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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addresses Intellectuals' meet at Indira Gandhi Pratishtan, Lucknow



UP BJP President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh welcomes Shri JP Nadda in a meeting of Awadh-Kanpur Region Office Bearers at Lucknow in UP



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addresses Assam BJP Office Bearers meeting at Guwahati in Assam



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda participating in a roadshow in Chennai



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah visits home of former District General Secretary Late Shri Raju Chikkangoudar in Belagavi, Karnataka and offers condolences to his family.



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah visits BJP leader and former Rail Minister Late Shri Suresh Angadi's home and pays tribute to him

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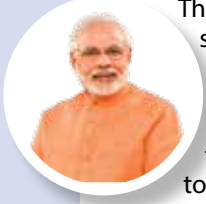




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Under the leadership of PM @NarendraModiji So far, 1.26 crore homes have been built under PMAY-G. Without any discrimination, the scheme is benefiting the beneficiaries by connecting toilets, gas and electricity connections with the house and other poor welfare schemes to provide clean drinking water.



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Spoke to the Defence Minister of Indonesia, General Prabowo Subianto. We had fruitful and substantive discussions on bilateral defence engagements. India is committed to enhance the defence engagements with Indonesia as part of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.



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Last year, with Sweden during the program 'Vision on Indian roads by 2030' themed 'Zero road fatality', it was resolved to reduce road accidents by 50% in India by 2030. But we have to try to meet this target before 2025.



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Aaj Tak and Karvy Insights survey showed that the people of India have given Shri Narendra Modi Ji the status of the most popular Prime Minister. Bharat kee janata ka vishvas. Bharatiya Janata Party ke Saath.



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro shared above photo of Lord Hanuman while thanking PM Shri Narendra Modi for providing Covid-19 Vaccines



KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR

wishes a very happy

BASANT PANCHAMI (16 FEBRUARY)

to all of its readers

INDIA IS MARCHING AHEAD WITH MANTRA OF 'AATMNIKBHAR BHARAT'

As India intensified its fight against Covid-19 pandemic by launching world's largest vaccination programme, encouraging trend of lowering Covid-19 cases is further strengthening the united spirit of the nation. While even the most developed countries in the world had to face extremely challenging times, India under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi responded with alacrity restraining the pandemic impact to the minimum on almost every parameters. Today, when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rolled out world's largest Covid-19 vaccination programme with two 'Made in India vaccines', it has raised hopes across the globe with many countries looking up to India with expectations. As the Prime Minister has repeatedly emphasised on the India's mantra of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam' and the belief of India in the ancient dictum of 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah, Sarve Santu Niramayah', the nation has come forward to help other countries in their fight against the pandemic.

Last one year was extremely trying for the entire world and India also had to face numerous challenges due to Covid-19 pandemic. While the entire nation under the strong and determined leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi remained united facing all the challenges, BJP as a political party became an example of

dedication and commitment to be emulated across the globe. Amid such challenging times, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda completed one year in his office taking the organization on the path of untiring service. It was under the inspiration of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and under the guidance of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda that crores of BJP karykarts committed to the mantra of 'Seva Hi Sangathan' reached out to crores of people and stood by their side in the time of dire need and distress. Whether it was the distribution of ration kits, distribution of masks and sanitizers, serving the old and Covid infected patients or enhancing the morale of Corona warriors by conducting campaigns in their support, BJP karykarts remained committed to serve the people and provided relief to the needy during pandemic. It was the dedicated service of the crores of BJP karykarts which was blessed by the people across India in various elections held

during this period. In a letter addressed to crores of BJP Karykarts on completion of one year in office, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has lavishly praised the untiring efforts of the karykarts during pandemic and exhorted them to continue to work towards the realization of the higher goals of the party.

While the scientists, researchers and experts have made India proud by producing 'Made in India' vaccines within such a limited time, it is highly unfortunate to note that there are a handful of people who are feeling uncomfortable with such a huge national achievements. These are the same set of people who even doubted India's capabilities in manufacturing masks and sanitizers and are now silent when India has become an exporter of masks, sanitizers, PPE kits, medical equipments, medicines while equipping its health facilities with 'Made in India' ventilators. They had never imagined that India can ever make vaccines too but it was the relentless efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who continuously reviewed the progress and supported the efforts of scientists, researchers and experts that India is today one of the proud manufacturer of Covid-19 vaccines. It is highly unfortunate to note that Congress leaders always tried to demoralize the nation during the pandemic by raising baseless questions and by attempting to create an atmosphere of panic and pessimism. BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has completely exposed Rahul Gandhi by posing pointed questions which he failed to respond. In fact Congress and Rahul Gandhi have no answers, their falsehoods stand exposed and politics of dynasty and deceit has been defeated. India is marching ahead with the mantra of an 'Aatmnikbhar Bharat'. ■

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BJP IS ONLY PARTY WHICH HAS LEADERS, WILL, POLICY, CADRES, RIGHT INTENTIONS & PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda was on two-day (January 21 & 22) *pravas* in Uttar Pradesh where he held several organizational meetings and also participated in many important events.

On reaching Lucknow on 21 January he was given a grand welcome by a large number of enthusiastic BJP Karyakartas at the airport and State BJP Headquarters. He held meetings at the State BJP Headquarters with the State BJP office bearers and regional BJP presidents. Then, Shri Nadda held a separate meeting with the 'Council of Ministers' of the BJP government in the state. On the same day at 9 pm, he presided over a meeting of the Core Committee of the party. Just after that, he held a party fund meeting at 10 pm.

Next day on 22 January, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda held a number of meetings including Chintah rural Mandal office bearers' meeting, CMS Vistar and booth Presidents' meeting of Lucknow. He also addressed regional BJP (Awadh and Kanpur) office-bearers meeting and also held a separate meeting of MPs & MLAs of Awadh and Kanpur regions. In the evening Shri Nadda addressed two conferences - one was of social media volunteers and the other was of a gathering of prominent people of Lucknow.

During his two-day UP *pravas*, National President Shri Nadda was accompanied by BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri B.L Santhosh.

Addressing the Booth Presidents' meeting in Lucknow, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said concept of 'Ekatma Manavaad', 'Antyodaya' and 'Cultural Nationalism' propounded by Pandit Shri Deen Dayal Upadhyay Ji have always been propagated by Revered Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Shri Narendra Modi.

He said, "Bharatiya Janata Party is the only party which has the leaders, the will, policy, cadres, right intentions and a programme for development. When we have a farsighted leader like our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister like Yogi Adityanath, then the need to stop does not arise."

Speaking on internal democracy, BJP National President said, "There are around 1,500 small and big political parties in the country, but it is only the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has a tradition of internal democracy. It can only be the BJP, where those born in poor families like Shri Narendra Modi can become the Prime Minister of India and Yogi Adityanath can become the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Except the BJP, almost all the political parties are family legacies or seeped in nepotism. Whether

you have come to the BJP by chance or by choice or even by accident, but if you have come here then you have come to the right place”.

He said, “There can be no price for the strength of our organization and our cadres. We have always fought for our ideology and we believe that only ideology can bring about any transformation in the country”.

He added, “The policy of ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas’ was borne out of the concept of ‘Antyodaya’ and on the same lines programmes such as Ayushman Bharat, Ujjawala, Saubhagaya, Pradhanmantri Awaas, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Nidhi were conceptualised, which aim to alleviate the sufferings of the poor in India.”

“Yesterday(21 January) in a survey by a reputed news channel, our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji was judged as the most popular leader in the country, while our Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath was judged as the most famous chief minister. I congratulate Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji & Yogi Adityanathji for this feat,” Shri Nadda said.

He said, “Our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi took bold and courageous decisions at the right time to keep the country safe. On the other hand, Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath also kept pace with him and was able to check the spread of Covid-19 to a great extent in Uttar Pradesh. This is called quality leadership.”

“The Modi government started the Rs 1.70 lakh crore Gareeb Kalyan Yojna. From March till November 2020, around 80 crore poor in the country were offered free rations. Under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat programme Rs 1 lakh crore were given to the farmers.

Uttar Pradesh has the capability to guide the country in this direction. The BJP government in the State has so far inked MoUs worth approx Rs 4.50 lakh crore. Around Rs 3 lakh crore has been invested on several programmes of the State government.”

He further said, “Mandal Padadhikaris must spend every month at least one day at every booth in a month, review their work and connect with them. On

the last Sunday of every month our Prime Minister connects with the country through the ‘Mann Ki Baat’ programme on All India Radio. Booth committees should listen to this programme along with the local people.”

He added, “I want to urge the Panna Pramukhs that they should connect with the 30 people on their page in both their good and bad times. Every fortnight the Panna Pramukhs should meet with these 30 people at least once. We need to work with the dedication of reaching all the homes.”

While addressing these meetings he emphasized, “Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, we have seen Article 370 being demolished. The Ram Janam Bhoomi issue, which was lingering for ages, was solved and we saw the Prime Minister laying the foundation stone of a grand temple devoted to Lord Ram in the presence of Yogi Adityanathji. The Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi is committed towards the upliftment of villages, poor and farmers and the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh is working with the same devotion and intention.”

He said, “Under the guidance of Prime Minister,

Shri Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party's flag is flying high from Ladakh and Srinagar to Manipur, Telangana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.”

BJP National President emphasized on working towards ‘Hamara Booth, Sabse Majboot’ and making every booth strong and so that ‘lotus’ blooms at every booth.

During the course of BJP National President's *pravas*, BJP State In-charge and BJP National Vice President Shri Radhamohan Singh, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Arun Singh and Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, State BJP President Shri Swatantradev Singh, Deputy CMs Shri Dinesh Sharma and Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya, Co-incharge Shri Sunil Oza, Shri Satya Kumar and Shri Sanjeev Chaurasiya, State office bearers and a large number of karykarts were present and participated in various events. ■

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PM LAUNCHES PAN INDIA ROLLOUT OF COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on January 16 launched the pan India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive via video conferencing. This is the world's largest vaccination program covering the entire length and breadth of the country. A total of 3006 session sites across all States and UTs were virtually connected during the launch.

Prime Minister started his speech by paying compliments to the scientists who were associated with the development of the vaccines. He said, usually it takes years to prepare a vaccine but here, in such a short time, not one but two Made-in-India vaccines were launched. Prime Minister cautioned the people to be careful about not missing taking two doses. He said that there will be a gap of one month between the doses. He asked people to keep their guards up even after taking the vaccine as only two weeks after taking the second dose, human body will develop necessary immunity against Corona.

