensions. He said confusion is spread in society about what has not happened yet, which will never happen. He said these are the same people who have consistently tricked the farmers for decades.

Continuing on the duplicity of the past, the Prime Minister said MSP was declared, but a very meager MSP purchase used to take place. This deception went on for years. Large loan waiver packages were announced in the name of farmers, but they did not reach the small and marginal farmers. He added big schemes were announced in the name of farmers but earlier regimes themselves believed that out of 1 rupee, only 15 paise reached the farmer, which is deceit in the name of schemes.

The Prime Minister said when history has been full of deception, then two things are natural. The

first is that there is decades of history behind the farmers being apprehensive about the promises of governments. Secondly, it has become a compulsion for those who break the promises, to spread the lie that what used to take place before, is still going to happen. He said when you see the track record of this government, the truth will come out automatically. He said the Government delivered on the promise of stopping the black marketing of urea and giving enough urea to the farmers. He said the Government delivered on the promise of fixing MSP at 1.5 times the cost in line with the recommendation of the Swaminathan Commission. This promise was not only fulfilled on paper, but has reached the bank account of the farmers.

PROCUREMENT ON MSP INCREASED MANIFOLD

The Prime Minister said in the five years before 2014, pulses of around Rs 6.5 crores were procured from the farmer. But in the subsequent 5 years, pulses worth about Rs 49000 crore were procured,

that is, about 75 times increase. In the 5 years prior to 2014, paddy worth Rs 2 lakh crores were purchased. But in the subsequent 5 years, we have passed 5 lakh crore rupees as MSP of paddy to the farmers. That is, almost two and a half times more money has reached the farmer. He added in the 5 years before 2014, farmers got around Rs. 1.5 lakh crore on the purchase

of wheat. In the subsequent 5 years, wheat farmers have got Rs 3 lakh crores i.e. around 2 times. He asked why the Government would spend so much if the mandis and the MSP were to be dismantled. He stressed that the government is spending crores of rupees to modernize the mandis.

Criticizing the opposition, the Prime Minister said, these are the people who used to raise questions about PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, spreading the rumor that this money is being given in view of the elections and after the election the same money will have to be given back with interest. He added that in a state, where the opposition government

Prime Minister said decades of deceit make farmers apprehensive but now there is no deceit, work is being done with intentions as pure as Gangajal. He remarked that the truth of those who spread illusions on the basis of mere apprehensions is being constantly exposed before the country. When farmers understand their lies, then they start spreading lies on another subject.

is there, due to its political interest, farmers are not allowed to take advantage of this scheme. He said assistance is being provided directly to the bank accounts of more than 10 crore farmer families of the country. So far, about 1 lakh crore rupees have been reached the farmers.

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M. VIJAYASHANTHI AND TMC MLA FROM WEST BENGAL JOIN BJP

Renowned Telugu actor M. Vijayashanthi on December 7 joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the presence of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in New Delhi. Smt. M. Vijayashanthi resigned from the primary membership of the Congress to join BJP. Earlier, she

became an Member of Lok Sabha from Medak (Telangana) and represented the constituency between 2009-2014. In a film career spanning 40 years, she has acted in over 180 feature films

in various Indian languages including Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and Hindi.

Earlier, TMC MLA Shri Mihir Goswami on 27 November joined Bharatiya Janata Party at the party's National Headquarters in Delhi in the presence of BJP National General Secretary and West Bengal's in-charge of the party Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya. Shri Vijayvargiya said, "He is a senior and seasoned politician from Cooch Behar in North Bengal. He is an MLA from Cooch Behar's South Assembly seat." ■





BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT COMMENCES 120-DAY NATIONWIDE PRAVAS FROM DEVBHOOMI UTTARAKHAND

Bharatiya Janata Party National President, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda commenced his 120-day nationwide Pravas on December 4, 2020, from Uttarakhand, where he stayed for four days. He presided over activities and addressed meetings to strengthen the party base in the state as well as at the booth level. Shri Nadda held more than a dozen meetings besides participating in various booth-level and mandal-level programmes. He reviewed activities at the mandal and booth level and also met a broad section of eminent personalities from various groups and sections.

The BJP National President reached Dehradun on December 4 where he was welcomed in a grand ceremony. After this, he visited Shanti Kunj Gayatri Pariwar in Haridwar. He met Shanti Kunj head, Dr Pranav Pandya and Shri Chinmaya Pandya. The same day he visited the Niranjana Akhara and met with the saints and ascetics there. He also sought their blessings. Shri Nadda also met Baba Ramdev at Patanjali, Haridwar. In the evening he participated in the Ganga Aarti. Shri Nadda met Swami Avdeshananda and other sadhus and saints and sought their blessings. He also had dinner with the sadhus and saints.

In the morning of December 5, Shri Nadda left for Dehradun. He received a grand welcome at Nepali



Shri JP Nadda receives grand welcome by karyakartas forming human chain at Nepali Farm on arrival at Dehradun border

Farm on the Dehradun border by karyakartas forming a human chain. After this, he held a detailed meeting at the Bijapur House in Dehradun with MPs, MLAs and party leaders. He also held deliberations with the party leaders. He also reviewed all the booth-level programmes.

In the afternoon of that day, Shri Nadda met ward-level leaders, Zila Panchayat head, Mayor as well as head of cooperative banks. After that he addressed a meeting of Karyakartas of Ambedkar Nagar Mandal at the Hindu National Inter College, Ambedkar Nagar.

In the evening he interacted with eminent personalities from religious and social spheres. Also, Shri Nadda held separate meetings with BJP state observers, State head and other senior leaders at the Bijapur Guest House in Dehradun.

In the evening of December 5, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the intellectuals of the state at IRDT Auditorium, Dehradun. He discussed various aspects of the developmental journey which took place across the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Shri Nadda said that 'Devbhoomi Uttarakhand' has a prominent place in the country, whether it is social sector, spiritual area or security concern of the country, Uttarakhand has always led the country and taken the country forward.

“Uttarakhand has provided military leadership to the country, be it Chief of Defence Staff, field marshals, generals or brave soldiers who have put their lives in defence of the borders. Uttarakhand has also played its role in bureaucracy, research and science taking the country forward. I bow to the land of such great Devbhoomi Uttarakhand.”

The BJP President said that the Bharatiya Janata Party, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is always ready and determined to take the country forward with the support of the people even under adverse circumstances, but corruption, 'gundaraj' and people working against the country are becoming the biggest obstacle in the way of development of the country.

The people of Bihar expressed their unwavering faith in the politics of development of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by defeating the politics of 'gundaraj' and anarchy of the opposition.

Our fight in Bihar was with an unholy alliance in which one was a CPI(ML) which was burying the land of Bihar with genocides, the second was RJD symbolizing 'gundaraj' and the third was the Congress which has been acting against the interests of the country.

The entire Congress including Shri Rahul Gandhi, Shri P Chidambaram, Shri Shashi Tharoor opposed the abolition of Article 370. Pakistan used the statement of



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda visits Patanjali Yogpeeth in Dehradun & met Swami Ramdev & Acharya Balkrishna

Rahul Gandhi in the United Nations against India, but despite such unholy alliance, the people of Bihar gave a clear majority to the NDA and told that it wanted to move on the path of development.

From Manipur to Gujarat and Karnataka, Telangana to Ladakh, the people expressed their faith in the BJP and put their stamp of approval on the policies of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said that the people of the entire nation are giving their full blessings to the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi because he has changed the political culture of the country and made it development-oriented. He has given the slogan of development and has made 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Viswas' his core idea.

Shri Nadda said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has fought against Covid by taking the country along. While many big countries of the world were finding themselves helpless in spite of good health infrastructure, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, not only secured the country by taking bold decisions on time, but also united the country to fight the pandemic.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister not only addressed the issue of health but also took the economic issue seriously and initiated policies like Garib Kalyan Package, Aatmnirbhar Bharat Campaign and Garib Kalyan Rojgar Yojana.

A fund of 20 lakh crore rupees was allocated under the Aatmnirbhar Bharat Campaign, out of which one lakh crore rupees were allocated for agricultural infrastructure and three lakh crore rupees for MSMEs. The Prime Minister has started the campaign for 'Vocal

for Local' to take India forward.

BJP National President said that all the schemes launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji in the last six years, to bring the marginalized section of the society into the mainstream of development, whether it is Ujjwala Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Kisan Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ujala Yojana or Saubhagya Yojana, have immensely benefited the people.

The Prime Minister built more than 11 crore toilets under the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', giving women the right to live with dignity. More than 8 lakh women were given free gas connections under the Ujjwala scheme. Under Ayushman Bharat, about 50 crore people were given free health insurance of five lakh rupees annually.

