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**'IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF CONSTITUTION,
WE EMPOWERED SCs, STs, OBCs, WOMEN AND THE POOR'**



On the auspicious occasion of the Republic Day, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda hoisting the National Flag at BJP headquarters in New Delhi on 26 January 2025



Gujarat BJP led by Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel welcoming BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda at the 'Samvidhan Gaurav Abhiyan' in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 19 January 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda meeting the President of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam under 'Know BJP' initiative in New Delhi on 16 January 2025



BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda while launching the BJP 'Sankalp Patra' Part-I for Delhi Assembly Elections 2025 in New Delhi on 19 January 2025



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah receiving the greetings at the concluding session of Maharashtra BJP State Convention in Shirdi, on 12 January 2025



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh meditating after taking a holy dip in the Mahakumbh at the Tirthraj Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh on 18 January, 2025

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@Narendramodi

Congratulations to the Indian women's team on winning the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup! This historic victory is a result of their unparalleled skill, determination and teamwork. This triumph has brought more spotlight to one of India's oldest traditional sports, inspiring countless young athletes across the nation. May this achievement also pave the way for more youngsters to pursue this sport in the times to come. (19 January, 2025)



@JPNadda

Today (January 22) marks 10 years of the #BetiBachaoBetiPadhao yojana, a groundbreaking initiative that has redefined the future for daughters across India. This visionary initiative has placed the safety, education, and health of daughters at the forefront of national development. Hon. PM Shri @narendramodi ji's unwavering commitment to Nari Shakti has empowered millions, creating a more inclusive and equitable society where our daughters are not just participants but leaders in progress. (22 January, 2025)



@AmitShah

Another mighty blow to Naxalism. Our security forces achieved major success towards building a Naxal-free Bharat. The CRPF, SoG Odisha, and Chhattisgarh Police neutralised 14 Naxalites in a joint operation along the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border. With our resolve for a Naxal-free India and the joint efforts of our security forces, Naxalism is breathing its last today. (21 January, 2025)



@Rajnathsingh

India's constitution makers must have been aware of our great ancestors' thoughts and their deep respect for nature. That is why they gave a directive to the state to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forests and wildlife of the country. (22 January, 2025)



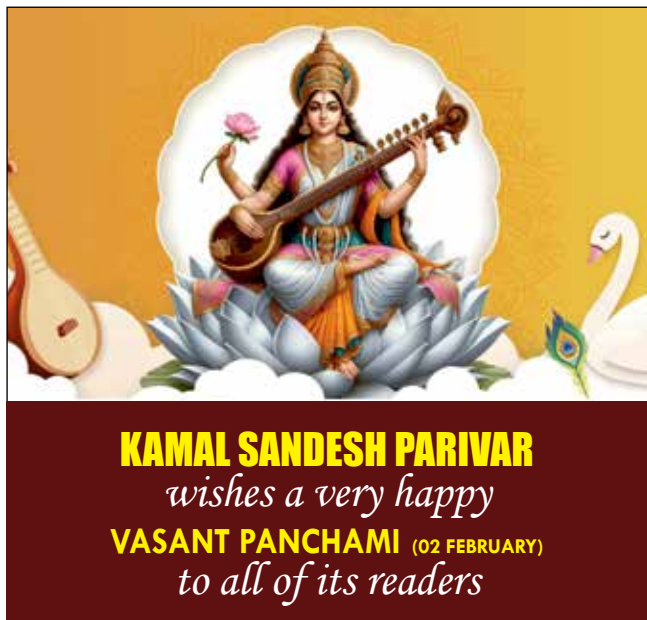
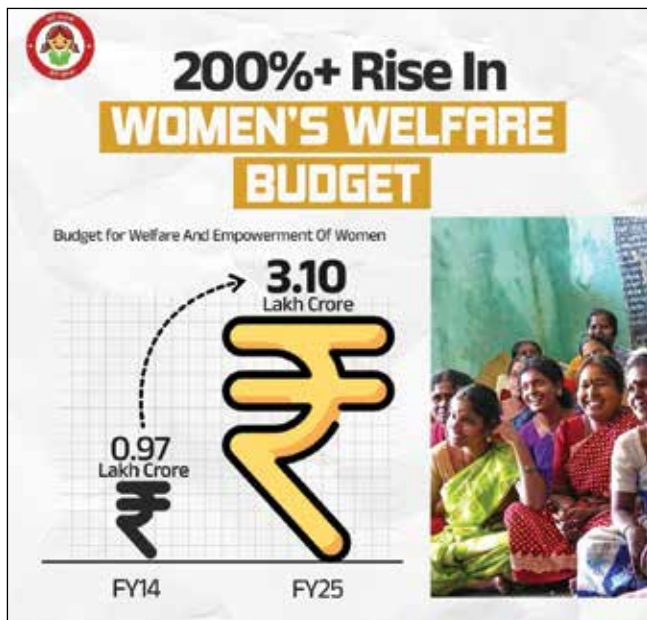
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33 District Presidents election completed by @BJP4TamilNadu . It's a blend of experience & new blood; old timers & youth; farmers, fishermen & start up entrepreneurs. This team will lead us in 2026 AE . Wishing the team the very best of luck. @annamalai_k @HRajaBJP @NainarBJP (19 January, 2025)



@Manohar Lal Khattar

The Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, has approved increasing the MSP of raw jute to ₹ 5,650 per quintal for the 2025-26 season. In the last decade, the Central Government has increased the MSP of raw jute by 2.35 times. This decision will not only improve the financial condition of our farmers by providing them fair price for their crops but will also benefit lakhs of families associated with the jute business. (22 January, 2025)





BJP SANKALPA PATRA: A NEW HOPE FOR DELHI

As the date of polling is drawing closer for the elections of the legislative assembly of Delhi, the people are coming out in large numbers in support of BJP, expressing their immense faith in its programs and policies. The 'BJP Sankalpa Patra' has kindled a new hope among the masses who are suffering under the decade-long misrule of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in the NCT. The AAP government, which has become synonymous with corruption, the loot of public money, regressive policies, and betrayal of public trust, has seen its leader, Arvind Kejriwal, backstab the people with his false promises, failure on every front, and politics of the lowest level. While he faces corruption and bribery cases along with his many ministers, he has deprived the people of Delhi even from basic amenities, making life extremely tough for every section of the society in the capital city. The AAP government has led the people of Delhi to a decade of disaster, choking its development, worsening its infrastructure, and drastically affecting the poor and middle class by heavily reducing opportunities of livelihood for them. In such gloomy circumstances, the BJP Sankalp Patra shows a roadmap for Delhi by enumerating a large number of relief measures for every section of society and a futuristic vision that will equip it with world-class facilities.

The extremely unfortunate statement of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi targeting the Indian state has been rightly condemned across the nation. The statement not only exposes the anti-democratic mindset of the Congress once again but also unmasks its sinister design against the constitutional institutions that power the nation in its journey ahead. BJP National President Shri JP Nadda has rightly said that such a statement shows that Rahul Gandhi and his ecosystem have close links with urban Naxals and the Deep State, which aim to defame, demean, and discredit India. It is to be noted that Rahul Gandhi, along with other Congress leaders, has been in the habit of giving statements aimed at undermining Indian interests to the extent that even Pakistan has quoted them in their utterances against India. The recent statement of Rahul Gandhi should be seen in the context of his past utterances showing a pattern making it convenient for the forces uncomfortable with the rising global stature of India. It is highly unfortunate to note that the obsession of Congress leadership with power-centric politics has led them to pursue divisive and degenerative politics, making them incapable of seeing beyond their selfish political interests. In blind pursuit of power, the Congress has today no qualms in attacking constitutional institutions, including the judiciary, election commission, and parliament, while even undermining the sanctity of the constitution. Such an approach by the Congress leadership poses a grave danger to India's democratic system.

The Congress now represents authoritarianism, dynastic politics, and corruption in Indian politics. It has not only become undemocratic but also shown its passion for dictatorship in the past. While it has sought to undermine the constitution on several occasions, it has even humiliated and insulted Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar while refusing to recognise his services to the nation. Today, when the government is following the path shown by Babasaheb under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Congress leadership is engaged in defaming and discrediting the remarkable achievements of India. As the mantra of 'Viksit Bharat' has become a driving force for aspirational India, the Congress is seeking to create disruptions through its divisive agenda. As the world today acknowledges the emergence of a new India, the guiding principles of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas' are uniting the people for the goals of 'Viksit Bharat.' ■



“FIGHT AGAINST THE INDIAN STATE” STATEMENT, REFLECTS THE THINKING OF CONGRESS: JP NADDA

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the Samvidhan Gaurav Abhiyan in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 19 January 2025. During his address, Shri Nadda highlighted the 75-year journey of the Constitution. He strongly criticised the interference with the fundamental spirit of the Constitution during Congress rule and the imposition of the Emergency. He also emphasized the constitutionally aligned actions taken by the government of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Gujarat CM Shri Bhupendra Patel, and other senior leaders were on the stage during the event.

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said the sacred land of Gujarat has been a guiding force in India's cultural, political, religious, and spiritual movements, as well as in the awakening of the nation's self-identity. Be it Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Mahipal—the King of Saurashtra who built the Somnath

Temple, Mahatma Gandhi who played a pivotal role in India's independence, the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, or the most popular leader in the world today, Shri Narendra Modi, Gujarat has consistently played a significant role in every sphere of leadership. On 26 November 1949, the Constituent



‘Samvidhan Gaurav Abhiyan’ in Ahmedabad



Assembly approved the Constitution of India, which came into effect on 26 January 1950. However, when we talk about the Gaurav Yatra—whether considering any era or subject—it inevitably includes its share of ups and downs. As we reflect on this 75-year journey, we must remember the history of these years along with its highs and lows.

