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Manipur which was earlier infamous for insurgency, blockades and instability is now known for peace, development and stability under the leadership of PM @narendramodi Ji and CM @NBirenSingh Ji. We are committed to building a prosperous Manipur on this strong foundation.



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Space sector is deeply connected with mapping, imaging and connectivity facilities, speedy transportation, weather forecast, disaster management as well as border security. The new technologies played a crucial role in keeping the world connected during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Another milestone achieved! India administered more than 150 Crore vaccines in less than a year! Led by PM Shri @narendramodi ji, we will continue to fight and defeat Corona. #LargestVaccineDrive @mansukhmandviya



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#IndiaFightsCorona

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356

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Happy Republic Day

Jai Hind!!!

KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR

wishes a very happy

REPUBLIC DAY (26 JANUARY)

to all of its readers

CONGRESS WILL PAY FOR ITS POLITICAL MISADVENTURE

In a highly unfortunate incident, the Congress government in Punjab allowed a security breach to take place when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on his way to pay respects at the National Martyr's Memorial in Hussainiwala in the state. As the PM's convoy, which got stuck on a flyover on its way for around 20 minutes, returned in view of the impending security threats, the incident has raised many serious questions about the declining level of politics in the country. It's also about the sanctity of institutional arrangements wherein even the security of the Prime Minister can be at risk as a result of vendetta politics. In such circumstances, the questions related to the functioning of the federal polity, observance of political ethics, and norms in multi-party democracy become even more glaring for any political observer. It's not only about politics but about the future of the democratic polity. And if it's a political game, then it's a dangerous game.

While the Congress government in Punjab failed in its constitutional duty to secure safe passage for the PM's convoy, the explanation extended by the Punjab chief minister is extremely dubious and exceedingly shocking. It is a well-known fact that, as an SPG protectee, the Prime Minister's movements are always planned well in advance and alternative routes are secured to facilitate the movement of his convoy. His claim that the route was changed at the last minute has been proven as a shameful lie, denigrating the office he holds in the state. His further claim that there was no threat to the Prime Minister shows his shameless attempt to defend an indefensible act in which he, along with his office, had connived. Everyone knows that the Prime Minister has the highest threat perception in the country due to his relentless fight against terrorism, both within and outside India, and Punjab, being a state bordering Pakistan, has been witnessing attempts by terror groups to disturb peace in the state. But unfortunately, the Punjab chief minister sees no threat to PM in the state. It clearly shows how unfit he is for the post that he currently holds.

The gravity of the situation may be gauged from the fact that not only was the PM's convoy stuck on the flyover for 20 minutes, but it was well within the artillery range of Pakistan. It cannot be said to be a "security lapse" but a well-planned conspiracy to undermine the PM's security. It is to be noted that PM's movements are secured by the state police, who coordinate with SPG and give clearance on the route to be followed by the convoy. In addition to this, the route of the PM's convoy, along with the alternative routes, is kept highly confidential and a proper drill is conducted much in advance to secure these routes completely. In view of such watertight arrangements, there is not even a remote possibility of protestors getting knowledge of the PM's movement, that too when he is travelling on an alternative route, without any complicity at the highest level. There cannot be an iota of doubt that the route was blocked at the behest of the highest level of the state law and order machinery and the Punjab police allowed it to happen deliberately and even actively supported it. It was politics at its nadir, an extremely dangerous act.

The Punjab chief minister, Charanjit Singh Channi, cannot absolve himself of his complicity in this criminal act. Moreover, he is guilty of not responding to the calls, not coming out to welcome the PM of the nation, not allowing his senior officials to accompany the PM's convoy, and misleading the nation with his false claims. It is to be noted that the PM was in Punjab to pay respects to the National Martyr's Memorial, inaugurate various developmental projects and address a BJP rally in Ferozepur. The actions of the Punjab chief minister are not only an assault on the federal polity but also disrespect to the martyrs while acting against the interests of the people of Punjab, for whom the PM was supposed to inaugurate many developmental projects. He has not only debased his office but has made a mockery of the entire institutional arrangements, constitutional propriety, and political ethics of the country. As the entire nation is concerned about the security of the PM and condemning this kind of vendetta politics, the incident should be investigated thoroughly and the culprits should be given exemplary punishment at the earliest. The nation will definitely teach a lesson to Congress for its political misadventure in the days to come. ■

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BJP IS A PARTY THAT NEVER COMPROMISES WITH NATIONAL SECURITY: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda addressed two mega public rallies in Basti and Lucknow of Uttar Pradesh on 03 January, 2022. These public meetings were called to mark the culmination of 'Jan Vishwas Yatras' that had set out across the state on December 19, 2021.

'JAN VISHWAS YATRA' BASTI

While addressing the 'Jan Vishwas Yatra' in Basti, Shri JP Nadda said during the Samajwadi Party (SP) rule, the then UP government tried to withdraw the cases of such terrorists, some of whom were later sentenced to death. He said, "Akhilesh ji correct me if I am wrong or pull me to court if I am not correct. But isn't it a fact that your government had sought withdrawal of cases of 15 terrorists? The court disallowed withdrawal of cases, and in fact, sentenced a few of them to death and gave life imprisonment to others".

"Do you want a government that protects terrorists?" he asked the crowd which cheered him on. Focusing his attack on the SP, he said, "The level of corruption in the previous SP government was such that one of their ministers is still in jail."

However, he said the ruling BJP is a party that never compromises with national security and urged people to vote for it in the coming assembly elections.

"Today, as we face another election, it is important to look back at what the situation when BJP came to power in UP in 2017. Back then, Akhilesh ji's government failed to give utilization certificates of Rs. 1 lakh crore, its rule was marked by Rs. 1600 crore Gomti river front scam. Back then, the mafia called the shots. Today, the mafia are either in wheelchairs, in hospital, in jail or outside the UP," the BJP National President said, praising the BJP government in UP for ushering in good governance.

Shri Nadda said, "The Samajwadi Party (SP) government was famous for misappropriation of funds of various welfare schemes. The same money under the BJP government of Yogi Adityanath was directly reaching the accounts of beneficiaries. Back then there was zero governance and corruption. Now, there is good governance and an honest government," he added.

'JAN VISHWAS YATRA' LUCKNOW

Addressing another massive rally in state capital

HIGHLIGHTS

- Samajwadi Party government tried to withdraw the cases of such terrorists, some of whom were later sentenced to death.
- Akhilesh ji's government failed to give utilization certificates of Rs. 1 lakh crore and its rule was marked by Rs. 1600 crore Gomti river front scam.
- However, under the BJP government, today the mafia are either in wheelchairs, in hospital, in jail or outside the UP.
- SP and BSP governments of being indifferent to the plight of farmers, including those who cultivate sugarcane.
- Under Mayawati's rule, 21 sugar mills were sold at throwaway prices and 18 were shut down.
- In the Akhilesh Yadav regime, 11 sugar mills were shut down.
- While the Yogi government started three new sugar mills and brought up the number of running sugar mills to 54 in UP.
- Adityanath government alone paid a sum of Rs 1.4 lakh crore to sugarcane farmers.

Lucknow on 03 January, 2022 the BJP National President Shri JP Nadda accused both the SP and BSP governments of being indifferent to the plight of farmers, including those who cultivate sugarcane.

"The Adityanath government alone paid a sum of Rs 1.4 lakh crore to sugarcane farmers while under Mayawati's rule, 21 sugar mills were sold at throwaway

prices and 18 were shut down," he said.

Shri Nadda further said, "In the Akhilesh Yadav regime, 11 sugar mills were shut down while the Yogi government started three new sugar mills and brought up the number of running sugar mills to 54."

During the rule of Samajwadi Party government there was zero governance and corruption. Now, under the Adityanath government there is good governance and an honest government," he added.

In an attack on Congress and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra he said, "Main ladkihoon, main lad sakti hoon, main ladungi. Who has stopped you from fighting and speaking for women? But your grandfather, father and mother did not provide toilets to 11 crore women for 70 years. Are you not ashamed? Modi ji has provided izzatghar [toilets] to 11 crore women."

The BJP National President further said that the six Yatras that began on 19 December, 2021 traveled through all 403 Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh. None of the Opposition parties could dare to hold such a campaign since people did not trust them.

Earlier, after arrival in Lucknow the BJP National President also held meetings with the party's top leaders over poll preparedness in the state.

Noteworthy, 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 covered all the 403 assembly constituencies in the state. The Yatra was simultaneously launched by different senior leaders of the party from six locations that are Ambedkar Nagar, Mathura, Bijnor, Jhansi, Balia and Ghazipur of Uttar Pradesh. ■



CONGRESS INSTRUMENTAL IN FAILING PRIME MINISTER'S SAFETY AND SECURITY: BJP

A "serious security lapse" happened when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who was scheduled to visit Ferozpur in Punjab on 05 January, 2022 was stuck on a flyover for around 20 minutes due to a blockade, after which he returned from the poll-bound State without attending any event, including a rally. The Prime Minister was travelling the 100 km from Bathinda to the rally ground at Ferozpur by road, after bad weather grounded his helicopter. He was stopped 10 km from the venue. The PM's cavalcade was stuck and private vehicles were seen approaching, which was a major security breach.



Informing about the sequence of events on that day in Punjab, in a press conference BJP Leader and Union Minister Smt. Smriti Irani said our country has witnessed an unprecedented situation today. The kind of glaring and shocking lapse that occurred in our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's security in Punjab is highly shocking and deplorable; the country has never faced such situation neither during the worst of terrorism days nor in terror-affected areas.

She said the day will be remembered in India's history as a black day when the bloody designs of the Congress party failed in the holy land of Punjab. The leaders of the Congress party who hate Shri

'CONGRESS GOVERNMENT IN PUNJAB TRIED ALL POSSIBLE TRICKS TO SCUTTLE PM'S PROGRAMMES'

In a Press statement regarding the Congress Government's dirty tricks during PM's visit to Punjab BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "Fearing a resounding defeat at the hands of the electorate, the Congress Government in Punjab tried all possible tricks to scuttle the PM's programmes in the state. In doing so they did not bother that the PM Shri Narendra Modi was to pay tributes to Bhagat Singh and other martyrs, and lay the foundation stone for key development works in the state".



