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We are committed to providing school education to every section of the society in accordance with the National Education Policy. In this regard, our government has approved 28 new Navodaya Vidyalayas across the country. This will expand residential and quality school education on a large scale.

(7 December, 2024)



@JPNadda

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi ji, has approved the establishment of 28 new Navodaya Vidyalayas and 85 Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country. With an investment of ₹8,231.9 crore, this decision will significantly contribute to the vision of 'Viksit Bharat' by providing quality education and shaping the minds of countless students. Gratitude to PM Modi ji for this transformative initiative to empower the future of our nation through education. (6 December, 2024)



@AmitShah

The Modi govt stands shoulder to shoulder with our sisters and brothers in Tamil Nadu during the challenging situation created by the cyclone Fengal. To provide relief, the MHA sanctioned ₹944.80 crore as a central share from the State Disaster Response Fund. Additionally, teams of NDRF, Army and Air Force have been deployed to conduct rescue operations. Furthermore, an Inter central team sent to the flood-affected areas will provide recommendations to the center after an assessment of the on-the-spot damages. (6 December, 2024)



@Rajnathsingh

Remembering Babasaheb Ambedkar on Mahaparinirvan Diwas(6 December). His thoughts and vision continue to inspire India. The nation will remain indebted to him for his immense contribution. My tributes to him on his punyathithi. (6 December, 2024)



@B.L Santhosh

Congratulations to Sri @Dev_Fadnavis, Sri @mieknathshinde, Sri @AjitPawarSpeaks on being sworn in as CM & DCMs of Maharashtra today . These will be great times for the state. (5 December, 2024)



@Nitin Gadkari

The rehabilitation and conversion to 2-laning with paved road from Sendhwa to Khetia (MP-Maharashtra border) section of National Highway-752G in Madhya Pradesh has been approved at a cost of Rs 615.61 crore. The project aims to improve inter-state connectivity between Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The road is directly connected to Agra-Mumbai National Highway-52, which will improve connectivity from Niwari, Pansemal and Khetia to Indore city (MP). The project road passing through Sendhwa, Niwali, Pansemal and Khetia of Barwani district will boost the economic development of the region. (6 December, 2024)



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

Shat Shat Naman !

(Birthday : 25 December)





CONGRESS-SOROS NEXUS EXPOSED

As Shri Devendra Fadnavis takes oath as Chief Minister along with Shri Eknath Shinde and Shri Ajit Pawar as Deputy Chief Ministers in Maharashtra, the resolve of 'Viksit Bharat' gets further strengthened with the Double Engine government set to take the state to new heights. The overwhelming blessings showered by the people on the Mahayuti shows that people, when united, can pave the path for greater transformation by voting for good governance and development. The call of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, 'Ek Hain to Safe Hain' has not only created amazing unity among the people but also united them in purpose, making them to vote for politics of performance and for the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'. The unity shown by the people of Maharashtra has translated into a massive victory for the Mahayuti breaking all records of last fifty years and paving the way for a strong, prosperous, and secure Maharashtra.

An investigative report released on 2nd December, 2024 by a French news outlet, Mediapart regarding the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP), has further exposed the nexus between Congress and OCCRP in undermining the sovereignty of India with the aim of destabilising the Indian government. BJP national President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has while questioning this nexus in the parliament, also raised his

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concern about Congress leader Mrs. Sonia Gandhi acting as co-president of Forum of Democratic Leaders in Asia Pacific (FDL-AP) which backed the idea of Kashmir as an 'independent entity' and is a known anti-India platform having pro-Pakistan sentiments. Ironically both OCCRP and FDL-AP are getting funded by controversial US billionaire George Soros who openly works to destabilise India, attempts to interfere in its democratic process and seeks to affect India's international relations. The OCCRP has collaborated with many Indian news outlets to write critical articles about Indian businesses and Indian government which have been extensively quoted by the opposition leader, Shri Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders to attack the Indian government even at the cost of harming national interests. His repeated alignment with foreign-funded entities and narratives undermines India's sovereignty and national interest has been exposed on several occasions when he quoted from these contentious reports, met controversial figures who are known India baiters and propagated anti-India narratives even in the foreign lands. The OCCRP and its funding organisations are notorious for destabilising long-standing governments in many countries, and endorsing reports from such a questionable organisation, which has repeatedly targeted India, shows that Rahul Gandhi is involved in a deeper, sinister conspiracy to destabilise India and derail it from its promising trajectory towards 'Viksit Bharat'. Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, Shri Rahul Gandhi and Congress owe an explanation to the nation on their links with anti-India organisations and individuals who continuously act against India's national interest to the extent

of undermining its sovereignty and threatening its internal and external security.

As India commemorates 75 years of the adoption of Indian constitution, the yearlong celebration has begun with the President of India addressing the joint session of Parliament on 26th November, 2024 highlighting the glorious journey of the Indian constitution. It is to be noted that the Constitution of India was adopted on 26 November, 1949 and a decision to observe the day as 'Constitution Day' was taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2015 to promote constitutional values among the citizens and to honour the contributions of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar and the founding fathers of the constitution in framing the constitution. As India embarks on its glorious journey to realise the dreams of 'Viksit Bharat', the Constitution of India is a guiding light for building an inclusive and just society based on social justice, equality and fraternity. ■

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DEVENDRA FADNAVIS TAKES OATH AS CM FOR THIRD TIME IN MAHARASHTRA

Ek Nath Shinde and Ajit Pawar sworn-in as Deputy Chief Ministers

In an impressive and glittering ceremony attended by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the leader of the Mahayuti Shri Devendra Fadnavis took oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra on 05 December 2024. Shri Fadnavis, who was elected from Nagpur South-West constituency and unanimously elected as the state BJP Legislative Party leader at a meeting held in Mumbai on 04 December, took charge as the Chief Minister of the state for the third time. Along with Shri Fadnavis, Shiv Sena Chief Shri Eknath Shinde and Nationalist

Congress Party (NCP) leader Shri Ajit Pawar took oath as Deputy Chief Ministers.

Maharashtra Governor Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office and secrecy to Chief Minister Shri Devendra Sarita Gangadharrao Fadnavis. After giving oath to the Chief Minister, the Governor administered the oath of office and secrecy to Shri Eknath Gangubai Sambhaji Shinde and Shri Ajit Ashatai Anantrao Pawar as Deputy Chief Ministers of the State.

The swearing-in ceremony at the Azad Maidan in Mumbai was

a star-studded event, with several dignitaries from politics, business, sports, and the entertainment industry attended the ceremony. Thousands of NDA Karyakartas and supporters also gathered to witness the oath ceremony.

Noteworthy, in a grand victory the Mahayuti won a whopping 230 of 288 Assembly seats in the November 23 elections. The BJP emerged as the single largest party in the state polls, winning 132 seats, its highest-ever tally, while the Shiv Sena and NCP got 57 and 41, respectively.

Apart from Prime Minister Shri

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Narendra Modi, BJP National President and Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, Road Transport and Highways Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari graced the occasion.

Union Ministers Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Shri S Jaishankar, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Dharemendra Pradhan, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Shri Bhupendra Yadav and Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw were present on the occasion.

Leaders of NDA parties — Union ministers Shri Chirag Paswan (Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas), Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi

Due to collective efforts, the Mahayuti has got a historic mandate in Maharashtra: PM Modi



After the oath-taking ceremony, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Shri Devendra Fadnis on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Shri Modi also congratulated the Deputy Chief Ministers of the state. Shri Modi said, "Congratulations to Shri Devendra Fadnis Ji on taking oath as Maharashtra's Chief Minister.

Congratulations to Shri Eknath Shinde Ji and Shri Ajit Pawar Ji on taking oath as the Deputy Chief Ministers of the state.

This team is a blend of experience and dynamism, and it is due to this team's collective efforts that the Mahayuti has got a historic mandate in Maharashtra. This team will do everything possible to fulfil the aspirations of the people of the state and to ensure there is good governance. I assure all possible support from the Centre in furthering development in Maharashtra. @ Dev_Fadnis @mieknathshinde @AjitPawarSpeaks"

Mahayuti government make our vision of a 'Developed Maharashtra' a reality: JP Nadda



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda congratulated Shri Devendra Fadnis and said, "I extend my hearty congratulations and best wishes to Shri @ Dev_Fadnis and Deputy Chief Ministers Shri @mieknathshinde and Shri @AjitPawarSpeaks on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

The people of Maharashtra have given their support and blessings to the developmental policies of the double engine government by giving a historic majority to the BJP and Mahayuti.

I have full faith that the Mahayuti government under the leadership of the esteemed Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji will accelerate the development of the state and make our vision of a 'Developed Maharashtra' a reality".

LIFE SKETCH OF SHRI DEVENDRA FADNAVIS

- Shri Devendra Sarita Gangadharrao Fadnavis (Devendra Fadnavis) was born on 22 July 1970 in Nagpur, Maharashtra to Shri Gangadhar Fadnavis and Smt. Sarita Fadnavis.
- He holds an L.L.B degree from Nagpur University, completed in 1992. He also has a postgraduate degree in Business Management and a Diploma in Methods and Techniques of Project Management from the Free University of Berlin, Germany completed in the year 1998.
- Shri Fadnavis began his political career in the mid-nineties. As a college student, he was an active member of the RSS and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP).
- In the year 1992 at the age of 22 he became a Corporator. 5 years later, in 1997, Shri Fadnavis at 27 became the youngest mayor of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
- Marking his formal entry into state politics Shri Fadnavis elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1999.
- Since 1999, Shri Fadnavis has been representing Nagpur in the Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra State (Vidhan Sabha).
- He became the President of Bharatiya Janata Party, Maharashtra from 11 April 2013 – 6 January 2015.
- Shri Fadnavis for the first time became Chief Minister of Maharashtra for a period of five years from 2014–2019. He became Chief Minister at the age of 44, making him the second-youngest



- in Maharashtra's history.
- For the Second term he became the Chief Minister on 23 November 2019; however, this government only lasted for a few days.
- On 30 June 2022, Shri Fadnavis took oath as the 9th Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra with Shri Eknath Shinde as the Chief Minister.
- Following a massive victory on 23 November, Shri Devendra Fadnavis was elected as Maharashtra BJP Legislative Party Leader on 04 December 2024.
- He took oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for the 3rd time in Mumbai on 05 December 2024.