‘Implementing Article 370 would be a betrayal of the nation’

The BJP National President said, out of the 75 years since independence, the Congress ruled the country for 65 years and positioned itself as the custodian of the Constitution. When the Constitution was being approved in 1949, its architect, Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, had remarked that no matter how good a Constitution may be, if the people implementing it are bad, the Constitution will fail. Conversely, he noted that even if the Constitution is flawed, it will succeed if implemented by good people. After India gained independence, the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, successfully integrated 562 princely states into the Indian Union within just two years. However, regarding Jammu and Kashmir,

Jawaharlal Nehru insisted that the matter be handled by him. This led to circumstances in Jammu and Kashmir that resulted in the implementation of Article 370. While Sheikh Abdullah, the father of Farooq Abdullah, was drafting Article 370 in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Law Minister Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar strongly opposed it.

Dr Ambedkar remarked that these individuals want Bharat Mata to provide them with food, build roads for them, and yet be considered equal to the Government of India, which he deemed an act of treason. Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar firmly stated that implementing Article 370 would be a betrayal of the nation and declared

that it would not be enacted as long as he was the Law Minister. Despite his opposition, Jawaharlal Nehru proceeded with the move and introduced Article 35-A alongside Article 370. This provision stipulated that while a citizen of Jammu and Kashmir would automatically be a citizen of India, a citizen of India would not have the same status in Jammu and Kashmir. The result of Article 35-A was a separate head and a separate symbol for Jammu and Kashmir.

“Do Nishan, Do Pradhan aur Do Samvidhan”

Shri Nadda stated that Congress and Rahul Gandhi today pretend to be concerned about the dignity of Parliament. However, their party had introduced Article 35-A as part of Article 370 by getting the President’s signature without informing Parliament. Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the founder of Jan Sangh, had famously said that “Do Nishan, Do Pradhan aur Do Samvidhan” cannot work in one country. For his stance, Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee was arrested and died under suspicious circumstances in Srinagar jail. He sacrificed his life for the unity of the country. When his mother demanded an inquiry into his death, Jawaharlal Nehru refused to allow the investigation. What Jammu-Kashmir received from Article 370 was a situation where, until 2019, there were no reserved seats for Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the state, nor were there seats in the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha for the Gujjar, Bakarwal, and tribal communities. The 126 laws passed by the Indian Parliament were not applicable on the soil of Jammu-Kashmir. Laws protecting women from crimes were not enforceable in Jammu-Kashmir and the POCSO Act did not apply there. Additionally, if a woman from Jammu-Kashmir married someone from another state, she was deprived of her property rights.

Complete abrogation of Article 370

The BJP National President said that the children of the Valmiki community who migrated from Punjab to Jammu-Kashmir were restricted to working as sanitation workers. However, when the people of the country voted for Shri Narendra Modi and made him the Prime Minister on 6 August 2019, Shri Modi’s willpower and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah’s strategy led to the complete abrogation of Article 370. Today, the people of the Valmiki community are recognized as



citizens of Jammu-Kashmir. Shri LK Advani served as the Deputy Prime Minister, Shri IK Gujral became the Prime Minister and Dr Manmohan Singh held the office for 10 years—all of them hailed from West Pakistan. However, those who migrated from West Pakistan and settled in Jammu-Kashmir were denied basic rights, including the ability to become a Pradhan or an MLA in the Jammu-Kashmir Vidhan Sabha. Such a blind law was Article 370. This highlights the difference between a good lot and a bad lot.

Imposition of the Emergency in India

Shri Nadda highlighted that on 12th June 1975 the Allahabad High Court ruled against Indira Gandhi and invalidated her election. The court's decision stated that she could not contest elections for six years, citing the misuse of the Model Code of Conduct. At that time, the country was not in danger, nor was anyone at risk; however, Indira Gandhi's position was in jeopardy. To secure her position, internal disturbances were manufactured, leading to the imposition of the Emergency in India on June 25th 1975. During this time, fundamental rights, including Article 19 and Article 21, were suspended. Senior leaders of the country, such as Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Lal Krishna Advani, Morarji Desai and others, were imprisoned. Over 135,000 people were arrested under MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act) and DIR (Defence of India Rules).

Censorship was imposed

The BJP National President pointed out that it is a matter of great pride that the largest number of individuals connected to the BJP's ideology were those who were jailed, but they did so in their fight for freedom and against the Emergency, putting in all their effort.

- The editorial of Indian Express was censored, as

was the editorial of The Statesman and censorship was imposed. Thousands of families were displaced, with the breadwinners sent to jail, some of them spending two years behind bars.

- In many families, both the husband and wife were imprisoned, leaving their children alone.
- Such cruelty was unleashed by Indira Gandhi, solely to save her position.
- The most crucial point is how bad people can manipulate even a good constitution.
- Indira Gandhi brought in a law under which, for the first time, the President of India, the Vice President of India, and the Speaker of the Lok Sabha were exempted from judicial review.
- This meant that no legal action could be taken against them.
- To save her position, these laws were enforced with retrospective effect.

Indira Gandhi introduced 39th and 42nd Constitutional Amendments

Shri Nadda mentioned that Indira Gandhi introduced the 39th and 42nd Constitutional Amendment Acts.

- The 42nd Amendment concentrated power in the executive and diminished the judiciary's role.
- This meant that laws passed by Parliament would be exempt from judicial review, essentially creating a new constitution—a sort of mini-constitution.
- Such governments, which claim that no law will apply to them, that any wrong actions they take will not be subject to the law and that the laws they pass cannot be challenged in any court, should not have existed.
- Indira had become arrogant and unyielding.
- They had stated that no constitutional matter could be brought before them and that judicial review would not be allowed.
- They introduced the word “secular” merely to gain votes, and also added “socialism.”
- On this issue, Dr Ambedkar argued that the term “secular” was unnecessary in our country because we have always acknowledged all religions as equal. Hence, there was no need to specifically include it.
- The word “secular” should be adopted by those who presented their constitution as an Islamic state.

- However, India has always followed a secular path, driven by the principle of "Sarva Dharma Sarva Sambhav" (respect for all religions).
- That's why the word "secular" was not needed, as emphasized by Dr Ambedkar during the debates in the Constituent Assembly.
- Dr Ambedkar said about socialism that in India, the decision regarding the government should not be made by the government itself, but by the people.
- The people should choose the government they desire, and the term "socialism" could not be included in the constitution.
- However, Indira Gandhi, in an attempt to allure and mislead the public with slogans, added both the words "secular" and "socialism."

Rahul Gandhi lacks historical knowledge

Shri Nadda stated that all the events during that time were like a dark night, with the Emergency being declared overnight and a blatant violation of the constitution. However, after Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi assumed office, Article 370 and Article 35(A) were revoked. Furthermore, when Shri Morarji Desai became Prime Minister, the 38th Constitutional Amendment, which had placed the President, Vice President, and Speaker outside judicial review, was brought back under judicial review. The provisions of the 42nd Amendment Act, which had stated that no court could challenge the constitution, were reversed, restoring the constitution within the purview of the judiciary.

During the Emergency, the term "internal disturbance" was explained as a situation where there was an organized effort against the nation, threatening its stability, which could justify the imposition of an emergency. Today, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi stated, "It is a fight against the Indian state." Rahul Gandhi lacks both historical knowledge and a proper understanding of the issue.

PM Modi Ended Triple Talaq

The BJP National President pointed out that Shah Bano was a divorced woman, and the Supreme Court had ruled that she should be given maintenance and compensation. In the Shah Bano case, when the Supreme Court ordered maintenance to be provided to Shah Bano, Rajiv Gandhi altered the law under

pressure from Muslim leaders and clerics, denying Shah Bano her rightful maintenance. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ended the triple talaq law and gave the right to live freely to crores of Muslim women, this is a good result of the Constitution.

Indira Gandhi imposed President's rule 50 times

Shri Nadda stated that the President's rule was imposed more than 100 times across states. Indira Gandhi imposed it 50 times, former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh imposed it 8 to 9 times, and Rajiv Gandhi also imposed it many times. However, since the government of Shri Narendra Modi came to power, President's rule has not been imposed in any state.

14 April as Rashtriya Samrasta Divas

The opposition often speaks highly of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, but it was the government of Shri Narendra Modi declared 14 April as Rashtriya Samrasta Divas.

- A memorial was built at his birthplace in Mau, Shiksha Bhoomi was established in London, Deeksha Bhoomi was created in Nagpur, Mahaparinirvan Bhoomi was constructed in Delhi, and Chaitanya Bhoomi was built in Mumbai.
- By building these memorials, Shri Modi elevated Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's status in society.
- The Congress had even refused to award Baba Saheb the Bharat Ratna, but it was the BJP-supported government that honoured Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar with the Bharat Ratna.

BJP National President Shri Nadda remarked that on 26th January 2025, India will celebrate its 76th Republic Day, but we must remember that in the 75 years of Gaurav Yatra, there have been those who tampered with the Constitution, those who attempted to destroy its fundamental provisions, and those who worked to protect it. We must also recognize which government worked to highlight and safeguard the vision of Baba Saheb. As we embark on the Samvidhan Gaurav Abhiyan, we should take pride in our history and remain vigilant against those who show off their knowledge but fail to truly understand it. These individuals carry the book of the Constitution yet have never read it, know nothing about it, and are unaware of what their forebears did, which they should be well-informed about. ■

Samvidhan

Gaurav Abhiyaan



Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar: A staunch nationalist

- Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar dedicated his life to the welfare of the marginalized communities.
- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar background shaped this mission, as he came from a poor family and lived among the poor in an Improvement Trust Chawl in Bombay.

“I have come to believe that the purpose of my life is to struggle for the welfare of the downtrodden.”

- Excerpt from his address at the Ratnagiri District Agriculturists Conference, Chiplun; 14th April 1929

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's Vision of a United, Strong Hinduism

- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar advocated for abolishing caste to create unity and strength among Hindus.
- His vision of Hinduism is a united strong Hinduism, battle-ready and prepared to take on Abrahamic religions.