By their cheap antics, the Congress government in Punjab has shown that they are anti-development and have no respect for our great freedom fighters too, he said.

What is extremely worrisome is that this incident was also a big security lapse as far as the PM is concerned. Protestors were given access to the Prime Minister's route while the Punjab CS and DGP gave assurances to SPG that the route is clear.

To make matters worse, CM Channi refused to get on the phone to either address the matter or solve it.

The tactics used by the Congress government in Punjab would pain anyone who believes in democratic principles. The state police were instructed to prevent people from attending the rally. Large number of buses were stranded because of the high-handedness of the police & connivance with protestors.

Shri Nadda said, "It is sad that the PM's visit to launch development projects worth thousands of crores for Punjab was disrupted. But we will not let such a cheap mentality hinder progress of Punjab and will continue the effort for the development of Punjab".

'SUCH DERELICTION OF SECURITY DURING PM'S VISIT IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE'

Senior BJP leader, Union Home Minister & Minister for Cooperation Shri Amit Shah came down heavily on the Congress party and Congress's Punjab government over a dangerous "security lapse" during Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab on 05 January, 2022.

In a series of Tweets, Shri Shah slammed Congress and said that such dereliction of the security during the prime minister's visit is totally unacceptable and accountability will be fixed.

Shri Shah said, today's Congress-made happening in Punjab is a trailer of how this party thinks and functions. Repeated rejections by the people have taken them to the path of insanity. The topmost echelons of the Congress owe an apology to the people of India for what they have done.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has sought a detailed report on security breach in Punjab. Such dereliction of security procedure in the Prime Minister's visit is totally unacceptable and accountability will be fixed, he added.



CONGRESS CAN'T BE FORGIVEN FOR PM'S SECURITY BREACH: RAJNATH SINGH

Holding the Congress government in Punjab responsible for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's security breach on the way to Ferozepur, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said that the party cannot be forgiven for the serious lapse.



Shri Singh said a prime minister represents the country and his office is an institution which everyone should respect.

"The Congress is in power in Punjab. Could we have imagined a security breach in the prime minister's convoy like the one that happened there?" he asked.

"If we cannot ensure safety of institutions like that of the prime minister, it would be difficult to prevent disintegration of the country's democratic institutions," Shri Singh said.

DANGEROUS FOR DEMOCRACY: NITIN GADKARI

After Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi skipped his Ferozepur rally as his security was compromised after his arrival in Punjab, Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari condemned the never-seen-before incident in the history of India, stating the Prime Minister of India has been insulted by the Congress government in Punjab and will have to pay for it in the upcoming assembly elections.



Shri Gadkari said, "Punjab Government showed negligence in providing protection to PM Shri Modi. Congress' intention was to cancel PM's Ferozepur Rally. This is dangerous for democracy as the Punjab Government has not followed its constitutional responsibility. Congress will have to pay for it in the upcoming Assembly Elections."

Narendra Modi, who is the Prime Minister of the entire country, were instrumental in making a mockery of the Prime Minister's security and tried to fail Prime Minister's safety and security.

"Never ever in the history of India any state police force was instructed to derail the security arrangements of the Prime Minister and no state government had ever conspired to cause hurt to the Prime Minister of

the country".

"The Bharatiya Janata Party has been repeatedly saying that the Congress party and its leaders hate Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi, but they have no right to hate and demean the Prime Minister who belongs to the entire country".

"There is a set protocol for the security of the Prime Minister. But today a deliberate lapse, a mockery has

been made in the Congress- ruled Punjab with the security protocols of the Prime Minister of our country”.

“What is more shocking and highly condemnable is the fact that senior Congress party leaders have expressed their happiness over the glaring lapse in the security of Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. What are the Congress party leaders celebrating that today their incompetent and highly irresponsible government took the Prime Minister of the country towards death?”

“When the security personnel deployed in the Prime Minister's security tried to contact higher authorities in the Punjab government , the Punjab Chief Minister Office did not talk . What was the Congress government in Punjab waiting for?”

On behalf of the entire country the Bharatiya Janata Party wants to ask the Congress government in Punjab.

THE ENTIRE NATION WANTS ANSWERS OF THESE QUESTIONS --

Question No. 1 -- The entire security arrangements of the Prime Minister's route were done by the Punjab police and it was responsible for the safety and security of the Prime Minister. The Punjab police had also assured the Prime Minister's security team that the route was safe and that there were no blockades. Why did the Punjab police DGP gave false assurances and false information about the route to the Prime Minister's security team?

Question No. 2 -- When the attempt was made to block the entire cavalcade of the Prime Minister, and for full 20 minutes his security was breached; how did those responsible for the serious breach of safety and security arrangements managed to reach the cars in the Prime Minister's cavalcade?

Question No. 3 -- Why did those in the Punjab government and the Punjab police responsible for the safety and security of the Prime Minister failed to respond to the calls of the Prime Minister's security team? Why did they fail so miserably to provide safety and security to the Prime Minister of the country?

Question No. 4 -- Who in the Punjab government leaked the highly sensitive and secret information of the Prime Minister's travel route to those who blocked the Prime Minister's cavalcade on the flyover? All the video evidences, which are now available in the public domain, clearly points towards this glaring breach in

the Prime Minister's security lapse?

Question No. 5 -- The information of the movement of the Prime Minister of the country is not available to anyone except for those involved in the Prime Minister's security, this is a well known fact and everyone knows about it. Now the Congress party and its government in Punjab will have to answer who sent the agitators on the Prime Minister's route thus causing serious breach in the safety and security of the Prime Minister of the country?

CONGRESS MUST APOLOGIZE: YOGI ADITYANATH

The Congress must apologize to the people of the country for playing with the security of the country's constitutional head, the Prime Minister of the country. Our country will never allow this type of Congress conspiracies to succeed.

SC DIRECTS TO SECURE ALL RECORDS, PUT PROBES ON HOLD

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court took up a petition seeking a thorough investigation into the security lapse during Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab.

The Supreme Court on 7 January, 2022 directed the high court registrar general to immediately secure all relevant records. The court also directed the Punjab government, its police and other Central and state agencies to provide all relevant records immediately to the Registrar General.

AMARINDER SINGH ACCUSES PUNJAB CM, SIDHU OF MAKING 'RECKLESS' REMARKS OVER PM SECURITY BREACH

Punjab's former CM Amarinder Singh accused the top leadership of the state government and the ruling Congress of making reckless statements about Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's security breach and acting in confusion, instead of taking responsibility. Shri Singh targeted Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, Deputy CM Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and state Congress president Novjot Singh Sidhu, dubbing them all as “a confused lot”.

Instead of owning up the responsibility, they are all running away from it and passing it on to their juniors, which is cowardice and not true leadership, the former Punjab CM said.

PM announces 26th December as 'VEER BAAL DIWAS' to mark martyrdom of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji



On the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 9 January 2022 has announced that starting from this year, 26th December shall be observed as 'Veer Baal Diwas' to mark the martyrdom of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji.

In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said; "Today, on the auspicious occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, I am honoured to share that starting this year, 26th December shall be marked as 'Veer Baal Diwas.' This is a fitting tribute to the courage

of the Sahibzades and their quest for justice.

'Veer Baal Diwas' will be on the same day Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji attained martyrdom after being sealed alive in a wall. These two greats preferred death instead of deviating from the noble principles of Dharma.

The bravery and ideals of Mata Gujri, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and the 4 Sahibzades give strength to millions of people. They never bowed to injustice. They envisioned a world that is inclusive and harmonious. It is the need of the hour for more people to know about them." ■

OPPOSITION LEADERS CONDEMNS PM SECURITY BREACH INCIDENT

The Prime Minister of India is an institution. It is the duty of every Government to provide foolproof security and safeguard the dignity of this institution. Anything contrary should be unacceptable in our democracy.

Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister, Odisha

PM's security cannot be compared with anyone else's security; PM was in Pakistan's firing range

Manish Tewari, Congress leader

What has happened today is just not acceptable. It's against Panjabiyat. A secure passage for the Prime Minister of India to address BJP's political rally in Ferozpur should have been ensured. That's how democracy works.

Sunil Jakhar, Congress leader, Punjab

Shameful day for #Punjab. What was the Hon'ble PM @narendramodi coming for? He was here to announce & launch schemes for the welfare of our people of the state. Most unfortunate that the Prime Minister had to go back like this.

-Rana Gurmit S Sodhi
Former Cabinet Minister
Punjab

In a statement, Pawan Kalyan said it was an unfortunate incident for PM Modi in Punjab state. The situation where the country's prime minister's car was halted for about 20 minutes and unable to move forward during his journey is unacceptable.

Pawan Kalyan
President, Jana Sena Party ■

MORE THAN RS 20,000 CRORE TRANSFERRED TO MORE THAN 10 CRORE BENEFICIARY FARMERS



In line with the continued commitment and resolve to empower grassroot level farmers, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released 10th instalment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme on January 01, 2022. This enabled the transfer of an amount of more than Rs. 20,000 crore to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families. During the programme, Prime Minister also released equity grant of more than Rs. 14 crore to about 351 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), which will benefit more than 1.24 lakh farmers. The Prime Minister interacted with FPOs during the event. Union Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Chief Ministers, LGs, Agriculture Ministers and farmers from several states were linked to the event.

Speaking about the economy, the Prime Minister said that on many parameter, Indian economy is looking better than pre-covid days. He pointed out that “today the growth rate of our economy is more than 8%. Record foreign investment has come to India. Our forex reserves have reached record levels. Old records have also been surpassed in GST collection. We have also set new records in the matter of exports, especially in agriculture.” He said that in 2021 transaction of more than 70 lakh crore rupees was done on UPI. More than

50 thousand start-ups are working in India out of these 10 thousand came up during last six months.

The Prime Minister said that PM Kisan Samman Nidhi is a big support for India’s farmers. If we include today’s transfer, more than 1.80 lakh crore rupees have been transferred directly to the accounts of the farmers, he said.