I am confident that the people of Uttarakhand, the people of the country will continue to trust the Union Government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

ji, and the State Government led by Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat. Our every step is devoted to the upliftment of citizens and development of the state and the country. The programme was also attended by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, the State BJP President Shri Banshidhar Bhagat, BJP National General Secretary and the party's in-charge of Uttarakhand Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam and other several leaders of the BJP.

On December 6, the Party National President visited the RSS office at Tilak road in Dehradun in the morning and had breakfast there with the Vichar Parivaar. He reviewed the working of various wings of the BJP in which top leaders from the party participated.

In the afternoon Shri Nadda visited the BJP headquarters at Balbir Road, Dehradun and held a virtual meeting with all the karyakartas from the booth-level to the top.

UTTARAKHAND IS NOT ONLY FOCAL POINT OF SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT IT IS ALSO LAND OF COUNTLESS BRAVE SOLDIERS: JP NADDA



Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda while addressing the booth-level workers' conference at BJP office in Dehradun virtually, called upon the workers to set the agenda instead of following the agenda of others.

Shri Nadda said that when I was planning 120-day nationwide pravas for strengthening the organization and expansion of the party, I decided that I should start it from the holy land of Devbhoomi Uttarakhand.

Uttarakhand is not only the focal point of spiritual consciousness, but it is also the land of countless brave soldiers who have given away their lives to protect the country. I worship such a great land.

UNDER PM MODI'S LEADERSHIP COUNTRY IS PROGRESSING AT A FAST PACE

The BJP President said that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the country is moving at a fast pace on the path of continuous development. He said that in Bihar we have contested 110 Vidhan Sabha seats and won 74 seats. Our winning strike rate was 67%. The people of Bihar expressed their unwavering faith in Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and his developmental agenda by defeating the politics of chaos and anarchy. Similarly, all the parties in Uttar Pradesh were contesting against the BJP, but the people there also chose the path of development. Not only this, in the assembly elections and by-elections held in Bihar, Manipur, Telangana, Gujarat and other states, the people gave their blessings to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and decided that they do not want to support the politics of casteism, dynasty and appeasement.



EFFECTIVE COVID MANAGEMENT

Speaking on Covid Management, the BJP National President said that Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, taking the right and bold decision at the right time, not only ensured the safety of 130 crore countrymen, but also through 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' and 'Garib Kalyan Yojana' providing socio-economic security. Whether it is the number of tests per day, testing labs, dedicated Covid Hospitals, production of ventilators, production of PPE kits, production of face masks, India has made significant progress during lockdown in every sector. Today, our testing facility has reached 1.5 million per day. There are sufficient number of dedicated covid beds today, today we are becoming self sufficient in ventilator production and today, we are exporting PPE kits to other countries. Uttarakhand is also not behind in race. Today more than 13 thousand tests are being done daily in Uttarakhand, 58 labs have also been operational in the state. There are 11 Covid dedicated Hospitals in the state, with adequate number of ICUs, oxygen support and ventilator support are also available. Under the Garib Kalyan package, three gas cylinders were made available free of cost to about 8 crore families and three

“Whether it is Uttarakhand or Himachal Pradesh, people from almost every house has served the country, who are constantly working to ensure the security of the country even under adverse circumstances. It is the Modi government that has met the demand for One Rank, One Pension which was pending for 40 years. In Uttarakhand alone, about one lakh military personnel have benefited from this.”

installments of Rs 500 were credited in the accounts of 20 crore women Jan Dhan account holders. Financial assistance of Rs 1000 was provided to the Divyang, widows and the elderly during the lockdown, while the farmers were given two installments of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana. One lakh crore rupees were set aside for agricultural infrastructure development. Under the Kisan Samman Nidhi, an amount of one lakh crore rupees has been transferred to the bank account of farmers. Now the central government is implementing 'One Nation, One Ration

Card' so that ration can be easily available to the needy people anywhere in the country. Free food grains were supplied to 80 crore people for 8 months, which was a unique campaign in itself. A fund of 20 lakh crore rupees was sanctioned under the Self-Reliant India Campaign, out of which one lakh crore rupees were allocated for agricultural infrastructure and three lakh crore

rupees for MSMEs. We are also working to promote local products and entrepreneurs under the 'Vocal for Local' campaign. During the election, we used Kumaon region rangoli in every advertisement, we can brand it too.

Shri Nadda said that when all the political parties had locked themselves, then only and only the Bharatiya Janata Party devoted itself to the service of humanity. Party workers, regardless of their lives, served every needy. Food packets were distributed to them, ration kits were given, medicines were given to the elderly, face covers and sanitizers were also distributed during this programme. Blood donation camps were also organized in hundreds of places, books were provided to children and many other kinds of assistance were also provided.

UPLIFTMENT OF THE VILLAGES, POOR AND FARMERS

BJP National President said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, for the upliftment of the villages, poor and farmers of the country, we have taken many steps like Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwal Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, we have successfully implemented such schemes. In the 70 years of independence, the Congress ruled for almost 55 years, but neither women had toilets, nor did the poor had access to the banks, there was no electricity in every village, nor was there any health facility for the poor. But during the last six years of the tenure of Modi government, electricity has reached to every village, toilets were constructed, the poor got the access in banking services and got the free treatment.

In Uttarakhand 5.22 lakh toilets were built and it was declared ODF, electricity has reached to homes and the state government complementing the Ayushman India added another dimension with Atal Ayushman Yojana scheme under which so far 2.12 lakh people of the state have benefited. And the government has spent more than Rs 200 crore on this scheme.

More than 1.25 billion people have been benefited under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana across the country and an amount of about Rs.15,500 crore has been spent on it. All weather road is being built for the Char Dham Yatra with a cost of Rs. 12 thousand crores in the state, Karnprayag railway line has been started and under Namami Ganga scheme crores of rupees have been spent to clean Maa Ganga in state. Due to the untiring efforts of the Modi government, many prestigious institutes such as the Drone Application Center, Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology, National Law University and the Coast Guard are now being operational in the state. Nearly 50 thousand water connections have been given in



the state, which has ensured water access to people of Uttarakhand.

ONE RANK, ONE PENSION

The party workers should work as bridges between the central government and state government of the Bharatiya Janata Party. We have given a new dimension to development in every field. Politics is a mission for us and we are all to bring about developmental change in the country. It is our responsibility that even if we do not get compliments, we continue to work for the upliftment of the country.

Shri Nadda said that whether it is Uttarakhand or Himachal Pradesh, people from almost every house have served the nation, who are constantly working to ensure the security of the nation even under adverse circumstances. It is the Modi government that has met the demand for 'One Rank, One Pension' which was pending for 40 years. In Uttarakhand alone, about one lakh military

personnels have benefited from this. Today, we are not only making world class bullet proof jackets, but we are also exporting it. While 36 Rafale fighters are coming to protect the border of the country, 28 Apache and 15 Chinook helicopters as well as Surface to Air missiles and Howitzer cannons have also been added in military power. He said that there is a problem on the border today, but under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, from Arunachal Pradesh to Ladakh, we have written a new history of infrastructure development on the border and the jawans on the border are ready to face any challenge. Roads are being built on the border, bridges are being built, runways are being built. More recently, the Prime



Minister has dedicated the Atal Tunnel to the nation. We have defeated the enemies in their house and eliminated the terrorists by performing surgical strikes and air strikes. India is ready in every way to protect the borders of the country under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

BJP National President said that due to the politics of appeasement of the Congress, Section 370 was not repealed. He said that it was the strong political will of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the efficient strategy of Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, on the strength of which we brought

down Article 370. All Congress leaders, from Rahul Gandhi to Chidambaram, Shashi Tharoor and Mani Shankar Aiyar, are advocating to re-instate Article 370, these people have fallen to such a level in politics that they are now seen standing in opposition to the country. Pakistan uses their statements against India in the United Nations, these people become media headlines in the enemies' country. God give them wisdom!

REPEALING ARTICLE 370

Shri Nadda said that as long as Article 370 was in force in Jammu and Kashmir, anti-corruption laws were

not enforced there. The rest of the country's laws also did not apply there. Today, when the Anti-Corruption Law is implemented in Jammu and Kashmir after the abolition of Section 370, each case of corruption is being highlighted one by one. The Gupkar Alliance is a coalition of such corrupt people. They are forming such an alliance to save the corruption they have committed. I want to make it clear that not a single culprit will escape from punishment in the BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, but yes, it must be remembered that we do not do anything with political malice. The law will do its job.

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is its principle and 'Antyodaya' and 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, and Sabka Vishvas' is its fundamental mantra.