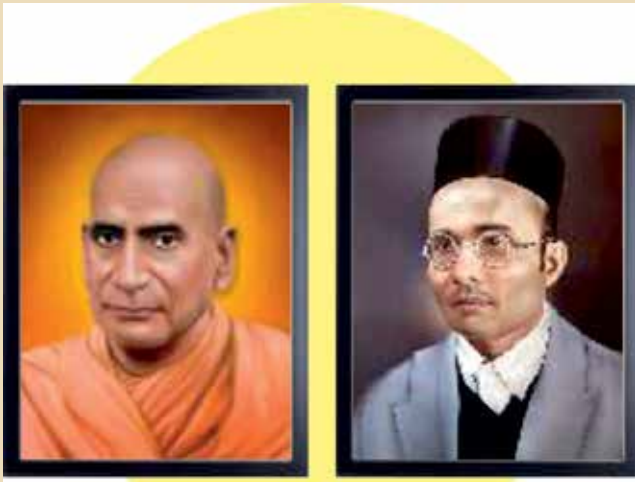
He said, “So long as caste remains, there will be no Sangathan, and so long as there is no Sangathan, the Hindu will remain weak and meek...”

- Annihilation of Caste (1944), authored by Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar



His critique of caste emphasized the damage it caused to Hindu unity

- This aligns with the BJP's emphasis on overcoming social divisions and fostering a united, strong Hindu identity.
- It is in this context that one could understand why he was extremely appreciative of all genuine reform work by Hindu nationalists.
- He expressed open appreciation for the works of Veer V.D. Savarkar and Swami Shradhanand—both Hindu Mahasabha leaders.



Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on Islam

- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar viewed Islam as an alienating force.
- He explained that the brotherhood of Islam is “for Muslims only,” creating division, rather than promoting universal brotherhood.

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar in his writing, *“Pakistan Or The Partition Of India”*, wrote, *“The distinction that it makes between Muslims and non-Muslims is a very real... very alienating distinction.”*

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar’s Condemnation of Purdah

- Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar strongly criticized the practice of purdah in his book “Pakistan Or The Partition Of India”, calling burkha-

clad women “one of the most hideous sights one can witness in India.”

- He condemned the restrictive social practices that limited Muslim women’s rights and mobility, stating they could only see a few male relatives and were barred from praying in the mosque.

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar’s Opposition to Religious Reservations

- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar opposed religious or community-based reservations that favored certain groups, warning it would undermine equality of opportunity.
- He argued that the focus should be on uplifting those who have been historically oppressed, rather than creating separate categories based on religion which will be a threat to a unified national identity over sectarian interests. ■





While addressing the Constituent Assembly on 30th Nov 1948 he argued,

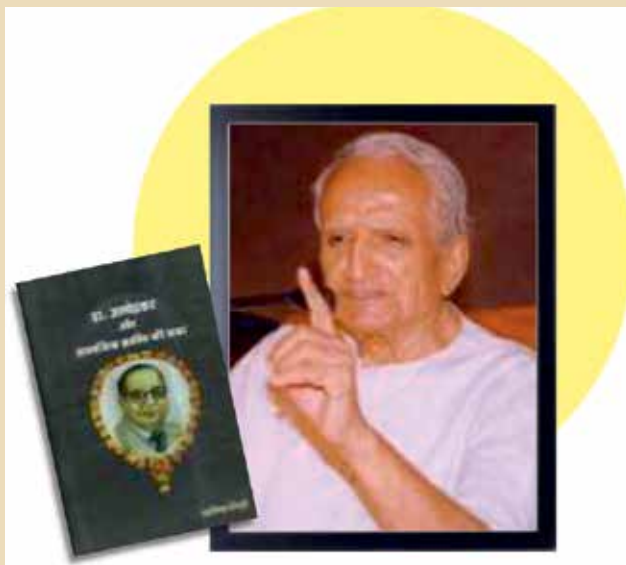
“Supposing, for instance, reservations were made for a community or a collection of communities... could anybody say that the reservation of 30 percent as open to general competition would be satisfactory from the point of view of giving effect to the first principle, namely, that there shall be equality of opportunity?”

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's Opposition to Special Status for Kashmir

- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar strongly opposed the demand for special status for Kashmir, as it contradicted national unity and integrity.
- He felt that the provision would create another sovereignty within India which would be disastrous for the unity of the country.

His famous words to Sheikh Abdullah when he went to persuade Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar to grant special status to J&K were

“You want India to defend Kashmir, feed its people, and grant Kashmiris equal rights across India, but you want to deny India and Indians all rights in Kashmir. As the Law Minister of India, I cannot be a party to such a betrayal of national interests.” -



Dattopant Thengadi and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's Influence

- Dattopant Thengadi, a young RSS Prachark, worked as Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's polling agent during the 1954 by-elections.
- Thengadi later recorded his experiences in the book 'Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar aur Samajik Kranti ki Yatra,' showcasing the profound impact of Ambedkar's ideas on the shaping of India's social and political landscape.

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar: a strong proponent of Uniform Civil Code

- During the Constitutional debates, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar highlighted that having diverse personal laws could lead to social discord and hinder national integration.
- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar argued that personal laws based on religion often perpetuated gender discrimination.
- He argued that a UCC would promote unity among citizens by removing conflicting loyalties to different legal systems. ■





RAHUL GANDHI and CONGRESS, consistently involved in activities aimed at weakening the nation: JP Nadda

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 15 January 2025 strongly criticised the anti-national remarks made by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, which were delivered during the inauguration of the new Congress headquarters in New Delhi. Rahul Gandhi's statement undermines the nation's interests and reflects a mindset contrary to India's unity and progress. He said that both Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party have consistently been involved in activities aimed at weakening the nation.

The truth about Congress is no longer hidden

Launching a scathing attack on Rahul Gandhi, Shri Nadda issued a sharp condemnation through a post on 'X'. Shri Nadda conveyed that the Congress party has a history of supporting forces that aim to weaken India. Their pursuit of power has often come at the cost of national integrity and the trust of the people. However, the citizens of India are discerning and have resolved to consistently reject Rahul Gandhi and the outdated ideology he represents. The truth about Congress is no longer hidden, as it has been exposed by their own leader.

Dividing the society and undermining the unity of India

Shri Nadda then 'complimented' Rahul Gandhi for openly admitting what the nation already

knows—that he is opposing the Indian state. It is well known that Rahul Gandhi and his network have strong connections with Urban Naxals and the Deep State, both of whom seek to defame, demean, and discredit India. His consistent actions only strengthen this belief. Everything he has done or said has been aimed at dividing the society and undermining the unity of India.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hidden no more, Congress' ugly truth now stands exposed by their own leader. I 'compliment' Mr. Rahul Gandhi for saying clearly what the nation knows- that he is fighting the Indian state!
- It is not a secret that Rahul Gandhi and his ecosystem have close links with Urban Naxals and the Deep State who want to defame, demean and discredit India.
- The citizens of India are discerning and have resolved to consistently reject Rahul Gandhi and the outdated ideology he represents.
- The truth about Congress is no longer hidden, as it has been exposed by their own leader.
- The Congress party has a history of supporting forces that aim to weaken India.
- Their pursuit of power has often come at the cost of national integrity and the trust of the people.
- Everything Rahul Gandhi has done or said has been aimed at dividing the society and undermining the unity of India. ■



BJP 'SANKALP PATRA' WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION

BJP National President and Union Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda released Part-I of the BJP 'Sankalp Patra' for the Delhi Assembly elections at the Delhi BJP office on 17 January 2025. Shri Nadda highlighted the achievements made under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the development of Delhi and presented the BJP's vision for Delhi's future developments. Shri Nadda strongly criticised Arvind Kejriwal for his false promises and the deception carried out by the AAP. During the event, Delhi BJP In-charge and party's National Vice-President Shri Baijayant (Jay) Panda, Delhi BJP President Shri Virendra Sachdeva, Election Co-Incharge Shri Atul Garg, Co-Incharge Smt. Alka Gurjar, all Delhi MPs, and senior state party officials were present.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion Shri Nadda said the BJP 'Sankalp Patra' for the Delhi Assembly elections will lay the foundation of 'Viksit Delhi'.

He said the Madhya Pradesh government is providing 1,250 per month to 1 crore 3 lakh women under 'Mahila Samman' initiative. Similarly, the Maharashtra government is offering 1,250 per month to 2 crore 40 lakh people. In Chhattisgarh, 1,000 per month is being provided to 70 lakh women. Haryana has decided to provide 2,100 per month to women.

Highlights

- The BJP has committed to providing 2,500 per month to the women of Delhi under the Mahila Samridhi Yojana, and this will be passed in the very first Cabinet meeting.
- Additionally, poor women will receive a subsidy of 500 on cylinders, and one free cylinder will be provided during Diwali and Holi.
- In order to strengthen the Maternity Vandana Yojana, six nutritional kits and 21,000 per pregnant woman

will be provided by the Chief Minister.

- The Aam Aadmi Party brought the 'AAP-da' to Delhi. In 2021, AAP promised to provide 1,000 per month to women, but this promise was neither fulfilled in Delhi nor in Punjab.
- BJP will implement Ayushman Bharat in both letter and spirit in the first cabinet meeting. Will provide an extra 5 lakh in health coverage, bringing the total coverage to 10 lakh under Ayushman Bharat.
- The BJP government will increase the senior citizen pension for individuals aged 60 to 70 years from 2,000 to 2,500.
- Additionally, the pension for senior citizens above 70 years, as well as for widows and destitute women, will be raised from 2,500 to 3,000.
- PM Shri Modi has approved the 8th Pay Commission. This will provide more power and benefits to our working-class people.

SANKALP PATRA Part II

Senior BJP leader and Lok Sabha MP Shri Anurag Thakur released BJP Sankalp Patra Part-II for the Delhi Assembly elections at the Delhi BJP office on 21 January 2025. He outlined in detail the work done for the development of Delhi under the leadership of the PM Shri Narendra Modi and promised welfare and development of the youth of Delhi, workers of the unorganized sector, SC class and auto-taxi drivers.

