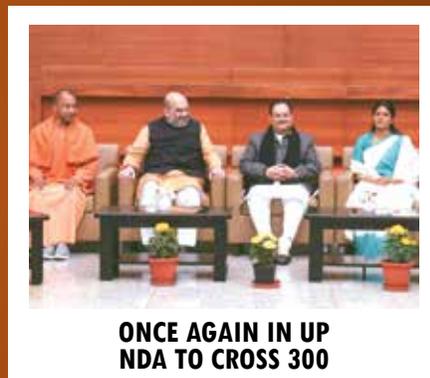


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@narendramodi

Uttar Pradesh has set the benchmark of development in every field in the last 5 years. Due to this, along with making the life of the people of the state easier, new opportunities have also been created. I am sure that the multidimensional development of Uttar Pradesh will continue to play a leading role in New India.



@JPNadda

In Punjab, BJP, Punjab Lok Congress and Samyukta Akali Dal- Dhindsa are contesting the assembly elections together. Under the guidance of Prime Minister @narendramodi ji, NDA alliance will fight for the honor, security and development of Punjab with full force and we are sure that it will get full support of the people.



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Shri @NarendraModi after becoming the Prime Minister, many schemes like 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' appealed to adopt daughters as a symbol of pride and self-respect across the country, as a result of which it turned into a mass campaign and revolutionized the sex ratio. #NationalGirlChildDay



@rajnathsingh

I gladly welcome the decision of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi to install a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate in New Delhi. This decision is a national expression of respect for Netaji by a grateful nation on the occasion of his 125th birth anniversary.



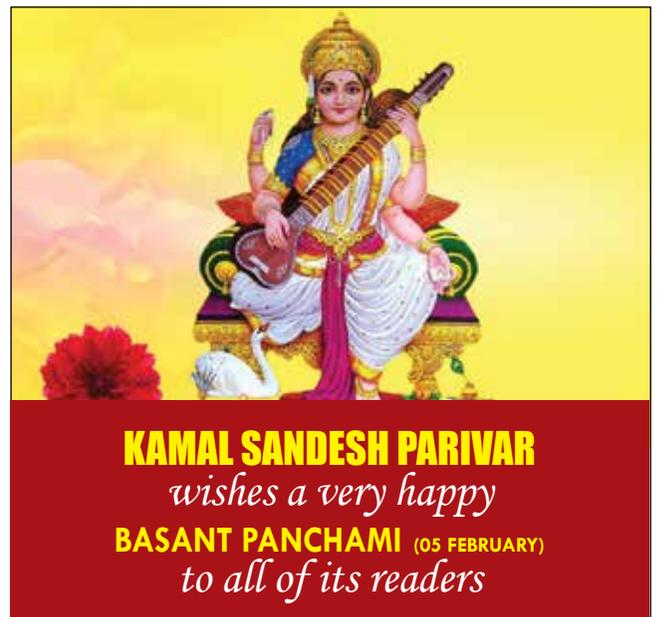
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Widening and strengthening to 2 lane (with Paved Shoulders) of Mahaboobnagar - Chincholi section of NH-167N in the State of Telangana has been sanctioned with budget outlay of Rs 703.68 Cr. #PragatiKaHighway #GatiShakti @TelanganaCMO @kishanreddybjp @BJP4Telangana



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On this 'Parakram Diwas' Koti Koti Namans to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose who accelerated the nation's journey towards independence by adding valour to the independence struggle. His statue at India Gate will be a fitting tribute to the great personality by PM.



AN INDIA PROUD OF ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE AND CIVILIZATIONAL LEGACY IS EMERGING

As India celebrated 'Parakram Divas' on January 23, 2022, the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, the unveiling of his hologram statue at India Gate by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed the feelings of the indebted nation towards one of the most beloved sons of Maa Bharati. The Prime Minister has also announced that very soon the hologram statue of Netaji will be replaced by a huge grand granite statue, which will also be an honour to the heroes of INA. While the nation will be celebrating Netaji's birth anniversary every year as "Prakaram Divas", the Republic Day celebrations too will start a day early on his birthday – the 23rd of January every year. The selfless devotion to the nation's independence, uncompromising vision, sacrifice and struggle, indomitable courage, and indefatigable spirit of Netaji continue to inspire and guide every Indian.

It's to be noted that soon after independence, the legacy of India's freedom struggle was sought to be appropriated by some vested interests who tried to undermine the contributions of the great heroes at the altar of dynastic politics. It was highly unfortunate that while the members of a particular family were highlighted, the memories of many great heroes were sought to be erased from people's minds. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is making extra efforts to undo the wrongs done to the national heroes by expressing the nation's indebtedness to their contributions in an appropriate manner. The Statue of Unity commemorating Sardar Patel, the development of Panchtirth in memory of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, the naming of the island of Andaman after Netaji, and many more such efforts are now inspiring the nation and celebrating the contributions of these great sons of India.

While attempts are being made to honour the memory of great heroes of India, a group of people who have developed their vested interests in dynastic politics seek to create unnecessary controversies around these steps. The discussion over the merger of the Amar Jawan Jyoti flames at the National War Memorial is such a needless controversy, which was stoked by the same group who refuse to accept that a self confident India is charting a new course with a grand vision. It is the same group that stirs up opposition to Central Vista projects and any new initiative that seeks to build a New India that exudes grandeur and glory. It is the mindset that is opposed to the construction of Somnath Temple in Gujarat, Prabhu Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya, and remains uncomfortable with the Kashi Corridor, Char Dham Corridor, and the restoration of Kedarnath Dham.

India has completed one year of its vaccination programme under the charismatic and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on January 16, 2022. The journey that started one year ago has created many milestones as the world has witnessed this journey's progress with awe and amazement. Today, while more than 92% of the eligible population has received at least one dose, over 157 crore people are vaccinated. On this journey, many times more than one crore jabs were given in a single day and even crossed more than 2.5 crore on the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 17, 2021. The nation felt proud of its scientists, doctors, nurses, medical staff, frontline health workers, Corona Warriors, and administrative staff who worked tirelessly to make this possible, which appeared impossible when the journey started. What is more remarkable is that this achievement has been made on the basis of 'Made in India' vaccines, which have become a gift of India to other countries as well. As the one-year vaccination journey comes to an end, people's faith in India's future has grown exponentially across the country. The world is witnessing today the emergence of a new India, which is proud of its cultural heritage, civilizational legacy and confidently moving towards building an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat'. ■

WE HAVE TO MOVE AHEAD TAKING INSPIRATION FROM NETAJI'S 'CAN DO, WILL DO' SPIRIT: PM MODI

In a fitting tribute to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 23 January, 2022 unveiled a hologram statue of the great patriot at India Gate. The 28-foot tall 3D 'hologram' was inaugurated against the backdrop of the immortal Indian National Army (INA) or Azad Hind Fauj's marching song 'Kadam Kadam Badhaye Jaa'.

THIS DAY IS HISTORIC

"On the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the brave son of Mother India, on behalf of the whole country, I bow to him. This day is historic. This period is also historical. This place is also historical. Netaji gave us the confidence of a free and sovereign India. With great valour, he told the Britishers that I won't beg for freedom, I will take it. Soon in place of this hologram, a granite statue will be placed. This statue will tell the coming generation about their national duties," said PM Shri Narendra Modi after inaugurating the statue.

Recalling Netaji's vision for India, PM Shri Modi stated that the citizens had the goal of building a 'New India' before the hundredth year of independence. He remarked, "Netaji had faith in the country, because of his feelings, I can say that there is no power in the world that can stop India from reaching this goal."

Shri Modi added, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav resolves that India will revive its identity and inspirations. It



was unfortunate that after independence, along with the culture and rites of the country, work was done to erase the contribution of many great personalities. The freedom struggle involved the penance of lakhs of countrymen, but efforts were made to limit their history as well. But today, after decades of independence, the country is correcting those mistakes."

'CAN DO, WILL DO' SPIRIT

PM Shri Modi cited 'Panch Teerth' associated with Babasaheb Ambedkar, Statue of Unity to commemorate the contribution of Sardar Patel, Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in the honour of Bhagawan Birsa Munda, Tribal Museums to remember the great contribution of the tribal community, naming an Island in Andamans after Netaji to commemorate 75 years of tricolour in Anamans and Sankalp Smarak in Andamans to honour Netaji and INA, as some key steps in the direction of correcting the mistakes of the past. The Prime Minister recalled with emotion his visit to Netaji's ancestral



residence in Kolkata on the Parakram Diwas last year.

The Prime Minister said he also cannot forget the day of 21 October 2018 when the Azad Hind government completed 75 years. "In a special ceremony held at the Red Fort, I had hoisted the tricolour wearing the cap of the Azad Hind Fauj. That moment was wonderful, unforgettable", he said.

The Prime Minister said if Netaji Subhash was determined to do something, then no power could stop him. We have to move ahead taking inspiration from Netaji Subhash's 'Can Do, Will Do' spirit.

ABOUT NETAJI'S 3D 'HOLOGRAM' STATUE

It is important to mention that till the time the grand statue is constructed, the 28-foot tall 3D 'hologram' of Bose will be displayed there. The 25-foot high granite statue would be installed at the canopy adjoining India Gate where till 1968 a figure of Imperial Monarch King George V had once stood.

The Bose 'hologram' statue will be powered by a

30,000 lumens 4K projector, which will display a 3D image of Netaji - 28 feet in height and 6 feet in width. An invisible, high gain, 90% transparent holographic screen has been erected in a way that is not visible to visitors.

The Centre has also extended Republic Day celebrations from January 23-29 this year, to include the Azad Hind Fauj chief's 125th birth anniversary.

JANUARY 23 AS 'PARAKRAM DIWAS'

Previously in January 2021, the Government of India announced that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary on January 23 every year will be observed as Parakram Diwas. It has already renamed Howrah Kalka Mail as "Netaji Express", has arranged a program at Victoria Memorial and National Library Programme in Kolkata, and released a memorial postal stamp. The Centre also formed a high-level committee headed by PM Shri Modi and comprising of ministers, experts, historians, authors, family members of Netaji and INA associates to commemorate Netaji's 125th birth anniversary. It said that the move is to pay tribute to the freedom fighter to inspire the youth of the nation to 'act with fortitude in the face of adversity'.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS FROM JANUARY 23 INSTEAD OF JANUARY 24

India began Republic Day celebrations from January 23 instead of January 24, to include the birth anniversary of late freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Prime Minister said, "Netaji used to say "Never lose faith in the dream of independent India, there is no power in the world that can shake India." Today we have a goal to fulfill the dreams of an independent India. We've a target to build a new India before 100th year of independence, 2047".