In the evening Shri Nadda addressed the social media volunteers of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

On the last day of his Uttarakhand pravas, on December 7, Shri Nadda held discussions with top party leaders in the state at the Bijapur Guest House, Dehradun. Shri Nadda also met Uttarakhand Chief Minister and the council of ministers there. The BJP National President discussed the current political scenario in the state and the future strategy of BJP for Uttarakhand. ■

HUGE VICTORY FOR BJP IN TELANGANA

BJP RISES FROM FOUR TO 48 SEATS IN GHMC ELECTIONS



Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) election results declared on December 4 witnessed huge surge in BJP's tally, while the ruling TRS witnessed a sharp decline in its performance. The BJP went up from 4 seats in 2016 to 48 seats in 2020. The TRS declined from 99 to 55 seats. The Congress Party somehow managed to win only two seats. Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM retained 44 seats. This big gain for BJP is being seen as BJP emerging as a big force in Telangana.

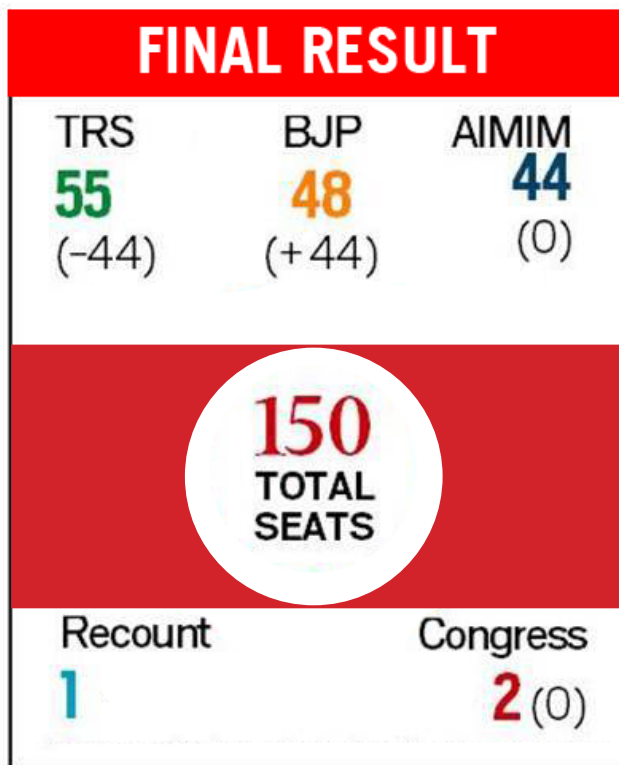
The election was held on 150 seats of GHMC. However, none of the parties crossed the simple majority mark of 76 out of 150 seats.

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda expressed gratitude to people of Hyderabad for their faith & support. He said in a tweet "GHMC results show rejection of Dynastic, Corrupt & Appeasement politics. I Congratulate State President @bandisajay & hardworking @BJP4Telangana Karyakartas for their spirited efforts that led to great success. Gratitude to people of Hyderabad for their faith & support. Historic result for BJP in Hyderabad GHMC elections shows that people of the country supports only & only development agenda. This result reflects people's unequivocal support to Hon PM Shri @narendramodi ji's development & governance model."

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah tweeted on this remarkable performance by the BJP, "Gratitude to the people of Telangana for reposing faith in PM @NarendraModi led BJP's Politics of Development.

Congratulations to Shri @JPNadda ji and Shri @bandisanjay_bjp for BJP's astounding performance in GHMC. I applaud the hard work of our karyakartas of @BJP4Telangana."

BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri BL Santhosh in his tweet said, "Inspite of the brute use of corrupt money, absolute abuse of power by @trspartyonline, @BJP4Telangana is only 8456





“The Historic result for BJP in Hyderabad GHMC elections shows people's unequivocal support towards PM Modi's development and governance model. I want to thank the people of Hyderabad. They have made it clear what the results of the Telangana assembly elections (2023) will be. I can say with confidence that they have decided to bid farewell to the corrupt KCR government.”

- JP Nadda, BJP President

votes less in #GHMC elections . That makes 48 seat win more sweeter . We have arrived . Congratulations @bandisanjay_bjp @kishanreddybjp”

Talangan BJP President Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar reacting on the results said, “The BJP’s win in the November 10 Dubbaka by-election was the defeat of T Harish Rao, the nephew of Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao. The GHMC polls have dealt a bigger defeat to K T Rama Rao, the son of the CM (he led the TRS campaign).”

The BJP decided to deploy its national leaders for GHMC polls. BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath campaigned in the elections for the party’s candidates and held huge public meetings. Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda held a massive roadshow in Hyderabad. The roadshow was conducted from the Nagole Chowrasta to Kothapet Chowrasta in the city and received massive support from the people. ■

BJP WINS 6 SEATS IN UP MLC ELECTIONS

UP Legislative Council election results were declared in which the BJP has won six of the 11 seats that went to polls on December 1. The Samajwadi Party (SP) won three seats, while two seats went to Independents.

With the latest round of elections, BJP’s tally in the 100-member Upper House of the state rose to 25 from 19, SP’s to 55 from 52 and Independents to four from two.

Of the 11 seats, five were reserved for graduates. The BJP won three of them – Shri Avaneesh Kumar Singh from Lucknow, Shri Dinesh Kumar Goel from Meerut and Dr Manvendra Pratap Singh ‘Guruji’ from Agra, snatching these seats from the Samajwadi Party. In Meerut, Shri Goyal won by defeating four-time, sitting independent MLC Hem Singh Pundir. Samajwadi Party won in two —Shri Maan Singh Yadav from Allahabad-Jhansi division and Ashutosh Sinha from Varanasi.

Of the six teachers’ constituencies, the ruling BJP won three – Shri Umesh Dwivedi from Lucknow,



Shrishchandra Sharma from Meerut and Hari Singh Dhillon from Bareilly-Moradabad teachers’ constituencies.

SP’s Shri Lal Bihari Yadav won from Varanasi Teachers’ constituency and Independents Shri Akash Agarwal and Dhruv Kumar Tripathi won from Agra and Faizabad teachers’ constituencies, respectively. ■

SUCCESSFUL TEST FIRING OF BRAHMOS BY INDIAN NAVY

BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile in Anti-Ship mode was successfully test fired on December 1 at 0900 hrs against a decommissioned Ship. The test firing was carried out by Indian Navy. The missile performed highly complex manoeuvres and hit Bull's eye of the target.

BrahMos is the supersonic cruise missile jointly developed by DRDO and NPOM of Russia as a Brahmos Aerospace joint venture, which became Brahmos Aerospace Private Limited. The missile has established itself as a major force multiplier in modern-day complex battlefields with its impeccable anti-ship and land-attack capabilities with multi-role and multi-platform abilities and has been deployed in all the three wings of the Indian Armed Forces.



The first launch of Brahmos took place in 2001 and till date numerous launches have taken place from various ships, Mobile Autonomous Launchers and Su-30 MKI aircraft, making it a versatile weapon. ■

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS (BLW) SURPASSED ITS OWN RECORD

Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi, has surpassed its own record of manufacturing 31 electric locomotives in a month, achieved in July 2020 with the turnout of the 40th 6,000 HP electric locomotive for the month of November 2020. This event is a historic record, achieved on the auspicious day of Dev Deepawali. This boost in manufacturing is a big contribution to AtmaNirbhar Bharat.

Despite COVID challenges, BLW has completely realigned its infrastructure to switchover from making diesel locomotives to electric locomotives.

The shift of the production line from Diesel to Electric Locomotives, at BLW, is in line with Ministry of Railways' multi-pronged strategy of lowering the fuel bill, reducing carbon footprint, reducing dependence on import of fuel and enhancing average speed and hauling capacity of trains.

Electric locomotive production is sourced from 98% indigenous components – substantial share is procured from Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSMEs)

BLW is also working on a prestigious export order of 3000 HP cape gauge diesel locomotives to Mozambique. This has been put on a fast track. Under this order, for the first time 12 Cylinder Crankcase is being manufactured in BLW. ■

PM INAUGURATES MULTI STOREYED FLATS FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 23 inaugurated Multi Storeyed flats for Members of Parliament through video conference. These flats are located at Dr B D Marg in New Delhi. Eight old bungalows, which were more than 80 years old, have been redeveloped to construct 76 flats. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said Green Building norms have been incorporated in this Multi Storeyed flats for the Members of Parliament. He hoped that these new flats will keep all the residents and the MPs safe and sound. He said accommodation for the Members of Parliament has been a long standing problem but it is now solved. ■

HEALTH MINISTRY'S TELEMEDICINE SERVICE E-SANJEEVANI COMPLETES 9 LAKH CONSULTATIONS

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OVER 7,16,000 CONSULTATIONS RECORDED ON ESANJEEVANI OPD

In a landmark achievement, eSanjeevani, Health Ministry's national telemedicine initiative on December 2 completed 9 lakh consultations. The top ten States with highest consultations through eSanjeevani and eSanjeevaniOPD platforms are Tamil Nadu (2,90,770), Uttar Pradesh (2,44,211), Kerala (60,401), Madhya Pradesh (57,569), Gujarat (52,571), Himachal Pradesh (48,187), Andhra Pradesh (37,681), Uttarakhand (29,146), Karnataka (26,906), and Maharashtra (10,903).

