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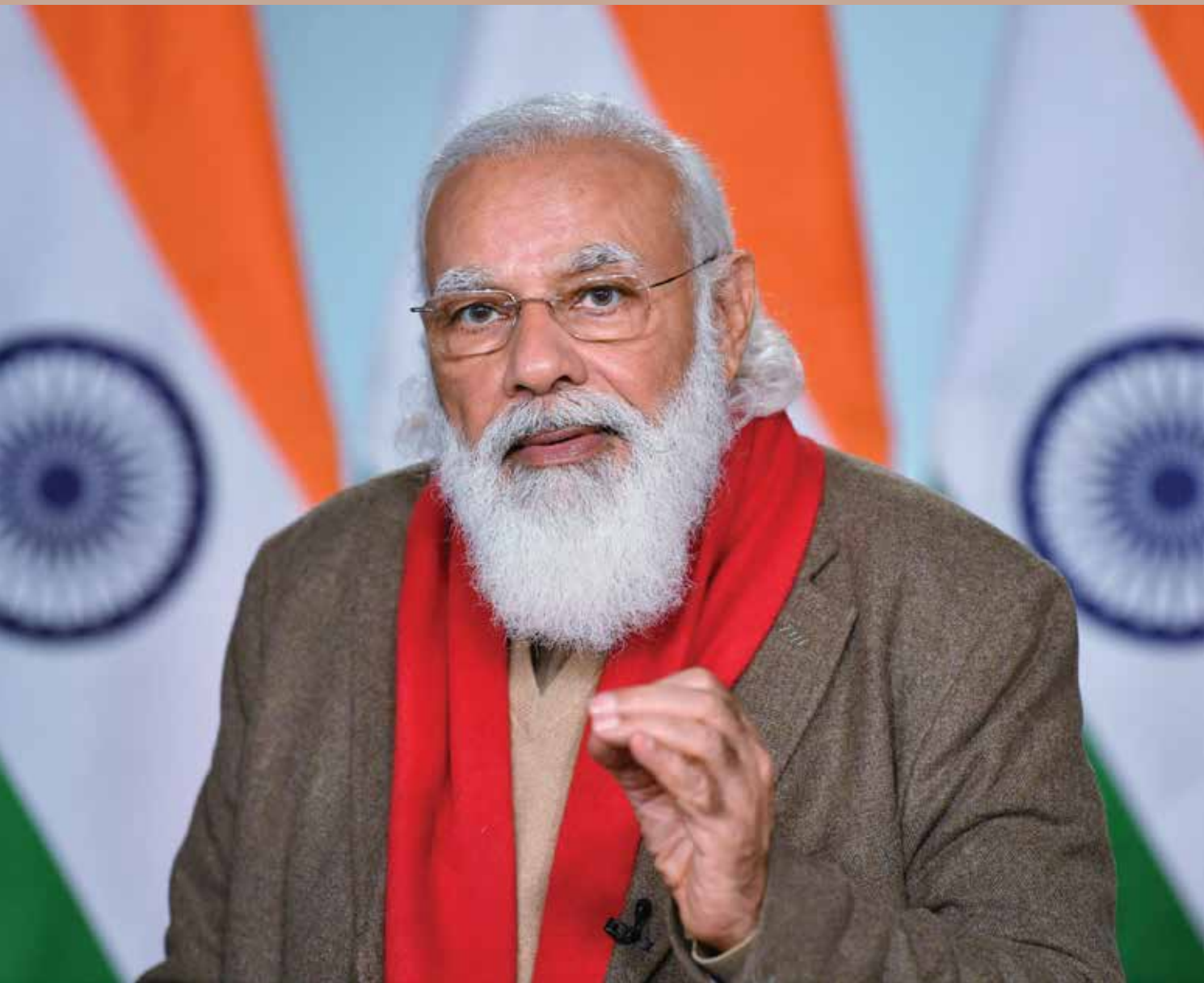
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BJP National President Shri JP Natta launching statewide door to door rice collection 'Ek Mutthi Chawal Sangrah' campaign in West Bengal



BJP National President Shri JP Natta having lunch in a farmer household in Jagadanandapur village, Bardhaman (West Bengal)



BJP National President Shri JP Natta addresses the meeting of senior BJP office-bearers, MPs, MLAs, District Presidents & prominent workers of Gujarat BJP



Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh addresses farmers in Dwarka-Najafgarh area adjoining Delhi on the occasion of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji's Jayanthi



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A decisive turning point to strengthen a spirited fight! DCGI granting approval to vaccines of @SerumInstIndia and @BharatBiotech accelerates the road to a healthier and COVID-free nation. Congratulations India. Congratulations to our hardworking scientists and innovators.

### @JPNadda




To further their own failed politics and nefarious agendas, Congress and other Opposition leaders are trying to cause panic in the minds of the people. I urge them to do politics on other issues, they should avoid playing with people's precious lives and hard earned livelihoods.

### @AmitShah




Modi govt is working persistently to make India a gas-based economy and in realising the dream of One Nation, One Grid. I applaud the efforts of Shri @dpradhanbjp ji in furthering PM Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat by transforming India's oil & gas sector.#UrjaAatmanirbharta.

### @rajnathsingh




I congratulate Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi for strengthening our national resolve to fight against COVID-19. His vision for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' has helped tremendously in coming up with indigenous solutions in India's fight against the global Pandemic.

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It is a proud moment of all of us that the two vaccine approved emergency use are #MadelnIndia. Hearty congratulations to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji under whose leadership our scientists have achieved this in such short duration.

### @blsanthosh



From Virus to Vaccine it has been a long & pain filled journey . But under the leadership of @narendramodi country & society rose to the challenge . We were together able to convert challenge into opportunity @BJP4India.

### Advance Estimates of GDP of 2020-21



#### GDP Estimate Points At Sustained V-Shape Economic Recovery

- ◆ Real GDP on a quarter-on-quarter basis grew at 21% from Q1: FY 2020-21 to Q2: FY 2020-21
- ◆ On the demand side, real GDP in 2020-21 has been supported by an estimated increase in Govt Consumption Expenditure by 5.8%
- ◆ On the supply side, agriculture is estimated to register a growth of 3.4% against 4% as per the provisional estimate of 2019-20
- ◆ In the manufacturing sector, the electricity sector is estimated to register a growth of 2.7 %



**KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR**

*wishes a very happy*

**REPUBLIC DAY (26 JANUARY)**

*to all of its readers*

# 'MADE IN INDIA' VACCINES SYMBOLIZE THE SPIRIT OF SELF-RELIANT INDIA

**A**s Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) granted emergency use authorisation to two "Made in India" Covid vaccines, India took a giant leap in its fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. It is indeed a matter of great pride for India that not one but two vaccines are now ready for the commencement of anti-Covid-19 vaccination drive on mass level in the country. The DCGI approval of Serum Institute of India's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin vaccines shows how challenges can be converted into opportunities if a nation is determined and dedicated to the cause. While the world's largest vaccine manufacturer Serum Institute of India has tied up with AstraZeneca and manufactured Covishield and Covaxin has been indigenously developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), India is feeling proud of its scientific community for realising the dream of "Made in India" vaccines. This remarkable achievement is set to strengthen India's fight against the pandemic and pave the path for a Covid-free world in the coming days.

Every Indian today feels proud of the way the country has fought against the Covid-19 pandemic. The nation, under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has not only responded to every challenge thrown by the pandemic with alacrity but also helped other countries in the time of crisis.

If one looks back at the time when some sceptics tried to create panic in the initial days of pandemic raising doubts about India's capabilities to even manufacture masks and sanitizer, the nation has today silenced them by unleashing its potential in the form of vaccines while even exporting PPE kits, masks, medical equipments and even medicines to other countries. The challenges of pandemic were converted into opportunities by creating a robust health infrastructure, equipping hospitals with "Made in India" ventilators, by manufacturing PPE kits, masks and sanitizer on mass scale and by conducting massive awareness programme across the country. Apart from these major initiatives, a massive relief package was announced covering the poorest of the poor and giving ration and other relief materials directly to more than 80 crore people during the pandemic. A large number of initiatives were taken to keep the economy afloat and pave the path for an 'Aatmnirbhar

India' in the post- Covid-19 world. The positive impact of a large number of reform initiatives in almost every sector can be seen in the transformation of the economy with the emergence of a confident India ready to arrive at the global stage. The 'Seva Karya' done by the BJP karyakartas under the inspiration of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and under the guidance of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda during the pandemic has presented a glowing example to the entire world. It has shown how a political party of dedicated karyakartas can serve millions of people in crisis and give the message of service, unity and solidarity.

India's resolve to fight against the pandemic can be seen in the manufacture of "Made in India" Covashield and Covaxin which one huge contributions of Indian scientific community to the entire humanity. The nation is also proud of its doctors, nurses, health workers, lab technicians, medical staffs and Corona warriors who served the people during pandemic even while risking their own lives. While Congress and its allies along with many sceptics continuously doubted the capabilities of the nation in fighting the pandemic, the nation remained strongly united and determined under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and recorded many remarkable achievements in this long and historic fight. While the morale of the nation remained high during the pandemic, the recent news of everyday declining Covid-19 cases are reassuring the people of the strength of national unity and togetherness. While India is moving towards a healthier and Covid free future, the Made in India vaccines symbolize the spirit of 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' committed to the welfare of entire humanity. ■

**INDIA IS MOVING TOWARDS A HEALTHIER AND COVID FREE FUTURE, THE MADE IN INDIA VACCINES SYMBOLIZE THE SPIRIT OF 'AATMNIRBHAR BHARAT' COMMITTED TO THE WELFARE OF ENTIRE HUMANITY**



# NEW YEAR BRINGS ACHIEVEMENT WITH MADE-IN-INDIA VACCINES: PM MODI

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 04 January, 2021 said the new year had brought a “big achievement” with the development of not one but “two made-in-India” Covid vaccines. Speaking at the 75th jubilee of the National Physical Laboratory under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Prime Minister said that every Indian was indebted to India’s “scientists and technicians”.

“The new year has brought with it another big achievement. India’s scientists have successfully developed not just one, but two made-in-India Covid vaccines. In India, the world’s largest Covid vaccine programme is also about to begin. For this, the country is very proud of the contributions of its scientists. Every countryperson is indebted to all our scientists and technicians,” Shri Modi said.

On January 9, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting to review the status of COVID-19 in the country along with the preparedness of the State/UTs for COVID vaccination.

