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Under the Congress regime, the most prosperous region of North East, with immense potential of tourism was only known for corruption & lack of development but today under the PM Narendra Modi's leadership the narrative has change from "Briefcase" politics to development politics. The GDP of North-East, which was among the highest in the country before independence, slipped far behind under Congress rule. Why did North-East lag post independence? It was all because of the misdeeds and corruption of Congress governments.

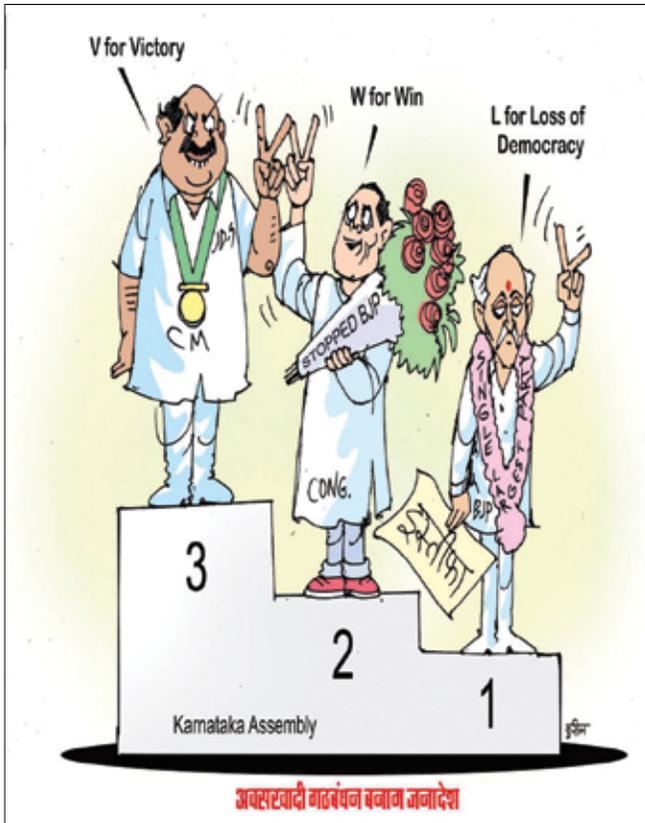


— **Amit Shah**

People have blessed us by making us the single largest party in this election. Power and office have never influenced my determination to stand up for a cause. Irrespective of that, I shall continue to fight for the betterment of the farmers and my dear people of Karnataka.



— **BS Yeddyurappa**



# UNPRINCIPLED AND OPPORTUNISTIC ALLIANCE IN KARNATAKA

**T**he mandate of Karnataka elections was clear. BJP not only emerged as the single largest party, but it was just seven seats short of absolute majority. The overall mandate was in favour of BJP which received support of the people across various sections of the society. It was clear that the people desired a BJP government in the state and the votes were cast in accordance with this wish. But the polling arithmetic resulted in BJP missing the absolute majority mark by a whisker. In an assembly of 224 where polling had taken place in 222 seats, BJP scored a handsome 104 seats showing that BJP was the choice of the people. So, it was incumbent upon the BJP to try forming a government in accordance with the wish of the people which was reflected in the mandate. Moreover, being the single largest party in the assembly, only BJP was in the position to give a stable government. So the BJP was right in approaching the governor in staking claim for forming the government in the state.

The mandate of Karnataka may be interpreted in various ways by the political pundits but no one can deny the fact that it was against the Congress government in the state. The seats of the Congress is not only drastically reduced but its main leader and outgoing chief minister Siddaramaiah lost badly from one of the two seats he contested and barely scrapped through another. Not only this, majority of his cabinet colleagues lost the elections showing complete rejection of Congress government by the people. In the last five years the Congress government in Karnataka not only earned notoriety for large scale corruption but also pursued divisive politics to serve its political ends. The Siddaramaiah government was non-performing, corrupt and lacked any vision for the development of the state. The people were waiting for the elections to teach a lesson to the Congress and as a result the Congress lost badly in the elections.

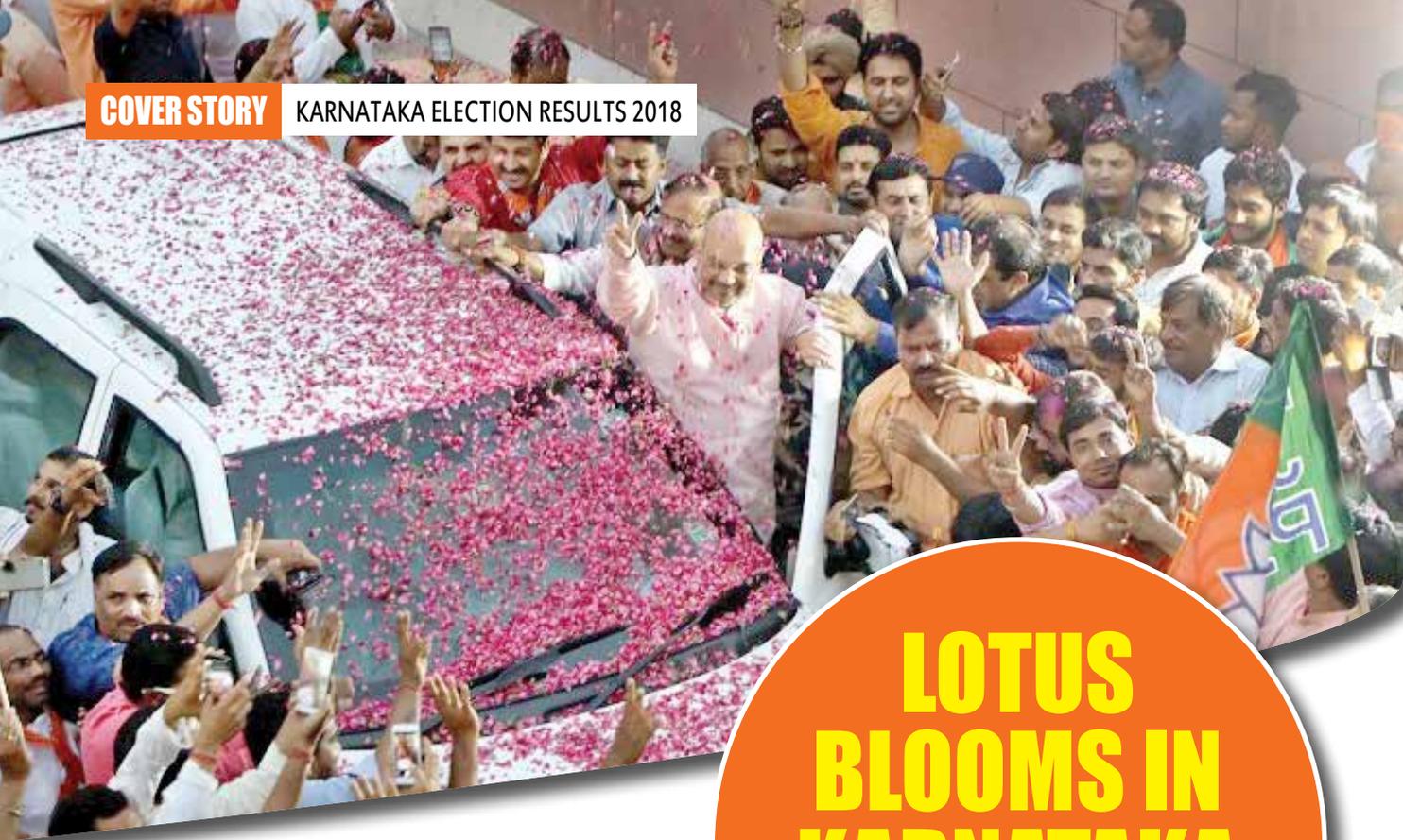
It is highly unfortunate to note that instead of humbly accepting the defeat the Congress chose to become part of the government through backdoor. In a bid to stop BJP from forming government in the state it supported JD (S) with the offer of chief ministership . Although JD(S) could win only 37 seats and Congress fought a pitched battle against it in the run up of the elections, the Congress leadership preferred to form an unprincipled and opportunistic alliance with it to somehow remain clinging to the power. While the party having only 37 seats in the assembly is leading the government with the post of chief minister in its kitty, Congress which was badly rejected by the people in the elections now supports the party somehow

extracting more number of ministerial berths than its partner in the bargain. It has led to Congress touching a new low in politics proving once more its power hungry character and unprincipled politics.

