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THREE TIMES THE ENERGY AND DELIVER THREE TIMES THE RESULTS”**



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his Jayanti at BJP HQ, New Delhi on 06 July 2024



Kerala BJP welcomes BJP National President Shri JP Nadda at the State Extended Executive Meeting in Thiruvananthapuram on 09 July 2024



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda along with other senior leaders at the State Extended Executive Meeting in Majestic Grand in Jammu & Kashmir on 06 July 2024



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, National Gen. Sec. (Org.) Shri BL Santhosh, National Jt. Gen. Sec. (Org.) Shri Shiv Prakash, National General Secretaries Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam, Shri Tarun Chugh and Shri Vinod Tawde at the "Dark Days of Democracy" event held in BJP HQ, New Delhi on 25 June 2024



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh felicitating and expressing gratitude to BJP Karyakartas for their tireless hard work and efforts during the Lok Sabha elections in Lucknow, UP on 22 June 2024



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah and other senior BJP leaders receiving the greetings of energetic party Karyakartas at the Extended BJP Executive meeting in Panchkula, Haryana on 29 June 2024

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Great to see India's universities making strides on the global stage! Our commitment to quality education is yielding encouraging results. We will continue to support our educational institutions and provide opportunities for growth and innovation. This will help our youth greatly.

(27 June, 2024)

@JPNadda



It is important to foster collaborative synergy among various branches of medical sciences. Both allopathy and Ayurveda possess distinct significance and strengths, complementing each other to enhance healthcare outcomes.

(07 July, 2024)

@AmitShah



To further increase the income of farmers, today on the occasion of International Cooperative Day, the Government of Gujarat launched the work of giving 50% assistance to farmers for the purchase of nano fertilizer under the Agriculture-2 (AGR-2) scheme. Also, today we launched Bharat Organic Atta manufactured by National Cooperative Organic Limited (NCOL), which will provide people access to chemical-free and quality organic products.

(06 July 2024)

@Rajnathsingh



The Make in India programme is crossing new milestones, year after year, under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi India has registered the highest ever growth in the value of defence production in 2023-24. The value of production has reached to Rs. 1,26,887 crore in 2023-24 which is 16.8% higher than the value of production of previous financial year.

(05 July, 2024)

@Nirmala Sitharam



The highest civilian award of the Russian Federation- the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle was conferred on @PMOIndia @narendramodi. It is a recognition of India and its stature in the global arena. PM Modi dedicates the award to the people of India.

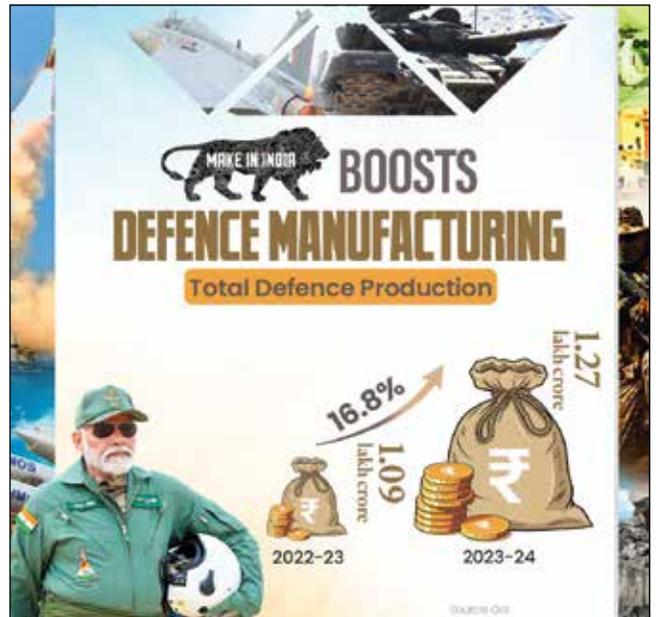
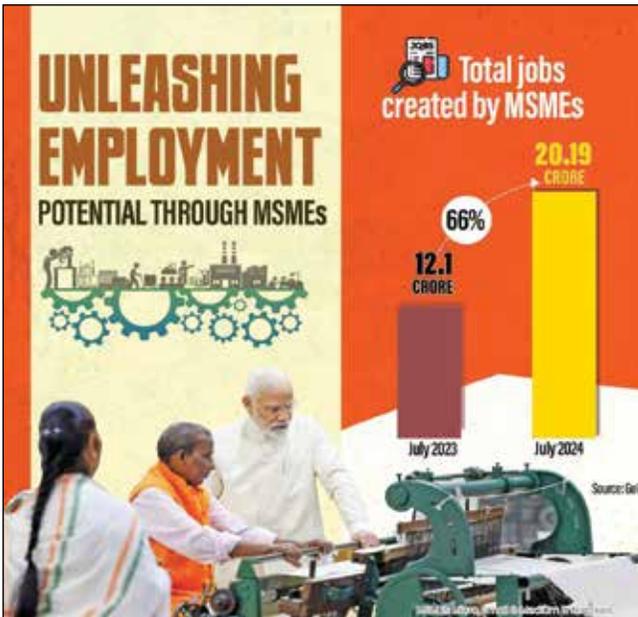
(09 July, 2024)

@B L Santhosh



All who are mocking at Koo & celebrating its winding up should remember that you are killing that "killer instinct" in our youth entrepreneurs. You are mocking youth. You are mocking Bharath. Shame on you.

(04 July, 2024)





Nation's pace of progress is set to create new records

As the NDA government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, starts its third inning, the nation celebrates this truly historical occasion, reinforcing its faith in the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'. The return of the Modi government for the third consecutive term signifies faith in its unparalleled and untiring journey full of remarkable achievements. The people have reposed their faith once again in the charismatic and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who traversed tirelessly across the entire country, taking his message of 'Viksit Bharat' to every section of society and echoing his dream in every corner of the country. His remarkable commitment to the principles of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas' has resonated deeply with the poor, deprived, exploited, oppressed, farmers, women, and youth who have registered their unflinching faith in his appeal and have stood by his vision. In the Amrit Kaal, the 18th Lok Sabha commenced with renewed trust in Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership as newfound confidence powers the nation to scale new heights in the coming days.

While addressing the joint session of parliament, the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu, congratulated the newly elected members and expressed confidence in their dedication to serve the nation with the spirit of 'Nation First'. As the President highlighted the historic scale of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, noting the record voter turnout of around 64 crore, she particularly applauded the huge participation from

Jammu and Kashmir while highlighting that the women have voted in large numbers. It was a proud moment as the world witnessed that the people have elected a stable government with a clear majority consecutively for the third term, which has happened after six decades. It was further emphasised that the mantra of 'Reform, Perform, and Transform' led to India's remarkable achievements while transforming the nation into the world's fastest-growing major economy. In the past years, the nation has grown at an average rate of around 8% annually, contributing 15% of global growth and aiming to become the third-largest economy in a few years. It was made possible due to untiring

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efforts to improve the lives of poor, farmers, SCs, STs, OBCs, EWSs, women, and youth through innovative schemes empowering rural to urban sectors with a special focus on hitherto deprived and neglected regions.

While the nation expects the commitment of the newly elected MPs to engage in healthy debates and discussions in accordance with the principles of positive politics serving the interests of the people, it is unfortunate to note that the members of INDI-Alliance have used their parliamentary privileges to divide, polarise, and segregate the people of the country on lines of caste, religion, and region. It is a tragedy that the Leader of Opposition, whose conduct ideally should reflect the highest standards of parliamentary values, in his very first speech has referred to the majority community of this country as hateful and violent. The intolerant attempts of the opposition to continuously disrupt the PM's reply to the motion of thanks to the presidential address are highly condemnable, deplorable, and unfortunate. The opposition must desist from repeating such anti-democratic behaviour, which is extremely unacceptable in parliamentary democracy.

The Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla has rightly introduced a resolution on Emergency reminding the nation of the darkest chapter in Indian political history, as it is important to learn from the past so as to strengthen the democratic principles and values of the nation. As India embarks on its glorious journey towards 'Viksit Bharat', lessons from the past and a sense of pride in achievements will power the nation's journey in realising its dreams. As the Prime Minister is committed to work three times harder in his third term, nation's pace of progress is set to create new records with renewed vigour and dynamism. ■

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE JOINT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT



‘21ST CENTURY BELONGS TO INDIA’

Addressing the joint session of Parliament, Hon'ble President of India Smt. Draupadi Murmu extended heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all newly elected members of the 18th Lok Sabha on 27th June, 2024. Emphasising the privilege and responsibility entrusted by the electorate, the President expressed confidence in their dedication to serving the nation with a spirit of 'Nation First'. The President highlighted the historic scale of the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections, noting the record voter turnout of 64 crore, particularly applauding the participation from Jammu and Kashmir. She also highlighted that the women of the country voted in large numbers. Following are the Major Highlights of the President's Address:



The President of India Smt. Draupadi Murmu said that election of 2024 has been an election of trust in policy, intention, dedication and decisions:

- » Trust in a strong and decisive Government
- » Trust in good governance, stability and continuity
- » Trust in honesty and hard work
- » Trust in security and prosperity
- » Trust in Government's guarantees and delivery
- » Trust in India's resolve to be Viksit Bharat

- The global significance of India's stable government, elected with a clear majority for the third consecutive term, was underscored. She highlighted that this has happened after 6 decades. The President emphasised the resolve of Reform, Perform and Transform by the Government and outlined India's economic achievements, citing its transformation into the world's fastest-growing economy. She stated that in the last 10 years, India has risen to become 5th largest economy from 11th



ranked economy in the world. From 2021 to 2024, India has grown at an average rate of 8% annually. She highlighted that India alone is contributing 15% of the global growth and the Government is striving to make India the 3rd largest economy in the world.

- The President also highlighted that the Government is giving equal importance to all the three pillars of the economy: Manufacturing, Services and Agriculture. PLI schemes and Ease of Doing Business have contributed to increasing investments and employment opportunities on a large scale.

To enable farmers

- To enable farmers to meet their small expenses, more than Rs 3,20,000 crore have been disbursed to them under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi. In the initial days of its new term, the Government has transferred an amount of more than Rs 20,000 crore to farmers. The Government has also implemented a record increase in the MSP for Kharif crops. The Government is creating a large network of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and cooperative organisations such as PACS.
- The President highlighted that the future is going to be the Harit Yug or Green Era and the Government strides in green industries, leading to an increase in Green Jobs.
- The President of India highlighted several significant achievements and initiatives undertaken by the Government. India has emerged as the world's third largest domestic aviation market, marking a substantial growth from 209 airline routes in April 2014 to 605 routes by April 2024. This expansion has notably benefited Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities across the country. In 10 years, the Metro has also reached 21 cities.
- Under the PM Gram Sadak Yojana, the Government has successfully constructed over 3,80,000 kilometres of village roads in the past decade, enhancing rural connectivity significantly. Additionally, there has been remarkable progress in the development of National Highways and

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RASHTRAPATI JI'S ADDRESS TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT PRESENTED A ROADMAP OF PROGRESS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 27 June 2024 remarked that the President's address to both Houses of Parliament was comprehensive and presented a roadmap of progress and good governance. Shri Modi also shared a link to the text of the President's address.

The Prime Minister posted on X:

"Rashtrapati Ji's address to both Houses of Parliament was comprehensive and presented a roadmap of progress and good governance. It covered the strides India has been making and also the potential that lies ahead. Her address also mentioned some of the major challenges we have to collectively overcome to ensure a qualitative change in the lives of our citizens."

Expressways, with the pace of construction more than doubling.

- In a major economic initiative, a semiconductor plant is underway in Assam, representing an investment of Rs. 27,000 crore. This initiative aims to establish the North-East as a hub for domestically manufactured semiconductors, aligning with the vision of promoting 'Made in India' products.

Women-led development

- The Hon'ble President of India highlighted the Government's steadfast commitment to women-led development and empowerment, marking a new era in the nation's progress. Recognizing the long-standing demand for increased representation, the enactment of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam has empowered women by ensuring greater participation in Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha.
- A comprehensive campaign aimed at transforming 3

crore women into 'Lakhpati Didis' has been initiated, supported by enhanced financial assistance to Self Help Groups. This initiative is designed not only to improve economic skills and opportunities but also to elevate the status and respect accorded to women in society.

- The NAMO Drone Didi Scheme stands out as a pivotal initiative contributing to this goal, where women from numerous Self Help Groups are being equipped with drones and trained as Drone Pilots. This innovative approach not only enhances their capabilities but also integrates them into technological advancements, furthering their economic independence. During the last 10 years, majority of the 4 crore PM Awas houses have been allotted to women beneficiaries.
- Additionally, the Government has launched the Krishi Sakhi Initiative to empower women in agriculture. To date, 30 thousand women from Self Help Groups have received Krishi Sakhi Certificates under this initiative, empowering them with essential agricultural skills and resources.

PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

- The President highlighted several transformative schemes aimed at enhancing living standards and economic opportunities across various segments of society. One of the flagship initiatives, the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, seeks to reduce electricity bills to zero while generating income through the sale of surplus electricity. This initiative involves the installation of solar panels on household rooftops, with each family receiving support of up to Rs 78,000 from the Government.
- The President stated that it is because of the implementation of Government Schemes with the saturation approach over the last 10 years that 25 crore Indians have been brought out of poverty. In the difficult times of the Corona pandemic, the Government started PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana to provide free ration to 80 crore persons.

PM JANMAN

- The President stated that the PM JANMAN, with an allocation exceeding Rs 24,000 crore, is dedicated to the socio-economic development of the most underprivileged tribal communities. It stands as a



crucial tool for their upliftment and empowerment.

- The President highlighted that in order to empower disadvantaged groups economically, the Government has launched the PM-SURAJ portal, facilitating access to soft loans. This initiative aims to create livelihood opportunities and improve economic independence among vulnerable communities.
- A commendable effort towards inclusivity, the Government is focusing on developing affordable indigenous assistive devices for persons with disabilities (Divyang). This initiative aims to enhance accessibility and support for Divyang individuals across the country.
- The President also appreciated the Government's effort in leveraging Digital India and Post Office networks to broaden the coverage of accident and life insurance, ensuring greater financial protection for citizens. The Government is also advancing plans to establish a Digital University, underscoring

its commitment to advancing education and technology in the nation. The President stated that In the past 10 years 7 new IITs, 16 IIITs, 7 IIMs, 15 new AIIMS, 315 medical colleges and 390 universities have been established. Moreover, students can take up engineering courses in Indian languages and Programmes like Atal Tinkering Labs, Start-up India and Stand-up India, have helped improve the capacity of youth of the country.

PM SVANidhi-supports street vendors

- Additionally, the President stated that the scope of PM SVANidhi, which supports street vendors, will be extended to include rural and semi-urban areas, further bolstering economic opportunities in these regions.
- Talking of Government's achievements in the healthcare sector, the President stated that the Government is providing free health services to 55 crore beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat Yojana. The scheme is now expected to cover all elderly above the age of 70 years. The opening of 25,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country is also progressing at a fast pace.
- Speaking of Public Sector Banks, the President stated that the PSBs have demonstrated robust profitability, surpassing Rs.1.4 lakh crore in profits for 2023-24, marking a 35% increase from the previous year. This financial strength has empowered them to expand credit access, thereby bolstering national economic development. Moreover, GST has become a medium to formalise India's economy and is helping make business and trade easier than before. For the first time, in the month of April, GST collection has crossed Rs 2 lakh crore. This has also strengthened the states economically.
- Commending the Government's efforts to enhance self-reliance in the defence sector, the President highlighted the major reform of transforming over 40 Ordnance factories into 7 Defence Sector Enterprises. These reforms have significantly boosted their capacity and efficiency, enabling India to manufacture defence equipment valued at

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over Rs 1 lakh crore. Moreover, the Government has always given priority to the needs of the personnel in the armed forces and as a result after 4 decades One Rank One Pension has been implemented. Under this, Rs 1,20,000 crore have been disbursed till date.

- Additionally, initiatives such as Atal Tinkering Labs, Start-up India, and Stand-up India have been instrumental in enhancing the skills and entrepreneurial capabilities of the country's youth, fostering innovation and economic growth.

Third-largest start-up ecosystem

- The President highlighted that India has now become the third-largest start-up ecosystem globally. To enhance youth participation in nation-building, the Government has launched the 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' campaign, with over 1.5 crore youth registered. This initiative aims to develop leadership skills and foster a spirit of service among the youth. The President praised her government's efforts and highlighted the record number of medals won by young Indian players at global platforms. The President said that the Indian Olympic Association is also preparing to host the 2036 Olympic Games.
- The Government has also commenced granting citizenship to refugees under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), ensuring a dignified life for many families affected by Partition. The President expressed her hope for a better future for these families.

Grand campus of Nalanda University

- The President also stated that while building the future, the Government is re-establishing the splendour and heritage of Indian culture. Recently, a new chapter has been added to it, in the form of the grand campus of Nalanda University. Nalanda was not just a university, but a testimony to India's glorious past as a global knowledge hub. The President is confident that the new Nalanda University will help in making India a Global Knowledge Hub. The President also highlighted

that her Government started celebrating the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda as Jan Jatiya Gaurav Divas. Moreover, the tradition of celebrating festivals like Kashi Tamil Sangamam and Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam in the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' was also initiated by this Government.

The Mother of Democracy

- The President highlighted India's revered position as the Mother of Democracy globally. She emphasised that the people of India consistently demonstrate trust in democracy and have unwavering faith in electoral institutions, stressing the need to uphold and safeguard this trust to ensure the resilience of India's robust democratic framework.
- Addressing the rapid advancement of technology, the President acknowledged its potential for misuse, emphasising the critical importance of international cooperation to establish frameworks that prevent such misuse. India has actively voiced these concerns on global platforms, advocating for collective efforts to counteract these challenges and innovate new solutions.

The Government is also running a campaign to popularise our coarse grains 'Shree Anna' as a super food, across the world. On India's initiative, the year 2023 was celebrated as the International Year of Millets across the world

Vishwa-Bandhu

- The President underscored India's emerging role as a global friend (Vishwa-Bandhu), attributing this to its human-centric approach. India also brought the world together on various issues during her G-20 presidency. It was during India's presidency that the African Union was made a permanent member of the G-20.
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- India has gained international confidence as a proactive responder in crises, emerging as a stalwart voice for the Global South. Whether in managing the COVID-19 pandemic, responding to

natural disasters, or advocating for peace during conflicts, India has consistently led efforts to safeguard humanity and promote global welfare.

- The President also remembered that the imposition of Emergency on 25th June, 1975, was the biggest and darkest chapter of direct attack on the Constitution. The entire country felt outraged. But the country emerged victorious over such unconstitutional forces as the traditions of the republic lie at the core of India.

Profound regard for the Constitution of India

- The President emphasised her Government's profound regard for the Constitution of India, stating that it is not merely a governance document but a cornerstone of national consciousness. To foster greater awareness, the Government initiated the celebration of 26th November as Constitution Day, aiming to embed the Constitution deeper into public consciousness. Additionally, the President noted the full integration of the Constitution in Jammu and Kashmir, previously governed under different conditions due to Article 370.
 - Reflecting on the transformative reforms of the past decade and the newfound national confidence, the President spoke of a renewed momentum towards realising India's vision of becoming a developed nation. She reiterated that this aspiration is shared by every citizen and stressed collective responsibility in overcoming obstacles on this path.
- Invoking India's ancient wisdom, the President stated, "Samano Mantrah Samitih Samani" and urged the Parliamentarians to work together with a common idea and goal of making India a developed country by 2047.
- Asserting that the 21st century belongs to India, the President envisioned its impact resonating for centuries to come. Urging all citizens to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to their duties, she called for active participation in achieving national goals and fulfilling India's destiny as a developed nation. ■



PM's reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha

Nation First is our only goal: PM Modi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi replied to the Motion of Thanks on the Hon'ble President's Address to Parliament in the Lok Sabha on 02 July, 2024. Addressing the House, the Prime Minister expressed his gratitude towards the President's Address and highlighted the idea of 'Viksit Bharat' which was the focal point of the address. He underlined that the President of India raised important issues in her address and also thanked her for her guidance. Shri Modi thanked the first-time Members of Parliament who shared their thoughts on the President's address by respecting the rules of the House. He remarked that their thoughts have further enriched the merit of this debate.

Excerpts:

Thanking the electorate for choosing the government by exercising their franchise in the world's largest election, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi expressed gratitude to the citizens of India for electing the present government for the third time in a row and termed it a moment of pride in the democratic world. He underlined that the government's efforts for the past 10 years were the deciding factor for the voters and highlighted the government's commitment to serving the citizens with the belief of 'Jan Seva hi Prabhu Seva', i.e. Service to humanity is service to God. He mentioned that more than 25 crore poor have been lifted out of poverty in such a short span for the first time since independence.

Zero Tolerance for corruption after 2014

Reiterating the stand of Zero Tolerance for corruption after 2014, the Prime Minister said that the electorates of the country brought them to power again. "Today India's reputation has improved

across the world. Every Indian now feels proud." Shri Modi stated that each of his government's policies, decisions and work prioritize India. Throwing light on the growing presence of India on the global stage, the Prime Minister said that the outlook of the world towards the nation has transformed and it instills pride in every citizen. Prime Minister Modi emphasized the sole aim of 'Nation First' which is reflected in the policies and decisions of the government. With this belief, the Prime Minister said that the government has continued the process of reforms throughout the nation. He said that in the last 10 years, the government has strived to serve the people with the mantra of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas and the principles of 'Sarv Panth Sambhav', which means all religions are equal.

NDA Government worked towards secularism with satisfaction

Shri Modi remarked that India had seen the



appeasement politics and governance model of appeasement for a long time now. The Prime Minister highlighted that for the first time in India, the NDA Government worked towards secularism with satisfaction and confirmation of the people. He underlined that satisfaction for him meant achieving saturation in various policies of the Government and accomplishing their resolve of ensuring service delivery to the last person of India. Shri Modi added that this philosophy of saturation for him, in the true sense meant social justice and secularism, and has been approved by the people of India in the form of the third consecutive term.

People have shown trust in our policies

The Prime Minister noted that this election has once again proved the maturity of the people of India. "People have shown trust in our policies, intentions and commitment", the Prime Minister emphasized. He said that the people have endorsed the resolution of Viksit Bharat in this election.

Underlining the importance of a developed nation, the Prime Minister said that the dreams of every citizen of the country are fulfilled when it progresses, while simultaneously laying the foundation for fulfilling the aspirations of the future generations as well. The Prime Minister emphasized that the people of India deserve to reap the benefits of a developed India which the previous generations have always longed for. He said that the creation of Viksit Bharat would drastically improve the living conditions and the quality of life in the villages and cities of India while also instilling a feeling of pride among the people and creating numerous opportunities for them. "India's cities will participate equally with other developed cities of the world", he assured.

Realize the ideal of 'Viksit Bharat'

The Prime Minister said that 'Viksit Bharat' refers to the availability of multiple and equal opportunities

for each citizen of the country. It ensures growth for everyone based on skills, resources and potential.

Prime Minister Shri Modi assured the citizens of India that the government will make all possible efforts to realize the ideal of 'Viksit Bharat' in earnest and honesty. "Every moment of time and every cell of our bodies is dedicated to the idea of creating a Viksit Bharat", Shri Modi emphasized, "24 by 7 for 2047."

The Prime Minister recalled the period before 2014 when the entire nation was in a state of despair. Terming the loss of confidence among the citizens as the biggest loss to the nation during the period, the Prime Minister said that it created a cloud of disappointment. He recalled that it was an era marred by scams and policy paralysis pushing the country into the list of fragile five economies. Common citizens had lost all hope, he said, adding

that bribery was a common practice, be it for house, gas connection or to receive grains through the Public Distribution system.

The Prime Minister said that the citizens of the country were forced to go about their everyday life blaming their fate for the poor condition of the state before 2014. "They chose us, ushering in a moment of change", he added.

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Achievements of the government

The Prime Minister highlighted the government's efforts in transforming those who once thought that nothing was possible into believing that everything is possible. Listing down the government's achievements, the Prime Minister mentioned a successful 5G rollout, highest coal production, transformative policies to strengthen the nation's banking system, zero tolerance policy for terrorism and abrogation of Article 370. "As the walls of Article 370 have been demolished, democracy is strengthening", he added, noting the record voter turnouts in the recently concluded general elections.

"The belief, expectations and trust of 140 crore citizens become a driving force for development",

the Prime Minister said. This belief, the Prime Minister said, symbolizes accomplishment by determination.

To make India a developed nation

Shri Modi remarked that citizens were as excited and confident today, as they were during our freedom struggle, to make India a developed nation. Hailing the progress of the country in the last 10 years, the Prime Minister said, “Today Bharat needs to compete with itself. We have to break our old records and take the country to the next level.” PM Modi continued that the path of development that India has taken in the last decade has now become a benchmark. He expressed confidence that the country will progress at a faster pace, saying, “We will take every sector to the next level.”

Shri Modi highlighted that in the last 10 years, India grew from the 10th largest to the 5th largest economy in the world, while expressing confidence that India will soon be the 3rd largest economy in the world. Underlining that India has now become one of the largest mobile manufacturers and exporters in the world, Prime Minister Modi expressed confidence that the nation would scale similar heights in the field of semiconductors in the government’s third term.

