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GLIMPSES OF BJP NATIONAL CONVENTION AT RAMLILA MAIDAN, NEW DELHI



PM Shri Narendra Modi flanked by BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and other senior leaders of the party hoisting the BJP flag before the commencement of BJP National Convention



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Senior leaders Shri L.K. Advani and Dr. Murlu Manohar Joshi and Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh lighting the lamp to inaugurate the BJP National Convention in New Delhi



Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah to the convention



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing the huge gathering of BJP karyakartas at the inaugural session of party National Convention

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By passing The Constitution (One Hundred And Twenty-Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2019, we pay tributes to the makers of our Constitution and the great freedom fighters, who envisioned an India that is strong and inclusive.

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The NDA Govt. led by PM @narendramodi ji has taken a number of pro-poor economic measures including reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections & substantial relief to middle class. This is how the poor and the middle class benefited the most from the govt's Policies.

@nitin_gadkari



Our mission is to prevent road accidents and save lives. Public awareness campaign is important part of it. I appreciate the organisers for taking this initiative.

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Under the present state government in Karnataka, Farmers are dying. Dalits are being enslaved. Common man is being oppressed with taxes. Why should the people of Karnataka pay such a heavy price for the corruption and inefficiency of the state government?



— **Amit Shah**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi on 02 January, 2019 approved the setting up of a High Level Committee for implementation of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord and measures envisaged in the Memorandum of Settlement, 2003 and other issues related to Bodo community.



— **Rajnath Singh**

In the year 2014.. We the people.. Young & old.. From different walks of life.. From India & abroad.. Came together for 1 dream.. To make @narendramodi ji the Prime Minister of India.. Let's come together & ensure #ModiOnceMore for #TransformingIndia and building a #NewIndia.



— **Nirmala Sitharaman**



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REPUBLIC DAY (26 JANUARY)
to all of its readers

NOW EVERY KARYAKARTA CAN GO TO PEOPLE WITH THEIR HEAD HELD HIGH

The BJP National Convention held in New Delhi on 11-12 January 2019 has seen overwhelming enthusiasm among the BJP office bearers and karyakartas who had gathered from across the country in Ramlila ground. The atmosphere was charged with energy emanating from the karyakartas filled with boundless zeal and confidence. The address by BJP National President Shri Amit Shah raised the enthusiasm of the gathering arming them with details of Modi government's achievements and organizational accomplishments. Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh, Shri Arun Jaitley, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, BJP chief ministers and other national leaders further enlightened the gathering with the incredible work done by Modi government in the country. BJP General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ramlal gave an insight into the organisational programmes that are designed to take BJP's message to the people at large. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi called upon the karyakartas to take the message of BJP to each and every home with full confidence and ensure the formation of a strong government at the centre.

THE LAST FOUR AND HALF YEARS HAVE SEEN A HUGE TRANSFORMATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. NEVER BEFORE THE LIVES OF THE POOREST OF THE POOR WERE TRANSFORMED IN SUCH A MASSIVE SCALE. THE 'SCALE, SPEED AND SKILL' EMPLOYED IN CARRYING OUT THIS MASSIVE TRANSFORMATION HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE AND THE ENTIRE WORLD IS ACKNOWLEDGING THE RISE OF A NEW INDIA.

The last four and half years have seen a huge transformation across the country. Never before the lives of the poorest of the poor were transformed in such a massive scale. The 'scale, speed and skill' employed in carrying out this massive transformation has been incredible and the entire world is acknowledging the rise of a New India. A large number of innovative schemes has unfolded a process of transformation which is bringing change in the lives of the last man in the society on the principle of Antyodaya. As strong government in the centre has seen strong decisions which have changed the political culture of the country. The dream of a corruption free government has been realized with enactment of a number of legislative measures declaring war on black money leading to a clean economy. The decisions like Demonetization and GST have paved the way for formalization of economy at a larger level. The credit for making India the fastest growing major economy and sixth largest economy in the world undoubtedly goes to Modi government which has worked tirelessly in last four and half years to make it happen. The work done in the hitherto area of rural economy and improving the condition of the farmers has started yielding results. The achievements in almost every sector are unprecedented which is making every Indian proud and confident of the future. Gone are the days of negativity, doubt and pessimism which engulfed the entire country during Congress led UPA era. The atmosphere now is full of hope, confidence and enthusiasm with India making its mark felt from domestic to foreign policies.

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has rightly said that every BJP karyakarta can now go to the people with their head held high. They have a large number of achievements touching the lives of every single individual in the country and making them feel proud of the Modi government at the centre. The people have given their massive approval to BJP policies and

untiring efforts through their unprecedented mandates to the party from panchayat to parliament. BJP today has either formed government or is part of the government in sixteen states which signifies the massive trust which the nation has reposed on the party in the last four and half years. The BJP has changed the political culture of the country and became the harbinger of the politics of development and good governance. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has become a symbol of hope for the entire country and represents the emergence of a confident India. In him the country has found a dedicated leader, working hard to realize the full potential of this great nation and having the political will to take decisions in the national interests. Today it is the duty of every karyakarta to take his message to each and every individual and to secure a massive victory for the party in the coming Lok Sabha 2019 elections. As every karyakarta goes back to his respective constituency with the resolve to work tirelessly for the elections, the commitment to make Shri Narendra Modi again the Prime Minister of India is the real service to Maa Bharati. ■

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'GOOD IMAGE OF MODI GOVERNMENT FORCED THE DESPERATE CONGRESS TO RESORT TO LIES AND PROPAGANDA'

Addressing at the inaugural session of the two-day BJP National Convention held at Ramlila Ground in New Delhi on 11-12 January, 2019 and while describing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as the most popular Prime Minister since independence, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah exhorted the delegates attending the national convention to take a resolve and vow to re-elect the Prime Minister with a bigger mandate in 2019.

Shri Amit Shah in his inspirational address stated that a victory in 2019 for the BJP is also important for 50 crore poor people of this country, for the youth and for women who have suffered neglect under previous Congress dispensations and have not had access to even basic needs. For over 70 years people waited for a leader who would Make India great and Shri Narendra Modi had arrived to fulfill that desire.

We are publishing the Salient points of the Presidential address for our esteemed readers.

In the last week alone, the government of Narendra Modi ji has taken two major decisions that have massive implications for future. The first of these two decisions was providing 10% reservation for the poor from the upper castes in

education and jobs. Prime Minister has got it cleared in the Cabinet and parliament in a manner of less than one week to fulfill the aspirations of crored of upper caste youth in this country. In my view, the 124th amendment to the Constitution giving reservation to



the upper caste youth is one of the most significant amendments to the constitution since it was framed.

The second major decision of the government under the leadership of Narendra Modi ji is simplification of the GST and the relief given to the small traders and manufacturers. As per this major decision, small traders and manufacturers with turnover upto Rs.40 lakh are exempt from registration under GST. Likewise, the turnover limit for coverage under the composite scheme has been increased from Rs.1 crore to Rs.1.5 crore.

He called upon the entire parliamentary board of the Bharatiya Janata Party to join him in congratulating and complimenting the prime minister for the truly historic decisions in the last one week.

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in 2019. Shri Amit Shah stated that the national convention was to strengthen our resolve to usher in New India as envisioned by Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Shri Amit Shah said that in a tribute to Swami Vivekananda during his Jayanti, the BJP would implement the vision of Swami Vivekananda. He said that the party would celebrate the party's victory in 2019 which also happens to be 150th year of Gandhiji's birth and 500th year of Guru Nanak.

Recalling the contributions of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee the BJP President stated that this is the first national convention of the BJP when Atal ji is not alive. Atalji provided leadership to the BJP from the Jan Sangh days and recalled how Atal-Advani duo strived to take the BJP to every corner of the country and in establishing it as a national party. Though there is a vacuum after the demise of Atal ji he would always remain with the people and the party as it pursues his goals.

Highlighting the significance of Ramlila Maidan



as a venue where the party had resolved to secure a win in 2014 and the venue where the first rally to end the undemocratic Indira Raj after the imposition of emergency, Shri Amit Shah stated that 2019 would also become a significant milestone at the venue for securing outright majority for the BJP.

Shri Amit Shah emphatically stated that a victory in 2019 for the BJP is also important for 50 crore poor people of this country, for the youth and for women who have suffered neglect under previous Congress dispensations and have not had access to even basic needs. For over 70 years people waited for a leader who would make India great and Shri Narendra Modi had arrived to fulfill that desire.

Highlighting that the so-called Opposition Alliance has neither a leader nor any positive agenda, he said that the 2019 electoral battle will have an impact that would last for centuries. Underscoring the importance of 2019 battle, Shri Shah drew a parallel with the Great Maratha rulers in pre-British era who won 134 battles but a defeat in Panipat third battle had brought in the British Raj which subjugated India for 200 years.

Recalling the 2014 verdict the BJP national president said the people of this country have given an outright majority to a government after a gap of 30 years. He further stated the BJP was in power in only 6 States when the party secured a majority in 2014 while at present the party is in power in 16 States. Further, he said, the membership of the BJP has risen from 2.4 crores in 2014 to 11 crores at present. Once

the party scores a victory in 2019 the party would expand its influence and become a dominant party even in the south of India going as far as Kerala, he added.

Stating there is no leader to rival the popularity of prime minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Shah said that the BJP's victory in 2019 was certain as the people of the country are with the BJP under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. Highlighting the desperation of the so-called grand alliance the BJP President said that the politics is not just arithmetic or physics but produces chemical reactions. Referring to the alliance between Samajwadi Party and Congress party in 2017 UP assembly polls, the BJP President stated that the BJP had secured a massive mandate despite that alliance. He exuded confidence that the BJP would secure over 50% vote and would go on to win at least one more to 74 seats in Uttar Pradesh in 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Taking a dig at rival political parties that are feeling compelled to come together despite their known rivalries owing to the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP President said that these attempts would fail.