Congress may draw solace in somehow stopping BJP from forming the government in Karnataka by cobbling an opportunistic alliance but it should know that the people are the highest court in democracy. They are watching its unprincipled politics and opportunistic character of the party. The people will once again teach Congress a lesson and this time the lesson will be much bitter. The BJP needs to go back to the people and expose this opportunistic alliance and should mobilise massive support in favour of the politics of performance and development. The Congress- JD(S) alliance is incapable of leading the state towards a bright future and two defeated parties cannot become a winning combination for the people. It is a fact which everyone knows and therefore it is the responsibility of the BJP to free the people from such an unprincipled and opportunistic coalition. It is time for every BJP karyakarta to go to the people and seek their blessings for the struggle ahead. ■

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**BJP emerges as single  
largest party**

**T**he Election Commission declared the Karnataka Assembly Election Results on 15 May, 2018.

In the Karnataka Assembly Elections the BJP, which won only 40 seats in 2013, has emerged as the single largest party by winning 104 seats in the State but narrowly slipped from the half-way mark as counting was done for 222 of the 224 Assembly seats.

The ruling Congress which had won 122 seats in 2013 is at the second position with 78 seats down 44 seats from its earlier position while the Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) has finished third in the race with a tally of 37 seats while its ally BSP has won from one seat. Two independents have also registered victory. Of the 224 seats, elections have been postponed in R.R. Nagar and countermanded in Jayanagar constituencies.

Whichever way one looks the victory of BJP, the Party's performance has been very commendable. From a mere 40 seats in the outgoing 224-member assembly, to the single largest party with striking distance from a majority is no mean achievement.

For quite some time now, the BJP has looked at Karnataka as its entry point into the South India and this result will give BJP an edge over the Opposition Parties in the South, encourage the Karyakartas of

Karnataka Result Status		
Status Known For 222 out of 224 Constituencies		
Party	Won	Total
Bahujan Samaj Party	1	1
Bharatiya Janata Party	104	104
Indian National Congress	78	78
Janata Dal (Secular)	37	37
Karnataka Pragnyavantha Janatha Party	1	1
Independent	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>222</b>

the party and definitely going to influence the result of 2019 general elections.

The BJP has done really well in its traditional strongholds such as Coastal Karnataka, Northern Karnataka and urban areas such as Bengaluru. In one hand the BJP State President Shri B.S. Yeddyurappa

has retained Shikaripura for the eighth time, while the State Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was defeated by a whopping margin of 36,042 votes. He will, however, represent Badami in the Vidhana Soudha.

While becoming the single largest party is an achievement, on closer examination it looks more like the Congress lost Karnataka more than the BJP won it. The BJP has been attributing party's performance to the charisma of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the organizational skills of BJP President Shri Amit Shah and the hard labour of Party Karyakartas.

During the elections the Corruption ridden Siddaramaiah government was battling history when he was aiming for re-election. A huge anti-establishment anger was also seen during the elections and it was reflected in the fact that 21 of the 32 ministers in the state cabinet, who contested, have lost elections. The Congress Chief Minister himself lost from one of the seats, Chamundeshwari, he was contesting and barely scraped through in Badami. Several Congress stalwarts such as TB Jayachandra, Ramnath Rai, Umashree, Santosh Lad and Basvraj Rayareddi have been defeated. Even

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the Chief Minister's close cabinet associates such as HC Mahdevappa, a veteran of several elections and H Anjenaya, who formed the backbone of the Congress's AHINDA (a Kannada acronym for backward classes, minorities and Dalits) coalition also lost.

The irony is that now to ward off the BJP's quest to seize another State from it, the Congress has been forming an opportunistic, unholy post poll alliance with JD(S) and they have decided to form a coalition government in the state. BJP State President Shri B.S. Yeddyurappa has dubbed the Congress's support to the JD(S) as the party's attempt to come back to power through the back doors.

The reemergence of the BJP in Karnataka after 2008, when it formed the government with 110 seats and later secured majority has increased BJP's winnability in the southern states and enhanced its

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"I thank my sisters and brothers of Karnataka for steadfastly supporting the BJP's development agenda and making BJP the single largest party in the state. I salute the stupendous work of BJP Karnataka Karyakartas who toiled round the clock and worked for the party."

**@AmitShah**

The 'Murder of Democracy' happens the minute a desperate Congress made an 'opportunist' offer to the JD(S), not for Karnataka's welfare but for their petty political gains. Shameful!

I thank people of Karnataka for voting BJP as the single largest party. This mandate clearly reflects that Karnataka has rejected Congress's corruption, dynastic politics and divisive casteism.



The BJP, which had won 104 seats in Karnataka was invited by Governor Shri Vajubhai Vala to form the government in the state; however, the deadline given by the Governor was reduced by the Supreme Court and Yeddyurappa had to prove his majority on the floor of the House at 4pm on 19 May, 2018.

However, Shri BS Yeddyurappa, who was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of the state on May 17, stepped down right after he made a speech on the floor of the Assembly, and withdrew his motion for a trust vote in the face of opportunistic Congress-JD(S) alliance.

Shri Yeddyurappa, who turned emotional while delivering his resignation speech, said that the mandate was not for the JDS and the Congress and that they indulged in opportunism. "I will travel across the state non stop. We have received tremendous love and support across the state. For 2019, I promise, we will win 28 out of all 28 Lok Sabha seats. I won't relent. I will continue to fight. I hereby resign as CM. I thank people of Karnataka," he said.



acceptability among the people and regional parties in the South. At the outset, victory will boost the BJP's confidence ahead of 2019 General Election for returning to power at the Centre breaking the myth, that the party cannot return to power. It's prospects have been brightened as it's theme Congress-Mukt Bharat has come almost true. Like Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi quipped, after Karnataka verdict the Congress has now become a "PPP" party – Punjab, Puducherry and Parivar party.

### PM Modi addresses party Karyakartas at BJP headquarter

## 'BJP REPRESENTED INDIA AND OUR PROUD DIVERSITY'

Soon after the BJP emerged as the single largest party in Karnataka elections, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 15, 2018 took the battle to the opposition, especially the Congress, stating that the results show the hollowness in the perception created

### PM MODI EMERGES AS MOST MENTIONED PERSONALITY ON TWITTER

Twitter has registered over 30 lakh tweets related to Karnataka Assembly election ever since the campaigning for the highly polarised election started in the state.

While Bharatiya Janata Party garnered 51 per cent mentions on Twitter, Congress and JD(S) registered 42 per cent and 7 per cent mentions respectively.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emerged as the most mentioned personality on Twitter. The data was released by Twitter for the period between April 25- May 15.



about the BJP being largely a “north Indian party”.

Stating that language never become a barrier between him and the people of Karnataka, during his campaigning in the state, Shri Modi said, “A perception was created in the country that the BJP is a party of north India — a party of only Hindi-speaking states. Neither Gujarat, nor Maharashtra, Goa, Assam and not any state of the Northeast are Hindi-speaking, but a perception was created. And such lies are spread again and again.”

Addressing a gathering of party workers at BJP’s central headquarters in New Delhi the PM said people of Karnataka have given a jolt to those with such “distorted thinking”. But the BJP, he asserted, is a party spread in each corner of the country, and dedicated to resolve problems of every region. He said the country will now move shoulder to shoulder with Karnataka on its path of development, and that the BJP will never let development of Karnataka be affected.

Without naming the Congress, Shri Modi said no one had imagined that the political party that was in power at the Centre for so many years since freedom will hurt the country’s federal structure, the spirit of federalism, and even the Constitution only for electoral politics and self-interest.

He said Karnataka had a great impact on him, and admitted that the lack of knowledge of languages in various states was a hurdle for him. “But the people of Karnataka gave me so much love that language was never a barrier,” he said.

The PM also extended condolences to families of the deceased in Varanasi accident in which an under-construction collapsed, leaving at least 16 people dead. “I am happy with the Karnataka victory but I am saddened by the loss of lives in Varanasi,” he said.