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4 crore pucca houses

The Prime Minister reiterated that even though the nation would conquer new milestones and reach new heights, the government will be rooted in the service of the common citizens. Shri Modi touched upon the 4 crore pucca houses that were handed to the poor and informed that 3 crore new houses will be built in the coming times. Referring to the rise of women’s self-help groups, the Prime Minister informed about the government’s plan of action to create 3 crore Lakhpati Didis. The Prime Minister reiterated the government’s commitment to working at three times the speed and effort in its third term and also producing three times the result.

The Prime Minister said that a government coming to power for the third time in a row after 60

years signifies the efforts of the government and the trust created by it among the citizens. “Such feats are not achieved by petty politics but by the blessings of the citizens”, PM Modi said, adding that the people have chosen stability and continuity.

People’s mandate in the legislative assembly elections

The Prime Minister also lauded the people’s mandate in the legislative assembly elections held in the four states of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh and also mentioned massive victories in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh in the Lok Sabha elections. He also touched upon the increasing vote share in multiple states across the nation. “Janta Janardan is by our side”, he added.

Reflecting on the recent Lok Sabha election results, the Prime Minister urged the opposition to accept the mandate of the people with humility and understand the people’s message. He said that the people have chosen the path of development and are determined to realize the goal of Viksit Bharat. Noting that India must collectively embark on a new journey of development, the Prime

Minister asked the citizens of India to remain vigilant against those choosing the path of chaos, lawlessness and divisive politics. He also warned against the unsuitable economic policies that tend to push the nation towards economic chaos and the spread of misinformation in the country. The Prime Minister also urged the opposition through the Speaker to maintain the decorum and dignity of the august House and also suggested the Speaker take corrective measures so that the sanctity of the House remains unperturbed.

The era of Emergency

Speaking about the era of Emergency, the Prime Minister said that those ruling the nation had created a dictatorial atmosphere in the country causing widespread cruelty to the citizens and injustice to

the nation. He also recalled the time when Baba Saheb Ambedkar resigned from the Cabinet citing his resentment towards the then government's lack of action to protect the rights of backward classes and scheduled castes as promised in the new Indian constitution. He also highlighted the atrocities caused to other prominent leaders such as Jaggivan Ram ji, Chaudhary Charan Singh ji and Sitaram Kesri ji.

Quoting Swami Vivekanand's Chicago speech, the Prime Minister said that he takes pride in belonging to a religion that has taught tolerance and universal acceptance to the world. He held that Bharat's democracy and diversity have flourished only because of tolerance and the spirit of unity of the Hindu community. He also expressed concern that today, the Hindu community is being falsely accused and conspired against.

Valour and strength of the armed forces of India

Hailing the valour and strength of the armed forces of India, Shri Modi highlighted that there were a host of reforms undertaken in the defence sector in the last 10 years and mentioned modernizing and equipping India's armed forces to take on every challenge. Shri Modi stressed that the government is making all efforts for the armed forces to be battle-ready, keeping in mind the motive of national security. Underlining the importance of setting up a theatre command, Shri Modi expressed satisfaction that work is being done in the direction of establishing this long overdue military organizational structure after the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

The Prime Minister highlighted that important reforms are being undertaken to make our armed forces self-reliant in Aatmanirbhar Bharat. He stressed that the armed forces should be young and there is a need to increase the number of youngsters in our forces. Shri Modi underlined that national security is a serious matter and the Government is undertaking timely reforms to make the armed

forces 'battle-worthy'.

Shri Modi noted that there is an enormous change in the landscape of warfare, be it the weapons or technique and hence, there is a huge responsibility on the government to strengthen our forces to tackle such emerging challenges despite false allegations and accusations. He pointed out that various corruption scandals had stalled the strengthening of the capabilities of the armed forces.

The Prime Minister highlighted that the NDA Government in the past had implemented the "One Rank, One Pension" scheme which was stalled for a long time. He added that despite the difficulties of Covid pandemic, the central government had granted 1.2 lakh crore rupees for the implementation of OROP scheme.

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Youth of the country

Expressing concern over the recent paper leaks, the Prime Minister assured the youth of the country that his government is extremely serious about preventing such incidents in the future and is working on a war footing to fulfill its responsibilities towards them and the nation. He said several arrests have

been made across the country in concern to the NEET-UG paper leak incident. Shri Modi said, "The Central government has already introduced a strict law. Necessary steps are being taken to strengthen the entire screening system."

Third-largest economy in the world

"Development has been the government's biggest resolution in the past 10 years", the Prime Minister said. He highlighted the resolutions of making India the third-largest economy in the world, supplying clean drinking water to every household, providing pucca homes to every poor, strengthening the armed forces by making them self-reliant, boosting the renewable energy space in the country, making India a green hydrogen hub, modernizing infrastructure development, creating new employment and self-employment opportunities in

HIGHLIGHTS

- “The people of India have reposed faith in our government’s track record over the past 10 years and have given us the opportunity to continue good governance for the third time”
- “People saw our commitment to serving the citizens with the belief of ‘Jan Seva hi Prabhu Seva’, i.e. Service to humanity is service to God”
- “People rewarded the zero tolerance for corruption”
- “We worked for Santushtikaran instead of Tushtikaran - for saturation rather than appeasement”
- “Belief, expectations and trust of 140 crore citizens become a driving force for development”
- “When a country develops, a strong foundation is laid to fulfill the dreams of future generations”
- “In the third term, we will work at three times the speed, apply three times the energy and deliver three times the results”

developed India, empowering skill development and shaping the future of the youth. Referring to a recent study, the Prime Minister informed that job creation has seen record numbers in the private industry in the last 18 years.

Applauding the Digital India movement, the Prime Minister said Bharat stands as a shining example of a digital payment system in the world. Referring to the G20 Summit, he underlined that even the developed countries of the world are amazed by our digital movement.

The Prime Minister observed the growth of competition and challenges with India’s progress and warned against those who look at the nation’s progress as a challenge while inflicting harm on India’s democracy, demography and diversity. Quoting a judgement by the Supreme Court of India, the Prime Minister said, “It seems that a strong effort is being made to undermine India’s

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progress by creating doubt and weakening its foundations in every endeavor. Such efforts must be culled from the source.” He stressed the need for serious deliberations by the entire House on the observations made by the Supreme Court of India and also urged the citizens to remain vigilant of such forces. “India will never tolerate anti-national conspiracies”, PM Modi added

World is treating India’s progress with extreme seriousness

Shri Modi reiterated that the world is treating India’s progress with extreme seriousness while also noticing all the intricacies. He stressed the need for the contributions of each Member of the House to accomplish the resolutions and create a developed India. He urged the Members to come forward with the belief in national welfare. “We must walk shoulder to shoulder and fulfill the dreams and expectations of the citizens”, PM Modi emphasized. He also stressed the importance of positive politics in the present era. “Let us compete on good governance, delivery and fulfilling the expectations of the people”, he added.

PM condoled the unfortunate incident in Hathras

During the speech, the Prime Minister also condoled the unfortunate deaths of victims in a stampede accident in Hathras of Uttar Pradesh.

He wished a speedy recovery for the injured in the accident. He also informed the house that the state government was actively engaged in the search and rescue operations while the senior officials of the Central Government were in constant touch with the State Government to ensure all necessary help for the victims.

Prime Minister Shri Modi especially congratulated the first-time Members of Parliament and expressed confidence that they will have a lot to learn. He concluded his address by expressing his gratitude towards the President’s Address and thanked the Members for their thoughts and contributions to the Motion of Thanks. ■

Viksit Bharat is the mission of 140 crore citizens: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi replied to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address to Parliament in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd July, 2024. Addressing the House, the Prime Minister thanked the President for the inspirational and encouraging address. Around 70 members presented their views on the President's address and the Prime Minister thanked the members. Following is the excerpts of the speech:

Relecting on the democratic journey of the country, the Prime Minister said that after 60 years, the electorates of India have brought back a government for the third consecutive time, terming it a historic feat. While condemning the opposition's move to undermine the electorates' decision, Shri Modi said that in the past few days, he has observed that the same lot has accepted its defeat and their victory with a heavy heart.



India is entering the 75th year of the Constitution

The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the present government has only completed one-third of its rule i.e. 10 years and that two-thirds or 20 years remains. The Prime Minister said, "The people of India have wholeheartedly supported and blessed our government's efforts to serve the country over the past 10 years". He expressed pride in the judgement shown by the citizens who have defeated propaganda, prioritized performance, rejected the politics of illusions and put a seal of victory on the politics of trust.

Noting that India is entering the 75th year of the Constitution, the Prime Minister said that it is a special stage as the Parliament of India is also completing 75 years, making it a delightful coincidence. Shri Modi heaped praise on the Constitution of India handed

down by Baba Saheb Ambedkar and said those who never had a family member associated with the political spectrum in India are getting the opportunity to serve the country due to the rights enshrined in it. "It is the Constitution given by Baba Saheb Ambedkar which has allowed people like me, who have zero political lineage, to enter politics and reach such a stage", he said. He further added that now that the people have put their stamp of approval,

the government is here for the third consecutive time. The Prime Minister underlined that the Constitution of India is not just a compilation of articles but its spirit and imprint are extremely valuable.

Shri Modi recalled that there was staunch opposition raised when his Government had proposed to commemorate 26th November as the "Constitution Day". He added that their decision to commemorate Constitution day has helped to further disseminate the spirit of the constitution, discuss and deliberate on why and how certain provisions were included and omitted in the Constitution amongst youngsters in schools and colleges. The Prime Minister was hopeful that the sense of faith and a developed understanding of the Constitution would increase by arranging competitions like essays, debates and extempore amongst our students on various facets of the Constitution. "The Constitution has been our biggest inspiration", he added. Shri Modi underlined



that as the Constitution was entering into the 75th year of its existence, his Government planned to celebrate it as “Jan Utsav” to ensure nationwide celebrations. He further added that they would also strive to ensure that the spirit and motive of the Constitution is made aware in every nook and corner of the country.

To achieve the goals of ‘Viksit Bharat’

Hailing the electorate, the Prime Minister said that the people of India have voted his government to power thrice to achieve the goals of development and reliance through ‘Viksit Bharat’ and ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’. Shri Modi further hailed this electoral win as not merely a stamp of approval by the citizens on the decisions taken by his government over the last 10 years, but also as a mandate to fulfill their future dreams and aspirations. “People of this country have entrusted us with the opportunity to bring their future resolutions to fruition,” he added.

The Prime Minister reminded that the country has seen the Indian economy rise from tenth to the fifth largest economy in the last ten years despite challenges like global disturbances and the pandemic. “This mandate is to take the economy to third place from the present fifth place”, The Prime Minister added, expressing confidence to fulfill this mandate.

Shri Modi reiterated the government’s commitment to increase the speed and scope of development that has taken place in the last 10 years. In the next 5 years, the Prime Minister assured the House that the government would work towards saturation of basic necessities of the people. “We want to transform this era into an era of saturation of basic necessities with the help of good governance”, PM Modi exclaimed. He highlighted that the next 5 years are crucial for the fight against poverty and expressed the belief in the collective capabilities of the poor to take a stand against poverty and overcome it based on the experiences of the last 10 years.

Elaborating on the impact of India becoming the third largest economy in every aspect of people’s

lives, Shri Modi said that this eventuality will have an unprecedented impact on the global scenario also. He talked about the global resurgence of Indian startups and companies in the next five years and the emergence of tier 2 and tier 3 cities emerging as growth engines.

Calling the present century a technology driven century, PM Modi, talked of new tech footprints in many new sectors such as public transport. He also hoped that small cities would play a major role in fields like medicine, education or innovation.

Underlining the importance of strengthening the four pillars of farmers, poor, narishakti and youth, the Prime Minister said that the government’s focus on these areas is critical in the journey of India’s development.

Government’s effort to make agriculture lucrative

Thanking the members for their suggestions for agriculture and the farmers, the Prime Minister recounted the Government’s effort to make agriculture lucrative for the farmers in the last 10 years. He mentioned ensuring credit, seeds, affordable fertilizer, crop insurance, MSP procurement,. “We have made the utmost effort to provide a robust system

to farmers ranging from seed to market through micro-planning at every stage”, the Prime Minister said.

Shri Modi highlighted the benefits of Kisan Credit Card and said that it has simplified the process of availing loans for small farmers. He further added that the benefits of Kisan Credit Card have been extended to fishermen and animal keepers. The Prime Minister also mentioned welfare schemes for small farmers and highlighted PM Kisan Samman Nidhi which has benefitted 10 crore farmers disbursing about 3 lakh crore rupees in the last 6 years. The Prime Minister also pointed out the inadequacy and lack of credibility of the loan waiver schemes in the previous regimes and underlined the Kisan Kalyan Schemes of the current regime.

