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Double Engine Government is working relentlessly to empower the future of daughters without any discrimination and favoritism. That is why efforts are being made to increase the age of marriage of daughters from 18 years to 21 years.



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D-Dealer
B-Broker
T-cut money in Transfer
In this DBT, D of dealer was taken by Congress, B of broker by Shiv Sena and T of transfer was taken by NCP.



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@Nitin Gadkari

Improvement and up-gradation of existing road to 4-lane with paved shoulder of NH 731 from end of Hardoi District to Lucknow (Pkg-IV) on EPC mode in Uttar Pradesh has been sanctioned with a budget of Rs. 540.97 Cr. #PragatiKaHighway #GatiShakti @myogiadityanath @rajnathsingh



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Karnataka Police under @BJP4Karnataka led Govt calls for applications for SI posts by all including transgender's . Big step towards inclusive development . Many from usual eco system argue that BJP is regressive . Now they are all silent .



SKILLING INDIA'S YOUTH FOR A BETTER TOMORROW
Employment generated under NATS

Year	Students enrolled	% employment (out of data collected)
2017-18	1.30 lakh	67%
2018-19	1.29 lakh	79%
2019-20	1.08 lakh	77%
2020-21	1.01 lakh	95%

NATS aims to train **8.57 lakhs** students during next five years (April 2021-March 2026) with an outlay of **Rs 3,054 crore**

Skill India
NATS - National Apprenticeship Training Scheme
Dated 18th December 2021
Source: Govt of India



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PONGAL, BIHU & MAKAR SANKRANTI (14 JANUARY)
to all of its readers

A SELF-RELIANT INDIA IS EMERGING FROM ITS CIVILIZATIONAL CENTRES

As Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham Carridor in Varanasi, India moved further in the direction of restoring the grandeur and glory of its centres of civilization and culture which continue to inspire the nation. The people across the nation celebrated this blessed occasion by participating in 'Divya Kashi, Bhavya Kashi' programme in millions. Most recently, the Kedarnath Dham was also restored and renovated after it withstood the ravages of the floods few years back. The work of building a grand Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya is also progressing in a fast pace and will be completed very soon. In continuation of these efforts, Kartarpur corridor which was built recently and closed in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic has been reopened for the pilgrims. The centres of civilization and culture are in fact the power houses from where the nation gets energy and dynamism for its journey into bright future ahead.

The hitherto neglected civilizational and cultural strength of India has become a source of inspiration in recent times. It started with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's initiative in UN to declare 21st June as 'International Yoga Day' every year. It received overwhelmingly the support of 177 countries as co-sponsors of the resolution. While 'Yoga' has become a boon for the entire humanity, the Covid-19 pandemic has seen increasing acceptance of yoga across the globe. The initiative of the Prime Minister in gifting Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta to foreign dignitaries during meetings and inviting them for 'Ganga Aarti' and 'Mandir Darshan' has further highlighted the amazing spiritual tradition of India across the world. While remaining committed to the principles of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', Shri Narendra Modi also visited the sacred places in other countries including Nepal and Bangladesh and even offered 500 quintals of sandalwood to Bhagwan Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu. The opening of Nathu-La pass for Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage and building of temple in Abu Dhabi with the active support of UAE government are glowing example of the reverence with which the world now sees India's cultural and spiritual heritage.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly observed that long period of slavery broke nation's confidence in such a way that it lost faith in its own creation

While stolen artefacts, antiques and images of revered gods and goddesses and being recovered and brought back in India, massive efforts are on to rejuvenated heritage towns and centres of pilgrimage through HRIDAY and PRASHAD schemes. The 'Namami Gange' scheme aimed at rejuvenating and cleaning river Ganga is seeing collaborations of many European countries who are deploying advance techniques to fulfil the long held aspirations of the nation to see a pure and clean Maa Ganga flowing through the country. While Kumbh Mela has been recognized by UNESCO, it's heartening to see that Durga Pujo of West Bengal has also been accorded UNESCO recognition now. The construction of Char Dham, Rama circuit, Krishna circuit, Budha circuit, Panchtirtha are examples of the massive work going on in the country to unleash the civilization and cultural power of India.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly observed that long period of slavery broke nation's confidence in such a way that it lost faith in its own creation. The initiatives taken by the Prime Minister is not only rescuing the civilizational and cultural centres but actively unleashing their potential in shaping 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' shining around the world with the newfound self confidence and strength. While Congress and its allies are indulging in sabotaging democracy by disrupting parliament, the people across India are strongly supporting the initiatives of Modi government transforming India. There is no doubt that a 'Self-reliant' India is emerging from its civilizational centres. ■

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'VISHWANATH DHAM IS SYMBOL OF SANATAN CULTURE AND SYMBOL OF OUR SPIRITUAL SOUL'

Prim Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham corridor under the 'Divya Kashi, Bhavya Kashi' programme in Varanasi on 13 December 2021, a project which is spread over five lakh square feet and connects the temple premises to the River Ganga besides providing several facilities to devotees. After arriving in the holy city, Shri Modi paid obeisance at the Kaal Bhairav Temple and then took a dip in the Ganga from where he collected holy water for worship at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple. Before the inauguration, PM Shri Modi also attended a prayer ceremony and later showered workers involved in building the project with flower petals in a gesture to acknowledge their work. He also sat with them for a group photograph. BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, other senior leaders and a large number of saints from across the country attended the ceremony.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Vishwanath Dham is not just a grand building. This is a symbol of the Sanatan culture of India. It is a symbol of our spiritual soul.
- Vishwanath Dham is a symbol of India's antiquity, traditions, India's energy and dynamism.
- Earlier the temple area was only 3000 square feet which has now been enlarged to about 5 lakh square feet. Now 50000 - 75000 devotees can visit the temple and temple premises.
- The dedication of Kashi Vishwanath Dham will give a decisive direction to India and will lead to a brighter future. This complex is a witness of our capability and our duty. With determination and concerted thought, nothing is impossible.
- For me God comes in the form of people, For me every person is a part of God. I ask three resolutions from the people for the country - cleanliness, creation and continuous efforts for self-reliant India.
- Long period of slavery broke our confidence in such a way that we lost faith in our own creation. Today, from this thousands-year-old Kashi, I call upon every countryman - create with full confidence, innovate, do it in an innovative way.
- PM Shri Narendra Modi felicitated and had lunch with the workers who worked on the construction Kashi Vishwanath Dham.



VISHWANATH DHAM IS NOT JUST A GRAND BUILDING

Starting his address with pranam at the feet of 'Nagar Kotwal' (Lord Kaal Bhairav), the Prime Minister said nothing special happens without his blessings. The PM sought the lord's blessings for the countrymen. The PM cited Puranas which say that as soon as one enters Kashi, one becomes free from all bondage. "Blessings of Lord Vishweshwara, a supernatural energy awaken our inner soul as soon as we come here". He added that this whole new complex of Vishwanath Dham is not just a grand building. This is a symbol of the Sanatan culture of our India. It is a symbol of our spiritual soul. This is a symbol of India's antiquity, traditions, India's energy and dynamism. The Prime Minister said 'when one comes here, they will see not only faith but will also feel the glory of the past here. How antiquity and novelty come alive together. How the inspirations of the ancient are giving direction to the future, we are witnessing this very vividly in Vishwanath Dham complex', he added.

Shri Modi noted that earlier the temple area was only 3000 square feet which has now enlarged to about 5 lakh square feet. Now 50000 - 75000 devotees can visit the temple and temple premises. That is, first the darshan and bath in Maa Ganga, and from there directly to Vishwanath Dham, he informed.

PM HAD HIS LUNCH WITH WORKERS OF VISHWANATH DHAM

Dwelling on the glory of Kashi, Prime Minister Shri Modi said that



Kashi is imperishable and is under the patronage of the Lord Shiva. He expressed his gratitude to every worker in the construction of this grand complex. They did not let even Corona stop the work here. He met and felicitated the workers. Shri Modi had his lunch with the workers who worked for the construction of the Dham. The Prime Minister also lauded the artisans, people associated with the construction, administration and those families who had their homes here. Along with all this, he also congratulated the UP government, Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, who toiled relentlessly to complete the Kashi Vishwanath Dham project.

IF THERE IS AN AURANGZEB, SHIVAJI IS ALSO THERE

Prime Minister Shri Modi said the invaders attacked this city, tried to destroy it. The city is witness to the history of Aurangzeb's atrocities and his terror, who tried to change civilization by the sword, who tried to crush the culture with fanaticism. But the soil of this country is different from the rest of the world. If there is an Aurangzeb, said the Prime Minister, Shivaji is also there. If any Salar Masood comes, then brave warriors like King Suheldev make him taste the might of India's unity. And even during the British era, the people of Kashi knew what happened to Hastings, said Shri Modi.

JAGADGURU SHANKARACHARYA GOT INSPIRATION FROM HERE

The Prime Minister went on describing the grace and importance of Kashi. He remarked that Kashi is not a matter of mere

words, it is a creation of sensations. Kashi is that - where awakening is life; Kashi is that - where death is also a festival; Kashi is that - where truth is the culture; Kashi is where love is tradition. He added that Varanasi is the city from where Jagadguru Shankaracharya got inspiration from the purity of Shri Dome Raja and resolved to unite the country in the thread of unity. This is the place where Goswami Tulsidas created a celestial creation like Ramcharitmanas with inspiration from Lord Shankar. The Prime Minister continued and said that Lord Buddha's enlightenment was revealed to the world in Sarnath, here. For the betterment of the society, sages like Kabirdas appeared here. If there was a need to unite the society, then this Kashi became the center of the power of devotion of Sant Raidas, the Prime Minister added.

KASHI IS ALSO LAND OF FOUR JAIN TIRTHANKARAS

The Prime Minister said Kashi is the land of four Jain Tirthankaras, the epitome of non-violence and austerity. From the integrity of King Harishchandra to the knowledge of Vallabhacharya, Ramanand ji. From Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Samarth Guru Ramdas to Swami Vivekananda, Madan Mohan Malaviya. The Holy land of Kashi has been home to sages, acharyas beyond count. The Prime Minister remarked that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj came here. From Rani Lakshmi Bai to Chandrashekhar Azad, Kashi has been the karmbhoomi of many fighters. Talents like Bharatendu Harishchandra, Jaishankar Prasad, Munshi Premchand, Pandit Ravi Shankar, and Bismillah Khan are from this great city, he said.

Shri Modi said that dedication of Kashi Vishwanath Dham will give a decisive direction to India and will lead to a brighter future. This complex is a witness of our capability and our duty. With determination and concerted thought, nothing is impossible. The Prime Minister said "Indians have the power to make the unimaginable come true. We know tapasya, know penance and we know how to spend day and night for the country. No matter how big the challenge, we Indians can defeat it together".