PM Shri Modi also expressed grave concern over the violence during Panchayat polls in West Bengal. He said, “There is one more thing I want to talk about...the scenes from the Panchayat Elections in West Bengal. It was nothing but a murder of democracy. From the nomination stage to the day of polling, where was the spirit of democracy? People were bullied.”

“People were disallowed to file nominations also. It is not only BJP people who suffered. People from all the leading parties except the one that rules Bengal

suffered. This is serious. A land as great as West Bengal has to see such sights, it is unfortunate”, noted the PM.

## ‘BJP WOULD WORK FOR THE PROGRESS OF KARNATAKA’

Earlier addressing the party workers BJP President Shri Amit Shah pointed out that Karnataka would be the BJP’s 15th straight victory. Noting that the BJP emerged as the single largest party but fell seven seats short of the halfway mark, the BJP President said, “All Congress people are happy that the BJP did not get absolute majority. I want to tell them that people of Karnataka have reduced their seats from 122 to 77 — the Congress has lost.”

He said, “Your Chief Minister himself lost from his traditional seat and won with a narrow margin of



only around 1,700 votes on another seat. Half your Cabinet members have lost.” Shri Shah accused the Congress of having always contested elections in Karnataka in “most immoral ways”.

He said, “First they took support of SDPI and PFI, (Islamic) organizations that are involved in anti-national activities and are a threat to the country’s security. You tried to contest the election by taking support of such organisations for vote-bank politics. You come with a proposal to give minority status to Lingayats. The division on caste lines the Congress started after Rahul Gandhi become party president... the party attempted the same caste politics here as well.”

Shri Amit Shah also assured the people of Karnataka that the BJP would work for the progress of the state. ■

## Northeast has made big strides in development under Modi Government: Amit Shah



**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah chaired the third conclave of North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) in Guwahati on 20 May, 2018. Addressing the conclave of NEDA at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Panjabari, the BJP President said that the BJP led NDA government at the Centre always acknowledged the contribution of the North East towards the development of the country.

Shri Amit Shah further said, “NEDA is the geo-culture alliance and it must represent all 217 tribes of North East India.” The BJP President said the “briefcase politics” of Congress rule has come to an end in Northeast with majority of the states in the region now being ruled by the constituents of BJP-led North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA). He referred “briefcase politics” to corruption charges under Congress rules in the region.

@AmitShah

The development of North-East region is the top most priority of Modi government. One central minister visits this region every fortnight to assess developmental work and to see what more could be done for this region.

He said the “briefcase politics” of Congress tenures has now been replaced by development politics after seven out of eight states in Northeast including Sikkim came under NEDA’s rule.

“Congress during its long tenures in Northeast brought bad name to the region because of corruption charges. I know of Congress chief ministers from the region who have properties in Delhi, Bengaluru and other places outside the region. Where the money has come which enabled them to possess large properties?” Shri Shah said.

The BJP-led NEDA, a platform of 13 regional parties, was floated in 2016 to make Northeast Congress- mukt. BJP heads governments in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur, while Nagaland, Meghalaya and Sikkim are ruled by NEDA constituent parties.

With only Mizoram remaining under Congress rule in the region, Shri Amit Shah hoped NEDA will be able to form the next government in that state which goes to assembly polls later this year.

“I am very hopeful in next NEDA conclave we will be able to see eight chief ministers of NEDA out of eight states of Northeast,” he said.

The BJP President said that the aim of NEDA is not only to make Northeast Congress mukt, but to take along all communities of the region on the path of

progress and development.

"NEDA is a reflection of Northeast's diversity and rich cultural heritage too, besides being a political platform. The diversity of the region is the strength of NEDA. Since Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power, Northeast has made big strides in development and ushering in peace. This has instilled confidence among the people of Northeast. That is why in a short period, NEDA has been able to have its governments in majority of the states," Shri Shah explained.

The NEDA meeting has been called to prepare the roadmap for achieving the target of winning 25 out of 25 seats in the Lok Sabha polls next year.

Speaking on the occasion, NEDA Convener Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma said, "I am glad that for first time in the history of the North-East, six Chief Ministers of the States are sharing the stage together at NEDA meet and it shows their commitment to push the region on path of development."

Addressing the gathering, Assam Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given emphasis to the development of North East. He said Prime Minister termed North East as the growth engine of the country. Six Chief Ministers of North East took part in the conclave. Meghalaya Chief Minister Shri Conrad Sangma said that NEDA would help in fulfilling the hope and aspiration of the youths on North East region.

Union Ministers Shri Kiren Rijiju and Shri Rajen Gohain have also attended addressed the conclave.

Chief Ministers of all NEDA-ruled States attended this third conclave of NEDA since its formation two years ago. Except Mizoram, NEDA allies are in power in the rest of NE States.

Earlier, when Shri Amit Shah arrived in Guwahati Assam CM Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, NEDA convener Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma and Assam BJP State President Shri Ranjit Das received him at the airport. ■

## BOOTH KARYAKARTA SAMMELAN, BAMBOLIM (GOA)

### 'In BJP, a person selling tea can also become PM'

**A**ddressing a meeting of the Booth Karyakarta Sammelan at Dr S P Mukherjee Stadium on 13 May, 2018 in Bambolim, Goa, Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah said, "BJP is such a political party in which a person selling a tea can also become the Prime Minister of a great democracy like India". "For the first time, after independence, a non-Congress party received the opportunity to serve the nation with an absolute majority. BJP received that opportunity, Narendra Modi government received that opportunity," he added.

He said that the party started with 10 members and now it has become the largest political party in



the world with 11 crore party members.

Recalling the 2016 surgical strike, launched by Indian security forces on terrorist launch pads, Shri Shah said, "After the US and Israel, our country is now known to avenge the killings of its soldiers." ■

@AmitShah

Addressed our energetic karyakartas of @BJP4Goa unit during Booth Karyakarta Sammelan in Goa.

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# Politics of hard work has replaced politics of dynasty, says PM

**T**he office-bearers of the Yuva, Mahila, Kisan, OBC, SC and ST Morchas leaders attended the combined 'BJP National Executive Committee meeting of all the Morchas' at NDMC Civic Centre on May 17, 2018 in New Delhi. Addressing the gathering Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi urged party Karyakartas to work hard to reach out to the people and focus on youngsters ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Asserting that the era of dynasty politics has been replaced by the politics of hard work, Shri Modi also wanted the BJP's several Morchas to ensure that the party has "young, articulate and balanced spokespersons, who can go and speak on all social media platforms to reach out to people at every level".

The Prime Minister reiterated that every leader of the party should engage deeply in ensuring that welfare and flagship programmes reach the villages. "The era of dynasty politics is over. Now it's time for 'parishram vadi'. The hard working BJP has been appreciated and supported by people," Shri Modi was quoted as saying by party National General Secretary Shri Bhupender Yadav, who briefed the media over the day-long meeting.

All Morcha activists have been asked to help the youth and first-time voters to get enrolled in the voters' list. "The PM kept talking about youngsters. He wanted the party to reach out to youngsters in every sector —

young students, farmers, Dalits and tribals. His speech for more than an hour was very positive and nice," said a participant.

The activists should also conduct programmes at the Mandal and booth level, and hold several meetings in the upcoming year he said.

## **"WORK TOWARDS WINNING 50 PER CENT OF THE VOTES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION"**

Addressing the office-bearers of the party's Morchas, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah asked them to work towards winning 50 per cent of the votes in the general election.

He said the party, through its April 14 to May 05 campaign, had reached out to 22 crore families with the government's flagship programmes. The outreach should be completed before the 2019 election.

In the last four years of Modi government, various government welfare schemes have benefited over 22 crore people across the country. Now, in a run up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP President tasked workers to reach out to these 22 crore beneficiaries to win them over as potential voters. The PM also asked to use the NaMo app to get connected to 22 crore families in the country. ■

## City Gas Distribution doubled since 2014

**T**he Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan has said since May 2014, when our Government took over, we have doubled the coverage of CGD networks to 94 Geographical Areas spread across 130 districts. Natural Gas is the fuel for the future and the need is to increase share of Gas in India's primary energy basket from current 6.5% to 15%. Elaborating on this the Minister made it clear that till 2014, India had City Gas networks in 47 Geographical Areas across 73 districts. Through the 9th Bidding round, we are rolling out City Gas networks in another 86 GAs (Geographical Areas) covering 174 districts. After this round, India shall have CGD coverage in nearly 50% of the total 640 districts in the country and about 50% (61 Crore) of the population of the country.