(Hindustani Awam Morcha-Secular), Shri Ramdas Athawale (RPI-A) and Shri Prataprao Jadhav (Shiv Sena) were also present at the event.

Chief Ministers of several BJP-ruled states, including Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami (Uttarakhand), Shri Nayab Singh Saini (Haryana), Shri Bhupendra Patel (Gujarat), Shri Pramod Sawant (Goa), Shri Himanta Biswa

Sarma (Assam), Shri Vishnu Deo Sai (Chhattisgarh), Shri Bhajanlal Sharma (Rajasthan), Shri Mohan Charan Majhi (Odisha), Shri Pema Khandu (Arunachal Pradesh), Shri N Biren Singh (Manipur) and Shri Manik Saha (Tripura) attended the ceremony.

Chief Ministers of NDA-ruled states Shri Nitish Kumar (Bihar), Shri Conrad Sangma (Meghalaya), Shri Neiphiu Rio (Nagaland), Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Sikkim) and

Shri N Rangaswamy (Puducherry) were also present. Deputy Chief Ministers of NDA-ruled states like Shri Pawan Kalyan (Andhra Pradesh) attended the event.

Industrialists Shri Mukesh Ambani, Shri Noel Tata, Shri Kumarmangalam Birla and Bollywood stars Shri Shah Rukh Khan, Shri Salman Khan, Shri Madhuri Dixit-Nene, Sanjay Dutt and cricket legend Shri Sachin Tendulkar were among the

Mahayuti government will take Maharashtra to newer heights: Rajnath Singh



Congratulating the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis and the team, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh in a social media post on 'X' said, "Congratulations to Shri @Dev_Fadnavis Ji on taking oath as Chief Minister of Maharashtra. He brings with him a vibrant vision for New Maharashtra and rich administrative experience.

I am confident he will take Maharashtra to newer heights of progress and prosperity. Wishing him a very fruitful tenure ahead.

I also congratulate Shri @mieknathshinde and @AjitPawarSpeaks on taking oath as Deputy CMs of Maharashtra.

Best wishes to them as they work to fulfill the aspirations of the people of the state".

Under Mahayuti, Maharashtra will become the number one state: Amit Shah



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah Congratulating the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra on 'X' said, "Hearty congratulations to Shri @Dev_Fadnavis ji on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra and to Shri @mieknathshinde ji and Shri @AjitPawarSpeaks ji on taking oath as the Deputy Chief Ministers. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, the Mahayuti has worked with great dedication for the respect of culture and welfare of women, the underprivileged as well as all sections of the society in the state, which will achieve new heights under the leadership of you three. Under the leadership of Mahayuti, Maharashtra will become the number one state of the country by becoming the centre of confluence of development and heritage".



attendees. Diplomats from several countries were also present on the occasion.

After taking oath Shri Devendra Fadnavis said, "I bow before Maharashtra. With Maharashtra's blessings, sworn in as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra in the esteemed presence of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji at Azad Maidan, Mumbai".

Shri Fadnavis said we will provide a stable government over the next five years, and the State under the Mahayuti government will see politics of change and not revenge. Deputy CM Shri Shinde said, "I will extend all possible cooperation to CM Fadnavis and will work as a team".

CM Shri Fadnavis and both the Deputy CMs also offered humble floral tributes at the portraits of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Rajmata Jijau MaSaheb, Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Krantijyoti



Savitribai Phule and the Preamble of the Constitution of India at the Mantralaya in Mumbai. ■

Devendra Fadnavis elected as Maharashtra BJP Legislative Party Leader



Earlier, the Bharatiya Janata Party Legislative Party unanimously elected Shri Devendra Fadnavis as its leader in Mumbai on 04 December 2024. The decision was announced by the party's central observer, and former Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Vijay Rupani, after no other candidates were proposed for the position. "Since there is no other proposal, I announced Shri Fadnavis to be elected the leader unopposed," Shri Rupani said at the meeting.

The nomination was proposed by former Maharashtra BJP state President Shri Chandrakant Patil and seconded by Member of Legislative Council Smt. Pankaja Munde during the Legislative Party meeting.



Another party central observer, Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized the significance of the Maharashtra mandate, particularly in light of the recent Lok Sabha poll results. "It's a mandate towards Vikasit Bharat," she said. "The double engine government under PM Shri Narendra Modi's guidance will drive Maharashtra to new heights of growth with full fervour and strength. The promises made in the manifesto will be fulfilled."

After the BJP Legislature Party meeting, all three leaders of the Mahayuti Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Shri Eknath Shinde and Shri Ajit Pawar met Maharashtra Governor Shri CP Radhakrishnan and staked claim to form government. ■

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF 'SAMVIDHAN DIWAS'

Our Constitution is a guide to our present and our future: PM Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the Constitution Day program at the Supreme Court in New Delhi on 26 November 2024. The Chief Justice of India, Shri Sanjiv Khanna, Judges of the Supreme Court Shri Justice B.R. Gavai and Shri Justice Suryakant, Minister for Law and Justice Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Attorney General of India and other dignitaries were present at the event.



Addressing the gathering, Shri Modi greeted all the dignitaries, the delegates and the citizens on the occasion of Constitution day. He remarked that it was a matter of immense pride of the 75th year of Indian Constitution. He paid tributes to the members of the Constituent Assembly and the Constitution on the occasion.

The Prime Minister remarked that today when we were celebrating the Constitution Day, it cannot be forgotten that today was the anniversary of Mumbai Terror attacks as well. He paid tribute to the victims of the terror attack. Shri Modi reiterated that India will give a befitting reply to every terror organization which threatens the security and integrity of India.

Constitution is not a mere Lawyer's document

Recalling the elaborate debates and discussions of the Constituent Assembly regarding the Constitution of India, Shri Modi quoted Babasaheb Ambedkar and said: "Constitution is not a mere Lawyer's document, it is a spirit, it's always the spirit of age". Adding that this spirit was imperative, Shri Modi said the framers of the Constitution had provided us with the liberty to interpret the Constitution from time to time by taking appropriate decisions according to the country, time and situation. He added that the makers of the Constitution were well

aware that the dreams and aspirations of India will scale new heights with time and the needs of the people of Independent India will also evolve along with the challenges. Therefore, he said, the constitution makers did not make the Constitution as a mere document, but a living, continuously flowing stream.

Our Constitution is a guide

"Our Constitution is a guide to our present and our future", exclaimed Shri Modi and added that the Constitution had shown the right path to tackle the various challenges that have cropped up in the last 75 years of its existence. He further noted that the Constitution even encountered the dangerous times of Emergency faced by Indian Democracy. The Prime Minister underscored that the Constitution had met every need and expectation of the Country. He added that, through the power granted by the Constitution, Baba Saheb's Constitution has now been fully implemented in Jammu and Kashmir as well. He further added that today for the first time the Constitution Day was celebrated in J&K.

India going through an important phase of change

Highlighting that India was going through an important phase of change, the Prime Minister said

“Humara Samvidhan, Humara Swabhimaan”



India commemorated a historic milestone on the 26th November, 2024, marking the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India. On November 26, 1949, the Indian Constituent

Assembly formally adopted the Constitution, which came into effect on January 26, 1950, establishing India as a sovereign, democratic republic. In 2015, the Government of India formally declared November 26 as Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas) to honor the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1949. Since then, each year on this day, the nation celebrates the Constitution's adoption.

The 75 year commemorative celebrations will be year-long and the activities would be centered around the four pillars: viz. **Preamble of the Constitution, Know Your Constitution, Making of the Constitution and Celebrating the Glory of the Constitution**. The main function of the commemoration events was held on 26th November, 2024 in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan.

The President of India along with Vice- President, Prime Minister, Speaker, Ministers, MPs and other dignitaries, attended the celebrations of the Constitution Day, 2024 in Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan.

Addressing on the occasion, the President of India said that our Constitution is a living and progressive document through which India has achieved the goals of social justice and inclusive development.

She further stated, “We have achieved many ambitious goals related to social justice and inclusive development through the Constitution. With a new approach, we are earning for India a new identity in the comity of nations. Our Constitution-makers had given a Directive for India to play an important role in promotion of international peace and security. Today, besides being a leading economy, our country is playing this role very well as the ‘Vishwa-Bandhu’.” ■

that the Constitution was showing us the right path as a guiding light. Emphasizing that now the path of India's future was of achieving big dreams and big resolutions, Shri Modi remarked that today the goal of every citizen was to build a Viksit Bharat. Explaining further, he said that a Developed India meant a place where each and every citizen was ensured of getting a quality of life and dignity of life. This, he said, was a great medium of ensuring Social Justice and was the spirit of the Constitution as well. Therefore, the Prime Minister stressed, many steps were undertaken to ensure socio-economic justice in the past few years like opening more than 53 crore bank accounts of the people, in the last decade, who did not have access to the banks. He added that in the past decade, four crore people were ensured of pucca houses, 10 crore gas cylinder connections were given to women of the household.

Shri Modi underscored that there were only 3 crore houses in India which had household tap connections even after 75 years of Independence. He added that the central Government had given more than 12 crore household tap water connections in the last 5-6 years which had eased the living of citizens and women in particular.