He said AAP-DA committed a scam of 2026 crores and when the CAG report came, they did not even take that report to the assembly. Why did Arvind Kejriwal, who called the assembly session for 1-2 days to give his speech, not present the CAG report? Why was the 28 thousand crore scam of Delhi Jal Board not discussed? Why were the 65 thousand fake lab tests done in Mohalla Clinic not discussed? During the Covid pandemic, you



OF 'VIKSIT DELHI'

committed the 'Sheesh Mahal' scam, why were these scams not discussed?

Highlights

- On formation of BJP government, SIT will be set up to probe the misgovernance and corruption of Aam Aadmi Party government.
- Free education from KG to PG will be provided to the needy students of Delhi.
- Financial assistance of 15,000 will be given to the youth for preparation of competitive examinations and BJP government will also pay travel and application fees for two attempts.
- Under 'Dr B. R. Ambedkar Stipend Scheme', SC students will be given a stipend of 1,000 per month for technical and professional courses.
- We will form welfare boards for auto-taxi drivers, will get them insured for 10 lakh and will give scholarships to their children pursuing higher education.
- Welfare board will be formed for domestic workers, they will get life insurance of 10 lakh, accident insurance of 5 lakh, scholarship for their children and 6 months paid maternity leave.
- The number of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana will be doubled and 4 lakh street vendors will be given the benefit of this scheme.

SANKALP PATRA Part III

Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah released the BJP Sankalp Patra Part-III for the upcoming Delhi Assembly Election at the party's Delhi office, on 25 January 2025. Shri Shah highlighted the developmental works carried out in Delhi under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, and unveiled BJP's commitments for refugees, gig workers, and youth in Delhi.

Shri Shah said the Kejriwal-led AAP made so many false promises that they neither have the time to fulfil them nor the willpower and resolution to do so. AAP had

promised to shut down liquor shops in residential areas, yet they issued licenses to open shops near temples, gurudwaras, and schools. They also committed a liquor scam worth thousands of crores. Kejriwal had also claimed to clean the Yamuna within 7 years, like London's Thames River, and said he would take a dip in it, but to this day, the people of Delhi are still waiting for that dip, he said.

Highlights

- The Central government improved the infrastructure in Delhi. A total of 41,000 crore was spent on the construction of various roads. 15,000 crore was allocated for the railways, and 21,000 crore for airports.
- PM Shri Modi has announced granting ownership rights to over 1,700 unauthorized colonies, previously, there was no permission for construction and buy-selling in these colonies.
- There are 13,000 sealed shops in Delhi, and the BJP has initiated a meeting with lawyers to explore judicial options for reopening them.
- A Gig Workers Welfare Board will be established for gig workers.
- BJP government in Delhi to provide Gig workers and textile workers with life insurance coverage of up to 10 lakh and accident insurance of up to 5 lakh. Scholarships and vehicle insurance will also be provided to the children who pursue higher education.
- Will provide financial assistance of 10,000 for skill development toolkits and loans up to 3 lakh for registered workers. Workers will also be given accident insurance coverage of up to 5 lakh.
- 50,000 jobs will be provided to the youth of Delhi transparently, and 20 lakh self-employment opportunities will be created.
- Will establish an integrated public transport network with an investment of 20,000 crore and will convert 13,000 buses into electric buses, making Delhi a 100% e-bus city.
- To promote tourism, the Mahabharat Corridor and Yamuna River Front will be developed.
- The BJP will eliminate manual scavenging 100% and end inhuman treatment. ■

PM DEDICATES FRONTLINE NAVAL COMBATANTS INS SURAT, INS NILGIRI & INS VAGHSHEER TO THE NATION

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 15 January dedicated three frontline naval combatants INS Surat, INS Nilgiri and INS Vaghsheer to the nation on their commissioning at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Addressing the gathering Shri Modi said that 15th January is commemorated as Army Day and saluted every brave warrior who would sacrifice his life for the safety and security of the nation. He congratulated all the brave warriors on this occasion.

Remarking that today was a big day for India's maritime heritage, the glorious history of the Navy and the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Prime Minister said that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj gave a new strength and vision to the Navy in India. He added that today the Government had taken a major step towards empowering the 21st century Navy of India in the land of Shivaji Maharaj. "It is for the first time that the tri-commissioning of a destroyer, frigate and submarine was being done", highlighted the Prime Minister. He emphasized that it was also a matter of pride that all the three frontline platforms were made in India. He congratulated the Indian Navy, all the stakeholders involved in the construction work and the citizens of India for the achievement.

Emphasizing India's rapid progress towards becoming the world's third-largest economy, the Prime Minister remarked that there was continuous growth in manufacturing and export capacity, noting the future need for hundreds of new ships and containers. He added that the port-led development model will accelerate the entire economy and create thousands of new job opportunities. ■

CABINET APPROVES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "THIRD LAUNCH PAD" AT SRIHARIKOTA

The Union Cabinet on 16 January chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 16 January approved the establishment of the Third Launch Pad (TLP) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre of ISRO at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The Third Launch Pad project envisages the establishment of the launch infrastructure at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh for the Next Generation Launch Vehicles of ISRO and also to support as standby launch pad for the Second

Launch Pad at Sriharikota.

This will also enhance the launch capacity for future Indian human spaceflight missions. The TLP is designed to have configuration that is as universal and adaptable as possible that can support not only NGLV but also the LVM3 vehicles with Semi cryogenic stage as well as scaled up configurations of NGLV. It will be realized with maximum industry participation fully utilizing ISRO's experience in establishing the earlier launch pads and maximally sharing the existing launch complex facilities. TLP is targeted to be established within a duration of 48 months or 4 years. The total fund requirement is Rs. 3984.86 Crore and includes the establishment of the Launch Pad and the associated facilities. The Project will boost the Indian Space ecosystem by enabling higher launch frequencies and the national capacity to undertake human spaceflight & space exploration missions. ■

PM MODI CONGRATULATES ISRO FOR THE SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION OF SPACE DOCKING OF SATELLITES

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 16 January congratulated ISRO and the entire space fraternity for the successful demonstration of space docking of satellites. Shri Modi remarked that it is a significant stepping stone for India's ambitious space missions in the years to come.

The Prime Minister posted on X: "Congratulations to our scientists at @isro and the entire space fraternity for the successful demonstration of space docking of satellites. It is a significant stepping stone for India's ambitious space missions in the years to come."

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully docked two SPADEX satellites in space, approximately 475 kilometres above sea level. ISRO said the mission demonstrated India's ability to dock craft in space. It becomes the fourth country to do so, after the US, China, and Russia.

The SpaDeX mission launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre on December 30, 2024. The two spacecraft, launched via an ISRO-developed Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), separated in space.

After the two 220-kilogram satellites completed

the docking process, they transferred electrical power before separating and activating their payloads. ■

MoD SIGNS CONTRACT WITH BDL FOR MEDIUM RANGE SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES FOR INDIAN NAVY

Ministry of Defence (MoD) on 16 January signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for the supply of Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (MRSAM) for the Indian Navy at a cost of approximately Rs 2,960 crore. The contract was inked by the officials of MoD and BDL in the presence of Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi on January 16, 2025.

The MRSAM system is a standard fit, onboard multiple Indian Naval Ships and is planned to be fitted on the majority of the future platforms planned for acquisition. The contract marks a critical milestone in the ongoing efforts to bolster India's defence capabilities and indigenise advanced military technology.

With the emphasis on 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the missiles would be supplied by BDL under 'Buy (Indian)' category with largely indigenous content. The contract would generate employment of approx. 3.5 lakh mandays in the defence industry, including various MSMEs. ■

1,561 CRORE CONTRACT INKED WITH HEAVY VEHICLES FACTORY FOR 47 T-72 BRIDGE LAYING TANKS FOR INDIAN ARMY

Ministry of Defence (MoD) on 21 January signed a contract with Heavy Vehicles Factory, a unit of Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited, for the procurement of 47 Tank-72 Bridge Laying Tanks (BLT) for the Indian Army at a total cost of Rs 1,560.52 crore. The contract was inked by the senior officials of MoD and HVF/AVNL in the presence of Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi on January 21, 2025.

The BLT is a critical equipment which is employed to launch bridges during offensive/defensive operations by Mechanised Forces. It provides integral bridging capability to the Tank and Armoured Vehicle fleet enhancing the battlefield mobility and offensive capability. The present case being a Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and

Manufactured) will give impetus to the Make-in-India initiative in defence. This project will also play a pivotal role in boosting the overall economy and increasing employment avenues in the country. ■

PM WELCOMES THE NAMING OF CULTURAL CENTER IN JAFFNA, AS 'THIRUVALLUVAR CULTURAL CENTER'

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 18 January welcomed the naming of the iconic Cultural Center in Jaffna built with Indian assistance, as 'Thiruvalluvar Cultural Center'.

Responding to a post by India In SriLanka handle on X, Shri Modi wrote: "Welcome the naming of the iconic Cultural Center in Jaffna built with Indian assistance, as 'Thiruvalluvar Cultural Center'. In addition to paying homage to the great Thiruvalluvar, it is also a testament to the deep cultural, linguistic, historical and civilisational bonds between the people of India and Sri Lanka."