Telemedicine is a new modality for remote diagnosis and treatment of patients over internet. eSanjeevani enables virtual meetings between the patients and doctors & specialists from geographically dispersed locations, through video conferencing that occurs in real time. At the end of these remote consultations, eSanjeevani generates an electronic prescriptions which can be used for sourcing medicines. In order to enable delivery of outpatient services remotely during COVID-19 pandemic as many as 28 States have on-boarded the Ministry of Health's eSanjeevani initiative. These States are aggressively working towards long term enablement of telemedicine services.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has launched two variants of eSanjeevani namely - doctor to doctor (eSanjeevani AB-HWC) in hub and spoke model and patient to doctor (eSanjeevaniOPD). It has been one year now that eSanjeevani Ayushman Bharat-HWC was rolled out. Andhra Pradesh was the first State to roll out eSanjeevaniAB-HWC services in November 2019 and since then around 240 hubs and over 5000 spokes have been set up by various States. eSanjeevani AB-HWC has completed over 1,83,000 consultations.

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public to seek health services remotely, it was rolled out on 13th of April 2020 during the first lockdown in the country. So far, over 7,16,000 consultations have been recorded on eSanjeevaniOPD that is hosting over 240 online OPDs which include general OPDs and speciality OPDs. Both the variants of eSanjeevani are rapidly evolving in terms of use and capacity and functionalities.

eSanjeevani Team at C-DAC Mohali is closely working with Ministry of Health to address the requirements of States. The Health Ministry is in regular touch with States to formulate strategies for extending the reach of eSanjeevani services to the underprivileged section of the society too. Few States like Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat etc., are experimenting various models to provision eSanjeevani services for non-IT savvy as well as poor patients who do not have access to the Internet. ■

RAIL ELECTRIFICATION GETS SUPER BOOST

A CRITICAL SECTION DIGHAWARA-BANDIKUI OF RAILWAY ROUTE BETWEEN AJMER TO DELHI HAS BEEN ELECTRIFIED

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways, Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on November 29 inaugurated newly electrified Dhigawara-Bandikui section of North Western Railway and flagged off first train on this newly electrified route at the function organized at Dhigawara station. Public representatives and senior railway officials were present on this occasion.

Speaking on this occasion, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India said in his address that today is a very special day that we mark this day before the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak. He said that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Indian Railways is moving forward in a phased manner with fast pace and quality and is making great achievements with everyone's cooperation, teamwork and motivation.

While emphasizing railway works, Shri Goyal said that the electrification work was done on the Kota-Mumbai line in Rajasthan 35 years ago, after that no one paid attention to this area. While working on this in the railways, a target has been set to electrify the entire percentage of railway lines across India. Talking about Rajasthan, he said that till 2009-14, there was 0 km of electrification work in this area which was 1433 km in the last five and a half years (till September 2020) i.e. 240 km route was electrified every year. He said that there has been a change in thinking over the years and there has been a change in the way we work. Today, after the electrification of this line, the route from Rewari to Ajmer has been electrified and now



the electrified trains from Delhi to Ajmer will start soon. After running of these trains, the diesel trains will be stopped, which will eliminate pollution as well as the dependence on the fuel imported from outside and

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trains will be operated from the electricity produced in self-reliant India, this will also save significant revenue. Apart from this, the average speed of trains will increase and there will

be development of industries, agro-based businesses and progress of villagers and farmers. To avoid any inconvenience to the farmers, Kisan Rail are being operated by the railways to transport their agricultural products. The government is committed for the progress of farmers.

The electrification work is being done by the Central Organization for Railway Electrification (CORE), Prayagraj. The work of electrification of Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Madar (Ajmer) section was sanctioned by CORE and handed over to Rail Electrification project, Jaipur. A total of 23418 foundations, 26 switching stations, 6 traction sub stations and 7 OHE depots have been set up for electrification on Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Madar (Ajmer). ■

DHARMA IS NOT RELIGION



DEENDAYAL
UPADHYAYA

THE distortions of Dharma that we now-a-days see all around us are largely the result of foreign education. The English word 'religion' has substantially contributed in distorting the pure meaning of Dharma. The British first heard the word when they came to India. They had no word of an equally comprehensive meaning. So they translated it as religion. Such translation has distorted the meaning of Indian words. Dharma is a very wide term which includes many religions. A religion a system of worship, and there are many such systems prevailing in this land. But in spite of these systems and sects Dharma is one. Dharma is that which is good for everyone irrespective of the system of worship and can open up for him the way to salvation.

DHARMA SUSTAINS WORLD

RELIGION means a creed, or a sect, it does not mean Dharma. Dharma is a very broad concept. It is concerned with all aspects of life. It sustains society. It sustains the whole world. That which sustains is "Dharma"

The fundamental principles of Dharma are eternal and universal. Yet their implementation may differ

according to time, place and circumstance.

The complete treatise on the rules in general and their philosophical basis is the meaning of Dharma.

These rules cannot be arbitrary. They should be such as to sustain and further the existence and progress of the entity which they serve.

FUNDAMENTAL OF CIVILISED LIFE

WE believe in Dharma not just because it is instrumental in acquiring Artha but because it is a fundamental principle of civilized life.

Kama too can be attained only through Dharma. Having produced the material things, such as nice food, when, where, how and in what measure it will be used can be determined only by Dharma.

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most place in our culture.

DHARMA GUIDES GOD

GOD cannot act contrary to Dharma. If he does, then he is not omnipotent. Adharma is a characteristic of weakness, not of strength. If fire; instead of radiating heat, dies out, it is no longer strong. Strength lies not in unrestrained behaviour, but in well-regulated action. Therefore God who is omnipotent is also self-regulated and consequently fully in tune with Dharma. God descends in the human body to destroy adharma and re-establish Dharma, not to act on passing whims and fancies. Hence even

God can do everything but act contrary to Dharma. But for the risk of being misunderstood, one can say that Dharma is even greater than God. The universe is sustained because, He acts according to Dharma.

DHARMA IS HIGHER

NEITHER the Legislature is higher nor the Judiciary. Dharma is higher than both. The Legislature will have to act according to Dharma. Dharma will specify the limits of both. The Legislature, the Judiciary or the people, none of these is supreme. Some will say, "Why, people are sovereign. They elect". But even the people are not sovereign because people too have no right to act against Dharma. If an elected government allows people to go against Dharma and does not punish, then

that government is in reality a government of thieves. Even the general will cannot go against Dharma. Imagine the situation, if by some manoeuvring, thieves gain a majority in the government and send one of their ranks as an executive. What will be the duty of the minority if the majority is of thieves and elects a thief to rule ?

DHARMA RAJYA

IN our country we cannot think of any sentiment with which Dharma is not bound up. Hence we feel that our State cannot forsake Dharma. A secular State, in our opinion, does not mean a State without Dharma. The word Religion means a tenet in this country and those who believe it are called sects like the Jains, Shaivas and Christians. Naturally the State cannot belong to any of these sects. It must look on all with an equal eye. So we can say that a State is non-sectarian. This would be the ideal, but such a State, even without being partial to a particular sect or against some other sect, can encourage ways and means of achieving both material and spiritual progress and thus be called Dharma Rajya.

This religion is dynamic and living. It is not like a stagnant pool.

JANA RAJYA AND DHARMA RAJYA

IF the four million people of Kashmir say that they want to secede, if the people of Goa say they want to secede and if some say they want the Portuguese to return, all this will be against Dharma. Of the 45 crore people of India, even if 449,999,999 opt for something which is against Dharma, even then this does not become truth. On the other hand, even if one person stands for something which is in accord with Dharma, that constitutes truth, because truth resides with Dharma. It is the duty of this one person that he tread the path of truth and change people. It is from this basis that a person derives the right to proceed according to Dharma.