TODAY'S INDIA IS REVIVING ITS LOST HERITAGE

PM Shri Narendra Modi said today's India is reviving its lost heritage. Here in Kashi, Mata Annapurna herself

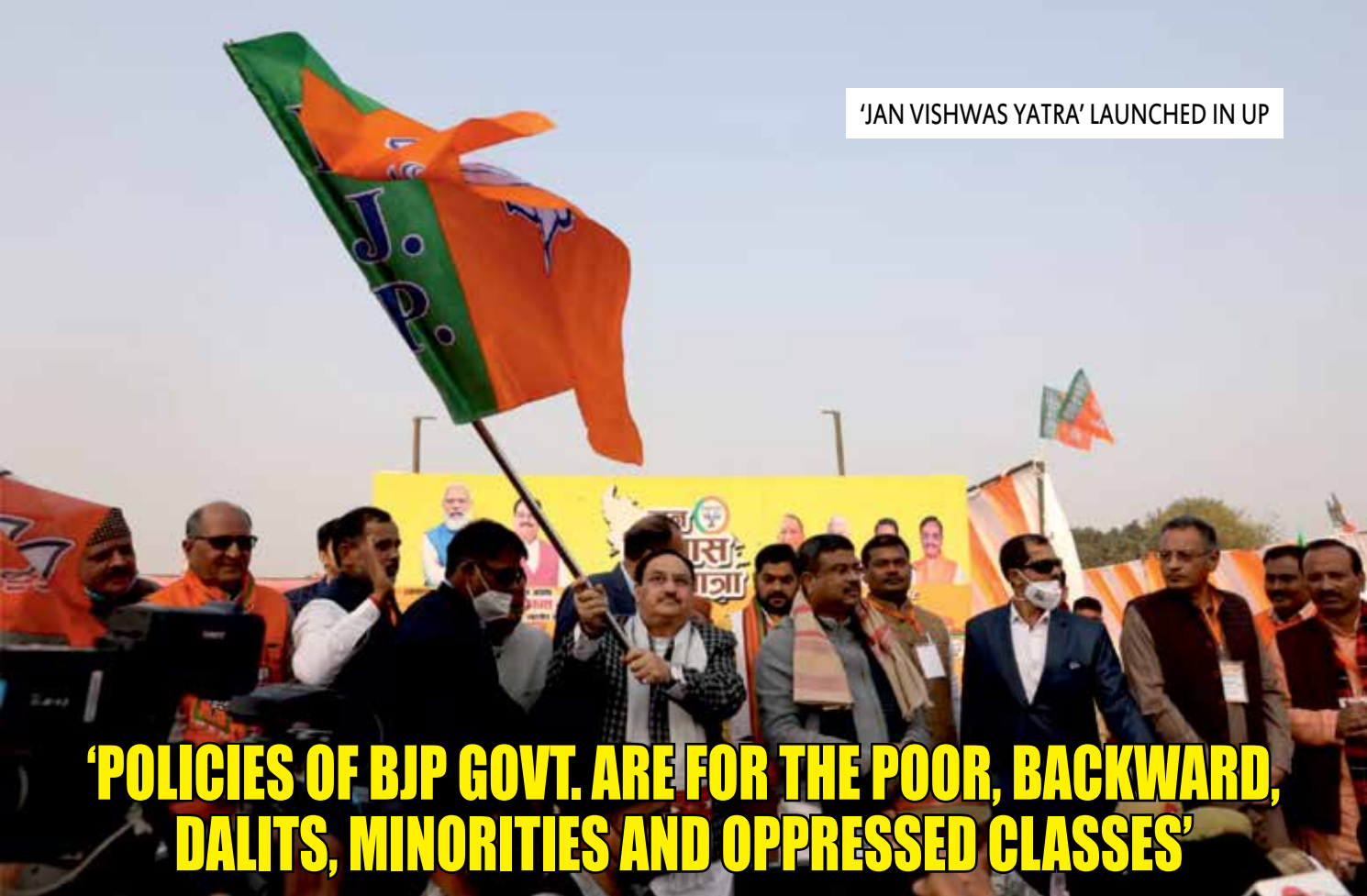
resides. He expressed happiness that the statue of Mother Annapurna, which was stolen from Kashi, has now been re-established in Kashi after a wait of a century.

Shri Modi said for him, God comes in the form of people and for him every Indian is a part of God. He asked for three resolutions from the people for the country - cleanliness, creation and continuous efforts for self-reliant India.

The Prime Minister called cleanliness a way of life and called for people's participation in this enterprise, especially in the Namami Gange Mission. The Prime Minister said the long period of slavery broke our confidence in such a way that we lost faith in our own creation. Today, from this thousand-year-old Kashi, I call upon every countryman - create with full confidence, innovate, do it in an innovative way.

The Prime Minister said that the third resolution that needs to be taken today is to raise our efforts for self-reliant India. In this 'Amrit Kaal', in the 75th year of independence, we will have to work for what India will be like when India celebrates a hundred years of independence. ■





'POLICIES OF BJP GOVT. ARE FOR THE POOR, BACKWARD, DALITS, MINORITIES AND OPPRESSED CLASSES'

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda flagged off the massive 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' at Ambedkar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh on 19 December, 2021. The Yatra will cover all the 403 assembly constituencies in the state covering all the districts and directly connecting with maximum people across Uttar Pradesh. The 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' simultaneously launched by different senior leaders of the party from six locations that are Ambedkar Nagar, Mathura, Bijnor, Jhansi, Balia and Ghazipur.

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh also flagged off the Yatra from Jhansi which will be concluding in Kanpur. From Bidurkoti in Bijnor, Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 'Jan Vishwas Yatra'. It will conclude in Rampur.

Likewise, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath kick started the 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' from Mathura. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan started the fifth journey from Ballia which will conclude in Basti. The sixth Yatra was inaugurated by Union Minister Smt. Smriti Irani from Ghazipur which will conclude in Amethi.

Addressing the 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' at Ambedkar Nagar, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash

Nadda said, it is the double engine government of the Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi which has given respect and honour to the people. It has ensured development and growth, it has ensured law and order in the state and has empowered women and girls, and it has worked for all the sections of the society. The people of Uttar Pradesh cannot expect such development, growth and rule of law from the opposition parties as they do not have any vision, plan or mentality.

KEY POINTS OF SPEECH

YOGI GOVT. CRACKED DOWN ON THE MAFIA

- Today, political parties are giving catchy slogans, they are coming out with new ideas, but the people of Uttar Pradesh have not forgotten the lawlessness and misrule of the Samajwadi Party government in the state.
- The people have not forgotten the mafia raj and massive crimes against women committed during the Samajwadi Party government in Uttar Pradesh.
- Entire UP knows how during the Samajwadi Party government the entire state was controlled by



mining mafia, land mafia, liquor mafia and criminal elements. It is the BJP government under the Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath which cracked down on the mafia, put them behind bars and forced criminal and goonda elements to flee the state.

MASSIVE CORRUPTION UNDER AKHILESH GOVERNMENT

- The Samajwadi Party and corruption and crime are two faces of the same coin. The people of Uttar Pradesh have not forgotten the massive corruption in Gomti riverfront development and utilization certificate committed by the Samajwadi Party government.
- The Akhilesh Yadav government also did massive corruption in distribution of laptops. So, it is very clear that it is the same old Samajwadi Party, and it has nothing new to offer to the people of Uttar Pradesh.
- The kind of absurd and senseless comments and arguments the Samajwadi Party leaders are giving on the proposal to revise the legal marriage age of girls from 18 years to 21 years just shows their sick mentality and it also shows their respect and honour for women. Such acts of the Samajwadi Party and its leaders are highly condemnable and deplorable. And what is more disgusting and shameful is the open support the Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav is lending to his party leaders.
- All the development policies and programmes implemented by PM Shri Narendra Modi and our state governments are for the welfare and upliftment of all sections and communities in our society – be it the Ayushman Bharat Yojna, the Jan Dhan Yojna, the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna, the Ujjawala Yojna, the Saubhagya Yojana. The programmes and policies are for the poor, the backward classes, the Dalits, the minorities, the oppressed classes and all the needy people of our country.

DOUBLE ENGINE GOVERNMENT CHANGED FACE OF UP

- The double engine government of the Bharatiya Janata Party under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and leadership of Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath has changed the face and fortune of Uttar Pradesh. Today, Uttar Pradesh is developing fast in all sectors and has excelled in all parameters of socio – economic development. Today, change is very clearly visible in Uttar Pradesh due to the true efforts of the Bharatiya Janata Party government.

JAN VISHWAS YATRA, JHANSI

BJP GOVERNMENT REVIVING THE GLORIOUS PAST OF INDIA: RAJNATH SINGH

Addressing the huge gathering at the 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' in Jhansi on 19 October 2021, Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said the land of Maharaja Chhatrasal and Rani Laxmi Bai is the place of worship for all of us. He said, "I salute the land of Bundelkhand with folded hands, who gave birth to such brave heroes who changed the history of the country.

Shri Singh said under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP government is also developing and maintaining India's heritage and reviving the glorious past. Somnath temple has been given a grand appearance during the turn of Shri Narendra Modi. The foundation stone of a grand temple of Shri Rama has been laid in Ayodhya. Work has also been done to restore the glory of Kashi Vishwanath Dham.

He said in Uttar Pradesh, under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath the law and order was comprehensively improved. The heartbeat of goons and miscreants increases as soon as they hear the name of Yogi Adityanathji.

Shri Rajnath Singh said what is SP, what BSP is and what Congress is. Whatever they may be but on the



pitch of Uttar Pradesh, they will not be able to survive in front of Yogi's bowling.

JAN VISHWAS YATRA, BIJNOR

5 YEARS THAT YOU SAW WAS A TRAILER THE REAL FILM IS YET TO START: NITIN GADKARI

Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari launched the 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' in Chandpur in Bijnor district, Uttar Pradesh on 19 December, 2021. Addressing the public rally Union Road Transport Minister praised the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh saying it was just a trailer and the real film was yet to come.

Shri Gadkari said, "We are not just ending hooliganism in Uttar Pradesh, we are also going to end poverty, hunger and unemployment. The five years that you saw was a trailer. The real film is yet to start.

He asked the public to give chance once again to the double engine government of the BJP in the state and sit in peace and see how miracles will happen.

JAN VISHWAS YATRA, BALLIA

BJP WILL WIN WITH A THUMPING MAJORITY: SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

After flagging up the 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the unprecedented love and support we have received in today's Yatra has convinced me that BJP will win with a thumping majority in Uttar Pradesh.

He said faith is the basis of love and BJP will not allow this love, trust of yours to be broken. By fulfilling the dream of all-round development of Uttar Pradesh the BJP government will fulfill the resolution to make your life simple and pleasant.

Shri Chouhan said the double engine government of Modi + YOGI means all round development and prosperity of the farmers and poor of UP, end the rule of goonda, mafia and ban on conversion.

JAN VISHWAS YATRA, MATHURA

BJP IS GOING AMONGST THE PUBLIC ONCE AGAIN TO TAKE THEIR BLESSINGS: YOGI ADITYANATH

Addressing a huge gathering on the launch of 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "During the past four and a half years, under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP government has worked towards the infrastructure development, women security, law and order, the benefit of farmers and poor of the state.

He said with our 'Jan Vishwas Yatra', we are going amongst the public once again, to take their blessings.