Reeling out statistics as to how poverty and deprivation remained unaddressed despite the Congress having ruled India for 55 years the BJP President stated how in the last 4.5 years 6 crore women have received free LPG connections, 9 crore households have received a toilet, 2.5 Crore houses have received electricity, 2.5 crore households



received free housing under Awas Yojana. Describing Ayushman Bharat as the world's largest Health Insurance programme, the BJP President said that 50 crore people of the country who could not afford Healthcare are receiving Rs 5 lakh health insurance cover for hospitalization and for other expenses as well.

Highlighting significant improvement in the overall national security scenario, Shri Shah attributed improvements to the security doctrine followed by the Modi government which gave freehand to the armed forces to retaliate every act of provocation and infiltration with a heavy response. Naxalism has also been curbed and the problem has nearly ended, he said. The BJP government had given respect to the armed forces by fulfilling a long standing demand of the armed forces for One Rank One Pension (OROP), he added.

Unlike the week-kneed response of the Manmohan Singh government in similar situations, our government carried out retaliatory surgical strikes after 16 of our sleeping soldiers were killed in a terrorist attack in Uri, he said. The whole world has started looking at us differently and with more respect after the surgical strikes, he added.

Demanding that the Congress party must make its stand clear on the National Register for Citizens (NRC), Shri Shah said that many opposition parties in Parliament shed tears for illegal immigrants who pose a threat to India's security. Describing how this problem is eating away our resources like termites, he castigated them for vote bank politics.

Highlighting how India's image and prestige has enhanced over the last 4.5 years under Modi government, Shri Shah recalled that Shri Narendra Modi was asked to inaugurate Davos summit though leaders from India never received such honour in the past. He also noted as major achievements the International Yoga Day, UN Champion of the Earth award for the PM Modi and India's contribution to the

deliberations in Paris Climate Summit.

Lambasting the corrupt rule of the Congress party before 2014 which looted Rs.12 lakh crore in various scandals, the BJP President listed various initiatives of Narendra Modi government like the SIT against black money, framing of rules under the benami act, fugitives act, demonetisation etc to launch a big attack against black money. By implementing direct benefit transfer (DBT) under various schemes, the BJP government has plugged leakages and insured savings to the tune of Rs.80000 crore, he added.

Describing the Narendra Modi government as a Spotless government, the BJP president stated that the party cadres can hold

their heads high for a government of total integrity. Highlighting how the Congress Party continues to indulge in lies and calumny even after the Supreme Court found absolutely no merit in the allegations being made in Rafale procurement and no need for any investigations. Shri Amit Shah has congratulated and complimented finance minister Shri Arun Jaitley and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for exposing lies of Rahul Gandhi and Congress Party during the parliamentary debates on the issue. Stating that the Congress Party is getting desperate as the party's image is tarnished after the revelations by "Mama Michel" and Uncle Quattrocchi. Scare of a big defeat and the immaculate image of the government have made a desperate Congress to resort to lies and Propaganda, Shri Shah revealed.

Shri Amit Shah said that the likes of Vijay Mallya, Mehul Choksi, Nirav Modi who escaped India were in partnership with the Congress Party which allowed them to loot public money and that they would never have fled India had the Congress been in power. Because "chaukidar is holding everyone by the neck, they felt compelled to flee. Modi ji's government will ensure that they return to India and payback everything they looted from this country with the Congress party's collusion and help. ■

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‘SUPPORT THE VISION OF PRIME MINISTER MODI TO MAKE INDIA A GREAT COUNTRY’

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The Political Resolution said, “India has transformed into a major global power, whose voice is heard with respect and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is acknowledged as a global leader. All this has happened because of hard work, overpowering commitment and good governance ensuring development in various fields. India, today is the fastest growing major economy and being recognized for its emphasis on inclusive development. Perform, reform and transform has become the cornerstone of development. Even the global institutions are affirming the extraordinary success of India’s story. In this journey of development every section of society is feeling empowered, realising the core development philosophy of “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas”.

We are publishing the full text of the Political Resolution for our esteemed readers.

It has been more than four and half years that India is being governed by the Bhartiya Janata Party led NDA under the inspiring leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi. In this term, India has transformed into a major global power, whose voice is heard with respect and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is acknowledged as a global leader. All this has happened because of hard work, overpowering commitment and good governance ensuring development in various fields. India, today is the fastest growing major economies and being recognised for its emphasis on inclusive development. Perform, reform and transform has become the cornerstone of development. Even the global institutions are affirming the extraordinary success of India's story. In this journey of development every section of society is feeling empowered, realising the core development philosophy of "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas".

Contrast this with the critical situation India was facing when Narendra Modi took office as the Prime Minister, four and half years ago. The country was facing severe crisis on many fronts. Indian economy was struggling with the high inflation (10.4% along UPA II) and low growth (6.4% in 2013-14), investor confidence was at an all-time low, international credit rating agencies had downgraded the rating of Indian economy. India was seen among the Fragile Five economies of the world. Indiscriminate lending by banks under political pressure caused huge Non-Performing Assets for the banks. Corruption was at its peak and the country was facing policy paralysis. Credibility of Indian economy at global stage was very low. Policy paralysis and series of scams had seriously clouded the image of India. The morale of security forces was low and senior ministers and leaders of the Congress Party and UPA were not only showing sympathy towards the terror accused for vote bank politics but were shamelessly equating proud saffron heritage of India with terror. It was in this dismal scenario of hopelessness that National Council of BJP was held in this very Ram Leela Maidan nearly five years ago when we all pledged to unfold a road of hope for India under the inspiring leadership of Narendra Modi.



POOR AT THE CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT:

On being elected as the leader of the Parliamentary Party after his historic win Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made a very moving declaration. He said, "My government will work for the poor and will remain committed for their well-being". In the last four and half years the far reaching welfare programs for the poor implemented in a time bound manner has brought smile and hope to them. The extraordinary success of the Jan Dhan Program where a record 33 Crore poor people were included in the formal banking network. Linking these accounts with the Aadhaar digital platform and mobile and consequent direct benefit transfer of Rs.5.50 Lakh Crore into the bank accounts of the poor under various welfare entitlements and resultant saving of Rs. 90,000 Crores which used to be pocketed by middlemen and fictitious claimants represent new milestone in the field of inclusive development. Out of these 33 Crore bank accounts 53% account holders are women and 59% are in rural and semi urban areas. The World Bank Findex Report 2017 has rightly appreciated Jan Dhan Yojana as the world's largest financial inclusion program.

India's growth story under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi had certain defined goals such as banking the unbanked, funding the unfunded, securing the unsecured and pensioning the un-pensioned. More than 20 Crore poor people have been offered financial security under schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti BimaYojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Atal Pension Yojana.

Extraordinary success of MUDRA Yojana, where 15.33 Crore people availed Rs. 7.29 Lakh Crore loans to improve livelihood and business, has encouraged entrepreneurship and empowerment. What is very assuring to learn is that among MUDRA beneficiaries nearly 74% are women and SC/ST entrepreneurs.

6 Crore poor families have been given LPG connection under the highly successful Ujjwala Yojana. Under the biggest health care scheme Ayushman Bharat 10 Crore poor families are to get medical insurance cover upto Rs. 5 Lakh per year for treatment in any hospital. In little over 100 days of its launch, 7.03 Lakh poor patients have been

given free of cost treatment already. Programs like Pradhan Mantri Grameen Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), which aim to make 6 Crore rural adults digitally literate and the wide network of more than 3 lakh Common Service Centers including in more than 2 lakh Gram Panchayats are giving new momentum to digital delivery of services and empowerment for the poor, under-privileged and rural people.

It is a matter of great pride that under a mission mode programs all the un-electrified 18,000 villages across the country have got the facility of electric connection. 1.5 crore houses for poor families have been built under Pradhan Mantri AwasYojana.

All this indicates the fulfilment of the promises in a very substantial measure, which the Prime Minister had made regarding welfare of poor.

SWACHH BHARAT AS A MASS MOVEMENT:

The Prime Minister led from the front in making the Swachh Bharat Mission a great success. His government rightly recognised that absence of clean toilets and open defecation were the cause of many problems including health hazards. From 1947 till 2014 nearly 6.5 Crore toilets were constructed in rural areas whereas in the last four and half years 9.67 Crore toilets got constructed. This one statistics explains the transformation. Sanitation coverage has also increased from just 38% in 2014 to 98.49% in 2018.

EMPOWERING WOMEN:

Narendra Modi government envisaged a model of women led development. Historic initiative of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao has found appreciation world over. This has led to clear increase in the sex ratio in 104 identified districts of India. There has been an increase in enrollment of girls in secondary schools as well as improvement in institutional deliveries of children. 49.88 Lakh women have been paid maternity benefits worth Rs. 1678.33 Lakh Crore in less than

a year. Historic decision to increase maternity leave to 26 weeks (6 months) has benefited the working women immensely and put India into the league of nations which offers the longest maternity leave in the world. Passport rules have been relaxed for single mothers.

Out of the 3 Lakh Common Services Centers across India, 60,000 of these centers are run by women village level entrepreneurs. Historic hike in incentives was given to Anganwadi and ASHA workers. For the first time women pilots were permitted to fly fighter jets in the Indian Air Force.

For providing safety and justice to women, death penalty has been provided for rape of girl child under the age of 12 years and minimum punishment for rape of a girl under 16 years has been increased from 10 years of imprisonment to 20 years of imprisonment.

Muslim Women remained subjugated to archaic and evil practices. Government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made the evil practice of instant Triple Talaq a criminal offense with penal provisions. It is very regrettable that some opposition parties, particularly the Congress party is opposing such a progressing pro women law designed to give Insaaf to Muslim women from

the scourge of Triple Talaq which even the Supreme Court has set aside. Noticing the vote bank driven opposition of the mainly Congress party to oppose its passage in the Rajya Sabha the ordinance has been approved again for giving justice to victim women. Muslim women can now perform Haj without any male guardian.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL:

Social justice and equitable growth is inherent in our philosophy of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. Legacy of Baba Saheb Ambedkar was given its due honor and made easily available to the youth of India but establishing Dr. Ambedkar International Center in Delhi and developing places associated with his life

The historic initiative to provide reservation to economically poor people belonging to sections that were not getting the benefits of reservation till now, which also includes upper castes, shows the concern of the Prime Minister towards every poor and deprived person.

in the form of Panch Teerth.