Let us understand very clearly that Dharma is not necessarily with the majority or with the people. Dharma is eternal. Therefore, in the definition of democracy, to say that it is a government of the people is not enough ; it has to be for the good of the people. Dharma alone can decide.. Therefore, a democratic government "Jana Rajya", must also

be rooted in Dharma i.e. a "Dharma Rajya". In the definition of 'Democracy' viz. "government of the people, by the people and for the people", 'of' stands for independence, 'by' stands for democracy, and 'for' indicates Dharma. Therefore the true democracy is one where there is freedom as well as Dharma.

WRONG MEANING OF SPIRITUALISM

ONE of the main reasons for looking to the West for a solution to economic problems is the mistaken belief that Indian culture and religion, being spiritual, are indifferent towards problems of a material life. This erroneous belief is the result of deliberate propaganda and of a wrong meaning of spiritualism. As a matter of fact our definition of religion ('Dharma') has taken materialism fully into account. Dharma is defined as that which leads to both physical and metaphysical development. Materialism and spiritualism are neither contradictory nor separate from each other. Spiritualism

is a point of view of life from which we look at all problems.

If spiritualism can give a true definition of the universe there is no reason why it should not

give us a solution to all problems of the world. India has not thought only of the metaphysical world, it has thought of material wealth also. Chanakya has said that happiness depends upon Dharma and Dharma depends upon material wealth.

DYNAMIC RELIGION

THE Vedic Religion has always undergone transformation. This religion is dynamic and living. It is not like a stagnant pool. New thoughts have always entered this religion and old thoughts have developed through change, but every new change has kept up its link with the old. Every new agitator maintained a feeling of reverence for his ancestors. Every new reformer gave respect to our ancient tradition, our ancestors and achievements and at the same time propounded new thoughts to suit the times. As these new thoughts had not broken off with the basic thought, they did not in any way harm the life of the nation. On the contrary, they contributed to its development.

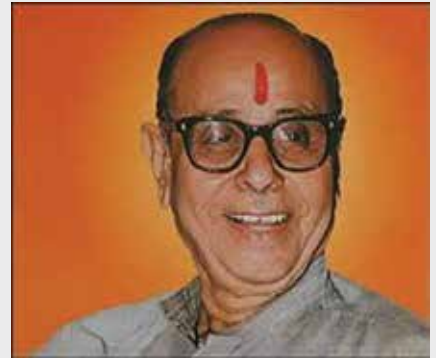
(Excerpts from the book - "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile" edited by Sudhakar Raje.) ■

KUSHABHAU THAKRE

SHAT-SHAT NAMAN!

Shri Kushabhau Thakre (15 August 1922 – 28 December 2003) was born in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh to parents Dr. Sundar Rao Shripati Rao Thakre and Smt. Shanta Bai Sundar Rao Thakre. He was educated at Dhar and Gwalior. In 1942 he was inducted as a Pracharak in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh then moved to the Ratlam Division (Ratlam, Ujjain, Mandsaur, Jhabua, Chittaur, Kota, Bundi, Jhalawad, Banswada (Raj.), Dahod (Gujarat)). Shri Kushabhau Thakre remains a guiding light to thousands of karyakartas of BJP who were inspired by him to dedicate themselves to nation

building process. In 1956, he became Secretary (Organisation) Madhya Pradesh of Bharatiya Jana Sangh. He was appointed All India Secretary of Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the party's in-charge of Orissa and also additional in charge of Gujarat in 1967. In 1974 he was made All India Secretary (Organisation). During the Emergency (1975–1977), he was jailed for 19 months along with other opposition political leaders. He was elected to Lok Sabha in 1979 in a by-election from Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh. When the Bharatiya Janata Party was formed in 1980, he was appointed as a Secretary and in



charge of Gujarat, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. He held offices as a National General Secretary and Vice-President. He remained National President of BJP from April 1998 to August 2000. He passed away on 28 December 2003 at the age of 81. ■

BJP LEADER KIRAN MAHESHWARI IS NO MORE

BJP leader and Rajsamand MLA Smt. Kiran Maheshwari (59) lost her battle with Covid-19 and passed away at a hospital in Gurugram on November 29. Born on October 29, 1961, in Ratlam, Smt. Kiran Maheshwari entered public life at the age of 24 and went on to win a term in Lok Sabha election and three consecutive terms in assembly from Rajsamand. Smt. Maheshwari was elected to Lok Sabha from Udaipur-Rajsamand seat in 2004, when she defeated Girija Vyas of Congress. She was elected an MLA from Rajsamand for the first time in 2008 and she held the post of Higher Education Minister in the previous BJP government in the State.

She also served as the BJP National Secretary in 2011 and National Vice-President in 2013. She was earlier the BJP Mahila Morcha's National President in 2006.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, and several other leaders condoled Smt. Maheshwari's demise.

PM Modi tweeted "Pained by the untimely demise of Kiran Maheshwari Ji. Be it as MP, MLA or Cabinet Minister in the Rajasthan Government, she made numerous efforts to work towards the progress of the state and empower the poor as well as marginalised. Condolences to her family. Om Shanti."



BJP National President said in a tweet, "Saddened to hear the news of the demise of former Rajasthan government minister and senior BJP leader Smt. Kiran Maheshwari. Her entire life was devoted to service to the nation, society and organization. May God give peace to the departed soul and strength to the family to bear this grief." ■

INDIA IS FOLLOWING SOUND PRINCIPLES OF SCIENCE IN THE ENTIRE JOURNEY OF VACCINE DEVELOPMENT: PM

P rime Minister reviewed COVID Vaccine Development in Pune, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad, asked scientists and doctors for suggestions to improve vaccine distribution.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a 3-city tour to Serum Institute of India in Pune, Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad and Bharat Biotech in Hyderabad on November 28, to personally review the development and manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccine. The PM's visit aimed at getting a first-hand perspective of the preparations, challenges and roadmap in India's endeavour to vaccinate its citizens.

On his visit to Serum Institute of India, Pune, the Prime Minister was briefed about the institute's plan to ramp up manufacturing of biotechnology company Novavax' Covishield vaccine and the progress on the same. The PM interacted with the team comprising doctors and scientists and also visited the vaccine manufacturing facility. Earlier in the day, the PM visited the Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad to know more about the indigenous DNA based vaccine being developed by Zydus Cadila. He complimented the team for their work and assured them that the Government of India is actively working with them to support them in this journey. During his visit to Bharat Biotech facility in Hyderabad, the Prime Minister was briefed about their indigenous COVID-19 vaccine. The PM congratulated the scientists for their progress in the trials so far. The scientists expressed joy that



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the Prime Minister met them face to face in order to boost their morale and help accelerate their efforts at this critical juncture in the vaccine development journey. Prime Minister expressed pride in the fact that India's indigenous vaccine development has

progressed at such a rapid pace so far. He spoke on how India is following sound principles of science in the entire journey of vaccine development, while also asking for suggestions to make the vaccine distribution process better. Prime Minister stressed that India considers vaccines as not only vital to good health but also as a global good, and it is India's duty to assist other countries, including the nations in our neighbourhood, in the collective fight against the virus. He asked the scientists to express their free and frank opinion on how the country could further improve its regulatory process. The scientists also presented an overview of how they are also developing various new and repurposed drugs to better fight COVID-19. ■

UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH INAUGURATES TWO FLYOVER BRIDGES IN GANDHINAGAR THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated two flyover bridges in his Parliamentary constituency Gandhinagar through video conferencing from New Delhi on November 30. The Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitin Patel and other dignitaries attended the event held in Ahmedabad. The first flyover bridge which is 245 meters in length and has cost Rs. 35 crore has been built on the Sindhu Bhawan Cross Road. An expenditure of Rs. 36 crore has been incurred on the second flyover bridge, constructed over Sanand Junction.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Amit Shah said seven more flyovers would soon be built on the Sarkhej-Gandhinagar-Chiloda National Highway to reduce traffic load. He said the 50 kilometre route between Sarkhej to Chiloda will have uninterrupted traffic, and this will be a unique stretch of its kind in the country. The Union Home Minister also expressed gratitude for the cooperation given by the state government to complete the projects ahead of time.

Shri Amit Shah said the country's economy is improving rapidly. Gujarat is leading the country in the development of basic facilities and has taken many initiatives in the field of all-round development. Giving examples, he said Gujarat has taken many developmental steps such as 24 x 7 power in villages, construction of modern health facilities, development of alternative energy sources and private ports.