Original copy of the Indian Constitution had pictures of Lord Ram

Shri Modi remarked that the Original copy of the Indian Constitution had pictures of Lord Ram, Goddess Sita, Lord Hanuman, Bhagwan Buddha, Bhagwan Mahavira and Guru Govind Singh. He added that these symbols of Indian culture were given place in the Constitution to ensure that it constantly keeps us aware and mindful of human values. “Human Values are the basis of today's Indian policies and decisions”, exclaimed the Prime Minister. He added that the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita was enforced to ensure speedy delivery of justice to the citizens. He further said that the punishment based system has now changed to a justice based system. The Prime Minister stressed that the historic Women's Reservation Bill was introduced to increase the political participation of women. He added that steps were undertaken to ensure the identity and rights of the third gender people and facilities to ease the living of Divyang people. ■

It took 65 years for the country's leadership to officially recognize "Constitution Day": JP Nadda

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the Samvidhan Diwas Samaroh at BJP headquarters on 26 November 2024. During the event, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri B.L. Santosh, Union Cabinet Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Virendra Khatik, Union MoS (I/C) for Law & Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh, Shri Dushyant Gautam, BJP SC Morcha National President Shri Lal Singh Arya along with other senior party leaders and workers were present.

Shri Nadda also administered the oath of allegiance to the Constitution to all the party leaders, office bearers and workers present in the auditorium.

During his address, Shri JP Nadda remarked that while the Constituent Assembly accepted the Drafting Committee's report on 26th November, 1949, it took 65 years for the country's leadership to officially recognize "Constitution Day". Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, on 19th November 2015, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment issued a notification to celebrate 26th November as 'Constitution Day'.

Shri Nadda commenced his address by paying tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, underscoring his crucial role as the chairman of the Drafting Committee and his invaluable contribution in shaping the Constitution of India.

Constitution a living document

He highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's significant influence in making the Constitution a living document that continues to guide the nation. As the President of the Constituent Assembly, Dr. Rajendra Prasad played a key role in guiding the debates and overseeing the discussions with great attention to detail. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, in turn, presented these deliberations in a remarkable way, articulating them beautifully, which ultimately shaped the Indian Constitution. On this day, we pay our respects to both Dr. Ambedkar and Dr. Rajendra Prasad, with special emphasis on Dr. Ambedkar, who, through his exemplary efforts, helped create the Constitution of India—the world's largest



constitutional document—a legacy we continue to honor. We all pledge to contribute fully in giving practical form to Dr. Ambedkar's Constitution.

Constitution Day, a gift from Dr B R Ambedkar

Shri Nadda stated that Constitution Day, as a gift from Dr BR Ambedkar to all of us, holds great significance, and it becomes our collective responsibility to use it wisely and contribute to the progress of the nation. The Constitution was ready in 1949, and on 26th November, the country accepted the report of the Drafting Committee. However, it took 65 years for the leadership of this country to officially recognize it as Constitution Day. This raises a question about the nation's conscience and its leadership.

BJP National President highlighted that when the proposal to celebrate Constitution Day was raised in 2015, members of the Congress party questioned the necessity of observing 26th November, since they believed that 26th January is already being celebrated. This led to a two-day debate in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, after which Constitution Day was officially celebrated for the first time.

Today, when we discuss Constitution Day, it is essential for the nation to acknowledge the individuals and leadership responsible for presenting the Constitution in its true form. The credit for this achievement goes to none other than our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who played a pivotal role in this endeavor. ■

What is the RELATION between GEORGE SOROS and CONGRESS Party: JP Nadda

Amid sloganeering and disruptions by the Congress and Opposition leaders, BJP National President and Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha Shri JP Nadda raised the grave issue of anti-India links of Congress with George Soros in the Parliament on 10 December 2024 and severely criticised the Congress party for its links with his organizations. Shri Nadda sought to know about the 'relationship between George Soros and the Congress party'. He said the Congress has ties with organisations financed by Mr. Soros, and the Gandhis are in intimacy with groups like OCCRP (the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project) to harm India's economy. He said Mrs. Sonia Gandhi's connections with FDL-AP, which backed the idea of Kashmir as an 'independent nation' has also been getting funds from the George Soros Foundation.



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project is one of the organizations that is being tried to destabilize the government. We all know that the opposition leaders have raised those issues in the House which were released by OCCRP. The Opposition leaders trying to bring instability in the country. I want to ask what is the relationship between George Soros and Congress?"



Congress is playing with national security

Referring to Soros and his links to the opposition party which is trying to destabilise India, Shri Nadda charged the Congress of acting as a tool of foreign forces. Further elaborating, he said Mrs. Sonia Gandhi is the co-president of the Forum of the Democratic

Leaders in Asia Pacific Foundation which is financed by the Soros Foundation. "This link is a matter of concern...". "This maligns India's image and raises concern about national security. The people are concerned... Congress is playing with national security. Therefore, we want a discussion, he said."

OCCRP, bent on destabilising international relations

Shri Nadda said, "There is one international organisation, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project [OCCRP], which is bent on destabilising international relations. Whatever was reported by OCCRP, Lok Sabha's Opposition leader has brought up in Parliament and proven that he has become the tool of external forces and is trying to destabilise the country. They are trying to bring instability in the country."

Dangerous to the internal and external security of the country

Shri JP Nadda added Congress party's senior leader is a co-chairperson of 'Forum of Democratic Leaders of Asia Pacific'. This organisation thinks Jammu and Kashmir is a separate entity. The Congress is in collaboration with such organisations which bring instability to the country. This is dangerous to the internal and external security of the country. The funding for this sort of activity is being done by George Soros. I want to know what is the relationship between the Congress party and George Soros?"

He said we are answerable to the common man. They are asking us in this situation if we are standing up for the country. I want to promise them that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the NDA government is firmly committed to protecting India's interests. Those still dreaming of bringing change in India based on foreign influence will not succeed.

Attempting to influence "India's democratic process"

Earlier, Union Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju also expressed concerns over the links between Sonia Gandhi and businessman George Soros. He said George Soros, the founder of the Open Society Foundation, has been an outspoken critic of PM Shri Narendra Modi and attempted to influence "India's democratic process".

Did Soros pay for Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra?

On 06 December, BJP MP Shri Nishikant Dubey said, "Congress is hand in glove with George Soros, did Soros pay for Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra or not? Soros paid for 1000 Indian children to study abroad, and how many of them are children of Congress leaders?"

CAN CONGRESS ANSWER?

- Why is it that whenever a Parliament session is about to start, an issue from abroad emerges, and the Congress begins disrupting the session over that issue? Is this just a coincidence or a systematic anti-India experiment?
- Sonia Gandhi is the co-chairperson of the Forum of Democratic Leaders in Asia Pacific (FDL-AP), which has been a platform for anti-India and pro-Pakistan statements. It is also funded by the architect of the anti-India agenda, George Soros.
- BJP wants to directly ask Congress and the opposition about the relationship between the Congress, Sonia Gandhi, and the FDL-AP. Why did Sonia Gandhi accept the post of co-president in this organization?
- Given the anti-India and pro-Pakistan discussions on the FDL-AP platform regarding Jammu and Kashmir, BJP is questioning whether Sonia Gandhi, as co-chairperson, agrees with these views.
- BJP firmly believes that George Soros and the organizations connected to him are attempting to create instability in India and this conspiracy is equivalent to treason.
- BJP is demanding that if Congress has any relationship with such individuals and groups, Congress should clarify whether its top leadership aligns with those deemed traitors.
- Congress members are sitting as officials with the traitorous forces. The BJP is questioning the nature of Congress' relationship with individuals like George Soros, who has openly expressed desires to create instability in India and oust the Modi government
- It is disheartening that Congress is seen supporting the mysterious questions being raised about the country from abroad. Supporting them is like joining hands with anti-national forces.
- Congress has a history of aligning with foreign powers. This is the same Congress that accepted oil coupons and received money from Saddam Hussein, as revealed in the 2005 Volcker Report.
- This allegation against the Congress party is not just from the Bharatiya Janata Party. The former Foreign Minister of the Congress party himself acknowledged foreign interference in a letter he wrote to Sonia Gandhi, as mentioned in his book.
- The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation also received funding from George Soros's organization, and this has already been reported in the media.

WHAT IS THE RELATION OF SONIA GANDHI WITH FDL-AP ASKS BJP

Addressing a press conference at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 09 December 2024 on this issue, BJP National Spokesperson Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi strongly criticized the opposition Congress for its alleged nexus with international organizations and for creating obstacles in the functioning of the Indian Parliament.

He said it was previously revealed that whenever a Parliament session starts, some foreign reports or incidents occur, disrupting the Parliament proceedings.

- ◆ For example, a report on farmers was released on February 3, 2021, coinciding with the Parliament session that began on January 29, 2021.
- ◆ The Pegasus report was released on July 18, 2021, coinciding with the Monsoon session of Parliament.
- ◆ The Hindenburg report was published on January 24, 2023, just before the Budget session began on January 30, 2023.
- ◆ On January 17, 2023, the BBC released a documentary, coinciding with the Parliament session that started on January 30, 2023.
- ◆ A Manipur video surfaced on July 19, 2023, just as the Parliament session was about to begin on July 20, 2023.
- ◆ On May 10, 2024, a vaccine report was released during the peak of the Indian elections.
- ◆ A report on the SEBI Chairperson was released in August 2024, during an ongoing Parliament session. Most recently, on November 20, 2024, a report was published in the USA, just days before the Parliament session began on November 25, 2024.

Dr. Trivedi asked "Is this just a coincidence or a systematic anti-India experiment?" He said the BJP wants to clearly ask the opposition and the Congress and expect an answer from them -

- What is the relation of the Congress and Sonia Gandhi with FDL-AP?
- The way anti-India and pro-Pakistan things are being said from the platform of FDL-AP, is it happening with the consent of Congress?
- Congress members are holding positions alongside traitorous forces. Those who openly said that they want to create instability in India — what is Congress's connection with them?