Speaking at the ninth CGD Bid Round Shri Pradhan said this is the largest ever round which covers 20 states and 2 UTs of the country. Bid process he said has been rationalized and investor-friendly parameters evolved to attract serious bidders, encourage competition and unreasonable parameters like amount of Bank Guarantee determining the winner have been removed.

The Minister underlined that reforms in Natural Gas sector in India are important and PNGRB is performing an important role in refining the gas usage model and even becoming a facilitator from a regulator. A Mini Gas Grid in North East connecting all



**CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION IN INDIA**

state capitals being developed by a JV of 5 companies will cover 1,500 kms is also being developed. He said partnership with State Governments is needed and they should co-operate and support the CGD entities and the Ministry in making states pollution free.

Chairman PNGRB Shri D.K. Saraf in his presentation told that the current LNG Infrastructure is a bottleneck and needs to be stepped up from 26 MMTPA now to about 50 MMTPA by 2022. Saraf mentioned that the IXth CGD round covers 174 districts (156 full and 18 part districts), 20 states, 2 UTs and 29 percent of the country's population. ■

## Boost to Metro connectivity

**I**n a major boost to public transport infrastructure in NOIDA, the Union Cabinet Chaired on May 16 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved extension of Delhi Metro corridor from Noida City Centre to Sector-62, Noida Uttar Pradesh covering a length of 6.675 k.m. at the total completion cost of Rs.1,967 crores. GoI liability will be Rs. 340.60 crore on account of Grant and Subordinate Debt. ■



## 240 per cent increase in urban house approval under NDA govt

**T**he BJP-led NDA government has approved construction of 45.86 lakh houses in urban areas since it came to power in 2014, recording an increase of around 240 per cent as compared to that sanctioned in the UPA government's 10-year tenure, as per official data.

According to the housing and urban affairs ministry data around 13.45 lakh houses were approved during the UPA I and II under two schemes - Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY).

Quoting the data, a senior official said after the NDA government came to power in 2014, 45.86 lakh houses have been sanctioned under this flagship programme -- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

Under the PMAY (U), the government aims to construct around 1.2 crore houses for urban poor by 2022.

The central assistance approved by the UPA government was to the tune of Rs 20,303 crore for construction of 13.45 lakh houses for the poor, while the NDA government has approved Rs 70,716 crore for construction of sanctioned 45.86 lakh houses so far, according to the data.

Construction of 8.04 lakh houses were completed in



the UPA's regime, while as many as 7.25 lakh houses, including the houses left under the JNNURM and RAY, were constructed since the NDA government came to power in 2014, the official said quoting the data.

The UPA government during its 10-year rule released Rs 17,989 crore for construction of houses, while the NDA government has released Rs 25,264 crore for construction of houses for urban poor, he added.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri said this scheme was a "roaring success" and the government's aim of providing houses to all urban poor will be achieved before 2022. ■

## Artificial Intelligence to Monitor the Food preparation in Railway Kitchens

**T**he railways has developed an artificial intelligence module to ensure hygiene food monitor food prepared in Base Kitchens. The module has been developed by IRCTC to find anomalies in standard operating procedure using CCTV footage. With this module base Kitchens will be monitored pan India. The Artificial Intelligence module realises the value of their videos and photos with vision computing. It can detect an unexpected change or an event that does not conform to the expected pattern using their machine learning

algorithms. To begin with, 16 base kitchens of IRCTC have been installed with high definition cameras connected to huge monitors for AI vision detection. Live streaming of 16 base kitchens is played all the time. The system detects anomalies of head gear, uniforms, rodents and mopping across kitchens and raises issues to be dealt accordingly with by IRCTC.

The AI system will be used to improve upon catering units. The system is capable of tracking any anomaly in the entire operation of catering. ■

# Over 39 lakh jobs created in 7 months till March: EPFO data

**A**s many as 39.36 lakh new jobs were created during 7-month period ending March this year, as per the latest retirement fund body EPFO's payroll data released on 22 May, 2018, .

According to the latest data, as many as 6.13 lakh new jobs were created in the month of March this year, which is higher than 5.89 lakh payrolls with the Employment Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in February this year.

The data shows that the half of the payrolls were created in the expert service segment across all age buckets or groups. The segments where job creation was substantial were electric, mechanical or general engineering products followed by building and construction industry, trading & commercial establishments and textiles.

The data clearly indicates that over half of the jobs created in organised sector in the country were in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat during the seven-month period till March this year.

The first set of payroll data was released by the EPFO last month. Some of the experts had raised doubts over construing job creation from the statistics. They had said



that this data does not reflect true job creation in the country as it includes job changes also by employees.

The EPFO has uploaded the data with disclaimers that the data for most recent months are provisional as updation of employees records is a continuous process and are likely to be updated in subsequent months.

The body also said that this is age-band wise data of all non-zero contributors that are registered under the EPFO during particular month. ■

## Over 2,100 companies settle Rs 83,000 crore bank dues

**T**he fear of losing control over their companies has prompted promoters, who have defaulted on repayment of loans to banks, to settle their dues of around Rs 83,000 crore before action was initiated under the newly-enacted Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

On last count, data compiled by the ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) showed that over 2,100 companies have cleared their outstanding amounts, a majority of which came after the government amended the IBC to explicitly bar promoters of companies that were classified as a non-performing assets (NPAs) from bidding for these companies where the National Company Law Tribunal, the bankruptcy court, initiated action. A loan is classified as an NPA if dues are unpaid for 90 days. The government said the move was meant to ensure that the promoters did not walk away with the same asset at a heavy discount. A clause was, however, inserted allowing the promoters to participate if they cleared the dues. "The real success is the pressure on loan defaulters to clear dues. The borrowing and lending culture is changing because of IBC". ■

# SOME THOUGHTS

| PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY

## THE TRUE EGO

**W**E is the most important word. Everything depends upon a corporate life. Even prosperity is the name of a certain condition of collective life. Once a friend who had returned from a tour of a foreign country very sadly said, "All countries in the world have only one impression of India- that it is a country of beggars." I asked him, "Did you beg?" He replied, "No but how can people say India begs alms?" In other words an insult to the nation was an insult to all of us. On the other hand when the Indian armed forces defeated Pakistan in the Indo-Pak war of 1965, everyone raised slogans of victory and felt proud of the nation's success. In other words our glory depends upon the glory of the nation.

## EVILS OF MENTAL SLAVERY

THE truth is that mental slavery interrupts independent thinking. We must never forget that foreign influence on our outward life consumes our feeling of self-reliance and the time comes when the entire life of society is in danger of coming to an end. Many great societies in the world have been destroyed in this manner. We too would fail to make progress if in all fields of life we accepted blind imitation of foreigners as our basis. Such imitation checks development; hence self-respect alone can be the basis of our whole life and it alone can show us a balanced way of give and take with the outside world.

## IMPORTANCE OF ORGANISATION

ORGANISATION means living together. It means an unbroken string of mutual cooperation. Organisation is also naturally necessary because no individual can do anything by himself. Whether you lead a physical life or a metaphysical one, the cooperation of many people is necessary. We may well say that we have done something by ourselves, but if we think a little we would realise that behind every act of ours and behind the result of every such act there is the hand of many of our brethren. Hence every individual must become a part of an organised social life. This is natural. In

this lies happiness: prosperity and progress. There is strength in organization, and everything in this world can be achieved through strength. The greatness of organization lies in that it multiplies happiness many times and distributes unhappiness to an equal extent.

But organization does not mean a crowd. Many people confuse the two. The difference between a crowd and an organization is that in a crowd every individual considers himself alone, every individual has his own object and interest. They are all strangers to one another.

There might be activity but there is no oneness on the level of experience. This is not the case with an organisation. Those who come together in an organization have one identity in spite of their being



many in number. Their goal, then direction, their thought all these are one, hence then interest is common. Their actions produce a force that is a thousand times greater than their number. Every individual is an entity in himself and yet they are inseparable parts of one single whole. This is the secret of their success.