Expressing satisfaction, the Union Home Minister said even during the biggest Corona crisis, development work in the country has not stopped. Shri Shah said while the global economy has suffered due to the Corona crisis, on the other hand due to the tireless efforts of the Modi Government, the Indian economy will soon be back on track. The Central government has used the time of the Corona crisis to bring in far reaching reforms in industrial policy, education policy, and other important policy reforms in the social sector. Shri Amit Shah appreciated the efforts of the Government of Gujarat in maintaining the pace of development despite the economy being affected by the Corona pandemic. ■

UNION EDUCATION MINISTER SETS UP A TASK FORCE FOR IMPARTING TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN MOTHER TONGUE



Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on December 2 has set up a task force for preparing a roadmap on imparting technical education in Mother Tongue, here today. The task force set up under the chairmanship of Secretary, Higher Education will take into consideration the suggestions made by various stakeholders and will submit a report in a month. The decision was taken by the Minister at a high level meeting on imparting technical education in Mother Tongue. Secretary Higher Education, Shri Amit Khare, IIT Directors, Academicians and senior officials of the Ministry were present on the occasion. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss and deliberate regarding the implementation of NEP- 2020.

Shri Pokhriyal said that the meeting is a step in the direction towards achieving Prime Minister's vision that student may pursue the professional courses such as medicine, engineering, law, etc in their mother tongue.

The Minister said that no language will be imposed on any student but enabling provisions should be made so that bright students are not deprived of Technical Education due to lack of knowledge of English language.

He further said that all the stakeholders are taking concerted efforts to ensure effective implementation of the New Education Policy-2020. ■

RS 1,04,963 CRORE OF GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of November, 2020 is Rs. 1,04,963 crore of which CGST is Rs. 19,189 crore, SGST is Rs. 25,540 crore, IGST is Rs. 51,992 crore (including

Rs. 22,078 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs. 8,242 crore (including Rs. 809 crore collected on import of goods). The total number of GSTR-3B Returns filed for the month of November up to 30th November 2020 is 82 lakhs.

The government has settled Rs. 22,293 crore to CGST and Rs. 16,286 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue earned by Central Government and the State Governments after regular settlement in the month of November 2020 is Rs. 41,482 crore for CGST and Rs. 41,826 crore for the SGST.

In line with the recent trend of recovery in the GST revenues, the revenues for the month of November 2020 are 1.4% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from import of goods was 4.9% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 0.5% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. ■

US\$28.1 BILLION FDI INFLOWS INTO THE COUNTRY DURING THE JULY-SEPTEMBER QUARTER

Total Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) inflows into India during the second quarter of financial year 2020-21 (July, 2020 to September, 2020) have been US\$ 28,102 million, out of which FDI equity inflows were US\$ 23,441 million or Rs. 174,793 crore. This takes the FDI equity inflows during the financial year 2020-21 upto September 2020 to US\$30,004 million which is 15% more than the corresponding period of 2019-20. In rupee terms, the FDI Equity inflows of Rs 224,613 Crore are 23% more than the last year. August, 2020 has been the significant month when US\$ 17,487 Million FDI equity inflows were reported in the country. ■

OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE MISLEADING FARMERS & PEOPLE OVER AGRICULTURE SECTOR REFORMS ISSUE: BJP

OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE PLAYING A DUBIOUS ROLE IN THE ENTIRE ISSUE & CONSPIRING TO CREATE UNREST, SAYS RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad on 7 December addressed a press conference at BJP National headquarters in Delhi where he alleged that the opposition parties were misleading farmers and people over agriculture sector reforms issue. He said opposition parties were playing a dubious role in the entire issue and conspiring to create unrest by misleading people. Salient points raised by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad in the Press Conference are as follows:



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Centre has always remained committed for the welfare and wellbeing of our farmers. Our government through laws related to agriculture sector reforms have been finding ways to improve lives of our farmers and to make them more progressive and give more opportunities to prosper and grow.
- To serve their petty political purposes and to save their vested interests, Congress along with other opposition parties are misleading and befooling innocent farmers just for their own political gains. They are unnecessarily and irresponsibly trying to create unrest among the farmers. This exposes the dubious and divisive character of such political parties.
- We strongly criticise those political parties who are opposing just for the sake of opposing without any logic or substance. He strongly criticised political parties who are trying to instigate innocent farmers just to meet their political goals and serve their vested interests. Nation will never forgive Congress and other opposition parties for befooling and misleading our farmers. Opposition parties are misleading our farmers but the fact is that agriculture sector reforms laws are in best interests of our farmers.
- When opposition parties are losing their relevance and are getting sidelined, when they are losing elections from panchayat to Parliament, when the

people of India are rejecting them again and again, then these failed parties are trying to create a fake narrative and trying to build a false movement. We have seen this time and again, be it at the time of pro Section 370 protests, anti CAA protests and protests at Shaheen Bagh.

- Farmers' leaders have categorically told political leaders not to share their stage or join their protests. But Congress and some other political parties are irresponsibly and unwarrantedly trying to give protests a wrong direction in order to serve their political interests.
- In 2019 Lok Sabha elections Congress had promised to repeal APMC act in English manifesto and make amendments in the APMC Act in Hindi version of manifesto. In a press conference in 2013 Rahul Gandhi had declared to take out fruits and vegetables from the ambit of the APMC Act. He had also promised to make amendments in the Essential Commodities Act.

“Farmers have unfortunately fallen in the trap of politics of some people with vested interests. We are committed to give small and marginal farmers good opportunity for their produce at markets.”

“I want to clarify once again that no land of farmers will either be sold, mortgaged or taken on lease. There will be no collateral on farmers’ land.”

- The then Union Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Minister Sharad Pawar in the UPA government, Sharad Pawar had in August 2010 and November 2011 written letters to all Chief Ministers asking them to immediately implement Model APMC Act and make amendments in the State APMC Act.
- In 2005 while giving interview to journalist Shekhar Gupta, Sharad Pawar had said if they does not reform the Mandis, they would not get financial support from the government. He even talked about penalising those opposing it. In his interview Sharad Pawar had even given timeline for abolition of the APMC Act.
- In the agriculture sector reforms matter a report was tabled in front of Parliament's Standing Committee in which Mulayam Singh Yadav is also a member. The Standing Committee Report categorically states that it is need of the hour to save our farmers from the clutches of Mandis.
- During the Congress rule, Planning Commission in 2011 in its report had said that there was an urgent need to bring major changes in th APMC system. The Planning Commission had highlighted that to achieve this there was an urgent need to give to our farmers a better village level infrastructure and make arrangements for storage and processing of their produce.

- Between 2007 and 2012 the then Manmohan Singh government made laws for model contract farming which were implemented by almost all state governments and in majority of these states the Congress was in power.
- Arvind Kejriwal government on 23 November 2020 notified the Agricultural Sector Reforms law in Delhi, but now they are opposing it.

“Till date 1,000 Mandis, 1.68 crore farmers and 1.51 lakh traders have registered with e-NAM platform. Trade worth over Rs 1.15 lakh crore has been done through the e-NAM platform.”

- Constituents of UPA government or parties which supported UPA like NCP, DMK, RJD, Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party, Left and TMC besides other parties supported pro farmer agriculture sector reforms bill in Parliament. But now they are taking sides with the Congress and opposing the law. All these parties are equally responsible for hurting the interests of our farmers.
- Since the implementation of Agriculture sector reforms laws minimum support price (MSP) of six Kharif and Rabi crops have been hiked. By the end of November, 318 lakh tonnes of rice worth Rs 60,000 crore has been procured. Approximate 64% i.e. 202 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured from Punjab itself.
- If we had any intention of shutting down Mandis and end MSP regime, procurement of rice at such a large scale would not have been done. ■

PM INAUGURATES CONSTRUCTION WORK OF AGRA METRO PROJECT IN AGRA

PM Shri Narendra Modi on December 7 inaugurated construction work of Agra Metro project in Agra, Uttar Pradesh today through video conference. Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, and other dignitaries attended the event.

The Agra Metro project comprises 2 corridors with a total length of 29.4 km and connects major tourist attractions like Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Sikandra with railway stations and bus stands. The project will benefit the 26 lakh population of the city of Agra and will also cater to more than 60 lakh tourists who visit Agra every year. It will provide an environment-friendly Mass Rapid Transit System to the historic city of Agra. The estimated cost of the project will be Rs 8,379.62 cr which will be completed in 5 years.

Earlier, on 8th March 2019, Prime Minister inaugurated the Agra Metro project along with the commencement of commercial operations of Lucknow Metro on the entire 23 km long North-South corridor from ‘CCS Airport to Munshipulia’. ■

WHO WORLD MALARIA REPORT 2020: INDIA CONTINUES TO MAKE IMPRESSIVE GAINS IN REDUCTION OF MALARIA BURDEN

India the only high endemic country which has reported a decline of 17.6% in 2019 over 2018

INDIA HAS SUSTAINED ANNUAL PARASITIC INCIDENCE (API) OF LESS THAN ONE SINCE 2012

The World Malaria Report (WMR) 2020 on 2 December released by WHO, which gives the estimated cases for malaria across the world, based on mathematical projections, indicates that India has made considerable progress in reducing its malaria burden. India is the only high endemic country which has reported a decline of 17.6% in 2019 as compared to 2018. The Annual Parasitic Incidence (API) reduced by 27.6% in 2018 compared to 2017 and by 18.4% in 2019 as compared to 2018. India has sustained API less than one since year 2012.