GEORGE SOROS AND RAHUL GANDHI ARE "TWO BODIES AND ONE SOUL"

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, on 05 December 2024, BJP National Spokesperson Dr. Sambit Patra cited an article published in the French newspaper 'Mediapart', which revealed a triangle conspiring against India involving American billionaire George Soros, the news portal OCCRP and Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi.

- On July 1, 2021, OCCRP published an article aimed at undermining the Indian vaccine Covaxin and on July 2, Congress held a press conference targeting the government and Covaxin. OCCRP directs and Rahul Gandhi follows.
- OCCRP has repeatedly targeted India's top industrialists with unfounded reports, aiming to disrupt the economy, crash stock markets, and undermine investor confidence. The goal was to stir public discontent and push for a regime change.
- Whenever reports against the country emerged, Rahul Gandhi targeted the government. After OCCRP's Pegasus report on July 18, 2021, he held a press conference on July 19, stirring disruption in Parliament.
- When the ED questioned Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case, OCCRP published an article alleging the proceedings were politically motivated. Despite accusations of embezzling Rs. 5,000 crores, the US-based OCCRP effectively exonerated them.
- When OCCRP faces a setback, Rahul Gandhi shows concern, and when Rahul Gandhi faces challenges, OCCRP reacts similarly.
- George Soros and Rahul Gandhi are considered two faces of the same ideology. They are "two bodies and one soul." The agenda of Soros is the same as that of Rahul Gandhi
- During his US visit, Rahul Gandhi met Bangladeshi journalist Mushfiqul Fazal Ansarey, linked to OCCRP and known for publishing anti-India articles. Critics remarked, "Wherever there is harm to the country, Rahul Gandhi is present."
- During the 2020 Delhi riots, Anand Maganale, an OCCRP journalist and close associate of Rahul Gandhi, allegedly brought funds from China and handed them to Sharjeel Imam, a key figure in the riots. ■



UPI REVOLUTIONIZING DIGITAL PAYMENTS IN INDIA-A REPORT

PROCESSED OVER 16 BILLION TRANSACTIONS WORTH 23.49 LAKH CRORES IN OCTOBER 2024

In October 2024, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) achieved a historic milestone by processing 16.58 billion financial transactions in a single month, underscoring its pivotal role in India's digital transformation. Launched in 2016 by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI has revolutionized the nation's payment ecosystem by integrating multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application. This system enables seamless fund transfers, merchant payments, and peer-to-peer transactions, offering users flexibility through scheduled payment requests.

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has not only made financial transactions fast, secure, and effortless, but it has also empowered individuals, small businesses, and merchants, driving the country's shift toward a cashless economy. This remarkable achievement highlights India's commitment to leveraging technology for inclusive growth and economic progress.

UPI in Numbers

UPI processed an impressive Rs 23.49 Lakh Crores across 16.58 billion financial transactions in October 2024, marking a 45% year-on-year growth from 11.40 billion transactions in October 2023. With 632 banks connected to its platform, this surge in usage highlights UPI's expanding dominance in India's payment landscape. As more individuals and businesses embrace the convenience and security of digital transactions, the increasing volume and value of transactions underscore UPI's pivotal role in advancing the country's shift toward a cashless economy.

What Makes UPI Unique?

UPI has transformed digital payments in India



with its unparalleled ease, security, and versatility. Enabling round-the-clock transactions and offering features like single-click payments and virtual addresses ensure both convenience and privacy for users. Its ability to integrate multiple banking services into one app makes it a game-changer in financial technology.

Here are a few reasons why UPI stands out:

- **Round-the-Clock Accessibility:** Enables immediate money transfers 24/7, 365 days a year through a mobile device.
- **Unified Banking Access:** Allows users to access multiple bank accounts using a single mobile application.
- **Seamless and Secure Payments:** Offers Single Click 2-Factor Authentication, ensuring regulatory compliance and secure, one-click transactions.
- **Enhanced Privacy:** Uses a virtual address for transactions, eliminating the need to share sensitive details like account numbers or IFSC codes.
- **QR Code Integration:** Facilitates easy payments through QR code scanning, supporting quick and secure transactions.
- **Cash-On-Delivery Alternative:** Simplifies

transactions by replacing the hassle of cash payments or exact change during deliveries.

- **Merchant and In-App Payments:** Supports payments for merchants via a single application or directly within apps.
- **Diverse Payment Options:** Covers utility bill payments, over-the-counter transactions, and scan-and-pay features.
- **Flexibility in Transactions:** Enables donations, collections, disbursements, and more with ease.
- **Customer Support:** Allows users to raise complaints directly from the mobile application.

Impact of UPI

UPI has had a profound impact on small businesses, street vendors, and migrant workers, offering them an easy and efficient way to transfer money and receive payments. Its adoption was particularly accelerated during the Covid-19 pandemic, as people sought safer, contactless alternatives to cash transactions. UPI's success, however, extends beyond the strength of its infrastructure; it also stems from the behavioural shift it has inspired, where trust in the system and its accessibility have been key factors in driving widespread use.

One of the small yet significant innovations that facilitated this shift is the use of voice boxes by payment apps. These devices, commonly found at snack carts and tea stalls, announce the amount of money received with each QR code transaction, ensuring that vendors who are often too busy to check phone messages are aware of their earnings. This simple yet effective feature has played a crucial role in gaining the trust of small merchants who were previously accustomed to cash transactions and wary of digital payments.

Another important design feature of UPI is its provision for users to choose their preferred payment apps, regardless of the bank where their account is held. This flexibility has given consumers the power of choice, making it easier for them to embrace UPI as their go-to payment method.

The integration of RuPay credit cards with UPI marks another revolutionary step in the digital payment landscape. This feature allows users to access the benefits of both credit cards and UPI for transactions, enabling them to make payments through their credit

lines instead of drawing from savings accounts.

UPI's Global Expansion

India's digital payments revolution is gaining international momentum, with both UPI and RuPay expanding rapidly across borders. Currently, UPI is operational in seven countries, including key markets like the UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, France, and Mauritius.

UPI's entry into France is particularly significant, marking its first foray into Europe. This expansion enables Indian consumers and businesses to make and receive payments seamlessly, even while living or traveling abroad.

As part of its global outreach, Prime Minister Modi has actively pitched for UPI's expansion within the BRICS grouping, which now includes six new member states. This initiative is expected to further bolster remittance flows, improve financial inclusion, and enhance India's stature in the global financial landscape.

According to the ACI Worldwide Report 2024, India now accounts for around 49% of global real-time payment transactions as of 2023, underscoring India's leadership in digital payment innovation. With UPI's growing international presence and the continued rise of digital transactions, India is setting new global benchmarks for financial inclusion and economic empowerment.

Conclusion

In conclusion, UPI has not only revolutionized the way India conducts financial transactions but has also positioned the country as a global leader in digital payments. By offering a seamless, secure, and accessible platform for both individuals and businesses, UPI has played a pivotal role in promoting financial inclusion and accelerating the nation's shift towards a cashless economy. Its remarkable growth, both in terms of transaction volumes and geographical reach, highlights its transformative impact on the financial landscape. As UPI continues to expand globally, it is setting new standards for digital payments, empowering citizens, enhancing economic opportunities, and contributing to India's increasing influence in the global financial arena. ■

43,30,121 ACCOUNTS OPENED UNDER MAHILA SAMMAN SAVINGS CERTIFICATE SCHEME

The Mahila Samman Savings Certificate Scheme (MSSC) was launched on 31 March 2023 to commemorate the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' exclusively for the women and minor girls, and so far, 43,30,121 accounts have been opened under it till 31.10.2024.

This was stated by Union Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on 3 December.

The scheme was launched by the Government to promote financial independence of the woman of the country by allowing attractive rate of interest and to also help in achieving objectives of financial inclusion as set by Government of India. The account under this MSSC shall be opened by a woman for herself, or by the guardian on behalf of a minor girl, on or before 31st March, 2025.

Some of the salient features of the schemes include:

- The account may be opened with a minimum deposit of 1000/- and maximum deposit of 2 Lakhs for a tenure of two years only.
- The interest rate for MSSC is 7.5% p.a. which is compounded quarterly and credited to the account.
- The facility of partial withdrawal and premature closure on compassionate grounds are also available under this Scheme. ■

6.39 CRORE INDIVIDUALS TRAINED UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAMIN DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN

Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was launched by the Government of India to promote digital literacy in rural India. The aim was to reach 6 crore rural households (one person per household) nationwide. The scheme has ended, as against 6 crore, 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country as on March 31, 2024. The State/UT-wise achievement is given at the bottom.

MeitY, Government of India launched the India BPO Promotion Scheme (IBPS) and North East BPO Promotion Scheme (NEBPS) to create jobs and promote IT/ITES in small towns by offering financial

support of up to Rs 1 lakh per seat. The schemes also provide incentives for promoting local entrepreneurs and hiring women and disabled individuals through BPO/ITES units across the country operating in States/UTs. ■

GRAM NYAYALAYAS FUNCTIONING ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE DISPOSED OF MORE THAN 2.99 LAKH CASES DURING DECEMBER 2024

As per website of e-Committee, Supreme Court of India (<https://ecommitteesci.gov.in/service/district-courts-portal/>), there are 688 District Courts across the country. Further, the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008 which was enacted to establish Gram Nyayalayas at the grass-root level aims to provide access to justice in rural areas ensuring opportunities to secure justice to citizens. As on October, 2024, 313 Gram Nyayalayas are functioning across the country which have disposed of more than 2.99 lakh cases during December, 2020 to October, 2024.

Further, Lok Adalats are organized by Legal Services Institutions at such intervals as deemed fit in order to reduce the pendency of cases in the courts and to settle the disputes at pre-litigation stage. Lok Adalats handle pending court cases as referred to it by the respective courts. Since Lok Adalats are not permanent in nature, all unsettled cases, are reverted to the respective courts and hence do not remain pending with Lok Adalats. During the year 2024-25 (upto September, 2024), 5944 benches of State Lok Adalats were constituted which disposed of 10,11,912 cases. In addition, 98,776 cases were settled through 17,309 sittings of Permanent Lok Adalats (Public Utility Services) during the same period.