## ORGANISED SOCIETY IMMORTAL

TO come together in an organisation is the way to progress. To live as separate, un-organised individuals is the way to destruction. For an individual can come to an end while an organization is eternal. Man is immortal so long as he is organised. When individuals scatter, the end of the individual is certain. Hence

individuals must give up individualism and cultivate the force of organization. Man yearns for immortality. This immortality can be achieved only through organization. Organised social life is the way to immortality.

### **BODY AN INSTRUMENT**

THE fundamental difference between our position and that of the West is that whereas they have regarded body and satisfaction of its desires as the aim, we regard the body as an instrument for achieving our aims. We have recognised the importance of the body in this light. The satisfaction of our bodily needs is necessary, but we don't consider this to be the sole aim of all our efforts. Here in Bharat we have placed before

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ourselves the ideal of the fourfold responsibilities, of catering for the needs of body, mind, intellect and soul, with a view to achieving the integrated progress of man. Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha are the four kinds of human effort. Purushartha means efforts which befit a man. The longings for Dharma, Artha, Karma and Moksha are inborn in men, and satisfaction of these give him joy. Of these four efforts, too, we have thought in an integrated way. Even though Moksha has been considered the highest of these Purusharthas, efforts for Moksha alone are not thought to give benefit to the soul. On the other hand, a person who engages in action, while remaining unattached to its fruits, is said

to achieve Moksha inevitably and earlier.

### **MESSAGE OF BHAGWA FLAG**

THE Bhagwa Flag gives us the message of our culture. It fills us with a sense of sacrifice. It is possible that some people may not be able to hear this message, for only a heart burning with dedication can assess the importance of this message. This flag symbolized the entire history of our nation. It brings alive the words of Vedic Rishis and the lives of great men from Rama, Krishna, Buddha and Mahavir to Tulsidas, Nanak, Chaitanya and Ramdas. It includes the victorious epics of mighty warriors, the temples scattered all over this country and the sacred rivers washing its soil. This flag is the symbol of fire and the characteristic of fire is that not only is it pure by itself but it purifies everything consigned to it. The Bhagwa Flag teaches us to lead a life of such fiery purity.

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### **COMMUNIST TREACHERY**

THE developments in Tibet and the policy followed in that regard by the Communist Party of India have once again exposed the un-Indian character of this party. Whatever the economic and political systems of Tibet be, no outsider has any right to forcibly change them. If Communists in India, echoing Peking, can justify Chinese aggression in Tibet on grounds of the allegedly reactionary character of the Dalai Lama's Government, they might as well welcome such an aggression in India if they feel that the Government here continues to be "reactionary". It is nothing but base treachery. It is the duty of every patriotic Indian to see that they are not allowed to develop a potential that may some day seriously undermine India's freedom and security. ■

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

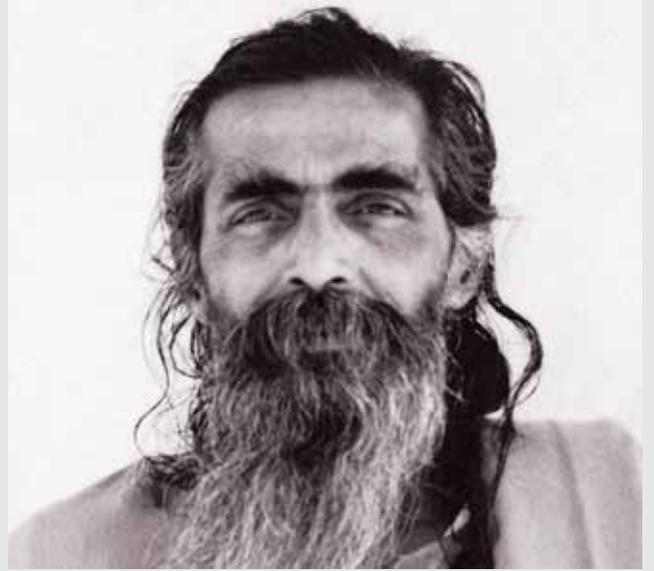
## Shat-Shat Naman! Guruji Madhav Sadashivrao Golwalkar (19 FEBRUARY 1906 – 5 JUNE 1973)

**S**hri Guruji, the second Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), was born on 19 February 1906. 'Guruji' was not his original name. This name was used out of regard, by his students in Banaras Hindu University where he taught. He is better known by this name even today throughout the Sangh and the nation. His name was Madhav Sadashivrao Golwalkar. His father's name was Sadashivrao and his mother was Lakshmi Bai. They lived in Nagpur.

From August 1931, Madhavrao began teaching at Banaras Hindu University. During this period, many of his hidden talents came to light. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya noticed his talent as well as his deep affection for the students, and grew fond of him. It was through a Swayamsevak from Nagpur, Shri Bhaiyyaji Dani, who was sent there as a student by Doctorji, (Dr. Hedgewar, the founder of RSS) that Shri Guruji came into contact with the Sangh. He also became the Palak (guardian) of that Shakha. Meanwhile, having seen Shri Guruji from closer quarters, Doctorji tried to maintain contact with him. Recognizing his extraordinary working capacity and intellectual talents, he started delegating greater responsibilities to him. In 1934, Shri Guruji ably discharged the duties of Sarvadhikari (officer-in-charge) of Sangh Shiksha Varga (Officer's training camp) in Akola.

In Nagpur, Shri Guruji's life took an altogether new turn. In Doctorji, he saw a personality intensely motivated and dedicated to the nation. Shri Guruji was also closely observing Doctorji, who had put his heart and soul into this work. From 1938 onwards, Shri Guruji identified the work of Sangh as the sole mission of his life. In the close company of Doctorji, he focussed his entire attention on the activities of Sangh. This also relieved Doctorji of his worries.

Under Sri Guruji's inspiring, fearless and indomitable leadership, RSS grew by leaps and bounds. In town after town, the Sangh Pracharak would arrive with a few letters of introduction to local leaders, whether belonging to Congress, Hindu Mahasabha, Arya Samaj or whatever. He would



put up himself in the local bhavan of any of these organizations or in a temple or with any well-wisher. His job, often as teacher, would bring him in touch with many students and teachers. Any existing local Hindu volunteer organization would promptly merge with the new RSS shakha. With help from local well-wishers and guidance from his seniors in the RSS, the shakha would grow into a social magnet, attracting promising young men and local VIPs alike, regardless of their cast, class or sect. Soon it would be the strongest organization in town.

Before long it would produce energetic young men to carry the message of Sangh to other towns and even villages. At a time when RSS was growing like wildfire, Sri Guruji said: "if I were to spend just one day in each shakha, even a life-time would not suffice to cover the whole country". In 1973 in Nagpur he participated in the evening Sangh Prarthana on 5th June and there after breathed his last at around 09.00 PM. For 33 years he toured the country, guided swayamsevaks, met dignitaries, social and religious leaders, politicians, thinkers old and young and wrote thousands of letters giving guidance in varied fields of life. We pay our tribute to Guruji on his punyatithi. ■

# Continuous activism required for a good Kisan Leader- Ramlal

**U**nder Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Prashikshan Mahabhiyan BJP National Kisan Morcha organized its three-day (from 18 May to 20 May ) Prashikshan Programme in Gurugram. The Programme was attended by all national office bearers, states' office bearers and national executive members of the Kisan Morcha. BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ramlal, Kisan Morcha National President Shri Virendra Singh Mast, Union Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Minister of State for Agriculture Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Agriculture Minister of Haryana Shri Omprakash Dhankad, BJP National Vice President Shri Vinay Sahastrabudhe, BJP National General Secretaries Shri Bhupendra Yadav and Shri Anil Jain, National Joint General Secretary Shri Shiv Prakash, Training Deptt. Convener Shri Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Union minister of Steel Shri Chaudhary Birender Singh gave their margdarshan in Prashikshan Programme.

Addressing the inaugural session National General Secretary (Organization) Shri Ramlal said, The significance of this Prashikshan lies in practice in his/her behavior. Shri Ramlal emphasized on becoming a better farmer leader by acquiring expertise on at least one issues related to farmers. He added, Continuous activism on issues of farmers makes karyakarta a good kisan leader.