Persons with disability were given their due respect as Divyang. Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan was launched for creating Divyang friendly infrastructure. Types of disabilities were increased from 7 to 21. For the first time speech and language disability, specific learning disability were added as disabilities. Victims of acid attack have been recognized as Divyangs. Reservation of seats for Divyang persons in higher educational institutions were increased to 4%.

For the welfare of Other Backward Classes, the Narendra Modi government gave Constitutional status to the National Commission of Backward Classes.

The historic initiative to provide reservation to economically poor people belonging to sections that were not getting the benefits of reservation till now, which also includes upper castes, shows the concern of the Prime Minister towards every poor and deprived person. This has been achieved without making any compromise with the existing quota of reservation presently being given to SC, ST and OBCs.

HARNESSING YUVA SHAKTI:

To develop young India, Modi government initiated series of initiatives in the form of increase in educational institutions. 7 IIT, 7 IITs, 14 IIITs, 1 NIT, 2 IISER, 103 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 62 Navodaya Vidyalayas were established during the tenure of Narendra Modi Government. In order to ensure fair and transparent conduct of examinations a National Testing Agency was created.

Under the Skill India mission, the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 13,000 training centers across India have been opened to impart training in 375 trades, where 1 Crore youngsters have been given training. To increase this network, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras are being set up in every district of India.

The first Khelo India initiative saw participation of 3507 players from across the nation. A National Talent Search Portal has been launched to identify talented young sports persons.

By taking initiatives like Startup India and Standup India for the first time government has shown enormous faith in the entrepreneurial abilities of young people of India and used it for economic

development and employment creation. It is indeed a matter of great assurance that today India has become the third largest startup ecosystem in the world with over 15,500 registered startups. Atal Tinkering Labs in schools are inculcating innovation culture in young minds from early days and promoting young talented innovators. These efforts have ensured that India has moved to 60th rank in Global Innovation Index in 2017 from 81st rank in 2015.

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION:

It is a matter of assurance that the Prime Minister himself has focused upon programmes which creates employment opportunities both in urban and rural areas. MUDRA Yojana and Standup India have made it easy for small entrepreneurs to avail easy collateral free loan for expanding small businesses. 15.26 Crore small and very small businesses have got Rs. 7.29 Lakh Crore as loans out of which nearly 50% are those who have taken loans for the first time. This by itself created employment opportunities for Crores of Indians.

From just 83,000 Common Service Centers in 2014, there are 3 Lakh Common Service Centers today working in more than 2.10 Lakh Gram Panchayats of India. This has developed 3 Lakh village level digital entrepreneurs who have created employment opportunities.

Encouraged by the Make in India initiative, India is fast emerging as a center for electronics manufacturing. Production of electronics goods from India has doubled in last four years. India had only 2 mobile phone factories in May 2014. Today there are 127 mobile phone factories working from India. India now has the distinction of having the world's largest mobile phone factory, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. All these have created employment opportunities.

Indian IT industry has been providing direct and indirect jobs for millions of people out of which nearly one third are women employees. To promote IT industry in small town and offer IT jobs to the youth of small towns, India BPO Promotion Scheme and North East BPO Promotion were introduced. Today 260 BPO units are working from towns like Guwahati, Imphal, Kohima, Muzaffarpur, Bareilly, Badgam, Srinagar, Sangli, Karimnagar, Guntur etc. This too has

created jobs for the youth of India.

Recently released data of Employee Provident Fund Organisation clearly shows that under Narendra Modi government there has been tremendous boost to job creations.

The speed and scale with which transformative changes are happening in railways, expansion of airports and air services, National Highways and rural roads and other infrastructural projects is also creating large scale employment opportunities.

TECHNOLOGY LED GOOD GOVERNANCE:

Programs like Digital India, Make in India, Startup India, Standup India, Skill India, smart cities are all technology based programs for transformation. Vision of the Prime Minister is being talked about across the world as a model of technology led good governance for improving the lives of citizens. By personally monitoring the developmental initiatives in 115 aspirational districts, which were lagging in various parameters the Prime Minister set a new governance standard of hope. In many of these districts fast tracking of developmental initiatives has started showing results.

Today technology led developments powered by information technology led services like e-hospital, soil health cards, e-Visa, e-scholarships, rural digital literacy etc. and the JAM trinity of Jandhan bank accounts, Aadhar identity and Mobile phones for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of welfare funds, which has resulted in a saving of over Rs. 90,000 Crore, are scripting a new inspiring vision of inclusive development.

Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leveraging this potential of India for making it a hub of emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Robotics, Blockchain and Virtual Reality etc. Today India has emerged as a major digital economy and it is expected that in the coming five years, it will become a trillion-dollar digital economy.

RAPIDLY DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE:

Infrastructure development, which suffered due to corruption and policy paralysis during UPA regime, got a new lease of life under Narendra Modi government. Average speed of rural road construction has gone up from 69 Kms per day in 2013-14 to 134 Kms per

day in 2017-18. Expenditure on road construction increased from Rs. 32,483 in 2013-14 to Rs. 1,16,324 in 2017-18. Coverage of rural roads, which was only 56% in 2014 has increased to 91%. India's longest rail-cum-road bridge- the Bogibeel Bridge connecting Assam and Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated.

In addition to road connectivity, extraordinary expansion in air and rail services and exploring waterways with new commitment are helping create a new identity of infrastructure. The benefit of these services have percolated to the lowest strata of society and to the remotest parts of the country. To promote digital connectivity, 300,000 kilometers of Optic Fibre Network (OFN) have been laid linking more than 1 lakh gram panchayats, while in case of UPA, only 358 kilometers of OFN was laid.

FROM FRAGILE FIVE TOWARDS SIXTH LARGEST ECONOMY OF THE WORLD:

In 2014, India was considered among the fragile five economies. With nearly double-digit inflation, high fiscal deficit and current account deficit, low investor confidence and sluggish GDP growth. Today, India's GDP in the first half of 2018-19 grew at 7.6%, fiscal deficit is well within the budgetary target of 3.3%, inflation never crossed 5% during Modi government and has rather remained around 3% to 4%, highest ever foreign direct investment of \$ 61.96 billion was received in 2017-18 and foreign exchange reserve is soaring. In the Ease of Doing Business Index of the World Bank, India moved from 142nd rank in 2014 to 77th rank in 2018.

Bold moves like demonetization has hit the age-old problem of parallel economy and domestic black money. The government took courageous decision like de-registration of 3.26 Lakh shell companies. Number of Income Tax payers who filed return in 2013-14 were only 3.82 Crore which has nearly doubled to 6.86 Crore in 2017-18. Income Tax collections, which was only Rs. 6.38 Lakh Crore in 2013-14 increased to Rs. 10.02 Lakh Crore in 2017-18. India witnessed the biggest tax reform since independence in the form of roll out GST, which was pending for many years. Total number of taxpayers registered under GST increased to 1.13 Crore in July 2018. This is an addition of 49.53 Lakh new taxpayers into taxation system. Rates of GST were continuously rationalized based on the

feedback from citizens and today 95% of the items are well below 18% slab. To help the small traders in the remotest parts of the country the exemption limit in GST has been liberalized from the existing Rs 20 lakhs to Rs 40 lakhs.

Digital payment saw unprecedented boost under Narendra Modi government, making the Indian economy more formal, transparent and robust. BHIM-UPI, which is a unique fin-tech innovation of India, offered an easy to use mobile based digital payment option to common citizens. BHIM-UPI transaction which were only Rs. 50 Crore in October, 2016 hit an all time high of Rs. 1.02 Lakh Crores in December, 2018. Now Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS), pensioners, MGNREGA wages etc. are able to withdraw money from their bank accounts in their villages, without any need to visit bank branch.

CRACKDOWN ON CORRUPTION:

One of the biggest changes in the Modi government as compared to the governments in past has been crackdown on corruption. UPA government set new records in scams but on the contrary there is not one allegation of corruption against Narendra Modi government. That is why in a desperate attempt to put at least one blemish on the clean governance provided by Narendra Modi, the Congress Party concocted the lies about Rafale. The falsehood propagated by Congress party in this connection was also repudiated by the Government of France. The Supreme Court examined various aspects of Rafale deal and gave a clean chit to the Government and decided that there was no commercial bias and Air Force needs it to upgrade its strength. It is very disturbing to note that a party like Congress which has ruled the country for so many years is making serious compromise with national security when the Air Force urgently needs fighter aircrafts. The UPA during ten years of its rule delayed such acquisition on one pretext or other. It is too well known that the Congress record in defence acquisition is full of murky deals.

Sincerity of the Modi government to crack down on corruption was evident in the first Cabinet Meeting, which decided to set up a Special Investigation Team on black money. Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015

was brought. Real time data sharing agreement with Switzerland was finalized. Prevention of Money Laundering Act was amended to enable confiscation of property equivalent of value of black money stashed abroad. Benami Property Act that was passed by the Parliament in 1988, was notified only in 2016. Tribunals for Speedy Disposal of Benami Property was set up. Fugitive Economic Offenders Act to empower Government to confiscate assets of economic absconders was brought, which has led to high profile players being declared as fugitive, who were beneficiaries of the UPA regime, by getting various benefits from the banks inspite of their questionable record. Diplomatic and legal efforts to bring back fugitive economic offenders are yielding good results now. Middlemen involved in various defence deals were extradited and now are in jails in India.

Transparency in auction of Telecom Spectrum and Coal blocks led to record collection of revenues. Interviews in non-gazette posts were abolished. Online applications made mandatory for all clearances. Time taken for environmental approvals brought down to 180 days from 600 days.