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi after unveiling Netaji's statue, conferred the Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskars, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah also paid homage to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, saying that Netaji's legacy will inspire many generations of the country. "This is not just a statue but a befitting tribute to the legendary Netaji, who gave everything for India's freedom".

Union Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri was also present on the occasion. ■

ONE YEAR OF COVID VACCINATION DRIVE

On 16 January, 2022 India's Covid vaccination drive completed one year. India's COVID-19 vaccination drive was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the same day last year and during this period over 157 crore vaccine doses were administered till now.

This is world's largest vaccination program covering the entire length and breadth of the country. Vaccination was made free for everyone above 18 years of age on 21st June, 2021. India's vaccination program is a story of the unparalleled journey of the country. It showcases the Indian model and the extraordinary achievement of our country guided by the unshakable conviction of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the hidden potential and capabilities of the citizens of the country. Two indigenously developed made in India vaccines by Covaxin and Covishield played a pivotal role in this achievement.



Now both the made in India vaccines have multiplied their production and helping the people of many countries in the fight against the corona pandemic along with India. The



current vaccine production capacity of Covishield in India is approximately 25 crore doses per month, and that of Covaxin is around six crore doses per month.

Starting initially by inoculating vaccines to healthcare workers, it was then expanded to frontline workers, followed by people above 60 years of age and those

THANKS TO PM'S STELLAR LEADERSHIP & HEALTH WORKER'S EFFORTS: JP NADDA

On the one year occasion BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said the task of jabbing the country's billion plus population seemed impossible but was made possible under the stellar leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with over 92 percent of population having received the first dose. He expressed gratitude to millions of health and frontline workers, doctors and scientists and people of the country for their concerted efforts to make the massive vaccination drive a success.

In a series of tweets, Shri Nadda said, exactly a year ago, India embarked on the arduous journey of vaccinating its more than 135 crore people amidst the raging Covid pandemic. A task that seemed impossible was made possible under the stellar leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi. The world stood up and applauded us.

The BJP National President said that India has so far administered 156 crore vaccine doses, of which 99 crore doses have been given in rural India. 70% of our adult population is fully vaccinated. More than 3 crore children have got their first dose since the program began. India has led the fight against Covid-19.

Over the past year, India has come together in this fight against Covid-19. Gratitude to the millions of health and frontline workers, doctors and scientists and most importantly people of our country for their concerted efforts to make this massive vaccination drive a success, he said in another tweet.





above 45 years with comorbidities. Later it was also expanded to all above 45 years of age and then those above 18 years of age. The vaccination drive for those between the age group 15-18 was started on January 3, 2022 and for administering the precautionary doses to the healthcare workers, frontline workers and sixty plus individuals then commenced on January 10 this year.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has saluted each and every individual who is associated with the vaccination drive on completion of one year of vaccine drive. The Prime Minister has lauded the role of doctors, nurses and healthcare workers for vaccination drive. He also said that India's vaccination programme has added great strength to the fight against COVID-19.

In response to a tweet by MyGovIndia, the Prime Minister, in a series of tweets said; "Today we mark #1YearOfVaccineDrive. I salute each and every individual who is associated with the vaccination drive. Our vaccination programme has added great strength to the fight against COVID-19. It has led to saving lives and thus protecting livelihoods".

"At the same time, the role of our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers is exceptional. When we see glimpses of people being vaccinated in remote areas, or our healthcare workers taking the vaccines there, our

hearts and minds are filled with pride".

"India's approach to fighting the pandemic will always remain science based. We are also augmenting health infrastructure to ensure our fellow citizens get proper care. Let us keep following all COVID-19 related protocols and overcome the pandemic".

INDIA SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE DETERMINATION AND CONSTANT EFFORTS OF PRIME MINISTER: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah also complimented Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the successful completion of one year of India's Covid vaccination drive and said the country has set an example for the world how the government and the people together can conquer impossible challenges.



Shri Shah also congratulated the scientists, health workers, Covid warriors and the people of the country for this endeavour. In a tweet he said, "With the efficient leadership, determination and constant efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has set an example in the world that if the government and citizens unite in the interest of the nation and set a common goal, then the country can overcome the impossible and conquer every challenge".

"I congratulate the talented scientists, health workers, all corona warriors and citizens on the successful completion of one year of the world's largest free vaccination campaign in the fight against Covid under the strong and inspiring leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi," Shri Shah said in another tweet.

HEALTH MINISTER RELEASES COMMEMORATIVE POSTAL STAMP

Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya released a commemorative Postal Stamp on COVID-19 Vaccine on 16 January, 2022 to mark the first anniversary of India's National Covid-19 Vaccination program. This stamp signifies the remarkable work done by the frontline healthcare workers and scientific community across the country in protecting the people against the COVID pandemic. ■

INDIA SAVED MANY LIVES DURING CORONA TIME FOLLOWING ITS VISION 'ONE EARTH, ONE HEALTH': MODI

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered 'State of the World' special address at the World Economic Forum's Davos Agenda on 17 January, 2022 via video conferencing.



The Prime Minister said that India is tackling another wave of the pandemic with caution and confidence and moving ahead in the economic sphere with many hopeful results. He said that India as a strong democracy, has given a bouquet of hope to the mankind which comprises of Indian's unwavering faith in democracy, technology that is empowering 21st century and talent and temperament of Indians. The Prime Minister said that during Corona time, India saved many lives by exporting essential medicines and vaccines by following its vision of 'One Earth, One Health'. India is world's third largest pharmaceutical producer and is considered 'pharmacy to the world', he added.

Shri Modi said that today, India is providing a record number of software engineers. More than 50 lakh software developers are working in India. He informed that India has the third largest number of unicorns today. More than 10 thousand start-ups have registered during the last six months. He also talked about India's huge, safe and successful digital payments platform and informed that in the last month itself more than 4.4 billion transactions took

place through Unified Payments Interface. The Prime Minister talked about the measures of enhancing Ease of Doing Business and reduction of the government interference. He mentioned simplification of corporate tax rates and making them the most competitive in the world. India has deregulated areas like Drones, Space, Geo-spatial mapping and has brought reforms in the outdated telecom regulation related with the IT and BPO sectors. "We did away with more than 25 thousand compliances in the year gone by", he added.

Indicating India's growing attractiveness as a partner, Shri Modi said that India is committed to become the world's reliable partner in global supply-chains and is making way for free trade agreements with many countries. India's capabilities in innovation, technology adaptation and entrepreneurship spirit makes India an ideal global partner. "This why, this is the best time to invest in India", he said. He mentioned Indian Youth achieving a new height of entrepreneurship. He said that as compared to mere 100 start-ups in 2014, India has more than 60 thousand start-ups today. Out of which 80 are unicorns and

HIGHLIGHTS

- “During Corona time, India saved many lives by supplying essential medicines and vaccines while following its vision of ‘One Earth, One Health’”
- “India is committed to become world’s reliable partner in global supply-chains”
- “This is the best time to invest in India”
- “Not only India is focussing on easing the processes in its quest for self-reliance, it is also incentivizing investment and production”
- “India is making policies keeping in mind the goals of next 25 years. In this time period, the country has kept the goals of high growth and saturation of welfare and wellness. This period of growth will be green, clean, sustainable as well as reliable”
- “‘Throw away’ culture and consumerism has deepened the climate challenge. It is imperative to rapidly move from today’s ‘take-make-use-dispose’ economy to a circular economy”
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- “It is imperative that every democratic nation should push for reforms of the multilateral bodies so that they can come up to the task dealing with the challenges of the present and the future”

more than 40 unicorns emerged in 2021 itself.

Underlining India’s confident approach, Prime Minister Shri Modi highlighted that when the world was focussing on interventions like quantitative easing during the Corona period, India was strengthening the reforms. He listed strides in physical and digital infrastructure like optical fibre in 6 lakh villages, 1.3 trillion dollars investment in connectivity related infrastructure, goal of generation of 80 billion dollars through asset monetization and Gatishakti National Master Plan to bring all the stakeholder on the single platform to infuse new dynamism to the seamless connectivity of goods, people and services.

Shri Modi told the forum that not only India is focussing on easing the processes in its quest for

self-reliance, it is also incentivizing investment and production. Most clear manifestation of that is 26 billion dollar worth of Production Linked Incentive schemes in 14 sectors, he said. He stressed that India is making policies keeping in mind the goals of next 25 years. In this time period, the country has kept the goals of high growth and saturation of welfare and wellness. This period of growth will be green, clean, sustainable as well as reliable, the Prime Minister emphasised.

He focused on the ecological cost of today’s lifestyle and policies. He pointed towards the challenges that our life-style causes for climate. “‘Throw away’ culture and consumerism has deepened the climate challenge. It is imperative to rapidly move from today’s ‘take-make-use-dispose’ economy to a circular economy”, he stressed. Referring to the Mission LIFE, that he gave at the CoP26 conference, the Prime Minister said that making LIFE into a mass movement can be a strong foundation for P-3 i.e ‘Pro Planet People’. LIFE i.e. ‘Lifestyle for Environment’, is a vision of a resilient and sustainable lifestyle that will come handy in dealing with the climate crisis and other unpredictable challenges of the future. Shri Modi also told the forum about India’s impressive record in achieving the climate target well in advance of the target dates.

Prime Minister Shri Modi emphasised the need to adopt as per the changing realities of the world order. He said that the global family is facing fresh challenges in the changing world order and called for collective and synchronised action from every country and global agency. He cited supply chain disruptions, inflation and climate change as key examples. He also gave an example of cryptocurrency where related technologies and their challenges do not lend themselves to the decisions of any single country.

He called to be on one page on this. He asked whether the multilateral organisations are in a position to tackle the challenges of the world order in a changed scenario, as the world has changed from the time when these organisations came into being. “That is why it is imperative that every democratic nation should push for reforms of these bodies so that they can come up to the task dealing with the challenges of the present and the future”, he concluded. ■



BJP WILL CONTEST JOINTLY WITH APNA DAL AND NIS

ONCE AGAIN IN UP, NDA TO CROSS

Ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Polls, the meeting of the Uttar Pradesh unit of the NDA was held in the Central Office of the Bharatiya Janata Party on 19 January, 2022 under the chairmanship of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda and it was decided to contest in all 403 seats of Uttar Pradesh unitedly and will register a historic victory with the blessings of the people.