This information was given by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law & Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal in a written reply in Lok Sabha on 29 November. ■

CABINET APPROVES CONTINUATION OF THE ATAL INNOVATION MISSION

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 25 November approved the continuation of its flagship initiative, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), under the aegis of NITI Aayog, with an enhanced scope of work and an allocated budget of Rs.2,750 crore for the period till

March 31, 2028.

AIM 2.0 is a step towards Viksit Bharat that aims to expand, strengthen, and deepen India's already vibrant innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

The approval underscores the government's commitment to fostering a robust innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in India. With India at rank 39 on the Global Innovation Index and home to world's third-largest start-up ecosystem, the next phase of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM 2.0) is expected to further enhance India's global competitiveness. The continuation of AIM will directly contribute to creating better jobs, innovative products, and high-impact services across sectors. ■

CABINET APPROVES INVESTMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 186 MW TATO-I HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT IN AP

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 25th November approved investment of Rs.1750 crore for construction of Tato-I Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Shi Yomi District of Arunachal Pradesh. The estimated completion period for the project is 50 months.

The project with an installed capacity of 186 MW (3 x 62 MW) would produce 802 Million Units (MU) of energy. The Power generated from the Project will help improve the power supply position in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and will also help in balancing of the national Grid.

The state would be benefitted from 12% free power and another 1% towards Local Area Development Fund (LADF) besides significant infrastructure improvement and socio-economic development of the region.

There will be significant improvement in infrastructure, including the development of around 10 kilometres of roads and bridges, for the project which shall be mostly available for local use. The district will also benefit from the construction of essential infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, vocational training institutes like ITIs, marketplaces, playgrounds, etc. to be financed from dedicated project funds of Rs.15 crore. Local populace shall also be benefitted from many sorts of compensations, employment and CSR activities. ■

CABINET APPROVES ONE NATION ONE SUBSCRIPTION

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 25th November approved One Nation One Subscription, a new Central Sector Scheme for providing country-wide access to scholarly research articles and journal publication. The scheme will be administered through a simple, user friendly and fully digital process. This will be a "One Nation One Subscription" facility for the government higher education institutions and R&D laboratories of the central government.

A total of about Rs.6,000 crore has been allocated for One Nation One Subscription for 3 calendar years, 2025, 2026 and 2027 as a new Central Sector Scheme. One Nation One Subscription will build on and further enhance the scope and reach of the range of initiatives undertaken by the Government of India over the past decade in the domains of education, for maximizing access to quality higher education for the youth of India. This will supplement the ANRF initiative to promote research and development and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout government universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories.

The benefits of One Nation One Subscription scheme will be provided to all Higher Educational Institutions under the management of the Central or State Government and Research & Development Institutions of the Central Government, through a national subscription coordinated by a central agency, namely the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), an autonomous inter-university centre of the University Grants Commission (UGC). This list covers more than 6,300 institutions, translating into nearly 1.8 crore students, faculty and researchers, who will be able to potentially avail benefits of One Nation One Subscription.

This is in line with the goals of Viksitbharat@2047, National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). The initiative will expand access to scholarly journals to a vast diaspora of students, faculty, researchers and scientists of all disciplines, including those in tier 2 and tier 3 cities, thereby promoting core as well as interdisciplinary research in the country. The ANRF will periodically review the usage of One Nation One

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Subscription and publications of Indian authors of these institutions.

The Department of Higher Education will have a unified portal "One Nation One Subscription" through which the institutions will be able to access the journals. ■

EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS SHOW POSITIVE GROWTH; WORKER POPULATION RATIO RISES TO 58.2%, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.2%

The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June every year.

As per the data available in latest Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment during the last 7 years including the COVID period has increased from 46.8% in 2017-18 to 58.2% in 2023-24. During the same period, Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 6.0% to 3.2%.

The Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) exclusively measures various economic and operational characteristics of unincorporated non-agricultural establishments in manufacturing, trade and other services sector.

As per the available ASUSE reports, the estimated number of workers has increased to 10.96 crores in 2022-23 from 9.79 crores in 2021-22.

Further, more than 7 crore net subscribers have joined Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) between September 2017 and September 2024 indicating increase in formalization of the job market.

Further, Government announced in the Budget 2024-25, the Prime Minister's package of 5 schemes and initiatives to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a 5-year period with a central outlay of Rs. 2 lakh crores.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Sushri Shobha Karandlaje in a written reply in Rajya Sabha. ■

OVER 30.43 CRORE UNORGANISED WORKERS REGISTERED ON E-SHRAM PORTAL

The Ministry of Labour and Employment launched the eShram portal (eshram.gov.in) on 26th August 2021 for creation of a comprehensive National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW) seeded with Aadhaar. eShram portal is meant to register and support the unorganised workers by providing them a Universal Account Number (UAN) on a self-declaration basis. As on 1st December 2024, over 30.43 crore unorganised workers have registered on eShram portal. ■

CABINET APPROVES OPENING OF 85 NEW KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS AND EXPANSION OF ONE EXISTING KV

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 6 December chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved opening of 85 new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) under Civil/Defence sector across the country and expansion of one existing KV i.e. KV Shivamogga, District Shivamogga, Karnataka to facilitate increased number of Central Government employees by adding two additional Sections in all the classes under the Kendriya Vidyalaya Scheme (Central Sector Scheme). The list of these 86 KVs is annexed.

The total estimated requirement of funds for establishment of the 85 new KVs and expansion of 01 existing nearby KV is Rs. 5872.08 crore (approx.) spread over a period of eight years from 2025-26. This includes capital expenditure component of Rs. 2862.71 crore (approx.) and operational expenditure of Rs. 3009.37 crore (approx.).

As on date, there are 1256 functional KVs, including 03 abroad viz. Moscow, Kathmandu and Tehran and a total number of 13.56 lakh (approx.) students are studying in these KVs. ■





ZERO CASE: INDIA'S POLIO ERADICATION SAGA

India's achievement of polio-free status in 2014 represents one of the most significant successes in global public health. The eradication of polio was not a singular event, but the culmination of decades of dedicated efforts, starting with India's participation in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and complemented by the robust national immunization efforts under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The strategic integration of new vaccines, innovative surveillance systems, and government-led immunization campaigns played a crucial role in making India polio-free. This achievement was made possible through the tireless efforts of the Government of India in partnership with key global organizations, including UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary International, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Together, they mobilized resources, provided technical expertise, and created widespread public awareness about the critical need to vaccinate every child under five against polio.

Immunization in India

India's immunization efforts can be traced back to 1978, when the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) was launched. This program aimed to provide vaccines to children against various diseases. In 1985, this program was renamed the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), broadening its reach to rural areas beyond urban centers. Over time, the UIP became an integral part of several national health initiatives, including the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), launched in 2005 to improve the health of rural populations.

Today, UIP is one of the world's largest public health programs, targeting over 2.67 crore newborns and 2.9 crore pregnant women annually, providing free vaccines for 12 vaccine-preventable diseases. Polio was one of the first diseases targeted under UIP, and its elimination became a key public health milestone.

KEY MILESTONES IN POLIO ERADICATION

Pulse Polio Programme Launch (1995)

India's fight against polio took a significant step forward in 1995 with the launch of the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme. The first large-scale vaccination campaign, held on 2nd October 1994 (Gandhi Jayanti) in Delhi, was the precursor to the national Pulse Polio campaign. The campaign used

an Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) strategy, reaching over 1 million children and ensuring every child under five was vaccinated. This model was subsequently scaled up nationwide.

The campaign became iconic, with the slogan "Do Boond Zindagi Ki" (Two drops of life) becoming synonymous with India's efforts to eliminate polio.

Routine Immunization and System Strengthening

While Pulse Polio campaigns were essential for mass immunization, India also strengthened its routine immunization efforts under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The UIP provided free vaccines against polio, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, hepatitis B, and tuberculosis, ensuring that children received vaccinations as per the national immunization schedule. Through these routine efforts, India aimed to maintain high immunity levels and prevent the re-emergence of vaccine-preventable diseases.

India also made significant strides in cold chain management, ensuring that vaccines were stored and transported at the correct temperatures. The establishment of the National Cold Chain Training Centre (NCCTE) and the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) played crucial roles in improving vaccine storage and distribution logistics.

Inactivated Polio Vaccine Introduction (2015)

In line with the Global Polio Endgame Strategy, India introduced the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in 2015 as part of its commitment to polio eradication. IPV provides additional protection against polio, especially against type 2 poliovirus, and was gradually introduced in six states before being expanded nationwide by 2016. This switch was essential after the global shift from trivalent OPV (tOPV) to bivalent OPV (bOPV), which excludes the type 2 strain, and IPV ensured continued protection.

Surveillance and Monitoring

India's success in polio eradication was largely due to its rigorous surveillance systems, including Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) Surveillance and Environmental Surveillance. The focus on surveillance helped India detect and respond to any potential outbreaks quickly.

AFP Surveillance: This system involves monitoring cases of unexplained paralysis in children under 15, as this is a common symptom of polio.

Environmental Surveillance: Monitoring sewage water to detect poliovirus strains also helped identify pockets where the virus may still be circulating.

By maintaining a high level of sensitivity in surveillance, India could track and control any residual poliovirus transmission.

Political Will and Community Engagement

One key factor behind India's polio eradication success was the unwavering political will demonstrated by the central and state governments. Political leaders at all levels provided consistent support, ensuring that resources were allocated and the program received the needed attention.

Additionally, community engagement played a pivotal role. Health workers, volunteers, and local leaders helped raise awareness, provided information on the importance of vaccination, and ensured that children in even the most remote areas were immunized. The Pulse Polio campaigns also relied heavily on door-to-door efforts, reaching children in difficult-to-reach areas.