Indiscriminate lending by banks to businessmen during the UPA government led to very high amount of Non Performing Assets (NPA) for banks. Between 1947 to 2008 total loans given by banks were to the tune of Rs. 18 Lakh Crore. But total lending by banks between 2008 to 2014 increased to Rs. 54 Lakh Crore. Phone banking flourished during UPA tenure and banks gave loans to industrialists under political pressures and this was the biggest scam of UPA. Government led by Narendra Modi inherited bank NPAs and made efforts to recapitalize the banks. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was enacted to recover money from defaulters. Nearly Rs. 3 Lakh Crore have been recovered in last two years after implementation of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

GLOBALLY RISING STATURE OF INDIA:

India, which was being seen with hopelessness by the global community around 2014 due to corruption and poor policies of UPA government, has emerged as a major global power today. The world looks at India with hope and promise today. India is expected to lead the global economic growth. Efforts made by

Narendra Modi government led to declaration of 21st June as the International Day of Yoga by the United Nations. Today India's age old tradition of Yoga is being practiced world over with great enthusiasm. India affirmed its commitment towards climate change and success of Paris Agreement, even though major economies like USA withdrew from this. India took a first of its kind initiative of International Solar Alliance, with its headquarters in Gurugram, to promote use of solar energy across the globe.

A bold and confident nation, under a courageous leader, decided to carry out surgical strikes to curb incidents of terrorism from Pakistan and also succeeded in diplomatic isolation of Pakistan in the world. The strong and stern action of security forces in Kashmir has forced the terrorists on the run. The number of districts controlled by Maoists have come down drastically and the firm handling of security measures in the country has surely weakened drastically the striking ability of the terrorists. India also joined the Missile Technology Control Regime, which will help in boosting its security needs. In the world of space technology ISRO set many milestones. World praised India when it launched a record 104 satellites in one go. India also became the first Asian country to launch a Mars Orbit Mission called the Mangalyaan.

Today Indians across the world are feeling far more confident and secure as they know that Government of India is caring for them even while they are far away. The global stature of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the personal warmth he has introduced in the diplomatic discourse has also enhanced the stature of India.

CHOICE BETWEEN STABILITY OR INSTABILITY, BETWEEN AN HONEST AND COURAGEOUS LEADER, AND A LEADERLESS OPPORTUNISTIC ALLIANCE- A 'MAJBOOT' GOVERNMENT OR A 'MAJBOOR' GOVERNMENT:

We note with a mixed feeling, the recent results of Vidhan Sabha elections in different states. The National Council compliments the hard work of the Party workers in each state. All the BJP state governments have given exemplary record of development and good governance. We shall surely draw the right lessons but surely this will serve as an inspiration for the party workers and cadres to work

with renewed vigour in the Lok Saha elections.

Today a comical alliance known as Maha-Gathbandhan of desperate, contradictory and opportunistic political formations is being sought to be raised to take on the Prime Minister, the BJP and the NDA. They neither have any program agenda for India or for the people of India nor any leader but the only glue is the hatred against Narendra Modi. This in many ways also exposes the limitations of the constituents of this opportunistic alliance. India of 2019 is not the India of 90s where the longevity of the Union Government comprising these desperate and opportunistic elements ranged from 4 months to one year. The choice today is between stability and instability- Effective governance or desperate mal-governance, a well-respected leader like Narendra Modi being opposed by an opportunistic alliance whose leader is unknown. It simply means choice between a majboor government or a majboot government, where national security, powerful surge of nationalism and growth of India remains the prime focus. We are sure that people of India will repose their trust in the BJP and NDA under inspiring leadership of Narendra Modi.

In the year 2014, the BJP was in power in 6 states. Today, in addition to ruling the country, the BJP has government in 16 states. In 2014, the membership of the party has 2 crore 40 lakh which has now risen to 11 crore. In the last four and a half years, the party has expanded a vast network of booth level organization in the far-flung areas of the country. The hard work of the party workers has strengthened the party and consolidated its appeal under the widely popular and inspiring leadership of Prime Minister Modi. The vision, the commitment, and the extra-ordinary record of good governance and development of the Prime Minister has found resonance with the people of India because of the hard work of the organization.

The people of the country are sure to re-elect Prime Minister Narendra Modi to continue with his work with renewed dedication. The BJP is determined to make this vision a reality in the coming elections. The party appeals to the people of India and also the millennial voters, who would vote for the first time to participate in the coming elections with full enthusiasm and support the vision of Prime Minister Modi to make India a great country. ■



'MODI GOVERNMENT IS PRO-FARMER AND IMPLEMENTING PRO-FARMER POLICIES'

The Resolution on Agriculture was moved by the Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and seconded by Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis, BJP Kisan Morcha National President Shri Virendra Singh Mast and MP Shri Vijaypal Singh Tomar.

The Agriculture Resolution wholeheartedly appreciated the work done by Modi government and congratulated our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in whose leadership the central government has worked enormously for the betterment of the farmers and the agriculture sector of the country in last four and half years. It is the result of these fine and successful agricultural policies of the BJP-led Central Government that the sector has not only improved in last few years but positive changes could be seen in the lives of the farmers of the country.

This National Convention has also taken this 'sankalp' that in 2022, the 'New India', which we are conceptualizing, will have an independent, able, strong and prosperous farmer as our 'annadata', who will also be a significant vehicle to take Country's economy to new heights.

We are publishing the full text of the Resolution on Agriculture for our valued readers.

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thoughtfully discussed ways and taken policy decisions and initiative to increase the income of farmers of the country and for the development and prosperity of agriculture sector. To achieve the goals of development in agriculture the government has fruitfully worked towards soil health cards, facilities for micro irrigation, facilitating three crops per year, better irrigation in less water use and modern techniques in agriculture. The BJP led State government have now, and earlier also, made the 4% agriculture loan interest free in the economic interests of the farmers. They have

also taken significant steps of simplifying procurement procedures in the economic interest of farmers.

In 2014 when the BJP government was formed in the Centre in leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, farmers of the country were already fighting for their basic demand of better farm produce prices, non availability of fertilizers and good seeds, issues of non payment of procured produce, and lack of any transparent policy for the agriculture sector. As soon as the Central Government was formed in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, it started working to identify and resolve problems and issues in the agriculture sector of the country at the policy level. This Government made farmer and agriculture as its priority and started taking scientific and pragmatic steps towards solving issues of the sector. These multidimensional steps taken by the Central Government helped to improve the situation of the farmers in the country. The food grain production in the country has increased manifolds even after many adverse situations in the recent times. This government has taken positive and firm steps to strengthen financial security of the farmers of the country in case of natural disasters. The farmers of this country are now free from the unavailability of fertilizers and seeds under this government. This government has also met the demand of increase in the minimum support price of the farm produce, which was pending for many years. Budget allocation for the agriculture sector has also increased in recent years and this Government is fast reaching towards the goal of 'doubling the farm-income'. This National Council expresses its confidence that the aim of 'doubling the farm-income' would be achieved in given time period under the BJP Government.

This government in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been able to generate a confidence among the people that a pro-farmer government is working in the country, whose priority is the 'annadata'. This National Council congratulates the Prime Minister and the Central Government again for it's pro-farmer policies and

strengthening the agriculture sector of the country.

If the changes occurred in recent years in the agricultural sector of the Country, the list is going to be very long. The Country has achieved many landmarks in the change and betterment in the agriculture sector in recent years. Today, at this National Council Meet, when we are discussing different dimensions of the agriculture sector in the country, the achievements of this Government needs to be highlighted.

INCREASE IN MSP: RIGHT PRICE - PROSPEROUS FARMER

The discussion on right price of the farm produce to farmers has been going on for a very long time. The Swaminathan Commission, at the time of the UPA government also made its recommendations in this regard but the last Congress government was sitting idle and quiet on this significant issue of the welfare of the farmers of our Country. But this pro-farmer government of the BJP took steps to implement this long pending demand and took a decision to increase the MSP to 1.5 times more than the input cost. This Government proved that it will not leave anything for the betterment and welfare of the farmers by taking a decision of increasing the minimum support price of Rabi and Kharif crops. This National Council congratulates the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government for implementing this long pending decision. This decision of the Government is helping farmers to get almost 50% more profit on their produce. On crops like Bajra and Urad, this profit has increased in the range of 65% to 96%.

BUDGET ALLOCATION STRENGTHENING THE AGRICULTURAL BASE

This government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has consistently shown its willingness towards increasing the budget allocation for the agriculture sector to strengthen the base of the agricultural system in the country and to bring it out from the poor state it has been suffering for long time. People

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have been seeking a great economic management for this simple effort for a long time. The Modi government not only took this challenge very seriously but also implemented its solution successfully. It is the result of these efforts that the agriculture budget in the country has increased enormously in last four and half years. The Government has relatively increased allocation under the agriculture sector in recent budgets under the following heads.

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DISASTER RELIEF: In the case of natural disasters, the agricultural sector has got Rs. 32,208 crore rupees in last four and half years from the National Disaster Relief Fund which is 2.5 times higher than the last Government's. The amount allocated under the SDRF, the allocations made to States is also 82% more than the last Government's total allocation in the same head.

CONSOLIDATED FUND FOR THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR :

The Central Government under the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has underlined the multi-area needs of the agriculture sector in its policies. For this consolidated funds are allocated under different heads. The Government has allocated Rs. 5,000 crores for micro irrigation fund, Rs. 10,881 crores for food processing, Rs. 40,000 crores under the long term irrigation fund, Rs. 2,000 crores under the agricultural development infrastructure development fund. Rs. 7,550 crores for fisheries and Aquarian Sciences development and Rs. 2,450 crores for development of animal husbandry infrastructure in the last years.

CHANGE THROUGH POLICY ORIENTED SCHEMES

Agriculture related policies and schemes of the BJP-led

Central Government reflects a commitment towards the resolution of these long-term issues and problems in the agriculture sector. The Modi government has identified problems and found policy level solutions within given time frame. The government has been successful in making these schemes and testing their pragmatic aspect along with implementation. Some of the important works in this regard are the development of organic agriculture, establishment of laboratories for soil health, establishing and consolidating irrigation facilities and extension of cover areas under different schemes.

WATER TO EVERY FIELD: This government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has started and implemented the 'per drop - more crop' scheme under the Prime Minister Agriculture Irrigation Scheme across the Country. This scheme has given new dimension to

the micro irrigation systems in the country. The Modi government has allocated more resources and money to this scheme to the extent of 16.21% more in the tune of Rs. 5,460 crore. Where as with the aim of increasing the large irrigation area Rs. 40,000 crore were given under the NABARD, which will be effective to irrigate 76.03 lakh hectares of the land.