Continuing his speech after the walkout of the

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opposition, the Prime Minister sympathized with the Chairman of the house and said "I am duty bound to be a servant of the people. I am accountable to people for every minute of my time". He also criticized the opposition for disrespecting the traditions of the House.

The Prime Minister highlighted that his government gave a subsidy of Rs 12 lakh crores for fertilizers to the poor farmers, the highest figure since independence. Shri Modi said that to empower the farmers, his government did not just announce a record increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) but also created new records in purchasing from them. Drawing a comparison with the previous government, he highlighted that his government has delivered 2.5 times more money to paddy and wheat farmers over the last 10 years. "We do not want to stop here. For the next five years, we are trying to solve the problems arising in new sectors by studying them. We have currently undertaken the world's largest campaign of food storage," he said, adding that works have started towards creating lakhs of granaries under the Central arrangement.

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Infrastructure for safe storage, transport and sale

The Prime Minister emphasized that Horticulture was an important sector of agriculture and his government was tirelessly working to increase the infrastructure for its safe storage, transport and sale.

"The Government has continually expanded the scope of India's development journey with the root mantra of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas", the Prime Minister emphasized. He underlined that providing a life of dignity for the citizens has been the government's top priority. Pointing out that those who remained neglected for decades after independence are not only cared for but also worshiped today, the Prime Minister mentioned addressing the issues of 'divyang' brothers and sisters in mission mode and on a micro level so they can lead a life of dignity requiring minimum dependence on others. Highlighting the inclusive nature of his Government, Shri Modi emphasized that it had worked to implement a law for

the transgenders, a forgotten section of the society. He added that even the Western countries today look at the progressive nature of India with pride. He highlighted that the prestigious Padma awards were also now bestowed upon transgenders by his Government.

Similarly, a welfare board has been created for nomadic and semi-nomadic communities. The Prime Minister also mentioned steps for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) as 24 thousand crore rupees have been allocated under Jan Man Scheme. This, the Prime Minister said, is an indication that the government is indulging in the politics of development rather than vote politics.

PM SvaNidhi scheme enabled the street hawkers to avail of bank loans

PM Modi also touched upon the Vishwakarmas of India who have played a key role in India's development journey, and informed that the government with the help of about Rs 13 thousand crores have transformed their lives by inculcating professionalism and providing the resources for skill development. He also mentioned the PM SvaNidhi scheme that enabled the street hawkers to avail of bank loans and further increase their incomes. "Be it poor, dalits, backward community, tribals or women, they have fully supported us", he added.

The Prime Minister underlined the Indian approach of women-led development towards which the country is moving not just as a slogan but with unwavering commitment. Referring to Smt Sudha Murthy's intervention regarding women's health, PM Modi noted the importance of mother in the family. Shri Modi narrated priority focus on women's health, sanitation and wellness. He mentioned toilets, sanitary pads, vaccinations, cooking gas as key measures in that direction. He highlighted that most of the 4 crore houses that have been handed to the poor have been registered in the name of women. He also mentioned schemes like Mudra and Sukanya Samridhi Yojna that have economically empowered women making them independent and giving them a voice to become

a part of decision-making. Shri Modi informed that so far 1 crore women working in self-help groups in small villages have become Lakhpati Didis today while the government is working to increase their number by 3 crores in the present term.

Shri Modi expressed hope that the NDA Government's attempt is to make women lead in every new sector and ensure every new technology reaches women first. "Today Namo Drone Didi Abhiyan has successfully been implemented in the villages with women at the forefront of it", he added. PM Modi added that women operating drones were referred to as 'Pilot Didis' and such a kind of recognition is a driving force for women.

Criticizing the tendency to politicize women's issues and selective attitude, the Prime Minister expressed concern over violence against women in West Bengal

Highlighting the new global image of the country, the Prime Minister said that the era of 'ifs and buts' has ceased to exist today as Bharat is welcoming foreign investments which are paving the way for employment opportunities for its youth while also showcasing their potential and talent on an international platform. The Prime Minister said that today's victory of India has brought hope for those investors who look forward to a balance in the global economy. Shri Modi held that today Bharat is emerging as a promising land when it comes to transparency.

PM Recalls 1977 Lok Sabha Elections

The Prime Minister recalled the time of the 1977 Lok Sabha elections when the press and radio were curtailed and people's voices were muted. He underlined that the electors voted to protect the Constitution of India and re-establish democracy, while today, in this fight to save the Constitution, the first choice of the people of India is the present government. Shri Modi also touched upon the atrocities that were inflicted upon the nation during the time of Emergency. He also mentioned the 38th, 39th and 42nd Constitutional Amendments along with

a dozen other articles that were amended during the Emergency, thereby tampering with the spirit of the Constitution. Shri Modi also chastised the appointment of the National Advisory Council (NAC) which had the power to override the decisions made by the Cabinet, and the preferential treatment meted out to a single family irrespective of the established protocols. Prime Minister Modi also criticized the evasive methods used by the opposition to avoid a discussion on the era of Emergency.

"The period of Emergency was not just a political issue but it concerned India's democracy, Constitution and humanity", the Prime Minister exclaimed. Pointing out the atrocities inflicted upon the then opposition leaders who were put behind bars, Shri Modi mentioned Late Shri Jai Prakash Narayan ji who could not fully recover after his release. "Many who left home never returned after the Emergency", the Prime

Minister said with deep grief recalling the state of minorities in Muzaffarnagar and Turkman Gate during the Emergency.

The Prime Minister expressed concern for the tendency to protect the corrupt by certain quarters in the opposition. Mentioning various scams committed by the various governments run

by the opposition parties, the Prime Minister rejected the charge of misusing enforcement agencies. He also criticized double standards in the sphere of the fight against corruption. He also narrated instances of misuse of investigative agencies in the previous governments. "Fight against corruption is not an electoral matter for me but it is a mission for me", said PM Modi. The Prime Minister recalled the twin promises of dedication to the poor and a strong strike on corruption at the time of the arrival of the new government in 2014. This is manifested in the world's biggest poor welfare scheme and new laws against corruption such as laws against black money, benami and provisions of direct benefit transfer and ensuring the transfer of benefits to every eligible beneficiary. "I have given full remit to investigative agencies to act against the corrupt", the Prime Minister emphasized.

Reiterating the President's concern over the recent

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paper leaks, the Prime Minister assured the youth that his government is taking strict action against those playing with the future of our country and will not let them go unpunished. "We are strengthening the whole system to ensure that our youth do not have to live under any kind of doubt and showcase their potential confidently," he added.

Citing the voting figures of the recent Lok Sabha elections in Jammu & Kashmir, the Prime Minister said the people of the union territory have come out in large numbers to cast their votes, breaking the records of the last four decades. "People of Jammu and Kashmir have approved Bharat's Constitution, its democracy and Election Commission," he said hailing the mandate. Shri Modi called it a much-awaited moment for the citizens of this country. Congratulating the voters of the union territory, the Prime Minister said that in the past few decades multiple bandhs, protests, blasts and terror activities had eclipsed the democracy in Jammu & Kashmir. However, the people of Jammu & Kashmir have displayed their unwavering faith in the Constitution and decided their future. "In a way, we are in the final stage of our fight against terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir. We are working hard to destroy the remaining terror networks," he said, adding that the people of the union territory are helping and guiding them in this fight.

Northeast is fast becoming the gateway of the nation's progress

The Prime Minister said that the Northeast is fast becoming the gateway of the nation's progress. He narrated steps taken in this direction in the last few years. He mentioned the unprecedented growth of infrastructure in the Northeast. He also expressed hope for a long-lasting impact of the efforts to ensure permanent peace in the region as boundary disputes among the states are being addressed in a meaningful manner with consensus.

Recalling his elaborate speech concerning Manipur in the previous session of Rajya Sabha, Shri

Modi reiterated that the Government was continuously making efforts to ease the situation in Manipur. He added that there were more than 11,000 FIRs lodged and more than 500 wrongdoers were arrested during and after the unrest in Manipur. The Prime Minister emphasized that we must acknowledge the fact that the incidents of violence in Manipur are on a continuous downward trajectory. He added that this meant the hope for peace was a definite possibility in Manipur. Shri Modi informed the house that today, schools, colleges, offices and other institutions were functioning normally in Manipur. He added that even the development journey of children was not hampered in any way. The Prime Minister underlined that Central and State Governments were in discussion with all the stakeholders to ensure peace and cordiality in Manipur. He highlighted that the Home Minister himself led the efforts of peace from the front by being in Manipur. He further added that

even the senior officials were pressed into the task of finding solutions to the problems and ensuring peace.

The Prime Minister expressed concern about the difficult flood situation in Manipur currently. Informing the House that 2 companies of NDRF were deployed for the flood relief work, Shri Modi stressed that the Central Government was closely working with the State

Government in relief efforts. Shri Modi underlined that it was the time and duty of all stakeholders to toe the political and party lines to ensure peace and normalcy in Manipur. The Prime Minister also requested the dissidents to stop provoking and further endangering the security situation of Manipur. He reminded the House that the social conflict in Manipur is deeply rooted with a long history, leading to the imposition of President's rule 10 times since independence. Taking note of the 5-year-long social conflict in Manipur from 1993 onwards, Shri Modi emphasized that there is a need to handle the situation with wisdom and patience. He invited all the like-minded people to help him in his efforts to ensure normalcy and peace

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in Manipur.

The Prime Minister emphasized that he has learnt the importance of federalism from experience as he was the Chief Minister of State before stepping foot into the Lok Sabha and becoming the Prime Minister of India. Shri Modi underlined his stand for strengthening cooperative and competitive federalism and mentioned holding important G20 programs in every state of the country to promote the state and its capabilities on the global stage. He also informed that a record number of discussions and deliberations took place within the state and the center during the Covid pandemic.

Noting that Rajya Sabha is the House of the States, the Prime Minister reiterated that India is guiding the next revolution in Semiconductor and electronics manufacturing and encouraged the states of India to compete on development, good governance, policy formation, generating employment and attracting foreign investments. Prime Minister Modi expressed confidence that every state of India has an opportunity when the world is knocking on India's doors. He urged all States to contribute to India's growth story and reap its benefits. He said that the competition among states will hugely help the youth as new opportunities will be created and gave the example of Assam in the Northeast where work related to Semiconductors is taking place at a fast pace.

Year of Millets

Speaking about the year 2023 being declared the 'Year of Millets' by the United Nations, the Prime Minister said that it signifies the power of India's small-scale farmers. He urged the states to formulate policies to promote millet production and create a roadmap to place it in the global market. He also noted that millets can play a critical role in the nutrition market of the world and become a staple food in regions with undernourished populations.

The Prime Minister also encouraged the states to constitute policies and frame the laws that enhance 'Ease of Living' among the citizens. He expressed the need to raise the fight against corruption at all levels

be it Panchayat, Nagar Palika, Mahanagar Palika, Tehsil or Zila Parishad and exhorted the states to join in unison.

Throwing light on the importance of efficiency in the government's decision-making, delivery and governance model to transform India into a blueprint of the 21st century, the Prime Minister expressed confidence that the pace of work done in these sectors would get a boost. He also noted that efficiency brings transparency into the system, thereby protecting the rights of the citizens, promoting Ease of Living and eliminating the 'ifs and buts'.

The Prime Minister emphasized the need to reduce the interference of government in the life of the citizens while maintaining government's support for those who need it.

Expressing concern about climate change, the Prime Minister said the natural calamities are increasing. He encouraged all the states to come forward and fight it. Shri Modi said that all need to work together to provide potable water to all and upgrade health services. He expressed confidence that these fundamental goals can be achieved through political willingness and every state will

step up and cooperate to reach them.

Reiterating that the current century is going to be a century of India, the Prime Minister said that now we can not afford to miss this opportunity. He noted that many similarly placed countries have become developed as India missed many chances. He insisted that there is no need to avoid reforms and that with more decision-making power devolving to the citizens, progress and growth are bound to follow.

"Viksit Bharat is the mission of 140 crore citizens", the Prime Minister said as he highlighted the importance of unity to achieve this goal. He reiterated that the whole world is ready to invest in India's potential and said, "India is the first choice of the world." He exhorted the states to seize the opportunity.