Prime Minister put the unprecedented scale of the vaccination drive in perspective by informing that, in the first round itself, 3 crore people, which is more than population of at least 100 countries of the world, are being vaccinated. He said that this needs to be taken up to 30 crores in the second round when elderly and people with serious co-morbidities will be vaccinated.



The first day of the massive countrywide COVID-19 vaccination program was conducted successfully. A total of 3,352 sessions were held wherein 1,91,181 beneficiaries were vaccinated as per the provisional reports. Additional 3,429 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Defence institutions. As many as 16,755 personnel were actively involved in organizing the immunization session sites. No case of post-vaccination hospitalization has been reported, so far.

- Two types of COVID-19 vaccines have been supplied for the vaccination drive:
- Covishield vaccine (made by Serum Institute of India Ltd) has been supplied to all States/UTs.
- Covaxin vaccine (made by Bharat Biotech International Ltd) has been supplied to 12 States.
- Adequate quantities of vaccines and logistics were ensured at all COVID-19 vaccination session sites across the country.

He said that there are only three countries- India, USA and China, who have the population of more than 30 crore.

Prime Minister asked people not to give heed to rumours and conspiracy theories as Indian vaccine scientists, medical system, Indian process and institutional mechanism in this regard is trusted globally and this trust is earned with a consistent track record.

Prime Minister congratulated the country for a united and brave fight against corona. He termed the Indian response to corona as one of self-confidence and self-

reliance. He noted a determination of not to let the confidence weaken in every Indian. He dwelled at length on the contribution of doctors, nurses, para medical staff, ambulance drivers, ASHA workers, sanitation workers, police and other frontline workers

who endangered their lives to save other. Some of them didn't even return to their homes as they lost their lives in the fight against the virus, noted a solemn Prime Minister. The frontline warriors brought hope in an environment of despondency and fear, today, by vaccinating them first, country is acknowledging their contribution with gratitude, Shri Modi said.

Recalling the initial days of the crisis, the Prime Minister noted that India showed alertness and took right decisions at the right moments. Two weeks before the first case, which was detected on 30th January 2020, India had formed High-Level Committee. India had started proper surveillance exactly one year ago from today. On 17th January 2020, India issued its first advisory and India was among the first nations to start screening of passengers at the airports.

Prime Minister congratulated the countrymen to pass the challenge of discipline and patience during the Janata Curfew. He pointed out that the exercise prepared the country psychologically for the lockdown. Morale of the country was kept high with the campaigns like taali-thali and lighting of diya, the Prime Minister added.

Shri Modi also talked about evacuation of Indians stuck abroad. In a time when many countries of the world had left their citizens stranded in China, India evacuated not only the Indians but citizens of other countries. He recalled sending of entire lab to a country that was finding it difficult to test evacuating Indians.

Prime Minister said India's response to the crisis has been acknowledged globally. It was an example of the integrated and unified response from centre, states, local governments, government offices, social bodies who performed efficiently in unison, Prime Minister concluded.

After the speech Prime Minister tweeted "India begins the world's #LargestVaccineDrive. This is a day of pride, a celebration of the prowess of our scientists and hardwork of our medical fraternity, nursing staff, police personnel and sanitation workers.

May everyone be healthy and free from illness." With the Vedic prayer of universal health, happiness and freedom from sorrow –

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HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER HAS ALWAYS LED FROM THE FRONT IN DEALING WITH CHALLENGING SITUATIONS: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on January 16 commenting on launch of the world's biggest vaccination drive said, "Today India is witnessing a historic event in the form of commencement of the world's biggest



vaccination drive with the launch of Corona vaccination drive by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji which will help in dealing with the Corona pandemic to a very large extent."

Congratulating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for successfully implementing the vaccination drive, Shri Nadda said, "Hon'ble Prime Minister has always led from the front in dealing with challenging situations and has shown the citizens to face the challenges and come out of it successfully. I congratulate Hon'ble Prime Minister for conceiving this India and effectively implementing it under his decisive and bold leadership."

He added, I also congratulate and appreciate the efforts of our doctors, scientists, officials, nurses, paramedical staff and all those associated with our health services in conceiving and implementing the world's biggest vaccination programme. They are the true heroes of the world's biggest vaccination drive that commenced today across India.

He appealed to the citizens to continue wearing their masks, washing of hands and social distancing even after having their vaccine against Corona.

"The last assault on Corona virus has begun with the start of the massive vaccination drive under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. The vaccines against Corona will act as 'Sanjeevani' in our fight against Covid-19 and help in ending the Corona pandemic. Earlier also India has won its fight against various diseases like polio and chicken pox, and once again India will emerge victorious in its fight against Covid-19 under the leadership of our Hon'ble

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji.”

“Usually it takes years to develop a vaccine. But Indian scientists and doctors have done a miracle by developing two ‘Made in India’ vaccines for the world’s biggest vaccination drive. The fact that Covid vaccine was successfully developed and manufactured in India and we successfully started the world’s biggest Corona vaccination drive is the solid proof of the prowess, great capabilities and scientific genius of our doctors and scientists who have all the capabilities and knowledge to be at the top in the world. It is under the dynamic and decisive leadership of the Hon’ble Prime Minister that the last assault on Corona has begun. In the first phase 1 crore health workers and over 2 crore frontline workers will be administered Corona vaccine.”

“Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji is the stellar example to the world how to control and effectively deal with a pandemic, how to create opportunities even in adversities, and how to lead a nation of over a billion people at the time of crisis. Entire world is praising the superlative efforts of our Hon’ble Prime Minister in dealing with one of the worst crisis that the world has seen in modern times. When our scientists and health experts were very sure about the efficacy and safety of the ‘Made in India’ vaccine, it was only then that the emergency use of the vaccine was started. I urge all my fellow citizens not to listen to any false propaganda, fake news and rumours about the vaccine. I also urge citizens to play a constructive and supportive role in ensuring that the world’s largest vaccination drive is completed successfully.”

Shri Nadda said, “Today the entire world is looking towards India with hope and aspiration of getting Corona vaccine soon. India, which manufactures and supplies more than 60 % of vaccines to the world, is fast emerging as a hub of Corona vaccine. It is a matter of great pride and satisfaction for every Indian that India will play a decisive role in saving humankind from the Corona pandemic. Several countries are in talks with Indian government and Corona vaccine manufacturers

to get the Corona vaccine at the earliest in order to save their citizens.”

Shri Nadda said that India has always been a leader when it comes to fighting the Corona pandemic. He added, “Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has also said that India has emerged a beacon of hope for the world. Several countries are now eagerly looking towards India to ramp up supplies of vaccines. Top global leaders and many international organisations including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Health Organisation (WHO), and the United Nations have praised our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for his vision and leadership in dealing with the Corona pandemic.”

EVERY INDIAN IS PROUD OF THIS PHENOMENAL ACHIEVEMENT: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah congratulated all the scientists as the nation is witnessing the historic moment of launch of biggest vaccination drive of the world against Covid19.

In a series of tweets, Shri Amit Shah said

“under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi India has crossed a crucial stage in the fight against Corona. The world’s largest vaccination campaign showcases the immense potential of India’s scientists and the power of our leadership.”

Shri Amit Shah said “India is one of the few countries which have become successful in the direction of ending the biggest crisis against humanity. Every Indian is proud of this phenomenal achievement.”

He added that this is the rise of a new ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ on the global landscape.

Union Home Minister also asserted that “ ‘New India’ led by Modi ji is an India that transforms disasters into opportunities and challenges into achievements. On this historic day, expressing heartiest gratitude to all Corona warriors Shri Amit Shah said this ‘Made in India’ vaccine is a proof of the determination of Atmanirbhar Bharat. ■



@Dr Harsh Vardhan

The #COVID19vaccines will prove to be a ‘Sanjeevani’ to end this #pandemic. Kudos to our scientists & researchers for providing us with these 2 vaccines in record time, bringing us closer to achieving triumph over #COVID19.



TAMIL NADU HAS BEEN GUIDING FORCE FOR OUR NATION FOR CENTURIES: BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda was on one-day visit to Tamil Nadu on January 14, 2021 where he took part in various important programmes.

BJP National President participated in the great festival of Pongal “Namma Ooru Pongal” organized by BJP West Chennai District at Maduravoyil, Chennai (Tamil Nadu). He also addressed the gathering on this occasion and hailed the great culture and tradition of Tamil Nadu.

Earlier, Shri Nadda was accorded a grand welcome by party karyakartas on his arrival at Chennai airport. He was welcomed by BJP state unit president Sh L. Murugan, the party National General Secretary Shri CT Ravi and other senior party leaders and karyakartas.

Shri Nadda said that this is a festival of farmers who have taken care of us and the whole country celebrates it. However, it has special meaning in Tamil Nadu. On this bounteous occasion, May

happiness comes to you in all abundance. May Pongal fill your life with sweetness! May God bless you with peace, prosperity, and happiness in your life on Pongal and always!

Clad in Tamil Nadu’s traditional White dhoti, white shirt, and Angavastram, the BJP National President hailed the culture and traditions of the state and also mentioned how the state was home to the oldest language.

Shri Nadda referred to the poet-saint Tiruvalluvar and the legacy of Hindu ethos established by various saints in the holy land of Tamil Nadu. He said the state had famous Kings and empires like the Cholas, Cheras, Pandyas, and Pallavas who contributed immensely to its development.

“Tamil Nadu has a rich culture and it is a place of ‘bhakti’. It is a place where religious sentiments have been taken care of by religious leaders. It is a land of saints where I bow to the sages who’ve contributed to humanity. He said, “Tamil Nadu has been the guiding force for the light of our nation for

centuries. It's a unique mix of economic development with religious sentiments and culture."

The BJP President said that our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji highlighted Tamil Nadu and its poets at the United Nations and different parts of the world and country. This is the pride and love he has for this state with rich culture and heritage.

Hailing the efforts of the Modi government for the development of Tamil Nadu, Shri Nadda said that Modi Ji has contributed and tried to see to it that the whole country goes forward but at the same time, he's also made sure that Tamil Nadu takes a big leap as far as development is concerned.

Comparing allocation of funds during Congress-led UPA government and the current Modi govt, he said, The 13th Finance Commission during UPA-II gave Rs 94,000 crore to Tamil Nadu. The 14th Finance Commission under PM Modi gave the state an astronomical Rs 5.42 lakh crore for development. The Central govt has allotted Rs 1600 crore for the development of textiles and its industry, which finds a special place in Tamil Nadu. This is Aatmanirbhar Bharat, with an idea of 'vocal for local', he added.