Senior party leader and Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah was also present in this meeting. The meeting was attended by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath, State BJP Election In-charge and Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, State BJP President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Dinesh Sharma, Apna Dal (Sone Lal) President Smt. Anupriya Patel, senior leader of her party and President of Nishad Party Dr. Sanjay Nishad and other senior leaders of the party were present. After the meeting, there was a joint press conference of the UP NDA, which was also addressed by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda.

BJP, APNA DAL AND NISHAD PARTY WILL CONTEST JOINTLY

Addressing the press conference, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said that Bharatiya Janata Party has entered into NDA alliance with Apna Dal (Sone Lal) and Nishad Party in Uttar Pradesh. We also fought the Lok Sabha elections together. In the last two-three days, there has been

a detailed discussion with the NDA allies. Bharatiya Janata Party, along with Apna Dal (Sone Lal) and Nishad Party will contest all the 403 Vidhan Sabha seats in the state and will win with an overwhelming majority.

Shri Nadda said under the leadership of Prime Minister of the country, Shri Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party has run with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' and Yogi Adityanath has brought this mantra to the ground in Uttar Pradesh. .

UTTAR PRADESH HAS MADE GREAT PROGRESS

He said Yogi Adityanath government has taken a new leap of development in Uttar Pradesh under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The double engine government has given development momentum to Uttar Pradesh. Due to this there has been an upliftment in the standard of living of the poor, backward, dalits, women and youth at the grassroot level in the state and a new story of development has been visible in the state. Be it road connectivity, metro or air - everywhere, a new era of development has started in Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh has made great progress in the field of education, health, infrastructure, social indicators and especially medical education.

POOR WELFARE SCHEMES HAVE REACHED DOOR TO DOOR

Shri Nadda said that Uttar Pradesh has become a major investment destination under the double engine



NADHAD PARTY IN UP **300:JP NADDA**

government. Earlier investors were withdrawing their investment, today they are investing. Migration has stopped and poor welfare schemes have reached door to door. Be it Ujala Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Saubhagya Yojana, Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Kisan Samman Nidhi, employment scheme for migrant laborers – every scheme has given a new impetus to development.

RULE OF LAW ESTABLISHED IN UP

BJP National President said keeping the development of women and youth at the center, work has been done by the double engine government. In the last five years, the law and order has been strengthened under Yogi Adityanath government and the rule of law has been established. We are all familiar with the situation in UP five years ago. Earlier, the people of UP were forced to migrate, today the people who migrated are being migrated. During the SP-BSP regime, life used to stop after the evening. The kidnapping and Mafia Raj had gripped the whole of Uttar Pradesh. There used to be a nexus of mafia and government in the SP-BSP government. Mafia Raj has come to an end in Uttar Pradesh in five years. Today in Uttar Pradesh common man can live, work and move ahead in peace. What the BJP has said, it has fulfilled it. The thinking is honest, the work is effective.

'ALLIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE'

Addressing the press conference, Apna Dal (Sone

Lal) President Smt. Anupriya Patel said the journey of the alliance of Bharatiya Janata Party and Apna Dal (Sone Lal) has continuously progressed in a positive direction since 2014. This alliance has got immense trust of the people of Uttar Pradesh. The concept of social justice has further strengthened in the NDA's double engine government. NDA's alliance in UP is an alliance of development and social justice. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP-led NDA Government at the Center gave constitutional recognition to the OBC Commission. Along with this, reservation was also given in admission in Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Sainik School. The income limit of OBC creamy layer has also been increased. The demand for reservation under AIQ in NEET to OBC and EWS was being made for a long time, which was fully implemented by the Shri Narendra Modi government. Not only this, the Yogi Adityanath government has also resolved all the discrepancies in the reservation. Attacking the opposition, Mrs. Patel said that it is the Modi government which gave the states the right to determine the OBC list.

'NDA GOING TO WIN THIS TIME ALSO WITH A HUGE MAJORITY'

Nishad Party President Dr. Sanjay Nishad while addressing the press conference said that while becoming a participant of NDA, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we had taken the pledge to take the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' to the bottom. We are moving forward on the same path of determination. I want to say with full confidence that NDA is going to win this time also in Uttar Pradesh with a huge majority. He said that while in power, Congress, SP, BSP – all used to represent Dalits, backwards and minorities– but never did these parties do anything for their welfare. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, the government of double engine has developed without any discrimination. He said that NDA is getting blessings continuously in Uttar Pradesh. The way we had won in Uttar Pradesh in 2014, 2017 and 2019, this time also NDA is going to win with a huge majority. Every section of the state has got the benefit of every scheme of the government of double engine. ■



BOOTH WORKERS ARE REAL STRENGTH OF BJP: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda visited Uttar Pradesh on January 21 2022, where he held many organizational meetings and guided the workers and party functionaries for the upcoming Vidhan Sabha elections.

Shri Nadda reached Agra in the morning and offered prayers at the famous Rauli Mahadev Temple. After that, he chaired a meeting with the office bearers of 20 Legislative Assemblies of Braj region- Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Mathura, Firozabad region at SNG Gold Resort, Agra. Shri Nadda also held an important meeting with the party office-bearers of 20 Legislative Assemblies of Aligarh, Hathras, Etah, Mainpuri areas.

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda reached Bareilly on the same day and attended a meeting with key party functionaries of the three Legislative Assemblies of the region at IIM Hall, Bareilly. He also campaigned door-to-door in Bareilly following the guidelines of the Election Commission. In the evening Shri Nadda held a meeting with eminent persons of nine Legislative Assemblies of Bareilly district.

Addressing the BJP workers and office-bearers at the Booth Vijay Abhiyan, BJP National President gave strict instructions and said booth workers are the real strength of BJP. If the booth is strong, then no one can defeat BJP.

Shri Nadda said the booth would be strong only when the party will be able to connect people from all sections of society properly. In a virtual meeting held at Indrabhan Girls Inter College, he addressed the Agra City President and other BJP leaders. ■

VIRTUAL RALLY FOR 'MICRO DONATIONS'

'NETAJI'S DREAM OF NEW INDIA BEING REALISED UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PM MODI'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressed a micro-donation rally organised by BJYM on 23 January, 2022. He welcomed Prime Minister



Shri Narendra Modi's unveiling of a hologram statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate, stating that the PM is fulfilling Netaji's dream of a 'New India.'

Shri Nadda further said that the hard work and courage with which Yuva Morcha has served the people during the COVID-19 pandemic period in the last two years is a true tribute to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

While addressing the virtual event, the BJP National President said, "The New India which Netaji had dreamt of, is now being realised under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister has decided to install a grand statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate. He is welcomed."

Shri JP Nadda also said that a special campaign of micro donation was launched from the birthday of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, i.e. December 25. He said that this campaign is going to run till the Punyatithi of the party's ideological founder Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, which is on February 11 2022. ■

IN UTTAR PRADESH BJP 300 PAAR: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on 22 January, 2022 conducted a door-to-door campaign in Kairana, Uttar Pradesh. Shri Shah launched the BJP's campaign for west UP from Kairana. He conducted a door-to-door campaign in the Kairana (Shamli) Assembly constituency, which goes to the polls in the first phase on February 10. Accompanied by party workers and leaders wearing saffron caps and stoles with the BJP election symbol, Shri Shah treaded the rain-drenched lane in the winter chill and distributed pamphlets mentioning the achievements of the BJP government, amidst intermittent shouts of 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'.

Putting the spotlight on the issue of exodus of Hindus from Kairana before 2017, Shri Shah also met with the affected families who have since returned here. He also visited the 70-year-old Sadhu sweet shop, whose owner had shifted to Ambala, Haryana in 2014 following receipt of a letter from a local gang for extortion of 20 lakh.

Shri Shah said I spoke to 11 members of one

Mittal family who informed me that they no longer live in fear. He added this family was also forced to leave Uttar Pradesh earlier due to the law and order scenario. He said CM Yogi Adityanath implemented several welfare schemes of PM Narendra Modi and several developments for the state. However, the first and foremost issue he addressed in the state was improvement of law and order.

I came to Kairana, situated in Shamli district of western Uttar Pradesh, for the first time in 2014, and now the atmosphere has completely changed in this region. Shri Amit Shah said now everyone is saying that in the forthcoming Uttar Pradesh assembly polls, "BJP 300 Paar" ■

'PREVIOUS GOVTS MISLED PEOPLE IN UP'

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressing BJP Karyakartas in Meerut on 22 January, 2022 launched a scathing attack on previous governments of Uttar Pradesh for working for a particular section of the society and highlighted that the incidents of dacoity, loot, murder and riots have reduced after the BJP came to power.

He said that Bharatiya Janata Party worked for the overall growth of UP. Addressing a public meeting in Meerut Shri Shah said, "For the last 20-25 years, people in Uttar Pradesh were misled by the governments." He said that one party came to power and worked for the development of one section of society, the other came and worked for the development of another section of society but 'BJP worked for the overall growth of the state'.



The Home Minister further stated that if each and every person in the state is not happy, it means the country will not be happy because UP is the most populated state in India. "I request people not to vote for any MLA, but to vote for that person who will

change the fate of the state," Shri Shah added.

Speaking further, he said, "Today, after 5 years, I have the report card of BJP government in UP. I challenge Mayawati and Akhilesh to discuss figures with me. In comparison to 2016, today there is 70 per cent reduction in dacoity, 69 per cent in loot, 32 per cent in murder, 86 per cent in riots, 22 per cent in dowry death and 52 per cent in rape cases." "After the formation of double engine government, 1.67 crore mothers in UP were given free gas cylinders and gas stoves for the first time. Under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, our government has so far given Rs 32,500 crore to about 2.48 crore farmers," he added. ■

INDIA POST PAYMENTS BANK'S CUSTOMER BASE CROSSES 5 CRORE MARK

BECOMES ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING DIGITAL PAYMENTS BANK IN COUNTRY

What was termed as the biggest initiative of financial inclusion in the country by the Prime Minister at its launch, the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), a 'Digital-First Bank' built on the rails of wide physical distribution network of India Post under the Ministry of Communication, Government of India, has announced a major milestone since inception towards achieving its financial inclusion goals through digital banking.

On 18 January, IPPB announced that it has crossed the five-crore customer mark in 3 years of commencement of operations to become one of the fastest growing digital payments bank in the country.