The Prime Minister said that through FPO’s small farmers are feeling the power of collective strength. He pointed out five benefits of FPOs for small farmers. These benefits are increased bargaining power, scale, innovation, risk management and adaptability to the market conditions. Keeping in mind the benefits of FPO’s the government is promoting them at every level. These FPOs are getting help of upto 15 lakh rupees. As a result, FPOs like Organic FPOs, Oil Seed FPOs,

@Jagat Prakash Nadda

Modi government has always been dedicated to the welfare of farmers. I thank PM Shri Narendra Modi from my heart for releasing tenth installment of more than Rs 20,000 crore on the first day of New Year 2022 under #PMKisan to more than 10 crore farmer families of the country.



The Prime Minister talked about the milestones that were achieved in the agriculture sector in the recent years. Food grain production touched 300 million tonnes, similarly Horticulture and floriculture production reached 330 million tonnes. Milk production also increased almost 45 per cent in last 6-7 years. About 60 lakh hectare land was brought under micro irrigation; more than 1 lakh crore were given in compensation under Prime Minister FasalBimaYojna, whereas premium received was just 21 thousand crores. Ethanol production increased from 40 crore litres to 340 crore litres in just seven years. The Prime Minister also informed about the GobarDhan Scheme to promote bio-gas. If there will be value in cow dung, he said, the non milching animals will not be burden on farmers.

Bamboo clusters and Honey FPOs are coming up all over the country. "Today our farmers are benefitting

from the schemes like 'One District One Products' and markets, both nation and global, are opening for them", the Prime Minister said. He said that reliance on imports is being reduced by schemes like National Palm Oil Mission with a budget of 11 thousand crore rupees.

AMIT SHAH EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO PM MODI FOR TRANSFERRING RS. 20,000 CRORE

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for transferring Rs. 20,000 crore in the accounts of 10 crore farmers under the PMKisan Yojana on the very first day of 2022.

The Union Home Minister said in a series of tweets that "without farmer empowerment the overall development of the country is not possible and the country has seen the farmer-friendly Modi government, making continuous efforts to make farmers self-reliant, since the last seven years." ■

PM CONGRATULATES ON CROSSING 150 CRORE MILESTONE OF COVID VACCINATION DRIVE

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated fellow citizens on crossing the 150 crore milestone of Covid vaccination drive. He also said that India is grateful to all those who have been working to make our vaccination drive a success. In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said;

"A remarkable day on the vaccination front! Congratulations to our fellow citizens on crossing the 150 crore milestone. Our vaccination drive has ensured that many lives are saved. At the same time, let us also keep following all COVID-19 related protocols. India is grateful to all those who have been working to make our vaccination drive a success. We thank our doctors, scientists, innovators and the health care

workers who are vaccinating the people. I urge all those eligible to get their shots. Together, let's fight COVID-19."

PM MODI DIRECTS OFFICIALS TO VACCINATE TEENS IN 'MISSION MODE'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 09 January, 2022 chaired a virtual review meeting on Covid-19. This meeting was held at a time when both the Delta and Omicron variants are fuelling a surge in cases of infection in parts of the country. During the review meeting the Prime Minister directed officials to ensure adequate health infrastructure at the district level and accelerate the vaccination drive for teenagers in "mission mode".



PM LAUDS FEAT OF 2 CRORE CHILDREN GETTING VACCINATED

Lauding the feat of over two crore youngsters in the 15-18 age group getting vaccinated against Covid-19, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 08 January, 2022 called for continuing the momentum.

He tweeted, "Excellent! Well done my young friends. Let us continue this momentum. Urging everyone to follow all Covid-19 related protocols and get vaccinated, if you haven't already." ■



“NUPISINGI MEEPHAM” (MAHILA RALLY), IMPHAL

‘MANIPUR—ANOTHER NAME FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT’

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda arrived in the state capital of Manipur, Imphal on 24 December, 2021 and addressed a “Nupisingi Meepham” or Mahila Rally held at Sagolband.

Shri Nadda received a warm welcome by BJP leaders of Manipur, including; Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh, BJP State President Smt. A Sharda, BJP Manipur-in-charge Shri Sambit Patra, BJP Northeast Zonal Secretary Shri Ajay Jamwal among others.

During his address in the Mahila Rally, Shri Nadda referred to Manipur as another name for women empowerment. He further added that women hailing from this north-eastern state have brought laurels for the country by flaunting medals. Commencing from Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games, Manipur has shined throughout all international sport platforms.

The BJP President further said that under the rule of Congress, the north-eastern state of Manipur was known for three I’s, ‘Instability, Insurgency & Inequality’.

Meanwhile, under the govt. of BJP, these three I’s have transformed into ‘Innovation, Infrastructure & Integration’, Shri Nadda further added.

Addressing the rally, Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh highlighted the welfare initiatives taken up by the BJP led-Government which includes empowering and uplifting women in all spheres.

MEEYAMGI KHONJEL BJP-GI THOUDANG CAMPAIGN

The BJP National President flagged-off the ‘Video Van’ for ‘Meeyamgi Khonjel BJP-Gi Thoudang’ campaign. These vans will travel across the state, and showcase BJP led-Government’s achievements in the last four years & eight months.

During his visit, Shri JP Nadda worshiped at Bijoy Govindaji temple at Imphal and also enjoyed a hearty Manipuri meal along with CM Shri N. Biren Singh, A Sharda, Shri Ajay Jamwal, Shri Sambit Patra, state cabinet minister Shri Th. Biswajit Singh, and Shri L. Susindro Meitei at the popular Luxmi Kitchen in Imphal. ■

ASSEMBLY POLLS IN FIVE STATES FROM FEBRUARY 10

UP TO VOTE IN 7 PHASES, MANIPUR IN 2, SINGLE PHASE IN OTHER STATES; RESULTS ON MARCH 10

The Election Commission of India announced the poll schedule for assembly elections in Goa, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh on 08 January, 2022. As per the announcements, Polling for 403 Assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh would be held over seven phases on February 10, February 14, February 20, February

eligible to vote, would be carried out on March 10.

No roadshows, padyatras, cycle or bike rallies, vehicle rallies and processions as well as physical rallies would be allowed till January 15 in view of the Omicron threat. The EC would review the situation on January 15 and take a call on allowing physical campaigning after that.

ASSEMBLY ELECTION SCHEDULE

STATES	VOTING BEGINS	VOTING ENDS	No. OF VOTING DAYS	INCUMBENT PARTY	TOTAL No. SEATS
UTTAR PRADESH	February 10	March 7	7	BJP	403
PUNJAB	February 14	February 14	1	INC	117
UTTARAKHAND	February 14	February 14	1	BJP	70
MANIPUR	February 27	March 3	2	BJP	60
GOA	February 14	February 14	1	BJP	40
COUNTING DAY			MARCH 10		

23, February 27, March 3 and March 7.

Punjab, Goa and Uttarakhand will all vote on a single day, February 14. Elections in Manipur will be spread over two phases on February 27 and March 3.

Counting for all 690 constituencies across five States, where a total of 18.34 crore citizens are

The Election Commission said the district magistrate and the State's chief secretary, along with EC officers, would monitor the implementation of the COVID guidelines. Candidates would also have to submit an affidavit that they will adhere to the guidelines. Victory processions will also be banned.

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT WELCOMES THE ANNOUNCEMENT



In a Press statement BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda welcomed the announcements of the Election Commission of India.

He said, "I welcome the Election Commission of India's announcement of the assembly election dates for the five States - Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur. I appeal to all the Bharatiya Janata Party workers to strictly follow all the guidelines announced by the Election Commission of India related to Covid -19 and all the other important instructions".

"I also appeal and urge the Bharatiya Janata Party workers to participate with full enthusiasm and vigour in this important festival of our democracy".

He said, "I am fully confident that in these assembly elections in the five States the Bharatiya Janata Party will once again win the trust and confidence of the electorate under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. The Bharatiya Janata Party will again win the assembly elections with a massive majority in all the five States. Our Governments will take these states to newer heights of growth, development, progress and prosperity". ■

AMIT SHAH ADDRESSES MASSIVE RALLIES IN AYODHYA & SANT KABIR NAGAR IN UP

'PUBLIC AFFECTION WILL BRING BJP TO POWER AGAIN IN UP WITH OVER 300 SEATS'

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed massive rallies in Ayodhya, Sant Kabir Nagar and Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh on 31 December, 2021. After arrival in Ayodhya, he paid a visit to Shri Ram Lalla and the Hanumangarhi temple at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra. Shri Shah addressed massive rallies in Ayodhya and in Sant Kabir Nagar in Gorakhpur and also participated in a road show in Bareilly and addressed an organisational meeting on the same day. He also held a core committee meeting with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other senior leaders over the party's ongoing preparations for the 2022 UP polls.

AYODHYA RALLY

Addressing a huge rally in Ayodhya Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah referred to the firings on karsevaks (volunteers) in 1990 during the campaign to build a Ram Temple in place of Babri Masjid in Ayodhya and asked voters to question Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav what was the need for it. Yadav's father, Mulayam Singh Yadav, was the Chief Minister when police fired on the volunteers.

Shri Shah said, "For ages, a large number of people sacrificed their lives for the Ram Mandir in



Ayodhya. But temple never came up. But now a magnificent Ram Mandir is being constructed at the birthplace of Lord Ram".

The Union Home Minister said there was earlier "mafia raj in Uttar Pradesh" during SP rule but now they are surrendering to police.

He listed the development projects of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath government's government and added they include five expressways. Shri Shah said the Ayodhya airport project was going on and the town's railway station was under renovation. He announced a university named after Lord Ram would be constructed in Ayodhya.

He listed the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's semi-autonomous status among the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government. When the Modi government scrapped Article 370 (for the revocation)... entire Opposition including Congress, Communists, TMC, SP opposed the decision. He attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for asking for proof for strikes across the border in Pakistan.

Shri Shah said the support of people in Uttar Pradesh helped the Bharatiya Janata Party form the government at the Centre in 2014 and 2019 as well as in the state in 2017. Now, for the fourth time, support BJP and help Yogi Adityanath become the chief minister again he asked the people.



SANT KABIR NAGAR RALLY

Addressing a massive rally in UP's Sant Kabir Nagar, the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah lauded Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government in the state claiming that there has been a reduction in the number of children dying from encephalitis in the eastern UP.