The Prime Minister concluded by thanking the President for her guidance and the issues raised in her address. ■

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BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ON THE MOTION OF THANKS ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS IN RAJYA SABHA

Far-reaching effects of the government's policies are evident to all of us: JP Nadda

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda shared his views on the Motion of Thanks on Hon'ble President's address in Rajya Sabha on 02 July 2024. Talking to the House, Shri Nadda said, "The far-reaching effects of the government's policies are evident to all of us. This historic moment, the 'Amrit Kaal', is truly a fortuitous time for us as we align ourselves with this journey towards a developed India". He gave a call and said, "Let us work together to strengthen the country". Excerpts of the speech:

While speaking on the Motion of Thanks BJP National President Shri JP Nadda expressed his gratitude and said the address delivered by the Hon'ble President in the Central Hall of Parliament is a testament to our development journey and a roadmap for the future. I would like to highlight that this address encapsulates our collective aspirations and the strategies for advancing a developed India. The Hon'ble President has thoughtfully articulated this vision, providing a detailed and holistic overview of our development trajectory. This address is not only comprehensive but also serves as an inspiration to all of us who are dedicated to realising the goal of a developed India.

He said, "I would also like to state that the policies and programs cited by the government reflect two significant aspects. Firstly, they demonstrate the current trajectory of the country's progress, and secondly, they highlight the long-term impact these policies and programmes will have in transforming India into a developed nation. It is essential for all of us to keep this in mind".

'Amrit Kaal'

He said we are fortunate to have entered the 'Amrit Kaal', a period that marks a 25-year journey ahead of us. During this journey, we are committed to advancing our nation into a developed India. This is a cause for celebration as we are privileged to witness and contribute to this glorious era.



Shri Nadda said regardless of our positions, we should consider ourselves very fortunate to be part of this remarkable time and to have the opportunity to participate in this significant endeavor. "I would like to emphasise that the far-reaching effects of the government's policies are evident to all of us. This historic moment, the 'Amrit Kaal', is truly a fortuitous time for us as we align ourselves with this journey towards a developed India".

World's largest and fastest vaccination programme

Under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's

leadership, India successfully conducted the world's largest and fastest vaccination programme, administering 2.2 billion doses, including both double doses and booster shots.

World's largest storage capacity

He said the significant strides we have made in the agriculture sector, particularly in agro-based and fishery-based industries, with our Blue Revolution. We have prioritised this sector and integrated villages into our development plans. A network of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) is emerging. Alongside these FPOs, we have almost one lakh cooperative organisations (PACs) reaching approximately 13 crore farmers, and we are committed to further expanding this network. In terms of the agricultural sector, our policies are designed to have a long-term impact. We recognized the storage deficiency in India, and under Prime Minister Shri Modi's leadership, we are working towards enhancing storage capacity through the cooperative sector. Our goal is to create the world's largest storage capacity, and we are diligently working towards this objective. These efforts reflect our commitment to strengthening the agricultural sector, ensuring comprehensive development, and supporting our farmers in every possible way.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

Today, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, all-weather roads have been constructed spanning approximately 380,000 kilometers across the country. Furthermore, whether it was during Atal Ji's tenure, the era of Swarnim Chaturbhuj/ Golden Quadrilateral, or Shri Modi Ji's time, the Express Highways, or Expressways and highways have been constructed in various forms. There was a time when before 2014, roads were constructed at a rate of 12.1 kilometres per day. Today, this rate has increased to 28.3 kilometres of roads being built per day.

Prime Minister's Housing Scheme

Under the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme, 4 crore houses have been constructed. Today, under the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme, 40-50

houses are being built in each panchayat.

Shri Nadda said the impact of the "Prime Minister Janman Yojana," which allocates approximately 24,000 crore rupees for remote and backward areas was enormous. This initiative aims to transform our landscape, integrating residential schools and single-teacher schools into comprehensive development strategies under this program.

For the service of the poor

He said Rs. 30,000 crore has been allocated for the service of the poor, with Rs. 30 crore set aside for their treatment. Everyone needs to know that currently, all of us are below the age of 60, but once we reach 70, every individual—regardless of caste, income group, or gender—will receive Rs. 5 lakh health coverage under Ayushman Bharat. Please keep in mind that while we wish for good health, turning 70 increases the likelihood of illness. Here, insurance companies typically do not provide coverage after the age of 70. However, Prime Minister Shri Modi is providing lifelong health coverage of Rs. 5 lakh under Ayushman Bharat from the age of 70 onwards. This is the essence of Ayushman Bhav, advancing Ayushman Bharat.

Constitutional status to the OBC Commission

It was only when the Janata Dal government came, the reservation was implemented, and 27% reservation was given. Here, I want to tell you that the reservation was implemented, and along with that, it was Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who gave constitutional status to the OBC Commission. No one else gave it, only Prime Minister Shri Modi did. That is why we say, "We don't do lip service, we deliver. We don't do lip service, we don't play politics."

He said, "We delve deep into the grassroots to understand the struggles of the OBCs, and it is Prime Minister Shri Modi who works to uplift them. This needs to be understood. In the end, many try to become champions of reservation, but they do not read their own history".

Shri Nadda said let us work together to strengthen the country. I would like to take a commitment from all of you to join in making India a developed nation. With these words, I thank you very much. ■



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Democracy standing strong because of sacrifices: JP Nadra

BJP National President and Union Health Minister Shri JP Nadra recalled the emergency period and said that democracy is standing strongly today because of the sacrifices made at that time. He said there is no scope for democracy in the thinking of the Congress or in its working style. The BJP National President addressed the "Dark Days of Democracy" programme organized at BJP Headquarters in New Delhi on 25 June 2024 in protest against the Emergency imposed in 1975.

Shri Nadra said during the Emergency, prominent leaders including Morarji Desai, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and LK Advani were put behind bars overnight for more than 19 months. He said they were imprisoned because they raised their voice to protect democracy. Saying that India is known as the mother of democracy, Shri Nadra criticized the Congress and said the Congress tried to strangle the country's democracy by imposing Emergency.

The BJP National President said the Congress leaders are talking about the Constitution but actually they should visit Rajghat and apologise to the nation as they have throttled the democracy. He said it is Congress which has toppled the elected government 90 times.

On the issue of election of Lok Sabha Speaker, the BJP President said the Congress wants to make the

election of the Speaker conditional. He said in states like Karnataka, Telangana and Tamil Nadu where INDI Alliance is ruling, the position of Speaker and Deputy Speaker in the Assembly is held by the members of the ruling party.

Speaking to the Karyakartas on Emergency's 49th anniversary Shri JP Nadra said, "I request all of you to meet those who have seen the emergency and try to know what the situation was... Because of the sacrifices made at that time, democracy is standing strongly today..."

He also recalled the Allahabad High Court's decision where it found the then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi guilty over discrepancies in the electoral campaign. Later that day, the Supreme Court ruled that MP privileges no longer applied to Gandhi, who was barred from voting but allowed to continue as Prime Minister.

Earlier Shri Nadra took his X account and tweeted that those who claim to be the guardians of Indian democracy today had spared no efforts to suppress the voices raised in the defence of constitutional values. "During this period, those who today claim to be guardians of Indian democracy left no effort to suppress voices raised in defence of constitutional values. I am proud that our Party belongs to that tradition which resisted the Emergency tooth and nail and worked to protect democracy," he added. ■

Congress Government disregarded every democratic principle and made the nation into a jail: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also launched a fierce broadside at the Congress and said the grand old party turned the country into jail and any person who disagreed with the then Congress government was tortured and harassed.

"Today is a day to pay homage to all those great men and women who resisted the Emergency. The #DarkDaysOfEmergency remind us of how the Congress Party subverted basic freedoms and trampled over the Constitution of India which every Indian respects greatly," PM wrote on X.

"Just to cling on to power, the then Congress Government disregarded every democratic principle and made the nation into a jail. Any person who disagreed



with the Congress was tortured and harassed. Socially regressive policies were unleashed to target the weakest sections" he added.

Hitting back at the Congress over the dictatorship and authoritarian charges, PM Shri Modi said, "These are the same people who imposed Article 356 (President's rule) on innumerable occasions".

"Those who imposed the Emergency have no right to profess

their love for our Constitution. These are the same people who have imposed Article 356 on innumerable occasions, got a Bill to destroy press freedom, destroyed federalism and violated every aspect of the Constitution," the PM said.

Carrying on the attack on the Congress, the PM said the party is hiding its disdain for the Constitution through its tokenism.

"The mindset which led to the imposition of the Emergency is very much alive among the same Party which imposed it. They hide their disdain for the Constitution through their tokenism but the people of India have seen through their antics and that is why they have rejected them time and again," PM Shri Modi wrote. ■

Shri Narendra Modi while addressing an ABVP event at Jamnagar, Gujarat in 1974, the year before then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed an Emergency.

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In Kerala, BJP Karyakartas working with dedication despite challenging circumstances: JP Nadda

BJP National President and Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the BJP State Executive meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on 09 July 2024. Shri Nadda mentioned that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP and NDA have worked to propel the country forward, while components of the INDI Alliance have increased corruption and empowered anti-national elements. Congress and CPI (M) have ideologically bankrupted themselves. During the event, Kerala BJP President Shri K. Surendran, Union Minister Shri George Kurian, former Union Minister Shri V. Muraleedharan, National Secretary Shri Abdullah Kutty, Shri Anil Antony, senior leaders Shri O. Rajagopal and Shri Kumbanam Rajasekharan, along with other state BJP officials and Karyakartas were present.

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda mentioned that upon arriving in Thiruvananthapuram, he bowed to Padmanabhaswamy. Shri Nadda remembered Adi Shankaracharya, highlighting that the land is known for the significant contribution Adi Shankaracharya made in advancing Sanatan Dharm across the country. Shri Nadda emphasized that Kerala has been a land of gurus and social reformers, he then paid homage to Narayan Guru, acknowledging that his blessings provided new strength to social consciousness in the region.

Dedicated Karyakartas

Shri Nadda said that Kerala is renowned for its hard work, politeness and dedication, qualities he

also observes in the BJP Karyakartas. Shri Nadda praised all the Karyakartas for their dedication and efforts in upholding an ideology while working under challenging conditions. The BJP's dedicated Karyakartas are the reason why, for the first time in 60 years, the NDA is continuously and consecutively forming the government under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji.

Shri Nadda extended his special congratulations to Kerala for the election results, highlighting that for the first time since independence, the people of Kerala had made the lotus bloom in the Lok Sabha. The NDA government being in power for the third consecutive time signifies stability and continuity. The NDA government is bringing stability and the

people of India have voted for this stability and continuity. Shri Nadda credited BJP Karyakartas for converting the government's achievements into votes by effectively reaching out to the public.

BJP is now an all-India party

BJP National President, Shri Nadda mentioned that recently, elections were held in Odisha where BJP formed a government solely, winning 78 out of 147 seats and securing victory in 20 out of 21 Lok Sabha seats. In Andhra Pradesh, the NDA achieved a sweeping victory. There have been certain narratives being spread that BJP has been a party of northern India, whereas BJP is now an all-India party, evident from its success in the south where the NDA won 164 out of 175 seats in Andhra Pradesh. BJP doubled Lok Sabha seats in Telangana and in Arunachal Pradesh, BJP formed the government for the third consecutive time, winning 46 out of 60 seats. In the Lok Sabha elections, the NDA and BJP swept Karnataka and BJP's vote share in Tamil Nadu has reached up to 11.4%. The day is not far when BJP's position in Tamil Nadu will also improve further. In Thrissur, Kerala, BJP won by a significant margin of 75,000 votes and in Attingal and Thiruvananthapuram as well, BJP has shown improved performance. In the upcoming times, BJP will succeed not only in Kerala's Assembly but also in Lok Sabha seats. Today, BJP has gained ground in 6 municipal corporations in Kerala as well. BJP has achieved a 36% vote share in Thiruvananthapuram.

Congress did not win a single seat in 13 states

Shri Nadda stated that BJP Karyakartas in Kerala are working with diligence, dedication and commitment despite adverse conditions. Kerala BJP Karyakartas have risked their lives to bring success to the party in the state. Congress supporters are celebrating their big victory, but if Congress adds up the number of MPs they had in the 2014, 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP alone won more seats in 2024 than their combined total. Congress did not win a single seat in 13 states and managed to increase its seats only due to regional parties. Congress has become a parasitic party. In Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, where there



was a direct contest between BJP and Congress for 64 seats, BJP won 62 seats, while Congress could secure only 2 seats. The strike rate for Congress when contesting elections alone is 26%, whereas when Congress contests elections by being parasitic, its strike rate increases to 50%. Congress is a party that relies on crutches.

The BJP says that from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, it stands for the country and its soil. However, the Congress, in its quest for power, lowers its own flag and raises the flags of those who seek to divide the nation into pieces.