Shri Nadda said, During COVID, PM Modi sent directly to 20 crore women Rs 1500 each for three months, giving a mighty example of women empowerment. Eight crore women were also given gas connections. Approx 36 lakh LED bulbs were distributed in Tamil Nadu under the UJALA scheme. The defence corridor that starts from Chennai - Coimbatore is also an economic corridor, will bring more jobs and opportunities to the youth of the state. Rs 2,875 crore is being spent on Chennai Metro and Rs 3,267 crore is being spent on Monorail in the state. Under the AWAS Yojana, 5.36 lakh houses have been constructed



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for the poor. 11 medical colleges & an AIIMS have been given to Tamil Nadu by the Modi government. Practically, every 3 Lok Sabha constituencies will now have at least one medical college. PM Modi has been involved in a lot of development work in Tamil Nadu.

Shri Nadda said, "It is the BJP where the scientific development is taking place and thus, people from different walks of life are joining us." We invite everybody and we've to make sure that we as a mainstream party keep walking ahead in the state, he further said. We are committed for the development of Tamil Nadu in the leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji.

Later, Shri JP Nadda also addressed THUGLAK Magazine's 51st Anniversary function Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai. Appreciating the Thuglak magazine and its leadership for having entered the 51st year, Shri Nadda said the magazine was known for its righteousness, wit, humour, and political punch, adding that the readership and admirers of Thuglak were global.

He said, "Thuglak and its founder (Late Cho Ramaswamy) are synonymous. I had met Cho when I was a student leader. I am happy that S Guruswamy has taken over the legacy from Cho and stepped in for an unachievable task." ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ASSAM PRAVAS

'WE WILL AGAIN COME BACK INTO GOVERNMENT IN ASSAM AND CARRY FORWARD OUR RESOLVE TO SERVE PEOPLE'

Bharatiya Janata Party National President, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed a huge public meeting held at the Police Parade Ground in Silchar (Assam) on 11 January 2021 during his two days Pravas in the state and said that the party will always give due recognition to the culture, language and identity of Assam, adding that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Home Minister Shri Amit Shah solved 50-year-old Bodo issue by signing peace accord and bringing militants to the mainstream. He further praised the role of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Assam Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and described the development story of two BJP governments in detail. The public meeting was also addressed by the Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) Convener Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma. Earlier on reaching Silchar, the BJP National President was given a grand welcome by party workers. On the occasion BJP State President Shri. Ranjit Kumar Das, National Vice President and

in-charge of Assam Shri Baijayant Panda, National General Secretary Shri Dilip Saikia, Assam's co-in-charge Shri Pawan Sharma, and other party MPs, MLAs, officials and BJP Karyakartas were present in large number.

In the beginning of his address, Shri Nadda first paid his humble tribute to Saint Shrimant Sankardev, his disciple Shri Madhavdev, the great Saint Azan Fakir, and freedom fighter Shri Taji Mideren, Shri Hem Barua and Bharat Ratna Bhupen Hazarika ji. While thanking the people of Assam, he describing Barak Valley as the BJP's stronghold, because all the elections held after 2016 Vidhan Sabha elections, whether it be Territorial Council elections in different parts of the state, local body elections, or by-election, the people of Assam have consistently given their blessings to the BJP. This situation is not only present in Assam but in the entire country. BJP won a landslide victory in Ladakh Hill Council election, BJP emerged as the single largest party despite alliance in Jammu and Kashmir's DDC election, BJP got unprecedented



victory in Arunachal Pradesh local body elections, Silvassa and Goa locals body elections, BJP won in the GHMC elections and in rural areas of Rajasthan, the BJP wrote a new chapter of success with the blessings of the farmers. He said that 'Team India' is committed to the development of the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The BJP National President said that the Modi government and the Bharatiya Janata Party are committed to preserving the culture, language and heritage of Assam. Whether it is about the preservation of the Ahom language or the voice of the Assam movement, the Bharatiya Janata Party has always pushed it forward. The movement of Assam first came into the light when revered Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji raised his voice in support of this movement inside and outside of the Parliament. We gave the slogan of 'Kashmir or Guwahati, Apna Desh Apni Maati'. It was the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government of the NDA that gave the Bharat Ratna to the great freedom fighter Gopinath Bardoloi ji and now the Shri Narendra Modi government of the BJP awarded Bharat Ratna to the revered Bhupen Hazarika ji of Assam. Shri Nadda said that it is the BJP government in Assam that fulfilled the age-old demand by giving ST status to the six communities Koch, Rajbongshi, Tai Ahom, Chutia, Matak, Moran and T tribes which the Congress had kept hanging on for many years. The Bodo movement ran for nearly 50 years, many people lost their lives in it, but this movement ended in the BJP government. We made a provision of 1500 crore rupees to bring them into the mainstream of society. Similarly, the Bru-Reang problem was also resolved in Tripura with the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the assistance of Home Minister Shri Amit

Shah. It is the BJP government which also solved the border problem of Assam by land-sweeping. The Smart Fence Project saved the people of Assam from infiltration which is also initiated by our government.

Attacking the Congress, the BJP President said that the projects used to start under the Congress rule but did not complete on time, and during this the budget the project was increased manifold. The work of Bhupen Hazarika Setu and Bogivil Bridge was also completed in our government, Assam Gas Cracker Project was also completed by our government. He said that in the UPA government of Congress, only Rs 50,000 crore was given for the development of Assam while the Modi government has given Rs 3lakh crore for the development of Assam. I am happy that when I was the Health Minister, I gave an AIIMS to Guwahati at a cost of Rs 1.350crore. Not only this, 8 new medical colleges were opened all over in Assam. Recently, Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of a new medical college at a cost of Rs. 835 crores. About 22 thousand crore rupees were given for oil refinery in Assam and about 12thousand crore rupees for Numaligarh bio refinery. Apart from this, 15 new highways, 31 new state highways and five new bridges have been constructed on Brahmaputra in the state.

Shri Nadda said that when the Sarbananda Sonowal government took over the command of Assam, there was a huge shortage of toilets in Assam. About 56% of the women did not have toilet facility. Around 11 crore toilets were built across the country under the Modi government, of which 3.5 million were made in Assam. Now Assam too has become ODF. Out of about 40 crore Jan Dhan accounts opened in



the country, 1.66 crore accounts were opened in Assam. During the Covid lockdown, 1500 rupees were added in three installments to the accounts of about 20 crore women Jan Dhan account holders in the country. Gas connections were provided to more than 8 crore poor families in the country of which around 35 lakh connections were given only in Assam. Under the Saubhagya Scheme, electricity was delivered to 2.60 crore homes across the country, whereas in Assam also, electricity connections were also given to about 17 lakh homes. While around 50 crores are benefiting from the Ayushman Bharat scheme across the country, in Assam also 1.11 lakh people have availed the scheme so far which has cost crores of rupees to the government.

Shri Nadda said that the sisters have been given scooty by the BJP government of Assam on passing the 12th class. About 2.17 lakh sisters of economically weaker section have been given cycles. It is not only scooty or bicycle, but it is to honor them. In the Congress era, people did not know that they are entitled to their land. In the Brahmaputra and Barak Valley, about 1.10 lakh people have been

given land lease in the first phase, while in the second phase also about the same number of people will be given land lease. The Brahmaputra Pushkar Fair and Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment Scheme have been launched in Assam. Assam has to be pushed forward under the self-reliant India and 'Vocal for Local' campaign, Bamboo Industry, Jute Industry, Tea Industry of Assam are to be promoted.

Shri Nadda said that as far as law and order is concerned; we all know how pathetic the law and order situation was in Assam during the Congress. Thousands of people who had strayed from the society surrendered in the BJP government. A large number of people used to be victims of human trafficking in the Congress government, but today the Sarbananda Sonowal government has done the work to curb it. In the 15 years of the Congress, over two thousand civilians and about 284 security personnel had lost their lives in Assam. Around 1200 people were kidnapped



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during this period. About 51% people were forced to live without electricity in the Congress government but today the situation has changed in every area and Assam is writing a new story of development. He said that during the Covid pandemic, Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal ji and Health Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma ji developed an excellent community surveillance system, which resulted in low death rate in the state.

Hailing the people of Assam, the National President said that in the upcoming Vidhan Sabha elections, the people of the state should give the Bharatiya Janata Party one more opportunity to serve them and keep the state on the path of development. I have seen the immense love and affection of the people of Assam for the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party. In Assam also, with the blessings of the people here, we will come back to the government and will carry forward the development story of Assam. He said that the BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Center and Sarbananda Sonowal Government of BJP in Assam - this double engine government has written a new story of development in every region of Assam. The government and the party together have done a very good job in the state. The Sarbananda Sonowal government of the BJP has set the Prime Minister's vision of development on the ground in Assam. ■

CABINET APPROVES PROCUREMENT OF 83 LIGHT COMBAT AIRCRAFTS 'TEJAS' FROM HAL FOR IAF

The Cabinet met under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister in New Delhi on 13 January and has approved procurement of 73 LCA Tejas Mk-1A fighter aircrafts and 10 LCA Tejas Mk-1 Trainer aircrafts at the cost of Rs. 45,696 Crore along with Design and Development of Infrastructure sanctions worth Rs.1,202 Crore.

Light Combat Aircraft Mk-1A variant is an indigenously designed, developed and manufactured state-of-the-art modern 4+ generation fighter aircraft. This aircraft is equipped with critical operational capabilities of Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) Radar, Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Missile, Electronic Warfare (EW) Suite and Air to Air Refuelling (AAR) would be a potent platform to meet the operational requirements of Indian Air Force, IAF. It is the first "Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured)" category procurement of combat aircrafts with an indigenous content of 50% which will progressively reach 60% by the end of the programme.

The Cabinet has also approved infrastructure development by IAF under the project to enable them handle repairs or servicing at their base depot so that the turnaround time would get reduced for mission critical systems and would lead to increased availability of aircraft for operational exploitation. This would enable IAF to sustain the fleet more



efficiently and effectively due to availability of repair infrastructure at respective bases.