"Hundreds of children from poor families died of encephalitis in the eastern UP. BJP Govt ensured cleanliness, clean drinking water, and set up treatment centres, paediatric and ICU wards, which led to the reduction in such deaths by 95 per cent," he said.

ROADSHOW IN BAREILLY

CM Yogi Adityanath finished 'goonda raj' in Uttar Pradesh



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah held a mega road show in Bareilly where thousands of people gathered to greet him. All roads in the city were jam-packed with BJP supporters.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Shah slammed the opposition Samajwadi Party and said, "During SP rule, UP was ruled by goons and mafia,



but Yogi Adityanath had finished 'goonda raj' and ensured law and order in the state. PM Shri Narendra Modi has ensured that the poor get all the benefits. The biggest thing done by Modi ji in UP is the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya."

Shri Shah said, "I can see an overwhelming crowd everywhere, and it indicates that we are again going to win over 300 seats in the coming assembly elections."

Shri Amit Shah targeted SP chief Akhilesh Yadav over the Ram temple issue, saying, "I would like to tell Akhilesh babu that the constructing the Ram temple has started and no one can stop us now. "Akhilesh Yadav used to say 'mandir wahin banayenge, tithi nahi batayenge'. Now let's see if he can stop the construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya."

He said that public affection will bring BJP to power again in the state with over 300 seats. ■

NEW BJP STATE PRESIDENTS OF LADAKH, LAKSHADWEEP APPOINTED

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 09 January, 2022 appointed new state presidents for Ladakh and Lakshadweep. Shri Phunchok Stanzin and Shri K.N. Kasmikoya have been appointed as state presidents of Ladakh and Lakshadweep respectively.

Shri Phunchok Stanzin has replaced Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal as state president of Ladakh BJP.

Likewise, Shri K.N. Kasmikoya has replaced Shri Abdul Khader Haji as state president of Lakshadweep BJP. As per party release, these appointments come into immediate effect. ■

SHRI PHUNCHOK STANZIN
BJP STATE PRESIDENT,
LADAKH

SHRI K.N. KASMIKOYA
BJP STATE PRESIDENT,
LAKSHADWEEP

INDIA IS NOW A **\$3.1 TRILLION** ECONOMY

India is set to regain its position as the world's fastest growing major economy in the current fiscal ending March 31, 2022, and is likely to overtake Japan as Asia's second-largest economy by 2030 when the country's GDP is projected to surpass that of Germany and the UK to rank as the world's No.3.

The size of the Indian economy, based on current prices in dollar terms, is estimated to be \$3.1 trillion. It is currently the sixth-largest in the world, behind the US, China, Japan, Germany and the UK.

India's economy is expected to grow 9.2% in the current fiscal, helped by a strong agriculture sector and recovery in manufacturing, construction and services sector, but the third Covid wave will hurt expansion in the coming months.

According to a news journal reports, If a growth of 9.2% is realized it would be the fastest growth since 1988-89 when the economy grew at 9.6%. The data that is available for 17 years will be the fastest expansion under the new methodology.

Nominal GDP (including inflation) is estimated at 17.6%. The size of the economy is estimated at \$3.1 trillion based on current prices in dollar terms.

The World Bank estimated, India's GDP in current dollar terms grew to \$2.9 trillion in 2019, which fell to

\$2.7 trillion in 2020 due to the impact of COVID.

This growth rate will also help it retain the tag of the fastest growing major economy in the world. The economy has recovered after the severe impact of the strictest lockdown imposed to contain the spread of coronavirus, which led to a record 24.4% contraction in the June quarter of 2020-21.

The GDP estimate of the National Statistical Office (NSO) is slightly lower than that of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which had projected the economy to grow at 9.5%. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) also expects it to expand on similar lines.

London based IHS Markit has estimated in its the newest published report that by 2030, India can overtake Japan as Asia's second largest economic system and

India's GDP will overtake the economies of Germany and United Kingdom and grow to be the third largest economic system on the earth. At present, India's economic system is the sixth largest on the earth after the US, China, Japan, Germany and the UK and if India manages to grow to be the world's third economic system within the subsequent eight years, it would actually be an unimaginable achievement for India. ■



DEPOSITS IN BANK ACCOUNTS OPENED UNDER JAN DHAN SCHEME CROSS RS 1.5 LAKH CRORE MARK

Deposits in bank accounts opened under the Jan Dhan scheme, launched about seven and half years ago by the Modi government, have crossed the Rs 1.5 lakh crore mark.

As per the latest finance ministry data, the total balance in over 44.23 crore Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts was at Rs 1,50,939.36 crore at December end, 2021.

As per the data, 29.54 crore Jan Dhan accounts were held in rural and semi-urban bank branches. Nearly 24.61 crore account holders were women as of December 29, 2021. During the first year of the scheme 17.90 crore PMJDY accounts were opened. ■



INDIA'S AGRICULTURAL EXPORT REGISTERS A STEADY PACE

India's agricultural and processed food exports have grown at a steady pace in the last decade notwithstanding several logistical challenges faced in the global trade of the commodities.

Exports of agricultural and processed food products under Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) basket rose to USD 20,674 million (Rs 15,30,50 crore) during 2020-21, from USD 17,321 million (Rs 83,484 crore) in 2011-12, according to data by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S).

Non-Basmati Rice has emerged as India's top export item among the many agricultural and processed food product exports under APEDA basket, contributing close to one fourth of the total exports in 2020-21.

INDIA'S WHEAT EXPORTS TOUCHED \$ 243 MILLION

India's cereals exports continue to surge notwithstanding disruption of global supplies because of COVID19 pandemic.

In the first seven months (April-October) of the current financial year (2021-22), India's wheat exports in terms of volume rose by more than 527 per cent to 3.2 Million Tonne (MT) from 0.51 MT reported during April-October period of 2020-21. In terms of value, India's wheat exports in the current fiscal (April – October) rose by 546 per cent to \$ 872 million from \$ 135 million reported during the same period of the previous fiscal.

In the current financial year (2021-22), India's wheat exports is expected to achieve an all-



time record high as it has already surpassed shipment of 2.09 MT achieved during 2020-21.

With India being the world's top rice exporter, wheat exports have witnessed a 48.56 percent compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) during 2016-2020. The country's wheat exports touched \$ 243 million in 2020 against \$ 50 million in 2016, according to ITC Trade Map, 2021 data. ■

UNION EDUCATION MINISTER LAUNCHES NEAT 3.0 AND AICTE PRESCRIBED TECHNICAL BOOKS IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES

NEAT will be a game-changer in bridging the digital divide and fulfilling the knowledge-based requirement of the world – Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Union Education Minister and Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan on 03 January launched NEAT 3.0, a single platform to provide the best-developed ed-tech solutions and courses to students of the country. The Minister also launched AICTE prescribed technical books in regional languages. ■

ATAL PENSION YOJANA: OVER 65 LAKH SUBSCRIBERS ADDED SO FAR THIS FISCAL, 3.68 CR IN 6 YEARS

Over 65 lakh subscribers have enrolled in the Atal Pension Yojana so far this fiscal, taking the total enrolment under the scheme to 3.68 crore in the past six-and-a-half years, the finance ministry said on 05 January, 2022.

Atal Pension Yojana, the flagship social security scheme of the Government of India, was launched on May 9, 2015, to provide old-age income security particularly to the citizens in the unorganised sectors.

Apart from enrolments, the male-to-female subscription ratio of 56:44 is improving, and assets under management stand at around 20,000 crore.

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Chairman said, "In addition to achieving one crore enrolment during this current financial year, going forward, we have the task of achieving pension saturation in the country and we shall continuously undertake proactive initiatives for achieving it." ■

5.89 CRORE INCOME TAX RETURNS FILED ON NEW E-FILING PORTAL

On new e-filing portal of the Income Tax Department of Govt. of India 5.89 crore Income Tax Returns filed as on 31st December, 2021.

Nearly 5.89 crore Income Tax Returns (ITRs) have been filed on the new e-filing portal of the Income Tax Department as on 31st December, 2021, the extended due date. More than 46.11 lakh ITRs were filed on 31.12.2021. In order to assist taxpayers with a smooth experience on the portal, 16,850 taxpayer calls and 1,467 chats were responded to by the helpdesk. In addition, the Department has been proactively engaging with and reaching out to taxpayers and professionals for assistance on its official Twitter handle. On 31st December, 2021 alone, more than 230 Tweets from taxpayers and professionals were responded to.

Out of 5.89 crore ITRs filed for AY 2021-22 as on 31st December, 49.6% of these are ITR1 (2.92 crore),

9.3% are ITR2 (54.8 lakh), 12.1% are ITR3 (71.05 lakh), 27.2% are ITR4 (1.60 crore), 1.3% are ITR5 (7.66 lakh), ITR6 (2.58 lakh) and ITR7 (0.67 lakh). Over 45.7% of these ITRs have been filed using the online ITR form on the portal and the balance have been uploaded using the ITR created from the offline software utilities.

In comparison, as on 10th January, 2021 (the extended due date for ITRs for AY 2020-21), the total number of ITRs filed was 5.95 crore with 31.05 lakh ITRs filed on the last day ie on 10th January, 2021 as against over 46.11 lakh ITRs filed on the last day this year.

The Department gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the taxpayers, Tax Practitioners, Tax Professionals and others who have made this possible. We reiterate our resolve to work tirelessly to ensure a smooth & stable taxpayer service experience to all. ■

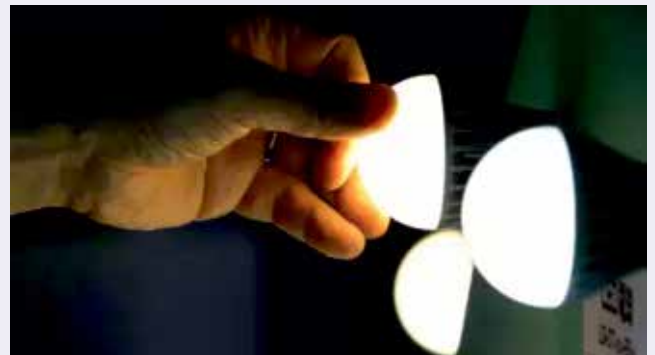
CESL ACHIEVES 50 LAKHS LED BULB DISTRIBUTION MILESTONE UNDER FLAGSHIP GRAM UJALA

Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), has achieved a remarkable milestone of distributing 50 lakhs LED bulbs under Project Crore of their Gram Ujala programme.