Indian Embassy in Sri Lanka posted that the Cultural Center in Jaffna was on 18 January renamed as 'Thiruvalluvar Cultural Center' in the honour of Tamil poet-philosopher Thiruvalluvar. "In honor of great Tamil poet-philosopher Thiruvalluvar, the Cultural Center in Jaffna was today renamed as 'Thiruvalluvar Cultural Center' in a ceremony attended by HC @santjha, Minister of Buddhasasana. ■

LAUNCH OF 'UTKARSH', SECOND MULTI PURPOSE VESSEL

The second of the two Multi Purpose Vessels, being built by M/s L&T Shipyard for the Indian Navy, was launched on 13 Jan 25 at L&T, Kattupalli, Chennai. The ship has been named 'Utkarsh' which means 'Superior in Conduct' and is synonymous to the multi-dimensional role envisaged for the platform. The contract for two Multi-Purpose Vessels was signed between Ministry of Defence and M/s L&T Shipyard on 25 Mar 22. These multi-Purpose Vessels will be capable of towing ships, launch and recover various targets, operate unmanned autonomous vehicles and act as a trial platform for various indigenous weapons and sensors under development. The 106 m vessels are designed to achieve a maximum speed of 15 knots. ■

ATALJI: ARCHITECT OF BJP

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Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji is one of the most popular and respected politicians of independent India. His leadership, combined with his personality, oratory and actions, played an important role in establishing the Bharatiya Janata Party as a strong political force in the country. His life journey was filled with unique talent, political acumen, and farsighted leadership. He laid the foundation of the BJP, which emerged from a nascent organisation into a giant political force under his visionary leadership and guidance that delivers ground-breaking political impacts in Indian politics. And on this strong foundation, BJP stands today as the largest political party in the world.

Atalji laid the foundation of the cultural and economic renaissance of India through the BJP, which is now under the leadership of Modiji fully prepared to play a vital role in the global leadership of the 21st century.

The seed now became a Banyan tree

Atalji's political journey is

a testimony to his unwavering dedication to the nation and his adaptability, innovation and leadership skills in adversity. From joining the 'Quit India Movement' during his student life to becoming a founding member of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) and later taking the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to the pinnacle of power, Atalji's path was laid down by dedication, perseverance, and vision.

His ideological foundation was deeply influenced by his early affiliation with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). This association shaped his approach to nationalism and governance. In 1951, he played a key role in founding the Bharatiya Jana Sangh along with Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. In the early days of the Jana Sangh, Shri Vajpayee actively

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participated in the 'Kashmir Satyagraha', which advocated the removal of restrictions imposed on Indian citizens in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. He also strongly opposed the Liaquat-Nehru Pact, which was in line with Shri Mookerjee's vision of a strong and unified India. His clarity and conviction on these issues made him a respected leader in the party and an influential voice at the national level. This was a testimony to his unique leadership ability, which laid the foundation for giving a new direction to Indian politics.

Elected to Parliament in 1957, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's speeches on the Tibet crisis and India's defeat in the 1962 war left a profound and indelible mark on the country. His eloquence and in-depth analysis established him as a leading voice in Indian politics. He became the leading face of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, known for his charisma and unparalleled ability to connect with the masses. Despite limited resources, Shri Vajpayee traveled continuously across the country, mostly by train, bus, or road, and often stayed in the homes of party Karyakartas. These grassroots efforts were extremely important in strengthening the organisational structure of Jana Sangh.

The 1962 aggression of



The Jana Sangh, under the leadership of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, developed a strong organizational structure, resulting in significant electoral successes in the 1967 elections. The party won a majority in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and established a strong presence in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Punjab

China proved to be a turning point in Indian politics. Public disillusionment with the Congress Party grew, and alliances began to form among opposition leaders. The Jana Sangh, under the leadership of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, developed a strong organizational structure, resulting in significant electoral successes in the 1967 elections. The party won a majority in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and established a strong presence in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Punjab. This was the period when Nehru said that this young MP would one day occupy the PM's chair.

After the untimely demise of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, Atal Bihari Vajpayee took over the

leadership of the Jana Sangh. By maintaining the core principles of the party and balancing the need for broad political alliances, he established himself as a national leader. During the 1971 war, Vajpayee demonstrated his maturity and national outlook by rising above party politics and extending his full support to the government. In 1974, he led the active participation in the movement launched by Shri Jayaprakash Narayan, strengthening the fight for democracy and justice.

1975-77 was a defining moment for both Shri Vajpayee and the Jana Sangh. He played a key role in opposing the Emergency and authoritarianism and advocating the restoration of democratic

norms. Despite the challenges, his leadership ensured that the party remained steadfast to its principles. The brief experiment of the Janata Party after the Emergency ultimately proved unsuccessful and led to the exit of Jana Sangh from the coalition.

BJP: Collective voice of India's nationalism

In 1980, after the dissolution of the Janata Party coalition, Atalji played a key role in reorganizing the Bharatiya Jana Sangh as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). As the first president of the BJP, Vajpayee laid the ideological foundation of the party, seeking to combine its nationalist roots with broader national interests. Under his leadership, the BJP adopted socialism and Indian nationalism as its guiding principles, giving the party a centrist outlook. Vajpayeeji's liberal image and emphasis on inclusiveness played a key role in garnering a diverse mass support base. His leadership kept the party alive during the initial struggles of the BJP and gradually brought acceptance as a mainstream political party. The party's vote share increased from 7.74% in 1984 to 20.1% in 1991 and this was due to Atal ji's leadership.

Atalji's greatest achievement was that he presented nationalism in a way that resonated with the Indian electorate. Unlike leaders who took a hardline stance, his approach was driven by generosity and pragmatism, especially that proved useful in difficult times. After 1992, his leadership helped the BJP overcome that

political isolation, and the party subsequently succeeded in forging strategic alliances with regional parties.

De facto leader of Coalition politics

In his 65 years of active public life till 2009, Atal ji spent almost 56 years in opposition and only nine years in power. This journey of his political life will prove to be a guide to the politics of purity and principles in the future. His leadership in the 1990s was a turning point for the Bharatiya Janata Party. Atalji's ability to deal with the complexities of coalition politics became evident when he became the Prime Minister of India in 1996, though this tenure lasted only 13 days. But despite these political complexities, Atalji's speech in Parliament captured the emotions of the vast masses of the Country. The people answered the political betrayal with their votes in 1998 and Atalji returned to power again.

During his tenure from 1998 to 2004, Vajpayeeji demonstrated a unique political ability in holding together a coalition of more than 20 parties. This was a unique example of taking everyone along while accepting the spirit of democracy and its integrity in the Indian Constitution. The stability of his government disproved the idea that coalition governments are inherently weak. Under his leadership, the BJP's seat share rose significantly to 182 in the 1998 general election, a testimony to his widespread popularity and vision.

Great Architect of Organization

Atalji's leadership was crucial in promoting unity in the BJP, often mediating between different viewpoints in the party. His moderate approach helped the BJP evolve as a nationalist party and a better and more credible alternative to the Congress.

Historic economic reforms were initiated during his tenure as Prime Minister. Corruption-free, clean, and transparent governance gave the BJP the identity of a clean party. The Golden Quadrilateral Highway Project and the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana revolutionized India's infrastructure. The various projects, which were aimed at enhancing connectivity and boosting economic growth, strengthened the BJP's image as a party with a developmental approach.

Atalji's significant foreign policy initiatives, including the Lahore bus service and the Agra summit with Pakistan, deepened US-Israel ties, highlighted his dedication to peace, development, and dialogue. Despite challenges like the Kargil War, Atalji 's political acumen improved India's global standing. The decision to conduct nuclear tests in 1998 demonstrated India's strategic independence, which established him as a decisive leader.

Known for his fiery oratory, Vajpayee's speeches often left a deep impact on the minds of the people. His ability to explain complex issues in a simple and

poetic style made him one of the most popular leaders of his time. His charm was instrumental in garnering support for the BJP from various sections of the society.

Legacy and far-reaching impact

Atalji's contributions to the BJP were innovative and revolutionary. His tenure transformed the BJP from a marginal political party to a formidable force capable of shaping India's political course. Under his leadership, the BJP not only gained political legitimacy but also laid the foundation for the leadership of global leaders like Shri Narendra Modi.

Vajpayeeji's vision that ideological commitment must be combined with pragmatic governance remains a guiding principle for the BJP and inspires its strategy and approach.

Atalji's contribution to BJP is incomparable. From transforming the Bharatiya Jana Sangh into a modern political party to leading India through its transformational years, his vision and leadership continue to be a source of inspiration. His legacy is not just that of a leader who led his party to the pinnacle of power, but also of a statesman who envisioned a progressive, inclusive and globally respected India. Atalji's legacy is reflected in the BJP's governance style and ideology, making him an enduring symbol of Indian democracy and political acumen. ■

(The writer is the BJP National General Secretary and Rajya Sabha MP)

CABINET APPROVES REVIVAL OF RASHTRIYA ISPAT NIGAM

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17 January approved the revival plan for RINL for a total of Rs 11,440 crores. The infusion includes 10,300 crore as equity capital into Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) and Conversion of 1140 crore working capital loan as 7% Non-cumulative Preference Share Capital redeemable after 10 years to keep RINL as a going concern. RINL is a Schedule-A CPSE under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel with 100% ownership of Government of India. RINL operates the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), the only offshore steel plant under Government sector in the state of Andhra Pradesh. It has an installed capacity of 7.3 Mtpa of liquid steel. ■

NEW SANCHAR SAATHI MOBILE APP BRINGS TELECOM SECURITY DIRECTLY TO THE FINGERTIPS

In a landmark move to enhance telecom accessibility, security, and empowerment across India, the Union Minister of Communications, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, 17 January launched a suite of citizen-focused initiatives. Key highlights of the event included the launch of the Sanchar Saathi Mobile App, National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0 and the inauguration of the Intra Circle Roaming facility at DBN Funded 4G Mobile Sites. The Sanchar Saathi Mobile App is a user-friendly platform designed to fortify telecom security and empower citizens. While launching the Mobile Application, the Minister highlighted, "This initiative not only provides access to opportunities but also ensures a secure environment for all users." He emphasized that the Sanchar Saathi App is committed to maintaining the security, safety, and trustworthiness of telecom networks for everyone.

The Sanchar Saathi Mobile App, available for both Android and iOS platforms, provides users with critical tools to secure their telecom resources and combat telecom frauds. Key features include:

- Chakshu: Reporting Suspected Fraud Communications (SFC): Users can report suspected calls and SMS using app and directly from mobile phone logs.
- Know Mobile Connections in Your Name: Citizens can identify and manage all mobile connections

issued in their name, ensuring no unauthorized usage.