Prime Minister took a detailed and comprehensive review of status of COVID management covering



various issues. Emergency Use Authorisation or Accelerated Approval has been granted by the National Regulator for two vaccines (Covishield and Covaxin) which have established safety & immunogenicity.

The Hon’ble PM was also briefed about the preparedness status of the Centre in close collaboration with the State and UT governments for roll out of the vaccine in the near future. The vaccination exercise is underpinned by the principles of people’s participation (Jan Bhagidari); utilizing experience of elections (booth strategy) and Universal Immunization Program (UIP); no compromise of existing healthcare services, especially national programs and primary health care; no compromise on scientific and regulatory norms, other SOPs; and an orderly and smooth implementation driven by technology.

The roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine will provide priority to the healthcare workers and the frontline workers who are estimated to be around 3 cr, followed by those above 50 years of age and the under-50 population groups with co-morbidities numbering around 27 cr.

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System. The unique digital platform will provide real time information of vaccine stocks, their storage temperature and individualized tracking of beneficiaries of the COVID-19 vaccine. This platform will assist the program managers across all levels through automated session allocation for pre-registered beneficiaries, their verification and for generating a digital certificate upon successful completion of the vaccine schedule. More than 79 lakh beneficiaries have been already registered on the platform.

As the vaccinators and vaccine administrators comprise a crucial pillar of the vaccination exercise, their training process was detailed out. 2,360 participants were trained during national level Training of Trainers which comprised state immunization officers, cold chain officers, IEC officials, development partners etc. More than 61,000 programme managers, 2 lakh vaccinators and 3.7 lakh other vaccination team members have been trained so far as part of trainings at States, Districts and Block levels.

Prime Minister was also apprised on the three phases of dry runs having been conducted across the country. The third dry run was conducted yesterday across 615 districts covering 4895 session sites in 33 States/UTs.

After the detailed review, it was decided that in view of the forthcoming festivals including Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Magh Bihu etc., the COVID19 vaccination will start from 16th January 2021.

### **'DCGI NOD A TURNING POINT IN INDIA'S FIGHT AGAINST VIRUS'**

The drug regulator's approval to two locally manufactured vaccines for emergency use marks "a decisive turning point" in India's fight against corona virus and is a further step to self-reliance, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said on 03 January, 2021.

In a series of tweets, Shri Modi said, "A decisive turning point to strengthen a spirited fight! DCGI granting approval to vaccines of @SerumInstIndia and @BharatBiotech accelerates the road to a



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healthier and Covid-free nation. Congratulations India. Congratulations to our hardworking scientists and innovators."

"It would make every Indian proud that the two vaccines that have been given emergency use approval are made in India!" he said.

While Pune-based Serum Institute of India's (SII) Covishield has been developed with technology transferred from AstraZeneca and Oxford University, the jab by Bharat Biotech, called Covaxin, is the outcome of a collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Institute of Virology (NIV).

### **WHO WELCOMES INDIA'S COVID-19 VACCINE APPROVAL**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has welcomed India's decision of giving emergency use authorization to vaccines against the novel corona virus, informed the Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia on 03 January, 2021.

In a tweet, WHO South-East Asia wrote, "WHO welcomes the first emergency use authorisation given to COVID-19 vaccine in the WHO South-East Asia Region. This decision taken today by India will help intensify and strengthen the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic in the Region."

"The use of vaccine in prioritised populations, along with the continued implementation of other public health measures and community participation, will be important in reducing impact of COVID-19," WHO South-East Asia added in another tweet. ■

# BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT LAUNCHES 'KRISHAK SURAKSHA' CAMPAIGN FROM BARDHAMAN

**B**JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda was on one-day pravas in West Bengal on 09 January 2021 where he participated in many important events.

Shri Nadda arrived on January 9, 2021 at Qazi Nazrul Islam Airport in Bardhaman at 11 am where he was given a grand welcome by party workers outside the airport. Then, he offered prayers at the famous Shri Radha Gobind Temple near Katwa in eastern Bardhaman and sought blessing for well being of the whole of India.

After offering prayers in the temple he began first meeting of 40 thousands meetings to be held ahead of the Vidhan Sabha elections across the state by addressing 'Krishak Suraksha Sabha' at Jagdanandpur village ground in Burdwan.

After this, he went door-to-door in Jagadanandpur village and started a 'handful rice collection' campaign. They spent the day with the farmers in Bardhaman district. The Bharatiya Janata Party will reach home to 73 lakh farmers of the state before the 2021 assembly elections. The 'One Fist Rice Collection' campaign reflects the BJP's commitment to the farmers. Shri Nadda took his lunch at the home of a farmer family in Jagadanandpur village.

Shri Nadda offered prayers at the historic Sarvamangala Temple at 3pm. Thereafter, they held a grand road show from Burdwan Clock Tower to Lord Curzon Gate. Shri Nadda addressed a press conference at the Sinclair Resort, Bardhaman in the evening. He also held a meeting of the core committee of the party at this place.

During the 'Krishak Suraksha' Gram Sabha, National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda ji was accompanied by BJP National Vice President Shri Mukul Roy, National General Secretary of the party and in-charge of West Bengal Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya, BJP State President Shri Dilip Ghosh, former State President Shri Rahul Sinha, BJP MP Ms. Lockett Chatterjee, MP Shri Swapan Das Gupta and MP of Bardhaman Shri Sunil Mandal along with thousands of party workers and general public.



While addressing the gathering BJP National President said that the way people have today supported the BJP's statewide campaign 'Handful of Rice' collection, it has become clear that the countdown has begun for Mamta Didi's government from West Bengal and Bharatiya Janata Party is set to form next government in the state. It is now our responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of the people of West Bengal by moving on the path of development.

Shri Nadda said that today I have started 'Krishak Suraksha' campaign from Jagdanandpur village. The farmer family donated 'a handful of rice' to me here today. From today till 24 January 2021, our workers will go to the 40,000gram sabhas of West Bengal to meet the farmers, and urge for 'a handful of rice' from them and swear to Durga Maa that the BJP will fight for the farmers. When our government comes to the state, the farmers of West Bengal will be given their rights, which the Trinamool's Mamta government has denied. From 27 to 31 January, we will organize 'Krishak Bhoj' in every village of West Bengal and raise their voice against the injustice being done to farmers in the state. In this way, the party workers will visit 40,000gram sabhas in the State and communicate with the farmers.

The BJP President said that no one else has done what the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has done for the farmers. Under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Center has increased the agriculture budget almost six



times. When the UPA government of Congress was in power at the Center with the support of Mamta Banerjee, then the UPA government's agriculture budget was only Rs 22,000 crore in 2013-14 whereas today the agriculture budget in Modi government has increased to Rs 1,34,000 crore. PM Shri Modi, also implemented the Swaminathan Commission's recommendation on MSP.

Shri Nadda said that after two years, it is now known through the media reports that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has now written to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and requested for joining 'Pradhan Mantri Krishak Samman' scheme, but as we have started the 'Krishak Suraksha' campaign, there is no need for you now. The Bharatiya Janata Party government is going to be formed in West Bengal and we will start this scheme here too. When we were urging for last two years to State government to implement 'Pradhan Mantri Krishak Samman Nidhi' scheme in the state to benefit the farmers here too, but then Mamta Didi, did not listen to us. Even today, about 70 lakh farmers of Bengal are deprived of it. 23 lakh people from West Bengal have expressed their desire to register and join the scheme, but Mamta Didi did not finalize the list of farmers. When Mamta Didi now realise that due to this she is losing ground in the state, she is now worried about the farmers.

Shri Nadda said that West Bengal ranks 24th among 29 states according to the average monthly income of farmers. We have to change this situation and if this situation is to change in Bengal, then the 'Krishak Suraksha' campaign has to be successful. For a long time the state governments of West Bengal have done injustice to the farmers of the State.

Shri Nadda said that the Trinamool Congress government comprises of rice thief, tirkpaul chor, ration chor, coal thief and sand thieves. Prime Minister gave free ration to the poor people of West Bengal to counter the Corona crisis but the sacks of ration were recovered from TMC workers' house. Similarly, when Amfan Relief's money did not reach the public, the High Court took immediate notice on this subject and reprimanded the Mamata Banerjee government and said that within three months a CAG audit should be done in this case with then we will have the answer that where this money has gone? But Mamta Didi went to



the Supreme Court to save the thieves of her party.

BJP President said that Mamta Didi always said Hobe Na (not going to happened), Hobe Na. But BJP is saying that Hobe (going to happened), Hobe, Hobe in May. Mamta Didi does not desist from even stealing the name of Central schemes. The Trinamool Congress is running the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' as 'Nirmal Bangla', 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana' as 'Bangla Bari' and 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana' as 'Bangla Gram Sadak Yojana'. It is really ironical that for these schemes Central government has allocated the funds but Mamta Didi changed the name of these plans to get credit, this is her reality! Mamta Didi, you can change the names of the schemes, but how will you change the hearts of the people of the state in which the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is inscribed unconditionally. The people of West Bengal know how the Prime Minister is working day and night for the development of the state.

He said that earlier Mamta Didi used to give the slogan 'Maa, Mati and Manush' but now her government has become a government of dictatorship, appeasement and Tola Baji. Now the condition of West Bengal has become such that cut money has to be paid even for the last rites. Such a terrible state of corruption has happened in West Bengal. Many scams like Chit Fund, Narada, Sarada are few examples of this. Nowadays a new prince is being discussed in West Bengal. The people of West Bengal know the way he has earned the money, but it will not last long. The people of West Bengal will give them a befitting reply.

Shri Nadda said that he had come to request the people to end the evils like cut money and corruption from state. Finally he gave the slogan 'Jai Maa Durga, Jai Maa Kali, Shes Karo Ae Attyachari'." ■

## JP NADDA CONGRATULATES GUJARAT BJP FOR WINNING ALL EIGHT ASSEMBLY SEATS IN THE RECENTLY HELD BY-ELECTIONS

**B**JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda and National General Secretary (Organization) Shri BL Santhosh visited Gujarat on January 3 and held meetings with party leaders. Both participated in a meeting in Gandhinagar which was attended by Gujarat President Shri CR Patil, Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitin Patel among others. BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressed the meeting of senior BJP office-bearers, MPs, MLAs, district presidents, and prominent workers of Gujarat BJP.