IPPB opened up these five crore accounts in digital and paperless mode through its 1.36 lakh Post Offices, out of which 1.20 lakh are in rural areas with the help of about 1.47 lakhs doorstep



banking service providers. With this, IPPB has achieved the world's largest digital financial literacy programme by building a financially aware and empowered customer-base leveraging the strength of 2,80,000 Post Offices employees. IPPB has further stated that it has taken the digital banking to the grassroots-levels through Interoperable Payments and Settlement Systems of NPCI, RBI and UIDAI offering services in over 13 languages.

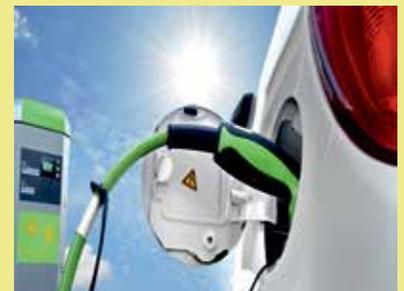
Interestingly, out of the total

account holders, around 48% were women account holders; while 52% were male that indicated the Bank's focus on bringing the women customers under the banking network. About 98% of accounts of women were opened at the doorsteps and over 68% of women were availing DBT benefits. In yet another milestone, IPPB revealed that it attracted youths to avail digital banking services. Over 41% of account holders were in the age group of 18 to 35 years. ■

TCIL LAUNCHES FIRST E-VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

TCIL, a Mini Ratna Category-1 Status Company under the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, with support of SDMC launched first e-vehicle charging station in South Delhi area at South Extn. Part I on 20 January, 2022.

This e-vehicle charging station is first one in series of 65 e-charging stations to be setup by TCIL in progressive manner in next four months in South Delhi area within easy reach of citizens of Delhi. Each charging station can charge 6 Two/Three/ Four wheeler vehicle at a time. The charging stations are equipped with CCTV surveillance & Wi-fi facility for use by common public. It is also powered by a 6 kW solar panel. The e-vehicle charging station will help in popularizing use of e-vehicle and in reducing pollution in metro city of Delhi. ■



BRAHMOS SUPERSONIC CRUISE MISSILE, WITH ENHANCED CAPABILITY, SUCCESSFULLY TEST-FIRED OFF ODISHA COAST

BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, with increased indigenous content and improved performance, on 20 January was successfully test-fired from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha at 1030 hrs on January 20, 2022. The launch was conducted by Brahmos Aerospace in close coordination with the teams of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). In this text-book flight, the missile followed the predicted trajectory meeting all mission objectives.

The flight test is a major milestone in the way forward for BrahMos programme. The highly manoeuvrable missile cruised at supersonic speed for its maximum range and all mission objectives were met. The missile was equipped with the advanced indigenous technologies and followed a modified optimal trajectory for enhanced efficiency and improved performance. The missile with the modified control system has been fine tuned to achieve an enhanced capability. This flight test was monitored by all the sensors of the range instrumentation including telemetry, radar and electro-optical tracking systems deployed across the eastern coast and the down



range ships.

Teams from DRDO and NPOM, Russia participated in the test. BrahMos Aerospace, the joint venture between DRDO and NPOM, Russia, has been continuously upgrading the powerful, highly versatile BrahMos to increase its effectiveness and lethality against sea and land targets. BrahMos is the potent missile weapon system already inducted into the Armed Forces.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has complimented the Brahmos, DRDO teams and industry for the successful flight test. ■

INDIAN REAL ESTATE ATTRACTED AROUND \$4.3 BILLION WORTH OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENTS

Indian real estate attracted around \$4.3 billion worth of institutional investments from entities including private equity firms, family offices, pension and sovereign funds during the year 2021. As per ET report, the year 2020 saw a sharp recovery in investments, thanks to two large portfolio deals amounting to \$3.2 billion announced in the last quarter of the year. The year 2021 witnessed 57 deals as compared to 27 deals in 2020. Investments in 2021 were spread across various sectors and were much more diversified as compared to the previous year. The onset of the third wave led to overall restrictions which indirectly impacted the investment momentum during the last quarter of

the year. The year 2021 demonstrated investment diversification across asset classes as compared to being lopsided in 2020. One of the distinguishing features of the investments during the year has been the comeback of the residential sector which has seen the second-highest share of 25%. The residential sector attracted 2.3 times investments at \$1.08 billion as compared to \$460 million in 2020. The renewed interest in the sector has been mainly due to the sharp recovery witnessed with a robust sales growth of 47% during the first nine months of 2021 over the same period of 2020. Investors provided structured funds to the sector as these were closer to the equity returns. ■

CABINET APPROVALS



CABINET APPROVES EXTENSION OF TENURE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SAFAI KARAMCHARIS FOR THREE YEARS

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on January has approved the extension of the tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) for three years beyond 31 March, 2022.

The total implication of the extension for three years would be approximately Rs.43.68 crore. The major beneficiaries would be the Safai Karamcharis and identified manual scavengers in the country since the NCSK for 3 more years beyond 31.3.2022. The number of Manual Scavengers identified under the MS Act Survey as on 31 December, 2021 is 58098.

The NCSK was established in the year 1993 as per the provisions of the NCSK Act 1993 initially for the period upto 31.3.1997. Later the validity of the Act was initially extended upto 31.3.2002 and thereafter upto 29.2.2004. The NCSK Act ceased to have effect from 29.2.2004. After that the tenure of the NCSK has been extended as a non-statutory body from time to time through resolutions. The tenure of the present Commission is upto 31 March, 2022.

The NCSK has been giving its recommendations to the Government regarding specific programmes for welfare of Safai Karamcharis, study and evaluate the existing welfare programmes for Safai Karamcharis, investigate cases of specific grievances etc. Also as per the provisions of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, the NCSK has been assigned the work to monitor the implementation of the Act, tender advice for its effective implementation to the Centre and State Governments and enquire into complaints regarding contravention/non-implementation of the provisions of the Act. Though the Government has taken many steps for the upliftment of the Safai Karamcharis, the deprivation suffered by them in socio-economic and educational terms is still far from being eliminated. Although manual scavenging has

been almost eradicated, sporadic instances do occur. Hazardous cleaning of sewer/septic tanks continues to be an area of the highest priority for the Government. Hence, the Government feels that there is a continued need to monitor the various interventions and initiatives of the Government for welfare of Safai Karamcharis and to achieve the goal of complete mechanization of sewer/septic tanks cleaning in the country and rehabilitation of manual scavengers. ■

CABINET APPROVES INFUSION OF RS.1,500 CRORE IN INDIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LIMITED (IREDA)

Employment generation of approximately 10200 jobs-year and CO₂ equivalent emission reduction of approximately 7.49 Million Tonnes CO₂/year

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 19 January 2022 approved the equity infusion of Rs.1500 crore in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA). This equity infusion will help in employment generation of approximately 10200 jobs-year and CO₂ equivalent emission reduction of approximately 7.49 Million Tonnes CO₂/year.

ADDITIONAL EQUITY INFUSION OF RS.1500 CRORE WILL ENABLE IREDA:

- To lend Rs.12000 crore approximately to the RE sector, thus facilitate the debt requirement of RE of additional capacity of approximately 3500-4000 MW.
- To enhance its networth which will help it in additional RE financing, thus contributing better to the Government of India targets for RE.
- To improve the capital-to-risk weighted assets ratio (CRAR) to facilitate its lending and borrowing operations.

IREDA, a mini ratna (Category-1) company under the administrative control of MNRE was set up in 1987 to work as a specialised non-banking finance agency for the Renewable Energy (RE) sector. IREDA with more

than 34 years of techno-commercial expertise, plays a catalytic role in the RE project financing which gives confidence to the FIs/banks to lend in the sector. ■

GRANT OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPOUND AND SIMPLE INTEREST FOR SIX MONTHS

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 19 January has approved the payment of ex-gratia amount of Rs. 973.74 crore pertaining to remaining claims submitted by Lending Institutions (LIs) under Scheme for grant of ex-gratia payment of difference between compound interest and simple interest for six months to borrowers in specified loan accounts (1.3.2020 to 31.8.2020).

By granting ex-gratia payment of difference between compound interest and simple interest during the six month moratorium period to distressed/vulnerable category of borrowers, irrespective of whether the borrower had availed of moratorium or not, the scheme would equitably help small borrowers bear the stress on account of the pandemic and get back on their feet.

Operational guidelines for the scheme are already issued with the approval of the Cabinet. The said amount

of Rs. 973.74 crore will be disbursed in accordance with the said operational guidelines.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, "Scheme for grant of ex-gratia payment of difference between compound interest and simple interest for six months to borrowers in specified loan accounts (1.3.2020 to 31.8.2020)" was approved by the Cabinet in October, 2020, envisaging therein an outlay of Rs. 5,500 crore.

ELIGIBLE BORROWERS FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENT:

- i. MSME loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- ii. Education loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- iii. Housing loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- iv. Consumer durable loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- v. Credit card dues up to Rs. 2 crore
- vi. Auto loans up to Rs. 2 crore
- vii. Personal loans to professionals up to Rs. 2 crore
- viii. Consumption loans up to Rs. 2 crore

Budget allocation of Rs. 5,500 crore was made for the scheme in FY 2020-2021. Whole amount of Rs. 5,500 crore, as approved by the Cabinet, has been disbursed to SBI, the nodal agency under the scheme, for consequent reimbursement to lending institutions. ■

FOREST SURVEY: INCREASE OF 2,261 SQ KM FOREST AND TREE COVER OF THE COUNTRY IN LAST TWO YEARS

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav on January 13 released the 'India State of Forest Report 2021' prepared by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) which has been mandated to assess the forest and tree resources of the country. Sharing the findings, the Minister informed that the total forest and tree cover of the country is 80.9 million hectare which is 24.62 percent of the geographical area of the country. As compared to the assessment of 2019, there is an increase of 2,261 sq km in the total forest and tree cover of the country.

The Minister expressed happiness over the fact that the present assessment reveals that 17 states/UT's have above 33 percent of the geographical area under forest cover and stated that the focus of the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is not just to conserve the forests quantitatively but to enrich it qualitatively. The ISFR-2021 provides information on forest cover, tree cover, mangrove cover,

growing stock, carbon stock in India's forests, forest fire monitoring, forest cover in tiger reserve areas, above ground estimates of biomass using SAR data & climate change hotspots in Indian forests.