India has also contributed to the largest drop in cases region-wide, from approximately 20 million to about 6 million. The percentage drop in the malaria cases was 71.8% and deaths was 73.9% between 2000 to 2019.

India achieved a reduction of 83.34% in malaria morbidity and 92% in malaria mortality between the year 2000 (20,31,790 cases, 932 deaths) and 2019 (3,38,494 cases, 77 deaths), thereby achieving Goal 6 of the Millennium Development Goals (50-75% decrease in case incidence between 2000 and 2019).

Decrease in incidence of Malaria cases is also exhibited in the year-on-year tally. The cases and fatalities have declined significantly by 21.27% and 20% in the year 2019 (3,38,494 cases, 77 deaths) as compared to 2018 (4,29,928 cases, 96 deaths). The total number of malaria cases reported in 2020, till October, (1,57,284) has further decreased by 45.02 percent as compared to corresponding period of 2019 (2,86,091).

Malaria Elimination efforts were initiated in the country in 2015 and were intensified after the launch of National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) in 2016 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. National Strategic Plan for Malaria Elimination (2017-



World Health Organization

22) was launched by the Health Ministry in July, 2017 which laid down strategies for the next five years. ■

UP GOVT. LED BY YOGI ADITYANATH BRINGS ORDINANCE AGAINST FORCIBLE RELIGIOUS CONVERSIONS

Uttar Pradesh Government has brought 'Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance 2020'. It was passed on 24 November by the cabinet led by Yogi Adityanath and promulgated on November 28 by Uttar Pradesh Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel. The law has provisions for imprisonment up to 10 years and a maximum fine of Rs 50,000 under different categories. Several other BJP-ruled states like Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Assam have also prepared drafts to pass similar laws. Yogi Adityanath had announced during UP by-poll campaign that his administration would bring a law that prevents forced conversion for marriage, terming it to be 'Love-Jihad'. ■

PM HOLDS ALL PARTY MEETING TO DISCUSS COVID-19 VACCINATION STRATEGY

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 4 December participated in the All Party Meeting via video con-ferencing to discuss the Covid-19 vaccination strategy in India. The meeting was also attended by the Union Defence Minister, Union Home Minister, Union Finance Minister, Union Minister for Rural De-velopment, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment and Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. Prime Minister said that the government is developing a comprehensive vaccination strategy. He emphasised that the world is looking towards India for the development of a safe and affordable vaccine.

Prime Minister shared his experience of visiting the vaccine manufacturing facilities in Ahmedabad, Pune, and Hyderabad, informing that about eight potential vaccines, currently in different stages of trial, will be manufactured in India, that includes the three indigenous vaccines.

Prime Minister said that it is expected that the

vaccine will be available in the coming few weeks. The vaccination campaign will kickstart in India as soon as the vaccine is approved by the scientists. The Central government is working in close coordination with the State governments to identify the priority groups for vaccination that will include Health Workers, Frontline workers and high-risk individuals viz the aged population cohort and people with comorbidities. In an effort to administer the vaccine in an efficient, smooth & transparent manner, database of healthcare and frontline workers, augmentation of cold chains and procurement of syringes and needles are in advanced stages of preparation.

Underlining India's vaccine distribution expertise, capacity and presence of an experienced and vast network for vaccination, the Prime Minister said that this will help us in streamlining Covid vaccination. Collaboration with State Governments will be established for additional cold chain equipment and other such logistical requirements. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT MAKES ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN STATES

B JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on November 27 made organizational appointments in states. Shri Ravindra Raju was appointed as General Secretary (Organisation) in Haryana. Shri Ratnakar has been appointed as Joint

General Secretary (Organisation) in Bihar, while Shri Bhawani Singh and Shri Karmveer have been given similar responsibilities in Uttar Pradesh. Shri Nadda has appointed Shri Abhay Kumar Giri as General Secretary (Organisation) of Manipur and Nagaland. ■

| Sr. No. | Name | Responsibility | State | Centre |
|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Sh. Ravindra Raju | State General Secretary (Org.) | Haryana | Rohtak |
| 2. | Sh. Ratnakar | State Joint-General Secretary (Org.) | Bihar | Muzaffarpur |
| 3. | Sh. Bhawani Singh | State Joint-General Secretary (Org.) | Uttar Pradesh | Varanasi |
| 4. | Sh. Karamveer | State Joint-General Secretary (Org.) | Uttar Pradesh | Meerut |
| 5. | Sh. Abhay Kumar Giri | State General Secretary (Org.) | Manipur & Nagaland | Imphal |
| 6. | Sh. Pradyuman | Sangthak | Central Office | Delhi |

ADB, INDIA SIGN \$50 MILLION LOAN TO BOOST WEST BENGAL'S DIGITAL PLATFORMS FOR PUBLIC FINANCE REFORMS

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India on 2 Dec. signed a \$50 million policy-based loan to improve financial management procedures and operational efficiencies aimed at achieving more fiscal savings, promote informed decision making, and improve service delivery in the state of West Bengal.

The signatories to the West Bengal Public Finance Management Investment Programme were Dr. C. S. Mohapatra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance who signed for the Government of India, and Mr. Takeo Konishi, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission who signed for ADB.

Dr. Mohapatra stated that integration of the state's financial and information systems through the programme's whole-of-government approach will help improve delivery of public services and generate fiscal

savings that could help the state augment growth-enhancing development financing.

Mr. Konishi said that through support to interoperable e-Government platforms, the programme will ensure streamlining of social protection benefits such as pension and provident fund, facilitate gender-disaggregated data, tax payments, and revenue collection.

The loan is proposed to be supplemented by a \$350,000 technical assistance grant for capacity building, monitoring of IFMS reforms, and strengthening the integration of social and gender aspects in reform areas.

Development projects could be better tracked and monitored with the help of a new module within the integrated financial management system (IFMS) leading to improved project management. A centre for fiscal policy and public finance will be

established to deepen capacity of the state government officials on public finance management while developing a web-based grievance redress system for transport corporations and urban local bodies will provide a credible citizen-government interface.

The loan builds up on past ADB policy-based programmes in 2012 and 2017, supporting the Government of West Bengal on sustainable public financial management reforms. These programmes helped develop and implement an IFMS, established successful e-Governance systems for improved revenue administration, undertook measures for expenditure rationalisation, and promoted the private sector's involvement in service delivery.

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ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region. ■

INDIAN RAILWAY LAUNCHES DIGITISED ONLINE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (HRMS)

Indian Railway on November 26 launched completely digitized online Human Resource Management System (HRMS). Human Resource Management System (HRMS) is a high thrust project for Indian Railways to leverage improved productivity & employee satisfaction. It is a move to improve efficiency and productivity of Railway system and a step towards realizing the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. HRMS is expected to create a big impact on the functioning of all the employees and will make them more tech savvy. ■

INDIAN GOVT. HAS INCREASED HER EFFORTS FOR RETURN OF INVALUABLE HERITAGE: PM

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 29 addressed the people of India through his 18th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0'. He talked about government of india's efforts to bring back stolen invaluable Indian heritage like artifacts idols etc. He emphasized use of technology to take cultural heritage to the maximum number of people. Highlights of the address are as follows:

- Every Indian will be proud to know that a very old idol of Devi Annapurna is returning to India from Canada. This idol was stolen from a temple of Varanasi and smuggled out of the country around 100 years ago somewhere around 1913. I express my gratitude to the Government of Canada and to all those for this large heartedness who made this propitious deed possible. Mata Annapoorna has a very special relationship with Kashi. Just like the idol of Mata Annapurna, a lot of our invaluable heritage has suffered at the hands of International gangs. India has also increased her efforts for their return. Because of such efforts, India has been successful in bringing back lots of such idols and artifacts in the past few years.
- National museum is working on introducing around ten virtual galleries- isn't this interesting! Now, sitting at your home, you can tour National Museum galleries of Delhi. On the one hand it is important to take cultural heritage to the maximum number of people through the medium of technology, the use of technology is also important for the conservation of this heritage.
- For the past few days Internet is full of viral pictures of Cherry Blossoms. You might be thinking that when I am referring to Cherry Blossoms I am



talking about Japan's distinct identity but it's not like that. These are not pictures of Japan. These are pictures of Shillong of our Meghalaya. These cherry blossoms have further enhanced the beauty of Meghalaya.