Shri Nadda stated that under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP and NDA have worked to propel the nation forward. Whereas the INDI alliance fosters corruption, anarchy, empowers anti-national forces and obstructs national progress. Shri Nadda pointed out corruption scandals involving Kerala's LDF government, accusing them of aiding instead of confronting such issues. Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda expressed confidence that the BJP will flourish in Kerala in 2026 and no one will stand against the BJP. ■

BJP National President appoints Mohan Lal Badoli as new BJP President of Haryana

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda appointed Haryana BJP leader and MLA Shri Mohan Lal Badoli as the Party's new State President on 09 July 2024. Shri Badoli replaced Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini who also held additional charge as the State BJP President. ■

BJP moves forward with the Sankalp of development and welfare of the poor: Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the BJP leaders and Karyakartas at the BJP Extended State Executive meeting at Panchkula, Haryana on 29 June 2024. Speaking to the Karyakartas he said the BJP will fight the upcoming Haryana assembly elections alone and the BJP will come back to power with full majority for its third consecutive term.

Shri Shah said Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the leadership of



Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini, the BJP will form the government in Haryana for the third time with a massive majority.

Shri Shah said the Bharatiya Janata Party has moved forward with the Sankalp of development and the welfare of the poor. The Congress leaders who only indulged in cuts, commissions and corruption cannot defeat the Bharatiya Janata Party.

In the last 10 years, under the BJP government, lakhs of people got permanent houses, toilets were constructed, Ujjwala connections were given, tap water was supplied to every house under Jal Jeevan Mission and Kisan Samman Nidhi was provided to the farmers. Bharatiya Janata Party has also done massive development work in the state.

The Union Home Minister said 'Sabse Aage Mera Haryana' is not just a slogan, Haryana is the state that supplies the highest number of grains in the country per person per acre, the maximum number of soldiers on the borders of the country come from the state of Haryana. The state that has won the most gold medals is Haryana, the maximum amount of Basmati rice is exported from Haryana, Haryana is the state that purchases the most crops on MSP.

Drinking water is reaching to the homes of all the villagers in the state, Ayush schools were built first, it is the leader in GST and despite being a small state, Haryana contributes 4% to the country's economy. Haryana ranks third in milk production, maximum social security pension is distributed in Haryana.

Shri Shah said the government led by PM Shri Narendra Modi has also established four big institutions like National Cancer Institute, Indian Institute of Information Technology, National Institute of Design and AIIMS. In the last 10 years, the Bharatiya Janata Party government has done many development works and in the coming 5 years, new dimensions of development will be established under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Saini, Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Minister and election in-charge for Haryana Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, party's co-in-charge Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, all MPs, MLAs and other senior state-level BJP leaders, office-bearers and around 5000 party workers from all 90 assembly constituencies attended the meeting. After the meeting, Shri Amit Shah also met state unit office-bearers of the party.

The party also organised an exhibition at the venue, highlighting the state government's initiatives and schemes, including the abolition of minimum monthly charges for domestic electricity consumers and providing minimum support prices on 14 crops. ■

NEW STATE PRABHARIS AND SAHA PRABHARIS APPOINTED

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has appointed the following State in-charge and Co-Incharge for the various states on 5 July, 2024.

	State	Designation	Name
1	Andaman & Nicobar	Prabhari	Shri Raghunath Kulkarni
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Prabhari	Shri Ashok Singhal, MLA
3	Bihar	Prabhari	Shri Vinod Tawde
		Saha Prabhari	Shri Deepak Prakash, MP
4	Chhattisgarh	Prabhari	Shri Nitin Nabin, MLA
5	DNH&DD	Prabhari	Shri Dushyant Patel, MLA
6	Goa	Prabhari	Shri Ashish Sood
7	Haryana	Prabhari	Dr. Satish Poonia
		Saha Prabhari	Shri Surendra Singh Nagar, MP
8	Himachal Pradesh	Prabhari	Shri Srikant Sharma, MLA
		Saha Prabhari	Shri Sanjay Tandon
9	Jammu & Kashmir	Prabhari	Shri Tarun Chugh
		Saha Prabhari	Shri Ashish Sood
10	Jharkhand	Prabhari	Shri Laxmikant Bajpai, MP
11	Karnataka	Prabhari	Dr. Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, MP
		Saha Prabhari	Shri Sudhakar Reddy
12	Kerala	Prabhari	Shri Prakash Javadekar
		Saha Prabhari	Smt. Aparajita Sarangi
13	Ladakh	Prabhari	Shri Tarun Chugh
14	Madhya Pradesh	Prabhari	Dr. Mahendra Singh, MLC
		Saha Prabhari	Shri Satish Upadhyay
15	Manipur	Prabhari	Dr. Ajeet Gopchade, MP
16	Meghalaya	Prabhari	Shri Anil Antony
17	Mizoram	Prabhari	Shri Devesh Kumar, MLC
18	Nagaland.	Prabhari	Shri Anil Antony
19	Odisha	Prabhari	Shri Vijaypal Singh Tomar
		Saha Prabhari	Sushri Lata Usendi, MLA
20	Puducherry	Prabhari	Shri Nirmal Kumar Surana
21	Punjab	Prabhari	Shri Vijaybhai Rupani
		Saha Prabhari	Dr. Narinder Singh
22	Sikkim	Prabhari	Dr. Dilip Jaiswal, MLC
23	Uttarakhand	Prabhari	Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam
		Saha Prabhari	Smt. Rekha Verma
24	North East States	Co-ordinator	Dr. Sambit Patra, MP
		Joint Co-ordinator	Sh. V. Muraleedharan



WHY JANSANGH?

- Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

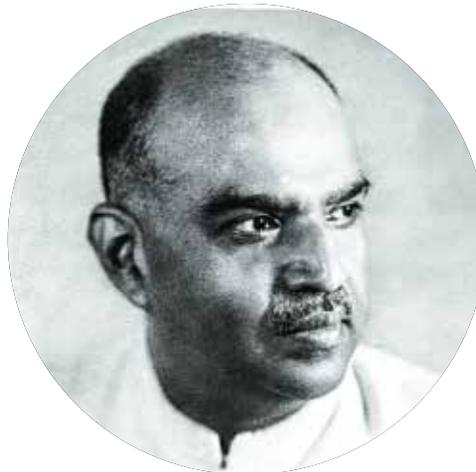
Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee in his presidential address at the first Convention of All India Bharatiya Jana Sangh held in Delhi on 21st October, 1951 elaborated on the main reasons behind the formation of Bharatiya Jana Sangh. We are publishing the full text of his speech for our esteemed readers :

I rise to welcome you all to this historic Convention which meets at a momentous period in the history of India. I am well aware of the fact that the task ahead of us is a difficult one. We have many obstacles to struggle against and have to face powerful opposition. What, however, must hold us together is an unflinching faith in the great cause that our Party claims to serve and a clear appreciation of the objectives we have set before us.

I am confident that if we all proceed unitedly with undaunted courage and vigour, not deviating from the right path, keeping to service of the people and the advancement of the honour and dignity of our beloved motherland as the principal aim before us, we are bound ultimately to attain success. Let me make it clear at the outset that Bharatiya Jana Sangh is not coming into existence merely to fight the forthcoming general elections. The elections have no doubt an importance of their own and wherever circumstances allow, we will put up our candidates. The elections will mainly help us in carrying to the masses our ideology and in laying a firmer foundation for developing our Party on an All India basis.

Whatever may be the result of the elections, our Party must

however continue to function thereafter carrying a message of hope and goodwill to all classes of people and trying to draw out from them their best efforts in re-building a happier and more prosperous



Free India. Four years have passed since the attainment of political independence and it is admitted on all hands that the country today is in a much worse condition, the distress and sufferings of the people are much deeper, than in the pre-independence days. If we take a detached view of the present situation, we will realize that while certain world events may be partially responsible for economic depression in India, the main reason for the present state of affairs is the failure of the Government in dealing with the essential problems facing

the country in a manner which would have advanced the welfare of the masses.

Today the country is in the grip of deep-rooted discontent and frustration and the faith of the people in the capacity of Government to run the administration smoothly, impartially and efficiently has been rudely shaken. Black marketing, profiteering and corruption have demoralized our society.

Instead of attempting genuinely to appreciate the basic causes of this nationwide discontent and to remove them with the cooperation of the people. The government have been singularly intolerant of criticisms and have often tried to suppress the legitimate expression of free public opinion.

Need of Opposition Parties

It is indeed strange that the Congress which started with an enormous fund of goodwill four years ago has today lost the willing support of large sections of the public and has to keep itself in power by dubious means. One of the chief reasons for the manifestation of dictatorship in Congress rule is the absence of well-organised opposition parties which alone can act as a healthy check on the majority party and can hold out before the country the prospect of an alternative Government.

The Bharatiya Jana Sangh, therefore, emerges today as an All India Political Party which will function as the principal party in opposition. It does not mean that it will hesitate to take upon itself the reins of administration should it succeed in winning the confidence of the majority of the electorate, but where this is not possible, it will remain in opposition.

Whether inside or outside the legislature. Opposition does not mean a senseless or destructive approach to all problems that confront a responsible Govt. While, therefore, we may have to attack or criticize official measures or acts, our aim will be to approach all problems in a constructive spirit so that we may keep the public vigilant and make our humble contribution in developing a real democratic structure for the sound administration of our country. The programme of the Party will be settled in detail after consultation with the representatives who have assembled at this Convention. Our Party, however, has been functioning in the provincial sphere in different parts of India for the last few months and the main trends of its programme are already known.

Bharatiya Nationhood

We have thrown open our Party to all citizens of Bharat irrespective of caste, creed or community. While we recognise that in matters of custom, habits, religion and language, Bharat presents a unique diversity, the people must be united by a bond of fellowship and understanding inspired by deep devotion and loyalty to the spirit of a common motherland.

Bharat today is divided by many conflicting slogans based on caste, or class or provincial ideology. Our party will strive to work for that unity in diversity which has been the key note of Bharat's culture and civilization.

This task of making the foundation of Bharatiya nationhood deeper and stronger is not an easy one. While it will be dangerous to encourage the growth of political minorities based on caste and religion, it is obviously the duty of the vast majority of Bharat's population to assure all classes of people who are truly loyal to their motherland that they will be entitled to full protection under the law and to complete equality of treatment in all matters— social, economic and political. Our party gives this assurance unreservedly. We do recognize that there are large sections of Bharatiya people who are today backward and down-trodden.

Full opportunity must be given to them so that their social and economic status may become higher and they may function as worthy participants with their more fortunate brethren in building up a new Bharat. The Congress in its anxiety to maintain the secular character of Bharat has continued a suicidal policy of appeasement of Muslims and some of its leaders, specially the Prime Minister takes special delight in outraging Parity to all citizens of Bharat irrespective of caste, creed or community. While we recognise that in matters of custom, habits, religion and language, Bharat presents a unique

diversity, the people must be united by a bond of fellowship and understanding inspired by deep devotion and loyalty to the spirit of a common motherland.

One may remain a good Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Christian or even a Muslim and yet be a staunch Indian devoted to the highest national cause. Our Party firmly believes that the future of Bharat lies in the proper appreciation and application of Bharatiya Sanskriti and Maryada. Naturally, the growth of Bharatiya Culture and Civilization has been due to many factors arising out of clashes and conflicts, harmony and synthesis between different ideologies, both native and foreign.

In this great drama extending over thousands of years, empires and dynasties rode and fell and many a personality worthily played their part. Let all true sons and daughters of India—Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Muslim and Buddhist—pride themselves in the thought that the heritage that has come to us from ancient days is something noble and enduring, that it must not be allowed to stagnate and degenerate and that free India's future must be closely linked up with Bharatiya ideals, which must if necessary undergo changes from time to time so as to make them respond to the needs of modern and scientific age. This must be suitably reflected in our system of national education. While we, therefore, aim at establishing a Dharma Rajya, or a Rule of Law, we only abide by the highest tradition of Bharatiya Sanskriti that binds all people together in ties of real amity and fraternity. ■

To be continued...

IN OUR THIRD TERM, WE WILL WORK THREE TIMES HARDER AND ACHIEVE THREE TIMES RESULTS: PM MODI

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the media before the commencement of the 1st session of the 18th Lok Sabha in New Delhi on 24 June, 2024. The Prime Minister began his statement by calling occasion a proud and glorious day in parliamentary democracy as it is the first time after independence that the oath ceremony would take place in the new Parliament.



Parliament as a means to fulfill the resolutions

Terming the formation of this Parliament as a means to fulfill the resolutions of the common man of India, the Prime Minister underlined that it is a critical opportunity to achieve new speed and height with new zeal. He said that the 18th Lok Sabha is commencing today to realize the goal of building a developed India by 2047.

To serve Maa Bharati

Shri Modi expressed his gratitude towards the citizens for electing the government for the third term and said that it puts a stamp of approval on the government's intentions, policies, and dedication towards the people. "In the last 10 years, we have tried to establish a tradition because we believe that a majority is required to run a government but consensus is extremely important to run a country", the Prime Minister emphasized. He said that it has been the constant endeavour of the government to serve Maa Bharati by achieving consensus and taking everyone along to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of 140 crore citizens.