Urging the state BJP Unit to continue working for the people of Gujarat with the same vision, Shri JP Nadda hoped that the state would tide over the setbacks of the COVID-19 pandemic soon.

Shri Nadda congratulated the Gujarat BJP unit for winning all eight Assembly seats in the recently held by-elections. He also wished each and every worker of the party for a similar landslide victory in the upcoming elections of the local bodies.

Shri Nadda said that he was proud of BJP workers as during the lockdown, all other parties also had gone into lockdown and it was only BJP workers who stood by the people of the country to serve them.

Shri Nadda praised the way Prime Minister Shri



Narendra Modi handled the situation of the Covid-19 pandemic in a country of 130 crore population.

He added that the people of India have full faith in the BJP leadership and that is the reason why even during this pandemic, BJP is coming out victorious in elections. He said that it was unfortunate that currently while opposing PM Shri Narendra Modi, some people have started opposing our country.

He said, "Gujarat is the state that has given BJP, its foundation of politics and discipline. We have to get to work for the people of Gujarat with the same vision that we have always worked. This year, we have gone through a lot during COVID-19 pandemic. But we will get through this as well."

During the meeting, Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani, called Congress a 'sinking ship', remarking that the morale of the BJP workers was high with Shri Nadda's visit. "The Congress is without leadership, it is a sinking boat, everything in the Congress is chaotic. Even if we look through binoculars, the Congress is in a position where it can not be seen in coming days," he added.

Shri Rupani said that the upcoming local body elections are going to be very crucial and opposition Congress will be wiped out in such a manner that it will not be visible even after searching through a binocular. ■



## GST COLLECTION AT ALL-TIME HIGH OF OVER 1.15 LAKH CR IN DECEMBER

**G**ST collections touched a record high of over Rs 1.15 lakh crore in December, 2020 reflecting festive demand and reflation economy.

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of December 2020 is Rs 1,15,174 crore and is the highest since the introduction of Goods and Services Tax from July 1, 2017, the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

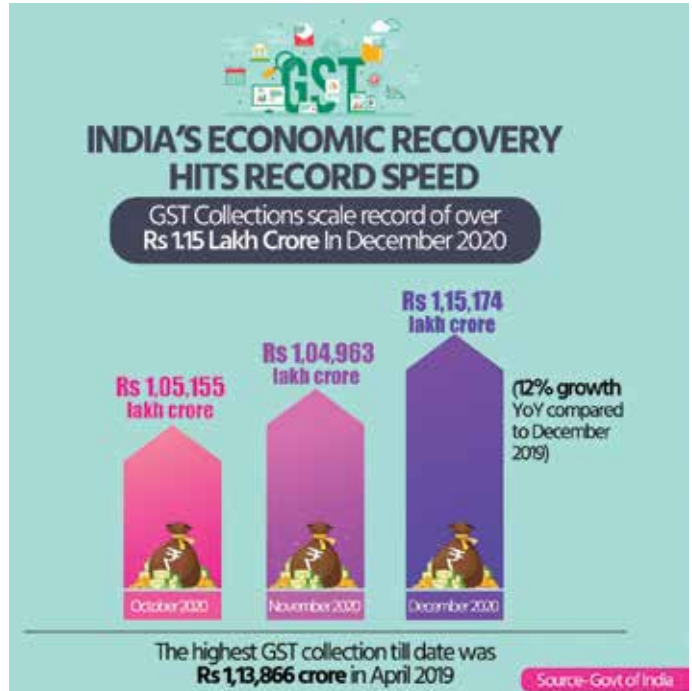
“This is the highest growth in monthly revenues for the last 21 months. This has been due to combined effect of the rapid economic recovery post-pandemic and the nation-wide drive against GST evaders and fake bills along with many systemic changes introduced recently, which have led to improved compliance,” the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

The total number of GSTR-3B Returns filed for the month of November up to 31st December 2020 is 87 lakh.

During the month, revenues from import of goods were 27 per cent higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 8 per cent higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

In line with the recent trend of recovery in the GST revenues, the mop-up in December crossed Rs 1 lakh crore mark for the third month in a row and was 12 per cent higher than over Rs 1.03 lakh crore collected in December 2019.

During December Central GST mop-up is Rs 21,365 crore, State GST is Rs 27,804 crore, Integrated



GST is Rs 57,426 crore (including Rs 27,050 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs 8,579 crore (including Rs 971 crore collected on import of goods).

The government has settled Rs 23,276 crore to CGST and Rs 17,681 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue earned by the Central Government and the State Governments after regular settlement in the month of December is Rs 44,641 crore for CGST and Rs 45,485 crore for the SGST. ■

### UPI TRANSACTIONS SCALES PAST 4 LAKH CR MILESTONES IN DECEMBER 2020

UPI transactions ended 2020 on a high note. The value for digital transactions done via UPI stormed past the Rs 4-lakh-crore mark in December, according to the latest UPI data from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) released on 03 January, 2021.

2.23 billion Transactions worth Rs 4.16 lakh crore were recorded in December, 2020 up from 2.21 billion transactions involving Rs 3.91 lakh crore in November.

The year-on-year growth in volume stood at 70 per cent from 1.30 billion transactions while the value of UPI transactions increased 105 per cent from 2.02 lakh crore in December 2019.

Moreover, the number of banks live on the UPI platform increased from 143 to 207 during the 12-month period. ■



## FDI EQUITY INFLOW UP 21% TO \$35.3 BILLION IN APRIL-OCTOBER: DPIIT

**F**oreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflows into India grew 21% to \$35.33 billion during April-October period of the current financial year, according to an official data. In the year-ago period, FDI equity inflows stood at \$29.31 billion, as per the data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

During the first seven months of the current fiscal, total FDI (including re-invested earnings) increased 11% to \$46.82 billion from \$42.06 billion in April-October 2019, it said.



"FDI equity inflow increased by 21% to \$35.33 billion (April 2020 to October 2020) from \$29.31 billion reported in the same period of previous financial year," the department said in a statement while listing out its highlights during 2020.

Sectors which attracted maximum foreign inflows included computer software and hardware, services, trading, chemicals and automobile.

The country attracts maximum funds from Singapore, the US, Mauritius, the Netherlands, the UK, France and Japan. ■

### INDIAN RAILWAY CREATES RECORD BY MANUFACTURING 250 LOCOS IN 188 WORKING DAYS

Indian Railways creates another 'Make in India' record in locomotive production. Despite COVID-19 related challenges, the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW)- the locomotive manufacturing factory of Indian Railways is breaking all the previous manufacturing records. The Production Unit of the national transporter accelerated its production to a record level this year. According to the details shared by the Railway Ministry, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works produced as many as 250 electric locomotives (WAG-9 HC, 33071) in 188 working days, as against 190 days last year.

According to Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, in the year 2019-20, the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works manufactured 100 locomotives by 25 July 2019 (97 working days), 150 locomotives by 31 August 2019 (128 working days), 200 locomotives by 15 October 2019 (162 working days), 250 locomotives by 21 November 2019 (190 working days). In the year 2020-21 (Lockdown months- April, May and Unlock down months- June, July, August), the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works manufactured 100 locomotives by 8 September 2020 (102 working days), 150 locomotives by 13 October 2020 (129 working days), 200 locomotives by 23 November 2020 (159 working days) and 250 locomotives by 29 December 2020 (188 working days). ■

### STONE-PELTING INCIDENTS IN J&K DROPPED BY 87.13% IN 2020

There was a 87.13 per cent dip in incidents of stone-pelting last year as compared to 2019 in Jammu and Kashmir, according to DG Police, Jammu and Kashmir. In 2019, there were 1,999 incidents of stone-pelting. There have been 255 stone-pelting incidents in 2020 as compared to the incidents in 2019 and the year (2020), witnessed a 87.31 per cent decline," the DG said on 5 January, 2021.

In 2018 and 2017, 1,458, and 1,412 incidents of stone-pelting were reported. When compared to 2016, the dip in such incidents in 2020 was 90 per cent, according to officials.

In 2016, 2,653 stone-pelting cases were reported after the killing of Burhan Wani, a terrorist of Hizbul Mujahideen.

After decline in militancy in the mid-2000s, stones became a popular choice of weapon during protests. This trend has been there since the 2008 Amarnath-land row agitation in Jammu and Kashmir. The worst incidents of stone-pelting took place in 2010, 2016 and 2019. ■

## UNION GOVERNMENT RELEASES RS 28,400-CRORE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF J&K

**T**he Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 8th approved a Rs 28,400-crore new industrial developmental scheme, paving the path for attracting investments and creating jobs for the youth in the militancy-hit Jammu and Kashmir.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister approved the proposal of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade for Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Jammu & Kashmir.

The scheme will stay in force till 2037, and Rs 1,123.84 crore has already been disbursed under various special packages, the government said, in a statement.

Welcoming the approval given by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs to the Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Jammu and Kashmir, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said the decision illustrates how the Union Territory holds a 'special place' in heart of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

According to CCEA, the provisions of the scheme aim at drawing both small and large units. Smaller units with an investment in plant and machinery up to Rs 50 crore will get a capital incentive up to Rs 7.5 crore and get capital interest subvention at the rate of 6% for a maximum of seven years.

The scheme, as per the



committee, has been simplified on the lines of ease of doing business by bringing one major incentive – GST Linked Incentive – that will ensure less compliance burden without compromising on transparency.

Shri Shah said that the scheme will prove to be a boon for cottage industry, handicrafts, micro, small and medium industries of Jammu & Kashmir. ■

## 46 FOOD PROCESSING PROJECTS OPERATIONALIZED DURING 2020

**M**inistry of Food Processing Industries has taken numerous initiatives for development of food processing sector. A total of 46 food processing projects were completed/operationalised viz; Mega Food Park:3, Cold Chain:15, Unit:21, Food Testing Laboratories:7

The 46 completed projects created additional processing and preservation capacity of agricultural produce of 31.52 lakh MT per annum. 15 cold chain infrastructure projects created additional milk processing and storage capacity of 56.99 (lakh litre per day) and 11.80 MT/hour of IQF (Instant Quick Freezing) of fruits and vegetables.

The 46 completed projects leveraged private investment of Rs. 771.79 crore and generated direct and indirect employment for 24567 persons.

A total of 134 food processing projects were

sanctioned viz; Agro Processing Clusters: 21, Cold Chain:47, Unit:43, Backward and Forward Linkages:8, Operation Greens:3 and Food Testing Laboratories:12.