Certification and Final Leap

In 2011, India saw the last case of wild poliovirus in Howrah, West Bengal. Following that, the country ramped up its surveillance efforts, and no further wild

poliovirus cases were reported.

For India to be certified as polio-free by the World Health Organization (WHO), the country had to meet stringent criteria. These included three years of no wild poliovirus transmission, robust surveillance systems, and the destruction of any remaining stocks of the virus. The certification process was rigorous, involving comprehensive checks and evaluations by the Regional Polio Certification Commission.

On 27th March 2014, India was officially declared polio-free, a milestone celebrated not just within the country but globally as an example of successful public health intervention.

Beyond Certification: Staying Alert & Safe!

Even after being declared polio-free, India continues to take several preventive measures to maintain its polio-free status:

Annual Polio Campaigns: India continues to conduct National Immunization Days (NID) and Sub-National Immunization Days (SNID) annually to keep immunity levels high and ensure that no child is missed.

Surveillance and Border Vaccination: Continuous surveillance through AFP and environmental monitoring remains critical. Vaccination at international borders continues to mitigate the risk of polio re-importation from endemic regions.

New Vaccines and Expansion: In addition to IPV, India has introduced several new vaccines under its immunization program, including Rotavirus, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV), and Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine, as part of broader efforts to prevent other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Mission Indradhanush: Launched in 2014, Mission Indradhanush (MI) aims to increase immunization coverage to 90%. Special attention is given to hard-to-reach areas with low immunization rates. In its Intensified Mission Indradhanush phase, the program has significantly increased immunization coverage, further reinforcing India's commitment to child health.

The success of the Pulse Polio Programme and the Universal Immunization Programme serves as an inspiration for other nations and highlights the transformative power of public health interventions when supported by effective systems, robust policy, and community involvement. ■



PM Modi Story

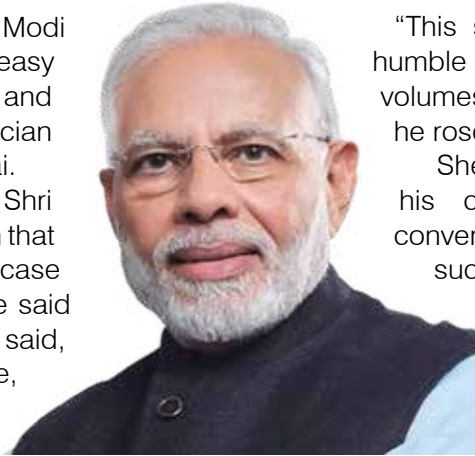


Young Modi had visited USA with just two pairs of clothes

(Narrated by: Dr Panna Barai, Doctor- USA)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always been a simple and easy person. In 1993, he visited the US and stayed with the Indian-origin physician couple Dr Bharat and Panna Barai.

Dr Panna Barai said when Shri Modi visited the USA, he told them that he had come with a 22-inch suitcase and only two pairs of clothes. He said he had to wash them daily, she said, adding it was unusual because, in the US, people generally do laundry once a week.



“This showed to us how simple and humble he was—and still is... It speaks volumes about his simplicity, even after he rose to prominence,” she said.

She said Shri Modi’s love for his country was evident in their conversations. “He would speak with such sensitivity and passion about the country he loved, and we could often see tears in his eyes as he discussed what he believed should be done for India,” she added. ■

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R MOHAN RAO




Shri R Mohan Rao came in contact with RSS while working as a small businessman in Andaman & Nicobar. He used to visit Sangh branches regularly & got inspired by the ideology of BJP and became its member in Andaman and Nicobar.

Shri Mohan served in many positions in the party and became President of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha. Participating in the movements against the wrong policies and decisions of the Congress party, he made significant contributions to the party, bringing many youngsters

on board.

To establish BJP in the isolated island of Campbell Bay, Shri Mohan travelled with the founding member and three-term MP Shri Bishnu Pada Ray ji, holding meetings in temples and sleeping there as well. With time, people began to join and make arrangements for their meals and stay at their homes. Workers got involved this way, leading to the formation of the caravan.

Shri Mohan also played an active role in collecting the iron for the construction of statue of Sardar Patel. His presence was



R MOHAN

Date of Birth 10/11/1968	Gender male
State Andaman And Nicobar Islands	District South Andaman District
Town/City Port Blair	Level State
Post in Organisation State President	Active years 2010-2012

always a source of inspiration and motivation to the youth and to party workers throughout the islands. ■

Russian President praises PM Modi's "India-First" Policy and "Make in India" Initiative at VTB Russia

President Putin highlights Russia's willingness to set up manufacturing operations in India

President Vladimir Putin praised Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's "India-first" policy and the "Make in India" initiative at the 15th VTB Russia Calling Investment Forum. President Putin acknowledged India's efforts to foster a stable environment for growth, emphasising how these policies have contributed to India's development.

The "Make in India" initiative, aimed at boosting manufacturing and attracting foreign investment, has played a key role in strengthening India's position in the global economy, he stressed. President Putin's remarks underscored India's economic progress under PM Shri Modi's leadership. He lauded the Indian government and its efforts in creating "stable conditions" for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), particularly highlighting the economic initiatives spearheaded by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, with a special focus on the "Make in India" program.

President Putin drew parallels between Russia's import substitution program and India's "Make in India" initiative, expressing Russia's willingness to establish manufacturing operations in India. Investments in India are profitable, he added. He also emphasised that India's leadership has focused on prioritising its national interests.

"Prime Minister Modi has a similar program called Make in India. We are also ready to set up our manufacturing operations in India. The Indian government, under the Prime Minister's leadership, has been creating stable conditions, driven by a policy of putting India first. We believe that investing in India is profitable," stated the Russian President. He also said that Russian company Rosneft invested \$20 bn in the country recently.

President Putin also highlighted the significance of Russia's import substitution program in the context of BRICS's evolution, focusing on the growth of SMEs and the necessity for a rapid dispute resolution mechanism to facilitate smooth business transactions for SMEs in BRICS+ countries.



He pointed out the rise of new Russian brands that are replacing Western brands that have exited the market, noting the success of local Russian manufacturers in sectors such as consumer goods, IT, high-tech, and agriculture.

"For us, this is particularly important as part of our import substitution program. The emergence of new Russian brands is helping replace those of Western companies that have voluntarily left our market. Our local manufacturers have achieved significant success, not only in consumer goods but also in IT and high-tech industries," he said.

President Putin also urged for greater cooperation among BRICS nations to support the growth of SMEs and encouraged member countries to identify key areas for collaboration at the upcoming summit in Brazil next year. Referring to the investment platform Russia is developing with BRICS, President Putin said that it has the potential to benefit all partner countries and is expected to become an important instrument for supporting our economies and providing financial resources to the countries of the Global South and East.

"I urge my BRICS colleagues to evaluate the current situation in key areas of cooperation, and we will certainly bring this to the attention of our Brazilian counterparts, who will be leading BRICS next year," he added. ■



HOW INDIA IS DOING BETTER IN THE WAR AGAINST TB

India pioneered several innovative approaches over the last few years to bring a paradigm shift in TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Findings from the WHO's Global TB Report 2024 acknowledged the efficacy of the approach. It noted a 17.7 per cent decline in TB incidence in India from 2015 to 2023 — double the rate of decline observed globally



**JAGAT PRAKASH
NADDA**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a clarion call for the elimination of TB from the country. Under his leadership, a new model of TB care was adopted and India pioneered several innovative approaches over the last few years to bring a paradigm shift in TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Findings from the WHO's Global TB Report 2024 acknowledged the efficacy of the approach. It noted a 17.7 per cent decline in TB incidence in India from 2015 to 2023 — double the rate of decline observed globally. Not just that, the country diagnosed 25.1 lakh patients, marking a significant rise in treatment coverage from 59 per cent in 2015 to 85 per cent in 2023.

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launching a 100-day campaign in 347 high TB burden districts across the country to accelerate our response to fight TB. Through this initiative, we will reinforce our resolve to identify every TB patient early and proactively reach out to vulnerable populations with timely and quality treatment. In the true spirit of Jan Bhagidari, all of us — elected representatives, health practitioners, civil society,

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corporations, and communities — must collaborate to make this campaign a grand success.

To complement expanded diagnostic efforts and to support a complete recovery of TB patients, India conceptualised and operationalised a nutritional support scheme, Nikshay Poshan

Yojana (NPY). Since April 2018, we have disbursed Rs 3,295 crore to 1.16 crore beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer under NPY. In what is a major reinforcement of India's commitment to TB elimination, the monthly support under the scheme has been doubled from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 per month from November 2024.

The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA) has not only helped address the challenge of nutrition but also enhanced community mobilisation. It has united various community stakeholders creating a mass movement to increase awareness and to provide nutritional, vocational, and psychological support to TB patients. This government-citizen symphony anchored in the spirit of Jan Bhagidari has inspired 1.75 lakh Nikshay Mitras to provide 21 lakh food baskets to patients across the country.

Over the years, India has introduced newer drugs such as Bedaquiline and Delamanid to improve treatment success rates. Considering the challenges



in treatment completion for patients with drug-resistant variants, we have allowed a new shorter regimen, BpaLM, which is more effective than the existing regimens. While we have a shorter 9–11-month regimen available alongside the conventional 19–20-month regimen, with the BPaLM regimen, patients will now complete treatment in just six months!

We have consistently strived to ensure that advanced tools are available at the grassroots levels to find and treat all patients at the earliest. To enable this, we introduced more efficient and accurate diagnostic tools — molecular tests. From a few hundred machines in 2014-15, we now have 8,293 molecular diagnostic machines available in all districts.

In fact, taking a cue from the Make in India initiative, indigenous molecular tests have been field-tested and introduced. We have

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been able to not only reduce the time taken for TB diagnosis at district and block levels but have drastically reduced the costs of testing and treatment. Our indigenous molecular tests have received endorsement by the WHO. These initiatives have positioned India as a true leader in global TB response.