Earlier Kisan Morcha National President Shri Virendra Singh Mast in his inaugural address said, The Union government has given priority to all those issues raised by Kisan Morcha to attract government's attention. He added, This is the first government after independence which took every step in the interest of farmers. The government fulfilled all demands related to water conservation, soil testing, one and half times more MSP at total production cost, agri-insurance, renewable of bamboo mission etc. Now it is duty of Kisan Morcha's Karyakartas to inform the people of all the initiatives taken by Modi government.

He said we should know that it is also first government after independence which has given 52% share of budget to rural sector.



Union Steel Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh said in his address that the main reason behind problems of farmers is lesser growth in income of farmers in comparison to other occupation. He said in 1964-65 when first time MSP of wheat was declared by Government, then it was decided at 64 rupees per quintal and that time salary of a lecturer was Rs 240 per month. Today, MSP of wheat is Rs.1750 per quintal and salary of a lecturer is from one lakhs to 1.25 lakhs. So only 19teen times MSP of wheat hiked while average salary has increased by 60 times. He added, Inequality is curse for any society and with this curse any system can not run smoothly.

Minister of State for Agriculture Shri Gajendra Shekhawat described contracting tillage and declining ground water level as main challenges for agriculture. He advised farmers to quit traditional farming and adopt new methods of farming.

Joint General Secretary (Organization) Shri Shiv Prakash underlined the importance of organization. He said, Chandrashekhar and VP Singh also reached on pinnacle of power but lack of organization could not sustain them and they became irrelevant in politics. He said working style of any organization reflects in character of karykartas and organization is known by character of karykartas. So BJP's karykartas have to become an example. Closing session of the Prashikshan Programme was addressed by organizational incharge of Kisan Morcha Shri Hridaynath Singh. He extensively guided karykartas on issues of farmers. The Programme was conducted by Kisan Morcha Vice President Shri Shailendra Sengar. ■

# Amid TMC violence, BJP emerges as second largest party

**T**he BJP has emerged as the second biggest party in the recently completed panchayat polls in West Bengal. This is the first time that the BJP has been elected to the gram panchayat level in every district of the state and the CPM slipped to the third position from the second place it occupied the last time panchayat polls were held. This time the BJP has made strong inroads into former Maoist bastions—districts such as Purulia and Jhargram and made its presence felt in every district of the State.

The BJP won around 5,465 (17.1 per cent) gram panchayat seats. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) had bagged 64.2 per cent of seats. Due to state sponsored violence and snatching of ballot papers the TMC has managed to win 34.2 per cent panchayat seats uncontested. The independents with 1,741 (5.4 per cent) had managed more seats than the Left Front (1615), which ruled the state for 34 long years. The Congress could bag just 993 seats.

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The BJP's performance has been better in North Bengal and in Malda, a Muslim majority district and a Congress stronghold. The BJP came second there ahead of Congress and the Left. The BJP won 526 seats while TMC managed 1,080 seats in Malda. The Congress got 379 and the Left 144. In North Bengal districts of Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri, the BJP got 268 and 286 seats.

The BJP had won 460 (7.5 per cent) of the 6,125 panchayat Samiti seats. The TMC won 3,598 (58.7 per cent) seats. The CPM was third with 63 seats. Independent candidates won 77 seats.

In Zilla Parishad the BJP performed well. The BJP's vote share at the gram panchayat level has gone up from 1% to 18%. Noteworthy, the BJP had got 17.2 per cent vote share in West Bengal in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. It was a major jump from 6.4 per cent votes it had managed in 2009. In 2016 assembly polls, the BJP got 10.16 per cent vote share in the state.

BJP state president Shri Dilip Ghosh expressed satisfaction over the results, saying they were not bad despite facing terror from the TMC goons during

PM Shri Modi also expressed grave concern over the violence during Panchayat polls in West Bengal. He said, "There is one more thing I want to talk about...the scenes from the Panchayat Elections in West Bengal. It was nothing but a murder of democracy. From the nomination stage to the day of polling, where was the spirit of democracy? People were bullied."

"People were disallowed to file nominations also. It is not only BJP people who suffered. People from all the leading parties except the one that rules Bengal suffered. This is serious. A land as great as West Bengal has to see such sights, it is unfortunate", noted the PM.

He said that it was not about who won the polls. "All those who are democratic minded, including friends in civil society, they must come together to strengthen democratic spirit. We cannot see things only in partisan terms", he said.

the nomination phase. "We would have done much better if our candidates had been allowed to submit their nominations and if the ruling party had not killed democracy by using its goons," he said. "The real game will be played in the Lok Sabha elections and we will show that people of Bengal are with us."

He said the Collective resistance and anger against the TMC in some of the tribal regions of Jhargram and Purulia was so high that the Trinamool Congress could not even field candidates in some seats and it was not even dare to face the people of those districts. The tribal population supported the BJP, he added.

The three-tier panchayat poll was held in 621 zilla parishad, 6,123 panchayat samiti and 31,802 gram panchayat seats in 20 West Bengal districts on May 14, 2018. Of the total 48,650 seats in gram panchayats, 16,814 went uncontested. There was no contest for 3,059 of the 9,217 panchayat samiti seats and in 203 of the 825 zilla parishad seats.

Interacting with the mediapersons State BJP General Secretary Shri Sayantan Basu said despite so much of violence we have won more than 5,000 seats in GP (gram panchayat). Had the elections been free and fair we would have won 50 per cent seats at all the three levels of the panchayat". ■

## "AYUSH" finds a place in English Language

**T**he Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology has decided to adopt the word 'AYUSH' in Hindi and English languages for scientific and technical purposes. The "AYUSH" became popular as the acronym for five traditional and complementary systems of medicine, namely Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy and successfully adopted and used in all Government communications. The decision follows a proposal from the Ministry of AYUSH in this regards.



Hailing this decision, Shri Shripad Naik, the Union AYUSH Minister said that it would underline the essential unity of all holistic systems of healing. He also said that this decision would add strength to the efforts of the Ministry of AYUSH to develop integrated solutions to manage the public health challenges of the Country. ■

## Cabinet approves establishment of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation at Bhopal

**T**he Union Cabinet Chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the establishment of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) at Bhopal as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 under the aegis of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. NIMHR will be the first of its kind in the country in the area of mental health rehabilitation.

The main objectives of the NIMHR are to provide rehabilitation services to the persons with mental illness, capacity development in the area of mental health rehabilitation, policy framing and advanced research in mental health rehabilitation. ■

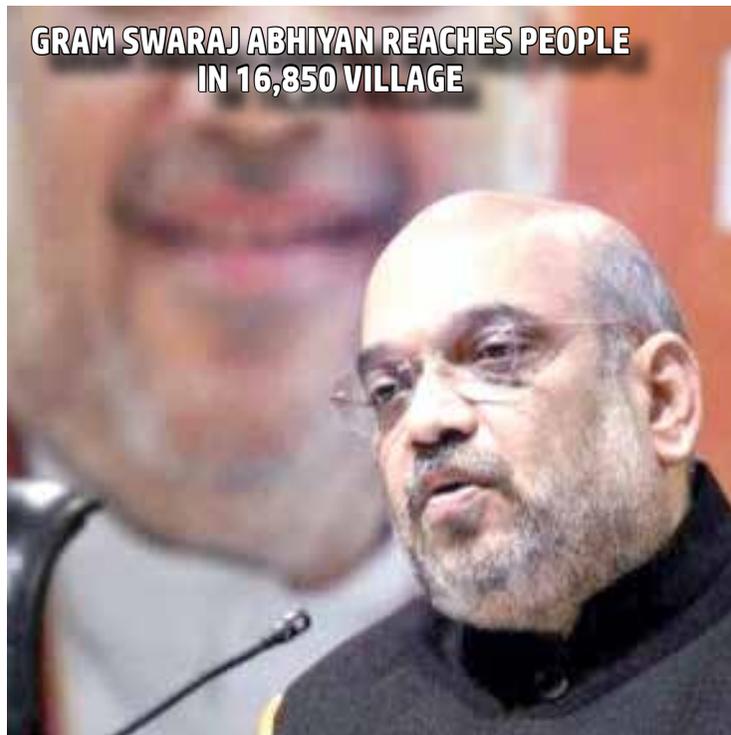
# 'All yojanas to benefit people at the end of society'

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah on May 22 addressed the media on the successful completion of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan across the country, and said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government and party workers have successfully covered 16,850 villages in the country and extended the benefits of seven top Government schemes.