The 134 new food processing and food testing laboratory projects sanctioned will create additional processing and preservation capacity of agricultural produce of 38.3 lakh MT per annum. The 47 cold chain infrastructure projects will create additional milk processing and storage capacity of 13.10 LLPD (lakh litre per day) and 34.20 MT/hour of IQF (Instant Quick Freezing) of fruits and vegetables.

The new 134 sanctioned projects are expected to leverage private investment of Rs. 2026.32 crore and generated direct and indirect employment for 77330 persons. ■

# FUNDAMENTALS OF DEMOCRACY



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## **G**OVERNMENT BY DEBATE

DEMOCRACY has been defined as government by debate. The tradition of debate is old in our country. But such a debate can be fruitful only when each party carefully listens to what the other has to say and has the desire to accept the truth in it. If instead of trying to understand the other person's point of view we insist upon our own point of view such a debate must remain fruitless. When Voltaire said, "I do not agree with what you say, but I shall defend to death your right to say it," he was only accepting the fruitless part of the debate. Bharatiya culture goes beyond this and looks at debate as a means for the realization of truth. We believe that truth is not one-sided, and that its various facets can be seen, examined and experienced from various angles. Hence he who has the capacity to have a comprehensive view of the unity underlying all such diversities is a seer.

## DEMOCRACY WITHOUT SANSKARAS

There is no conflict between the individual and society; If it is present, it is an aberration. It is not necessary to curb the freedom of the individual in the interest of

society. In fact unbridled liberty does not lead to the development of the individual, it leads to his ruin. Complete identification of the individual with society is itself a state of complete development for the individual. The individual is the medium and the measure of the completeness of society. The freedom of the individual and the interest of society are not contradictory. Democracy is but an instrument for the fulfilment of the duty of the people. The effectiveness of the instrument depends upon the feeling for the nation in the life of the people, consciousness of responsibility, and discipline. If these Sanskaras are absent in the citizen, democracy degenerates into an instrument of individual, class and party interest.

## CENTRALISATION OF POWER

The centralization of political, economic and social powers in one individual or institution is a hindrance in the way of democracy. Generally when power in a certain field gets concentrated in one individual that individual tries directly or indirectly to concentrate in his hands power in other fields also. It is thus that the dictatorial governments of the Communists and the Khilafat were set up. Even when human life is integral and its various fields complementary to each other the units representing these various fields should remain separate. Normally speaking the various units of the

administration should concern themselves with administration and should not enter the field of economics. A capitalist economy first acquires power in the economic field and then enters the political field, while socialism concentrates power over all means of production in the hands of the State. Both these systems are against the democratic rights of the individual and their proper development. Hence along with centralization we shall have to think of division of powers.

## DEMOCRACY AND SOCIALISM

DURING Pandit Nehru's time India also raised the slogan of democratic socialism. We did not succeed in this because today the democracy and the socialism that we had been trying for are basically resting on a Western foundation and are therefore incomplete. These two thoughts express different aspects of life and the truths related to them. Their synthesis is possible, but only when our point of view is synthesizing. It would not be proper to press our entire life into the institutions and traditions of democracy as developed in the West, or into the ready-made moulds of socialism propounded by Marx and practised by Lenin, Stalin etc. The life of this country is higher than both these ideas. Instead of foisting Western politics on India we will have to develop our own political philosophy. While doing this we can benefit from the thinking done in the



West. But we must neither be over-whelmed by it nor must we consider it the eternal truth.

## DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL PARTIES

The definition of Swaraj includes three main things. The first is that the Government should be in the hands of those who are a part of the nation. The second special point is that the Government should be

conducted In the Interest of the nation, which means its policies should be oriented towards national interest. And the third point is that such a Government should have its own strength to achieve the good of the nation. In other words it is wrong to even think of Swaraj without self-reliance. Even when the Government is in the hands of the nationals Swaraj would become meaningless if the Government

comes under pressure or becomes a follower of some other nation. If the State is not self-reliant in respect of defence, free in respect of its policies and self-contained in respect of economic planning it could be pressurized into working against the interest of the nation. Such a dependent State leads to ruination. ■

(Excerpts from the book - "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile" edited by Sudhakar Raje.)

# PM RELEASES BOOK TITLED 'ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE IN PARLIAMENT: A COMMEMORATIVE VOLUME'

## PM MODI PAYS TRIBUTE AT SADAIV ATAL SAMADHI ON 96TH ANNIVERSARY OF LATE BHARAT RATNA ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi on December 25 paid floral tributes to former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his 96th birth anniversary.

President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan also paid their tributes at the Sadaiv Atal Samadhi of the late Prime Minister in Delhi.

Taking to Twitter, the Prime Minister said that Vajpayee's efforts to build a strong and prosperous India will always be remembered

"Tributes to the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his birth anniversary. Under his visionary leadership, he took the country to unprecedented heights of development. His efforts to build a strong and prosperous India will always be remembered," PM Modi tweeted.

The Prime Minister also release a book titled 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Parliament: A Commemorative Volume' on that day. The book, published by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, highlights the life and works of the former Prime Minister and contains



his notable speeches delivered in Parliament. The book also contains some rare photographs from his public life.

The day is also observed as Good Governance Day. The book was released at a function in the Central Hall of Parliament.

The late leader was conferred Bharat Ratna in 2015. He had also been awarded Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant Award for Best Parliamentarian in 1994. ■

# VIJAYA RAJE SCINDIA

(12 OCTOBER 1919 – 25 JANUARY 2001)

**S**mt. Vijaya Raje Scindia was born in 1919 at Sagar in present-day Madhya Pradesh, the eldest child of Thakur Mahendra Singh, a government officer, by his second wife, Chuda Devashwari Devi. She was named Lekha Divyeshwari Devi at birth. Her father was a deputy collector in the provincial administration. Her mother, who belonged to the influential Rana family of Nepal, died at Vijaya Raje's birth. In 1941, at the age of 22, Lekha

and later on the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Smt. Vijayaraje entered into electoral politics in 1957 when she contested and won the Guna Lok Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh on a Congress ticket. Five years later, she won on a Congress ticket from Gwalior. Later, she quit the Congress and won the Guna seat in 1967 on Swatantra Party's ticket. She soon joined Bharatiya Jan Sangh and resigned



was married to Jivajirao Scindia, Maharaja of Gwalior, one of the largest, richest and highest-ranking 21-gun-salute princely states in India. As per tradition, a new name was chosen for Lekha based upon the matching of the couple's horoscopes, and she assumed the name 'Vijayaraje Scindia'. She had active association with the Jana Sangh

from Lok Sabha to take part in state politics. She won the Karera assembly seat in Madhya Pradesh as the Jan Sangh candidate in 1967 and plunged headlong into state politics.

Jan Sangh defied the Indira-wave in the 1971 Lok Sabha polls to win 3 seats in Gwalior region – Vijaya Raje Scindia from Bhind, Atal Bihari Vajpayee from

Gwalior and Madhavrao Scindia from Guna, though he later left the party. Vijayaraje Scindia did not contest Lok Sabha elections in 1977 and 1984 and lost to Indira Gandhi in Rae Bareilly in 1980. In 1989, she won from Guna as member of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and retained the seat in 1991, 1996 and 1998. She did not contest the elections in 1999 due to old age. She was jailed by Indira Gandhi during the Emergency, ultimately sharing a cell with fellow Rajmata and MP, Gayatri Devi, in Tihar Jail.

Vijayaraje came to the forefront of the BJP leadership in 1980 when she was made one of its vice-presidents. She played a key role in propagating the Ramjanmabhoomi movement and was considered a hardcore nationalist. She remained a BJP vice-president until 1998 when she stepped down on health grounds and quit electoral politics. She passed away in January 2001. We pay our heartfelt tributes on her punyatithi. ■

# PM CARES FUND TRUST ALLOCATES RS.201.58 CRORES FOR 162 PSA MEDICAL OXYGEN GENERATION PLANTS

**T**he Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund Trust is allocating Rs.201.58 crores for installation of additional 162 dedicated Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation Plants inside public health facilities in the country.

- The total project cost includes Rs.137.33 crores towards supply and commissioning of the plants and Management fee of Central Medical Supply Store (CMSS) and around Rs.64.25 crores towards Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract.
- The procurement will be done by the Central Medical Supply Store (CMSS) – an autonomous body of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- A total of 162 plants with total capacity of 154.19 MT are to be installed in 32 States/UTs [Annexure-I].
- The Govt. hospitals where these plants are to be installed have been identified in consultation with the States/UTs concerned.
- The plants have a warranty for first 3 years. For the next 7 years, the project includes CAMC

(Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract).

- Routine O&M is to be done by the hospitals/ States. After the CAMC period, entire O&M will be borne by the hospitals/States.
- This mechanism will further strengthen public health system and enable long term systematic augmentation of medical oxygen availability in a cost effective manner. Adequate and uninterrupted supply of oxygen is an essential pre-requisite for managing moderate and severe cases of COVID -19, in addition to various other medical conditions where this need arises. Installation of PSA Oxygen Concentrator Plants in public health facilities is an important step to reduce the health facility's dependence on the system of store and supply and to enable these facilities to have their own oxygen generation capacity. This will not only increase the total oxygen availability pool of the States/UTs, but also facilitate providing of oxygen support in timely manner to patients in these public health facilities. ■

## INDIGENOUS BRIDGING SYSTEM INDUCED INTO THE INDIAN ARMY

In continuation of efforts towards Atmanirbharta and in close coordination with the private industries and DRDO, the Indian Army has inducted three sets of 10-metre short span bridges, which were formally handed over on 29 December 2020 at the Talegaon facility of Larsen & Toubro Limited.

The equipment will meet the important requirement of providing mobility to forces by speedy bridging of gaps during operations.

This accomplishment is a step towards weaning away our armed forces from foreign manufactured equipment with the Bridge indigenously designed, developed and delivered as per schedule. All stakeholders have put in concerted efforts to overcome challenges and realise the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government, which aims to ensure self reliance and self sufficiency in meeting the defence needs of the Indian Army. ■

## WORLD BANK SIGNS \$105 MILLION PROJECT TO IMPROVE WATERWAYS IN WEST BENGAL

The Government of India, the Government of West Bengal and the World Bank on January 5 signed a \$105 million project to improve the inland water transport infrastructure in Kolkata, West Bengal.