He said, "I have got the opportunity to kick start the Yatra from the holy city of Mathura. We stood on the expectations of the people."

Uttar Pradesh is slated to go to Assembly polls early next year. In the 2017 Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, the Bharatiya Janata Party bagged a massive mandate with 312 seats out of the 403-seat in Uttar Pradesh Assembly while Samajwadi Party bagged 47 seats, Bahujan Samaj Party won 19 and Congress could manage to win only seven seats. The rest of the seats were bagged by other candidates.

JAN VISHWAS YATRA, GHAZIPUR

Union Minister Smt Smriti Irani addressing a public meeting at Lanka ground in Ghazipur while flagging off the Jan Vishwas Yatra, said that the mafia's empire was bulldozed in UP because the steering of the government was in the hands of the people. Smt. Irani slammed the Samajwadi party, accusing it of patronizing criminals and mafia, and said watching the state government bulldoze the illegal buildings and economic empire of the mafia was very painful for the opposition party. ■



'VIJAY SANKALP YATRA' LAUNCHED IN HARIDWAR

BJP HAS TAKEN UTTARAKHAND ON A NEW ROAD OF DEVELOPMENT: JP NADDA

The 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra', which plans to cover all the 70 Vidhan Sabha constituencies in Uttarakhand, was launched by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, in the holy city of Haridwar on 18 December, 2021. As part of the Yatra, which will conclude on January 05, the party plans to touch about most of the voters about the work done by the double engine government of the central and state for the development of the state.

BJP National President Shri Nadda launched the Yatra amid sounds of conch shells and held a road show in Haridwar. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, BJP State President Shri Madan Kaushik and other senior leaders also participated in the Yatra.

Addressing the office bearers and Karyakartas, Shri JP Nadda said BJP governments at the centre & state have taken Uttarakhand on a new road of development.

The BJP National President said, "When I see this enthusiasm, excitement and gathering of people, it shows that the people of Uttarakhand and Haridwar have made up their mind to give BJP their blessing

again".

He said, "If we talk about the development of the state, the statement by PM Shri Narendra Modi, that we will use double engine government to take Uttarakhand towards development, has turned true. We are happy to say that in the last five years, PM Shri

Modi has given over Rs 1 lakh crore to the state for its development".

Addressing a public gathering, Nadda said, "We have seen a new story of development in Uttarakhand. Earlier, when a passenger used to come to Uttarakhand, he used to get the one signal - one-way traffic. Now all roads are open 24 hours in BJP government." The 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra' by the party will be completed

in two phases. While Shri JP Nadda

launched the first phase for Garhwal Mandal from the pilgrimage city of Haridwar on 18 December, Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur launched the 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra' of Kumaon Mandal from Bagheshwar on 19 December.

Noteworthy, Uttarakhand Assembly elections are scheduled for next year. In the 2017 Uttarakhand Assembly elections, BJP won with a massive mandate of 57 seats, Congress won 11 seats and two seats were won by others. ■

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'BJP ALLIANCE GOING TO FORM GOVERNMENT IN UTTAR PRADESH WITH A HUGE MAJORITY'

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the rally of Nishad Samaj at Rama Bai Ambedkar Maidan in Lucknow on 17 December, 2021. He called upon the people of the state to make the Nishad Party-BJP alliance victorious by a huge margin.

On this occasion Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya, Nishad Party President Shri Sanjay Nishad, Union Minister and State Election In-charge Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, State BJP President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh, many MPs, State Ministers, MLAs and a large number of people were present.

Shri Shah started his speech by paying homage to King Nishadraj of Shringverpur. The Union Minister, who was amazed by the huge crowd gathered in the

AMIT SHAH ADDRESSES NISHAD PARTY & BJP JOINT RALLY IN LUCKNOW

rally, said that the BJP-led Yogi Adityanath government of Uttar Pradesh is setting new dimensions of development under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. With the immense support of the people, it is certain that the Bharatiya Janata Party is going to form the government in Uttar Pradesh with a huge majority by winning more than 300 seats.

The Union Home Minister said that as soon as the Bharatiya Janata Party government was formed at the Center in 2014, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had made it clear that his government would be a government dedicated to the villages, poor, backward, dalits and tribals of the country. There were governments of SP, BSP and Congress in the country and in Uttar Pradesh for years, but did gas connection

come to the house of the poor, did someone bring gas to their homes? There was no toilet in the house, no drinking water. The poor did not even have their own homes. Health insurance was a far cry.

The Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that SP and BSP claim themselves to be backward parties, they continued to support the Congress governments at the Center, but no one has done the work of giving constitutional recognition to the Backward Classes Commission. It is the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the center under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, which gave constitutional recognition to the Backward Classes Commission.

Shri Shah said that SP-BSP divided the society for caste. Even by deceiving their castes, they only did good to their family only. But, Prime Minister Shri

Narendra Modi is working for the welfare of the people and all round development of the country following the concept of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'. The Bharatiya Janata Party government, which is about to be formed again in Uttar Pradesh under the leadership of Yogi Adityanath with a huge majority, will try to fulfill all the demands of the Nishad society.

Shri Shah said that PM Shri Narendra Modi has given lakhs of crores of rupees in the last seven years for the development of Uttar Pradesh. Some time back he has inaugurated Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham. On other hand, a grand temple of Lord Shri Ram is going to be built in Ayodhya. It is a matter of pride for all of us countrymen. ■



BJP WILL REGISTER A MASSIVE VICTORY IN UTTAR PRADESH

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda during his Uttar Pradesh Pravas attended a massive organisational Booth Adhyaksh Sammelan in Meerut on 01 December, 2021. Ahead of the next year's Assembly Polls thousands of Booth Presidents from 14 districts of western Uttar Pradesh attended the meeting.

While addressing Booth Adhyaksh Sammelan BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "We have to ensure that BJP under Yogi Adityanathji's leadership returns with a massive mandate and this can be achieved through booth victory. If the booth is won, we win".

Shri JP Nadda was accompanied by UP BJP President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh, Deputy CM Shri Dinesh Sharma and other senior leaders UP Cabinet Ministers among others.

SALIENT POINTS OF THE SPEECH

- The kind of dedication, devotion and commitment I have seen among the Bharatiya Janata Party workers for the party, for the people of Uttar Pradesh, I am very sure and confident that the BJP will register a massive victory in Uttar Pradesh assembly elections.
- Our workers are committed and devoted to work for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society and this is what has resulted in people showering their blessings and support for the Bharatiya Janata Party in Uttar Pradesh and across the country.
- We are ardent followers of democracy, but Opposition parties are supporters of 'Danga-

Tantra' and they leave no chance to fuel disharmony and rift in the society. During the Akhilesh Yadav government in Uttar Pradesh there were more than 700 riots that took place in the state in which over 100 people lost their lives. We have not forgotten the Muzaffarnagar riots which started on August 27, 2013 and we also remember how the killers of Sachin and Gaurav were freed by the Akhilesh Yadav government.

- The Samajwadi Party leaders are trying to hide their old faces and are coming out donning new faces. Today, I want to warn everyone and clearly tell the people of Uttar Pradesh that this is no new Samajwadi Party, it is the same old Samajwadi Party.
- During the Akhilesh Yadav government 15 terrorists were captured, but the then Samajwadi Party government had got them freed saying that they were innocent. Later on the orders of the High Court all the terrorists were again arrested and all were found to be guilty and were convicted. Out of these four were awarded capital punishment, while life sentences were given to many others by the court. It is a very unfortunate and sad example of dynasty politics that some Opposition parties are ready to compromise with the safety and security of our country just to get some votes and win elections.
- Notably, all the other parties in Uttar Pradesh do the politics of caste and religion, they tie up with anti-national forces and join hands with divisive forces that hurts India's interests, they consider Jinnah as their ideal in place of Sardar Patel and

always conspire against the country.

- The timely payments of sugarcane crop to our farmers underline the politics of development and progress of the Bharatiya Janata Party, while the base of the Opposition party is Jinnah and they have nothing else to offer. The Bharatiya Janata Party will fight elections on the issue of sugarcane by winning their trust and support, and we will defeat the ideology of Jinnah in Uttar Pradesh.
- During the Mayawati government as many as 19 sugar mills were shut down in Uttar Pradesh while several sugar mills were sold at throwaway

prices. During the Akhilesh Yadav government also 11 sugar mills were shut down. It was under the Yogi Adityanath Government that the work of reopening of sugar mills was started in Uttar Pradesh.

- Till now over Rs 1.41 lakh crores have been disbursed to sugarcane farmers in Uttar Pradesh alone. What is significant and important is that the payment includes Rs 11000 crore dues which were pending on the Akhilesh Yadav government which were also cleared by Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath. ■



BOOTH PRESIDENTS SAMMELAN, ETAH (UP)

'BJP Government Gives Development, Progress & Growth a New Dimension, a New Meaning'

Uttar Pradesh assembly elections”.

He said barring the Bharatiya Janata Party, all the Opposition political parties have been contesting on dynasty, casteism, appeasement and nepotism. While some parties do politics in the name of Jinnah, some do appeasement of casteism and religion.

It is only the Bharatiya Janata Party which does politics of ideology and implements on the ground our commitment of 'Sewa Hi Sangathan'. We believe in 'Sabka Saath, Saka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'. We ensure empowerment and wellbeing of all communities and all citizens.

SALIENT POINTS OF THE SPEECH

- I am fully confident that the people of Uttar Pradesh will seal the 'jinn' of Jinnah in a bottle and will once again elect the Bharatiya Janata Party which has entirely changed Uttar

Pradesh into a progressive and development-oriented state.

- BJP government led by Yogi Adityanath has made Uttar Pradesh a riot-free and mafia-free state. The people of Uttar Pradesh clearly remember the days when the state used to be no democracy and the state was ruled by forces that indulged in violence and corruption.
- The double engine government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Centre and Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath has led to opening of 30 new medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh and by 2022 this figure will cross 42 medical colleges in the state.
- The Yogi Adityanath Government in Uttar Pradesh has given development, progress and growth a new dimension, a new meaning. There are several important examples that showcase this change. ■

Addressing the Booth Presidents Sammelan in Etah, Uttar Pradesh on 12 December 2021, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, “Today I am in the Braj region of Uttar Pradesh and interacting with the Booth Presidents of the party. The media persons and the people of the country should see that this is not a public rally, but a workers' conference of the party. The wave of growth and development is currently blowing in the entire state. And everyone can see that the Bharatiya Janata Party is going to register a massive victory in the

MODI GOVT. TAKES SEVERAL INITIATIVES TO BRING REFORMS IN FERTILIZER SECTOR

The Government has introduced Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system in Fertilizers w.e.f. October 2016 and the Pan-India Roll out has been completed by March, 2018. Under the fertilizer DBT system, 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades is released to the fertilizer companies on the basis of actual sales made by the retailers to the beneficiaries. Sale of all subsidized fertilizers to farmers/buyers is made through Point of Sale (PoS) devices installed at each retailer shop and the beneficiaries are identified through Aadhaar Card, KCC, Voter Identity Card etc. Further, the Government incorporates new and innovative fertilizers from time to time in Fertilizer Control Order-1985 (FCO). Recently, Nano urea and bio-stimulants have been incorporated in FCO.