ECONOMIC SECURITY

OF THE FARMERS: As soon as the Modi government came into power, it identified many gaps in policies related to financial security of farmers in case of natural disasters or through the agriculture insurance. For the Modi government, the farmer of this country is on the top of its list of priorities. This is the reason that under the leadership of the Modi ji, the premium on the Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme was reduced for the convenience of the farmers looking at their situation. Also the cover under this scheme was extended to a great extent. The pro-farmer Modi government has worked without any biases and with full commitment to extend this scheme to extend it to each and every state of the country, so that the common farmer gets the benefit of this scheme. In its last year of the Government

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in 2013-14, the Congress-led UPA government spent Rs. 2,151 crores on the Crop Insurance Scheme which has increased now to the tune of Rs. 13,000 crore with an increase of six times under the Modi-led NDA government along with extension of total land coverage under this. Before the new crop insurance scheme, farmers were getting claims only with minimum 50% damage to their crops in case of natural calamities under the disaster management where as now, even if there is 33% damage to crops, they are being given claims under the insurance. Before year 2014, the number of insured loaned farmers and non-loaned farmers was 29 lakh and 6.37 crores respectively; which after the coming of the BJP-led NDA government has increased to 2.75 crores and 8.16 crore respectively. Earlier farmers were getting Rs. 4,718 under the scheme which has now increased to Rs.5,400. In 2017-18, the Government paid four times more than the total premium collected from farmers under the claims of this scheme. Today 10.78 crore hectares land of the country has come under the insured area. The BJP government led by Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, has done all this.

ENCOURAGING SCIENTIFIC ATTITUDE AND MECHANIZATION:

Sh. Narendra Modi led BJP government has encouraged mechanization and soil identification techniques to make the agriculture sector more prosperous and productive for the farmer of the country. The budget allocation for soil health cards was increased 12 times, the budget allocation for mechanization of agriculture was increased to Rs. 1165 crore in comparison of just Rs. 58 crore in the UPA government. Total of 17.53 crore Soil Health Card have been distributed till now which are helping farmers to decide right fertilisers for their fields. Neem coating of Urea has curbed the black-marketing of Urea in the market. All this work done by the Modi-led NDA government is a proof that the government has been sincere about the agricultural sector.

INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

The effect and result of multidimensional and multi area efforts in the agricultural sector are reflected in the increase productivity of food grains in the country. The figures in the agricultural productivity are proof of the agriculture development and pro-farmer works and policies of the BJP-led Central Government.

FOOD GRAIN PRODUCTION: If you look at from a comparative perspective the food grain production has increased 11.4% more in 2017-18 from the average of 2010-15. The food grain production was 284.83 million tons during this period. These figures are very encouraging and reflect on the good intention and deeds of the Modi-government.

HORTICULTURE AND PULSES: According to the third advance estimate for the Year 2017-18 the production in the Horticulture sector is going to be 306.82

millions. If we look at it from a comparative perspective from the 2010-15, there is a 17.55% increase in the said period. Where as, the relative increase in the production of pulses in 2017-18, has been registered as 40.09 percent.

MILK AND FISHERIES PRODUCTION:

The production capacity has increased because of the efforts of the Government in the dairy and fisheries production. The annual growth in milk production between 2014-18 was registered at 49%.The income of farmers related to dairy industry has increased 30.5% between 2014-18 and the per capita milk availability has also increased 22.5% in 2017-18. The production in fisheries sector, in the last financial year has recorded 42.22% growth. The efforts made by the government to encourage fisheries industry has resulted in India's capacity of exporting fish products and fishes to the tune of 180% in recent years.

REFORMS IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

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perspective 7.24 lakh metric ton pulses and grains were procured between 2010-14; where as under the BJP-led government 78.6 15 lakh metric ton food grain and pulses were procured between till December 2018 by the government, These figures are almost 11 times more than the total procurement under the last UPA government. Under the last UPA government, a total of Rs. 300 crore was allocated for this procurement where as by the BJP-led government, within it's first two years, 15,000 crore rupees was allocated. Procurement of cotton also increased to 325% under this government. The farmers of the country were not getting right prices for their produce. To resolve this issues, this government formed E-National Agriculture Market (E-NAM) to connect all 585 agriculture markets in the country on one platform. This online agriculture platform has 1.41 crore registered buyers and sellers; and 2.25 crore tons of agriculture produce worth Rs. 58.930 crore has been marketed through this.

POLICY CHANGES IN FAVOUR OF FARMERS IN AGRICULTURE TRADE

To decrease the dependency on agricultural imports in the country and to secure the interest of the farmers of the country, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP government made major policy changes. Import duty on wheat was increased to 20% and on tuar pulse to 10%. Import duties on some other agricultural producers were also implemented to make the country self-reliant and helpful for the farmers. Some quantitative limits were also set on some farm produces.

EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

The BJP led Central government has made some structural changes for the development of agricultural education in the country and made efforts for its extension across different sections and regions of the country. The Modi-government has increased budget allocation under agricultural education to more than 55% in 2018-19 from 2013-14. A total of 1100 crore

rupees was spent on National Agricultural Higher Education Scheme and four new degree courses were also started.

THE AIM OF DOUBLING THE FARM-INCOME

Sh. Narendra Modi led Central Government has successfully worked on the issues of increasing the income of farmers, to encourage and make agriculture attractive, to secure financial and economic interest of farmers, to raise awareness, to increase the productivity and consumption of agriculture produce. The BJP led government want to make the farmer of the country strong and prosperous. The government is committed and working with full dedication to reach the aim of doubling the farm-income within the given time period. All that is mentioned above in brief, are the ways to reach this goal.

Today when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led government has completed four and half years, and we look at these achievements, we firmly believe the 'New India' which we are trying to create, we will not just be able to reach the goal doubling the farm-income but would be looking forward from there. We have witnessed a government which is a pro-farmer, which recognizes farmer's issues and bring

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This National Council, in its full confidence, praises the BJP government led by our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi for being pro-farmer and implementing pro-farmer policies. This National Council has full confidence that in 2019 we will once again bring Prime Minister Sh Narendra Minister to the government with full majority. We will keep this development of agriculture continue for a longer duration to realize the 'New India' we have been thinking and working towards. We also take this 'sankalp' that in 2022, the 'New India', which we are conceptualizing, will have an independent, able, strong and prosperous farmer as our 'annadata', who will also be a significant vehicle to take Country's economy to new heights. ■



‘LAST FIVE YEARS HAVE BECOME THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TIME IN LAST 70 YEARS HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY’

The Resolution on welfare of the poor was moved by Union Foreign Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj and seconded by Jharkhand Chief Minister Shri Raghubar Das, Bihar BJP President Shri Nityanand Rai, former CM of Jharkhand Shri Arjun Munda and BJP National Vice-President Shri Dushyant Gautam.

The resolution praised the Central Government led by PM Shri Narendra Modi for the initiative taken for the welfare of the poor and for the schemes implemented and its far fetching policies towards their social and economic upliftment.

It further said, “As a result of the clear policies, noble intention and decisive leadership of the BJP Government the lives of the poor in the country improved. There is a clear cut difference within the last four and half years, before and after the formation of this Government led by Shri Modi.

We are publishing the full text of this Resolution.

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improve the lives of the poor in the country. There is a clear cut difference within the last four and half years, before and after the formation of this Government led by Shri Narendra Modi.

The Congress Party stayed in power for a very long time after independence, but neither the lives of the poor improved nor did they get the social justice they deserved. Congress party always treated the poor of

the country as their vote bank. The Congress Party only gave some temporary entitlements from time to time but it did not work towards finding a far reaching and basic solution to the problems of the poor in the country. This is a simple reason that the poor never got empowered and they never got their basic rights as they should have rightfully gotten. However, our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, who comes from a poor background, committedly worked towards making a change for the poor, with the specific aims of antyodaya and welfare of the poor, along with bringing a paradigm change in the situation of the poor and the economically and socially weaker sections of the country. This Government took many historical decisions in the last four and a half years to change the conditions of the poor.

Bhartiya Janta Party believes that the welfare of the poor leads to the betterment of the country. It believes that if we have to increase our capacities for the development of the country and take it to new heights, we need to develop and prosper each and every section of the society. For achieving this, with his slogan of 'Sabka Saath - Sabka Vikas', Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi worked towards the empowerment of the last persons of this society, who have been suffering from social and economic backwardness for past several decades. The Bharatiya Janata Party in its last four and half years has worked much more than what the Congress could do in last 60 years for the betterment of the dalit, poor and the downtrodden of the country. This National Council of the Bhartiya Janta Party praises Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for the schemes, policies and decisions that he has initiated for the welfare of the poor of this country.

THE POOR IS GETTING HIS RIGHTS

The Congress Party gave the slogan of 'Garibi Hatao' immediately after independence, but it only remained a slogan. The poor remained limited to an electoral slogan in the development indicators of the Congress Party. Former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi of the Congress Party used to say that only 15 rupees of the 100 rupees which is sent from Delhi reaches the poor of the country. These were the times when Congress was in power in most of the places from Panchayat to

Parliament. Thus, it is not very difficult to deduce where the 85 rupees was going during those days. Today, the situation is remarkably different. This picture has completely changed because of the steps taken by the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi of the BJP.

The BJP Government implemented Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to ensure that the rights of the poor reach to their accounts directly. It is the result of this DBT that 5.50 lakh crore rupees under 434 schemes is reaching the accounts of the poor directly without any middle man. This change reflects that the 15 rupees which was reaching the poor in the times of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, is now a complete 100 rupees out of 100, which is reaching directly to the poor.

TRUST ON THE CITIZEN: AADHAR FOR IDENTITY

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has a multidimensional perspective for the welfare of the poor. This is the reason that he started the cycle of development by giving an identity to the poor of the country. Today 122 crore people of this country have gotten AADHAR cards. This is being praised all over the world because no other country has been able to give identity cards to such a large population ever. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given a kind of development badge to the poor of the country in 25 lakh habitations across 6 lakh villages of the country. The Aadhar card has not only given an identity to the poor of the country, but it has also paved the way for their overall development.