Under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, India is continuously growing in its power to indigenously design, develop and manufacture advanced cutting edge technologies and systems in the Defence Sector. The manufacturing of Light Combat Aircraft by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, HAL will give a further push to Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and boost indigenisation of defence production and the defence industry in the country. About 500 Indian companies including MSMEs in the design and manufacturing sectors will be working with HAL in this procurement. The programme would act as a catalyst for transforming the Indian aerospace manufacturing ecosystem into a vibrant Atmanirbhar-self-sustaining ecosystem. ■

INDIA'S FIRST INDIGENOUSLY DEVELOPED 9MM MACHINE PISTOL

India's first indigenous 9mm Machine Pistol has been jointly developed by DRDO and Indian Army. Infantry School, Mhow and DRDO's Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune have designed and developed this weapon using their respective expertise in the complementary areas. The weapon has been developed in a record time of four months. The Machine Pistol fires the in-service 9mm ammunition and sports an upper receiver made from aircraft grade Aluminium

and lower receiver from carbon fibre. 3D Printing process has been used in designing and prototyping of various parts including trigger components made by metal 3D printing.

The weapon is aptly named "Asmi" meaning "Pride", "Self-Respect" & "Hard Work". Keeping the Prime Minister's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat in view, this small step will pave way for self reliance and it is expected that the Services and Paramilitary Forces (PMFs) will induct this expeditiously. ■

BENGALURU WORLD'S FASTEST-GROWING TECH HUB, LONDON 2ND, MUMBAI AT 6TH POSITION: REPORT

Bengaluru, the IT capital of India with around 10 million populations, has emerged as the world's fastest-growing mature tech ecosystem since 2016, followed by the European cities of London, Munich, Berlin and Paris.

According to a report published in Mint newspapers, India's financial centre Mumbai has ranked sixth, as per the new research released in London on 14 January.

- **A new research released in London says investment in Bengaluru grew 5.4 times from \$1.3 billion in 2016 to \$7.2 billion in 2020**

- **Investment in Mumbai grew 1.7 times from \$0.7 billion to \$1.2 billion in the same period**

Meanwhile, London registered an impressive three times growth between 2016 and 2020, rising from \$3.5 billion to \$10.5 billion.

"It's fantastic to see that Bengaluru and London ranked as the top two fastest-growing global tech hubs for VC investment. Our two great cities share mutual strengths in entrepreneurship and innovation – creating lots of opportunities for tech investors and companies to do business across both regions," said Hemin Bharucha, Chief Representative of India at London & Partners.

"London has a strong trade and investment relationship with cities across India and today's figures show the opportunities for future partnerships between the UK and India on technology. Despite the pandemic, tech companies in London and India are continuing to lead the way in creating game-changing technologies – especially in high growth sectors such as EdTech and Fintech," he said.

"The UK government's

recent Brexit deal with the European Union brings certainty for Indian companies and investors looking to London and we look forward to welcoming more Indian businesses to the UK capital in the years ahead," he added.

Bengaluru is also ranked sixth for the world's tech venture capitalist (VC) investments, on a global list topped by Beijing and San Francisco, New York, Shanghai and London making up the top five. Mumbai comes in at No. 21 in the worldwide ranking, with Boston and Singapore among the other high-ranking cities. ■

RECORD CONSTRUCTION OF 534 KILOMETRES OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN ONE WEEK

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has created a record by constructing 534 km of National Highways (NHs) in the week commencing 8 January.

The Ministry has constructed 8,169 km of National Highways (NHs) from April 2020 to 15 January 2021 in the current financial year 2020-21, i.e. with a speed of about 28.16 km per day. During the same period in the last fiscal, 7,573 km roads were constructed, with a speed of 26.11 km per day.

The Ministry is hopeful that with such pace it should be able to cross construction target of 11,000 km by 31 March.

The Ministry also awarded NH projects of 7,597 km during this period (April 2020 to 15 January 2021). In 2019-20, projects of 3,474 km were awarded during the same period. Thus, the pace of award has also more than doubled this fiscal.

In total, projects of 8,948 km of roads were awarded in 2019-20 while 10,237 km of roads were constructed.

The achievement assumes significance given the fact that the first two months of the current fiscal were lost due to nationwide lockdown in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. The Ministry has taken several initiatives to increase the pace of construction. The pace of construction is expected to increase further in the remaining months of the current financial year, which are conducive for construction activities. ■

PM RELEASES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OVER 6 LAKH BENEFICIARIES IN UP UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI AWAS YOJANA – GRAMIN

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that PM AwasYojna has moved rapidly under the present Government and has helped the poorest of the poor in Uttar Pradesh. He was speaking after releasing financial assistance to over 6 lakh beneficiaries in UP under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin, through video conference on January 20.

The Prime Minister asserted that Aatmnirbhar Bharat is directly linked to the self-confidence of the country's citizens and a house of one's own enhances this self-confidence manifold. A self-owned house brings assurance in life and also the hope of coming out of poverty.

The Prime Minister recalled that during the time of previous governments, the poor did not have the confidence that the government could be of any help in getting their house constructed. He also said that



the quality of the houses made in the earlier scheme was also not up to the mark. The poor had to face the brunt of wrong policies, said the Prime Minister. Keeping in Mind this plight, PM AwasYojna was started with an aim to provide every poor family a house before completion of 75 years of independence. 2 crore housing units have been constructed in rural areas during recent years, PM AwasYojna has accounted for 1.25 crore

units with central government's contribution being about 1.5 lakh crore rupees.

The Prime Minister also recalled the lack of response from the previous governments in the state. He informed that in Uttar Pradesh 22 lakh Garmin Awas are to be constructed out of which 21.5 lakh have been approved for construction. 14.5 lakh families have already got their house mostly, under the present government. ■

KVIC DEVELOPS KHADI PRAKRITIK PAINT - INDIA'S FIRST COW DUNG PAINT

U nion Minister for Road Transport & Highways & MSME Sh. Nitin Gadkari on January 12 launched an innovative new paint – India's first cow dung paint - developed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission at his residence. The eco-friendly, non-toxic paint, called "Khadi Prakritik Paint" is a first-of-its-kind product, with anti-fungal, anti-bacterial properties. Based on cow dung as its main ingredient, the paint is cost-effective and odorless, and has been certified by Bureau of Indian Standards.

The paint is free from heavy metals like lead, mercury, chromium, arsenic, cadmium and others. It will be a boost to local manufacturing and will create sustainable local employment through technology transfer. This technology will increase consumption of cow dung as a raw material for eco-friendly products and will generate additional revenue to farmers and gaushalas. Utilization of cow dung will also clean the environment and prevent clogging of drains. ■

ONE OF MANY GEMS



SRI GURUJI

ACCORDING to an anecdote about a very great leader of our country, when an old man went to see him the leader bowed to him very respectfully. On being asked why he did so, he said the old gentleman had been his teacher in the primary school. He added, "Because of the education that he gave me and because of his blessings I have become what I am today". The teacher of course knew that his capacity was only that of a primary school teacher, and he did not have the learning to impart to the leader the deep knowledge that the latter had later acquired. I would say that my relationship with Pandit Deendayalji was more or less the same as that of this primary school teacher.

A speciality of our Deendayalji was that whenever he spoke or wrote about something he discussed even a topical subject from a permanent, ideological level. It was not in his nature to stop with discussing only the contemporary aspects of any problem. I knew him as a student of basic thoughts. Even when writing or speaking about a topical problem he never forgot that there was some enduring principle behind it.

His writings as the leader

of an opposition party had a certain gentleness. Even when he criticised a party or an individual, he never had a feeling of disrespect or distance about the subject of his criticism. Rather, he had an attitude of affection. For if a party or a person was going the wrong way, not only would that party or person suffer, but ultimately the country itself would suffer, because that party or person was after all a part of our country.

Pandit Deendayal was the leader of an opposition party. He



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considered it his duty to express a clear opinion about whatever he thought was improper or wrong in the country, and he always discharged it. But none of his writings has any bitterness in it. He was full of love and sweetness. He was not angry even with those who did harm or damage. He was like Yudhishtir, who used to call Duryodhana 'Suyodhana' because he did not wish to pronounce 'Dur', which means bad.

COMPREHENSIVE OUTLOOK

The democracy that we have inherited from the British has now-a-days been called finally the best system of government. But Deendayalji's path in democracy was a discerning one. When he wrote on democracy he not only discussed its qualities and the way franchise should be exercised and of course wrote in favour of his party, but at the same time stated basic principles which were applicable to all people and all parties for all time. Such comprehensive thinking was necessary for successful democracy, and Deendayal showed his capacity for it. The thoughts he expressed on politics and economics in his writings are deep and are such as would provide food for thought to those who read them. A student of Deendayal's writings can achieve the capacity to think for himself and to make his own contribution to the democratic structure of the country as a whole.

As a Swayamsevak of the Sangh I saw him grow from a boy. It was at the request of the late. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, who wanted workers for a political party he wanted to found, that we gave him Deendayal. The growth of the Jana Sangh proved what a great worker he was.

DESTINED FOR EMINENCE

I knew Deendayal's capacity, his qualities and intellect. I experienced his great skill in the

art of organisation as a Pracharak of the Sangh. I knew that because of his sweet tongue, affectionate behaviour and wonderful mental and intellectual balance he would attain extraordinary heights in the field he had entered. He had already attained a high place in the country and could and would have attained a higher one. He would have even achieved a place of high eminence in the whole world, but before he could do so he left us. We lost him so early perhaps because, it is said, 'those whom the gods love die young...'

The way Deendayal left us was tragic. But the fact that the facts of the event could not be found out is still more tragic and shameful. Rather, in my opinion,

the investigation that was done was meant to cover up what actually happened. I think this was most unfortunate. For if this happened with one party, can one say it won't happen with another? Therefore, such a situation has to be guarded against in the first place. It is necessary to create an atmosphere in which no individual or group of individuals would dare to raise a hand against any party or person promoting democracy in the country. My grief is that this was not done.

MORE GEMS WILL FOLLOW

But what has happened has happened. There is no time to weep. This is the time for work. And what if we have lost one

gem? This our earth is the mother of many such gems. Our society has produced many extraordinary personalities one after the other. Deendayal was not the last one. Rather, he was an assurance that great men like him would be born again. So let us keep the hope and confidence in our heart that our dedication to our ideal and our endeavours would enable this society to produce such eminent workers and thinkers again. We shall again have such symbols of sacrifice among us, and our first duty is to strive for their rise.

(Based on the speech in Bombay on May 17, 1968 while presiding over release of Deendayalji, book "Political Diary")

(Courtesy: 'Destination' published by Deendayal Research Institute on 18 January, 1978)

SHRADHANJALI

PUDUCHERRY BJP MLA K.G. SHANKAR PASSES AWAY

BJP's Puducherry unit Treasurer and MLA Shri K.G. Shankar died of cardiac arrest at his residence on January 17. He was 70. Shri Shankar is survived by wife, a son and a daughter.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressing condolence tweeted "Pained by the passing away of Shri KG Shankar, MLA in the Puducherry Assembly. He made noteworthy efforts for the development of Puducherry and also worked to strengthen the BJP there. Condolences to his family and supporters in this hour of grief. Om Shanti."