MAJOR FINDINGS

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- Increase in forest cover has been observed in open forest followed by very dense forest. Top three states showing increase in forest cover are Andhra Pradesh (647 sq km) followed by Telangana (632 sq km) and Odisha (537 sq km). ■

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OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM

The Objectives of our Economy should be

1. An assurance of minimum standard of living to every individual and preparedness for the defense of the nation.
2. Further increase above this minimum standard of living whereby the individual and the nation acquires the means to contribute to the world progress on the basis of its own 'Chiti'.
3. To provide meaningful employment to every able bodies citizens by which the above two objectives can be realized and to avoid waste and extravagance in utilizing natural resources.
4. To develop suitable machines for Bharatiya conditions (Bharatiya Technology) taking note of the availability and nature of the various factors of production (Seven 'M's).
5. This system must help and not disregard the human being, the individual. It must protect the cultural and other values of life. This is requirement which cannot be violated except at a risk of great peril.
6. The ownership, state, private or any other form of various industries must be decided on a pragmatic and practical basis.

These are a few general directions which we must bear in mind while developing our economy. "Swadeshi" and "Decentralization" are the two words which can briefly summarize the economic policy suitable for the present circumstances. Centralization and monopolization have been the order of the day for all these years, knowingly or unknowingly. The planners have become prisoners of a belief that only large-scale centralized industry is economic and hence without worrying about its ill-effects, or knowingly but helplessly, they have continued in that direction. The same has been the fate of "Swadeshi". The concept of "Swadeshi" is ridiculed as old fashioned and reactionary. We proudly use foreign articles. We have grown over dependent upon foreign aid in everything from thinking, management, capital, methods of production, technology, etc. to even the standards and forms of consumption. This is not the road to progress and development. We shall forget our individuality and become virtual slaves once again. The positive content of "Swadeshi" should be

"INTEGRAL HUMANISM"

-PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA



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used as the cornerstone of reconstruction of our economy.

For want of time, I have not touched the natural aspects of economic structure. But one thing is clear that many old institutions will yield place to new ones. This will adversely affect those who have vested interests in the old institutions. Some others who are by nature averse to change will also suffer by efforts of reconstruction. But disease must be treated with medicine. Strength can be gained only from exercise and hard work. Therefore, we still have to discard the status-quo mentality and usher in a new era. Indeed our efforts at reconstruction need not be clouded by prejudice or disregard for all that is inherited from our past. On the other hand, there is no need to cling to past institutions and traditions which have outlived their utility. We have considered what the direction of change should be.

We have in the last four days thought over the integrated form of Humanism. On the basis we shall be able to reconcile nationalism, democracy, socialism and world peace with the traditional values of Bharatiya Culture and think of all these ideals in an integrated form. The mutual conflict among these ideals can be removed and they can supplement mutually. Thereby the "Man can gain his lost status and attain the aims of his life".

We have here discussed the philosophy. But the members of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh are not mere philosophers or academicians. We have set out with the determination to make this nation strong, happy and prosperous through the medium of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. Therefore, we must carry on practical programs for the nationalist reconstruction on this foundation. We have taken due note of our ancient culture. But we are no archaeologists. We have to intention of becoming the custodians of a vast archaeological museum. Our goal is not merely to protect the culture but to revitalize it so as to make it

dynamic and in tune with the times. We must ensure that our nation stands firm on this foundation and our society is enabled to live a healthy, progressive and purposeful life. We shall have to end a number of traditions and set in reforms which are helpful in the development of values and of national unity in our society. We shall remove those traditions which obstruct this process. Whereas one need not mourn the limitations of the human body, one must undergo the required social operation if any part of the body has cancerous growth. There is no need to amputee healthy limbs. If today, the society is gripped with evils like untouchability which lead men to treat other human beings as lower than themselves and thereby threaten the national unity, we shall have to end such evils.

We shall be required to produce such institutions as will kindle the spirit of action in us, which will replace the self-centredness and selfishness by a desire to serve the nation, which will produce not

only sympathy towards our brethren, but a sense of affection and oneness with them. Such institutions can truly reflect our 'Chiti'.

'Chiti' is a nation's soul. The strength and energy activating the nation is called "Virat" and channelled by 'Chiti'. The place of 'Virat' in the life of nation is similar to that of Prana in the body. Just as 'Prana' infuses strength in various organs of the body, refreshes the intellect and keeps body and soul together; so also in a nation, with a strong 'Virat' alone can democracy succeed and the government be effective. Then the diversity of our nation does not prove an obstacle to our national unity. The difference of languages, occupations, etc. are present everywhere. However, when the

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'Virat' is awake, diversity does not lead to conflicts and people co-operates with each other like the various limbs of the human body or like the members of a family.

We have to undertake the task of awakening our nation's 'Virat'. Let us go forward in this task with a sense of pride for our heritage, with a realistic

assessment of the present and a great ambition for the future. We wish neither to make this country a shadow of some distant past nor an imitation of Russia or America.

With the support of universal knowledge and our heritage, we shall create a Bharat which will excel all its past glories, and will enable every citizen in its fold to steadily progress in the development of his manifold latent possibilities and to achieve through a sense of unity with the entire creation, a state even higher than that of a complete human being; to become Narayan from 'Nar'. This is the external divine from of our culture. This is our message to humanity to cross roads. May God give us strength to succeed in this task.

! BHARAT MATA KI JAI ! ■

(Excerpts of the Speech delivered on "Integral Humanism" in Bombay on April 22nd - 25th, 1965 by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya in the form of four lectures.)

DEENDAYALJI'S INTEGRAL-ISM IS FLOWERING OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS INTO UNIVERSAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was the first political leader of the country who added yet another dimension to the traditionally defined 'nation'-concept. Every nation has its soul, its 'Chiti' he declared. The strength and energy activating the nation is its 'Virat'. It is channelised by 'Chiti'. The place of 'Virat' in the life of a nation is similar to that of 'Prana' in the body. Just as 'Prana' infuses strength in various organs of the body, refreshes the intellect, and keeps body and soul together, so also in a nation, with a strong 'Virat' alone can democracy succeed and the government be effective.

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PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA was a nationalist to the core. He loved not only the abstract concept of "Nation" but also the nation in flesh and blood. But his patriotism did not prevent him from being an internationalist. Rather internationalism was only the natural evolution of his enlightened nationalism. He had realised that affinity of an individual with different organisms, ranging from family to the Universe, was only an outward manifestation of the evolution of his consciousness. The more developed the consciousness, the larger and higher would be the organism with which one is identified. But this being a process of evolution, the higher level of consciousness does not preclude the previous lower levels. It is inclusive, not exclusive, in character. One can be equally and simultaneously attached to all the organisms without doing injustice to any one of them. What

is needed is a realistic, an integral view of things.

Even a human being must be considered in an integrated way; the body, mind, intelligence and soul of a person must not be thought of separately.

This realisation led Deendayalji to expound his theory of "Integral Humanism", which is in direct contrast with the compartmentalised thinking of the West. The latter has given rise to strife and struggle at all levels in all departments of life. The seed, the sprout, the trunk, the branch, the leaves and the fruit constitute one single, continuous process of evolution. They are not mutually conflicting or exclusive.

Infact, Panditji's comprehension was not confined to the human species. His integral-ism indicated the flowering of the human consciousness into universal consciousness. That is why he was a humanist without being homocentric. Consequently he thought that the more appropriate term for his thought-system would be "Integralism". But in view of his field of practical activity he considered the term "Integral Humanism" more convenient in the immediate context, as a

compromise between his ultimate concept and the common level of understanding in the field, even as his use of the term 'ism' was, again, a similar concession to the common level of understanding which could not comprehend the grand 'ism'-lessness of the eternal Dharma.

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`mankind needed most was a Dharma-Rajya, not merely a rule by majority. He took pains to explain how Dharma was different from Religion and Dharma Rajya from theocracy. But Dharma alone is supreme. State is one of the several institutions or instruments of Dharma an important one, but not above Dharma. It is subject to Dharma. Sovereignty vests in Dharma. Dharma sustains the Nation. Even the Constitution Must be in tune with Dharma.

culture. Is it possible for the West to reconcile individual liberty with social discipline? In the materialistic West, liberty soon degenerates into licentiousness, and discipline into regimentation. The West could never conceive of basic organic unity in the midst of apparent diversities, for it mistook uniformity for unity. It could never appreciate the merit of the Bharatiya socio-economic order, for it mistook our stability for stagnation and its own adventurism

humanism' expounded by Panditji has exposed the inadequacies, lopsidedness, imbalance and futility of the compartmentalised thought-systems of the West. His integralism-enabled him to visualise the emergence of a World State enriched by the growth and contribution of different national cultures, and evolution of 'Manava Dharma' enriched by the perfection of all religions, including 'materialism'.

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It has been said that people without a vision perish. A nation without its 'Drashta' is doomed to decay and death. But our Dharma is Sanatana, i.e. endless as well as beginningless. It has, therefore, been the sacred mission of Bharat Mata to give birth, in every age, to Drashtas who deliver a message of hope to the otherwise frustrated mankind pursuing false ideals. In this age, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya has been the precious gift of this Dharma Bhumi to the bewildered.

(The article by Late D. B. Thendi was published in Manthan in 1979.) ■

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The Articles of the Constitution violating Dharma must be considered null and void to that extent. Both the Legislature and the Judiciary are on an equal plane. Neither is superior to the other. Dharma is higher than both; both are governed by Dharma. The people have a right to elect their own government. But neither the government nor the people have any right to act against Dharma.

Panditji was a votary of 'Bharatiyata' not only because it was his national heritage. He was convinced that the maladies of humanity in general and India in particular could be remedied only on the strength of Bharatiya

for dynamism. Western thinkers could not conceive of a unitary form of government with maximum decentralisation of administrative authority, because it is beyond their comprehension that there can be set up a central state authority without statism, and with regional, industrial and civic self-governments — which has been the special characteristic, of the Bharatiya social order. The West considered national self-reliance incompatible with the spirit of international co-operation. In the West, nationalism can degenerate, into imperialism and inter-nationalism into disloyalty to one's own nation. The 'integral



PM INAUGURATES 25TH NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL
IN PUDUCHERRY

GOVT MOVING AHEAD WITH IDEA OF 'MAKE IN INDIA, MAKE FOR WORLD'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 25th National Youth Festival in Puducherry, via video conferencing on January 12, 2022. Being the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, this day is observed as National Youth Day. During the event, the Prime Minister unveiled selected essays on “Mere Sapno ka Bharat” and “Unsung Heroes of Indian Freedom Movement”. These essays have been selected from submissions by over 1 lakh youth on the two themes.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated a Technology Centre of the MSME Ministry, established at Puducherry with an investment of about Rs. 122 crore. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam - an auditorium with an open-air theatre, constructed by the Government of Puducherry at a cost of about Rs 23 crores.