The Government of India (GOI) introduced New Urea Policy-2015 (NUP-2015) on 25th May 2015 with the objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production, promoting energy efficiency in urea production and rationalizing subsidy burden on the Government for 25 existing gas based units. As per provisions of the NUP-2015, the energy norms of the all the urea units had been revised for the year 2015-16 (from 1st June

2015 onwards), 2016-17 and 2017-18. Further, the units were categorized into 3 groups and each group was given target energy norm from 2018-2019. Due to energy efficiency, consumption of energy by the units have decreased resulting into overall saving in the subsidy outgo on the urea production.



Further, the GOI encourages balance use of fertilizer in conjunction with bio fertilisers and organic fertilizers on soil test based recommendation. The GOI has implemented Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme which not only give details of soil fertility status but also recommends the crop wise dosage of nutrients to be applied. Further, the GOI encourages the efficient use of fertilizers and have included neem coated urea in FCO. Neem coated urea has higher efficiency over plain urea. This may help in reducing both air and water pollution.

The information was given by the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya in a written reply in the Lok Sabha on December 17. ■

INDIA SUCCESSFULLY TESTS NUCLEAR-CAPABLE BALLISTIC MISSILE 'AGNI P'

India has successfully tested the new-generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni P' from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast, the Defence Research and Development Organisation said. The 'Agni P' is a two-stage, canisterised, solid propellant ballistic missile with dual redundant navigation and guidance system.

This second flight-test has proven the reliable performance of all the advanced technologies

integrated into the system, it said. The surface-to-surface ballistic missile has a range of 1,000 to 2,000 km.

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO for the successful missile test and expressed happiness in the excellent performance of the system. DRDO Chairman Dr G Satheesh Reddy also appreciated the efforts of the team for the second flight trial with many additional features. The country



had, for the first time on June 28, successfully test-fired its new-generation nuclear-capable Agni Prime missile. ■

1211 RAILWAY STATIONS MODERNIZED UNDER ADARSH STATION SCHEME

Railway stations are upgraded/modernized under Adarsh Station Scheme based on identified need of providing better enhanced passenger amenities at stations. 1253 railway stations have been identified for development under Adarsh Station Scheme. Out of these, 1211 railway stations have been developed and the remaining 42 stations are targeted for development in Financial Year 2022-23.

The expenditure on development of stations under Adarsh Station Scheme and under different umbrella meant for development of railway stations is generally funded under Plan Head -53 'Passenger Amenities'. The expenditure incurred for modernization of stations during the last three years and current year (till November, 2021) i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (till Nov, 2021) are Rs 1585.88 crore, Rs 1903.11 crore, Rs 2582.90 crore and Rs 1061.83 respectively.

Further upgradation/modernization of stations including platforms on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process and priority is accorded to higher category of stations over lower category of stations while sanctioning and executing the works. Stations have been provided with Wi-Fi facility so far.

1174 number of stations have been provided with Train Indication (Boards) Systems and 680 Number of Railway stations have been provided with Coach Indication (Guidance) System.

RAILWAYS TAKES INITIATIVES FOR DIVYANGJAN PASSENGERS

In order to facilitate needy passenger to board/alight the train, new initiatives have been taken by Ministry of Railways:

Indian Railway has incorporated Disabled Friendly Integral Coach Factory (ICF) design Second class cum Luggage cum Guard Van & Disabled Friendly Compartment (SLRD) coaches.

These coaches have a suitably designed compartment & toilet adapted to the needs of the divyangjans/wheelchair borne passengers. In these coaches, wider entrance door, wider berths, wider compartments, larger lavatory and lavatory doors, etc. have been provided. Inside the toilets additional grab rails on the side walls for support and wash basin and mirror at a lower height are also available. It is endeavoured to have at least one such coach in each Mail/Express train having ICF type coaches.

This information was given by the Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronic & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on December 17. ■

DRDO successfully conducts second flight-test of Surface-to-Surface missile 'Pralay'

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted second flight-test of indigenously developed conventional Surface-to-Surface missile 'Pralay' from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha on December 23, 2021. For the first time, two consecutive flight tests of a ballistic missile have been conducted successfully on two consecutive days. The flight test met all the mission objectives. This launch proves the system in both the configurations of the missile.

In today's launch, the 'Pralay' missile was tested for heavier payload and different range to prove the

precision and lethality of the weapon. This launch was monitored by all the range sensors and instruments, including Telemetry, Radar and Electro-Optic Tracking System deployed across the eastern coast and the down range ships positioned near the impact point.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO and associated teams for this consecutive successful development flight trial. Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy appreciated the associated team and said, with this successful flight test, the country has proved strong design and development capabilities in defence R&D. ■

POWER CPSES REGISTER 45% GROWTH IN CAPEX INVESTMENT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR

Power Ministry invests Rs 35,628.6 Crore in infrastructure development up till November in this FY

For the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22 the target for Capital Expenditure (Capex) of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) of the Ministry of Power is Rs. 50,690.52 crore. During FY 2020-21, power sector CPSEs incurred a capex of Rs. 22,127 crore till the month of November which was 49.3% of the total expenditure for that FY.

However, during FY 2021-22, the CPSEs of Power Ministry have so far invested capex of Rs. 32,137 Crore, which is 63.4% of the annual capex target.

Thus, the capex performance of

the Ministry in absolute as well as relative terms is better compared to the previous year. In absolute terms it has shown a growth of 45 % over last year's performance.

Even in the schemes for infrastructure development, the ministry has been making good progress. It has spent Rs 1593.72 Crore in IPDS, Rs 1007.51Crore in DDUGJY and Rs 890Crore in Transmission Development schemes for North Eastern region. Hence besides the expenditure of Rs 32137.37 Crore by CPSEs , an additional amount of Rs 3491.23 Crore has been invested in infrastructure through development schemes of the ministry.

In all, till end of November, the



Power Ministry has invested Rs 35,628.6 Crore in infrastructure development.

The progress of the schemes and projects is being monitored on weekly basis by Secretary, Ministry of Power. Through regular monitoring and coordination with other ministries and state governments Power Ministry is making rapid strides in infrastructure development. ■

INDIA DISPLACES UK TO BE 3RD TOP COUNTRY HOSTING UNICORNS

With 54 unicorns in total, India has displaced the United Kingdom (UK) to bag the third top spot in the list of countries with the most number of such companies, a report released by Hurun Research Institute showed on 23 December. Last year, India was ranked at the fourth spot. Unicorns are privately held start up companies having a valuation of more than \$1 billion.

The start-boom helped it to add 33 unicorns during the entire year. This is higher than the UK which added 14 such companies during the year. In addition to the domestic companies, there are 65 unicorns founded by Indians abroad, mainly in Silicon Valley, the report noted.

In total, Indians founded 119 unicorns of which 54

Rank	Country	Total no. of unicorns	Newly added
1	US	43	25
2	China	30	7
3	India	54	33
4	UK	20	14
5	Germany	25	16
6	France	10	12
7	Israel	17	9
8	Canada	13	12
9	Saudi	12	4
10	South Korea	10	1

are in India and 65 of them are in abroad. ■

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EDUCATION - A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

To educate a child is in the interest of the Society itself. By birth a child is an animal. He becomes a responsible member of the society only by education and culture. To charge fees for something which is in the interest of the society itself a rather odd. If due to the inability to pay the fees, children are left without education, will the society endure the situation for long? We do not charge fee from trees for sowing the seed and caring for the supplying. On the contrary we invest our money and efforts. We know that when the tree grows, we shall reap fruits.

Education is a similar investment. An educated individual will indeed serve the society. On the other hand it will not be surprising if people grow indifferent to the society which leave them to fend for themselves. Before 1947, in all the princely states In India, no fees were charged for education. The highest education was free. In the Gurukulas, even food and lodging were arranged without any charge. The student used to go to the society for "Bhiksha". No householder would refuse the Bhiksha to the student. In other words, society used to bear the burden of education.

Similarly, it is rather surprising that medical treatment must be paid for. In fact, medical treatment also should be free as it was in this country in the past. Now-a-days one has to pay even to gain entrance to a temple. In Tirupathi, to enter the Balaji temple, there is a charge of 0.25 paise. However, at noon for one hour, there is Dharma Darshan, which means, during that time, no ticket is needed, as if at other times there is Adharma Darshan. The society should guarantee to all members minimum requirements for maintenance and progress of every individual. Now the question arises that if everyone is to be guaranteed the minimum necessities, where will the resources for all this come from?

GUARANTEE OF WORK

It is clear that the resources must be produced by our own efforts. Therefore, where a right to a guaranteed minimum is recognized, any individual who does not share in the efforts to produce is a burden to the society. Similarly any system which obstructs the production activity of the people is self destructive. Such a system will not enable the individuals to fulfil their responsibility. Not only that, but even if the requirements of an individual are met, while he does not share in the efforts,

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his personality will not develop fully, his progress as a human being will be distorted and lop-sided. Man has stomach as well is hands. If he has no work for his hands, he will not get happiness even if he gets food to satisfy his hunger. His progress will be obstructed. Just as a barren woman experiences emptiness in life and consequent dissatisfaction, so does a man without work.

The guarantee of work to every able bodied member of the society, should be the aim of our economic system. Today, we witness a very strange situation. On the one hand, a ten-year-old child and seventy-year-old man are toiling and on the other hand youth of twenty five is driven to suicide for want of work. We shall have to remove this mismanagement. God has given hands to every man but by themselves hands have a limited capacity to produce. They need assistance of capital in the form of machines. Labour and capital bear the same relation to each other as that between man and nature. The world is a creation of these two. Neither of them can be neglected.

CAPITAL FORMATION

For capital formation it is essential that a part of production be saved from immediate consumption and be used for further production, in future. Thus capital can be formed only by restraint on consumption. This is the basis of capital formation to which Karl Marx refers to as "surplus value" in his treatise. In the capitalist system the industrialist creates capital with the help of this surplus value. In a socialist system, the state undertakes this task. In both the systems, the entire production is not distributed among the workers. If production is carried on through centralized large-scale industries, the sacrifice on the part of the worker in creating the capital is not given due recognition. The advantage in decentralization is in the fact that the workers have a sense of direct participation in the management of this surplus value or capital. Machine is the most common form of capital. Machine was created in order to reduce the content of physical labour in production and to increase the productivity of the worker. Machine, therefore, is an assistant of the worker and not his competitor. However, where the human labour came to be considered as a commodity to be purchased with money, the machine became the competitor of the human being. The principal drawback of the capitalist view point in the fact that by making the machine a competitor of human labour and thereby displacing and subjecting human being to privations the very purpose of creating machine has been defied. Machine cannot be blamed for this. It is the fault of the economic and social system which cannot distinguish between the object and the instrument. We shall have to take into account the limitations on usefulness of machines and decide on its field of application. From this point of view to import the machinery from Western countries, where shortage of manpower was the guiding factor in the design of machines would be a serious mistake. The merits of machine are, not independent of time and place. Machines are a product of the modern science but not its representatives. Scientific knowledge is not a monopoly of any particular country. But its application has to take into account the particular condition of each

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country and its requirements. Our machines must not only, be tailored for our specific economic means, but also must, at least, avoid conflict with our socio-political and cultural objectives, if not support them.