- Blocking Your Lost/ Stolen Mobile Handset: Lost or stolen mobile devices can be swiftly blocked, traced and recovered.
- Know Mobile Handset Genuineness: The app offers an easy way to verify the authenticity of mobile handsets, ensuring users purchase genuine devices. ■

PM LAUNCHES 'MISSION MAUSAM' RELEASES IMD VISION-2047 DOCUMENT



The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 14 January participated in celebrations of 150th Foundation Day of India Meteorological Department (IMD) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, he said the 150 years of the IMD represent not just the journey of the department but also a proud journey of modern science and technology in India. He lauded IMD has served millions of Indians over these one and a half centuries and has become a symbol of India's scientific progress. Shri Modi said a commemorative postage stamp and coin was also released today about the achievements of IMD. He added that the release of a vision document outlining the future of IMD in 2047, when India will celebrate 100 years of independence. He greeted the citizens on this momentous occasion of 150 years of IMD.

The Prime Minister noted that IMD had organised a National Meteorological Olympiad to engage the youth as part of its 150 years of its journey. He added that thousands of students participated, which would further increase their interest in meteorology. Shri Modi recalled his interaction with the youngsters a while ago at the exhibition in the venue and congratulated all the youth who were part of the occasion today. He extended his greetings to all citizens on this occasion. ■

ABHINANDAN! ABHINANDAN! ABHINANDAN!

Shri KN Kasmikoya elected as the new BJP Lakshadweep President on 12 January 2025



KN Kasmikoya

NEW BJP STATE PRESIDENTS

Shri Dilip Saikia elected as the new BJP President of Assam on 17 January 2025



Dilip Saikia

Shri Damodar 'Damu' Naik elected as the new BJP President of Goa on 18 January 2025



Damodar 'Damu' Naik

Shri Kiran Singh Deo elected as the new President of Chhattisgarh on 17 January 2025



Kiran Singh Deo

Shri Rikman G Momin elected as the new BJP President of Meghalaya on 20 January 2025



Rikman G Momin

Shri Jatinder Pal Malhotra elected as the new BJP President of Chandigarh on 18 January 2025



Jatinder Pal Malhotra

Shri Benjamin Yeptthomi elected as the new BJP President of Nagaland on 21 January 2025



Benjamin Yeptthomi

Shri Kaling Moyong elected as the new BJP President of Arunachal Pradesh on 18 January 2025



Kaling Moyong

Shri Ravindra Chavan appointed as the BJP Working State President of Maharashtra on 11 January 2025



Ravindra Chavan

All the newly elected State Presidents expressed their gratitude for the trust and confidence placed on them by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President and Union Minister Shri JP Nadda, and the entire party leadership. Kamal Sandesh Parivar also wishing hearty congratulations to all the newly elected State Presidents. ■



PM Modi story



Narendra Modi's suggestion to create an audio library

(Narrated by: Arvind Sant, NRI-USA)

In the 1990s, Shri Narendra Modi was invited by the US government to participate in a meeting for young delegates in New York. After the event, Shri Modi set out on a 15-day tour across the country to meet the Indian diaspora.

Shri Arvind Sant, an Indian living in the US at the time, recalls the days vividly. He says, "During those 15 days, I had the honour of driving Shri Modi around the cities. When Shri Modiji visited New York, he arranged a meeting with all the karyakartas from the city. He even came to our home."

"While driving, Shri Modi asked me to tune into the radio and play speeches, which was quite unusual. He even discussed the idea of creating



an audio library where people could listen to speeches from great leaders. It was a concept far ahead of its time," Shri Sant says.

For the next 15 days, Shri Modi travelled across the US and visited some colleges. He was keen on meeting students

to discuss their technological interests and learn about developments. Although he was just an RSS Pracharak at the time, Shri Narendra Modi's passion for engaging with the youth and discussing technology was evident.

He wasn't a big political figure yet, but his curiosity and willingness to learn from everyone, whether young students or seasoned professionals, stood out. "His focus on gaining new insights and sharing knowledge was always clear," he adds.

Shri Narendra Modi's US visit helped him connect with the Indian diaspora and shaped his vision of using technology and education to drive India's progress. ■

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RADHESHYAM THAKUR

Shri Radheshyam Thakur joined the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1970. During this time, he got in touch with Nanji Deshmukh ji.

During the Emergency, he was jailed under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) and

spent his time in Darbhanga, Hazaribagh and Muzaffarpur jails.

In 1980, Shri Radheshyam Thakur was associated with BJP and continuously worked to strengthen the party organisation at the grass roots level in Bihar. ■



श्री राधेश्याम ठाकुर

Date of Birth	01/07/1953	Gender	male
State	Bihar	District	Samastipur
Town/City	राजपा, कल्याणपुर, समस्तीपुर	Level	District
Post in Organisation	District Executive Member	Active years	1970-2020



DEENDAYALJI WAS A 'DRASHTA', A SEER, NOT MERELY A PHILOSOPHER



D. B. THENGADI

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 inter-nationalism 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.

In fact, Panditji's comprehension was not confined to the human species. His integral-ism indicated

He 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 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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vests in Dharma. Dharma sustains the Nation. Even the Constitution Must be in tune with Dharma. 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 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 for dynamism. Western thinkers could not conceive of a unitary form of government with maximum decentralisation of



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adminis-trative 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 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 Shri Dattopant Bapurao Thengadi, was published in the Manthan in 1979)



Parakram Diwas: Honouring Netaji's legacy in the heart of Odisha's history

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DHARMENDRA PRADHAN

As the nation gears up to celebrate Parakram Diwas 2025, all roads lead to Cuttack, Odisha—birthplace of one of India's most indomitable leaders, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The historic Barabati Fort, which serves as the venue for this year's celebrations, stands as a silent witness to centuries of Odisha's history.

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In January 1909, Subhas Chandra Bose joined the Ravenshaw Collegiate School, Cuttack. This monumental stage of his life marked the beginning of an intellectual and moral awakening. Bose was deeply influenced by the visionary teachings of his headmaster, Beni Madhab Das, who instilled in him

a sense of purpose and integrity. Complementing this foundation were the philosophical teachings of Ramkrishna Paramhansa, Swami Vivekanand and Sri Aurobindo Ghosh, whose ideals of nationalism and self-realization became guiding principles for Bose throughout his life.

Odisha's illustrious history of student activism also intertwines with Netaji's rise. In 1939, when Bose was elected as President of the Indian National Congress in Tripuri, he was supported by many young leaders, including Harekrushna Mahtab, who later became the Chief Minister of Odisha. Mahtab, as a young student leader, actively participated in the session, reflecting Odisha's enduring spirit of resistance and reform.

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Parakram Diwas, instituted to celebrate the stellar contributions of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has evolved into a national festival of unity and courage. The first edition in Kolkata highlighted Netaji's lively connection to the city, where he served as the Mayor and left a lasting legacy as a fearless leader. The 2024 celebrations at the Red Fort in Delhi paid tribute to the trials of the Indian National Army (INA), marking a climactic chapter of India's freedom struggle. In 2025, the celebrations return to where it all began—Cuttack, the city that nurtured Netaji's aspirations and shaped his revolutionary outlook. While Delhi's Red Fort symbolizes the culmination of India's struggle, Barabati Fort reflects its genesis, where the seeds of Netaji's steadfast determination were first sown.

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was an embodiment of pristine purity. Like a meteor, he rose up the Indian skies and illuminated the horizons with his luminous personality. The humble beginning of Netaji's journey as an intrepid leader began in Cuttack; he continues to inspire the youth of Odisha and beyond. His life is a testament to the ideals of resilience, innovation, and a fiercely patriotic commitment to the nation. Despite



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Netaji was a towering leader with an unwavering faith in the greatness of India. He envisioned an India free from the divisions of caste, language, religion and region, united by the thread of a sublime national unity. He said, "Though geographically, ethnologically and historically, India presents an endless diversity to any observer, there is nonetheless a fundamental unity underlying this diversity". It was his deep commitment towards promoting the essential unity of India that prompted Mahatma Gandhi to write: "The greatest achievement of the INA under the leadership of Netaji was to gather under one banner men

of all religions and races of India and to infuse into them the spirit of solidarity and oneness, to the utter exclusion of all communal and parochial sentiments. It is an example we should emulate."

Netaji exemplifies the ideals of resilience, embedded in a non-dogmatic and non-doctrinaire approach. The INA he set up was a product of his unconventional and alternative approach to secure the country's freedom. Netaji inspired INA with three powerful words, which became their credo: 'ITTEFAQ, ITEMAD aur QURBANI' — Ekta, Viswas aur Thyag — Unity, Faith and Sacrifice. In the Amrit Kaal, if our Amrit Peedi follows these ideals of Netaji, they can help India attain her destined greatness, which Hon'ble Prime Minister has articulated in his vision of a Vikasit Bharat by the centenary of the country's Independence. This shall be the greatest tribute; we can pay to the memory and sacrifice of Netaji.

The 2025 edition is poised to reflect the soaring ambitions of our youth. It is set to be an extraordinary celebration, offering a rich tapestry of cultural and historical experiences over three days. Key features of this year's celebrations include, cultural performances, immersive exhibits and sand art displays showcasing Netaji's life.

Today, the youth of Odisha stand at the forefront of preserving a glorious legacy and forging their own paths toward national service and excellence. For Odisha's youth, Netaji's life underscores the importance of quest for greatness while staying rooted in the ethos of service and integrity. His early struggles and later achievements were rooted in discipline, thirst for knowledge, and relentless drive to serve the motherland. Odisha's youth can emulate his strong determination by channelling their energies to make their mark in varied areas of nation building, while making Odisha as one of the progressive and forward-looking states in the country to realise the national vision of development.