Union Ministers Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Shri Narayan Rane, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma and Shri Nisith Pramanik, Chief Minister of Puducherry Shri N. Rangaswamy, State Ministers and Parliamentarians were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Modi greeted the nation on National Youth Day. Bowing to Swami Vivekananda, the Prime Minister said his birth anniversary in this year of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is all the more inspiring. The Prime Minister noted the added significance of this year as the celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo and also the 100th death anniversary of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathi is falling in the same year. “Both these sages have a special relationship with Puducherry. Both have been partners in each other’s literary and spiritual

journey”, the Prime Minister said.

Commenting on the young profile of the ancient country, the Prime Minister said today, the world looks at India with hope and faith. Because, India’s demography is young, and the mind of India is also young. There is youth in India’s potential, and in its dreams. India is young in its thoughts as well as in its consciousness. India’s thinking and philosophy have always accepted change and there is modernity in its antiquity, he said.

The Prime Minister said that the youth of the country

The Prime Minister lauded that today, India’s youths are writing the code of global prosperity. The Indian youth is a force to be reckoned with in the unicorn ecosystem all over the world. India today has a strong ecosystem of over 50,000 startups.

have always come forward in times of need. Whenever the national consciousness gets divided, youth like Shankar come and stitch the country in the thread of unity as Aadi Shankracharya. In times of tyranny, sacrifices of youth like the Sahibjaade of Guru Gobind Singh Ji guide us even today. When India needed sacrifice for its freedom, young revolutionaries like Bhagat Singh,

Chandrashekhra Azad and Netaji Subhas came forward to dedicate their lives to the country. Whenever the country needs spiritual regeneration, sages like Aurobindo and Subramnayan Bharathi come to the scene, the Prime Minister added.

PM Shri Modi said the youth of India have democratic values along with the demographic dividend, their democratic dividend is also incomparable. India considers its youth as a demographic dividend as well as a development driver, he emphasised. The Prime Minister stressed that today, if the youth of India has the charm of technology, then there is also the consciousness of democracy. Today, if the youth of India has the ability for hard work, then there is also clarity about the future. That is why what India says today, the world considers it to be the voice of tomorrow. ■

'STARTUPS "BACKBONE" OF NEW INDIA'

PM DECLARES JANUARY 16 AS 'NATIONAL STARTUP DAY'

The country will celebrate January 16 as National Startup Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi told a virtual gathering of over 150 entrepreneurs on January 15 as he termed startups as the “backbone” of new India and the engine that will power the nation's economic growth in the run up to the 100th year of Independence.

The current decade, Shri Modi said, is being referred to as the “techade” of India and his government will usher in massive changes to strengthen innovation, entrepreneurship and the startup ecosystem.

“The first is to liberate entrepreneurship and innovation from the web of government processes, bureaucratic silos. Second, is creating an institutional mechanism to promote innovation. And third, is handholding young innovators and young enterprises,” the Prime Minister said at the event, a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Pointing out that the number of startups in India had grown to over 60,000 from less than 500 just five years ago, he said these ventures are working across nearly 55 industry sectors and are “changing the rules of the game.” “I believe the golden era of India's startups is starting now,” the Prime Minister said as the country is “rapidly moving towards hitting a century of unicorns,” which are the hallmark of self-reliant and self-confident India.

Noting that 42 unicorns—startups valued at over \$ 1 billion-- came up in India last year, the Prime Minister said this is stoking an exponential rise in innovation. In 2021, India granted 28,000 patents compared to 4,000 in 2013-14, while 2.5 lakh trademarks were registered in 2020-21 compared to 70,000 in 2013-14, a government statement revealed.

Meanwhile, the country's ranking in the GlobalInnovation Index has moved to 46 from 81.

Unicorns and startups are messengers of India's diversity, a keystone of the country's global identity, according to Modi who exhorted startup founders to not “keep your dreams local, make



them global. Remember this mantra- let's Innovate for India, innovate from India.”

Founders provide inputs Startups invited to the gathering were divided into six working groups, with two founders from each cohort, making presentations to the PM on the chosen themes - Growing from Roots; Nudging the DNA; From Local to Global; Technology of Future; Building Champions in Manufacturing; and Sustainable Development.

Seeking faster approval on policy matters from the government topped the day's agenda, according to entrepreneurs who participated in the interactive session. In addition, the startups shared ideas and provided inputs on a range of issues from building a robust data collection mechanism for the agriculture sector and making India a preferred agri-business hub to boosting healthcare through use of technology, tackling issues of mental health and promoting travel and tourism through innovations like virtual tours.

The event also marks the sixth anniversary of the launch of the 'Startup India' initiative. Expanding reach of startups Pointing out that there is at least “one startup in each of the 625 districts of the country and more than half of the startups are from tier 2 and tier 3 cities,” the PM said these ventures are “converting ideas from ordinary poor families into businesses and lakhs of young Indians are (gaining employment.” In July 2021, the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) had recognised 52,732 Indian startups. ■

BJP's POLITICAL JOURNEY IN UTTAR PRADESH: AN INSIGHT (PART 1)



RAM PRASAD TRIPATHY

With the announcement of election dates by the Election Commission of India (ECI) on 08 January 2022, the stage has been set for the high-stake 2022 electoral battle in Uttar Pradesh. The announcement of poll schedule has surcharged the political heat in all election bound states of the country, including Uttar Pradesh.

According to the announcements by the ECI, Uttar Pradesh with a total of 403 assembly seats will vote in seven phases, starting February 10 through March 07, 2022. The second phase of UP elections will be held on February 14th, third phase on February 20th, fourth phase on February 23, 5th phase on February 27, 6th phase on March 03, and the 7th and last phase will be conducted on March 07. Voting will take place in 58 assembly constituencies in the first phase, 55 seats in the second phase, 59 seats in the third phase, 60 seats in the fourth phase, 60 seats in the fifth phase, 57 seats in the sixth phase, and the remaining 54 seats in the last and seventh phase on March 07. The counting of votes and declaration of results is scheduled to take place on March 10.

As per the existing political equations in the state, the BJP led NDA, will fight the election battle with its alliance partners - the Apna Dal and the Nishad party, while the opposition Samajwadi Party has announced a tie-up with Shivpal Yadav's PSP (L), Mahan Dal, OP Rajbhar-led SBSP, RLD, and the Apna Dal faction of Krishna Patel. However, the Congress, BSP, AIMIM, and AAP are going solo in the assembly polls.

The BJP has welcomed the announcement of elections for the state assembly and has launched an aggressive election campaign seeking a verdict for a straight second term based on its stupendous achievements and improved governance delivered over the last five years, notwithstanding the damaging global impact of COVID-19. BJP is not leaving any stone unturned to return to power with an overwhelming

majority, that no Party has achieved in recent decades. The party has already released its candidates list for Phase 1 and 2 polls. The first list of 105 candidates also includes Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Deputy CM KP Maurya. The party has fielded CM Yogi Adityanath from his bastion- Gorakhpur while Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya will fight from the Sirathu seat in Prayagraj.

HISTORIC BJP VICTORY IN 2017

In 2017 assembly elections, the BJP stunned its critics by scripting a historic victory in the state - winning 312 assembly seats with a vote share of nearly 40 per cent. This was BJP's best ever performance in Uttar Pradesh since it got into the electoral fray in the state

BJP's performance in UP assembly polls



in 1980. In 2017, the party not only won the maximum number of seats but also registered its best-ever vote share and the best strike rate in the state. If we look back, the election data shows that the party got 11 seats and 10.76% votes in 1980, 16 seats and 9.83% votes in 1985, 57 seats and 11.61% votes in 1989, 221 seats and 31.45% votes in 1991, 177 seats and 33.3% votes in 1993, 174 seats and 32.52% votes in 1996, 88 seats and 20.09% votes in 2002, 51 seats and 16.97% votes in 2007, 47 seats and 15% votes in 2012, and 312 seats and 39.67% votes in 2017 assembly elections respectively.

BJP's vote share in UP assembly polls

The values are in percentage



The hallmark of the 2017 assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh was the number of seats the BJP gained and also the huge loss of seats for the Samajwadi Party (SP), which was ruling the state from 2012. While the BJP gained 272 seats, the Samajwadi Party lost 188 seats. The BSP and the Congress were the other major losers in the electoral battle of 2017. The 2017 elections in Uttar Pradesh put the BJP on the top in the run up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The BJP won 62 Lok Sabha seats in the state helping the party secure a huge victory in the 2019 national elections.

'BHARATIYA JANA SANGH' DAYS

The political journey of the BJP in Uttar Pradesh from its early days as Bharatiya Jana Sangh to becoming the largest political party in the state is quite thrilling. The Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS), the predecessor of the BJP, emerged as one of the main opposition parties in the 1960s and 70s in Uttar Pradesh. Throughout the 1960s, the Bharatiya Jana Sangh maintained a vote share of 16-17%. During this time the Jana Sangh was busy preparing its support base across the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh. Several prominent leaders worked on the ground in Uttar Pradesh to increase support for the party. In the 1962 assembly elections, Jana Sangh fielded 397 candidates in the 424-seat assembly. In the next elections, 377 candidates contested the elections. On both occasions, the party won 49 seats.

SAMYUKTA VIDHAYAK DAL (SVD) GOVERNMENT

In the 1967 elections, the Congress tally fell to 199— short of majority in the 425-seat Assembly and the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, won 98. Kisan leader Chaudhary Charan Singh won the Chhaproli seat

by over 52,000 votes and broke with the Congress to form his Bharatiya Kranti Dal (BKD). He was backed by socialists Ram Manohar Lohia and Raj Narain, and Jana Sangh's Nanaji Deshmukh— and was, in April 1967, sworn in as Chief Minister at the head of the Samyukta Vidhayak Dal (SVD), a coalition ranging from CPI (M) on the left to Bharatiya Jana Sangh, with the Republican Party of India, Swatantra Party, Praja Socialist Party and 22 Independents in between. This was BJS's first taste of power in Uttar Pradesh.