Professor Vishvesaraya has said in one of his books, that while considering the system of production one must take into account the seven 'M's. These are man, material, money, management, motive power, market and machine. The skill and ability of the workers or those who should be provided with work must be considered. Easy availability of the required raw material. and the quality and properties of the raw materials available cannot be ignored. We must also think of how much money is available as capital. How this capital can be increased and at what rate? How best it can be utilized for maximum production? How much of it should be put in the fixed assets and how much should be kept in the liquid form? We must also pay attention to the

form of power available in the country in addition to the human and animal labour. Wind, water, steam oil, gas, electricity and atomic power can supply the motive power. Of these, which form of power can be obtained in what quantity and without being uneconomic must be thought of while deciding upon our methods of production. In the same way managerial skills are also important and deserve the attention. If the ability to co-ordinate the efforts of a dozen workers is wanting, all of them will remain unemployed. It is also necessary to think of the usefulness of the goods produced to the society. This means that production of any particular commodity cannot be justified economically without the consideration of the market it commands. Taking into consideration all these factors we should design suitable machines. Instead, we find now-a-days that we install the machines first and try to coordinate all other factors afterwards. Other countries of the world did not progress in this fashion. Otherwise new machines would not have been invented. We are importing the machines and hence, we have little knowledge. We shall have to develop a Bharatiya technology. ■

To be continued...

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

BHAGWAT SHARAN MATHUR IS NO MORE

Ex-state BJP Joint General Secretary (Organization) in Madhya Pradesh and RSS pracharak Bhagwat Sharan Mathur passed away in Bhopal on December 14. Shri Mathur had been staying in Bhopal for quite sometime due to illness. Born at Talen village in Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mathur was 70.

Imprisoned during the Emergency Shri Mathur became RSS pracharak in 1975. He worked with eminent personalities of the RSS like Balasaheb Deoras, KS Sudarshan, Babasaheb Natu and Kushabhau Thakre. He worked in various parts of Madhya Pradesh as a pracharak and was associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party



since 1994. He had been secretary (organisation) in the state BJP unit in Haryana.

He had donated his ancestral property for the establishment of Shri Narmade Har Seva Nyas. This trust is running various projects of social service in forest dwelling

areas. His funeral took place at Subhash Nagar vishram ghat on 15 December. Various BJP leaders including BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and MP BJP President Shri VD Sharma condoled the demise of Mathur.

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said in a tweet, the news of the death of former joint organizational secretary of Madhya Pradesh BJP Shri Bhagwat Sharan Mathur ji is sad.

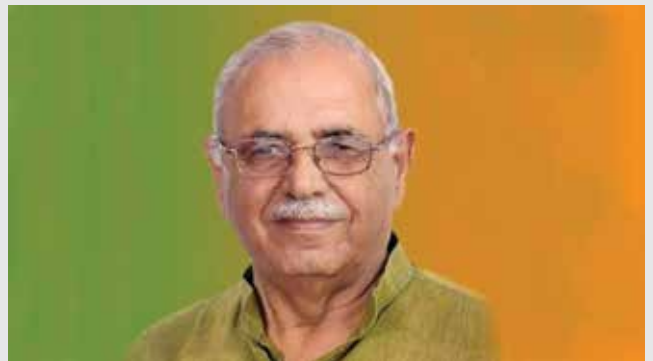
By discharging his various responsibilities in the organization with a dedicated spirit, he played an important role in strengthening the party. His passing is an irreparable loss to the BJP family. May God rest his Soul in peace. ■

FORMER UTTRAKHAND SPEAKER HARBANS KAPOOR PASSES AWAY

Former Uttarakhand Speaker, senior BJP leader and social worker Shri Harbans Kapoor, is a name that cannot be easily forgotten passed away on Decembner 13, 2021 at the age of 75. Proficient in legislative work, Shri Harbans Kapoor was born on January 7, 1946. He was serving as a Member of Legislative Assembly from Dehradun Cantt seat. Shri Kapoor served as a Speaker, Minister etc. of the Legislative Assembly of Uttarakhand.

Shri Harbans Kapoor was the Minister of Urban Development and Minister of Rural Development in undivided Uttar Pradesh. In the year 2007, Shri Kapoor also became the Speaker of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly. He served as a member of the Legislative Assembly eight times, in which four times he was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly and four times he was a member of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly. He was also a member of BJP National Executive.

Shri Kapoor had opened BJP account in undivided Uttarakhand. In the era of Uttar Pradesh,



he won Dehradun city seat and after the formation of the Uttarakhand state, he become MLA from Dehradun Khas seat. After this, he contested and won the newly created Dehradun Cantt seat.

The contribution of Shri Kapoor in politics cannot be forgotten, he was very popular among all sections of society and was active member of different social organizations. He always gave priority to the problems of the people and his political life was full of achievements. ■

OUR CITIES ARE DRIVING FORCE OF OUR ECONOMY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on December 17 inaugurated the All India Mayors' Conference today via video conference. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath and Union Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister referred to the recent developments in the ancient city of Varanasi. He recalled his statement that the development of Kashi can be a roadmap for the entire country. The Prime Minister said most of the cities in our country are traditional cities, developed in a traditional way. In this era of modernization, the antiquity of these cities is equally important. He remarked that these cities can teach us how to preserve heritage and local skills. The Prime Minister insisted that destroying the existing structures is not the way but emphasis should be on rejuvenation and preservation. This should be done in accordance with the requirements of modern times.

The Prime Minister called for healthy competition between the cities for cleanliness and wondered if there can be new categories for recognizing the cities that are making the best efforts to achieve cleanliness along with the best performing cities. He also insisted on the beautification of cities along with cleanliness. He asked the mayor to create a sense of healthy competition between the wards of their cities in this regard.

He asked the Mayors to look for ways of creating

wealth from waste. "Our city should be clean and healthy too, this should be our effort", he said

He asked Mayors to ensure that LED bulbs are used widely in the streetlights and homes of their cities. He asked them to take this up in a mission mode. He said we should always think of using existing schemes for new uses and taking them forward. He asked Mayors to get in touch with NCC units of the city and create groups to clean statues

of the cities and organise speeches on the personalities in the spirit of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Similarly, Mayors can identify a place in their city and create a monument in sync with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



through PPP mode. Referring to the 'One District One Product' programme, the Prime Minister asked Mayors to push for a unique identity of their cities promoted by some unique product or place in the city. The Prime Minister also asked them to develop people-friendly thinking with regard to various aspects of urban life. He said we need to promote the use of public transport. He asked Mayors to see that every facility in their city is divyang friendly as per Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan- Accessible India Campaign.

He said that "our cities are the driving force of our economy. We should make the city a hub of a vibrant economy". He asked them to create a holistic system where all facilities develop simultaneously to create an ecosystem that invites and promotes economic activity. ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT, 8 CMS, 5 DEPUTY CMS PERFORM 'AARTI' IN AYODHYA

Two-days after the Bhavya Kashi-Divya Kashi Programme steered by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda led a contingent of eight Chief Ministers and five Deputy Chief Ministers of NDA-ruled states to Ayodhya on 15 December, 2021 offered prayers at Hanumangarhi temple and Rama Janmabhoomi and performed AARTI on the banks of Saryu.

While a special puja was performed at the Ram Lalla shrine by chief priest Satyendra Das, the Sarya aarti was conducted by a prominent Ayodhya seer, Mahant Shashikant Das.

The Chief Ministers present at Ayodhya included Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Biplab Deb of Tripura, Dr. Pramod Sawant of Goa, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar of Haryana, Shri Hemant Biswa Sarma of Assam, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel of Gujarat, Shri Prema Khandu of Arunachal Pradesh and Shri

Nongthombam Biren Singh of Manipur. The Deputy Chief Ministers included Shri Yanthungo Patton of Nagaland, Shri Chowna Mein of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Tarkishore and Smt. Renu Devi of Bihar and Shri Chandrakant Babu Kavlekar of Goa.

Talking to reporters while receiving a model of the grand Ram temple, Shri JP Nadda said, "All Chief Ministers expressed their desire to have 'darshan' of Ram Lalla during the Kashi dham corridor inauguration. We also wanted to review the construction of the temple. CMs keep meeting from time to time, since they had come to Kashi; they wanted to offer prayers at Ram Lalla too."

MP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan said, "I am fortunate to visit Rama Janmabhoomi after temple construction began" his Assam counterpart Shri Hemant Biswa Sarma said, "Hinduism is not an agenda, it is a way of life. Luck will prevail after darshan of Lord Ram." ■

KERALA BJP'S OBC MORCHA STATE SECRETARY RANJITH SREENIVASAN HACKED TO DEATH BY FUNDAMENTALIST ELEMENTS

A 12 member gang on motorbikes came to BJP (OBC Morcha) state secretary Shri Ranjith Sreenivasan's house in the heart of Alappuzha town in Kerala and hacked him to death in front of his mother and wife on 19 December. Eleven SDPI activists are in custody in connection with the murder of BJP leader Shri Ranjit Srinivasan. Four SDPI activists were apprehended from an ambulance. SDPI(Social Democratic Party of India) is the political outfit of the Islamic organisation Popular Front of India. The police said the murders were planned. The police has received CCTV footage of 12 people on six bikes moving towards Ranjith's house. Soon they were seen returning after the attack. Shri Ranjith was hacked when he was getting ready for the morning walk. BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said that Kerala is turning into an unlawful state under chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan as he condemned the murder of the party's state OBC Morcha leader Renjith Shri Sreenivasan. Shri Nadda said, "The brutal murder

of OBC Morcha State Secretary Adv. Renjith Sreenivasan by 'fundamentalist elements' is condemnable. Such cowardly acts cannot be tolerated. Kerala is turning into an unlawful state under CM @vijayanpinarayi. They can't scare us with their cruelty."



Union minister Shri V Muraleedharan said an Islamic terrorist group is behind the murder of the BJP OBC Morcha leader Shri Renjith Sreenivasan, who was killed at his house by unidentified people on Sunday morning. Union minister Shri V Muraleedharan demanded that the Kerala government take strict action against the perpetrators of the murder of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader in Alappuzha district earlier in the day. ■

PM MODI GETS ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL AWARD; GREAT HONOUR FOR INDIA



RAM PRASAD TRIPATHY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was recently accorded the highest civilian decoration of Bhutan 'Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo' to mark the occasion of the country's National Day. According to Bhutanese Prime Minister's Office, the country has conferred PM Shri Modi with its highest award to 'Thank India' for its unconditional support extended during the unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Expressing his happiness, the Prime Minister of Bhutan was quoted as saying, "Overjoyed to hear His Majesty pronounce Your Excellency Narendra Modiji's name for the highest civilian decoration, Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo". Reciprocating the conferment of the honour, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked Bhutan's king for according the country's highest civilian decoration on him, and said India will always cherish the country as one of its closest friends and neighbors and will continue to support its development journey in every possible way. The Prime Minister of India also admired Bhutan for its unique model of sustainable development and the deeply spiritual way of life and thanked the successive Kings for giving a unique identity to the Kingdom and nurturing the special bond of neighborly friendship that India also shares.