We must also take great pride in the fact that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has consistently been among the top public funders of TB research worldwide since 2018. We will continue making investments to

quickly develop and roll out newer tools, including more efficient PoC diagnostics.

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(The writer is BJP National President & Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, GoI)



'COOPERATION GUARANTEES PROSPERITY'

As Delhi hosts the global co-op general assembly & conference for the first time, Union minister for home & cooperation writes 'Modi's model can be inspiration globally'



AMIT SHAH

The cooperative sector is known not only for enriching economically aspiring individuals but also for integrating them into the mainstream of the economy.

The cooperative movement holds immense potential as a transformative tool for the uplift of those who lack capital or have only paltry savings. India is steadfastly working toward this vision.

Although our nation has had an elaborate history of cooperatives, the way cooperation became a medium of economic development before Independence was revitalised with greater energy and strength during PM Modi's tenure. In 2021, under his leadership, GOI made a landmark decision to open all closed doors for the cooperative sector by establishing a dedicated ministry of cooperation at the national level. Steps taken to strengthen the sector have prepared Bharat in just three years to emerge as a vishwamitra in the cooperative sector as well.

As a result, India's cooperative movement today is poised for a historic milestone, set to host the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) General Assembly and Global Cooperative Conference in Delhi from Nov 25 to 30. For the first time in ICA'S 130-year history, India will serve as its organiser. This event is significant as it'll also mark the advent of UN's International Year of Cooperatives 2025. Bharat

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hosting the event is testament to global recognition of our nation's leadership position in the cooperative movement.

Since BJP govt's formation under PM Modi's leadership, consistent efforts have been made to uplift society's backward, extremely backward, underprivileged, and marginalised sections. GOI believes such transformation

is impossible without strengthening the cooperative movement. It's noteworthy that this event coincides with India's major strides toward revitalising its cooperative sector.

Administrative, policy and legal reforms have rejuvenated struggling cooperative institutions, streamlined operations, and fostered transparency and competition among cooperative societies.

PM's mantra 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi' (Prosperity through Cooperation) aims to make cooperative institutions self-reliant and robust. By expanding the cooperative network, a new economic model is being shaped that aligns with PM's vision to build a 5 trillion-dollar Indian economy. This model can not only drive India's growth but also serve as an inspirational framework for development world over. India's tradition of cooperation has its roots embedded in ancient cultural and economic practices. References in Kautilya's Arthashastra highlight collective efforts, such as construction of temples and dams for public benefit in villages. Similarly, financial systems of South India provide early glimpses of cooperative frameworks. Many economists

trained in western thought systems initiated a discourse at the turn of the century that the idea of cooperation had become obsolete in the modern era.

However, it's my firm belief that economic models created by countries with a population of 30mn, 50mn, or even 100mn, are unlikely to be suitable for India, with its population of 1.4bn. To build a prosperous nation, it's not only essential to rise in all indicators of economic growth but also ensure prosperity for 1.4bn people, provide them employment, and guarantee them the right to live with dignity. This is possible only through cooperation. There are many examples in history to substantiate this.

Ahmedabad District Cooperative Bank, for instance, has achieved a remarkable annual profit of 100 cr. Not only has it maintained zero non-performing assets, but also boasts deposits exceeding 6,500 cr. Amul is a successful example of the cooperative movement. Presently, 35L families avail employment, and women of these families play key roles. As a result, today, Amul's annual turnover has reached 80k cr. Interestingly, none of these women made an initial investment of more than Rs 100.

Under PM's leadership, GOI has introduced over 60 initiatives to revitalise and strengthen the cooperative movement. Years of neglect and administrative irregularities had left most primary agricultural credit

societies (PACS) financially weak, inactive. To address this, govt expanded PACS's scope, making them economically viable. With new bylaws, PACS can now engage in over 30 diverse activities, including dairy, fisheries, grain storage, and running Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

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platforms for organic certification and market access to organic products. Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Ltd ensures availability of high-quality seeds to farmers. Additionally, govt's financial assistance, tax relief, and ethanol blending programme have rejuvenated cooperative sugar mills.

To strengthen the cooperative banking system, policy emphasis has been on channelling cooperative institutions' funds into cooperative banks. Efforts to enhance transparency, such as

creation of a National Cooperative Database, have streamlined operations and extended the cooperative movement to underdeveloped regions. Further, a comprehensive and forward-looking National Cooperative Policy is being developed to provide a robust framework for the sector's growth.

ICA General Assembly and Global Conference 2024 will serve as a global platform to showcase India's remarkable strides in advancing financial inclusion, eradicating poverty, ensuring gender equality, and contributing to achieving UN's Sustainable Development Goals through its dynamic cooperative movement. A central agenda is to create a resilient ecosystem that enables cooperatives to address emerging challenges and seize new opportunities. It is imperative that cooperatives worldwide unite and contribute towards building a better, more sustainable future.

As we host this historic event, I extend an invitation to the world's cooperative leaders, policymakers, and advocates of human development. Let's embrace the spirit of learning, sharing, and collaborating to strengthen the global cooperative movement. India's commitment to 'Sahakar Se Samridhhi' is not just a vision but a solemn pledge to build a future grounded in collective prosperity, sustainability, and shared progress. ■

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INDIAN CONSTITUTION AS AN AESTHETIC DOCUMENT

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GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT

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All the illustrations are listed on the last page of the Constitution. They can be categorised under 12 heads — the Mohenjodaro period, the Vedic period, the Epic period, the time of the Mahajanapadas and the Nandas, the Mauryan period, the Gupta period, the Medieval period, the Muslim period, the British period, the Freedom Movement, the revolutionary movement for freedom, and India's natural

features.

Illustrations begin with the National Emblem. Bose was very particular about the lions of the Emblem looking realistic. So, Dinanath Bhargava, who designed the Emblem (as a young student at Kala Bhavan, the fine arts institution in Shantiniketan where Bose taught) visited Kolkata Zoo several times over many months, observing the regal animal. The page bearing the

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Preamble, as well as many other pages of the Constitution, bear the art of Beohar Rammanohar Sinha, another of Bose's proteges. Bose endorsed Sinha's artwork for the Constitution without any alteration whatsoever.

The Preamble page bears Sinha's signature, a short Ram in the Devanagari script, in the lower right corner. The page features text bounded by a rectangular border.

Four animals are depicted in the four corners of the border, taken from the National Emblem. The lotus motif is prominently featured in the border artwork.

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Many pages bear multiple signatures, in Bengali, Hindi, Tamil or English. Part 19 features a portrait of Netaji in military attire, saluting, surrounded by his troops. Nandalal Bose's signature appears here, and A Perumal's signature is visible on the left bottom corner of the page.

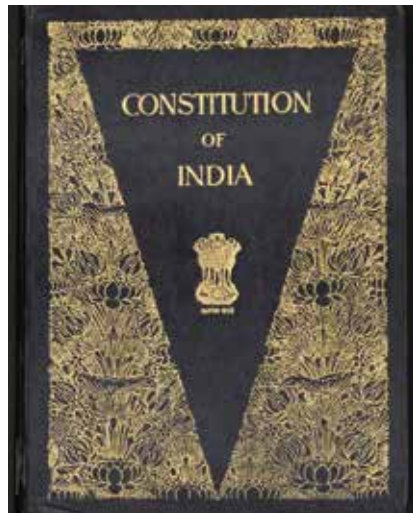
Perumal would go around the villages of Shantiniketan and decorate the walls of the Santhal homes with nature themes. He lived and worked with great artists such as Bose for over four decades in Kala Bhavan and was affectionately called Perumalda.

Part VI, which deals with The States in Part A of the First Schedule, begins with a richly coloured painting of the meditating Mahavira. Two trees

are in bloom, one on each side of Mahavira, and there is a peacock too, indicating harmonious co-existence in nature. This is one of the few coloured images in the Constitution. The illustration bears the signatures of Jamuna Sen and Bose. The border design bears the signature of an artist named Rajniti.

Part XV, which focuses on Elections, features Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Guru Govind Singh. The illustrations are by Dharendra Krishna Deb Barman, a member of the Tripura royal family, who had close ties with Rabindranath Tagore and Bose. The border design carries the signature of Kripal Singh Shekhawat, a renowned artist and ceramist known for reviving the iconic Blue Pottery of Jaipur. Kala Bhavan attracted students and artists from all corners of India and the world, functioning as a melting pot of artistic influences while, in the end, creating a uniquely Indian style and narrative of artistic vision. Many of the artists who worked on the Constitution project went on to scale great heights in their careers, but at the time of this project, they were students and collaborators, eager to bring to life the vision of their revered "master moshai", Bose.

Part XIII deals with trade, commerce, and intercourse within the territory of India, and is marked by a scene from bas-relief forms at the group of monuments at Mahabalipuram, a Unesco World Heritage Site. Descent of the Ganges is a large rock relief depicting the holiest of rivers, the



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Ganga, descending from heaven to Earth. Bose's signature appears on the illustration, and Sen's name appears at the bottom left corner of the border.

Part III, which deals with Fundamental Rights, features a scene from the Ramayana. The border bears Sen's signature. Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy) features a scene from the Mahabharata. The names of Bani Patel and Bose appear at the bottom right, and Vinayak Shivram Masoji's name appears on the left corner of the border.

Part VII deals with The States in Part B of the First Schedule. The primary illustration depicts Emperor Ashoka riding an elephant

adorned with livery, surrounded by Buddhist monks. The illustration is in the style of Ajanta, with the monks depicted bare-chested, wearing jewellery. This illustration was by Bose, whose work was deeply influenced by the artistic traditions of the Ajanta frescoes.

Perumal's name is also visible on the lower left portion of the illustration. The border design carries Sinha's signature. Here, he signs as Rammanohar. This is one of the few pages in the Constitution that carry the names of both Bose and his most senior student, Sinha.