BJP National President said via a tweet on the demise, "Extremely saddened by the demise of Shri KG Shankar, MLA from Puducherry Assembly. He will always be remembered for his selfless service to the nation and party. My deepest condolences are with his family and supporters."

Lt Governor Kiran Bedi, Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy, Assembly Speaker V.P. Sivakolundhu, Puducherry BJP President Shri V. Saminathan and assembly



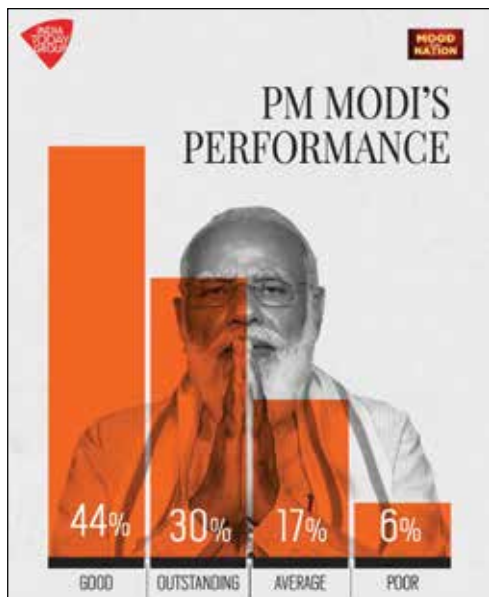
secretary Shri R. Munusamy were among those who paid their last respects to the departed leader. ■

PM MODI IS AHEAD OF ALL PRIME MINISTERS 'IN BEST PRIME MINISTER' RATINGS: INDIA TODAY

A ccording to a survey conducted by India Today with the help of Karvy insights in January 2021, 74% per cent of the respondents have rated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's performance as good or outstanding. The popularity was termed as the phenomenal for a leader who is now in his seventh year in power. In the best prime minister ratings too, Shri Modi (38%) is now far ahead of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee (18%), Smt. Indira Gandhi (11%), Shri Jawaharlal Nehru (8%), and Shri Manmohan

Singh (7%). The overall performance of Modi government gets strong endorsement too, with 66 per cent saying they were either satisfied or very satisfied.

Commenting on the survey India Today writes, "Uncertainty may fill every Indian's mind in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis, but one thing remains certain: India's faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi to steer the nation out of any crisis." ■



FARM BILLS HAVE POTENTIAL TO REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD FOR AGRICULTURAL REFORMS IN INDIA: IMF

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) believes the farm bills passed by the Indian government have the potential to represent a significant step forward for agricultural reforms, the Director of Communications at IMF Gerry Rice said on January 15, 2021 in Washington. "We believe the farm bills do have the potential to represent a significant step forward for agricultural reforms in India. The measures will enable farmers to directly contract with sellers, allow farmers to retain a greater share of the surplus by reducing the role of middlemen, enhance efficiency and support rural growth," he added.

This can be done by ensuring that the job market accommodates those that are impacted by the reforms, he said. And of course, the growth benefits of these reforms will depend, critically, on the effectiveness and the timing of their implementation, so need to pay attention to those issues as well with the reform. ■



PRIME MINISTER SHRI MODI HAS ALWAYS BEEN DEVOTED TO THE WELFARE OF FARMERS: AMIT SHAH

UNION HOME MINISTER SHRI AMIT SHAH LAUNCHES SEVERAL PROJECTS IN BAGALKOT DISTRICT OF KARNATAKA

The Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah launched several projects in Bagalkot district of Karnataka. On his two-day *pravas* to Karnataka, the Union Home Minister on January 17 inaugurated the expansion project of a Sugar Mill and the 75th branch of Vijaya Bank. He also laid the foundation stone of Ayurvedic Medical College and several farming projects. On this occasion, Shri Amit Shah said that in 2014 and 2019, the people of Karnataka had voted strongly in favour of Modi ji and since Modi ji has become the Prime Minister, he has taken big step towards making a self-reliant India, - Aatmanirbhar Bharat. On this occasion ,Karnataka Chief Minister Shri B. S. Yeddyurappa, State BJP President Shri Nalin Kumar Katil, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Govind Karjol, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Laxman Savadi, Union Minister Shri Prahlad Joshi, National General Secretary of the party and in-charge of Karnataka Shri Arun Singh, Home Minister of Karnataka Government Shri Jagdish Shettar , National Vice President of the Party and Co-incharge of Karnataka Dr. DK Aruna, National General Secretary of the party Shri CT Ravi and several ministers and party officials of Government of Karnataka were also present. Apart from this all the representatives of the party who had won the Panchayat elections were

also present.

Shri Shah said that in the recently concluded local body elections in Karnataka, Bharatiya Janata Party had won 3142 seats out of 5670 gram panchayats, while BJP candidates won more than 43,000 out of 86,183 panchayat members. He added, I heartily congratulate all the BJP representatives who won the election. Union Home Minister also paid tribute to former Union Minister of State for Railways Shri Suresh Angadi and senior party leader Shri Raju Chikanagodkar (District General Secretary, Belgaum) and Ravi Hiremath (District Organization Secretary).

While addressing the people, Shri Shah said that the Bharatiya Janata Party Government at Center, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is committed to work for the welfare of farmers. Discussing the agriculture reform laws, he said that the three laws would help to increase the income of farmers manifold. He said, I want to say that if the central government has any major priority then it is to double the income of the farmers. He said that when the Hon'ble Prime Minister talked about doubling the income of the farmers, the Congress leaders used to laugh, but Shri Narendra Modi ji took many step in the last six years in the interest of farmers. Given that we



can say Modi government is a government which is dedicated to the farmers.

MODI GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED AGRI BUDGET TO RS 1,34,399 CRORE IN 2020-21

The Union Home Minister said that when the UPA government of the Congress was in power, the agricultural budget was only Rs 21,933 crore but under the Modi government, the agriculture budget has increased to Rs 1,34,399 crore in 2020-21. Not only this, whether it is maize, rice, wheat or pulses and oilseeds, the MSP of almost all the crops has been increased by one and a half times or more. We are providing agricultural assistance of Rs 6,000 under Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi. As of December 2020, an amount of Rs 1,13,619 crore has been transferred to the account of more than 9 crore farmers under this scheme. In addition, the Bharatiya Janata Party government of the Center has distributed crores of soil health cards to farmers and about 50 lakh hectares of land has been brought under micro irrigation project. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna is completing five years and in these five years, a claim of about 90 thousand crore rupees has been given to farmers. We are offering online market to the farmers, so that they get a fair price for their produce. During the UPA government of Congress, only Rs 6 lakh crore was earmarked for providing loans to farmers, whereas the Modi government has increased it to Rs 13.92 lakh

crore. This shows how the Modi government is working for the welfare of farmers. The Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Center has constituted more than 10,000 FPOs and an amount of over Rs 7,000 crore has been allocated. In just six months more than 1.5 crore Kisan Credit Cards were distributed and Rs 500 crore has been earmarked for honey production.

Shri Amit Shah said that the Hon'ble Prime Minister has taken several steps to increase the use of ethanol. Excess use of ethanol directly increases the income of farmers, and become the option for petrol which

BS Yeddyurappa government of Karnataka has successfully implemented various central government schemes in the state.

will also saves foreign exchange reserves. The Modi government removed central excise from ethanol in 2015. Earlier 18% GST was applicable on ethanol. In 2018, the Modi government

reduced GST to 5% on this. Also, permission was made to make ethanol directly from sugarcane, from jaggery and from rotten food grains. Till 2013-14, ethanol blending in petrol and diesel used to be only 1.58%, but we are targeting to increase it by 10% till 2022. Also, it is targeted to be increased to 25% by 2025. By promoting ethanol use, farmers will get better prices. Also, we will be able to reduce the crude oil dependence. This will also increase employment in rural areas and will help in reducing pollution.

The Union Home Minister while praising the state government said, that BS Yeddyurappa government of Karnataka has successfully implemented various central government schemes in the state. He said that



the Hon'ble Prime Minister has done so many things for the farmers, but 'Vakradashtha' Congress does not desist from doing politics in the name of farmers.

WHY DID CONGRESS KEEP THE AGRICULTURAL BUDGET SO LOW

Shri Shah said that I want to ask questions to the Congress leaders who are inciting them in the name of talking in favor of the farmers. Why did the Congress not give 6 thousand rupees per year to farmers during their regime? When you were in

power, why did the Prime Minister not announced Fasal Bima or revised ethanol policy? When the Congress was in power, why did they keep the agricultural budget so low and did not extend the irrigation scheme? The answer is that the intention of the Congress has never been good, their intentions have never been true.

He further said that the BJP government at the Center under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi has always been devoted to the welfare of farmers. Through these three laws, farmers can now sell agricultural products anywhere in the country and in rest of the world.

Shri Shah said that whether the Vidhan Sabha elections or Lok Sabha elections or Panchayat elections, the people of Karnataka have always given their affection and blessings to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party. Respected Prime Minister has shown the way forward by giving the mantra of self-reliant India to the country. For 70 years, from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to

Manmohan Singh, no one was daring to abolish Article 370 and 35A from Jammu and Kashmir. It is the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, who has made Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of India in the true sense by abolishing Section 370 and 35A from Jammu and Kashmir. Recently, the DDC elections were held in Jammu and Kashmir without shedding a single strand of blood which shows how deep the roots of democracy are in Jammu and Kashmir and how eager it is to join the mainstream of development of the country. He said that for about 550 years the construction of a grand temple on the birthplace of Lord Shri Ram was awaited. The Congress and its allies did as much opposition as they could to the construction of the Shri Ram Temple, but the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji paved the way for the temple to be laid by laying the foundation stone of the grand temple to be built on the birthplace of Lord Shri Ram. The Modi government abolished triple talaq and allowed Muslim women to live with dignity. Through surgical strikes and air strikes,

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the Modi government responded to the enemies of the country by attacking terrorism.