This, however, is not the only international honour conferred on Shri Modi since he became the Prime Minister of India in 2014. Several other international honors have also been bestowed on PM Shri Modi in recent years, including highest civilian honours of many countries for his remarkable contribution to them during very challenging times, and for nurturing and strengthening bilateral relations.

After becoming the Prime Minister of

India, Shri Narendra Modi in his very first tenure has influenced the international community with his charismatic leadership, vision, mission and skills. Owing to his creative thinking, exemplary leadership and commitment for the welfare of the global community, many countries of the world including

COUNTRIES THAT BESTOWED HIGHEST HONORS ON PM MODI

1. **Bhutan:** PM Shri Narendra Modi accorded the highest civilian award of Bhutan 'Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo' in 2021.
2. **The United States:** PM Shri Modi was given the internationally prestigious 'Legion of Merit', the highest award of United States Armed Forces in 2020. The award is conferred for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.
3. **Russia:** PM Shri Modi was awarded the 'Order of St Andrew' in 2019. This award was established in 1698. This highest order of the Russian Federation was given to Shri Modi for his exemplary services in promoting India-Russia relations. Shri Narendra Modi is the first Indian who received this award.
4. **Maldives:** The Order of the Distinguished 'Rule of Nishan Izzuddin', the topmost award of Maldives meant for foreign dignitaries, was given to PM Shri Modi in 2019.
5. **Afghanistan:** PM Shri Modi was awarded the 'Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud' in 2016. It is the highest civilian award of the country.
6. **Saudi Arabia:** The Gulf nation bestowed the 'Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud, the highest civilian award in Saudi Arabia, on PM Shri Modi in 2016.
7. **Palestine:** Indian PM Shri Modi received the 'Grand Collar of the State of Palestine' Award in 2018.
8. **UAE:** The highest civilian honour of the United Arab Emirates is the 'Order of Zayed' Award which was conferred to PM Shri Narendra Modi in 2019. It is only awarded to the topmost dignitaries of the country.
9. **Bahrain:** PM Shri Modi was awarded with Bahrain's top award, the 'King Hamad Order of the Renaissance' in 2019.

the United States and Russia have awarded him the highest civilian awards of their countries.

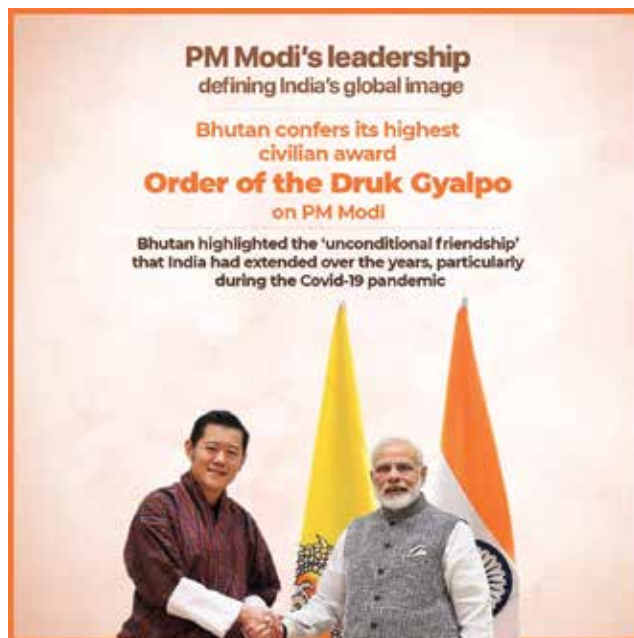
PM Shri Modi not only got highest honors of various countries but also influenced various International Organisations and Foundations with his distinct leadership, wholehearted effort, and fulfillment of global responsibilities. That is the reason; the whole world is paying attention to every event and move of Shri Modi and recognizing his altruistic contributions.

AWARDS CONFERRED BY ORGANISATIONS/ FOUNDATIONS:

- **Seoul Peace Prize:** Awarded to PM Shri Modi by Seoul Peace Prize Cultural Foundation for his remarkable contributions to the harmony of mankind, reconciliation between nations and to world peace -2018.
- **Champions of The Earth:** This award conferred on PM Shri Modi in 2018 is United Nation's highest environmental honor to any individual. The United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) established the 'Champions of the Earth' in 2005. The Champions of the Earth Award is the annual award established to recognize outstanding environmental leaders from the private/public sectors and from civil society.
- **Philip Kotler Presidential award:** First-ever award given to PM Shri Narendra Modi -2019
- **Global Goalkeeper award:** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been conferred the 'Global Goalkeeper Award' by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by the government -2019.
- **Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award:** awarded by PM Shri Narendra Modi by the Cambridge Energy Research Associates CERA (award recognizes the commitment of leadership towards the future of global energy and environment) -2021

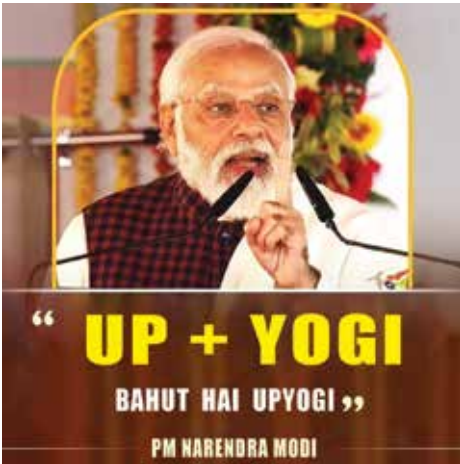
In addition to the above honors and awards, PM Shri Narendra Modi has been accorded many other global recognitions including;

1. In March 2012, PM Shri Narendra Modi adorned the cover of the Asian edition of Time Magazine.
2. He was also declared the winner of the 'Time magazine reader's poll' for Person of the Year in 2014 and 2016.



3. PM Shri Modi was ranked 5th on Fortune Magazine's first annual list of the 'World's Greatest Leaders' in 2015.
4. In 2018 PM Shri Narendra Modi was the 3rd most followed head of the state on Twitter.
5. Forbes Magazine ranked him the 15th-Most-Powerful Person in the World in 2014 and the 9th-Most-Powerful Person in the World in 2015, 2016 and 2018.
6. In 2016, a wax statue of PM Shri Modi was unveiled at Madame Tussaud Wax Museum, London.

These awards and global recognitions for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi have not only established him as a true global leader, the profile of the nation has also risen in the region and globally. Under his charismatic leadership a New and Aatm Nirbhar India has recommitted itself to the principles of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. PM Shri Narendra Modi has relentlessly espoused causes for global prosperity and discharged his responsibilities towards the global community even in the trying times of the pandemic. India has certainly proved to be a friend to every nation in need. If the entire world is recognizing the contributions of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the honours bestowed on him have not only elevated his global reputation, the country and its billion plus population have also been recognized and honoured in the process. ■



PEOPLE OF UP ARE SAYING UP + YOGI, BAHUT HAI UPYOGI: MODI

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on December 18 laid the foundation stone of Ganga Expressway in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister Shri B L Varma were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister remarked that Maa Ganga is the source of all auspiciousness and all progress. Maa Ganga gives all the happiness, and takes away all the pain. Similarly, Ganga Expressway will also open new doors of progress for UP. It will be a source of five boons for the state, said the Prime Minister, referring to the network of expressways, new airports and railway routes. First boon - saving people's time. Second boon - Increase in convenience and ease of people. Third boon - Proper use of resources of UP. Fourth boon - Increase in the capabilities of UP. Fifth boon - all-round prosperity in UP.

Shri Modi remarked that the modern infrastructure that is being built in UP today shows how the resources are used properly. "You have clearly seen how public money was used earlier. But today the

money of Uttar Pradesh is being invested in the development of Uttar Pradesh", the Prime Minister emphasized. The Prime Minister said when the whole of UP grows together, the country progresses. Therefore, the focus of the double engine government is on the development of UP.

For the first time development of dalits, deprived and backward is being prioritized at his level, he said. He added "the priority of the government is to bring the benefits of development to whoever is left behind in the society and is backward. The same sentiment is reflected in our agriculture policy and in the policy related to farmers".

Shri Modi criticized the mentality of begrudging the work for heritage of the country and also for the development of the country. He said such outfits wanted to keep poor and common people dependent on them. "These people have a problem with the construction of a grand dham of Baba Vishwanath in Kashi. These people have a problem with the construction of a grand temple of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya. These people have a problem with the cleanliness campaign of Ganga ji. It is these people who question the army's action against the masters of terror. These are the people who put the Made in India corona vaccine made by Indian scientists in the dock", the

Prime Minister said. He recalled the abysmal law and order situation in the state that changed for the better in recent times. The Prime Minister gave the formulation U.P.Y.O.G.I - UP plus Yogi bahut hai upyogi (is very useful).

The inspiration behind the Expressway is the vision of the Prime Minister to provide fast paced connectivity across the country. The 594 Km long six-lane Expressway will be built at a cost of over Rs 36,200 crore. Starting near the Bijauli village in Meerut, the Expressway will extend till near the Judapur Dandu village in Prayagraj. It passes through Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Budaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareilly, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj. Upon completion of work, it will become the longest expressway of Uttar Pradesh, connecting the western and eastern regions of the state. A 3.5 Km long air strip for assisting emergency take off and landing of Air Force planes will also be constructed on the Expressway in Shahjahanpur. An industrial corridor is also proposed to be built along the Expressway.

The Expressway will also give a fillip to multiple sectors including industrial development, trade, agriculture, tourism etc. It will provide a big boost to the socio-economic development of the region. ■



BY VIKASH ANAND

S-400-DEAL WITNESSES APT DIPLOMATIC SKILLS OF PM MODI

In a telephonic conversation with the Russian President Vladimir Putin on December 20, Prime Minister Modi followed up on some of the issues discussed during the recent visit to India by President Putin. The telephonic exchange helped firm up the future course of action on these issues, including opportunities for furthering defence cooperation, cooperation in the supply of fertilizers, and enhancement of India's engagement with the Russian Far East. Both leaders agreed to remain in regular touch on all aspects covered under the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership, and to continuously strive to further deepen bilateral cooperation as well as consultation and coordination at the multilateral fora.