Shri Shah said that from April 14 to May 5, the Narendra Modi Government and the party workers initiated the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan during which residents of 16,850 villages were apprised about the successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana, Ujala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jandhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Beema Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Yojana and Mission Indradhanush.

Initially a total of 21,844 villages were selected in the entire country under the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. However, due to elections in Karnataka and West Bengal, the campaign was carried on in 16,850 villages. Shri Shah said that the campaign was conducted in 16,850 villages and 484 districts.

## GRAM SWARAJ ABHIYAN REACHES PEOPLE IN 16,850 VILLAGE



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Stating that every individual in the 16,850 villages have benefitted from the schemes, Shri Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi electricity has reached the homes of all these villages, LPG Gas cylinders have reached the homes, vaccination has been done to the left out pregnant mothers and child, LED bulbs have been provided among many other things. Shri Shah informed that days were marked for celebration and observation of various programs initiated by the Government.

It was started by the Baba B.R Ambedkar Jayanti on April 14 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech was telecast live. April 18th was celebrated to mark Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Divas while April 20th was marked as Ujjwala panchayat. April 24 was celebrated as Panchayati Raj Divas, April 28th was observed as Gram Shakti Abhiyan, April 30 was decided for Ayushman Bharat Abhiyan and on April 2nd the Kisan

Kalyan Karyashala was organised.

Shri Shah said that to make Gram Swaraj Abhiyan a success, every MP, MLA, Mayor, Corporator and Zila Praishad stayed for two nights in the villages. "The villages were divided in nearly 1,200 workers from



the centre and they further worked towards apprising villagers about the initiatives taken by the Government," said Shri Shah.

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"Let me inform you that 3,68,978 programs were organised under the campaign and a total of 1.28 crore people participated in it. While the campaigns were carried on in all the villages, our leaders also did night stays in these 16,800 villages and successfully implemented the program.

Highlighting that it is Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who has paid tribute to Baba Saheb Ambedkar

in the most remarkable way, Shri Shah said that he has worked for extending the schemes to the people in villages and empower the people residing there. Nearly 1,200 officers went to the 484 districts and did night stays. Through a portal, proper monitoring has been done.

Addressing the media, Shri Shah also informed that nearly 10.93 lakh houses benefitted under the Ujjwala Yojana scheme and under over 5,02,424 families got electricity connections under the Saubhagya scheme, which was for the first time in India's 70 years of Independence.

"Under the Ujala Yojana 16,682 villages 25.3 lakh LED bulbs were distributed which is also a move towards ensuring low electricity bill. Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, 20,53,599 people have benefitted from scheme and have got connected to the country's banking system. All this has been done by the BJP Government," said Shri Shah.

He also informed that 16,14,388 people have got the coverage of Rs 2 lakh with a premium of just Rs 330 under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana. Under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Beema Yojana, 26,10,506 people have benefitted by getting a coverage of up to Rs 2 lakh for any accidents at the premium of Rs.12 per year.

Terming the completion of Mission Indrashanush as the biggest success, Shri Shah said that earlier(during the tenure of UPA) the vaccination was done only on papers, while under the BJP rule, the BJP Government has identified 1,64,398 children and 42,762 pregnant mothers who were left out during early vaccination programmes, have been vaccinated under the Mission Indradhanush scheme.

Shri Shah also informed that looking at the success of the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, BJP and its Narendra Modi Government have fixed a target of extending the coverage in 45,000 villages out of the 115 aspirational districts as part of transformation. "By 15 August, 2018 we are sure that there will be 65,000 villages in the country where every person will be a beneficiary of the seven Yojanas of the Government. It is Narendra Modi Government which is committed to provide all the benefits of Government Yojanas to the people in end of the society. BJP's Narendra Modi Government wants to ensure that poor people in the society don't have to approach the Government rather the Government will reach the people before they approach." ■



## Strategic Partnership between India and Russia is important for global peace & stability

**O**n May 22 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi concluded his successful trip to Russia. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was in the city of Sochi in the Russian Federation on May 21, 2018 to participate first India-Russia informal summit. Before leaving for Russia Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "I am confident the talks with President Putin will further strengthen the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia." The Summit provided an occasion for both leaders PM Shri Narendra Modi and President Shri Vladimir Putin to deepen their friendship and to exchange views on international and regional issues, in keeping with the tradition of high level

political exchanges between India and Russia.

The two leaders agreed that the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia is an important factor for global peace and stability. They shared the view that India and Russia have an important role to play in contributing to an open and equitable world order. In this regard, they recognized each other's respective roles as major powers with common responsibilities for maintaining global peace and stability.

The two leaders held in depth discussions on major international issues. They agreed on the importance of building a multipolar world order. They decided to

intensify consultation and coordination with each other, including on the Indo-Pacific Region. Prime Minister Modi and President Putin also agreed to continue working together through multilateral organisations such as the United Nations, SCO, BRICS and G-20.

Both leaders expressed their concern over terrorism and radicalization, and their determination to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. In this context, they endorsed the importance of restoring peace and stability in Afghanistan in an atmosphere free from the threat of terrorism, and agreed to work together towards achieving this objective.

Both leaders held detailed exchange of views on the national development plans and priorities. They expressed satisfaction over the deep trust, mutual respect and goodwill that characterizes relations between India and Russia. While expressing their satisfaction at the positive momentum since the last bilateral Summit in St. Petersburg in June 2017, the two leaders directed their officials to prepare concrete outcomes for the forthcoming Summit in India later this year.

Both leaders agreed to institute a Strategic Economic Dialogue between NITI Aayog of India and the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, to identify greater synergy in trade and investment. They noted with satisfaction the expanding cooperation in the energy sector and, in this regard, welcomed the arrival of the first consignment of LNG under a long-term agreement between Gazprom and GAIL, next month. The two leaders also reiterated the significance of longstanding partnership in the military, security and nuclear energy fields and welcomed the ongoing



cooperation in these areas.

The two leaders welcomed the idea of holding informal Summits as an additional engagement at leadership level, besides the Annual Summits between the two leaders. Prime Minister has invited President Putin for the 19th Annual Summit in India later in the year.

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On conclusion of the trip Spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs Shri Raveesh Kumar termed it as successful tour and he tweeted "Farewell, my friend! In a special gesture symbolizing our friendship, Russian President #Putin personally bid farewell to PM @narendramodi at the airport at the conclusion of PM's short but successful visit to Russia. [pic.twitter.com/uK8mqGfiip](https://pic.twitter.com/uK8mqGfiip) ■

# NEW IMPETUS TO GROWING INDO-NEPAL RELATIONSHIP

## BOTH PM JOINTLY LAY FOUNDATION STONE OF 900 MW ARUN-III HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT IN NEPAL

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was on a State Visit to Nepal from 11 to 12 May 2018 at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Nepal Shri K P Sharma Oli. Marking their second bilateral Summit in 2018, the two Prime Ministers held delegation level talks on 11 May 2018 in an atmosphere of utmost warmth and cordiality that characterizes the deep friendship and understanding between the two countries.

The two Prime Ministers recalled their meeting in New Delhi during the State visit of Prime Minister Oli in April 2018 and agreed to maintain the momentum generated by the visit by taking effective measures for the implementation of all the agreements and understandings reached in the past. They also agreed that effective implementation of the bilateral initiatives in agriculture, railway linkages and inland waterways development, as agreed upon by the two sides during the recent visit of Prime Minister Oli to India, would have transformational impact in these areas.

While reviewing the close and multifaceted relations between the two countries at different levels, the two Prime Ministers reiterated their resolve to work together to take bilateral relations to newer heights by strengthening ongoing cooperation in diverse spheres as well as expanding partnership for socio-economic development on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual trust, respect and mutual benefit.

The two Prime Ministers emphasized the need for regular convening of bilateral mechanisms, including Nepal-India Joint Commission at Foreign/External Affairs Ministers level, to review the overall state of bilateral relations, and for the expeditious implementation of the economic and development cooperation projects.