25th June marking 50 years of emergency rule

The Prime Minister pointed out the date of 25th June marking 50 years of emergency rule and said that it represents a black mark on Indian democracy. Shri Modi said that the new generation of India will never forget the day when the Constitution of India was completely rejected by suppressing democracy and the country was turned into a prison. PM Shri Modi exhorted the citizens to take the resolution to protect the democracy and democratic traditions of India so that such an event never arises again. The Prime Minister said, "We will take the resolution of a vibrant democracy and fulfill

the dreams of the common people according to the Constitution of India."

Government's responsibility has increased threefold

Shri Modi underlined that the government's responsibility has increased threefold as the people have elected the government for a third term. He assured the citizens that the government would work three times harder than before while also bringing three times the results.

Noting the high expectations of the country from the newly elected Members of Parliament, the Prime Minister urged all the MPs to use this opportunity for public welfare, and public service and take every possible step in public interest. Touching upon the role of the opposition, the PM said that the people of the country expect them to play their role to the fullest while maintaining the dignity of democracy..

Resolve of a developed India

Prime Minister Shri Modi underlined the responsibility of all Members of Parliament to collectively fulfil the resolve of a developed India and strengthen the trust of the people. He said that 25 crore citizens coming out of poverty creates a new belief that India can succeed and get rid of poverty very soon. "The people of our country, 140 crore citizens, do not hold back in working hard. We should provide them with maximum opportunities", the Prime Minister emphasized. He said that this House would become a House of resolutions and that the 18th Lok Sabha would realize the dreams of the common citizens. ■

Om Birla's leadership for the last Lok Sabha was a golden period in our Parliamentary history: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Lok Sabha on 26 June 2024, after the House elected Shri Om Birla as the Speaker of the House. The Prime Minister welcomed Shri Birla taking over as Speaker for a second consecutive term. He conveyed the best wishes of the House to the Speaker. Noting the significance of Shri Birla taking over second time during the Amrit Kaal, the Prime Minister expressed the hope that his experience of five years and the members' experience with him will enable the re-elected Speaker to guide the house in these important times. The Prime Minister noted the polite and humble personality of the Speaker and his winning smile that helps him in conducting the House.

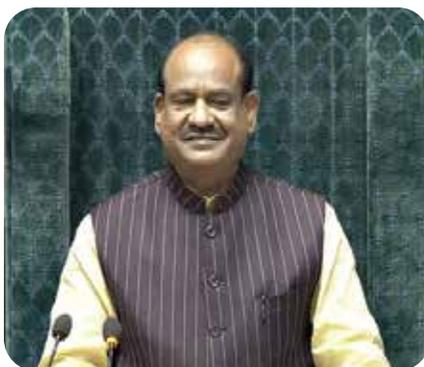
The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the re-elected speaker will continue to achieve new success. He noted that it was Shri Balram Jhakar who was the first Speaker to hold the post again after five successive years, and today it is Shri Om Birla who after the successful completion of the 17th Lok Sabha has got the responsibility to lead the 18th Lok Sabha to great successes. He also pointed out the trend of a 20-year period in the middle when those who were elected Speaker either did not contest elections or did not win an election after their appointment, but it is Shri Om Birla who has scripted history by returning as Speaker after emerging victorious again.

The Prime Minister touched upon the working of the Speaker as a Parliamentarian. PM Shri Modi mentioned the remarkable campaign of Healthy Mother and Healthy Child in the constituency of Shri Om Birla. He also remarked on the good work done by Shri Birla in taking health services to the rural areas of Kota, his constituency. He also praised Shri Birla's promotion of sports in his constituency.

Landmark Acts that were passed under the Speakership of Om Birla

Recalling Shri Birla's leadership for the last Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister called that period to be a golden period in our Parliamentary history. Remembering the

transformative decisions taken during the 17th Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister praised the Speaker's leadership. The Prime Minister mentioned Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, Jammu Kashmir Reorganization, Bhartiya Nyay Samhita, Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Samhita, Samajik Suraksha Samhita, Personal Data Protection Bill, Muslim Mahila Vivah Adhikar Sanrakshan Vidheyak, Transgender Persons Protection of Rights Bill, Consumer Protection Bill, Direct Tax - Vivad se Vishwas Vidheyak; all landmark Acts that were passed under the Speakership of Shri Om Birla.



18th Lok Sabha will become a success by serving the people and realizing their dreams

Prime Minister Shri Modi lauded the balance shown by the Speaker in maintaining the decorum of the House which also involved taking several tough decisions. He expressed gratitude towards the Speaker for choosing to uphold the values of the House while maintaining the traditions.

The Prime Minister expressed immense confidence in the 18th Lok Sabha becoming a success by serving the people and realizing their dreams and aspirations. Concluding his address, the Prime Minister conveyed his best wishes to Shri Om Birla for the pivotal responsibility enshrined upon him and to take the nation to new heights of success. ■

Three New Criminal Laws Comes Into Force from July 01

New Laws are victim-centric and justice-oriented: Amit Shah

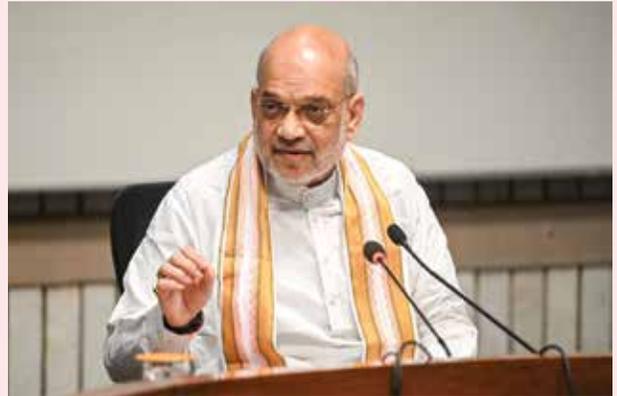
Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah in a press conference in New Delhi on 01 July, 2024 discussed on three new criminal laws, and said new laws are victim-centric and justice-oriented. He said all aspects of the new laws discussed extensively with various stakeholders for four years, no law in Independent India discussed at such length.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah described the 3 new criminal laws that came into effect across the country from 1st July, 2024 as justice-oriented rather than punishment, and victim-centric. He said that in the new laws priority will be given to justice instead of punishment, speedy trial and speedy justice instead of delay and protection of the rights of the victims will be ensured. Addressing a press conference held in New Delhi, Shri Amit Shah said that various misconceptions are being spread about the new criminal laws, which aim to create confusion in the minds of the public about these laws. He said that every aspect of the new laws has been discussed extensively with different stakeholders for four years and no law in Independent India has been discussed at such length.

India's criminal justice system is becoming completely indigenous

The Home Minister said that after 77 years of independence, India's criminal justice system is becoming completely indigenous and these three new laws have been implemented in every police station in the country from today. Shri Amit Shah said that these laws have replaced punishment with justice, speedy-trial and speedy-justice instead of delay. Along with this, earlier laws only protected the rights of the police but these new laws now have provisions to protect the rights of victims and complainants as well.

Shri Amit Shah said that the three new laws reflects the Indian spirit in the entire criminal justice system of our country. He said that there are many provisions in these laws which will be beneficial for the people of the country. He said that in these laws, many disputed provisions which were continuing from the British time and were creating problems for the people have been removed and new sections have been added which



are of relevance today.

First priority has been given to crimes against women and children

The Union Home Minister said that in these laws the priority of sections and chapters has been fixed in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution of India. He said that the first priority has been given to crimes against women and children. He said that by adding a new chapter on crimes against women and children, which has 35 sections and 13 provisions, the new laws have been made more sensitive. He said that similarly there was no provision in earlier laws for the crime of mob lynching but in these new laws, for the first time, mob lynching has been defined and severe punishment has been provided for it. Shri Shah said that in the new laws, the law of sedition made by the British has been abolished. He said that a new section has been added for anti-national activities in the new law under which there is a provision of severe punishment for those who damage the unity and integrity of India.

Laws will create most modern judicial system

Shri Amit Shah said that the three new laws will

create the most modern judicial system after its full implementation. He said that technology has not only been adopted in the three new laws, but provision has also been made in such a way that all the technologies that will come in the next 50 years can be included in it. He said that 99.9 per cent police stations across the country have been computerized and the process of generating e-record was already started in 2019. He said that Zero-FIR, e-FIR and charge sheet will all be digital in the new laws. Shri Shah added that the new laws also set a deadline for the completion of all procedures, with full implementation of the laws will end the endless wait for justice. He also said that justice up to Supreme Court can be done in 3 years from filing of FIR.

The Union Home Minister said that the new laws have made forensic investigation mandatory in offenses punishable by 7 years or more, which will help speed up justice and take the conviction rate up to 90%. Shri Shah said for making forensic visit mandatory in the new laws, the Government worked with a foresight and built National Forensic Science Laboratory in 2020 itself. He said that trained manpower will be required for this purpose and in the country, there will be more than 40,000 trained manpower after three years. He said that Union Cabinet recently decided to set up campuses of Forensic Science University and establish 6 Central Forensic Laboratories in 9 more states.

Shri Amit Shah said that the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 has also leveraged technology in the field of evidence. He said that several provisions have been made to increase the credibility of electronic

evidence. Now server logs, location evidence and voice messages have been interpreted as evidence. Shri Shah said that these three laws will be available in all the languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and the court proceedings will also take place in those languages.

New laws added according to their relevance

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Home Department of each state and the Ministry of Justice have made a lot of efforts to implement these laws. He said that in the new laws, sections have been added according to their relevance today and many such sections which were disputed ones have been removed, as they were creating problems for the people. Shri Shah said that, against a target of 12000 Master Trainers to train about 22.5 lakh policemen on new laws, more than 23 thousand Master Trainers have been trained with the help of authorized institutions. He said that 21,000 subordinate judiciary officials have been trained in the judiciary and 20 thousand public prosecutors have been trained. Shri Shah added that these laws were discussed in the Lok Sabha for a total of 9 hours and 29 minutes in which 34 members participated and gave their views, while in the Rajya Sabha it was discussed for 6 hours and 17 minutes in which 40 members participated. He said that a lie is being spread that the laws were passed after the expulsion of the members of Parliament. He said that the expelled members still had an option to come to the House and participate in the discussion to express their views, but not a single member did so. ■

BJYM protests outside Congress headquarters against Rahul Gandhi's hate speech

BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya led a massive protest in New Delhi against Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for his disgraceful remarks against Hindus in Parliament on 03 July 2024. Shri Surya led a march of thousands of BJP Karyakartas to



the Congress HQ in Delhi demanding an unconditional apology from Rahul Gandhi. He was detained and later released.

During this protest, State President of Delhi BJP Shri Virendra Sachdeva, MP Shri Manoj Tiwari, MP Sushri Bansuri Swaraj also addressed the gathering. ■



YOGA IS NOT ONLY A DISCIPLINE BUT ALSO A SCIENCE: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 10th International Day of Yoga (IYD) event in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 21st June 2024. The Prime Minister led the celebrations of International Yoga Day and took part in the Yoga session.

Addressing the occasion, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude for being present in Jammu & Kashmir, the land of Yog and Sadhna, on the occasion of International Day of Yoga. “The atmosphere, energy and experience from Yoga can be felt in Jammu & Kashmir today”, Shri Modi said. He conveyed his best wishes on the International Day of Yoga to all citizens and those practicing Yoga in different parts of the world.

Noting the 10th anniversary of International Yoga Day, the Prime Minister recalled that a record 177 countries endorsed India’s proposal in the UN. He also mentioned subsequent records made in the context of IYD such as 35,000 people doing yoga on Kartavya Path in 2015 and More than 130 countries participating in the Yoga event led by the Prime Minister at the UN Headquarters last year. He also expressed happiness that more than 100 institutes in India and 10 major foreign institutes have been recognized by the Yoga

Certification Board formed by the Ministry of Ayush.

The Prime Minister underlined that the number of people practicing yoga is growing worldwide while its attraction is constantly on the rise. He highlighted that yoga’s utility is also being recognized by the people and stated that there is barely any world leader who has not discussed yoga during his interactions. “All world leaders show a keen interest in Yoga during their interactions with me”, he said. He asserted that yoga has become a part of daily life in every corner of the world. Throwing light on the growing acceptance of yoga around the world, the Prime Minister recalled inaugurating a Yoga Center during his visit to Turkmenistan in 2015 and that Yoga has become extremely popular in the country today. He further informed that State Medical Universities in Turkmenistan have included Yoga therapy, Saudi Arabia has made it a part of their education system and Mongolian Yoga Foundation is running many yoga schools. Informing

about the acceptance of Yoga in Europe, the Prime Minister said that so far, 1.5 crore German citizens have become Yoga practitioners. He also recalled India awarding a Padma Shree this year to a 101-year-old French yoga teacher for her contributions to yoga even though she had not visited India even once. He further added that yoga has become a topic of research today and multiple research papers have already been published.