In the first week of December, President Putin visited New Delhi to attend the 21st India-Russia Annual Summit. At their annual summit, India and Russia signed 28 agreements. These include cooperation in the areas of defence, science, technology, education, trade, military technology, etc. One of the major outcomes of the summit was Prime Minister Modi's nod to the delivery of a Russian S-400 missile defence system, despite pressure from the United States of America to call off this deal with Russia. Following independent foreign policy, the first time any Indian leadership has shown its ability to balance India's relationship with Washington and the Kremlin. Earlier, the Indian leadership found it difficult to balance relations with both powers. Generally, it was seen that upswing in India's relations with one power culminated in a downturn in relations with another. In the past, the complex dynamic of Russia's relations with the West hampered India's geostrategic and security interests. Prime Minister Modi's apt diplomatic skills overcome this perennial issue and made India able to manage its security challenges. In other words, under Shri Modi's leadership India is making new friends without losing older ones. India is enjoying good relations with both countries.

Security experts consider the S-400 missile deal an

Maximum target speed	4.8 kilometres per second
Target detection distance	600 km
The number of simultaneously engaged targets	80
The number of simultaneously guided missiles	160
Prepare for operation	5 min;
Prepare for operation on a signal from standby	35 sec
Operational Range (km)	400 km (40N6 missile) 250 km (48N6 missile) 120 km (9M96E2 missile) 40 km (9M96E missile)

important deal for the security requirements of India. It is the world's best anti-missile defence system. The Indian Air Force has started deploying the first squadron of the S-400 air defence missile system in the Punjab sector along with the country's border with Pakistan. The air defence system would give the Indian military an edge in South Asia as they would be able to take on targets including enemy aircraft and ballistic missiles from both China and Pakistan. It has the capacity to destroy enemy aircraft and missiles from a 400 km distance. The defence system takes the shortest time for deployment. It can be ready for launch within five minutes.

According to a report published in *The Week* magazine, the S-400 missile defence system is equipped with four different missiles which can engage enemy aircraft, ballistic missiles, and AWACS planes at 400 km, 250 km, the medium-range of 120 km, and the short-range of 40 km. The S-400 can engage with 80 targets simultaneously and track 160 targets at the same time. The S-400 can track a target from 600 kilometres away and destroy it from 400 kilometres away.

The ORF termed the deal "important" in the context of regional stability. In view of last year's (2020) confrontations along the Sino-Indian border, and amidst China's upgradation of its armour and military infrastructure, including its own S-400 battalions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the deployment of advanced defence technology, such as the S-400, will give Indian forces an advantage in dealing with any aerial threat. ■

LET'S TAKE A PLEDGE TO MAKE INDIA FREE FROM CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed thousands of farmers at the National Conclave on Natural Farming on 16 December, 2021. The three-day Summit was organised from 14th to 16th December. It was attended by over 5000 farmers, apart from farmers connected Live through Central Institutes of ICAR, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Agricultural Technology Management Agency network in the States. Union Ministers Shri Amit Shah, Shri Narendra Singh Tomer, Governor of Gujarat Shri Acharya Devvrat, Chief Ministers of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel and Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the farmers, PM Shri Modi called for the adaptation of agriculture according to new requirements, new challenges of the journey till the 100th year of independence. The Prime Minister noted that in the last 6-7 years, several steps have been taken, from seed to market to increase the income of the farmers. Measures from soil testing to hundreds of new seeds, from PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to

fixing MSP at 1.5 times the cost of production, from irrigation to a strong network of Kisan Rail have taken the sector in that direction. He greeted the farmers from all over the countries who were connected to the event.

While acknowledging the important role of

chemicals and fertilizers in the Green Revolution, the Prime Minister emphasized the need for working on its alternatives simultaneously. He warned against the dangers of pesticides and imported fertilizers which lead to increased costs of inputs and also cause damage to health. The Prime Minister stressed that this is the right time to take big steps before the problems related to agriculture become even worse.

Shri Modi said that those who will benefit the most from natural farming constitute about 80% of the farmers of the country. Most of these farmers spend a lot on chemical fertilizers. If they turn to natural farming, their condition will be better he said.

The Prime Minister urged every state, every state government, to come forward to make natural farming a mass movement. In this Amrit Mahotsav, efforts should be made to associate at least one village of every panchayat with natural farming, he insisted.

Shri Modi recalled that at the Climate Change Summit, he called upon the world to make 'Lifestyle for Environment' i.e. LIFE a

global mission. India and its farmers are going to lead in this regard in the 21st century. Let's take a pledge to make Maa Bharati's land free from chemical fertilizers and pesticides in the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, the Prime Minister exhorted the people. ■

HIGHLIGHTS

- Now our journey till the 100th year of independence is to adapt our agriculture according to new requirements, new challenges.
- We have to take our agriculture out of the lab of chemistry and connect it to the lab of nature. When I talk about nature's laboratory, it is completely science-based.
- We need not only to re-learn the ancient knowledge of agriculture but also to sharpen it for modern times. In this direction, we have to do research afresh, mould ancient knowledge into the modern scientific frame.
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PM FELICITATES FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND VETERANS OF 'OPERATION VIJAY'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on December 19 attended the function marking the Goa Liberation Day celebrations in Goa. The Prime Minister felicitated the freedom fighters and veterans of 'Operation Vijay' at the function. He inaugurated multiple development projects including the renovated Fort Aguada Jail Museum, Super Speciality Block at Goa Medical College, New South Goa District Hospital, Aviation Skill Development Centre at Mopa Airport and the Gas



insulated Substation at Dabolim-Navelim, Margao. He also laid the foundation stone for India International University of Legal Education and Research of the Bar Council of India Trust at Goa.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that the land of Goa, the air of Goa, the sea of Goa, have been blessed with a wonderful gift of nature. And today this enthusiasm of all, the people of Goa, is adding to the pride of liberation of Goa.

Shri Modi noted that Goa came under Portuguese domination around the time when most of the rest of India was under Mughals. India witnessed many upheavals after that. Shri Modi noted that even after centuries and the upheaval of power, neither Goa forgot its Indianness, nor did the rest of India forget Goa. This is a relationship that has only become stronger with time. The people of Goa also did not allow the movements for liberation and Swaraj to slacken. They kept the flame of freedom burning for the longest time in the history of India. This is because India is not just a political power. India is an idea and a family to protect the interests of humanity. The Prime Minister remarked that India is a spirit where the nation is above the 'self' and is paramount. Where there is only one mantra - nation first. Where there is only one resolve - Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.

The Prime Minister said there was a turmoil within the heart of people all over India because a part of the country was still not free and some countrymen had not got freedom. He remarked that if Sardar Patel had lived for a few more years, Goa would not have had to wait so long for its liberation.

He remembered that some time ago when he went to Italy and Vatican City he had the opportunity to meet Pope Francis. The Pope's attitude towards India was equally overwhelming. The Prime Minister also talked of his invitation to the Pope to come to India. Shri Modi

recalled Pope Francis' reaction to his invitation "This is the greatest gift you have given me", the Pope had said.

Noting Goa's strides in governance, the Prime Minister said that the natural beauty of Goa has always been its hallmark but now the government here is cementing another identity of Goa. This new identity of the state is that of being the foremost in every task of governance. Elsewhere, when the work starts, or the work progresses, Goa finishes it. The Prime Minister gave the example of Goa's stellar making the state open defecation free, immunisation, 'har ghar jal', registration of births and deaths and other schemes for enhancing the ease of life for the people. He praised the performance of Swayampurna Goa abhiyan. He complimented the Chief Minister and his team for the achievement in governance of the state. The Prime Minister also talked about the steps taken for the promotion of tourism in the state. He complimented the state for successfully holding the recently concluded International Film Festival of India.

The Prime Minister paid tribute to the late Shri Manohar Parrikar. "When I see these achievements of Goa, this new identity being strengthened, I also remember my friend Manohar Parrikar ji. He not only took Goa to new heights of development, but also expanded Goa's potential. How can one remain devoted to his state, his people till his last breath? We saw this in his life", he said. ■

THE DREAM OF NEW INDIA IS COMING TRUE WITH DIGITAL INDIA



RAJEEV KUMAR

Digital India is one such unique initiative taken by the Modi Government, which aims to accelerate the pace of all small and big government departments by digitizing them. The benefit of this would be that without the use of any paper, all government services are now reaching to the public electronically and the work have been done without any delay. The government has taken this very important and right step to connect every citizen of India with the digital world, which will prove to be a milestone in the coming future. Due to this, there will be a lot of improvement in the economy, as well as new technology will also shape the development policies of the country.

An important goal of the Digital India scheme is to connect rural areas through high speed internet. Digital India has three core components: first, creating digital infrastructure, second, making services accessible to the masses electronically and third, promoting digital literacy.

As part of a program, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started the Digital India campaign on July 1, 2015 in the presence of some veteran industrialists at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Delhi, which can be seen expanding all over India today.

Digital India is an important initiative to develop the country digitally and improve the IT institution of the country. The program was unveiled by launching various schemes of Digital India campaign like Digital Locker, National Scholarship Portal, E-Health, E-Education, E-Sign etc. On this occasion, Prime Minister Shri Modi said that it is the need of the hour to understand the digital power and if this is not done then the world will go far ahead and we will be left behind. He said that in the coming time the country

is going to change to 'm-governance' which stands for 'Mobile-Governance'.

Digital India is India's resolve for self-reliant India. The need of the hour is to end all the gap between the government and the people, and between the system and the facilities. A great example of how well Digital India has been doing is DigiLocker, according to a Government of India source, 80 crore people became the active users of DigiLocker as on 30 November 2021. On the other side of this digital revolution 1.78 lakh gram panchayats are connected with optical fiber and more than 59,000 Start-ups are functional, which are giving a new dimension to our dream.

Paying electricity bill, water bill, income tax has

become very easy and fast only due to Digital India. The delivery of ration to the poor has been simplified, only one ration card is valid across the country. From online education to medicine, Digital India has played an important role in each sector. If seen in real term, PM Shri Modi's dream of 'New India' is coming true with Digital India initiatives. There has been an unprecedented growth in

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digital transactions from 2016 to 2021: Transactions on UPI (UPI) in terms of value (Rs. Billion) totaled 69 billion in 2016 which increased to 41,306 billion in 2020-21. At the same time, the value of RUPAY card usage at POS (Rs. Billion) increased from 289 billion in 2016-17 to 1,169 billion in 2020-21.

During the Covid pandemic, Digital India made all our task completely simple and accessible to all. Digital India means absolutely transparent system. Digital means a fast-paying system that makes human life very easy. This decade is going to completely enhance digital technology. Not only this, dozens of digital companies of India will join the Unicorn Club.

BJP'S AIM IS DEVELOPMENT, FOCUS IS TO IMPROVE 'EASE OF LIVING': PM MODI



An extensive meeting of the Mukhyamantri Parishad was held in Varanasi on 14th December, 2021. The meeting was attended by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Chief Ministers and Deputy CMs belonging to the BJP and other top leaders of the Party.

This meeting was focussed on sharing good governance practises for the betterment of our citizens. Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Ministers made presentations and highlighted key welfare schemes of their respective states. They elaborate on innovative governance practises they have ushered in the states. Some of the key best practises that were discussed included Climate Resilient Infra projects, issuance of Family Identity Cards, Schemes for promotion of Natural Farming, Rural Livelihood Programmes with Self Help Groups at its centre, etc.