The Constitution is unique as it was originally a handwritten document, calligraphed in English by Prem Behari Narain Raizada and in Hindi by Vasant K Vaidya. Raizada used a flowing italic style, having learnt calligraphy from his grandfather. Working in a room in the Constitution Hall (now the Constitution Club of India) for over six months, he used hundreds of pen nibs. Raizada's signature (as Prem) appears on every page of the document. This was his only request before undertaking this monumental project.

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'NCC INSTILLS A SPIRIT OF DISCIPLINE, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN THE YOUTH'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 116th episode of the 'Mann Ki Baat' radio program on 24 November. During the program, he urged the youth to join the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in the largest possible numbers. He said while addressing 'NCC' that it instills a spirit of discipline, leadership, and service in the youth. We are publishing highlights of the 'Mann Ki Baat' for our esteemed readers:

Mann Ki Baat means touching upon the collective efforts of the country; referring to the achievements of the country; discussing the strength of the people. 'Mann Ki Baat' means touching upon the dreams of the youth, the aspirations of the citizens of the country. I wait for 'Mann Ki Baat' throughout the month, so that I can communicate with you directly. There are innumerable messages! My earnest endeavour is to read as many messages as possible; to brainstorm on your suggestions.



- Today (24, November) is a very special day - it is NCC Day. As soon as the name of NCC comes up, we remember our school-college days. I myself have been an NCC Cadet, so I can say with full confidence that the experience gained from it is invaluable for me. 'NCC' instills a spirit of discipline, leadership and service in the youth. You must have seen around you that whenever there is a disaster; be it a flood, an earthquake or an accident, NCC cadets unfailingly make themselves available there to help. Today, efforts are being undertaken continuously to strengthen NCC in the country. In 2014, about 14 lakh youth were associated with NCC. Now in 2024, more than 20 lakh youth are associated with NCC.
- To connect 1 lakh such youths, new youths, to politics, many special campaigns will be run in the country. 'Vikasit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue' is also one such effort. Experts from the country and abroad will grace this. Many national and international personalities would also be there. I

will also be present in it for as much time as possible. The youth will get an opportunity to present their ideas directly before us.

- In Mann ki Baat, we often talk about such youth. There are many youths who are working selflessly for the society and are engaged in finding solutions to numerous minor problems of the people. If we look around us, we see so many people who need some kind of help or information. I am happy to know that some youths have formed groups and addressed such issues as well. For example, Virendra, who lives in Lucknow, helps the elderly in the matter of Digital Life Certificate. As you know as per rules, all pensioners have to submit Life Certificate once a year. Till 2014, the process was such that the elderly had to go to the banks and submit it themselves. You can imagine how much inconvenience it used to cause to our elderly. Now this system has changed.
- Now, by enabling the Digital Life Certificate, things have become very simple; the elderly do not have to go to the bank.
- Apart from youths of around 12 villages getting the facility to read books from this library, this library is also providing other important facilities to the people. Some libraries are such that they are very useful for students in preparing for competitive examinations. It is indeed very heartening to note that the library is being used in the best possible way to strengthen the society. You too should develop friendship with books and see how it brings a change in your life.

Dr. Ambedkar's Mahaparinirvan Diwas programme organised

A tribute program was organized on Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar's Mahaparinirvan Diwas in New Delhi on 06 December 2024.

The event, hosted by the Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF), honoured Babasaheb's unparalleled contributions to India's social transformation. It also celebrated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's historic recognition of Pali as a Classical Language—a milestone widely praised for preserving the rich heritage of Lord Buddha.

Addressing the gathering on this occasion, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri BL Santhosh said, "Thanks to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Laughing Buddha is smiling again. The recognition of Pali has brought happiness to people worldwide, especially Buddhists."

Remembering Babasaheb Ambedkar, he said, "Dr. Ambedkar



is the central figure of 20th-century India who championed social justice for Indian society. His monumental contribution, the Constitution of India, will always be remembered. Over the next 60 days, the BJP will go door-to-door across the country to educate people about the Constitution of India."

Speaking at the event, Shri Tarun Chugh emphasized the nation's eternal gratitude to Dr. Ambedkar, who laid the foundation for equality and social justice in India. He remarked, "Dr. Ambedkar's vision of social

transformation continues to guide the nation. His contributions to empowering marginalized communities remain unmatched. Prime Minister Modi's leadership has further amplified this legacy by safeguarding Buddhism's cultural and spiritual heritage and promoting the recognition of Pali."

Eminent monks, scholars, and dignitaries praised Prime Minister Shri Modi for his commitment to preserving Buddhist teachings and fostering global peace. They hailed the recognition of Pali as a landmark step in strengthening India's position as a global hub for Buddhism.

Among others SPMRF Chairman Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Ven. Sanghasena Bhikkhu, Ven. Lama Chosphele Zotpa, Acharya Yeshe Phuntsok, Ven. Dipankara Sumedho Bhante, Tashi Gyalsen, Mrs. Rinchen Lamo, and Subroto Barua were present. ■

- I have returned from Guyana, a country in South America. Thousands of kilometres away from India, a 'Mini India' dwells in Guyana too. Around 180 years ago, people from India were taken to Guyana to work in the fields and for other tasks. Today, people of Indian origin in Guyana are leading the country in every field... be it politics, business, education or culture. The President of Guyana, Dr. Irfan Ali, is also of Indian origin and is proud of his roots.
- When I was in Guyana, a thought struck my mind which I am sharing with you in 'Mann Ki Baat'. Just like Guyana, there are lakhs of Indians in dozens of countries across the world. Their ancestors have their own stories of decades; even those

- over 200-300 years ago. Can you be on the lookout for such stories of how Indian immigrants made their mark in different countries! How they took part in their freedom struggle! How they kept their Indian heritage alive! I want you to find out such true stories, and share them with me. You can also share these stories on the NaMo App or on MyGov with #IndianDiasporaStories.
- The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign is now spreading to other countries of the world as well. When I was in Guyana, I witnessed this campaign there as well. There, Guyana's President Dr. Irfan Ali, his mother in law, and other family members joined me in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. ■

Essential for Parliament to engage in healthy discussions where as many people as possible contribute: PM Modi

Addressing a press conference on the eve of the winter session of Parliament on 25 November 2024, PM Shri Narendra Modi said it is the winter session, and the atmosphere will also remain cool. We are in the final phase of 2024, and the country is enthusiastically preparing to welcome 2025 with great energy and excitement.

He said this session of Parliament is special in many ways, with the most significant aspect being the 75-year journey of our Constitution, as it steps into its 75th year. This is a momentous occasion for democracy.

Tomorrow, we will collectively begin the celebration of the 75th year of our Constitution in the Constitution Hall. The Constitution framers debated every point in great detail while drafting the Constitution, resulting in this excellent document. A significant pillar of this is our Parliament and its members.

It is essential for Parliament to engage in healthy discussions where as many people as possible



contribute. Unfortunately, some individuals rejected by the people are continuously attempting to control Parliament through disruptive tactics for their political gains. Their primary goal of halting parliamentary proceedings rarely succeeds, and the people take note of their actions, often punishing them when the time comes. ■



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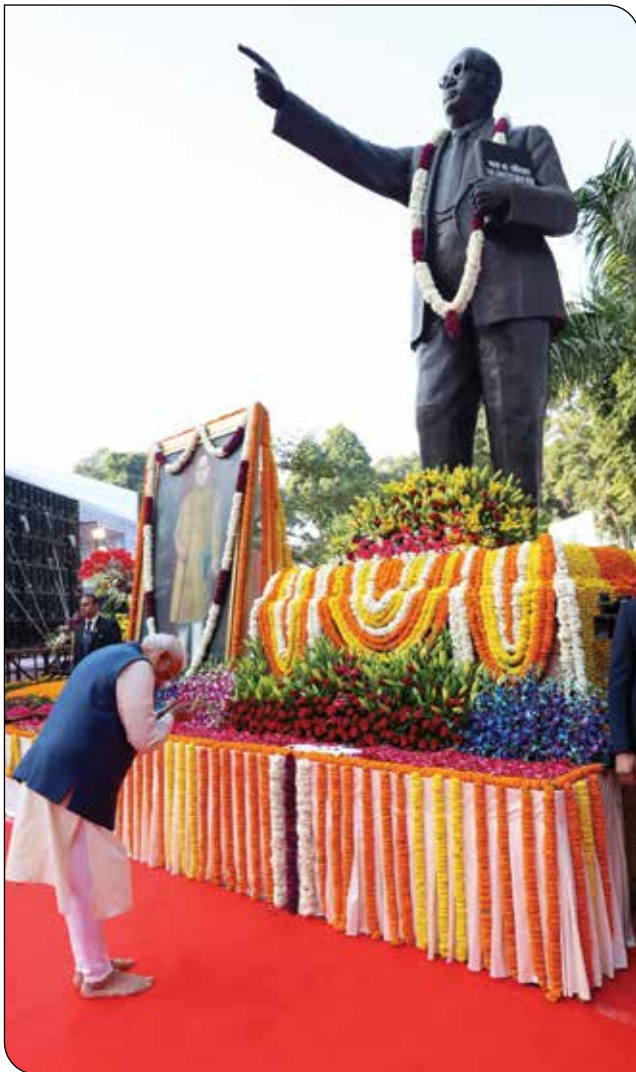
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PM Shri Narendra Modi pays floral tributes to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on his Mahaparinirvan Diwas at Parliament House in New Delhi on December 06, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi inspects an exhibition showcasing the implementation of new criminal laws in Chandigarh on December 03, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi attends the 59th All India Conference of Director Generals/Inspector Generals of Police at Bhubaneswar in Odisha on December 01, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi being pinning a badge on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day-2024 in New Delhi on December 07, 2024.



PM Shri Narendra Modi meets the King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck in New Delhi on December 05, 2024.



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