Gram Ujala scheme is being implemented in rural households in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana.

Under the able leadership of Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri R. K. Singh, CESL began this illuminating the villages journey in March this year. On National Energy Conservation Day 2021 this month, CESL achieved distributing 10 lakh bulbs in a single day.

CESL is providing high quality 7-Watt and 12-Watt LED bulbs with 3 years guarantee at a cost of INR 10 per bulb in exchange of working incandescent bulbs. Every household can exchange a maximum of 5 bulbs. The distribution has resulted in energy savings of 71,99,68,373.28 units per year with cost



savings of 250 crores per year in the rural areas of aforementioned states. The programme is active till March 31, 2022.

Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) is a subsidiary of state-owned Energy Efficiency Services Limited, a joint venture of public sector companies under the Ministry of Power, Government of India. CESL is focused on delivering clean, affordable, and reliable energy. ■

1,29,780 CR GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 2021

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of December 2021 is Rs 1,29,780 crore of which CGST is Rs 22,578 crore, SGST is Rs 28,658 crore, IGST is Rs 69,155 crore (including Rs 37,527 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 9,389 crore (including Rs 614 crore collected on import of goods).

The government has settled Rs 25,568 crore to CGST and Rs 21,102 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue of Centre and the States in the month of December 2021 after settlements is Rs 48,146 crore for CGST and Rs 49,760 crore for the SGST.

The revenues for the month of December 2021 are 13% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year and 26% higher than the GST revenues in December 2019. During the month, revenues from import of goods was 36% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 5% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. The GST collection in the month is close to Rs 1.30 lakh crore despite reduction of 17% in the number of e-way bills generated in the month of November, 2021 (6.1 crore) as compared to

the month of October, 2021 (7.4 crore) due to improved tax compliance and better tax administration by both Central and State Tax authorities.



The average monthly gross GST collection for the third quarter of the current year has been Rs 1.30 lakh crore against the average monthly collection of Rs 1.10 lakh crore and Rs 1.15 lakh crore in the first and second quarters respectively. Coupled with economic recovery, anti-evasion activities, especially action against fake billers have been contributing to the enhanced GST. The improvement in revenue has also been due to various rate rationalization measures undertaken by the Council to correct inverted duty structure. It is expected that the positive trend in the revenues will continue in the last quarter as well. The chart below shows trends in monthly gross GST revenues during the current year. The table shows the state-wise figures of GST collected in each State during the month of December, 2021 as compared to December 2020. ■

QUANTUM LABORATORY ESTABLISHED AT MHOW

The Indian Army is making steady, yet significant strides in the field of emerging technology domains. The Army, with support from the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) has recently established the Quantum Lab at Military College of Telecommunication Engineering, Mhow (MP) MCTE to spearhead research and training in this key developing field. Indian Army has also established an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre at the same institution with over 140 deployments in forward areas and active support of industry and academia. Training on cyber warfare is being imparted through a state of art cyber range, and cyber security labs. Ideation for Army's involvement in Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations was done in a seminar on Electromagnetic Spectrum and National Security organised in October last year. Since then, an impetus has been given to Indian Army's Technology

Institutions for investing in AI, Quantum and Cyber. Research undertaken by Indian Army in the field of Quantum Technology will help leapfrog into next generation communication and transform the current system of cryptography in the Indian Armed Forces to Post Quantum Cryptography (PQC). Key thrust areas are Quantum Key Distribution, Quantum Communication, Quantum Computing and Post Quantum Cryptography.

By undertaking a multi-stakeholder approach incorporating Academia (such as IITs), DRDO organisations, Research Institutes, Corporate firms, Startups and Industry players, this initiative is an apt example of Civil Military fusion with Atmanirbhar Bharat a key driving factor. Requisite timelines based objectives with adequate funding have been worked out for projects and progressive fielding of solutions in Indian Army is expected on a fast track basis. ■

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None of the seven factors is unchangeable. In fact each one keeps constantly changing. Those who are entrusted with the task of planning must think of how the change is directed towards progress, how physical hardship is reduced, and waste of energy is minimized. As an illustration let us take the low productivity of our worker. It can be increased by using machines, and it is necessary to do so. But if the machine is such that requires only a few men to run it, then the rest of the people will be thrown out of employment. If the machine has to be imported from other countries at such a heavy cost that the additional production it causes will be insufficient to make it economic, then such a machine is not suitable to our requirements. Just as to let a part of the installed capacity of a factory remain unutilised is a losing proposition, so also to let the people of this country remain unemployed is a losing proposition. May, this is even worse. Whereas a machine ties up only the capital invested in it in past, the unemployed people have to be fed, which is continuous and unending drain on resources, consumed at double the speed. Therefore instead of the usual exhortation "Every worker must get food", we must think of "Everyone who eats must get work", as the basis of our economy. No doubt charakha has to be replaced by machines but not necessarily automatic machines everywhere. Full employment must be a primary consideration and then the rest of the six factors suit this.

MAN'S PLACE IN THE ECONOMY

The use of manpower and the employment question will have to be thought of in the context of the human being as a whole, as an integral being. The economic theories of the past few centuries and the structure of society based on these theories, have resulted in a thorough devaluation of the human being. His personality is altogether irrelevant to the economic set up. Capitalist economy recognizes only an "economic man", whose all decisions are based entirely on calculations of gain and loss, in terms of material wealth. For this economic man, five rupees are always more than four rupees. He works solely to gain more wealth, and exists to get the maximum gain. For him, just like other commodities, human labour is a commodity to be brought and sold in the market. This is free enterprise. It holds all other restriction and regulations unjust, save the brake of

"INTEGRAL HUMANISM"

-PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA



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competition. In the race no one is prepared to stop and give a helping hand to the weak who is left behind; elimination of the weak is considered just and natural. He is uneconomic, marginal unit, not fit to exist. This is what it advocates. By the elimination of such marginal units, the economic power accumulates in the hands of a few. This is considered normal and natural in capitalist system. But when monopoly is established, even the check of competition ceases to operate. In such a situation the incentive resulting from competition is no longer available. Prices are arbitrarily fixed and quality of products deteriorates.

Even as regards the consumer's needs, the capitalist is guided not by the necessities and desires of the consumer but by his purchasing power. The needs of the wealthy and the well fed are attended to rather than those of the poor and the hungry. As a result where countless varieties of goods are produced for the needs of the wealthy, even the basic necessities of life for the poor become scarce. The centralization and monopolization of production totally undermine the

influence of the consumer. The markets are so organized that the consumer has to go by standard products. This standardization is on the increase at such a pace that individual preference of the consumer is ignored. Like the books in the library, even human beings are allotted numbers as consumers. The system which boasts of giving highest importance to the individual has ironically destroyed all individuality. Clearly, the capitalist system is incapable of helping the development of an integral human being

SOCIALIST SYSTEM IS A REACTION

Socialism arose as a reaction to capitalism. But even socialism failed to establish the importance of the human being. Socialists contented themselves by merely transferring the ownership of capital in the hands of the State. But the State is even more of an impersonal institution. All the business of the State is conducted by rigid rules and regulations. Generally, there is no place for individual discretion and even where such discretion is allowed, the slightest laxity in the sense of duty and social responsibility on the part of the administrator's results in corruption and favouritism. The capitalistic system thought merely of the economic man, but left him free in other fields where he could exercise his individuality. The socialist system went much further thinking only of the abstract man. After that, there was no scope for the development of the individual personality based on diverse tastes and abilities. The needs and preferences of individuals have as much importance in the socialist system as in a prison manual. There is no such thing as individual freedom in the socialist system.

STATE'S CLAIMS ON INDIVIDUAL

There is no private property in a socialist society. This removes the problems attendants to the institution of private property. However, the incentive for production and conservation of resources and economy in utilization accompany the institution of private property. There has been no alternative arrangement to preserve these. The State is made supreme and sole authority in all matters. Individual citizen is reduced to mere cog in this giant wheel. There is no provision to inspire the individual to fulfil his role. As they states, the class of old fashioned exploiters has been eliminated, but a new class of bureaucratic exploiter has come into existence. Karl Marx put forward, in his analysis of history, that

capitalism contains the seeds of its own destruction. and that communism is a natural and inevitable successor to capitalism.

This concept may be helpful in fostering faith in the communist about their ultimate victory but certainly such a determinist view destroys the urge for reforms and dynamism in man. He is no longer the creator of a new order; he is merely incidental to a predetermined historic process. His task is only to accelerate the process. Therefore, even as he tries to organize workers, he cares little for their welfare, but uses them as mere tools for the revolution. The dialectic materialism of Marx, too, operates only so long as state is not established as supreme after destroying the capitalists. Thereafter, the state puts a stop to the operation of the principle of dialectic materialism. In the name of crushing the counter revolutionaries, the state becomes more and more totalitarian. The day when the state is to wither away yielding place to a stateless society remains a mere dream. In fact according to the Marxist view, to obstruct the process of these antithesis, is itself reactionary. Marx is thus falsified by his own standards.

Both these systems, capitalist as well as communist, have failed to take account of the Integral Man, his true and complete personality and his aspirations. One considers him a mere selfish being lingering after money, having only one law, the law of fierce competition, in essence the law of the jungle; whereas the other has viewed him as a feeble lifeless cog in the whole scheme of things, regulated by rigid rules, and incapable of any good unless directed. The centralization of power, economic and political, is implied in both. Both, therefore, result in dehumanization of man.

Man, the highest creation of God, is losing his own identity. We must re-establish him in his rightful position, being him the realization of his greatness, reawaken his abilities and encourage him to exert for attaining divine heights of his latest personality. This is possible only through a decentralized economy.

We want neither capitalism nor socialism. We aim at the progress and happiness of "Man", the Integral Man.

The protagonists of the two systems fight with 'Man' on the state. Both of them do not understand man, nor do they care for his interests.. ■

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.)

FREEDOM FIGHTER AND VETERAN BJP LEADER K AYYAPPAN PILLAI PASSES AWAY AT 107

Freedom fighter and veteran BJP leader Shri K Ayyappan Pillai passed away in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on January. 05, 2022 . He was 107.