Immediately after taking the power in his hands, Shri Narendra Modi gave a right to the poor, thereby reinstating the faith and trust of the Government on the citizen, and of the citizens on the Government. Shri Narendra Modi has put an end to the tradition of 'attestation', which was started under the British rule and was continued by the Congress regime. Common citizen had to go to a Government official to get any document 'attested'. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has put an end to this process by giving the right of this 'attestation' to the person himself. Now any person of the country can verify his or her own documents. This is an example of the empowerment of citizens of the country.



JANDHAN: REACHING THE EVERYONE

This was an irony that even after seven decades of independence, a very large section of the population couldn't become a part of the mainstream economy of the country. Many decades ago, the Congress Party did 'Nationalisation' of banks in the name of poor but even after 47 years of this 'Nationalization', there were crores of families which never got the chance to open a bank account. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi with the 'Jan Dhan Yojana' brought crores of such families into the banking system of the country by opening their bank accounts. Within a very short span of time, 33 crore people opened their bank accounts. The country saved 87,000 crore rupees through these 32 crore accounts within a very short span of time. The poor of the country benefited from becoming a part of the banking system by removing the middleman. Now the poor have started receiving the money that they deserved, directly into their accounts. This has also curbed the corruption which was present in the system. On an average, the middlemen were getting almost 90,000 crore rupees which has now stopped and is available for the development of the country.

BJP Government took the decision of starting the 'Post Payment' Bank in the banking system. This was a landmark decision in the history of the banking system. The banks which were not available for the poor of the country for decades even after independence, were now open for the poor and this happened only through the commitment of Shri Narendra Modi. 1.5 lakh new banking centres were opened and the banking system opened its door for the common people in the country. Now the 'Postman' who used to deliver letters, started exchange of money and other banking related services. The simplification of banking system which is happening under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi is historic and unprecedented. The Modi Government has made the banking services available at the door of the poor in the country.

ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR THE POOR

Economic security to the poor of the country has been at top priority for this Government. Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, insurance security was provided under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana. 14 crore people got 2 lakh rupees accidental insurance benefit by paying only 12 rupees per year. A total of 29,000 people have gotten 580 crore rupees in claims under this scheme up till now. Similarly, Jeevan Jyoti Bima scheme has become very popular, under which a poor person can pay only 9 rupees per day premium and his family becomes entitled to 2 lakh rupees in insurance claim, upon his natural expiry. This is the cheapest premium in the world. 5.50 crore poor people have bought this policy and up till now 1,24,000 families have benefited in cases of natural death of the policyholder, in which 2,480 crores rupees have been

disbursed till now. Similarly under the Atal Pension Scheme, by depositing only 7 rupees per day, anyone can get 5000 rupees per month in pension after the age of 60 years. Uptill now 1 crore 24 lakh accounts have been opened under the scheme, in which the poor people are saving for their secured future. Under the EPS-95 scheme, the labourer was getting Rs. 100, Rs. 200 or Rs. 300

pension per month until now. The BJP Government has increased it to 1000 rupees and 36 lakh pension holders are taking the benefit of this now.

The Modi Government of the Bhartiya Janta Party has established high standards of public welfare and economic security for the poor through these schemes and initiatives. The example set by the Government for being welfare centric, development oriented and pro-poor, is highly appreciable.

HEALTHY INDIA PROSPEROUS INDIA

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Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given the gift of health to 10 crore families and 50 crore population of the country. Under this scheme, the poor of the country are getting benefits of up to 5 lakh rupees for free treatment of 1350 types of diseases. For this, the poor are getting a card and even if they have not gotten the card, they can get benefits of the scheme on the basis of their Aadhaar identity card. In first 100 days of this scheme, more than 6 lakh poor people have gotten free healthcare in private and public hospitals across the country. This relief to 50 crore people is crucial, because in the circumstance of non availability of money for treatment, the poor had no option but to sell their land or house or take loans from different non-institutional sources, creating significant financial burden on the poor families. Now without spending a single penny, the poor people are getting sufficient healthcare. The Ayushman Bharat scheme has given a new life to the poor people of this country, after 70 years of independence. Along with this, many wellness centres have also been established, where the poor are getting good healthcare and medical advice, after different free tests.

Quality And Accessible Healthcare For The Poor: The efforts made by the BJP Government to make essential medicine and healthcare cheaper and accessible are highly appreciable. In last four and half years, prices of 1085 essential medicines were reduced, which has reduced upto 15000 crore rupees in expenditure from the pocket of the poor. In addition to this, 4300 Jan Aushadhi Kendras were opened, where most of the medicines are sold at 50% less price. The Government has also reduced the price of stents to Rs. 20,000 -Rs. 30,000 from 1.5 -2 lakh rupees to reduce the cost of heart surgeries. This has straightaway benefited the poor. In another such decision, the Modi Government has reduced the price of knee replacement surgery upto 60%-70%. In cases of diseases related to cancer and heart, the price of medicines were very high. Now with Amrit pharmacy,

these medicines are being sold at 70%-80% discount to the people. In 500 districts across the country, 'free for poor and cheaper for others' dialysis facilities were also made available.

Mission Indradhanush: 4 crore infants are given health facilities through 'Mission Indradhanush' with five kind of vaccines. More than 50 lakh pregnant women are getting 6000 rupees per year for better health and nourishment. Along with this, a program for better nourishment of children is being implemented very successfully. All these schemes and facilities are giving health security to the people of the country.

ELECTRIFICATION: FROM VILLAGES TO HOUSEHOLDS

When the BJP came to power in the Central Government in 2014, there were 18000 villages in the country, which were not electrified yet. Shri Narendra Modi took the commitment of completing this aim in 1000 days. People in these thousands of villages have never seen electricity in their lives. Even if electricity was available in many other villages, it was not reaching every house of the village. The Modi Government took the decision of taking free electricity to each and every household of these villages.

Through the Saubhagya Yojana, the Government identified 4 crore such households across the country and aimed to provide all of these 4 crore household free electricity within 1000 days. The Government has by now reached 2.5 crore such households and provided them free electricity. In the states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Jammu Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Tripura, Mizoram, Sikkim, etc, not a single home is without electricity now. The work which the Congress Government could not do in 70 years, the Modi Government has done in just 4 years and has created an identity of its own for this.

UJJWALA YOJANA: CHANGING THE LIVES OF WOMEN

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gotten a gas connection, a cooking gas stove and the first free cylinder under the Ujjwala Yojana. Before this, these women were inhaling the amount of smoke equivalent to 400 cigarettes per day by burning wood for fuel. The poor women were becoming accustomed to suffering from the same. A pro-poor and sensitive Modi Government understood this pain of the poor and found solutions. The smoke from the lives and homes of the poor waned away and they got light in the real meaning. Along with this, 6 crore more connections were given to different other sections of the society. Untill now, 12 crore connections were distributed in a span of 5 years. This is an unprecedented achievement.

HOUSING: COMMITMENT TOWARDS FREEDOM FROM HOMELESSNESS

Another significant need of human life is a shelter or residence. Under the Prime Minister Rural Housing Scheme, the poor were getting 70-75,000 rupees to make their homes, which has now become 1,25,000 rupees under the Modi led BJP Government. This Government is working towards the aim of giving a good house to the poorest of the poor. The poor are now getting 12000 rupees to make a toilet in their house. Today more than 1.5 crore people have got their own houses. This is a big achievement of the Pradhanmantri Awas Yojna. In urban areas, affordable housing scheme has been initiated which is helping the middle class and the lower class in the cities to get their own flats. The Government is giving 3 lakh rupees towards the interest on loan for housing in these places.

FOOD SECURITY SCHEME

Another primary need of the poor is food. In the times of the Congress regime, only 32 crore people across 11 states were covered under Anna Suraksha Yojana. Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, this Anna Suraksha Yojana has been extended to

all 29 States and 7 Union Territories. Now 80 crore poor and other category people are getting benefit of this scheme. Under this scheme Rs.2/Kg wheat and Rs.3/ Kg rice is being made available to the poor sections of the society.

CORRUPTION FREE MNREGA

In 2014, only 27000 crore rupees were spent on the MNREGA, which has now increased to 54000 crore rupees in 2018. This has led to creation of 142 crore man days of labour under the scheme to provide employment to the poor. Now women share 56% of the total scheme beneficiaries. Earlier payments under this scheme took many months to reach to the poor; now the Government has made fundamental changes. It now deposits the money directly into the accounts of these labourers within 15 days. This has reduced

corruption and other leakages under this scheme. The Government has also increased minimum wages to 42% more than the earlier times to ensure that the poor shall get fair wage for his labour. This has benefited more than 60 lakh labourers directly.

The Government has provided a unique account number for Provident Fund for every worker in the country, which has

facilitated a smooth change of job and place for the poor person. Under the MUDRA scheme, which offers loan upto 1 lakh rupees without any collateral, 15 crore poor and middle class people have gotten more than 7 lakh crore rupees. Among these 74% are women, who have gotten loans and have started small businesses. In the last four and half years, more than 1 crore E-rickshaws were introduced which has put an end to inhuman exploitation, increased employment and saved the environment. When the Congress mocks the poor by calling them chawala or pakodewala, the Modi Government gives them ways to earn a respectable livelihood. This is the difference between the BJP and the Congress.

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INFRASTRUCTURE: FAST SPEED OF DEVELOPMENT

Construction of Roads: The first and primary condition of development is improvement in basic infrastructure. Under the Congress Government, only 70 kms per day of rural roads were constructed; now it has doubled to 140 kms per day. In the last 4 years, 1,80,000 kilometres of roads were constructed. In May 2014, the rural roads were reaching only 56% of villages, now they have reached 91% of villages up till August 2018.

Communication System: Communication is an essential and important service. Today a lot of government services and works are being done online. For this, in last 4 years, 2,25,000 new service centres were established. Today, these service centres have reached more than 3 lakh in total. This government has put a network of 3 lakh km of optical fibre cable in 1,22,000 village panchayats across the country. In 2014 this number was just 59 village panchayats. Now the village panchayats are working on mobile and many villages have got Wi-Fi facilities.