The West Bengal Inland Water Transport, Logistics and Spatial Development Project will facilitate passenger and freight movement across the Hooghly river; undertake spatial planning to improve accessibility in the Kolkata Metropolitan Area; enhance the quality of life of its residents; and contribute to the growth of the state's logistics sector.

The project will cover the five most populous districts of southern West Bengal, including its urban agglomeration -- the Kolkata Metropolitan Area (KMA) where around 30 million people or one-third of West Bengal's population live. ■



# 'WE WILL KEEP ON MARCHING ON PATH OF STRENGTHENING INDIAN AGRICULTURE & KISAN'



## PM RELEASES INSTALMENT OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT UNDER PM KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 25 December released the next instalment of financial benefit under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi through video conference.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said Rs 18000 crore have been deposited directly in the bank account of more than 9 crore farmer families in the country at the click of a button today. He added ever since this scheme started, more than 1 lakh 10 thousand crore rupees have reached the account of farmers.

The Prime Minister expressed regret that more than 70 lakh farmers of West Bengal have not been able to get this benefit. He said over 23 lakh farmers of Bengal have applied online to take advantage of this scheme.

But the state government has stopped the verification process for so long. He said the parties which do not speak in the interest of farmers in West Bengal, come here to Delhi and talk about the farmer. He said these parties are missing APMC-mandis nowadays, but these parties repeatedly forget that there are no APMC-mandis in Kerala and these people never agitate in Kerala. The Prime Minister said the Government worked at aiming to reduce the input cost of the farmers. He

### @narendramodi

We are making every effort for progress of Annadata of the country. When the farmers will grow, the progress of the entire nation is certain.

My request is - Farmers should not be misled by anyone, do not accept anyone's lies. #PMKisan



listed some farmer-centric initiatives of the Government like Soil Health Card, Neem Coating of Urea, scheme for distribution of Solar Pumps which helped in reducing the input cost for the farmers. He added the government tried to ensure that the farmers have a better crop insurance cover. Today, crores of farmers are getting the benefit of the PM crop insurance scheme.

### **FARMER GETS 100TH KISAN RAIL FROM MAHARASHTRA TO WEST BENGAL**

Apart from releasing the installment PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 28 December flagged off 100th Kisan Rail from Sangola in Maharashtra to Shalimar in West Bengal via video conferencing. Kisan Rail is also among several initiatives which have been taken to aim to double the income of farmers by 2022. Till now 100 such rails have been started by Modi government to help in transporting products of farmers to different part of the country at nominal cost.

Union Ministers, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Shri Piyush Goyal were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister termed the Kisan Rail Service as a major step towards increasing the income of the farmers of the country. He expressed happiness that even during the Corona pandemic, 100 Kisan Rails were launched in the last 4 months. He said this service will bring a major change in the economy related to farming and will also increase the strength of the country's cold supply chain. He added no minimum quantity has been fixed to transport through Kisan Rail so that, even the smallest produce will be able to reach the big market properly at a low price.

The Prime Minister said the Kisan Rail project not only shows the commitment of the Government to serve the farmers but also serves as a proof of how fast our farmers are ready for new possibilities. He said farmers can now sell their crops in other states as well, in which farmers' rail (Kisan Rail) and agriculture flights (Krishi Udaan) have a big role. He said that Kisan Rail is a mobile cold storage to move perishable things like fruits, vegetables, milk, fish, etc., with complete security. "India always had a large railway network, even before independence. Cold storage technology was also



available. Only now this strength is being harnessed properly through Kisan Rail" the Prime Minister added.

The Prime Minister said a facility like Kisan Rail has given millions of small farmers of West Bengal a huge facility. This facility is available to the farmer as well as the local small businessman. He said experts in the field of agriculture and experiences from other countries and new technology are being incorporated into Indian agriculture.

Perishable rail cargo centres are being constructed in the vicinity of railway stations where farmers can store their produce. The effort is to supply as much fruits and vegetables as possible to the household. Extra produce should reach the entrepreneurs engaged in production of juice, pickle, sauce, chips etc., the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister remarked that the Government's priority is focussed on storage-linked infrastructure and processing industries associated with value addition in farming products. He said about 6500 such projects have been approved under Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain Infrastructure and Agro Processing Cluster, under the PM Krishi Sampada Yojana. Rs 10000 crore have been sanctioned for micro food processing industries under AatmaNirbhar Abhiyan package.

Shri Modi said that it is the participation and support of the rural people, farmers and youth that makes the government's efforts successful. Farmer Producer Organizations(FPO's) and cooperative groups like

**@narendramodi**

Today, the farmers of West Bengal are also connected with the 'Kisan Rail' facility. It has given a huge option to millions of small farmers there. # 100thKisanRail



women Self Help Groups get priority in agri-business and agri-infrastructure. Recent reforms will lead to expansion of agri business and these groups will be the biggest beneficiaries. Private investment in agriculture will support the government's effort to help these groups. "We will keep on marching on the path of strengthening Indian agriculture and Kisan with full dedication" The Prime Minister added.

### **BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT THANKS PM MODI FOR KICK-STARTING MASSIVE MONETARY RELIEF TO FARMERS ACROSS INDIA**

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on December 26 thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for kick-starting the massive monetary relief distribution programme worth Rs.18,000 crores to 9 crore farmers across India under the Prime Minister Kisan Nidhi Yojna.

Shri Nadda congratulated the 9 crore farmers for getting the second installment under the scheme directly in their bank accounts. He requested protesting farmers not to fall in the vicious trap of the opposition's false propaganda and petty politics. He said the Narendra Modi government was highly committed towards the growth and development of the agriculture and farm sector, and for the welfare, prosperity and wellbeing of our farmers.

In a series of tweets, the Bharatiya Janata Party National President said under the Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna a total of Rs. 18,089 crores is being transferred to 9.4 crore farmers directly into their bank accounts. It is a major step towards good governance.

Shri Nadda said a total of 8 crore farmers from across India who had registered to connect with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji for his address on the occasion directly listened to his speech, which is unprecedented and historical. Shri Nadda said on the occasion of "Good Governance Day", which is celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Honourable Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has given Rs.18,000 crore directly

into the bank accounts of over 9 crore farmers, for this I thank him from the bottom of my heart.

In his tweets which were addressed to the farmers, Bharatiya Janata Party National President said Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji in his today's address once again warned against the conspiracies surrounding the farm sector reforms laws. Shri Modi ji also clarified all the misconceptions of farmers regarding the laws and told them about the good intentions and works his government has been doing for our farmers. He warned the protesting farmers not to fall in the trap of any malicious propaganda of the opposition parties.

Shri Nadda stressed that the Narendra Modi government is highly committed for the welfare and wellbeing of the entire farming community and is taking all possible steps needed to safeguard the interests and rights of our farmers. He appealed to all the farmers of India to strongly support and trust Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, who is a true friend of our farmers, in order to make India a strong, prosperous and 'Atmanirbhar' (self-reliant) nation.

While expressing his dismay and pain over the omission of farmers of West Bengal from the Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna, Shri Nadda said it is a matter of great pain and disappointment that on one hand all the farmers from across India were getting benefitted from the Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna, on the other hand our poor and needy 70 lakh farmers from West Bengal are deliberately being deprived from the benefits of the remarkable scheme. I want to ask Mamata Banerjee ji that why did she not implement this highly beneficial scheme for our farmers in West Bengal?

In the end, the Bharatiya Janata Party National President once again appealed to the protesting farmers not to fall in the trap of falsehood and malicious propaganda of those who ruled India for decades but did nothing for the betterment and welfare of our farmers and their families. Shri Nadda said farmers should remain vigilant against such divisive and destructive forces who are playing dirty politics just for their petty political gains. ■





# JAIRAM THAKUR GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HAS WRITTEN A NEW SAGA OF DEVELOPMENT: JP NADDA

**B** JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda and Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh addressed Himachal Pradesh on December 27 virtually on completion of three years of Chief Minister Shri Jai Ram Thakur led Himachal Pradesh government .

BJP celebrated this occasion on division-level in all 68 constituencies. All state office bearers, district office bearers and BJP leaders were present in their own constituency while the main event was organised in Shimla. The BJP State in-charge Shri Avinash Rai Khanna, co-incharge Shri Sanjay Tandon, Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur, former CMs Shri Shanta Kumar and Prem Kumar Dhumal also joined the event virtually .

On the occasion BJP National President Shri Nadda said, It is a matter of great joy and pride for all of us that the Himachal Pradesh Government is completing a successful three years of its tenure on 27th December, 2020. I wanted to witness this historic moment with you on this auspicious occasion and wanted to communicate with you all the way, but as you all know, for some unavoidable reasons I could not appear to you all. I regret about this."

He added, "The Jairam Thakur government of Himachal Pradesh has written a new saga of development in three years under the guidance of the honorable Prime Minister of the country, Shri Narendra Modi. Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched several schemes in Himachal Pradesh in terms of tourism, health and infrastructure development and the Jairam government of BJP



**Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched several schemes in Himachal Pradesh in terms of tourism, health and infrastructure development and the Jairam government of BJP has made a meaningful effort to land it.**

has made a meaningful effort to land it. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who is committed to the development of Himachal Pradesh."

Shri Nadda said, "I also greet the Chief Guest of today's program, the Union Defence Minister, Honorable Shri Rajnath Singh. He has always had a special love for Himachal Pradesh. In August 2018, he deployed a special battalion of NDRF at Noorpur in Kangra district to assist in combating natural disasters while being Home Minister. More recently, he inaugurated grand bridges on the Bhaga River at Darcha on the Manali-Leh route, the Chandra River in the North Portal of the Atal Tunnel, and the Beas River in Palchan, Manali, which is strategically important. He also played an effective role in timely completion of Atal Tunnel. On behalf of all Himachal Pradesh, I thank the Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh ji that he joined the program virtually today." ■



## PM MODI HAS COMMITMENT TOWARDS PEACE AND DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP THE REGION: AMIT SHAH

**R**ecently, Union Home Minister and former National President Shri Amit Shah on 26 December went on two days Pravas, in the northeastern states of India. During his visit he asserted the commitment in developing the region and ensuring peace and security for the people of the region.

On the first day of his Pravas on 26 December Shri Shah launched a scathing attack on Congress and opposition parties in Assam alleging that the earlier governments under Congress did not do anything to bring back the youth of northeast from the path of insurgency.