Shri Pillai served as Thiruvananthapuram municipal councilor in 1942 and later joined BJP. He was a member of Sree Moolam Praja Sabha and was one of the oldest members of Bar Council of India.

Following the demise of Shri Pillai, National President of Bharatiya Janata Party Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda tweeted, "Saddened to know about the demise of veteran



freedom fighter and senior leader of @BJP4Keralam Adv. K. Ayyappan Pillai Ji. He selflessly dedicated his entire life in the service of the society. My thoughts are with his family and admirers. Om Shanti."

After being advised by Mahatma Gandhi to enter politics, Shri Pillai

contested election as an Indian National Congress (INC) candidate from Thiruvananthapuram in the newly formed Legislature of Travancore .

He was also an active participant in the Quit India Movement, and was in fact advised by Mahatma Gandhi to enter electoral politics.

Shri K Ayyappan Pillai joined in the newly created Bharatiya Janata Party in 1981 and has since then remained behind the scenes in Kerala and the region's politics. Kamal Sandesh Parivar extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family & friends. ■

DEBADATTA BARKATAKI NO MORE

On 23rd November, 2021 renowned educationist, founder of Assam Gyan Bigyan Sammitte , editor of Asomiya BJP Barta (the mouthpiece of BJP, Assam Pradesh), social worker and Assam BJP's senior leader Dr. Debadatta Barkataki succumbed to covid 19. His cremation was performed following covid norms on that same day at around 4-30 PM at the Birubari Cremation Ground near Ramkrishna Mission, Guwahati in presence of his family members, BJP Assam's organizing Secretary Sri Phanindra Nath Sarma and some Party workers.

Debadatta Barkataki was born 1st january 1951 in Guwahati, Assam. He is the only son of late Durgadatta Barkataki and Bili Barkataki.

He authored many books like Byaboharik Rosayan (Practical Chemistry), Rasayanar Adipath (Chemistry's firstbook/ guide), Shishu aru aiina (child and mirror), Golakikaranar Janmakotha (history of globlization), Motbinimoy (communication), Sakhyarata ne Swakhyarata (on literacy) in Assamese language. Davarar aare aare--- a translated book from English to Assamese language was his last work published by Ranangan Publications in 2020.

He joined Bharatiya Janata Party in 2015 and started his work as IT Convenor of BJP. And after that he was entrusted the responsibility of Asomiya BJP Barta as Convenor of BJP Journal And Publication Deptt. For last 5 years till his death Barkataki



worked almost singlehandedly to publish BJP Barta every month on time.

Demise of such a dedicated Party worker is a great loss and Kamal Sandesh Parivar extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family & friends. ■

MAKE THIS DECADE THE DECADE OF UTTARAKHAND: PM MODI

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 23 projects worth over Rs 17500 crore in Uttarakhand 30 December, 2021. He laid the foundation stone of the Lakhwar Multipurpose Project which was first conceived in 1976 and was pending for many years. He inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of Rs 8700 crore road sector projects. These road projects would realise PM's vision to improve connectivity in remote, rural and border areas. Kailash Mansarovar Yatra will also get improved connectivity. He also laid the foundation stone of AIIMS Rishikesh satellite centre at Udham Singh Nagar and Jagjivan Ram Government Medical College at Pithoragarh. These satellite centres would be in line with PM's endeavour to provide world-class medical facilities in all parts of the country. He laid the foundation stone of Aroma Park at Kashipur and Plastic Industrial Park at Sitarganj and multiple other initiatives in housing, sanitation and drinking water supply across the state.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said the strength of the people of Uttarakhand will make this decade the decade of Uttarakhand. Modern infrastructure growing in Uttarakhand, Char Dham project, new rail routes being built, will make this decade the decade of Uttarakhand. He also referred to strides made by Uttarakhand in the fields of hydro power, Industry, tourism, natural agriculture and connectivity that will make this decade the decade of Uttarakhand.

Shri Modi distinguished the stream of thought that kept the hilly regions away from development from the stream of thought that works relentlessly for the development of the hilly areas. He said in the absence of development and facilities, many migrated to other places from the region. He said that the government is working with the spirit of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. He also said that during

the last seven year through Har Ghar Jal, toilets, Ujjwala scheme, PMAY, the lives of women are getting new facilities and dignity.

Shri Modi said delay in government schemes has been a permanent trademark of those who were in the government before. "The Lakhwar project, which has started here in Uttarakhand today, has the same history. The project was first thought of in 1976. Today, after 46 years, our government has laid the foundation stone for its work. This delay is nothing short of a crime", he said.

The Prime Minister said the government engaged in a mission from Gangotri to Gangasagar. With the construction of toilets, better sewerage system and modern water treatment facilities, the number of dirty drains falling into the Ganges is reducing rapidly. Similarly, Nainital Jheel is also being attended to. The Prime Minister said the Central Government has also set up India's largest optical telescope at Devasthal in Nainital. This has not only

given a new facility to the scientists of the country and abroad, this area has got a new identity. He said today, in Delhi and Dehradun governments are not driven by desire for power but by the spirit of service.

The Prime Minister lamented the fact that despite being a border state many defence-related needs were ignored. Along with connectivity, every aspect of national security was ignored. He said that soldiers had to wait for connectivity, essential armour, ammunition and arms and even for giving befitting reply to invaders and terrorist.

The Prime Minister remarked that Uttarakhand wants to accelerate the pace of development. He said "Your dreams are our resolutions; Your desire is our inspiration; and it is our responsibility to fulfil your every need.". He said the resolve of the people of Uttarakhand will make this decade a decade of Uttarakhand. ■



'DOUBLE ENGINE GOVERNMENT KNOWS HOW TO SET BIG GOALS AND HOW TO ACHIEVE THEM'



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Kanpur Metro Rail Project on 28 December. He inspected the Kanpur Metro Rail Project and undertook a metro ride from the IIT metro station to Geeta Nagar. He also inaugurated the Bina-Panki Multiproduct Pipeline Project. The pipeline extends from the Bina refinery in Madhya Pradesh to Panki in Kanpur and will help the region access petroleum products from the Bina refinery. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister Shri Hardeep Puri were among those present on the occasion.

The Prime Minister noted the change of the image for the state of Uttar Pradesh. A state, he said, that was known for illegal arms is now the hub of the Defence Corridor, contributing to the safety and security of the country. Commenting on the work

culture of adhering to deadlines, the Prime Minister said that double engine governments work day and night to complete the work for which the foundation stones have been laid. "Our government laid the foundation stone of Kanpur Metro, our government is also dedicating it. Our government laid the foundation stone of Purvanchal Expressway, our own government completed its work", Shri Modi clarified. He listed major achievements like upcoming largest international airport in Uttar Pradesh, longest expressway of the country is also getting built in the state and Dedicated Freight Corridor hub coming up in Uttar Pradesh.

The Prime Minister stressed that before the year 2014, the total length of the Metro running in Uttar Pradesh was 9 km. Between 2014 and 2017, the length of the metro increased to a total of 18 km. If we

DREAM TO DOMINATE THE WHOLE WORLD: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the 54th Convocation Ceremony of IIT Kanpur and issued digital degrees through in-house blockchain-driven technology.

Addressing the students and faculty of the Institute, the Prime Minister said today is a great day for Kanpur as the city is getting a Metro facility and also, in the form of the passing out students, Kanpur is giving the world a precious gift. Speaking on the journey of the students in the prestigious institution, the Prime Minister said, between the admission and passing out from IIT Kanpur "you must be feeling a huge change in yourself. Before coming here there must have been a fear of Unknown or query of Unknown. Now there is no fear of the unknown, now you have the courage to explore the whole world. Now query of unknown is no longer there, Now it quests for the best and dream to dominate the whole world", he said. ■



PM INAUGURATES BINA-PANKI MULTIPRODUCT PIPELINE PROJECT

The Multiproduct pipeline from Bina Refinery (MP) to POL Terminal at Panki, Kanpur (UP) was on 28 December dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. 356 Km long project has a capacity of around 3.45 million metric tonne per annum. This Project also includes augmentation of Tankage capacity and construction of Rail Loading Gantry at Panki POL Terminal. Total cost of the project is Rs.1524 crore (Rs. 1227 crore in UP and Rs. 297 crore in MP). project will cover 5 districts of UP: Lalitpur, Jhansi, Jalaun, Kanpur Dehat and Kanpur Nagar, and 2 of MP: Sagar and Tikamgarh.

The project has been completed and commissioned one month ahead of approved completion schedule of December 2021 (3 years from PNGRB authorisation) and within the approved cost. It will provide for safe and efficient evacuation

of products from Bina Refinery and also improve availability of products in Eastern U.P, Central U.P., Northern Bihar and Southern Uttarakhand.

The project includes laying of 18 inch dia, 356 km long multi-product pipeline (283 km in UP and 73 km in MP) with design capacity of 3.5 MMTPA from Bina Dispatch Terminal at Bina (MP) to POL Terminal at Panki, Kanpur (UP) for transporting MS, HSD & SKO and also includes many facilities.

The Project provided direct & indirect employment of close to 5 lakh man-days during construction phase. The Project will also provide employment to approx. 200 people for operation and maintenance.

Pipelines are the safe & environment friendly mode of transporting large quantity of petroleum products in an economical and reliable manner, reducing carbon foot prints by avoiding tank wagon and tank lorry movements. ■

include Kanpur Metro today, the length of the metro in the state has now exceeded 90 km, he said.

The Double Engine Government is working sincerely and with accountability to take Uttar Pradesh to new heights of development. The double engine government knows how to set big goals and how to achieve them. He gave examples of improvement in transmission, electricity situation, cleanliness of cities and rivers. He informed, compared to the mere 2.5 lakh houses for urban poor of the state by 2014, 17

lakh houses have been approved in the last four and half years. Similarly street vendors got Government attention for the first time and through PM Svanidhi Yojna, more than 7 lakh people got more than 700 crore rupees in the state. During the pandemic the government arranged for free ration for more than 15 crore citizens in the state. In 2014 there were just 14 crore LPG connections in the country. Now there are more than 30 crore. In Uttar Pradesh only, 1.60 crore families got new LPG connections. ■

PM CONGRATULATES YOUTH BETWEEN 15-18 YEARS OF AGE FOR GETTING VACCINATED

As India launched a COVID-19 vaccination drive for the 15-18 age group on 3 January, 2022 over 40 lakh children received their first dose with many of the Beneficiaries. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said India has taken an important step forward in protecting its youth population against the disease. Shri Narendra Modi congratulated young Indians between 15-18 years of age who got Vaccinated that day. The age category started getting vaccines. The Prime Minister congratulated their parents also.