- India's culture and Shaastras, knowledge has always been a centre of attraction for the entire world. Many people came to India to discover & study them & stayed back for ever, whereas some of them returned to their respective countries as carriers of this culture. I got an opportunity to know about the work of Jonas Masetti, also known as Vishwanath. Jonas teaches Vedanta & Geeta to people in Brazil. He runs an institution named Vishwavidya, situated in the hills of Petropolis, an hour's distance from Rio De Janeiro. Jonas, after studying Mechanical Engineering worked in his stock market company. Later he was drawn towards Indian culture, especially Vedanta. From stocks to spirituality, it has truly been a long journey for him. Jonas studied Vedanta Philosophy in India, staying at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam in Coimbatore for four years. Jonas has another specialty- he is using technology to propagate his message. He regularly conducts online programmes. He also does a daily podcast. During the last seven years, through his free open courses on Vedanta, Jonas has taught over a lakh & a half students. Jonas is not only doing great work – he is doing it through a language understood by a large number of people. People are much keen on knowing how this could be of help to them during these times of Corona & quarantine. Through the medium of Mann Ki Baat, I congratulate Jonas on his efforts & wish him well for his future endeavors.
- Friends, similarly, one piece of news might have caught your attention. Newly elected MP in New Zealand Dr. Gaurav Sharma took the Oath of office

in one of the ancient languages of the world – Sanskrit. The dissemination of Indian culture on part of an Indian fills us with pride. Through the medium of Mann Ki Baat, I extend best wishes to Gaurav Sharma ji. All of us wish he attains newer achievements in the service of the people of New Zealand.

- From Vancouver to Wellington, from Singapore to South Africa his messages are heard all around. It is mentioned in Guru Granth Sahib –“sevak ko seva bun aayee”, that is the work of a sevak, a servant is to serve. In the past few years at many important junctures we had the opportunity to serve as a Sevak. Guru Sahib awarded us the opportunity to serve. 550th Prakash Parva of Guru Nanak Dev ji, 350th Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Govind Singh ji, next year we will have 400th Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur ji too. I feel that I have been specially blessed by Guru Sahib that he has associated me very closely with his work.
- Friends , it was Guru Nanak Dev ji who started the tradition of Langar and we saw how the Sikh community all over the world continued the tradition of feeding people during this period of Corona , served humanity – this tradition always keeps inspiring us. I wish we all keep working as a Sevak. May Guru Sahib keep taking services from me and countrymen in the same manner. Once again, many best wishes on Guru Nanak Jayanti.
- Through technology I was able to connect with students of IIT- Guwahati, IIT-Delhi, Deendayal Petroleum University of Gandhinagar, JNU of Delhi, Mysore University and Lucknow University. To be amongst the youth of the country is extremely refreshing and energizing. University campuses in a way are like Mini India. In these campuses on the one hand we see the diversity of India; on the other we also find great passion for changes for a New India. Before Corona when I used to go for a face to face event at any institution, I would urge that

The agricultural reforms in the past few days have also now opened new doors of possibilities for our farmers. The demands that have been made by farmers for years, that every political party, at some point or the other made the promise to fulfill, those demands have been met.

poor students from nearby schools to be invited to the function. Those children have been attending the functions as my special guests. When a small child in the grand function watches a young person becoming a Doctor, Engineer, Scientist, sees someone receiving a medal, new dreams awaken in the child- ‘I too can do it’, this self confidence arises. There is inspiration for resolve. Friends, besides this, I am always interested in knowing who the alumni of the institution are, what the arrangements by the institution for regular engagement with its alumni are, how vibrant their alumni network is.

- My young friends, you are a student of an institution only till you study there, but you remain an alumni of that institution lifelong. After leaving school or college, two things never end - one, the influence of your education, and second, your bonding with your school or college. Whenever alumni interact with each other, in their memories of school or college, greater time is given to reminiscing about time on campus and moments spent with friends than about books and studies, and, from these memories, a feeling is born to do something for the institution.
- What can bring greater happiness than to lend a hand in development of the place where your personality was moulded? I have read certain such efforts, where the former students have given back to their old institutions in great measure. Nowadays, alumni are very active in this. IITians have provided their institutions many facilities like Conference Centres, Management Centres & Incubation Centres set up by their efforts. All of these endeavors improve the learning experience of the current students. IIT Delhi has initiated an endowment fund, which is a brilliant idea. There is a culture of such endowments in renowned universities across the world, which helps the students. I think that universities of India are also capable to institutionalize this culture.
- The 5th December is the death anniversary of

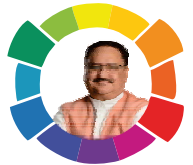
Sri Aurobindo. The more we read Sri Aurobindo, greater is the insight that we get. The more my young friends learn about Sri Aurobindo, greater will they learn about themselves, enriching themselves.

- Friends, likewise, Shri Aurobindo's views on education were very lucid. He did not consider education to be limited only to bookish knowledge, degree and job. Sri Aurobindo used to say that our national education should focus on training of the hearts and minds of our younger generation, that is, scientific development of the mind and Indian ethos reside in the heart should also be there, then only a young person can become a better citizen of the country. Whatever Shri Aurobindo said about national education and expected then, the country is now achieving it through the new National Education Policy.
- My dear countrymen, new dimensions are being added to agriculture and its related activities in

India. The agricultural reforms in the past few days have also now opened new doors of possibilities for our farmers. The demands that have been made by farmers for years, that every political party, at some point or the other made the promise to fulfill, those demands have been met. After a lot of deliberation, the Parliament of India gave a legal form to the agricultural reforms. These reforms have not only served to unshackle our farmers but also given them new rights and opportunities. In just a short span of time, these new rights have begun to ameliorate the woes of our farmers. You too should know how Jitendra Bhoji, a farmer from Dhule district in Maharashtra made use of the recently promulgated farm laws. Jitendra Bhoji had sown corn and decided to sell his produce to traders for a right price. The total cost of the produce was fixed at approximately Rupees Three Lakh thirty two thousand. Jitendra Bhoi even received an advance of Rupees twenty five thousand. ■



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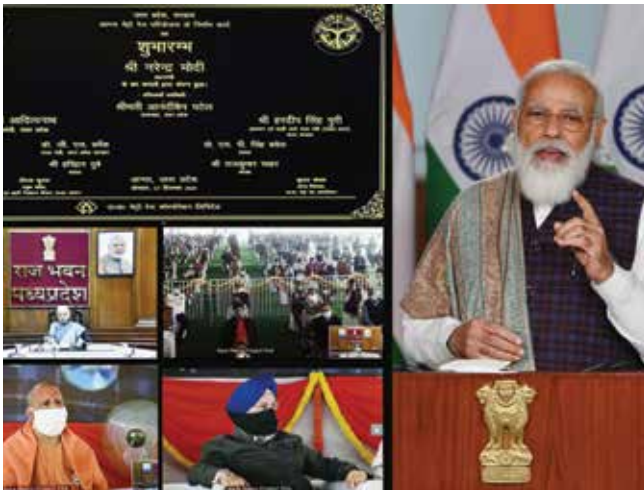
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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the inauguration of the construction work of Agra Metro project via video conferencing, in New Delhi



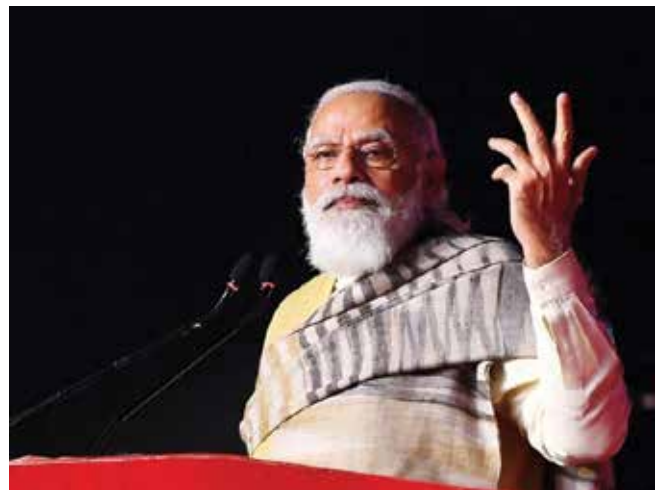
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi pays tributes to Sant Ravidas Ji in Kashi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the All Party Meeting on Covid-19, through video conferencing, in New Delhi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attends the Dev Deepawali Mahotsav in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses the gathering at Dev Deepawali Mahotsav in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



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