Aviation: This was a dream of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that a person who is wearing sleepers, should be able to fly in an aeroplane. To realise this dream, UDAAN scheme was launched with rupees 2500 airfare for many areas. In last 4 years, 25 new airports were made and put to use. After the Independence, the aviation sector has registered the highest growth in last 4 years.

Regional Development: Many areas across the country were lagging behind in the race of development. 150 such district were identified by the Modi government and were called Aspirational Districts. In this district, a scheme was launched for making 7 different types of services like banking, insurance, gas, electricity, health and roads, available for each and everyone in the district. This scheme was successful in 75,000 villages across the country. Modi ji has conceptualised that a balanced development of the country will only happen when all the areas and regions of the country will develop together. For this purpose, these aspirational districts were facilitated for good education, health, transport and development related service on a fast pace.

Identification And Utilisation of Resources: The Modi government took a historical decision to spend the money earned through mining activities of a district in the same district. 150 such districts were identified

in the country. This has made available, 18000 crore rupees for development of these 150 districts. Along with this, under the Antyodaya Yojana, the poorest of the poor of the 2.5 lakh village panchayats across the country are integrally linked to different schemes of livelihood to improve their lives.

RESPECT AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

The government has achieved big success in the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan'. This has led to increased respect for girl child and in 104 districts, sex ratio has also improved. Schools for girls have increased in number and the government has made more scholarships available for their studies. Under the Sukanya Samridhi Yojna, 1.30 crore accounts were open for the girl child for their education up till their marriage. This has helped to make the women more empowered and respected in the society. To provide a safe and secured life to women is an important aspect of the society and the government has taken some stern decisions in this regard. Now capital punishment for rape has been introduced by this government.

The Kasturba Gandhi girls schools for an integral education of girl child of the lower sections of the society, have had education and hostel facility only upto class 8th till now. Now these have been extended up till class 12th. Now 5,97,000 girl child in 597 such hostels will study upto class 12th. Similarly, for the poor rural male students, 39 new Navodaya Vidyalayas have been opened in last 4 years by the government. Along with this, in this week the government has also taken another big decision by increasing the number of seats in all Navodaya Schools by 5088. This will benefit a large number of students who are going to take admission in the coming academic year. The government has also opened 109 new Kendriya Vidyalaya in last 4 years.

The women working in the Anganbari were getting less paid. Now for such 27 lakh Anganwadi working women, the monthly remuneration has been increased to 1500 rupees per month. Similarly, 1.5 Lakh Asha workers have also got their monthly remuneration to 2,000 rupees under this government. Additionally, now these women are also getting insurance benefits under social security schemes of the government.

QUALITY EDUCATION: PADHE BHARAT-BADHE BHARAT

A new scheme of integral education to increase the

standard of education in the government schools was launched under the scheme of 'Sabko Shiksha Achi Shiksha'. With this, the government has worked towards quality education in government schools where learning outcomes shall also be raised. Along with this, different types of scholarships have also been increased upto 50%. 4 lakh toilets were made in girls schools and in schools where the toilets were less in numbers, 12.5 lakh new toilets have been added. 11 lakh government schools have got Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 20,000 annually for development of library and sports facilities under the 'Padhe Bharat-Badhe Bharat, Khele India-Khile India'.

10% RESERVATION TO THE GENERAL CATEGORY

This government has taken a revolutionary and historic decision for the poor and middle classes of the country. The economically weaker sections will now get 10% reservation in jobs and higher education on the basis of their income. A constitutional amendment has been made in this regard. This benefit will be made available to the poor of every religion and to groups who were not getting reservation until now, like Brahmin, Baniya, Kapu, Maratha, Patel, Jat and Rajputs. This demand of the poor was never met in the last 70 years, which is now being met. This National Council appreciate Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi and congratulates him for this historic and revolutionary decision.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR DIVYANGS

3 to 5 percent of people in our society have some or other physical disability. This government has brought Sugamya Bharat Scheme to make all the government buildings accessible by making ramps in these buildings. More than 8 lakh Divyangs have got different instruments and equipments in more than 7000 camps in last 4 years. This government has increased the reservation for Divyangs to 4% from 3%. Scholarship for

technical education for Divyangs have also increased. The country has got its first research centre for Sign Languages. Earlier only 7 type of disabilities were identified to put a person in a Divyang category, which have now become 21 types of disabilities.

This government has for the first time made provisions of minimum support price (MSP) for forest produce for the tribals, which has helped increase their incomes. The tribals have benefitted from different schemes under the 'Van Bandhu' program. The government has given entitlements (Van patta) over many lakh hectares of forest land to tribal communities for agriculture.

The Janmabhoomi, Shikshabhoomi, Karmabhoomi, Deekshabhoomi and Mahaparivranbhoomi of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar have now been developed into 'Panchteerths' by the government by making Smarak in these places. This government has also started

Ambedkar International Centre. A separate budget of 95,000 crore rupees for different schemes for dalits and tribals was allocated. For the welfare of OBC, the budget has been increased by 41%. This government has also completed the dream of formation of OBC commission

The country gets empowered only through the empowerment of the poor. The country will not

progress until each and every section of the society does not get equal opportunity for development. Modi Government in last four and half years has tried to increase the pace of development and bring everyone in the process of development. So much has been done for the welfare of the poor under the leadership of Sh. Narendra Modi in these 5 years, that this period has become the most significant time-period in last 70 years history of development of the country. This National Council of the Bhartiya Janta Party once again congratulates our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi for these significant and important achievements. ■

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“OUR CORE MANTRA IS SABKA SAATH SABKA VIKAS AND EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT”

Addressing the concluding session of the two day long BJP National Convention held at Ramlila ground in New Delhi on 11-12 January, 2019 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, “Will you ever like such a Servant (Sevak) who steals from the house, who shares your domestic issues with the neighbours or ignores the problems at home and takes 2-3 months holidays. Like you select your sevak for home, decide what type of Pradhan Sevak you want for the country.

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We are publishing the salient points of the Speech of PM Shri Narendra Modi for our readers.



This is the first national council meeting without the presence of Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji. I pay my respect to his memory with the hope that his blessings continue to lead our karyakartas.

- We are in government at the centre and in 16 states where we are either leading the government. or a part of them.
- Over the past 2 days, several resolutions have been passed on farmer welfare, economic issues, political issues. We need to ensure this information

reaches every household.

- It is for the first time in the history of the country that there is not a single allegation of corruption against the government.
- The first 10 years in the 21st century were very crucial for the country. Just as I say that had Sardar Vallabhai Patel become India’s first PM, this country would have been in a far better situation had Atal ji government continued for another term.
 - The nation is Today Marching toward honesty. this is evident from the fact of increase of tax payers, those who have left gas subsidy, among others. They have faith that their contribution towards national development is being meaningfully utilized.
 - Our core mantra is Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, which includes all round, regional agricultural and Development for all Indians.
- 10 % Quota in education and employment is a step to fulfill the aspiration of those who were economically challenged. This has been achieved without touching the provisions that already exist for the various other sections today.
- This is also a step towards providing equal opportunity to those from the forward sections.
- I am aware some people are trying to spread falsehood and discontent but they will not succeed.

- Many steps and opportunities are being provided to our youth. Take the example of sports and the talent is witness to this.
- We worked for women's empowerment through several programs over the past 4.5 years. For example, maternity leave, involvement in the armed forces, education through schemes like Beti Padhao Beti Bachao.
- We are transparently working towards strengthening the condition of our farmers. but before finding solutions, we need to first see the problems that have brought farmers to this state. The government is working on several initiatives. We fixed MSP at 1.5 times of the cost of production. How is it that today on TV no more breaking news of increase of dal prices. This is because over the last 4.5 years we have purchased 95 lakh tons compare to 7 lakh tons that last government procured.
- I do not say that all problems are over but we have worked honestly to solve problem of the people.
- Is their any program or scheme that has my name on it. this is because we are taught that nation is first, party next, self last.
- I do not claim that everything has been achieved but I do claim that I have honestly day and night worked to improve the lives of the poor I. We have worked on everything such as providing electricity to all village, highways, toilets. We have worked faster than ever before.
- Public money in the banks had become private wealth and public funds were distributed as loans. From independence till 2008 in 60 years banks gave loans totally of 18 lakh crores. but between 2008 to 2014 this amount of loans increased to 54 lakh crores, an increase of 34 lakh crores as loans over 6 years. this happened because of "Congress process" where banks were made to give loans to the preferred few in thousands of crores. Under

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"Common process" where citizens got loans of small amounts or the middle class.

- We worked to change this and today thousands of crores outstanding amount have been returned on account of the insolvency bankruptcy proceedings.
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- No matter how much they abuse me, Chowkidaar Rukne wala nahi hai.

- These days an attempt is being made to form mahagathbandhan. these parties that historically have opposed the congress, they are joining hands with the congress. These is betrayal of the voters. we have seen in Telangana where it was demolished and in Karnataka their CM of few months now says he is like a clerk. In Rajasthan and MP, pound of flesh is being

extracted for support to the government.

- They all are now working that a "Majboor Sarkar" comes in the country and not a Majboot government. they want to enable corruption but the country wants a strong government so that farmers get their due, our armed forces are strengthened corruption is eliminated. No scam like 2G, commonwealth Games, happened in the last 4 years. Digital India is strengthened where no loot takes place in a allocating resources, no scam in health and a scheme like Ayushman Bharat provides health benefits to 10 crores families.
- Our path is to touch the hearts of every Indian. we are a party born on principles.
- Share all these with every voter and let this reach every household.
- They opposed enemy property act, OBC constitutional status bill, citizenship act. The Congress has opposed it. Now the Congress and its lawyers are opposing the Ayodhya issue. we

need to remember this and not let anyone forget this attitude of the Congress.