Meanwhile, with the administration of more than 94 lakh Doses (94,47,056) vaccine doses in the last 24 hours, India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 149.66 Cr (1,49,66,81,156) as per reports as on 7 January 2022. Recovery Rate currently is at 97.57%. 1,17,100 New Cases reported in the last 24 hours. India's Active Caseload currently stands at 3,71,363. Weekly Positivity Rate is presently at 4.54%. ■



BY VIKASH ANAND

PMFBY PROTECTS ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF HARDWORKING FARMERS

WHAT IS PMFBY?

For an effective solution to the agrarian crisis, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has introduced many schemes and obliterated the weaknesses of previous schemes since he came to power in 2014. Among those schemes and initiatives, the Prime Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has a far-reaching impact on agrarian society was launched in 2016 for widely insurance coverage of crops. Through this scheme, Prime Minister Shri Modi has tried to overcome the challenges that were obstacles to protecting the economic interests of hardworking farmers. As a result, the scheme is proving to be helpful in reducing the risks in agriculture that are associated with natural calamities. Generally, it is seen that crops are affected by sudden floods, cyclones, heavy and untimely rains, unreasonable snowfalls, attacks of disease etc. In such circumstances, PMFBY provides insurance coverage for the crop.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF PMFBY?

PMFBY is the largest insurance scheme in terms of farmer participation in the world, and it is the third-largest scheme in terms of premiums. The aim of the Modi government is to give coverage benefits under this scheme to the maximum number of farmers. With this objective, the government provides a comprehensive risk solution at the lowest uniform premium across the country for farmers. Making it more inclusive, risk coverage is being provided from pre-sowing to post-harvest losses.

For the fiscal years 2021–22, the Union government allocated 16,000 crores for PMFBY. This allocation was 305 crore more than the previous allocation in the budget. Through the increased allocation, the government intends to make insurance coverage more extensive.

HOW WILL THE FARMER GET HIS CLAIM?

Through eradicating unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles, the Modi government made it easier for farmers to access the scheme through the use of information technologies. Under the scheme, farmers can report crop loss within 72 hours of the occurrence through the Crop Insurance App, common service centres, or the nearest agriculture officer. A claimed benefit is then provided electronically into the bank accounts of eligible farmers. Integration of land records with the PMFBY portal, the Crop Insurance mobile app for easy enrollment of farmers, and usage of technology such as satellite imagery, remote-sensing technology, drones, artificial intelligence, and machine learning to assess crop losses are being used to provide quick and easy access to the benefits of the scheme.

For execution and creating a database, the government of India has designed and developed a National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP) (www.pmfby.gov.in). The insurance

portal has brought in better administration and coordination amongst farmers, states, insurers, and banks, as well as ensured real-time dissemination of information and transparency in implementation. The portal was brought into operation in 2018. Since the operationalization of the portal, the State Government has migrated to NCIP for better coordination. According to a release by the government, over 5.5 crore farmer applications are received on a year-on-year basis.

Revamping the scheme in 2020, the scheme was made voluntary for farmers. When it was launched in 2016, it was non-voluntary. It was mandatory for those availing of crop loans from banks. Now, it is not mandatory for those farmers who are availing of agriculture loans. From now on, the scheme is optional for all farmers, including non-loanee farmers and other farmers.

We have made the crop insurance scheme more effective. Changed the old rules so that more and more farmers can get easy compensation at the time of disaster.

-NARENDRA MODI

WHAT TYPE OF RISK IS BEING COVERED UNDER THE SCHEME?

The basic coverage under the scheme covers the risk of loss of yield to a standing crop (sowing to harvesting). This comprehensive risk insurance is provided to cover yield losses on an area-based approach basis due to non-preventable risks like droughts, dry spells, floods, inundation, widespread pest and disease attacks, landslides, natural fires due to lightening, hailstorms, and cyclones.

Aside from the mandatory basic cover, state governments or UTs may choose any additional coverage based on the needs of the specific crop/area in their state in consultation with the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI).

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SCHEME DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS?

According to data released by the government during the last five years, over 29 crore farmer applications have been approved. From Kharif 2016 till Rabi 2020-21, a total of 29.16 crore farmer applications (including 68% loanee farmer applications and 32 % non-loanee farmer applications) have been approved under the scheme. More than 1 lakh crore were given in compensation under Prime Minister FasalBimaYojna, whereas premium received was just 21 thousand crores.

Of the budget provision of Rs. 16000 crore, Rs. 9719.24 crore has been utilized during 2021-22. During Kharif 2021, a total of 484.6 lakh farmer applications have been enrolled over an area of 244.7 lakh ha. for a sum insured of Rs. 99368 crore. Out of the partial claims of Rs. 11148 crore for the year 2020-21, claims of Rs. 10385 crore have already been paid to 110.7 lakh farmer applications.

PMFBY IN A NUTSHELL

PMFBY is a step towards achieving Aatmnirbhar Bharat. By reducing the risk, the scheme is instilling confidence in farmers for continuance in farming. Farmers are showing interest in adopting innovative and modern agriculture practices. In a nutshell, it is helpful in achieving the goal of doubling the farmers' income. ■

RS. 360.95 CRORE CENTRAL GRANT RELEASED TO UTTARAKHAND FOR SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION

With an undivided focus to expedite the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State of Uttarakhand, the Government of India on 28 December has released a second tranche of Rs. 360.95 Crore to the State. So far, in two tranches Rs. 721.90 Crore has been released to the State in 2020-21. For speedy implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, Central fund of Rs. 1,443.80 Crore has been allocated to Uttarakhand in 2021-22, which is four times the allocation made during 2020-21.

Union Government led by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi is according top priority to make provision of tap water supply in every rural household across the country, for which since August 2019, Jal Jeevan Mission is under implementation in partnership with States. ■

'JAL JEEVAN MISSION' BRINGS RAY OF HOPE

For decades people of Madhuramba village in Gajapati district, Odisha faced water crisis, which would become acute in summers. Till 2018, the residents of the village struggled daily to meet their drinking water needs. Lack of water in close proximity made life difficult for them. Four handpumps in the village catered to the water requirement of all the residents. In summer as ground water level depleted, the situation would turn grim as there would be no water available to draw from the hand pumps and people were forced to walk long distances in search of water. With the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in August, 2019, there emerged a ray of hope for the people of Madhuramba village.

The community is working towards making their Panchayat into a 'Jal Prabudh Gaon', for which they have developed a grey water management plan. Water flowing out of kitchen and bathing area is directed towards the kitchen garden which in turn helps in recharging the ground water level. The village has seen a complete change from what it was a few years ago. ■

UJALA YOJNA: BRINGING THE REQUIRED CHANGE



VIPUL SHARMA

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) scheme seven years ago, which is instrumental in promoting the efficient usage of energy and have larger impact on environment. The scheme is now termed as world's largest program in promoting energy efficiency and thousands of households in India benefited from this scheme which not only changing their life but also playing a major role in nation building and development.

Recently at COP26 Climate Change Summit in Glasgow, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that India is committed to achieving net-zero carbon emission by 2070. He said, "It's need of hour to put pressure on those countries that have failed to deliver on their promises about climate finance." And in achieving this target UJALA Scheme has played a significant role, which was launched by the Prime Minister on January 5, 2015. Under the leadership of PM Shri Modi Government of India has undertaken a two-pronged approach to cater to the energy demand of its citizens and minimizing CO2 emissions at the same time. On the supply side, the Government is promoting greater use of renewable resources while on the demand side the government replacing the old style incandescent lamps with energy efficient LED bulbs.

The UJALA programme has been a crucial achievement of the Government in promoting and

executing the concept of energy efficiency. The movement was started by switching one light bulb to LED at the Prime Minister's Office. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi described the LED bulb as "Prakash Path" – "way to light". The lighting sector accounts for about 20% of the total energy consumption in India. LEDs not only improve lighting levels but also lead to energy and cost savings of 50% to 88%. A 7W LED provides the same and in most cases better brightness than a 60W incandescent lamp.

Under the scheme Union government has distributed 36.78 crore LED lights in last seven years, which saved 47,778 million units of electricity per annum. In a short span, the programme has evolved to be world's largest zero-subsidy domestic lighting scheme that addresses concerns like high electrification costs and high emissions.

The success of the programme which has transformed the lives of thousands of people lies in its inimitable strategic approach to energy efficiency. UJALA also succeeded in bringing down the retail price of LED bulbs from Rs 300 to 350 per bulb to Rs 70-80 per bulb. Apart from making affordable energy accessible to all, the programme also resulted in massive energy savings. As of today, 9,565 MW of peak demand has been avoided, along with 3,86 crore tonnes of reduction in CO2 emissions.

UJALA has become a blessing for the domestic lighting industry,

which encourages Make in India. With this effort the domestic manufacturing of LED bulbs has increased from 1 lakh per month to 40 million per month.

UJALA also provides opportunity to manufacturers through regular bulk procurement. This enables manufacturers to bring down the cost of LEDs for the retail segment as well. The procured price has been reduced by almost 90 per cent.

The programme has also garnered attention from the top management schools of India. It is now a part of the Leadership case study in the IIM, Ahmedabad. Furthermore, it is also under consideration for being included in the curriculum of Harvard Business School.