In his remarks, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made several points that related to different dimensions of governance. He called upon every BJP-headed government to carve a niche for itself in some or the other sector of governance. He urged governments to accord topmost priority to 'Ease of Living.'

Reaffirming the principle of 'Minimum Government,

In this way, digitization will see an unprecedented increase in digital transactions going forward. According to government data as on 24th November, 2021 Government e-Market Place (GeM) portal is witnessing an amazing revolution in public procurement: total transactions through the portal are more than Rs 1.58 lakh crore, sellers and the service provider registration cross more than 31.71 lakhs figure mark.

On the other hand, Prime Minister Modi has said among the BIMSTEC countries, this century is the century of digital revolution and new age innovations. This is also the century of Asia, so it is the need of our time that future technology and entrepreneurs emerge from this region. Prime Minister Narendra

Maximum Governance', the Prime Minister urged states to remove laws that have become archaic and reduce compliance burdens.

Highlighting the importance of technology in governance, Shri Modi called for governance to be data driven to ensure last mile delivery, speed and transparency.

PM Shri Modi asked the states to work on 'One District, One Product' as a means to boost economic opportunities and strengthen the quest to become Aatmanirbhar. Shri Modi also spoke about the importance of youth development and women empowerment as priority sectors for every Government.

In his opening remarks BJP National President Shri JP Nadda lauded the Prime Minister's success as he completes two decades as Head of Govt. He also said that BJP and Good Governance have become synonymous and BJP is the only Party that seeks popular mandate on the basis of its performance.

At the end of the meeting Party President Shri Nadda along with all CMs and Deputy CMs also visited Gobardhan Project of Varanasi Development Authority, Deendayal Upadhyay Smriti Sthal and Sarnath. ■

Modi on the topic of India's technology development and revolution in 'The Sydney Dialogue' said that the roots of India's digital revolution lie in democracy. PM Shri Modi said that digital technology is changing the lives of people in the country. The digital age is changing everything around us. It has redefined politics, economy and society. It is raising new questions on sovereignty, governance, morality, law, rights and security. It is shaping international competitiveness, power and leadership.

PM Shri Modi said, 'Technology has become a major instrument of global competition, it is the key to shaping the international order of the future. Technology and data are becoming the new weapons. ■

CABINET APPROVALS

INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR PROMOTION OF RUPAY DEBIT CARDS AND LOW-VALUE BHIM-UPI TRANSACTIONS

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on December 15 has approved an incentive scheme to promote RuPay Debit cards and low-value [upto Rs. 2,000] BHIM-UPI transactions (Person-to-Merchant (P2M)) in the country.

Under the scheme, the acquiring banks will be incentivised by the Government, by way of paying percentage of value of transactions (P2M) done through RuPay Debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI modes of payments, at an estimated financial outlay of Rs.1,300 crore for a period of one year w.e.f. April 01, 2021.

This scheme will facilitate acquiring Banks in building robust digital payment ecosystem and promoting RuPay Debit card and BHIM-UPI digital transactions, across all sectors and segments of the population and further deepening of digital payments in the country.

It will also help in making accessible digital modes of payments to unbanked and marginalized populations, who are outside of the formal banking and financial system.

India today is one of the most efficient payments markets in the world. These developments have been the outcome of the initiatives of the Government of India and innovation by various players in the digital payment ecosystem. The scheme will further spur research and development and innovation in fintech space, and will help the Government in further deepening of digital payments in various part of countries.

The scheme has been formulated in compliance with the Budget announcements (FY 2021-22) by the Government to give further boost to digital transactions in the country. ■

PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SEMICONDUCTORS AND DISPLAY MANUFACTURING ECOSYSTEM IN INDIA

In furtherance of the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and positioning India as the global hub for Electronic

System Design and Manufacturing, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on December 15 has approved the comprehensive program for the development of sustainable semiconductor and display ecosystem in the country. The program will usher in a new era in electronics manufacturing by providing a globally competitive incentive package to companies in semiconductors and display manufacturing as well as design. This shall pave the way for India's technological leadership in these areas of strategic importance and economic self-reliance.

Semiconductors and displays are the foundation of modern electronics driving the next phase of digital transformation under Industry 4.0. Semiconductors and display manufacturing is very complex and technology-intensive sector involving huge capital investments, high risk, long gestation and payback periods, and rapid changes in technology, which require significant and sustained investments. The program will give an impetus to semiconductor and display manufacturing by facilitating capital support and technological collaborations.

The programme aims to provide attractive incentive support to companies / consortia that are engaged in Silicon Semiconductor Fabs, Display Fabs, Compound Semiconductors / Silicon Photonics / Sensors (including MEMS) Fabs, Semiconductor Packaging (ATMP / OSAT), Semiconductor Design. ■

TREATY BETWEEN INDIA AND POLAND CONCERNING MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on December 15 approved the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the Republic of India and the Republic of Poland with a view to enhance capability and effectiveness of both countries in investigation and prosecution of crimes, including crimes related to terrorism through mutual legal assistance.



BENEFITS:

The Treaty aims to enhance effectiveness of both the countries in investigation and prosecution of crime, through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters. In the context of transnational crime and its linkages to terrorism, the proposed Treaty will provide a broad legal framework for bilateral cooperation with Poland in investigation and prosecution of crime as well as in tracing, restraint and confiscation of proceeds and instruments of crime as well as the funds meant to finance terrorist acts.

After signing and ratification of the Treaty, suitable Gazette Notifications will be issued under the relevant provisions of Cr.P.C. 1973 to give effect to the provisions of the Treaty in India. The Gazette notification is accessible to general public outside the Government domain and it will provide increased awareness and transparency on mutual cooperation between India and Poland in the field of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

It will increase effectiveness of India in tackling criminal activities involving Poland. Once in operation, the Treaty will be instrumental in gaining better inputs and insights in the modus operandi of organized criminals and terrorists. These in turn can be used to fine tune policy decisions in the field of internal security. ■

IMPLEMENTATION OF PRADHAN MANTRI KRISHI SINCHAYEE YOJANA FOR 2021-26

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has on December 15 approved implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for 2021-26 with an outlay of Rs.93,068 crore. The CCEA has approved central support of Rs.37,454 crore to States and Rs.20,434.56 crore of debt servicing for loan availed by Government of India for irrigation development during PMKSY 2016-21.

Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Har Khet ko Paani (HKKP) and Watershed Development components have been approved for continuation during 2021-26.

Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme - a flagship programme of Government of India aims for financial support to irrigation projects. Total additional

irrigation potential creation targeted during 2021-26 under AIBP is 13.88 lakh hectare. Apart from focused completion of 60 ongoing projects including their 30.23 lakh hectare command area development, additional projects can also be taken up. The inclusion criteria have been relaxed for projects under tribal and drought prone areas.

Central funding of 90% of water component for two national projects, namely Renukaji Dam Project (Himachal Pradesh) and Lakhwar Multipurpose Project (Uttarakhand) has been provisioned. The two projects would provide beginning of storage in Yamuna basin benefitting six states of upper Yamuna basin, augmenting water supply to Delhi as well Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, UP, Haryana, and Rajasthan and a major step towards rejuvenation of Yamuna. Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) aims for enhancement of physical access on the farm and expansion of cultivable area under assured irrigation. Under HKKP, surface minor irrigation and repair-renovation-restoration of water bodies component of PMKSY is targeted to provide additional 4.5 lakh hectare irrigation.

CABINET APPROVES MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP) FOR COPRA FOR 2022 SEASON

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 22 December has given its approval for the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for copra for 2022 season.

The MSP for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of milling copra has been increased to Rs.10,590/- per quintal for 2022 season from Rs.10,335/- per quintal in 2021 and the MSP for ball copra has been increased to Rs.11,000/- per quintal for 2022 season from Rs.10,600/- per quintal in 2021. This is to ensure a return of 51.85 percent for milling copra and 57.73 percent for ball copra over the all India weighted average cost of production. The increase in MSP for copra for 2022 season is in line with the principle of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the all India weighted average cost of production as announced by the Government in the Budget 2018-19. The decision is based on recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). ■

'GOVERNMENT OF INDIA IS DETERMINED TO BRING OUT A NEW CO-OPERATIVE POLICY'

Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah addressed the 7th National Convention of Sahakar Bharati in Lucknow on December 17, 2021 and elaborated on the utility of Cooperatives in the development of the country.

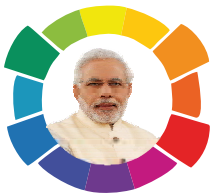
The program was attended by Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister Shri BL Verma, Chairman of Sahakar Bharati Shri Ramesh Vaidya, General Secretary of Sahakar Bharati Dr. Uday Joshi, Uttar Pradesh Cooperation Minister Shri Mukut Bihari Verma and others. More than 3000 Co-operative representatives from more than 600 districts of 27 states were present in the event.

Shri Amit Shah said that the Government of India has taken many initiatives under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Government of India is determined to bring out a new Co-operative policy through extensive consultations. The Ministry

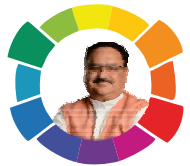


of Cooperation will start its activities in no time. As such, the PACS is its soul in the agricultural system.

The work of computerizing the Primary Agriculture Society is going to be done by the Narendra Modi government at the Center in no time. After this each PACS will be linked to District Co-operative Bank, then all District Co-operative Banks to State Co-operative Bank and finally all State Co-operative Banks will be linked to NABARD. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi at the launch of women-centric initiatives in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying homage at the National War Memorial, on the occasion of Vijay Diwas, New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a group photograph with the Foreign Ministers of Central Asian Countries, New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi at a function on "Depositors First: Guaranteed Time-bound Deposit Insurance Payment up to Rs. 5 Lakh", New Delhi



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ENTREPRENEURS TRANSFORMING INDIA'S JOURNEY

6 Lakh new jobs created by government-recognised startups

Cumulative jobs created

Year	Cumulative jobs created
2018	93,000
2021	6 LAKH

Source: Govt. of India | Till 8 Dec, 2021



INDIA EMERGING AS A MAJOR CENTER OF MOBILE MANUFACTURING

Imports reduce with unprecedented increase in exports

Mobile phone exports worth (in US\$)

Year	Value (in US\$)
2017-18	200 million
April 2021-September 2021	1700 million

Mobile phone imports worth (in US\$)

Year	Value (in US\$)
2017-18	3500 million
April 2021-September 2021	500 million

Source: Government of India



PM Mudra Yojana empowering MSMEs

Loans sanctioned **32.11 crore**

Loans approved worth **Rs 17 lakh crore**

Amount disbursed **Rs 16.5 lakh crore**

1.12 crore additional employment opportunities were generated between 2015 and 2018 under **MUDRA Yojana**

Source: Government of India | Data till 26 November 2021



TURNING INDIA INTO THE GLOBAL HUB OF ELECTRONIC MANUFACTURING

Union Cabinet approves programme for development of sustainable semiconductors and display ecosystem

- Incentives worth **Rs 2.3 lakh crore** to position India as global hub for electronics manufacturing
- Rs 76,000 crore** approved for development of semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem
- Setting up of **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** to drive this sector

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