Shri Shah said, “Assam saw several agitations over the past few decades. Lots of Assamese youth died during these agitations. It disturbed Assam’s peace and halted the region’s development.”

He further said that several separatist factions in the northeast forced the youth to take up arms and the central government has ensured that these factions join the mainstream. He listed the India-Bangladesh land boundary agreement, ending the blockade in Manipur,

Bru-Reang refugee settlement and the recently concluded Bodoland Territorial Council elections as important steps taken to ensure peace and stability in the region.

“I am proud to say that in the recently concluded Bodoland elections there was a turnout of more than 80% and there was not a single incident of bloodshed reported. This tells that if there is determination for development and respect towards peace and stability then the government can work with the people. PM Modi has commitment towards peace and determination to develop the region.”

The Union Home Minister pointed out that it was the Modi government that restored normalcy in the region and the government is determined that development in the region will pave the way for people to change their mindset and join the mainstream. Shri Shah also lauded the chief minister Shri Sarabananda Sonowal and finance minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma for their role in bringing separatist voices back into the mainstream.

Shri Shah also asked the people of Assam to vote for BJP and said that Congress is taking help of separatist elements to return to power. "Elections are approaching, once more people with divisive agenda will reappear in a new form, they will try to convince us to take the path of agitation. I want to question them if their agitation ever brought any development to Assam."

"Few people who were responsible for the deaths of Assamese youth are now forming political parties. The ones who were responsible for firing bullets are indirectly supporting the Congress party. They want to dent BJP's vote share and want to restore the Congress government's rule in the state," Shri Shah further added.

During his address, Union Home Minister said the Modi government kept northeast region in focus during its 6 year rule. "In the last six years, PM Shri Modi visited the northeastern states thirty times. The government is committed towards developing the region. Every time he visited the region he brought gifts for the people of the region to spur growth and development."

Shri Shah also attacked the Congress for allowing poachers a free hand which led to fall in the rhino numbers in the state and said that the BJP government addressed this concern to restore the pride of the Assamese people. "These poachers during the Congress rule in Assam hunted rhinos with protection from the state and the ruling BJP government has now dealt with this issue firmly and Kaziranga is free of infiltrators."

Shri Shah laid foundation for a medical college in Guwahati and 9 law colleges across Assam during his two-day visit.

## **SECOND DAY: 27 DECEMBER 2020**

On the second day of his Pravas on 27 December Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah reached Imphal, Manipur, and inaugurated a slew of new projects during his visit.

While addressing a rally, Shri Shah said, "The Modi government has taken several landmark decisions to empower our sisters and brothers of Manipur... Inner Line Permit is the biggest gift to the people of Manipur

by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji."

"The prosperity and development of the northeast region is the Modi government's top most priority. Foundation stone laying for several development projects and inauguration of other major projects in Imphal today (on Sunday) reflects our unwavering commitment towards the development of Manipur."

"Manipur will also get a central sports university and forensic colleges. Manipur has started 1,186 startups in the state, and it is a big achievement. The state has registered nearly 222 per cent increase in the development index. Rs 89,168 crore were provided to northeast every year..., but we have turned it to Rs 3,13,375 crore per year... This is a massive increase."

Launching an attack on previous congress governments Shri Shah said, "Congress did bhoomi puja everywhere, but no work was completed... This was a boon for us. We are completing the projects and inaugurating them too. Our minister, Jitendra ji, is busy cutting ribbons (performing opening ceremonies)

these days. I assure, if the civil societies and insurgent groups ask for development of Manipur as a part of their demands, we will grant all their wishes too."

He further said "We are making new guest houses in Manipur, and a third Manipur Bhawan in Delhi, so that you

don't face problems during your visits... We are making a new IT SEZ which will use the talent of intelligent students and youth of Manipur. This will be a big change for the people here."

"We are also making a new police headquarters here... Manipur is on the road of development. I want to acknowledge the efforts made by the Manipur chief minister... I had requested the people to bring us into power, and from 2 per cent vote to full majority."

Union Home Minister said that "Insurgency has reduced, and many are waiting for the rest of the militants to join the mainstream... Manipur was earlier known for insurgency, blockades and bandhs. But in the last three years, we've not seen any bandh. I would like to congratulate chief minister of Manipur, Shri N Biren Singh ji for his tireless efforts to ensure peace and progress in the state," Shah added. ■

### **Foundation stone laying for several development projects and inauguration of other major projects in Imphal reflects our unwavering commitment towards the development of Manipur**



# POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR SC STUDENTS INCREASED BY FIVE TIMES: THAWARCHAND GEHLOT

**RS 59,000-CRORE POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME APPROVED FOR SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS**

**C**entral Government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Rs 59,000-crore post-matric scholarship scheme for Scheduled Caste students over the next five years. The cabinet has estimated that with the decision about 1.36 crore students who would have otherwise dropped out of the system would be brought back into the higher education system. Addressing a joint press conference at the party's central office Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thawarchand Gehlot, National General Secretary of the party Shri Dushyant Gautam and BJP SC Morcha President Shri Lal Singh Arya expressed gratitude towards Hon'ble Prime Minister for taking this big decision.

Union Minister Shri Thawarchand Gehlot said that after this decision the post matric scholarship scheme for SC students has been increased by five times. Earlier, due to the formula of committed liability, almost half of the states could not get scholarship amount from the center. Some states used to get partial scholarship amount while some states got more. The share of the center in this scheme was only Rs. 1200 - 1300 crores annually and in the last two years the average share was only Rs. 1100 crores. Due to such a lesser amount for scholarship, students were forced to leave school after passing their tenth standard. Due to the low budget, the state government also used to find difficulty in giving away scholarships and that discourage the SC students for opting higher studies. Many complaints were also received earlier which indicate that state governments diverted scholarship scheme fund to some other schemes as well. In these circumstances we had a lengthy discussion with state governments and introduced this enhanced Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for higher education of Scheduled Class students.



The Union Minister said that the Modi government has approved an amount of Rs 59,048 crore under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme of Scheduled Caste students for over next five years, which is about five times more than before. In this scheme, the central government will spend Rs 35,534 crore which is 60% of the total amount and the remaining 40% will be borne by the state governments. Under the scheme, scholarship amount will be sent directly to the bank accounts of the students through DBT. This will enable us to make timely payment. It is expected that about 1.36 crore poor students who are unable to continue their studies beyond the tenth standard will be brought under the ambit of higher education system through this scheme in the next five years.

He further said that the state governments will submit the list of students to the Central Government after checking the eligibility, caste status, Aadhaar and bank accounts details. A campaign will be launched to enroll students from the poorest families. We would like to give priority to poorest students of the Scheduled Caste families. This will benefit about 4 crore scheduled caste students in next five years. He said that another provision is being made that under this scheme the state government will first transfer the scholarship money to the students' account and afterward central government will release his share of

amount. All the state governments have agreed to this scheme and they have recommended to implement it. There will be no leakage in the scheme due to DBT and irregularities will also be eliminated. He said that in the next five years, the central government will increase its share amount by 5% every year and take it upto 80%, which will reduce the burden on the state governments considerably. This scheme will be implemented from this year itself. The central government will give an amount of about Rs 5,500 crore to the state government by March.

While addressing the press meet, National General Secretary Shri Dushyant Gautam said that the Congress governments have consistently done injustice to the Scheduled Castes society. He said that the Congress governments from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru till date have only and only tricked the Scheduled Castes. We all

know how the Congress had mistreated Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar. The Congress government did not even give him 'Bharat Ratna'. Baba Saheb did not want Article 370, wanted to give equal rights to women and was also in favor of a uniform civil code but Pandit Nehru did not liked him and opposed his suggestions. The Congress also did not allow Baba Saheb to be cremated in Delhi. Even Babasaheb neither has a tomb nor a museum in Delhi. It is the Modi government of the Bharatiya Janata Party that has not only built 'Chaitya Bhoomi' , but is also constructing a museum for Baba Saheb.

Shri Gautam further said that about 50 lakh leakages of fake scholarships were caught after Modi government came into the power. This was a big scam of Congress governments which used to grab scholarship money of poor students. In Punjab in 2019, we had given Rs 303.92 crore for the scholarship, but they took out Rs 248 crore from it on 18 December, out of which the document of Rs 39 crore is still not available.

He asserted that leakage in the system has come down due to the addition of beneficiaries from Jan Dhan, Aadhaar base verification and the adoption of transparency by the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Center under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said that due to the policies of Modi government, about 1.4 lakh fake NGOs have been caught so far, about two and a half lakh fake companies have been suspended, about 21 lakh fake directors have lost their jobs, about 5 crore fake ration cards have been caught,

nearly four crore fake LPG connections were cancelled and nearly two crore fake cards of MNREGA have also been negated.

Shri Gautam said that in the Post Metric Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education of Scheduled Caste students, an amount of Rs. 5,9048 crores has been allocated by the Central Government of

Bharatiya Janata Party and this amount will be directly transferred to the account of beneficiary students, this is a very good step and I congratulate the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for taking this decision. I also express my gratitude to the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thawarchand Gehlot for putting this scheme on the ground. He said that the central government has launched another important scheme for Dalits. If any Dalit person below the poverty line falls ill, then within 7 days the Central Government is providing an assistance amounting to Rs. 3.5 lakh to the person. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Center is always dedicated to the welfare of the country's villages, poor, farmers, Dalits, victims, the exploited and the underprivileged. I once again thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and the Union Minister Shri Thawarchand Gehlot ji for taking such a big step for the upliftment of the scheduled caste society. ■

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# PM MODI'S HIGHEST APPROVAL RATING AMONG WORLD LEADERS

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi remained popular amid the COVID-19 pandemic and gained highest approval ratings among world leaders, according to a survey by a United States-based research firm.

The survey conducted by Morning Consult tracked the approval ratings of different leaders in their countries. In its results, the research firm showed that PM Modi had an approval rating of 75%.

Noting that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's approval rating is the highest among world leaders in a survey conducted by a US data firm, BJP National President Shri J P Nadda said this is a testimony to his able leadership and a matter of pride for all Indians. American firm Morning Consult, which regularly tracks approval ratings of world leaders, said over 75 per cent people



**Jagat Prakash Nadda**  
BJP National President

**Our Hon. PM @narendramodi Ji rated highest among world leaders by American research firm Morning Consult. Our PM has yet again emerged the most popular head of Government for his efficient handling of various issues and management of the COVID-19 crisis. Hon PM @narendramodi ji's popularity not only rises unabated across all demographic groups & geographic regions of the country and he also gets a thumbs up globally for his dedication to his country. PM Modi ranks Number 1 among all global leaders in this challenging times.**

Modi ranks Number 1 among all global leaders in this (these) challenging times," he said. Ever since the Modi-led government came to power, people's trust in the government and the faith that the nation is progressing in the right direction have risen drastically, he added.

approve of Modi while 20 per cent disapprove, putting his net approval rating at 55 per cent.