When the sun sets over Barabati Fort, the echoes of "Jai Hind" will resonate, reminding us of a leader whose life was shaped by Cuttack's soil and whose legacy continues to inspire a billion hearts. In this Parakram Diwas, we not only celebrate Netaji but also reaffirm our commitment to the values that he stood for, making his vision of a strong and united India ever more relevant. ■

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BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO

DIVIDEND FOR VIKSIT BHARAT

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-Swami Vivekananda



ANNAPURNA DEVI

As India marches confidently towards becoming Viksit Bharat by 2047, the transformative impact of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme is a testament to how far we have come in our transition from a focus on women’s development to women-led development. Swami Vivekananda once said, “There is no chance for the welfare of the world unless the condition of women is improved. It is not possible for a bird to fly on only one wing.” Inspired by this timeless vision, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched BBBP on January 22, 2015, in Panipat, Haryana. This landmark initiative sought to address the declining child sex ratio (CSR) in India and ensure that girls and women across the nation have the opportunities, care, and dignity they deserve.

The 2011 Census revealed a deeply concerning sex ratio

at birth (SRB) of 918, a stark reflection of societal biases and the misuse of diagnostic tools. Through targeted, life-cycle-focused interventions, BBBP not only reversed this trend but also laid the foundation for a future where women will lead and thrive.

Over the past decade, the programme has catalysed significant progress. According to the Health Management Information System, the national SRB has improved from 918 in 2014-15 to 930 in 2023-24. Institutional deliveries have surged from 61% in 2014-15 to 97.3% in 2023-24, while first-trimester ante-natal care registrations increased from 61% to 80.5%. Gross enrolment ratios for girls at the secondary level rose from 75.51% in

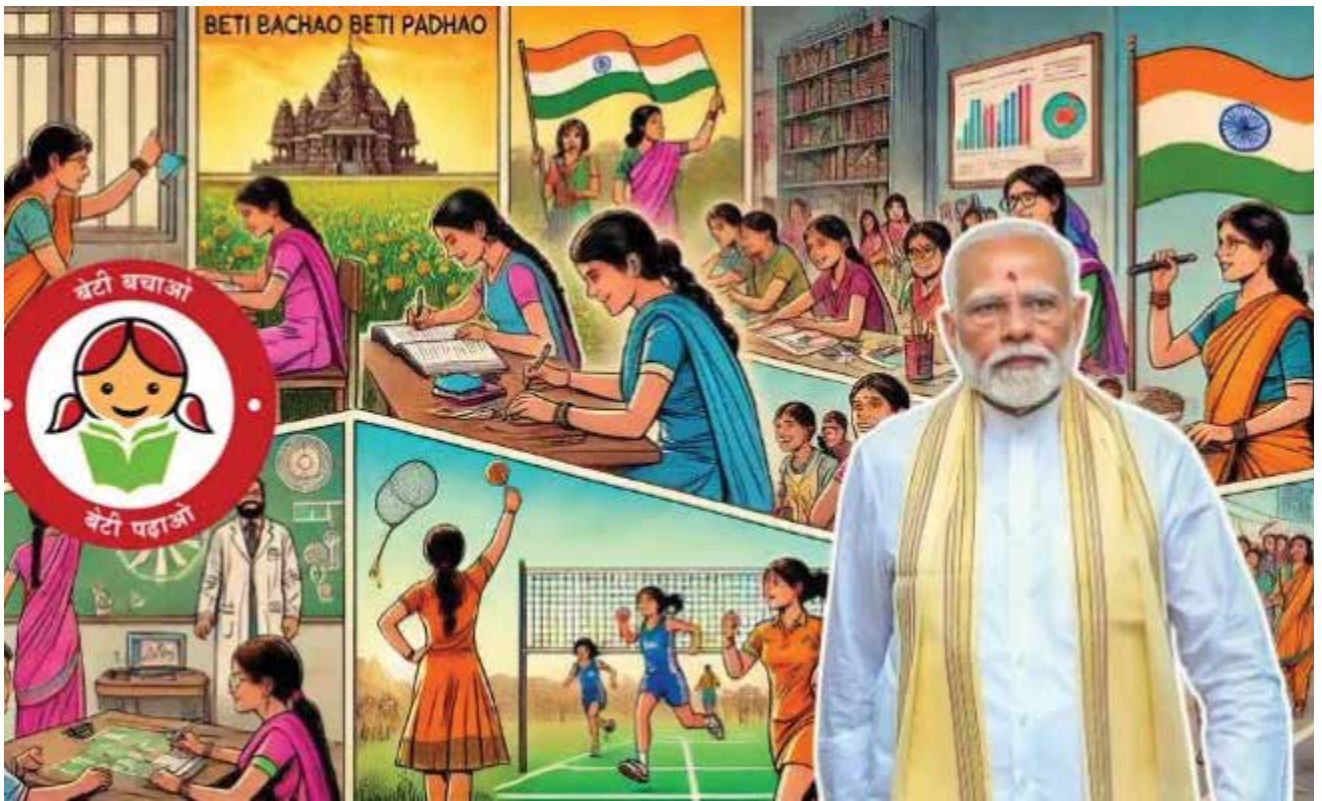
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2014-15 to 79.4% in 2021-22. Additionally, the gap in infant mortality rates between male and female newborns has nearly disappeared, reflecting our commitment to equity in survival and care.

The BBBP movement has gone beyond improving statistics; it has redefined the narrative around women’s empowerment. Initiatives such as the Yashaswini Bike Expedition — a 10,000-km journey by 150 women bikers in October 2023 — symbolised the indomitable spirit of India’s daughters. The Kanya Shiksha Pravesh Utsav in 2022 re-enrolled nearly 100,786 out-of-school girls, showcasing the power of education in transforming lives. The national conference on skilling emphasised the importance of women’s active participation in the workforce, bringing us closer to our vision of women-led development.

As we celebrate 10 years of this transformative programme, it is clear that the mission is far from over. If we are to become Viksit Bharat, it is imperative to ensure that girls and women



remain at the heart of our nation-building efforts. India cannot develop till its girls and women can live out their full potential. This is the time for us to take decisive action. We must strengthen the implementation of The Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act of 1994, address dropout rates in education, expand skill development programmes, and provide targeted interventions at every stage of a girl's life.

In FY24, the Female Labour Force Participation (FLFP) rate in India stood at 41.7%. While this is a significant increase from previous years, it is still below the Labour Force Participation of Men. Noteworthy also, is the fact that FLFP in urban areas is lower than that of rural areas. A large number of women in India are involved in unpaid domestic care work. Our endeavour should be to not only foster an environment

for more women to leave the folds of their domestic spheres and take up employment outside the house but also to create a means to promote care work as a valid career and a profession, so women who are trained in care work and want to pursue it, can do so while also gaining financial independence and seeing their efforts contribute to the economic growth of the country. According to the World Economic Forum, closing the workforce gender gap could increase global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 20%. For India, this is not just an opportunity — it is a necessity.

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Women-led development is central to achieving our goal of a trillion-dollar economy and becoming a developed nation by 2047. The BBBP programme has become a movement that has inspired millions and positioned women at the forefront of India's progress.

Under the leadership of PM Modi, we are witnessing a historic transformation. From women's development to women-led development, the daughters of India are emerging as changemakers, entrepreneurs, and leaders. They are transforming into leaders of their own growth story. Together, let us nurture their dreams and empower their journeys, ensuring that when India completes 100 years of Independence, it does so as a nation where every woman plays a role in shaping its destiny. ■

(The writer is the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, GoI)

Mohan Charan Manjhi
Chief Minister

18TH PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS CONVENTION, ODISHA

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas becomes an institution to strengthen the bond between India and its diaspora: PM Modi

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 9 January 2025 inaugurated the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Welcoming all the delegates and diaspora from various parts of the world, Shri Modi expressed confidence that the inauguration song would be played in the various Indian diaspora events, across the globe, in future.

Thanking the Chief Guest, H.E. Christine Carla Kangaloo, President of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago for the warm and affectionate words in her video message, the Prime Minister remarked that she was also talking about India's progress and her words left an impact on all of them present at the event.

On this day Mahatma Gandhi returned to India

Recalling that it was on this day in 1915, Mahatma Gandhiji returned to India after a long stay abroad, Shri Modi remarked that the presence of the diaspora in India at such a wonderful time added to the festive spirit. Remarking that this edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) was special for another reason, he said, the event was held after a few days of the birth centenary of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, whose vision was instrumental to PBD. "Pravasi Bharatiya Divas has become an institution to strengthen the bond between India and its diaspora", he further added. Shri Modi highlighted that together we celebrate India, Indianness, our culture and progress along with connecting to our roots.

The great land of Odisha, where we have gathered, is a reflection of India's rich heritage, said Shri Modi. He added that at every step we could witness our heritage in Odisha.

The Prime Minister emphasized that he has always considered the Indian diaspora as ambassadors of India. Expressing his joy in meeting and conversing with fellow Indians around the world, he said that the love and blessings he receives from them are unforgettable and always stay with him.

Expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the Indian

diaspora and thanking them for giving him the opportunity to hold his head high with pride on the global stage, Shri Modi highlighted that over the past decade, he had met numerous world leaders, all of whom have praised the Indian diaspora for their social values and contributions to their respective societies. India is not just the mother of democracy, but democracy is an integral part of Indian life, he said.

Highlighting the incredible speed and scale of development in 21st century India, the Prime Minister remarked that in just 10 years, India had lifted 250 million people out of poverty and has risen from the 10th to the 5th largest economy in the world. He expressed confidence that India will soon become the 3rd largest economy.

India's achievement

Emphasising India's achievements, such as the Chandrayaan mission reaching the Shiv-Shakti point, and the global recognition of Digital India's strength, Shri Modi stressed that every sector in India is advancing to new heights, breaking records in renewable energy, aviation, electric mobility, metro networks, and bullet train projects. He highlighted that India is now manufacturing "Made in India" fighter jets and transport aircraft. He envisioned a future where people will travel to India for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in "Made in India" planes.