In February 1968, Charan Singh resigned and recommended dissolution of the assembly.

After a year of Central Rule, elections were held in 1969. The Bharatiya Kranti Dal (BKD) won 98 seats and Jana Sangh, 49. Congress won 211 in the 425-member House. The Congress still remained short of a majority by 2 seats but Chandra Bhanu Gupta of Congress returned as Chief Minister.

PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY

In the next eight years till 1977, Uttar Pradesh saw four stints of President's Rule and six Chief Ministers including Charan Singh, who stayed in the office for little over nine months.

THE JANATA PARTY EXPERIMENT

Following the withdrawal of the Emergency in 1977, several opposition parties, including the BJS, merged under the banner of the Janata Party to contest the Lok Sabha elections. After the Janata Party won the 1977 Lok Sabha election, Morarji Desai's government sacked Congress state governments, including ND Tiwari's government in UP.

In the 1977 Uttar Pradesh elections that took place in June after a spell of President's Rule, Jana Sangh joined hands with the Janata Party which won 352 of the 425 seats. The Jana Sangh, as part of the Janata Party, participated in Ram Naresh Yadav's June 1977 to February 1979 government and BJS leaders Shri Kalyan Singh became Health Minister and Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi was in charge of Institutional Finance.

In February 1980, soon after coming back to power at the centre, Smt. Indira Gandhi sacked the Janata Party government in Uttar Pradesh.

To be continued

BJP GOVERNMENT IN UTTARAKHAND HAS ENSURED DEVELOPMENT ON ALL FRONTS: DUSHYANT GAUTAM

The Assembly election campaign is in full swing in Uttarakhand. Polling is to be held on February 14 for 70 assembly seats. In this regard **Sanjeev Kumar Sinha**, Associate Editor of Kamal Sandesh and Digital Media Member **Vipul Sharma** spoke to BJP National General Secretary and Uttarakhand State BJP in-charge **Shri Dushyant Gautam** at his New Delhi residence. Shri Gautam said that development has taken place on all fronts under the BJP government in Uttarakhand. In his statement, he threw light on the development work done by the state government in various sectors including education, health, employment, tourism and agriculture. He said that the BJP is a political organization working continuously for the people. Whereas, Congress is visible only at the time of elections. The BJP will emerge victorious in Uttarakhand with a huge majority and our resolve of 'Abki Baar 60 Ke Paar, Phir Se BJP Sarkar' will come true. Here are the highlights of the conversation:



What are the preparations and plans of the BJP for the upcoming assembly elections in Uttarakhand?

The Bharatiya Janata Party is one such political party that never specifically prepares for elections. We continuously work with self-less service. Since the time of Jana Sangh and till now, we have been working towards the goal of service to the nation and social service. Whenever a disaster strikes, it is our resolve to help the needy people. At present, in the Corona era, we are active through campaigns like 'Seva hi Sangathan' and "Seva aur Sapparpan". That's why, even though we are in politics, we do not have to do any special preparation for elections. We prepare as much as the child has to work more during the exams. It is a privilege that we have a leader like Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who keeps giving us direction and keeps awakening us with his experience, determination, and dedication.

What are the major achievements of the BJP government in Uttarakhand?

Development has taken place on all fronts under

the BJP government in Uttarakhand. Many important steps have been taken for women's empowerment. Our sisters should get equal rights, so they were given property rights. Our mothers and sisters used to go out and cut the grass, which caused them to become prey to animals. Today, we are giving them grass at a cheap rate. We have done the work of protecting them from smoke by giving them gas connections. We have upheld the dignity of women by providing them with toilets.

The Ayushman card is distributed to people below the poverty line in the whole country. However, in Uttarakhand, the government has promised to give Ayushman cards to everyone. In the state, every child has been vaccinated. Along with free vaccination, we have increased the budget this time. We have installed 100% oxygen plants everywhere. Its level has increased. We are developing Rishikesh as a medical hub. There is no district in the state that does not have a hospital. We have increased the number of doctors. The amount of medical intern assistance, which used to be seven and a half thousand rupees, has been increased to seventeen and a half thousand

rupees.

Uttarakhand is Devbhumi. An arrangement has been made for Char Dham All Weather Road. People from almost every family in Uttarakhand join the army. Today, another Dham has been added there due to the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Sainik Dham will be considered the fifth Dham. We have constructed rest houses for soldiers. And above that, the son of a soldier is the Chief Minister of the state today.

We have formulated a new tourism policy. Tourism has been given industry status. The Chandidevi and Surkandadevi temples were further developed. A Mussoorie ropeway has been constructed. Work has been done to make it suitable for films.

We have arranged for tap and clean water for the people. A house has been arranged for those who do not have a roof. Talking about the agriculture budget, the maximum budget has been kept for the farmers there. People are now protected from wild animals. We have promised to give benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana.

For the youth, we have provided opportunities in new government jobs. Recently, 24 thousand jobs have been called in various departments. Through Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, we are giving loans without guarantee. Veer Chandra Garhwali scheme has been started for self-employment. A new startup policy has been launched. What is the benefit of the double engine government? It shows that we are building rail inside the mountains. We are working to reduce the road travel time from a five-hour journey to one hour.

We have opened new colleges to enhance the quality of education. Internet facility is provided in the schools, introducing Udaymann Chatra Yojna. Atal Utkarsh Vidyalaya has been opened. We are providing a free Wi-Fi facility in universities. The Mid-Day Meal Scheme has been implemented while enhancing the quality.

Along with this, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Namami Gange Yojana, Udaan Yojana, Uttarakhand State Rural Livelihood, Watershed Development Program, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Deendayal Upadhyaya Rural Skill Development Scheme, Ownership Scheme, cattle breed improvement, labour industry, and fisheries were

introduced, and by giving concrete shape to many such schemes, the BJP government has ensured the all-round development of Uttarakhand. So, today we can confidently say that we have made a place in the hearts of the people.

What is the difference between the previous Congress government and the present BJP government?

The biggest difference is that the dream of the Uttarakhand state was realised by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji. The BJP government of the state has made its place in everyone's mind. Today, wherever you go in the state, you will not see anything against the BJP government. All the positive vibes are visible there. The Congress has accepted that under its rule when they used to send Rs 100, only Rs 15 would reach the people and 85 percent of the money went missing. While we have opened the accounts of the people, government funds are sent directly to their accounts. We use government money with transparency.

In the earlier governments, the common practice was to give something to this caste, give something to the people of this religion. But we have worked with the view that every person should get the benefit of government schemes. We are working with the motto 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'.

Do you believe the Congress, with its false promises can challenge the BJP in Uttarakhand?

The Congress has nothing to say against the BJP government. We ask why the opposition has never been able to launch any movement against us in four and a half years. They have been coming out of their caves in the last two or three months due to the elections in the state. In this situation, how will the public accept them?

On the other hand, the BJP takes its work to the public every year through the "Ek Saal Bemisal" programme and asks the public for their suggestions. Then we keep on improving ourselves continuously. The opposition appears scattered in the state. In Uttarakhand, the Bharatiya Janata Party is winning with a huge majority. This time – 'Abki Baar 60 Ke Paar, Phir Se BJP Sarkar'. ■



BY VIKASH ANAND

INDIA UNDER PM MODI LEADING GLOBALLY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

LEADER OF THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE MOVEMENT

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made his intervention at the World Economic Forum's Davos agenda. Speaking of the challenges the world is facing today, the Prime Minister stressed the importance of working on seeking solutions collectively. World Economic Forum commended Prime Minister Shri Modi's effort to tackle global challenges like climate change. Appreciating Prime Minister Modi, WEF Executive Director Klaus Schwab said that India is at the forefront of thriving global action against climate change by leading global movements such as the International Solar Alliance. Shri Modi's initiative of 'panchamrit' at national level to deal with the climate challenges also got appreciation from the World Economic Forum. At the COP26 meeting, he had announced the five key commitments as panchamrit (five nectars) to achieve net zero emissions by 2070. The five nectars include increasing the country's non-fossil fuel based energy capacity to 500 GW by 2030, reducing total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes by 2030, reducing carbon intensity to less than 45% by 2030, becoming carbon neutral, and achieving

net zero emissions by 2070. The twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-21) on climate change was held in 2015 in Paris, France. In that session, India had made a commitment to achieve 40% of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil energy sources by 2030. But under Shri Modi's leadership and his pro-environment approach, the 40% target was achieved seven years before the set timing of 2030.

From the beginning, he has been very sensitive to environmental problems. As a Chief Minister, he had taken several landmark initiatives to fight against climate change

P-3 IDEA OF PM MODI

At WEF, Prime Minister Modi urged that all countries should embrace sustainable lifestyles through the Vision of One Earth, One Health. Under the vision, during COVID-19, the Modi-led Indian government has saved many lives by providing essential medicines and vaccines to many countries.

The Prime Minister underlined that our lifestyle is also a major challenge for the climate. He said "throw away" culture and consumerism have

made the climate challenge more serious. It is very important to rapidly shift today's "take-make-use-dispose" economy towards a circular economy. The idea of LIFE (lifestyle for the environment) was given by PM Shri Modi at COP26. He said at WEF that it is important to transform Mission LIFE into a global mass movement. He said that a public participation campaign like LIFE could be made into a big base for P-3 "Pro Planet People."

WHEN THE UN HONOURS PM MODI

Earlier, Shri Modi had received the highest honour of the United Nations' "Champions of the Earth Award". This award was given to Shri Modi for his actions in bringing a positive impact on the environment. PM Modi got this award jointly with France's President, Shri Emmanuel Macron, for their pioneering work in championing the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and promoting new areas of cooperation, including Macron's work on the Global Pact for the Environment and Modi's unprecedented pledge to eliminate all single-use plastic in India by 2022. The United Nations proclaimed that the initiative of ISA is Modi's most ambitious move. ISA is an inter-governmental organisation

promoting clean energy by tapping the benefits of solar power. The initiative taken by Modi during the COP21 meeting (United Climate Conference) has now 121 members. Most of the members are from sunny countries. He envisages achieving the vision of "One World, One Sun, One Grid" through ISA. He hopes that in the future, ISA will play the same role that the oil cartel OPEC does today.

The "Champions of the Earth Award" also recognised Modi's unprecedented and ambitious pledge to eliminate all single-

use plastic from the country by 2022. However, the pledge was recognised in 2018 when the average per capita consumption of plastic in India was 11 kg, as against the global average of 28 kg.