Referring to the survey, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda tweeted, "PM @narendramodi ji's popularity not only rises unabated across all demographic groups & geographic regions of the country but he also gets a thumbs up globally for his dedication to his country. PM

of his able leadership and hard work and is a thing of pride for all Indians," Shri Nadda said. According to Morning Consult's survey, German Chancellor Angela Merkel's approval rating was 24 per cent while it was in the negative for UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson as more people disapprove of his work than those who approve. (With inputs from PTI) ■



# PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF LIGHT HOUSE PROJECTS ACROSS SIX STATES

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Light House projects (LHPs) under Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC)- at six sites across six States, on January 01, 2021 through video conference. He announced the winners under Affordable Sustainable Housing Accelerators - India (ASHA-India) and gave away annual awards for excellence in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) Mission.

The PM also released a certification course on innovative construction technologies named NAVARITIH (New, Affordable, Validated, Research Innovation Technologies for Indian Housing).

Union Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said today is the day to move forward with new energy, to prove new resolutions and today the country is getting new technology to build houses for the poor, middle class. He said the houses are called light house projects in technical language but these 6 projects are really like lighthouses showing a new direction to the housing sector in the country.

The Prime Minister cited these light house projects as an example of the approach of the present Government. He stressed on the importance for the Government ministries not to have large and sluggish structures, but to be fit like startups. He expressed happiness on the active participation of more than 50 Innovative Construction Companies from around the world. He said this global challenge has given us a scope to innovate and incubate with new technology.

Prime Minister said in the next phase of the same process, the work of 6 light house projects at different sites is starting from today. These light house projects will be made up of modern technology and innovative



processes and reduce the construction time and make a more resilient, affordable and comfortable house for the poor.

He further explained that these light houses have innovations in construction technology. For example the project in Indore will not have brick and mortar walls, instead they will use the prefabricated Sandwich Panel system. The light houses in Rajkot will be built using french technology and have monolithic concrete construction technology using tunnel and the house will be more capable of withstanding disasters. In Chennai, US and Finland technologies will use the Precast Concrete system, which will construct the house faster and cheaper.

In Ranchi houses will be built using Germany's 3D construction system. Each room will be made separately and then the entire structure will be added in the same way as Lego Blocks toys. He said Houses are being built in Agartala with the steel frames using New Zealand's technology which can withstand major earthquake risk. Canada's technology is being used in Lucknow, which will not require plaster and paint and will use the entire walls already prepared to build houses faster.

He further said that thousands of houses will be built in 12 months at every location which will act as incubation centers through which our planners, architects, engineers and students will be able to learn and experiment with new technology. ■

# IN THE LAST ONE YEAR, MORE THAN 3 CRORE TAP WATER CONNECTIONS PROVIDED UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION

**O**n 15th August, 2019, Jal Jeevan Mission was announced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort with an aim to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household by 2024. Jal Jeevan Mission is under implementation since August, 2019 in partnership with the State governments with an aim to provide potable water in adequate quantity and of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis. As on 15th August 2019, out of 18.93 Crore rural households, 3.23 Crore (17%) had tap water connections.

During this year, every State/ UT did extensive planning following 'bottom-up approach' and have firmed up their plan to provide tap water connection to every home. The untiring efforts of States/ UTs have helped Jal Jeevan Mission provide 3 Crore tap water connections since August, 2019. Further, 26 districts, 457 Blocks, 34,919 Panchayats and 65,627 villages have become 'Har Ghar Jal' meaning every family living in these rural areas is getting assured tap water supply in their homes and 'no one is left behind'. Goa has become the first State in the country to provide 100% FHTCs and became 'Har Ghar Jal' State. Different States are competing with each other and focusing on the set target to ensure that every household in the country gets safe drinking water adhering to the core principle of 'equity & inclusiveness'.

States are giving priority to water quality-affected areas, Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe majority villages, aspirational districts, village in drought prone and desert areas and quality-affected habitations. States are working to ensure that piped water supply reaches the regions affected by Fluoride and Arsenic at the earliest as well.

The Jal Jeevan Mission journey so far has been filled with challenges and disruptions as the entire world battled with CoVid-19 pandemic from March, 2020 till



date. All the workshave been badly affected due to lockdown and construction work was badly affected in most parts of the country. Handwashing has become the most important tool meaning availability of adequate safe & clean water inside home has become all the more important. Giving primacy to this and with the spirit of changing lives, States/ UTs continued the water supply work following due precautions emphasized by the Government. Continuing work despite CoVid-19 also proved to be a boon for local economy generating livelihoods in their own villages, especially for the migrant labour who returned home.

As the Union government has been working towards making lives better for women across various sections by constructing individual household and community toilets, providing cooking gas, etc. similarly, tap water connections within the household aims to reduce drudgery and enhance 'ease of living' for young girls and women who are often burdened with the task of fetching water from the public standpost and walking long distances in search of water. By providing water at the doorstep, Jal Jeevan Mission is impacting the lives in multiple ways by improving the health parameters and reducing dropout from school among children. ■

# GOVERNMENT INCREASES MSP IN RANGE OF 40-70% FOR ALL CROPS

**GOVERNMENT HAS CREATED 10,000 FPOS TO BRING TOGETHER SMALL AND MARGINAL FARMERS**

**U**nion Minister Shri Hardeep S Puri on December 30 has said that the Government has not only implemented the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee to increase MSP to 1.5 times of the cost of production but it increased MSP in the range of 40-70% in case of all crops and expenditure of procurement at MSP increased by 85% in 2014-19 from 2009-14. He added that the budget of the Department of Agriculture has gone up six times in as many years. Shri Puri informed that MSP is an administrative mechanism and added that the laws specifically provide layers of protection for our farmers, giving them legal safeguards to counter any unwarranted claims of corporates. He further said that the Government has clearly stated in the laws that such acquisition or leasing of land of our farmers will not be allowed in any case. He said that our farmers are the stewards of land, soil and forests and land is truly like their mother. They have dedicated their lives, blood and sweat to its care. He emphasizes that Government would not allow anyone to come and take their land from them.

Shri Hardeep S Puri said that the Amul cooperative success has shown that despite the fragmented small scale producer system that might be present in a sector, people can come together to create a raging success story. He added that today, Amul is not just producing milk, but much of its revenue comes from processed foods exported worldwide. This is the kind of success story we want for our farmers through these reforms. He added that government has created 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations which bring small and marginal farmers together and give them access to social capital, information and negotiating power.

Shri Puri informed that Prime Minister launched the 100th Kisan Rail from Maharashtra to Bengal where farmers can send their 50-100 kgs produce in cold chain coaches. He added that Rs 1 lakh crore Agri- Infrastructure Fund has been created so that there is access to capital to build essential



infrastructure space like warehouses, cold stores, sorting, grading and packaging units, rural marketing platforms, e-marketing units, etc. The Kisan Samman Nidhi (Rs 1,10,000 crore have already been paid under this) supports our farmers and alleviates subsistence issues while protecting their dignity, which used to cause severe distress to our small and marginal farmers. He further said that crop insurance mechanism, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Fasal Bima Yojana has paid Rs. 87,000 crores as insurance to farmers against a premium of Rs 17,450 crores.

Shri Puri said that Punjab and Haryana account for around 30% of the national food production and around 70% of our MSP procurement happens from these states. He added that a 2018 study by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development showed that 52.5 per cent of all agricultural households were indebted, with an average debt of \$1,470. He added that 30% of the crops produced continue to get wasted due to a lack of proper cold chain infrastructure required to safeguard the perishable produce. Additionally, the agriculture sector remains immensely fragmented due to many intermediaries, who often have huge margins. He further said that our hard-working farmers can turn our agriculture intensive states into the granaries of the world. He reiterated that the agricultural reform laws intend to create the right ecosystem to support them, guide them and make them Atmanirbhar. ■



# 'YOU HAVE TO SHOW YOUR MANAGEMENT SKILLS WITH THE MANTRA OF INNOVATION INTEGRITY AND INCLUSIVENESS'

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on January 2 laid the foundation stone of the permanent campus of IIM Sambalpur via video conferencing. Governor and Chief Minister of Odisha, along with Union Ministers Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the permanent campus of the IIM Sambalpur will not only showcase the culture and resources of Odisha but will also give Odisha a global recognition in the field of management. He said that recently the country witnessed a trend of Indian multi-nationals as opposed to the earlier trend of outside multi-national coming to India. Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities are seeing startups and India has seen more 'unicorns' in recent troubled times, rapid reforms are taking place in agriculture field. In such a scenario the Prime Minister asked the students to align their career with the aspiration of the country. In this new decade, it is your responsibility to give Brand India a global recognition, the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister dwelled at length on the students' role in making the local rise up to the global level. He asked students to work on the ideas of improving tourism in the light of the immense local potential in the Sambalpur area. He asked them to work on the local products which have great potential such as local handicraft, textiles and tribal art. He also asked them to work on the better management of abundant minerals and other resources of the region as all this will contribute to the Aatamnirbhar Bharat Campaign. IIM students will need to find innovative solutions for making local global as they can work as a bridge between Aatamnirbharta Mission, local products and international collaboration. "You have to show your management skills with the mantra of Innovation Integrity and Inclusiveness", Shri Modi said.

The Prime Minister talked about the new management

challenges in the light of new technologies like additive printing, changing production techniques, logistics, and supply chain management. These technologies coupled with digital connectivity, and work from anywhere concept have turned the world into a global village. India has undertaken rapid reforms in recent months and has tried not only to keep pace with the changes but also tried to anticipate and surpass them, the Prime Minister added.

The Prime Minister said that that the changing work styles are impacting demands on management skills and top-down or top-heavy management skills are being replaced by collaborative, innovative and transformative management. With bots and algorithms in picture, technological management is equally important as human management.