World Girmitiya Conferences

The Prime Minister highlighted the importance of studying and researching the Girmitiya legacy and urged organizing regular World Girmitiya Conferences and directed his team to explore these possibilities and work towards advancing these initiatives.

The Governor of Odisha, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Mohan Charan Manjhi, Union Ministers Shri S. Jaishankar, and others were present among other dignitaries at the event. ■

Government trying with full sincerity to implement Gram Swaraj on the ground: PM

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 18 January distributed over 65 lakh property cards under SVAMITVA Scheme to property owners in over 50000 villages in more than 230 districts across 10 States and 2 Union territories today through video conferencing. Addressing the occasion, he remarked that today was a historic day for the villages and the rural areas of India and greeted all the beneficiaries and the citizens on the occasion.



SVAMITVA scheme launched five years ago

The Prime Minister remarked that five years ago, the SVAMITVA scheme was launched to ensure that the people residing in the rural areas receive their property cards. He remarked that different states refer to property ownership certificates by various names, such as Gharoni, Adhikar Abhilekh, Property Card, Malmatta Patrak, and Awaasiya Bhumi Patta. "Over 1.5 crore people have been issued SVAMITVA cards in the past 5 years", said Shri Modi. In today's program, he added that more than 65 lakh families had received these cards. The Prime Minister remarked that under the Swamitva Yojana, around 2.25 crore people in villages have received legal documents for their homes now. He extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the beneficiaries.

Shri Modi remarked that despite having property worth millions of crores, villagers often lacked legal documents, leading to disputes and even illegal occupation by powerful individuals. He added that without legal documents, banks also kept their distance from such properties.

Property documentation through Swamitva

The Prime Minister highlighted that previous governments did not take concrete steps to address this issue. He said that in 2014, the Government decided to tackle the challenge of property documentation through the Swamitva Yojana. The Prime Minister emphasized that no sensitive government could

leave its villagers in such distress. Elaborating on the Swamitva Yojana, he said it involved mapping houses and lands in villages using drones and providing legal documents for residential properties to villagers. He added that the benefits of this scheme are now visible. Referring to his earlier conversation with beneficiaries of the Swamitva Yojana, who expressed how the scheme has transformed their lives, Shri Modi remarked that they now receive assistance from banks for their properties, and their satisfaction and happiness are evident. The Prime Minister considered this a great blessing.

"India has over 6 lakh villages, with drone surveys completed in nearly half of them", remarked the Prime Minister. He highlighted that after receiving legal documents, lakhs of people had taken loans from banks based on their property, starting small businesses in their villages. He added that many of these beneficiaries are small and medium farmer families, for whom these property cards have become a significant guarantee of economic security. The Prime Minister noted that Dalit, backward, and tribal families were most affected by illegal occupations and long court disputes. He remarked that with legal certification, they would now be free from this crisis. He mentioned an estimate that once property cards are issued in all villages, it will unlock economic activities worth over 100 lakh crore rupees. The Prime Minister emphasized the substantial capital that will be added to the country's economy. ■

Baba Saheb emphasises that the 'Constituent Assembly should work together for common good'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 118th episode of Mann Ki Baat and the first episode of 2025 on 19 January. Due to Republic Day on the last Sunday of this month, the Prime Minister addressed this program one week earlier. During the programme Prime Minister got listeners to listen to the audio of Baba Sahab Ambedkar and Rajendra Prasad speaking in the Constitution Assembly debate. We are publishing highlights of the address of the episode for our esteemed readers.

During the Constituent Assembly, long deliberations were held on many subjects. Those discussions, the thoughts of the members of the Constituent Assembly, their words, are our great heritage. Today in 'Mann Ki Baat' it is my endeavour to make you listen to the original voices of some great leaders.



empire and our conquests have been of a different kind. We have never tried to shackle others in chains, be they of iron or gold. We have bound others with us by a silk thread that is stronger than iron chains but more beautiful and pleasant and that bond is of religion, culture and knowledge. We will continue to tread the

- Friends, when the Constituent Assembly embarked upon the task, Baba Saheb Ambedkar had said something very significant with regard to mutual cooperation. This Address of his is in English. I will make you listen to an excerpt of it -

“So far as the ultimate goal is concerned, I think none of us need have any apprehensions. None of us need have any doubt, but my fear which I must express clearly is this, our difficulty as I said is not about the ultimate future. Our difficulty is how to make the heterogeneous mass that we have today, take a decision in common and march in a cooperative way on that road which is bound to lead us to unity. Our difficulty is not with regard to the ultimate; our difficulty is with regard to the beginning.”

- Friends, Baba Saheb had been emphasizing on the fact that the Constituent Assembly should be united, have one opinion and work together for the common good. I will make you listen to another audio clip of the Constituent Assembly. This audio is of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ji, who was the President of our Constituent Assembly. Let us listen to Dr. Rajendra Prasad Ji -

“Our history shows us and our culture teaches us that we are and have always been peace loving. Our

same path and we have only one desire and wish; that wish is... we can help in establishing happiness and peace in the world and give the world the infallible weapons of truth and non-violence which have brought us freedom today. There is something in our life and culture that has given us the strength to survive despite the blows of time. If we keep our ideals before us, we will be able to offer a great service to the world.”

- Friends, Rajendra Prasad ji had spoken about the country's commitment towards human values. I now make you listen to the voice of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. He raised the issue of equality of opportunities. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee had said -

“I hope that we shall go ahead with our work in spite of all difficulties and thereby help to create that great India which will be the motherland of not this community or that, not this class or that, but of every person, man, woman and child inhabiting in this great land irrespective of race, caste, creed or community. Everyone should have an equal opportunity so that he or she can develop himself or herself according to best talent and serve the great common motherland of India.”

- Friends, I hope you too would have liked listening to this original audio from the debates of the Constituent Assembly. We, the citizens of the country, taking inspiration from these thoughts, have to work towards building such an India that even the makers of our Constitution would be proud of.
- Friends, a day before Republic Day, the 25th of January is National Voters' Day. This day is important because on this day the Election Commission of India was established. Our constitution makers have accorded a very important place to our Election Commission in the Constitution and equally to people's participation in democracy. When the first elections were held in the country in 1951-52, some people were doubtful whether the country's democracy would survive. But our democracy proved all the apprehensions wrong - after all, India is the Mother of Democracy. In the past decades as well, the country's democracy has strengthened and prospered.
- The Maha Kumbh has commenced in Prayagraj. An Unforgettable Sea of humanity, incredible visuals and an extraordinary confluence of equality and harmony! This time, many a divine alignment is also converging at the Kumbh. This festival of Kumbh celebrates the festival of unity in diversity.
- Friends, just a few days ago, the 'Ganga Sagar Mela' was also organized on a grand scale in West Bengal. On the auspicious occasion of Sankranti, lakhs of devotees from all over the world took a dip at this fair. 'Kumbh', 'Pushkaram' and 'Ganga Sagar Mela' - these festivals of ours are festivals that enhance our social coalescence, harmony, unity. These festivals connect the people of India with the Indian traditions and just as our scriptures have emphasized on Dharma, Artha, Kama, Moksha in the world. Our festivals and traditions also empower every aspect - spiritual, social, cultural and economic.
- Friends, this month we celebrated the first anniversary of the Pran Pratishtha Parv of Ram Lalla on the day of 'Paush Shukla Dwadashi'. This year 'Paush Shukla Dwadashi' fell on the 11th of January. On this day, lakhs of Ram devotees had a darshan of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya and received his blessings. This Dwadashi of Pran Pratishtha is the Dwadashi of the re-establishment of the cultural consciousness of India. Therefore, this day of Paush Shukla Dwadashi has also become the day of Pratishtha Dwadashi in a way. While walking on the path of development, we have to preserve our heritage and move forward taking inspiration from that. ■



PM inaugurates Sonamarg Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 13 January inaugurated the Sonamarg tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, he thanked the labourers who have worked hard and also put their lives at stake for the development of Jammu and Kashmir and India. Shri Modi remarked "Despite the challenges, our resolve did not waver". He lauded the labourers for their resolve and commitment and for tackling all the obstacles to complete the work. He also condoled the demise of 7 labourers.

Hailing the beautiful snow-covered mountains and the delightful weather, Shri Modi said that his eagerness to visit Jammu & Kashmir increased after seeing the recent pictures shared by the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir on social media. The Prime Minister reminisced about his earlier days when he frequently visited the region while working for his party. He mentioned spending considerable time in areas like Sonamarg, Gulmarg, Ganderbal, and Baramulla, often walking for hours and covering several kilometers. He added that despite the heavy snowfall, the warmth of the people of Jammu and Kashmir made the cold unnoticeable. ■

'KNOW BJP' INITIATIVE

'Significant progress in India-Singapore bilateral relations'

As part of the KNOW BJP initiative, BJP National President and Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri JP Nadda, met the President of the Republic of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam in New Delhi on 16 January 2025.

During the meeting, Shri Nadda outlined the organizational structure and activities of the BJP. He also highlighted the recent visit of a 16-member delegation from Singapore's People's Action Party (PAP) to India under the KNOW BJP initiative. He emphasized how the exchange was a valuable, mutual learning experience. He also elaborated on various healthcare



initiatives of the Modi government, especially for the vulnerable sections of society, children and women.

Both leaders reflected on the significant progress in India-Singapore bilateral relations over the past decade and explored avenues for further collaboration, particularly in the healthcare sector.

Shri Nadda was accompanied by BJP Foreign Affairs Department In-charge, Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale, during the discussions.

H.E. Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam's state visit to India also marks the beginning of the 60th-anniversary celebrations of diplomatic ties between India and Singapore. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi paying floral tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on the occasion of his birth anniversary at Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi on January 23, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacting with students on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra at Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi on January 23, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi distributes over 65 lakh property cards under SVAMITVA Scheme to property owners in over 50000 villages on January 18, 2025



PM Shri Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and other dignitaries at the Commissioning of Indian Naval Ships- Surat, Nilgiri and Vaghsheer in Mumbai on January 15, 2025



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