GRAM UJALA SCHEME

Gram Ujala was launched by Government of India in March, 2021, in view of spread awareness about climate change and to save electricity. It is supposed that the move will save 2025 million kilowatt of energy per year, while there will also be a reduction in carbon emissions by 16.5 lakh tons per annum. Under the initiative, LED bulbs will be distributed at a highly subsidised rate of Rs10 across 2,579 villages in five states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka. Residents can buy a maximum of 5 LED bulbs. The scheme has already achieved a distribution mark of more than 33 lakh LED bulbs in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. ■

BC SAKHI SCHEME: SHAPING A SELF-RELIANT ENVIRONMENT FOR WOMEN



RAJEEV KUMAR

On December 21, 2021, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended a programme which was held in Prayag on women's empowerment. In which Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Banking Correspondent Sakhis. They were working under the banking correspondent, Sakhi Yojana. In short, they are called 'BC Sakhi'. Under the scheme, women are being trained by the Rural Self Employment Institute. After that, these women are being connected to rural areas for banking and money-related services, and these services are being offered to rural people at their doorstep in digital mode.

In Prayag, Shabana Parveen is serving as BC Sakhi. Highlighting the importance of the scheme, she told PM Modi, "The bank is at least eight kilometres away from my village, due to which the elderly, women, and disabled people of my village had to suffer a lot. Seeing that, my heart got upset, but I started working as BC Sakhi in November and the village. Prime Minister Modi was told that Parveen has become a bank sakhi who has reached the highest peak in her district by transacting a total of 55 lakh rupees. The Prime Minister told her, "You are doing a very good job, keep working like this, keep progressing ahead." Parveen later said that the wish of the PM is to make women self-reliant and work is being done at a rapid pace in this direction.

Banking Correspondent Sakhi Yojana is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh to make women self-reliant. This scheme was launched by Chief Minister Yogi Aditya Nath on May 22, 2020, with the aim of giving women employment, making them self-reliant and fully trained. Under the above scheme, Sakhi, the banking correspondent in rural areas, will be ready to serve every need of the rural people, so that the farmers will be able to complete their banking-related work without facing any problems.

Moreover, the government is giving four thousand rupees to these rural women for six months. In addition,

Rs 50,000 is being provided for the purchase of banking-related equipment. At the same time, women will also get an additional commission on every transaction from banks. This UP Banking Sakhi Yojana is proving to be very beneficial for women as it provides employment to women, due to which they are becoming self-reliant and also gives an opportunity for additional income. During his visit in December 2021, Prime Minister Shri Modi transferred the first honorarium in the account of nearly 20,000 BC Sakhi account. On the one hand, BC Sakhi teaches these women the art of being completely self-reliant, and on the other hand, this scheme provides an opportunity for rural people to opt for banking services at their doorstep.

Another job of Sakhi is to get loan approval for unemployed people who are interested in self-employment. In which the people who want to take the loan are given complete information about the loan and they are also explained well about it by BC Sakhi. Along with this, loan recovery is being also assigned to these women.

Now a curiosity has formed in the minds of the people that what are the benefits to the people and women of the UP Bank Sakhi Yojana? So, first of all, women in rural areas will get employment.

She can earn money for herself and become self-reliant. Secondly, the hassle of going to the bank for the villagers will be eased out. Villagers get all the information related to the banking services on their doorstep.

When opting for this UP Banking Sakhi Yojana, it is very important to know what the qualifications set for the women are. Firstly, the woman should be a native of Uttar Pradesh. The applicant should be a 10th pass. Along with this, the woman should have an understanding of banking services. And, the woman must have an understanding of money transactions, as well as be well-versed in operating electronic devices.

Anyone can also apply online for the BC Sakhi Yojana 2021, using Google Search and Google Play Store. ■

HIGHLIGHTS: 'BC SAKHI SCHEME'

- Banking Sakhi will visit the rural area for money-related transactions.
- Offering good employment opportunities to women
- Farmers are getting complete assistance regarding banking needs.
- Women are becoming self-reliant.
- Rural people are becoming fully aware about banking facilities.



PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF MAJOR DHYAN CHAND SPORTS UNIVERSITY IN MEERUT, UTTAR PRADESH

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 2 January, 2022 laid the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. The Sports University will be established at an estimated cost of about Rs 700 Crore and will be equipped with modern and state of the art sports infrastructure including synthetic Hockey ground, Football ground, Basketball / Volleyball / Handball / Kabaddi ground, Lawn tennis court, Gymnasium hall, Synthetic running stadium, Swimming pool, Multipurpose hall and a Cycling velodrome. The university will also house facilities for Shooting, Squash, Gymnastics, Weightlifting, Archery, Canoeing and Kayaking, among other facilities. The University will have the capacity of training 1080 sports persons including 540 female and 540 male sportspersons.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted the significant contribution of Meerut and its surrounding region in giving a new direction to independent India. The people from the region, he said, have sacrificed on the border for the defense of the nation and enhanced the country's prestige in the playground. This region has kept the flame of patriotism alive, the Prime Minister emphasized. "In Indian history, Meerut has not just been a city but a significant center of culture and strength", the Prime Minister said. The Prime Minister narrated his exhilaration on feeling the spirit of the Museum of Freedom, Amar Jawan Jyoti and temple of Baba Aghar Nath ji.

The Prime Minister remembered Major Dhyan Chand who was active in Meerut. A few months back, the central government had named the country's biggest sports award after the sporting icon. The Sports University of Meerut is being dedicated to Major Dhyan Chand today, the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister said youth is the cornerstone

and also expansion of New India. Youth is the shaper and also the leader of New India. Our youth today have the heritage of antiquity and also have a sense of modernity. And so, where the youth will go, India will also move. And the world is going to go where India goes.

Shri Modi highlighted that in the last few years, BJP government has given top priority to the Indian players to get four tools - resources, modern facilities for training, international exposure and transparency in selection. The Prime Minister stressed that for sports in the country to thrive, it is necessary that the youth should have faith in sports and should be encouraged to take up sports as a profession. "This is my resolve, and my dream too! I wish our youth to see sports like other professions", he said. The Prime Minister remarked that the government linked sports with employment. Schemes like Target Olympics Podium (TOPS) are providing all support to top sportspersons to compete at the highest level. Khelo India Abhiyan is recognizing talent very early and all support is being given to groom them for international level. India's recent performance in Olympics and Para-Olympics, said the Prime Minister, is a proof of a new India's rise in the play field. With the advent of sporting infrastructure in villages and small towns, there are a rising number of sportspersons from these towns.

The Prime Minister said in the new National Education Policy, priority has been given to sports. Sports have now been kept in the same category as science, commerce or other studies. Earlier sports were considered as extra curricular activities, but now sports schools will have it as a proper subject. The Prime Minister said that the sporting eco-system comprising sports, sports management, sports writing, sports psychology etc, creates new possibilities. ■



MANN KI BAAT

THERE IS A GROWING INTEREST IN WORLD IN KNOWING ABOUT INDIAN CULTURE: PM

On December 26, Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared his thoughts with the people in the country and abroad in his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on All India Radio. It was the 84th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat,' the monthly radio programme. In this episode, Shri Modi said there is a growing interest in the world in knowing about Indian culture. He added that people from different countries are not only curious to know about our culture but are also helping to spread it. We are giving highlights of the episode for our esteemed readers:

- This is the strength of the people; it is because of everyone's effort that India could fight the biggest pandemic in a 100 years. We stood by each other like a family in every difficult moment. To help someone in one's locality or city... everyone tried to do more than what one could have done. If we compare the vaccination figures of the world today with those of India, it feels that the country has handled such an unprecedented task... how big a goal has been achieved. Crossing the 140 million vaccine dose mark is an achievement of each and every Indian. This shows the trust of every Indian in the system; shows trust in science and in scientists; and is also a testament to the willpower of we Indians who are fulfilling our responsibilities towards the society.
- My dear countrymen, during the battle of Mahabharata, Bhagwan Shri Krishna expressed to Arjuna – 'Nabhah Sprisham Deeptam' i.e. touch the sky with pride. This is also the motto of the Indian

There is a growing interest in the world to know about Indian culture. People from different countries are not only curious to know about our culture but are also helping to spread it

Air Force. Many lives engaged in the service of Maa Bharati soar over these heights of the sky with pride every day; they teach us a lot. Such was the life of Group Captain Varun Singh. Varun Singh was flying the helicopter that fell prey to a mishap this month in

Tamil Nadu. In that accident, we lost the country's first CDS, General Bipin Rawat and his wife along with many brave hearts. Varun Singh also fought death bravely for many days, but then he also left us. When Varun was in the hospital, I saw something on social media that touched my heart. He was given Shaurya Chakra in August just this year. After this honor, he had written a letter to the principal of his school. After reading this letter, the first thought that came to my mind was that even after reaching the pinnacle of success, he did not forget to nurture his roots. Second - that when he had time to celebrate, he showed concern for the generations to come. He wanted that the lives of the students of the school that he studied in should also be a celebration. In

his letter, Varun Singh ji did not boast of his valour; instead he referred to his failures. He talked about how he converted his shortcomings into abilities. At one place in this letter he has written – “ It is ok to be mediocre. Not everyone will excel at school and not everyone will be able to score in the 90s. If you do, it is an amazing achievement and must be applauded. However, if you don't, do not think that you are meant to be mediocre. Whatever you work towards, be dedicated, do your best. Never go to bed, thinking, I could have put-in more efforts.

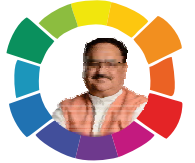
- Friends, the mantra he has given to rise from average to extraordinary is equally important. In this letter Varun Singh has written – “Never lose hope. Never think that you cannot be good at what you want to be. It will not come easy, it will take sacrifice of time and comfort. I was mediocre, and today, I have reached difficult milestones in my career.”
- Varun had written that if he could inspire even a

single student , it would be a lot. But today I would like to say – he has inspired the whole country. Even though his letter talks only to the students , he has given a message to our entire society.

- Friends, today there is a growing interest in the world to know about Indian culture. People from different countries are not only curious to know about our culture but are also helping to spread it. One such person is Serbian Scholar Dr.Momir Nikich. He has compiled a Bilingual Sanskrit-Serbian Dictionary. More than 70 thousand Sanskrit words included in this dictionary have been translated into Serbian language. You would be delighted to know that Dr.Nikich has learned Sanskrit language at the age of 70. He tells that he got his inspiration from reading the articles of Mahatma Gandhi. A similar example is that of 93 (Ninety-three) year old Professor J. Gendedharam of Mongolia. In the last 4 decades, he has translated about 40 ancient texts, epics and compositions of India into Mongolian language. ■



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