Touching upon the changing notions about yoga due to its

expansion in the last 10 years, the Prime Minister talked about a new Yoga Economy. He mentioned the growing attraction for yoga tourism and people's desire to visit India to learn authentic Yoga. He also mentioned yoga retreats, resorts, dedicated facilities for yoga at airports and hotels, yoga apparels and equipment, personal yoga trainers, and companies carrying out yoga and Mindfulness wellness initiatives. All these are creating new avenues of employment for the youth, he added.

Talking about the theme of this year's IYD -'Yoga for Self and Society', PM Modi said that the world is looking at yoga as a powerful agent of global good and it enables us to live in the present without the baggage of the past. PM Modi emphasized, "Yoga helps us realize that our welfare is related to the welfare of the world around us. When we are peaceful within, we can



also make a positive impact on the world."

Stressing the scientific aspects of Yoga, the Prime Minister highlighted its importance for coping with information overload and maintaining focus as, he said, concentration is the greatest power. That is why, the Prime Minister explained, yoga is being incorporated in fields ranging from army to sports. Astronauts are also being trained in yoga and meditation.

Yoga is also being used in prisons to spread positive thoughts among the inmates. "Yoga is scripting new pathways of positive change in the society", PM

Modi said.



The Prime Minister expressed confidence that inspiration derived from yoga will give positive energy to our efforts. The Prime Minister lauded the enthusiasm of the people of Jammu & Kashmir, especially Srinagar, towards yoga and said that it provides a platform to boost the tourism of the Union Territory. He

also praised the spirit of the people to come out and show their support despite the rainy weather conditions. "Association of 50,000 to 60,000 people with yoga program in Jammu & Kashmir is huge", he added. The Prime Minister concluded his address by thanking the people of Jammu & Kashmir for their support and participation and conveyed his best wishes to all Yoga enthusiasts from around the world. ■





Major thrust of the discussion was on economic engagement

Further, the two leaders held, in fact, continued their detailed discussions at the Kremlin on the 10th July. The first round of detailed, extensive, wide-ranging discussion between the two leaders took place actually at the private dinner on July 9 and the 10th July discussion was a continuation of some of the important areas of bilateral cooperation and regional developments, at the talks between the two leaders.

The agenda of discussion between the two leaders was principally economic, dominated the discussions both but also included elements relating to cooperation between the two countries in the political sphere, larger space of economic engagement covering extensively trade, capital linkages, energy, science and technology cooperation. Defense and Security was also another element of the discussion and the larger development of a situation regionally and globally.

The two leaders also reviewed status of bilateral engagement and multilateral groupings including BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the United Nations. The major thrust of the discussion was on economic engagement. Both countries signed nine MoUs/agreements in the areas of economic cooperation, environment, science-tech, international cooperation, defence and security. ■

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Russia on July 9 to attend the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit. The ceremonial welcome and the Guard of Honour were given at the airport on his arrival. The Prime Minister was received by the Deputy Prime Minister, Manturov. On July 9, a private dinner was held by the Russian President for the Prime Minister of India as a special gesture. In the morning of July 10, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the Indian community. The Prime Minister laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier earlier that day. Thereafter, the Prime Minister visited the Rosatom exhibition place, where he was accompanied by President Putin.

PM Modi receives Russia's highest civilian honour

Order of St Andrew the Apostle

The highest national honour of Russia 'the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle' was conferred to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, for his outstanding contribution to India-Russia ties. This award was announced in 2019.

Russian President Mr. Vladimir Putin, during a separate event in Moscow, has conferred Russia's biggest civilian award. ■



Austria and India emphasize on ruled based international order



At the invitation of Chancellor Shri Karl Nehammer, Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi paid an official visit to Austria from 9-10 July 2024. During his visit, the Prime Minister called on Alexander Van der Bellen, President of Austria, and held bilateral discussions with Chancellor Nehammer. This was the Prime Minister's first visit to Austria and that of an Indian Prime Minister after 41 years. This year marks the 75th year of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor emphasised that the shared values of democracy, freedom, international peace and security, a rules-based international order with the UN Charter at its core, the shared historical linkages, and the long-standing ties between the two countries are at the centre of the growing enhanced partnership. They reiterated their commitment to continue their efforts towards deepening and widening bilateral, regional and international cooperation for a more stable, prosperous and sustainable world.

Chancellor Nehammer and Prime Minister Shri Modi recognised that the two countries have the potential to significantly upgrade their bilateral partnership to a higher level. They agreed to adopt a strategic approach to advance this shared objective. To this end, in addition to closer political-level dialogue, they emphasised on a future-oriented bilateral sustainable economic and technology partnership, covering a range of new initiatives and joint projects, collaborative technology development, research and innovation and business-to-business engagement inter alia in green and digital technologies, infrastructure, renewable energy, water management, life sciences, smart cities, mobility and transportation. ■

PM calls for giving priority to the concerns of the Global South



At the invitation of Prime Minister of Italy, Ms. Giorgia Meloni, PM Shri Narendra Modi visited Apulia, Italy to participate in the 50th G7 Summit, which was held there on 14th of June, it was first foreign visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi after assuming office of Prime Minister in third consecutive term. This was India's 11th participation in G7 Summit and Prime Minister Modi's fifth consecutive participation at the G7 Summit.

On 14th of June, that was the main day for the G7 Outreach Summit, Prime Minister participated in the Outreach Session along with the other countries invited for the Outreach Summit. At this Session, the focus was on artificial intelligence, energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Outreach Session on Artificial Intelligence, Energy, Africa and the Mediterranean at the G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy today. He congratulated the Group on its 50th anniversary milestone. Prime Minister expressed that it was a matter of great satisfaction for him to be attending the Summit after his re-election in the largest democratic exercise in the history of humankind. He expressed that for technology to be successful it had to be underpinned by a human-centric approach.

Talking of India's AI Mission premised on "AI for All", Prime Minister emphasised that this technology should be aimed at fostering progress and well-being of all.

On the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Italy, Prime Minister held bilateral meetings and discussions including Japan, Ukraine, UK and France with the leaders of the G7, as also the Outreach Countries and the international organizations. ■

539 NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS TAKE OATH

Both Houses Register more than 100% Productivity

After general elections for the 18th Lok Sabha, the first Session of Lok Sabha and 264th Session of the Rajya Sabha were called from 24th and 27th June, respectively. Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die on 2nd July, 2024 while Rajya Sabha has been adjourned sine die on 3rd July, 2024

Addressing a Press Conference in New Delhi on 3rd July 2024, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju gave the details of proceedings of this session of the Parliament. First two days in Lok Sabha were devoted exclusively for the purpose of Oath/Affirmation of newly elected Members of 18th Lok Sabha. During the Session in total 539 out of 542 Members took Oath/Affirmation.

For facilitation of Oath/Affirmation, the President of India appointed Shri Bhartruhari Mehtab as Speaker Protem under Article 95(1) of the Constitution and Shri Suresh Kodikunnil, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Shri T. R. Baalu and Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, persons before whom Members may make and subscribe Oath/Affirmation under Article 99 of the Constitution.

On 26th June, 2024, election of Speaker, Lok Sabha was held and Shri Om Birla, Member of Lok Sabha was elected as the Speaker through voice vote. On the same day, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi introduced his Council of Ministers to the Lok Sabha.

On 27th June, 2024, the President addressed both the Houses of Parliament assembled together under Article 87 of the Constitution giving details of past achievements of the government and also

detailing out roadmap for future development of the nation.

On 27th June, 2024, the Prime Minister introduced his Council of Ministers to the Rajya Sabha.

Discussion on Motion of Thanks on President's address was scheduled to commence on 28th June, 2024 in both the Houses.

In Lok Sabha, due to interruptions, debate on the subject could be initiated only on 1st July, 2024. Shri Anurag Thakur, MP initiated the debate while Ms. Bansuri Swaraj, MP seconded the discussion in Lok Sabha. In total 68

Members took part in the debate while more than 50 Members laid their speeches on the Table of the House. Debate was replied to by Prime Minister after a discussion of more than 18 hours on 2nd July, 2024. There were 7 Sittings of about 34 hours in Lok Sabha and the productivity despite one day's washout has been 105%.

In Rajya Sabha, discussion on Motion of Thanks on President's address was initiated by Shri Sudhanshu Trivedi, MP which was seconded by Ms. Kavita Patidar, MP on 28th June, 2024. In total 76 No. of Members took part in the debate of more than 21 hours which was replied to by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 3rd July, 2024. Total productivity of Rajya Sabha has been more than 100%. ■



PM URGES CITIZENS TO PLANT TREES IN HONOUR OF THEIR MOTHER

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 30 June addressed the 111th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', marking his first in the new term. He highlighted the continuity of the program despite a brief pause, emphasising the ongoing positive impact of citizen-driven initiatives across India. PM Shri Modi also expressed gratitude for the public's reaffirmation of faith in the Constitution and democratic processes during the historic 2024 Lok Sabha elections

Addressing the programme prime Minister said, "The 'Mann Ki Baat' radio program may have been paused for a few months, but the spirit of 'Mann Ki Baat' in the country and society, touching upon the good work done every day, work done with selfless spirit, work having a positive impact on the society – carried on relentlessly. Amidst the news of the elections, you certainly would have noticed such news that touched the heart." He added, I also thank the countrymen for having reiterated their unwavering faith in our Constitution and the democratic systems of the country. The 2024 elections were the biggest elections in the world. An election as



big as this, in which 65 crore people cast their votes, has never taken place in any other country in the world. For this, I congratulate the Election Commission and everyone involved in the voting process.

He adds, "A memorable Yoga Session was also held at Galle Fort, famous for its UNESCO heritage site in Sri Lanka. People also did Yoga at the Observation Deck in New York, USA. The President of Marshall Islands also participated in the Yoga Day program organized there on a large scale for the first time. A grand Yoga Day program was also organized in Thimpu, Bhutan, in which my friend Prime Minister Tobgay also participated. That is, we all saw



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and other BJP leaders listening to the 111th edition of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's 'Mann Ki Baat' programme with the Karyakartas at R.K. Puram in New Delhi on 30 June, 2024

panoramic views of people doing Yoga in every corner of the world. I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the friends who participated on Yoga Day. And then there is this long standing request of mine. We do not have to make Yoga just a one-day practice. You should do Yoga regularly. You will certainly feel positive changes in your life by doing this. Talking about Araku coffee of Andhra Pradesh, he said, "There are so many products of India which are in great demand all over the world and when we see a local product of India going global, it is natural to feel proud. One such product is Araku coffee. Araku coffee is produced in large quantities in Alluri Sita Rama Raju district of Andhra Pradesh. It is known for its rich flavour and aroma. Around 1.5 lakh tribal families are associated with the cultivation of Araku coffee. Girijan cooperative has played a very important role in taking Araku coffee to new heights. It brought together the farmer brothers and sisters here and encouraged them to cultivate Araku coffee. In the address, PM Modi thanked Kuwait for launching a special Hindi program on its national radio, aimed at showcasing Indian culture through films and discussions, which has garnered interest among both the Indian community and locals in Kuwait. PM Shri Narendra Modi discussed the global celebrations honouring Indian culture, including

the installation of Rabindranath Tagore's statue in Turkmenistan and the annual Indian Arrival Day in Suriname. He also spoke about campaign related to environmental conservation the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign launched on World Environment Day, urging citizens to plant trees in honor of their mothers. "I was thinking... we can't give anything to our mother, but, can we do something else? Through this thought, a special campaign has been launched on World Environment Day this year. The name of this campaign is - 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'. I have also planted a tree in the name of my mother. I have appealed to all the countrymen; people of all the countries of the world to plant a tree along with their mothers, or in their name.

And I am immensely happy to see that the campaign to plant trees in memory of the mother or in her honor is progressing rapidly. On social media, People are sharing pictures of planting trees with their mothers or with their photographs. Everyone is planting trees for one's mother - whether one is rich or poor, whether one is a working woman or a homemaker. This campaign has provided all of us with an equal opportunity to express affection towards mothers. They are inspiring others by sharing their pictures with #Plant4Mother and #Ek_Ped_Maa_Ke_Naam." ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi participates in 10th International Day of Yoga celebrations at Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir on 21 June 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a Private Meeting with the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir Putin, in Moscow, Russia on July 08, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi with the Chancellor of Austria, Mr. Karl Nehammer at Federal Chancellery in Vienna, Austria on July 10, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a family photograph during the outreach session of 50th G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy on June 14, 2024



PM Shri Narendra Modi and the PM of Bangladesh, Smt. Sheikh Hasina at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi on 22 June 2024



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