The Union Home Minister said that PM Shri Narendra Modi has taken many steps

to uplift the lives of 60 crore poor people of the country. About two-thirds of the country's population did not have a bank account in the Congress government, today every citizen has a bank account. Gas connections were made available to about 13 crore poor families, more than 50 crore people were given the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Yojana. The Modi government has set a target of providing houses to every poor in the country by 2022 and we have progressed a lot in this direction. Toilets, electricity and pure drinking water through tap is being arranged for every household. He said that before 2014, out of six and a half lakh villages in the country, only about 100 villages were connected with broadband, today in Modi government more than 1.31 lakh villages have been connected with broadband. The number of common service centers has crossed 3 lakh. Shri Shah said, I want to ask the leaders of the Congress party that has given the slogan of 'Garibi Hatao', that four generations of Congress ruled the country but why the toilets were not made

available for the women, why the doors of banks were not opened for the poor, why the poor did not get a scheme like Ayushman Bharat, why the poor did not get social security cover, why thousands of villages were deprived of electricity? In fact, the Congress party wanted to remove the poor, not poverty.

INDIA WILL BE FREE FROM CORONA INFECTION VERY SOON

Shri Shah said that the death rate in India from corona infection is very low while the recovery rate is quite high. Most patients have recovered in India. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched the world's largest vaccination campaign, but the Congress as usual questioning it. Congress cannot do anything, we all know this. They can only protest whatever Modi government is doing. I want to assure the people that both the vaccines made in our country are completely safe and the Hon'ble Prime Minister has started the vaccination campaign under his own supervision. I would like to urge you that please do take the corona vaccine when your number came. And I am confident that India will be free from corona infection very soon.

Union Home Minister said that 16 lakh metric tons of rice, 38 thousand metric tons of tur dal and 63,000 metric tons of gram were made available under the Garib Kalyan Yojana in Karnataka during the Corona period. Apart from this, 2 lakh metric tons of ragi, 10 thousand metric tons of jowar and additional 40 thousand metric tons of rice were sent. The BJP government of Karnataka gave compensation of Rs 5,000 to about 2.16 lakh auto rickshaw taxi drivers during lockdown and financial assistance of Rs 25 thousand and Rs 15 thousand was also given to flowers, vegetables and fruit producers.

Referring to the development plans in Karnataka, Shri Shah said that about 150 ITIs are being upgraded in the state and the first toy cluster is being built in Koppal. Earlier we used to depend on China for import of toys but now toys made in Koppal will be found all



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over the country. State hospitals are being upgraded, Smart City Scheme is in operation and two airports have also been started. 9 identified districts of Karnataka are being prepared to compete with China. The state has attained 14,924 MW capacity in solar and wind energy.

Union Home Minister attacked the Congress and

asked that you have to answer to the people of Karnataka, that what did you do for the development of the state when you had the Sonia-Manmohan government at the Center for 10 years? He said that in the 13th Finance Commission, the UPA

government of Congress gave only Rs 88,583 crore to Karnataka whereas in the 14th Finance Commission, the Modi government gave Rs 2,19,506 crore to the state. He said that Congress could never develop Karnataka, which is committed to whims and involved in corruption. In the Panchayat elections, the people of Karnataka have proved it by giving their blessings to the BJP, they want to play their important role in the ongoing development journey across the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He called upon the people of the state and said that Taluka and Zilla Panchayat elections will also be held in the state in the coming time. I appeal to the people of the state to make BJP victorious by giving more than 75% seats in these elections.

Let us all move forward for 'Self-reliant India' under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and contribute to the development of the country. ■

INDIAN RAILWAYS IS TRANSFORMING THROUGH GOAL-CENTRIC EFFORT: PM

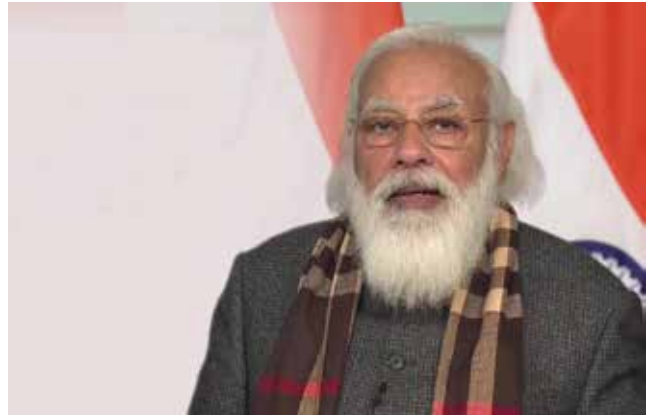
KEVADIYA HAS EMERGED AS ONE OF BIGGEST TOURIST DESTINATION OF THE WORLD: PM

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on January 17 flagged off eight trains connecting different regions of the country to Kevadiya in Gujarat, via video conferencing. These trains will facilitate seamless connectivity to the Statue of Unity. Prime Minister also inaugurated the Dabhoi – Chandod Gauge converted Broad Gauge railway line, Chandod – Kevadiya new Broad Gauge railway line, newly electrified Pratapnagar – Kevadiya section and the new station buildings of Dabhoi, Chandod and Kevadiya. Chief Minister of Gujarat and Union Railways Minister were present on the occasion.

Prime Minister said that, perhaps, for the first time in the history of Railways, trains have been flagged off for the same destinations from different corners of the country. He explained that this is because of the importance of Kevadiya as home to Statue of Unity and Sardar Sarovar. The event exemplifies the vision of railways and mission of Sardar Patel.

Mentioning that one of the Kevadiya bound train is originating from Puruchi Thaliaivar Dr MG Ramachandran Central Railway Station, the Prime Minister paid tribute to Bharat Ratan MGR on his Birth Anniversary. Shri Modi praised his accomplishments on film screen and political platform. He noted that MGR's political journey was dedicated to poor and he worked tirelessly for a dignified life of the down-trodden. The Prime Minister said that we are working to fulfil his ideals and recalled how the grateful nation renamed Chennai Central Railway station after MGR.

Prime Minister, pointed out the new connectivity between Kevadiya and Chennai, Varanasi, Rewa, Dadar and Delhi along with MEMU service between Kevadiya and Pratapnagar and broad gauging of



Dabhoi-Chandod and new Line between Chandod-Kevadiya will script a new chapter in the development of Kevadiya. This will benefit both the tourists and local Adivasis as this will bring new avenues of self-employment and employment. The railway line will provide connection to the places of faith like Karnali, Poicha and Garudeshwar on Narmada.

More than 50 lakh visitor have come to see the Statue of Unity after it was dedicated to the nation and it is catching on after staying closed during the Corona months. It is estimated, as the connectivity improves, about one lakh visitors per day are expected in Kevadiya.

Continuing with the development journey of Kevadiya, the Prime Minister asserted that Kevadiya is no longer just a small block in some remote area, it has come up as a one of the biggest tourist destination of the world. The Prime minister informed that Statue of Unity is attracting more tourist than even Statue of Liberty. More than 50 lakh visitor have come to see the Statue of Unity after it was dedicated to the nation and it is catching on after staying closed during the Corona months. It is estimated, as the connectivity improves, about one lakh visitors per day are expected in Kevadiya. Kevadiya as a good example of planned development of economy and ecology while protecting environment, said the Prime Minister. ■

WHY IS RAHUL GANDHI LYING ABOUT CHINA, MISLEADING FARMERS: JP NADDA

B JP National President Shri JP Nadda has lined up a series of questions for Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on a series of issues following his misleading statement on the reports of Chinese villages propping up in Arunachal Pradesh.

In a series of tweets, the BJP National President on 19 January, 2021 said, "When will Rahul Gandhi, his dynasty and Congress stop lying on China? Can he deny that thousands of kms, including the one in Arunachal Pradesh he is referring to was gifted by none other than Pandit Nehru to the Chinese? Time and again, why does Congress surrender to China?"

Shri JP Nadda also accused Rahul Gandhi of provoking and misleading farmers and asked why did the Congress-led UPA government stall the Swaminathan Commission report for years and did not increase the minimum support price (MSP).

"Why did farmers remain poor for decades under Congress governments? Does he feel sympathy for farmers only in opposition?" he asked.

BJP National President said now that Rahul Gandhi has returned from his monthly vacation, he would like to ask him some questions.

"Does Rahul Gandhi have any intention to cancel the Congress party MoU with China and their Communist Party?"

Does he intend to return the Chinese largesse to trusts controlled by his family? Or Will their policies and practices continue to be dictated by Chinese money and MoU?"

"Rahul Gandhi spared no opportunity to demotivate the nation in the spirited fight against COVID-19. Today when India has one of the lowest cases and our scientists have come up with a vaccine, why hasn't he congratulated the scientists and lauded 130 crore Indians even once?" he asked.

Shri Nadda alleged that Rahul Gandhi has been spreading lies that all Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) mandis will be closed down and



asked him that wasn't action against the APMC Act a part of the Congress manifesto. Would that not have closed down mandis, he questioned the Congress leader.

"Rahul Gandhi enjoyed Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu. Why did his party ban it and insult Tamil culture when they were in power? Is he not proud of India's culture and ethos? I hope Rahul Gandhi gathers the courage to answer these questions," Shri JP Nadda said. ■

TMC MLA ARINDAM BHATTACHARYA JOINS BJP

In yet another Jolt to Trinamool Congress, its MLA Shri Arindam Bhattacharya from Santipur in West Bengal's Nadia district on January 20 joined the BJP in its headquarters in New Delhi in the presence of National General Secretary Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya and other leaders. The MLA said he was not allowed to work freely and the Trinamool Congress government had failed to bring in any industrialization. "For me, the most important issue is the welfare of the people of my constituency and I believe that the BJP can bring in that development," he stated. ■

SOME POLITICAL PARTIES ARE DOING CHEAP POLITICS ON A SENSITIVE ISSUE LIKE VACCINATION : DR. HARSH VARDHAN

THE CORONA PANDEMIC HAS SEVERELY AFFECTED ALMOST ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. HOWEVER, TIMELY AND BOLD DECISIONS AND EXAMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF PM SHRI NARENDRA MODI BROUGHT GOOD RESULTS, SAID UNION HEALTH MINISTER DR. HARSH VARDHAN. IN AN INTERACTION WITH SHRI RAMAKANT PANDEY FOR KAMAL SANDESH, HE SAID THE CREDIT FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT CERTAINLY GOES TO THE ABLE LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE OF OUR HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER. EXCERPTS OF THE CONVERSATION:

Q. Sir, as you know Corona Pandemic has severely affected almost all countries in the world. However, India has not only successfully checked the community spread of this deadly virus but also extended its helping hand to other countries in this challenging time. Sir, whom do you want to give credit for this great success?

Ans.: Yes, you have rightly pointed out, Corona virus has created havoc around the world but despite having a billion plus population India did not allow the situation to aggravate here since the inception of this pandemic.