FROM GREEN CRUSADER TO GLOBAL LEADER

From the beginning, he has been very sensitive to environmental problems. As a Chief Minister, he had taken several landmark initiatives to fight against climate change. He has penned a book titled "Convenient Action: Gujarat's

Response to the Challenges of Climate Change" on his policy experience to conserve the environment. At that time, after the publication of this book, Shri Modi's name was registered as the second politician in the world, after former US Vice-President Al Gore, to author a book on climate change. The media termed him then a "green crusader". His journey from a green crusader to a global leader in the fight against climate change has earned him numerous accolades from multilateral world forums for his tireless efforts to save the planet. ■



PM MODI TOPS LIST OF MOST POPULAR WORLD LEADERS WITH 71 PC RATING

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as per ANI report, has topped the global rating amongst world leaders with an approval rating of 71 per cent. On the list of the 13 world leaders, US president Joe Biden is ranked at number six with a 43 per cent rating. Biden is followed by Canadian President Justin Trudeau also at 43 per cent and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison at 41 per cent.

Even in November 2021, Prime Minister Modi had topped the list of the most popular world leaders.

Morning Consult

Political Intelligence is currently tracking the approval ratings of government leaders and country trajectories in Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

"The latest approval ratings are based on data collected from January 13-19, 2022. Approval ratings are based on a seven-day moving average of adult residents in each country, with sample sizes varying by country," Morning Consult said on its website. ■

DOUBLE ENGINE BJP GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL STABILITY IN UTTARAKHAND



VIPUL SHARMA

The dates for the upcoming Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly elections are already announced by the Election Commission of India. As per Election Commission's announcement, the voting for the 70 constituencies in Uttarakhand Assembly will be held in single phase on 14 February 2022 and results will announce on 10 March 2022. Uttarakhand holds great significance for BJP as the party played a very crucial role in formation of the state.

Uttarakhand was created as a separate state after being carved out of Uttar Pradesh in 2000, the demand for its statehood is said to have first raised as early as in 1938. However, the movement could gain momentum much later when the Uttarakhand Kranti Dal (UKD) was founded in Mussoorie with the objective of ensuring the formation of a separate hill state. And BJP too formed Uttaranchal Sanyukt Sangharsh Samiti in 1989 for demanding a separate statehood for the hill region. Former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government sent the "Uttaranchal Bill" to the UP government following which the legislation was passed with 26 amendments by the UP Assembly. After this bill was passed by Parliament and approved by the President of India, the new state came into existence on November 9, 2000 as the 27th state of India. And BJP leader Shri Nityanand Swami was appointed as first Chief Minister of the state.

In previous assembly elections in 2017 BJP had won Uttarakhand assembly elections with a massive win, securing over 46 percent vote share. The party put up a strong performance in the state polls and won 57 seats in the 70-member Assembly while Congress secured only 11 seats and other parties got only two seats. The then Congress Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Shri Harish Rawat had lost from both Hardwar Rural and Kichha assembly seats from where he

contested in the BJP massive wave. As per the Election Commission data, BJP had a vote share of 46.5 per cent and Congress had 33.5 vote share in 2017 Assembly elections.

The previous congress led government were involved in infightings and corruption during their tenure, the development of the state was ignored and it was not able to give even a stable government. Despite being a border state many defence-related needs were ignored. Along with connectivity, every aspect of national security was ignored by congress government in the state. In 2012 assembly election congress managed to form government in state and Shri Vijay Bahuguna became the CM in March 2012, but could not last long in his post. He had to resign in January 2014 amid alleged poor handling of the devastating 2013 Kedarnath floods and the aftermath of

Party	Seats	Vote Percentage
BJP	57	46.5%
Congress	11	33.5%
Independent	2	10.0%

the disaster. Then Shri Harish Rawat took oath as the CM on February 1, 2014, but was hampered by the continued party infighting. In March 2016, 9 Congress MLAs, including Vijay Bahuguna, rebelled against Rawat's leadership. Subsequently, the state was put under the President's rule. While Shri Rawat managed to return to power after winning the floor test later that summer, the damage was done. In the 2017 Assembly elections, the Congress suffered a debacle, winning only 11 seats. And BJP stormed to power, bagging 57 seats.

In the last 5 years the BJP led double engine government successfully implemented various central and state schemes under the great vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and how youthful leadership of Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama. During the tenure of the BJP Government in the state, 2, 671 km construction of new roads project were completed, 2, 975 km re-construction of roads and construction of 243 bridges have also been completed. The construction

of 618 km new roads, 871 km reconstruction and 68 bridges have been completed in rural areas.

The state got its first-ever helicopter services from Dehradun's Sahastradhara to Gauchar, and Chinyalisaur under the Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) of the Government of India.

Apart from this the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor will be built at a cost of around Rs 8300 crore. It will significantly reduce the travel time from Delhi to Dehradun from six hours to around 2.5 hours. The Corridor will also have arrangements for rainwater harvesting at intervals of 500 m and over 400 water recharge points. The Greenfield alignment project from Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor, connecting Halgoa, Saharanpur to Bhadrabad, Haridwar will be constructed at a cost of over Rs 2000 crore. The Haridwar Ring Road Project from Manoharpur to Kangri, to be built at a cost of over Rs 1600 crore, will give relief to residents from traffic congestion in Haridwar city. The Dehradun - Paonta Sahib (Himachal Pradesh) road project, to be constructed at a cost of around Rs 1700 crore. The Najibabad-Kotdwar road widening project will reduce travel time and also improve connectivity to Lansdowne.

The dream project of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi 'All - Weather Char Dham Road' is about to complete which shall connect Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath, and Kedarnath, the four holy destinations with an estimated cost of Rs.12,000 crores. Also state government is constructing a 340 m long tunnel near Dat Kaali temple, Dehradun which will help reduce the impact on wildlife.

The state has administered 1st dose of the vaccine to 100% population in October 2021 and 2nd dose to the over 67.96 lakh population. And a total of 6.62 Lakh children were provided food security allowance during the Covid-19 epidemic in the schools of the State.

Improving the health in infrastructure the state now has 780 ICUs Beds, 690 ventilators, 3,343 oxygen support beds, and 31,315 Isolation beds. The State budget of FY 2021-22 has allocated Rs.3319 Crore 63 Lakh for health and family welfare. Also, Rs. 6250 for the construction of new hospitals. Apart from this Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened on the 187

Locations or blocks of the state to make available quality generic medicine at affordable prices.

Under the SAUBHAGYA Yojna of GoI, the Uttarakhand is 100% fully electrified. A project of 276 MW has been established in the State through solar energy policy. The 120 MW Vyasi Hydroelectric Project, built over River Yamuna at a cost of over Rs 1700 crore also inaugurated, along with a Himalayan Culture Center at Dehradun.

And Under "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" a total of 3,57,696 gas connections have been released in the state of Uttarakhand. Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Nidhi, Yojana, around 9.03 lakh farmers of the state are getting Rs. 6000 per year and till now Rs. 1212.09 Crore has been transferred directly to the farmer's account.

The BJP Government in the State worked towards providing market facilities to the farmers which results in activating 26 Principal Markets, 34 Sub-Yard, and 29 weekly markets are operative. The central government has also launched the 'Jaivik Kheti' portal in 2018 for the promotion and sale of organic produce and as of Dec 2021, a total of 190,428 farmers from Uttarakhand have been registered at the portal.

Recently, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 23 projects worth over Rs 17500 crore in Uttarakhand. He laid the foundation stone of the Lakhwar Multipurpose Project which was first conceived in 1976 and was pending for many years. He inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of Rs 8700 crore road sector projects. These road projects would realise PM's vision to improve connectivity in remote, rural and border areas. All these initiatives shows the resolve of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the hilly state.

It seems, the electorate of the state is wholeheartedly supporting the BJP double engine government this time to expedite the ongoing development works and for the welfare of the poor in the state. The common people also know that BJP is the only party which is committed to make Uttarakhand one of the fastest emerging states in the country. Therefore, it is expected that BJP is heading for a thumping victory in the upcoming assembly elections and form a stable government which focuses on the all-round development of the state. ■

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PM INAUGURATES NEW CIRCUIT HOUSE IN SOMNATH

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 21 January inaugurated the new Circuit House in Somnath, Gujarat via video conferencing. Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, state ministers, Members of Parliament, Temple Trust members were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister congratulated the Government of Gujarat, the Somnath Temple Trust and devotees for the inauguration of Somnath Circuit House. He pointed out that in the peak and the top of the temple the devotees will feel the consciousness of India standing proud despite the ravages of time. Dwelling on the challenging journey of the Indian Civilization and circumstances

of hundreds of years of slavery, the Prime Minister remarked that the circumstances in which Somnath temple was destroyed, and the circumstances in which the temple was renovated by the efforts of Sardar Patel, both carry a big message. "Today, when in the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, we wish to learn from our past, places of culture and faith like Somnath are in the centre of that", the Prime Minister pointed out.

The Prime Minister advised against taking a narrow interpretation of his call for 'vocal for local' and said that the call includes local tourism. He reiterated his request for visiting at least 15-20 places of India before embarking on any tourism abroad. ■

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PM Shri Narendra Modi delivers 'State of the World' special address at the World Economic Forum's Davos Agenda 2022 in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi meeting with CMs and Lt. Governors/ Administrators of States/UTs to review Public Health Preparedness to COVID-19 in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration of 11 new medical colleges and a new campus of Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) in Tamil Nadu



PM Shri Narendra Modi inaugurating the New Circuit House at Somnath in Gujarat, through video conferencing in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi and other dignitaries paid tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary at Parliament House in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacting with the DMs of various districts on the implementation of key government schemes in New Delhi



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UNPRECEDENTED RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION UNDER MODI GOVT

Electrification happened in

2020-21	6,015 route kilometer (highest ever)
2018-19	5,276 route kilometer

45,881 RKM (71% of total) out of broad-gauge electrified till March 31, 2021

34% of total rail electrification completed in last 3 years

Source: Govt of India

MODI GOVERNMENT ENSURING DRINKING WATER TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD

Water connections in rural households

As on 15 August 2019	3.8 crore (16.84%)
As on 16 January 2022	8.82 crore (45.82%)

Drinking water connections provided after implementation of scheme - 5.58 crore (29.01%)

The scheme targets to provide pure drinking water to every rural household by 2024

Data till January 16, 2022
 Source : Government of India

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