- The Congress opposed every move that is for the benefit of people join hands with the “Tukde tukde gang”, those who call surgical strikes as “Khoon Ki Dalali”
- The government of A.P., Chhattisgarh and West Bengal have said CBI should not investigate in their state. Why are they scared of investigation by the CBI.
- When I was CM in Gujarat each and every agency was used to target me. In fact one of their senior leaders said in Gujarat that Modi will be jailed soon. The recent judgement of CBI court in Mumbai confirms that Congress attempt to somehow trap Modi but we never intervened in agencies from doing their job because we have faith in agencies and courts. Today they are opposing CBI, tomorrow it be Election Commission, courts any other agency. Their belief is in falsehood and corruption whereas we believe in the constitution of Baba Saheb Ambedkar.
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- Modi is also a product of the organisation. we all have reached here with the effort of lakhs of karyakartas.
- When we say Mera Booth Sabse Majboot it is similar to how a farmer sows the seed at the right time for reaping good result.
- The last 4 years have shown as that nothing is impossible. Imagine how the next 5 years can further improve the condition of the country's situation.
- Let us all together bring about change and improvement and recall the inspiring words of Swami Vivekananda, we have miles to go and make a New India. ■

Shivraj Chouhan, Raman Singh, Vasundhara Raje appointed as BJP National Vice-Presidents

The former chief ministers of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chhattisgarh Dr. Raman Singh and Rajasthan Smt. Vasundhara Raje were appointed as BJP National Vice Presidents. The appointments were made by BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 10 January, 2019.



HOW THE POOR AND THE MIDDLE CLASS BENEFITTED MOST FROM THE MODI GOVERNMENT POLICIES?



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RESERVATION FOR THE ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

The Constitutional Amendment Bill to provide reservation to the economically weaker sections has been passed by both Houses of Parliament. It will soon become a part of India's Constitution. Caste in India was considered as a key determinant of either social or historical oppression as in the case of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes or a determinant of social and educational backwardness as in the case of the Other Backward Classes. Poverty, however, is a secular criteria. It cuts across communities and religions. Poverty as a criteria for a carve out does not in any way contravene the basic structure of the Constitution. The original Constitution (unamended) in its Preamble mentions Equality of Opportunity and Justice for all whether political, social or economic to be ensured by the State. The Preamble expresses the intent of the Constitution framers. It is an aid to the

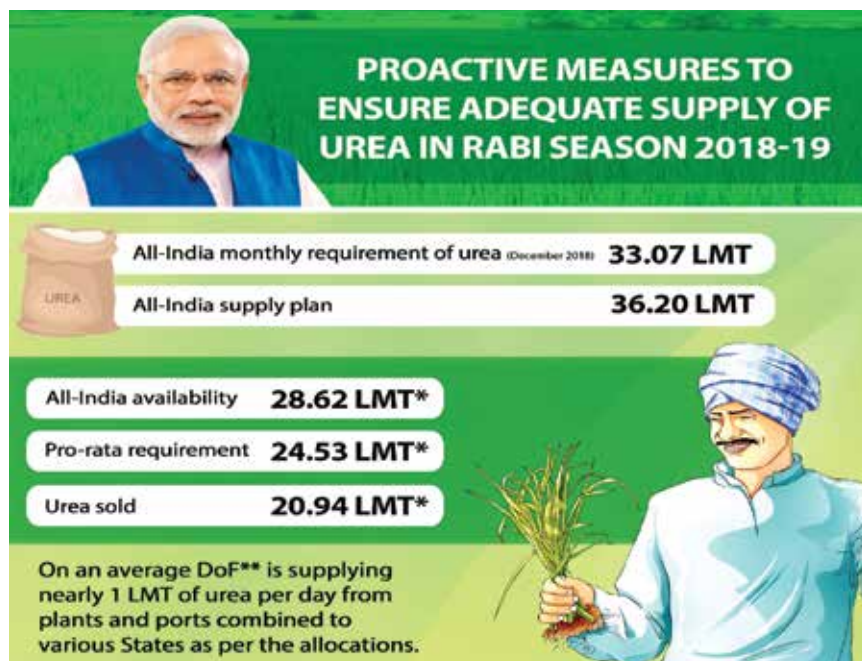
interpretation of what constitutes the basic structure. Nor does the carve out amongst the general non-reserved categories for 10 percent of their poor in any way get restricted by the 50 percent reservation embargo placed by the Supreme Court. In the Indra Sawhney case, the Supreme Court had categorically mentioned that 50 percent criteria applies only to the caste based reservations envisaged in Article 16(4) of the Constitution.

Nonetheless, the Prime Minister's decision to force an agenda for poverty based reservation is the single greatest

recognition/ concern for poor across the general categories and the need to eliminate poverty. The principal opposition party showed only lip sympathy for the measure and grudgingly supported it while poking holes in the same.

THE PRO-POOR ECONOMIC MEASURE

The Modi Government has promised a house for every rural poor. Currently about 50 lakh houses per year in rural India are being built. By 2022, every poor family will have a roof on its head. Most Indian villages have been connected by a pucca road. State



funding has been increased from Rs.9000 crores annually (pre UPA) to Rs.27,000 crores during NDA. Each village has been electrified and all willing dwelling households, including those who cannot afford an electricity connection, have been provided with the same. Rural sanitation has moved up from 39% to over 98%. The mode of cooking has been altered from coal and wood to cooking gas. The poor are being provided the same under the Ujjawala Scheme. The MGNREGA expenditure has crossed Rs.60,000 crores, almost twice of what was being spent by the UPA.

The universal health scheme – Ayushman Bharat – is targeted at 40% of India's population who are at the lowest point of the economic ladder. Each one of them can get hospital treatment free with the coverage upto Rs.5 lakhs annually per family.

For the farmers, besides doubling the expenditure on interest subvention, completing the 99 unfinished irrigation schemes, giving the farmer a crop insurance scheme, the Government has expressed its intention to help the farmer by fixing the Minimum Support Price for the notified crops at 50% higher than cost. The farmers, of course, need greater support and the Government is committed to the same.

I have already, in a recent article, highlighted the pro-labour steps that the Government has taken in terms of improving/liberalising the provisions of

gratuity, bonus, minimum wage increase, ESI, social sector pension, Anganwadis and Asha workers etc. (read blog dated 9.1.2019).

MIDDLE CLASS

For the India's middle class, in the last five years, not a single tax has been increased. Indirect taxes have been merged into one in the GST. The GST is the single most important 'consumer friendly measure' in India. Taxes of most commodities have been brought down. Commodities have been

increased in the last four years. The cost of this to the exchequer is almost Rs.97,000 crores per annum. This is the first time that during the five year tenure of a Government a Rs.2 lakh crore annual tax rebate for both direct and indirect taxes is given to the middle class tax payer without a single tax being increased.

The subsidy for housing for the middle class has been liberalised. Inflation during the five year tenure has been kept between 3-4% as against 10.4% during UPA-II. The Government staff has benefitted from speedy implementation of the Seventh Pay Commission, the Services have benefitted from the implementation of the OROP, the pensioners have benefitted by the New Pension Scheme. The Government contribution being increased from 10% to 14% and greater part of rebate being given to the entire amount of 60% which can be withdrawn at the time of superannuation.

There is a method for economically empowering the poor. Their purchasing power has improved. This helps trade and businesses which impacts positively on the economy. This is the first five year tenure of a Government where India has consistently remained the fastest growing economy in the world. This indeed helps every Indian – the poor, the neo-middle class, the middle class and, of course, the large business community. ■

(The writer is Union Finance Minister, GoI)

The universal health scheme – Ayushman Bharat – is targeted at 40% of India's population who are at the lowest point of the economic ladder. Each one of them can get hospital treatment free with the coverage upto Rs.5 lakhs annually per family.

made cheaper, even though the revenue sacrificed now after the rates revision, would be close to rupees one lakh crore. Similarly, in every Budget, the lower end of the tax payers have got relief both directly and indirectly. Even though the taxation slab is Rs.2.5 lakh, those with an earning upto Rs.3 lakh need not pay any tax. A Rs.40,000/- standard deduction has been given to all employees. Similarly, all investments in housing, insurance and other saving instruments, have been



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi receiving the first-ever 'PHILIP KOTLER PRESIDENTIAL' award in New Delhi from the Professors of EMORY University, Georgia, USA



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Marina Park at Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands



PM Shri Narendra Modi flanked by Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari and other leaders dedicates multiple development projects in Solapur, Maharashtra



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with other leaders of Jharkhand inaugurates and lays foundation stone of several development projects in Palamu, Jharkhand



PM Shri Narendra Modi flanked by Odisha CM and other BJP leaders inaugurating the IIT Bhubaneswar campus and releasing a coin on the Paika Rebellion in Bhubaneswar, Odisha



Blue Revolution: Assistance

Financial assistance provided to **2.43 lakh** fishers annually under Saving-cum-Relief component during fishing lean/ban period

Central assistance of **Rs. 1,53,181.93 lakhs** released for Fisheries Sector

Assistance provided to **544 Nos** Traditional/ Artisanal fishermen

Assistance provided for bringing **29,127.73 ha** area under aquaculture

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Successful Years

Parameter	Unit	PMFBY 2016-17	PMFBY 2017-18	% Change/Growth
% Participation of Non-Loanees Farmers	%	24	27	3
Risk covered/ha	Rs.	35,678	39,417	10
Farmers Premiums/ha	Rs.	738	853	16
Claims to Insured Area/ha	Rs.	2,894	3,907	35
Claims to per Benefitted farmer	Rs.	11,348	11,773	4

ATMA Agricultural Technology Management Agency

Highlights

- Monthly emolument of Block Technology Manager (BTM) hiked to Rs 30,000 from Rs 25,000.
- Monthly emolument of Assistant Technology Manager (ATM) hiked to Rs 25,000 from Rs 15,000.
- Cost norms for inter-state exposure visit increased to Rs 1000 per manday from Rs 800 per manday.
- Cost norms for within-state exposure visit increased to Rs 500 per manday from Rs 400 per manday.
- Cost norms for developing/re-visiting Strategic Research & Extension Plan increased to Rs 2.5 lakh from Rs 1.5 lakh.
- Pico-projector cost increased from Rs 30,000 to Rs 40,000 per pico-projector.