On 8 January, 2020 the next day China informed the World Health Organization about the spread of a deadly virus in its country, India resolved to take appropriate action and immediately took decisions in a high-level meeting. After this, we never looked back.

India's maximum recovery rate and minimum death rate are the testimony of our continuous efforts and right steps at the right time to defeat this pandemic.

Under the able leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra



Modi, the States has also made remarkable efforts to overcome the Corona pandemic. In addition, our Corona warriors have also played a significant role in limiting the effects of this epidemic.

Due to timely decisions, better management, bold decisions and exemplary leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi our efforts got good results and got appreciation from top international institutes including the World Health Organization.

Therefore, the credit for this achievement certainly goes to the able leadership and guidance of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Q.: The Prime Minister took many steps to encourage the doctors, scientists and frontline workers in the war against Corona. Today, in such a short time, the scientists of the country have developed two vaccines but still some political parties oppose it. How do you see

this whole scenario?

Ans.: It is true, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took many innovative steps to encourage our doctors, scientists and frontline workers during the long battle against Corona, because without their support, it did not seem possible to achieve this great success.

Take the examples of 'Thali' and 'Tali'. It was organized to demonstrate the solidarity of the people of the entire nation with our frontline workers.

In our democratic system everyone has the right to speak. The Prime Minister always stands with truth and with the country. Protests and criticism further strengthen his efforts.

Now the vaccination program has started, but some political parties are doing cheap politics on this sensitive issue which is shameful.

Q.: In the war against Corona, the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi is being praised by almost all global leaders. The world is also looking towards India with hope for vaccine. Will the vaccine be supplied to those countries?

Ans.: Shri Narendra Modi assumed the post of Prime Minister after the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. Since then his leadership has been widely appreciated through out the world. He has also emerged as the most effective leader in the

world even during this pandemic time.

It is true that many countries of the world are looking towards India with hope for Corona vaccine. India had earlier provided free medicines and equipments to many countries of the world at the beginning of the pandemic because India believes in 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

Its a matter of pride that our country is the largest manufacturer of vaccines in the world and is called the world's pharmacy. Now, Government

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of India has supplied vaccines to 6 countries - Bangladesh, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles. We are also working to provide assistance to whichever country expects vaccine supply from India.

Q.: How did the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana become a lifeline for the poor during the Corona period?

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So far, 1,54,69,315 admissions have been made in the listed hospitals. Free treatment and operation for cancer, heart disease and other serious diseases are providing great relief to poor families. Seeing this, it can be said that a large number of poor families are benefiting from the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the Corona era.

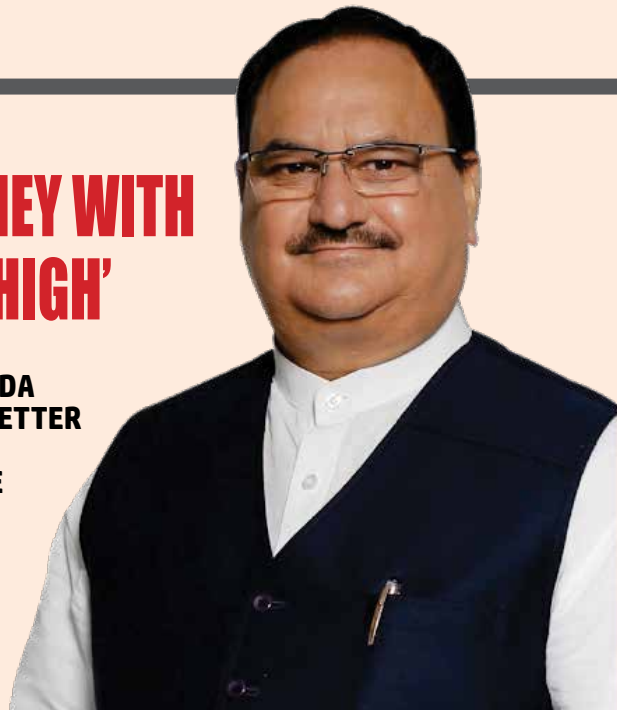
Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, 1 lakh 50 thousand wellness centers have been built in the country. With the efforts of these centers, more than 25 crore people have got better access to health services.

Q.: How long will it take to vaccinate the entire country?

Ans.: In a country with a population of 135 crores, it will take time to give vaccine to all. Presently, health care workers and frontline workers are being vaccinated across the country. After this, people above 50 years will be given the vaccine and in the third phase, those below 50 years of age will receive the shot. Vaccination is being done as scheduled. ■

'WE WILL CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY WITH OUR FLAG OF IDEOLOGY FLYING HIGH'

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA ADDRESSING PARTY KARYAKARTAS HAS WRITTEN A LETTER ON COMPLETION OF HIS FIRST YEAR OF SERVICE AS THE PARTY PRESIDENT ON 20 JANUARY 2021. WE ARE PUBLISHING THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER FOR OUR ESTEEMED READERS:



Dear beloved Brothers and Sisters of the Bharatiya Janata Party Family,

I express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you on completion of my first year of service as the National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

All of you, under the guidance and leadership of our beloved and Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, have kept the party vibrant and active through your grit, hard work and perseverance even during the tough times of Corona pandemic. As a leading political party our goal is to win elections and work tirelessly for the goodwill and betterment of common people; but how a political party can effectively work as a potent tool of social service and help people in times of need, the world has witnessed an unmatched example of this through your service and hard work during the Corona pandemic.

Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, who is a true 'Karmyogi', not only prepared the 130 crore people of India for their decisive fight against Covid-19, but also introduced several social and other schemes like the Gareeb Kalyan Yojana, the Atmanirbhar Bharat Yojana and Vocal for Local initiative which shows his continuous and unwavering commitment to the poor and downtrodden, besides giving a much needed fillip and boost to the country's economy during the times of crisis.

Last year has been such a bad year in many aspects. It has been an unprecedented year in our history. And during such tough and trying times, your efforts, the work you did collectively to reach

out to the masses who were in dire need of help and assistance, is extraordinary and remarkable. I would like to thank each one of you profusely for your committed service to all those in need.

Almost the entire last year was spent in the shadow of the worst global pandemic - Covid-19. It was a year of pain, sorrow, hardships and desperation for the people all over the world, for entire humankind. Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji gave a clarion call to every Bharatiya Janata Party Karyakarta to fulfil their commitment of 'Seva hi Sangathan'. You all responded and came together as one big united family to serve citizens who were in distress and need of succour. You all performed your duties excellently and fulfilled the promise of 'Seva hi Sangathan'. Your exemplary work showed the world how the Bharatiya Janata Party workers serve the nation and citizens during the worst of the crisis.

The 130 crore Indians strongly stood behind the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji in the country's fight against the Corona pandemic and effectively dealt with the crisis situation. It was due to the foresightedness and vision of our Honourable Prime Minister that India was able to put brakes on the Corona cases, India reported the least death rate while our recovery rate kept on improving. Yet again in response to the call of the Honourable Prime Minister, our scientists were successful in making two 'Made in India' Corona vaccines, a feat which only 4-5 nations have been able to achieve. When the World's strong and developed nations were

looking helpless before the Corona pandemic, India and our Prime Minister showed the world how to deal with the crisis. He set an example before the world how 130 crore people unitedly under the leadership of a dynamic, committed, and hardworking leader fought the deadly disease so effectively. I would like to congratulate our beloved Prime Minister who like a true 'Karmyogi' led the nation from the front and also showed the world the path to deal with the crisis.

I feel so proud and honoured when the world says that the Bharatiya Janata Party ran the world's biggest social service campaign to help the people dealing with the Corona crisis. All of you without caring for your own health and wellbeing ran the highly successful #FeedTheNeedy campaign and distributed food packets and rations to around 30 crore people across India including old and needy people, migrant workers and destitutes. You helped those in the need during the Corona pandemic. You

also distributed crores of face masks and sanitisers which was the first step towards fighting Corona besides quickly reaching out to the people in remote and far-flung areas who were

in the need of help and assistance. I bow before all of you for your selfless service, your devotion and commitment.

We have a strong, decisive and committed leader in our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. We also have a strong organisation and highly committed party workers whose strength and efficiency in electoral strategy no one can match. Under the leadership of Honourable Modi ji the BJP has won every election and bye-election. All these victories were made possible due to the hard work and devotion of our party workers. Your hard work and commitment led to our excellent victories in Bihar Assembly elections, in bye-elections in 11 states, in 10 important local bodies' elections. In Bihar the BJP contested 110 assembly seats and won 74 seats with a superb strike rate of 67%, which led to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) forming government in the state again. Similarly, in the Madhya Pradesh bye elections we won 19 out of 28 seats, in Gujarat we

won all 8 seats, in Uttar Pradesh the BJP won 6 out of 7 seats it contested, in Manipur we won 4 out of 5 seats, in Karnataka we bagged all 2 seats and in Telangana we won the only seat Dubakka. The BJP kept its flag waving high in all the elections. In the Ladakh Development Council elections the BJP won 15 out of 26 seats. In the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections and in the Bodoland Territorial Council Elections the Bharatiya Janata Party registered spectacular wins. Similarly, the Bharatiya Janata Party also registered unprecedented victories in the local bodies' elections in Rajasthan, Goa, Jammu-Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Arunachal Pradesh. In all these elections the people living in villages, poor people, farmers and people from all sections showered their blessings upon the Bharatiya Janata Party. In the District Development Council (DDC) in Jammu-Kashmir for the first time the Bharatiya Janata Party emerged as the largest

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party. All this has been possible due to your hard work, commitment and devotion, and I wholeheartedly congratulate you all for this.

While on one hand you worked tirelessly and with full devotion to work for mankind during the Corona pandemic, and on the other hand you effectively countered all the false propaganda and canards of the Opposition against the Citizenship Amendment Act, Farm Sector Reforms Laws. You also exposed before the people the false propaganda and fake campaign of the Congress and its allies on the China issue. You also worked diligently to fulfil the goals and aspirations of our great leader Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee ji and Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay ji in making India a strong, developed and prosperous nation where the government's key role is to care for the poor and downtrodden people. You also fulfilled the vision of these two great leaders in making the Bharatiya Janata Party 'A party for all Indians' and 'A party with all India'. You also successfully carried out a nationwide awareness campaign and took to every household our Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji's two important initiatives – 'Atmanirbhar

Bharat' and 'Vocal for Local'. All of you played a very important role in reaching out to the people and telling them about the benefits of the programmes and policies that the Narendra Modi Government is implementing for the benefit and upliftment of each and every section of the society.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I would like to specially thank our workers of West Bengal, Jammu-Kashmir and Kerala as they continue to work under very adverse circumstances and through their devotion and dedication are taking the ideology and policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party to the masses. When a person like me, who is the National President of India's largest political party and who is always covered with security personnel, had to face a murderous assault during daylight while on a visit to West Bengal, it can be well imagined how difficult it would be for a common BJP worker to work under such tough and demanding circumstances. In the past few years more than 300 BJP workers and our supporters have been brutally murdered for being associated with and for working in West Bengal. I offer my heartfelt condolences to

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all the brave party workers who have laid their lives for the party. I also take a pledge that their martyrdom will not go waste. The anarchist Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal thinks that by brutally killing our party workers and by harassing and torturing them they will be able to suppress our workers and not let them take our ideology, culture and policies to the people of West Bengal, then they are highly mistaken. I am confident and have full faith in the people of West Bengal that they will give a befitting reply to the anarchist Trinamool Congress government by uprooting it from the state in the ensuing Assembly elections. Our lotus will bloom in West Bengal too.