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to study how capacity and capability was expanded in such a short time. He expressed happiness that the country is coming out of the short-term approach of problem solving and how the focus now is on long term solutions. He gave example of Jan Dhan accounts and how LPG connection coverage in the country improved from 55 per cent in 2014 to 98 per cent today, to illustrate his point of mass scale innovation, planning and implementation. "Management is not just handling big companies but management also means taking care of lives", the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister added that it is important to understand the challenges before the country to become good managers. For this, it is essential that higher educational institutions have a wider scope and are not focused merely on their expertise. The National Education Policy, the Prime Minister said, emphasizes on broad-based, multi-disciplinary and holistic approach to remove silos in the professional education that have emerged over a period of time. ■

# 'PREPARING THE COUNTRY FOR FUTURE NEEDS IS AN IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNANCE'

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first-ever driverless train operations on Delhi Metro's Magenta Line on December 28 through a video conference. Today the National Common Mobility Card was expanded to the Airport Express Line of Delhi Metro, which was started in Ahmedabad last year. Union Minister Shri Hardeep Puri and Chief Minister of Delhi, Shri Arvind Kejriwal were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister termed today's event as an attempt to make urban development future ready. He said preparing the country for future needs is an important responsibility of governance. He lamented the fact that a few decades ago, when the demand of urbanisation was felt, there was not much attention given to the needs of the future, half-hearted work was done and confusion persisted. He said unlike this, modern thinking says that urbanization should not be seen as a challenge but used as an opportunity to build better infrastructure in the country, an opportunity through which we can enhance Ease of Living. He said this difference of thinking is seen now in every dimension of urbanization. He added that in 2014, only 5 cities had metro rail and today, metro rail is available in 18 cities. By the year 2025, we are going to expand it to more than 25 cities. In 2014, only 248 km of



metro lines were operational in the country and today it is about three times, more than 700 kilometers. By the year 2025, we are trying to expand it to 1700 km. He stressed that these are not just figures, they are proof of ease of living in the lives of crores of Indians. These are not just infrastructures made of brick and stone, concrete and iron, but are evidence of the fulfillment of the aspirations of the citizens of the country, the middle class of the country.

The Prime Minister said the metro today is no longer just a medium of public transport but a great way to reduce pollution. Thousands of vehicles have been reduced from the road due to the metro network, which used to cause pollution and jam.

The Prime Minister said for the expansion of metro services, Make in India is important. Make in India reduces costs, saves foreign exchange, and gives more employment to people in the country itself. He stressed that standardization of rolling stock has reduced the cost of every coach from 12 crores to 8 crores

now. Today, four big companies are manufacturing metro coaches in the country and dozens of companies are engaged in the manufacture of metro components. This is helping Make in India as well as the campaign for self-reliant India.

The Prime Minister said with the achievement of Metro Rail without a driver, our country has joined the select countries of the world where such facilities are available. He said a braking system in which 50 percent of the energy goes back into the grid when the brakes are applied are being used. Today 130 MW of solar power is being used in metro rail, which will be increased to 600 MW.

Talking about the Common Mobility Card, the Prime Minister said that providing the same standards and facilities for modernization is very important. The Common Mobility Card at the national level is a major step in this direction. This one card will give integrated access to the commuters wherever they travel, whichever public transport they take. ■

# ‘I HAVE WITNESSED AN EXTRAORDINARY RIPPLE OF HOPE IN THE COUNTRY’

**PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI ADDRESSED THE NATION IN HIS 19TH EPISODE OF ‘MANN KI BAAT 2.0’ ON 27TH DECEMBER 2020. HE SAID IN THE EPISODE THAT THE COUNTRY WAS BLESSED DURING CORONA CRISIS WITH NEWER CAPABILITIES. HE ADDED, PUTTING IT INTO WORDS...THIS CAPACITY IS TERMED AS “ATMANIRBHARTA”- SELF RELIANCE. WE ARE PUBLISHING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ADDRESS FOR OUR ESTEEMED READERS.**

**T**he most common amongst the common folk of the country has felt this transformation. I have witnessed an extraordinary ripple of hope in the country. There came multiple challenges ... many a crisis. On account of Corona, the world faced numerous hurdles in terms of supply chains...But we learn a new lesson with every crisis. The country was blessed with newer capabilities. Putting it into words...this capacity is termed as “Atmanirbharta”- Self Reliance.

- In order to protect our millennia old culture, civilization and traditions from the cruel misdemeanors of tyrants & tormentors many a supreme sacrifice was made.....It is a day to remember them too. On this day the sons of Guru Gobind Singh, Sahibzade Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh were immured alive. The tyrants wanted Sahibzade to renounce their faith; abandon the teachings of the great Guru tradition. But, our Sahibzade showed amazing courage and determination even at that tender age.
- I read about a heart-touching effort at Coimbatore in Tamilnadu. You too must have seen visuals of this on social media. We have seen wheelchairs for humans, but daughter Gayatri in Coimbatore, along with her father, made a wheelchair for a suffering dog. This sensitivity is inspiring and can happen only when a person is filled with kindness and compassion towards all life forms. In Delhi NCR and other cities of the country in the chilling cold many people are doing a lot for the care of shelterless animals. They arrange for food, water, sweaters and even beds for those animals. Some



people arrange food for hundreds of such animals every day. Such efforts should be commended.

- Let us now talk of Hiranmanji of Korwa tribe of Jharkhand. Hiranmanji lives in the Sinjo village of Garhwa district. You will be amazed to know that the population of Korwa tribe is merely 6,000, which lives in hills and forests far away from cities. Hiranmanji has taken up the task of preserving the culture and identity of his community. After an untiring toil of 12 years, he has created a dictionary of the Korwa language which is getting extinct. In this dictionary, he has written with meanings many Korwa words right from words used in the household to words used in daily life. What Hiranmanji has done for the Korwa community is an example for the country.
  - My dear countrymen, it is said that there was a prominent courtier in the court of Akbar named AbulFazl. After a visit to Kashmir, he once remarked that the place had one such scenic view that could uplift the mood of the most irritable and bad-tempered people, making them rejoice. In fact, he was referring to the saffron fields in Kashmir. Saffron has been associated with Kashmir for centuries. Kashmiri saffron is mainly grown in places like Pulwama, Budgam and Kishtwar. In May this year, the Kashmiri Saffron was given the Geographical Indication Tag or GI tag. Through this, we want to make Kashmiri Saffron a Globally Popular Brand. Kashmiri saffron is globally famous as a spice that has many medicinal properties. It has a strong aroma, its color is deep dark and its threads are long and thick which enhances its medicinal value.



- Gita inspires us in every context of our life. But have you ever thought why is Geeta such a wonderful Granth? That is because it is the voice of Lord Krishna himself. But the uniqueness of the Gita also lies in that it begins with the quest of knowledge... starts with a question. Arjuna asked the Lord a question, inquired and only then, the world received the wisdom of Gita.
- I want to remind you of something more. Due to Corona, this year it could not be discussed much. We have to make our country free from single use plastic. This is also one of the resolutions of 2021. In conclusion, I extend my best wishes to you for the New Year. Stay healthy yourself, keep your family healthy too. Next year, in January, 'Mann Ki Baat' will touch upon new subjects. ■

### PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF AIIMS AT RAJKOT

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on December 31 laid the foundation stone of AIIMS Rajkot through a video conference. Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, Governor Gujarat Acharaya Devrat, Chief Minister Gujarat, Shri Vijay Rupani were present on the occasion.

On the occasion Shri Modi said AIIMS Rajkot will boost health infrastructure, medical education and provide employment opportunities in Gujarat. He said about 5 thousand direct jobs and many indirect jobs would be created. Lauding the efforts of Gujarat in fighting COVID, the Prime Minister said Gujarat has shown the path in fighting COVID. ■

## JP NADDA MAKES NEW ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**B** JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 31 December, 2020 appointed National Joint General Secretary (Organisation) Shri V. Satish as a Sangathak and National Joint General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Saudan Singh as Vice-President of the party. Joint Organisational Secretary Shri Shiv Prakash will continue with the same post with some

changes in responsibilities.

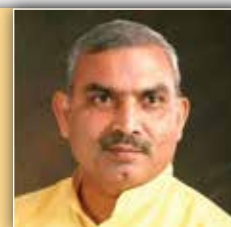
**SHRI V. SATISH**  
**SANGATHAK**



**SHRI SAUDAN SINGH**  
**NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**



**SHRI SHIV PRAKASH**  
**NATIONAL JOINT GENERAL SECRETARY (ORG.)**



NAME	RESPONSIBILITY	CENTRE	SPECIAL ATTENTION
<b>Shri V. Satish</b>	Sangathak	Delhi	Parliamentary Office Coordination, SC- ST Morcha coordination, Vishesh Sampark
<b>Shri Saudan Singh</b>	National Vice President	Chandigarh	Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh
<b>Shri Shiv Prakash</b>	National Joint General Secretary (Org.)	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal

# PM INAUGURATES 450 KM KOCHI-MANGALURU NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 5 January, 2021 inaugurated the 450-km Kochi-Mangaluru natural gas pipeline built at a cost of Rs 3,000 crore via video conferencing. Launching the project, the Prime Minister said that Natural gas pipeline network will be doubled in 5-6 years and CNG stations will be raised to 10,000 from current 1,500."

"While on the one hand, natural gas pipeline network is being doubled to about 32,000 km in 5-6 years, on the other, work on the world's biggest hybrid renewable plant combining wind and solar power has started in Gujarat," said Shri Modi.

"It is an honour to dedicate the 450-km pipeline to the nation. This is an important day for India, especially for people of Karnataka and Kerala," PM added. Governors and Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Kerala, along with Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas were present at the event.

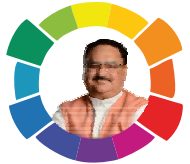
Asserting that India under the NDA government is seeing unprecedented work on highways, railway, metro, air, water, digital and gas connectivity which will aid economic development, Shri Modi said, "I do not want to talk about the reasons behind the rate of India's progress in previous decades. India cannot develop slowly now. In recent years, the country has increased its speed, scale, and scope of development."

The government has an "integrated approach to energy planning. Our energy agenda is all-inclusive," he said.

The Prime Minister also said that the emphasis is being laid on manufacturing biofuels as well as electric mobility. "In 10 years' time, petrol will be doped with as much as 20 per cent of ethanol extracted from sugarcane and other agro products. This would help cut reliance on imports for meeting oil needs as well as reduce carbon emissions." ■



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