Similarly, our brave party workers have laid down their lives by fighting against terrorists and separatist forces in Jammu-Kashmir. They laid down their lives to strengthen democracy and to spread the reach of the Bharatiya Janata Party. I pay my respects to all the leaders and workers who laid down their lives for

the party. The kind of success the Bharatiya Janata Party got in the District Development Council (DDC) elections which led the party emerging at the top spot was made possible only due to the supreme sacrifices of our party workers and also due to the hard work and perseverance of our party workers. This shows their love and commitment for the party.

In Kerala also our brave party workers have been the target of the state-sponsored violence that has the patronage of the Left government in the state. Many of our party workers have given supreme sacrifice in Kerala too while trying to work for the expansion of the BJP. I also pay my respects to all the departed party workers. The Bharatiya Janata Party does not believe in the politics of violence as we strongly believe that violence has no place in a democracy. We will continue with our political struggle in a democratic manner and one day will surely come when the lotus will bloom in Kerala too and we will

succeed in bringing to an end the politics of hate and violence.

This year assembly elections will take place in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Kerala. The manner in which you

have kept the BJP victory march going and has succeeded in blossoming the lotus across India, with same vigour, enthusiasm and dedication you will ensure the BJP's historic victories in these states also. This way you will also ensure that the journey of growth, development and progress of the country continues without any hindrance under the dynamic and decisive leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji.

I would like to thank with all humility the crores of devoted workers of the party that it was due to your support and hard work that we have been able to fulfil dreams and aspirations of our founding fathers and our great leaders. You all have helped in propagating the ideology and philosophy across our great nation. It is a matter of great privilege and honour for me that along with you I also have been fortunate enough to serve the great party – Bharatiya Janata Party. You and I are fellow-workers who are sailing together in this great journey.

Today, the BJP is at its pinnacle, but we cannot afford to stop or take a break. Until we successfully form governments in every state, till the time we have BJP workers in each panchayat, each ward, till then we will continue our journey with our flag of ideology flying high.

I am confident and have full faith in our party workers that they will continue to work tirelessly and with full dedication till the time we are able to fulfil all the dreams which our great leaders including Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee ji, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay ji, respected Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji dreamt for us and for our country. We all will continue to take to the masses all policies and programmes being implemented by Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji to benefit each and every section of the society, particularly those standing at the last pedestal of prosperity and wellbeing, and also ensure that all those who have remained neglected and deprived are brought to the national mainstream. ■

THE DAILY NEW CASES TOUCH A NEW LOW

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE VACCINATED IS MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES

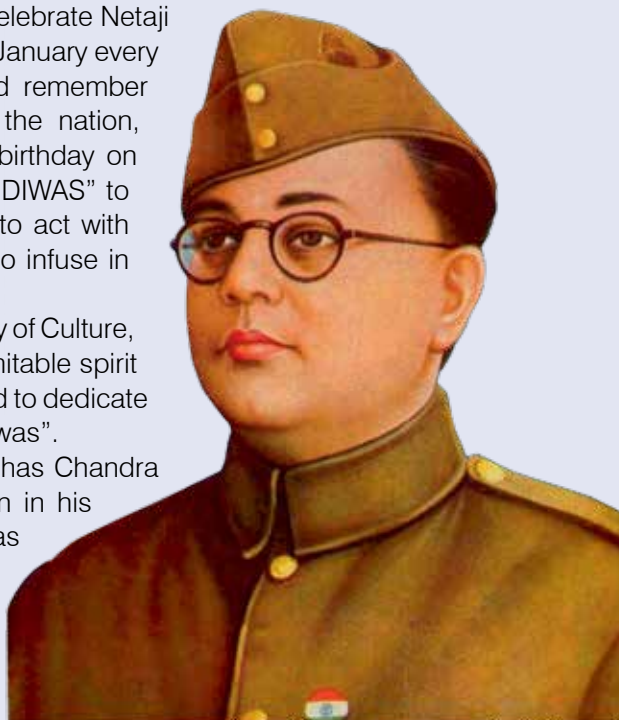
India has crossed a crucial milestone in its fight against the global pandemic. The daily new cases have touched a new low on January 19. 10,064 daily new cases were added to the national tally in the last 24 hours after seven months. The daily new cases were 10,956 on 12th June, 2020. India's total Active Caseload has dropped to 2 lakh (2,00,528) on January 19. India's present active caseload now consists of just 1.90% of India's total Positive Cases. The fall in the number of daily new cases is accompanied by a fast rising number of people getting vaccinated against COVID19 across all States and UTs. The total number of people vaccinated is MORE THAN DOUBLE the number of Active Cases. ■

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE'S BIRTHDAY ON 23RD JANUARY WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR AS PARAKRAM DIWAS

The Modi Government at Center has decided to celebrate Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday on the 23rd day of January every year as "Parakram Diwas". In order to honour and remember Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation, Government of India has decided to celebrate his birthday on the 23rd day of January every year as "PARAKRAM DIWAS" to inspire people of the country, especially the youth, to act with fortitude in the face of adversity as Netaji did, and to infuse in them a spirit of patriotic fervour.

The announcement was made by the Union Ministry of Culture, which said, "To honour and remember Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation. The Gol has decided to dedicate his birthday (January 23) every year as "Parakram Diwas".

"The people of India fondly remember Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's unparalleled contribution to this great nation in his 125th birth anniversary. The Government of India has decided to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary year of Netaji beginning from January 2021 in a befitting manner at the national and international level," the Ministry said. ■



UNION HOME MINISTER SHRI AMIT SHAH LAUNCHES SINGLE WINDOW CLEARANCE PORTAL OF MINISTRY OF COAL

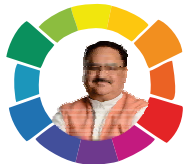
P Ministry of Coal on January 11 launched Single Window Clearance Portal, a unified platform that facilitates grant of clearances and approvals required for starting a coal mine in India. Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah launched the portal in presence of Union Minister of Coal & Mines Shri Pralhad Joshi in an event organized in New Delhi to execute agreements with successful bidders of India's first ever commercial coal mine auctions. Addressing on the occasion, Union Minister Shri Amit Shah said that the coal sector has crossed an important milestone towards fulfilling the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat under

the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said that the coal sector would play a key role in achieving the target of a 5 trillion dollar economy. Shri Shah said that for a long time the need was felt to remove the bottlenecks in the coal sector and bring transparency in it, which has been fulfilled during the Modi government. Shri Shah said that today 19 successful bidders have been allotted mines under the country's first commercial coal mining auction. This will give the states an estimated revenue of about Rs 6,500 crore per year and will also create more than 70,000 jobs. ■

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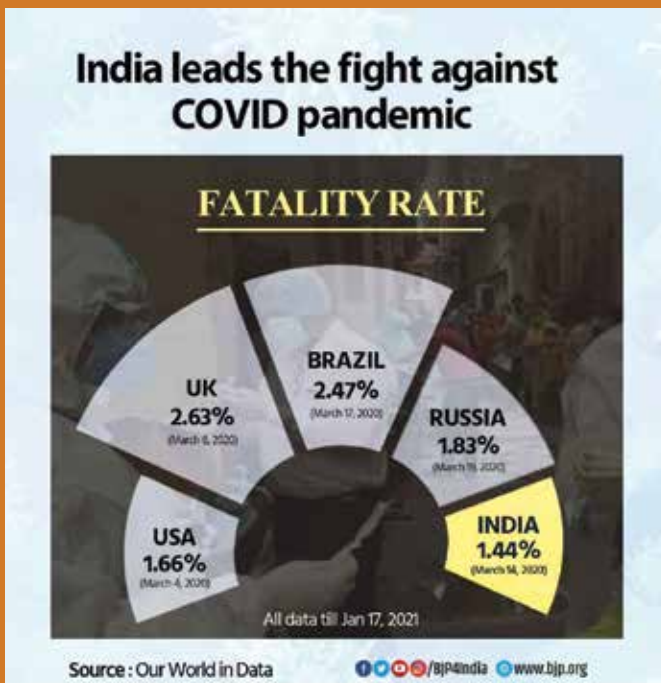
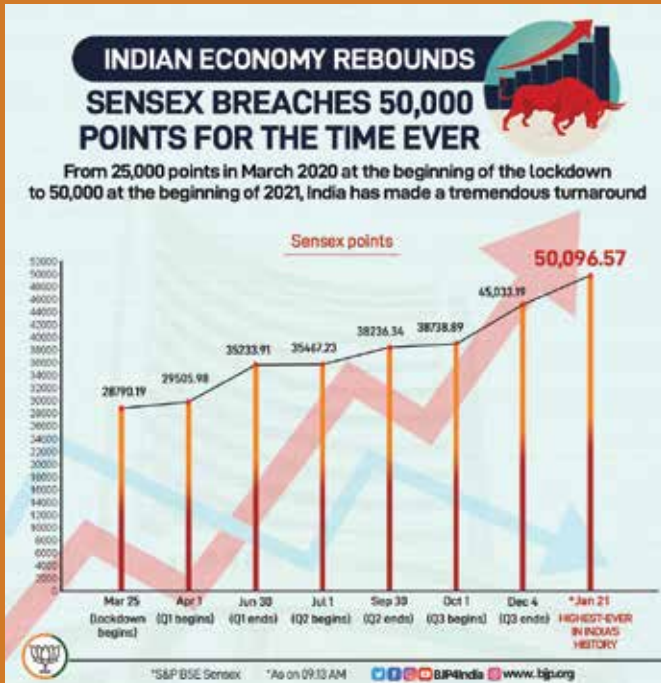
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