The two Prime Ministers underscored the



importance of trade and economic ties between India and Nepal. Expressing concern over Nepal's growing trade deficit with India, Prime Minister Oli stated that measures to address this deficit need to be taken. In this context, the two Prime Ministers welcomed the outcome of the recently held Inter-Governmental Committee meeting on Trade, Transit and Cooperation to control unauthorized trade to jointly initiate a comprehensive review of the bilateral Treaty of Trade, and to consider amendments to the Treaty of Transit and related Agreements with a view to further facilitating Nepal's access to the Indian market, enhancing overall bilateral trade, and facilitating Nepal's transit trade.

The two Prime Ministers underlined the catalytic role of connectivity in stimulating economic growth and promoting movement of people. They agreed to take further steps to enhance the economic and physical connectivity by air, land, and water. Recognizing the vibrant people to people contacts and friendly bilateral ties, the two Prime Ministers directed the respective officials to expand cooperation in civil aviation sector, including early technical discussion on additional air entry routes to Nepal by respective technical teams.

The two Prime Ministers reiterated the importance of advancing cooperation in water resources for mutual benefit in areas such as river training works, inundation and flood management, irrigation, and to enhance pace of implementation of ongoing bilateral projects. They also expressed satisfaction over constitution of the joint team, which will visit areas affected by inundation and floods and consider appropriate measures for sustainable solution.

The two Prime Ministers jointly laid the foundation stone of 900 MW Arun-III hydro-electric project in Nepal. They expressed hope that operationalization of the project would help enhance cooperation in the generation and trade of power between the two countries. The two Prime Ministers welcomed the outcome of the recently concluded meeting of the Joint Steering Committee on cooperation in the power sector held on 17 April 2018. They agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation in power sector in line with the bilateral Power Trade Agreement.

Prime Minister Modi also visited Janakpur and Muktinath and attended civic receptions in Kathmandu and Janakpur.

With a view to further strengthening the close religious and cultural ties between the two countries and peoples, the two Prime Ministers launched Nepal-India Ramayana Circuit connecting Janakpur, the birthplace of Sita, with Ayodhya and other sites associated with the epic Ramayana. In Janakpur, the two Prime Ministers flagged off the inaugural direct bus service between Janakpur and Ayodhya.

The two Prime Ministers directed their respective officials to address outstanding matters by September 2018, with the objective of advancing cooperation in all areas.

The two Prime Ministers underscored the importance of regional and sub-regional cooperation



under BIMSTEC, SAARC, and BBIN frameworks for forging meaningful cooperation in identified sectors.

The two Prime Ministers agreed that the landmark third visit of Prime Minister Modi to Nepal has further strengthened the age-old friendly relations between the two countries and has injected a fresh impetus to our growing partnership.

Prime Minister Modi thanked Prime Minister Oli for his gracious invitation and warmth of hospitality.

Prime Minister Modi extended an invitation to Prime Minister Oli to pay a visit to India. Prime Minister Oli accepted the invitation; dates will be finalized through diplomatic channels. ■

# 'Government working to develop all under-developed parts of country'

*Prime Minister inaugurates Kishanganga Hydroelectric Project in Jammu & Kashmir*



**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Kishanganga Hydroelectric Project and laid the Foundation Stone of the Pakal Dul Power Project in Jammu & Kashmir on May 19. Shri R K Singh, Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India was also present at the occasion.

Pakal Dul, with 1000 MW capacity, will be the largest Hydro Power Project in Jammu & Kashmir on completion. It is also the first storage Project in Jammu & Kashmir.

330 MW Kishanganga Hydro Electric Project, located in Bandipora District of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is a run of river scheme. All units of the project have been synchronised on 30.03.2018 and the annual generation of the main project is 1712.96 MU. The Project has been proposed to be completed at a cost of Rs. 5882 crore.

Kishanganga H.E. Project will provide a free power of 13 per cent to the state, which will be around Rs. 133 crore per year. There are other benefits to the state like- Employment to the people of J&K, infrastructure development etc. It is estimated that the project engaged about 1850 local persons during construction stage and 750 local persons during operation stage through direct and indirect employment. The Project

was handed over to NHPC for execution by the State Government after an MoU was signed between J&K Govt. and Ministry of Power, Govt of India in July 2000.

## PM ATTENDS CONVOCATION OF SHER-E-KASHMIR UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Earlier, PM Shri Narendra Modi attended the Convocation of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology in Jammu. He also inaugurated the Tarakote Marg and Material Ropeway, of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. In his address at the convocation, the Prime Minister said that technology is bringing about change in all spheres of life, and the youth of our country is keeping pace with these developments. He expressed confidence that through Scientific Approach, Technological Innovations, and Research and Development the graduating students would play an active role in turning agriculture into a profitable profession.

He said that even in agriculture, there is need to develop a new "culture" through infusion of technology, to benefit farmers.

## PM UNVEILS PLAQUE TO MARK COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON THE ZOJILA TUNNEL

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in Leh on the first leg of a day-long visit to Jammu and Kashmir on May 19 attended the Closing Ceremony of the Birth Centenary Celebration of the 19th Kushok Bakula Rinpoche. At the same event, he unveiled a plaque to mark the commencement of work on the Zojila Tunnel.

The 14 km long Zojila tunnel will be India's longest road tunnel and Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, had approved the construction, operation and maintenance of this tunnel between Baltal and Minamarg, on the Srinagar-Leh section of NH-1A, at a total cost of Rs 6800 crore earlier this year. The construction of this tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar, Kargil and Leh. It will cut down the time taken to cross the Zojila pass from the present

three and a half hours, to just fifteen minutes. It will lead to all-round economic and socio-cultural integration of these regions. It also has immense strategic importance.

Addressing a large gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister recalled the rich contribution of the 19th Kushok Bakula Rinpoche. His was a life dedicated to serving others, the Prime Minister said.

He added that the 19th Kushok Bakula Rinpoche distinguished himself as an outstanding diplomat. He mentioned that during his visit to Mongolia, he had witnessed first-hand, the goodwill he has in that country.

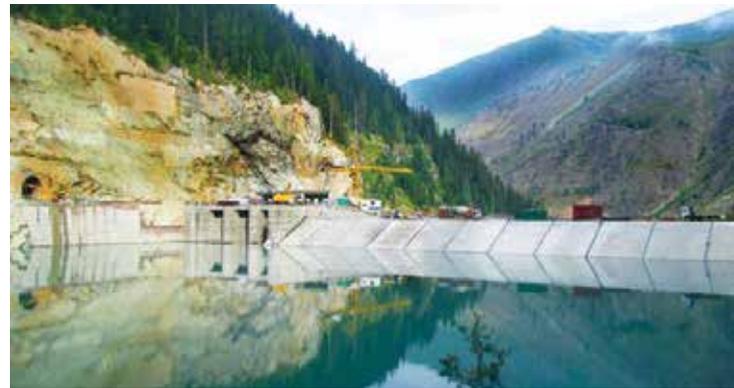
Shri Narendra Modi expressed happiness that he is visiting the three regions of Jammu and Kashmir today.

He said the State of Jammu and Kashmir is going to get development projects worth Rs. 25,000 crore. These projects will have a positive impact on the people of the state, he added.

After laying the Foundation Stone of the Pakuldul project, the Prime Minister said it is a unique day when one hydropower project has been inaugurated; and the Foundation Stone has been laid for another one. He said that the Union Government is working with an approach of "isolation to integration" to develop all the hitherto under-developed parts of the country.

The project cost of Pakal Dul as per CCEA sanction is Rs. 8112.12 crore and it is supported by the Government of India as well as the Government of J&K. Timelines of implementation is 66 Months from the start of the Project. It shall be leading to additional Generation of 650 MU in downstream projects as it is a storage type project and shall improve the water availability during the lean season.

Pakal Dul project will have immense benefits for J&K. Around 3000 persons shall be employed directly/indirectly during construction phase of the project. Further, around 500 persons shall be employed directly/indirectly during operation phase of the Project. It has been agreed that the Govt. of J&K shall be getting 12 per cent free power after 10 years of commissioning of the Project and water usage charges as applicable. Additional 1 per cent free power will go towards Local Area Development Fund (LADF). Govt. of J&K has



first right to purchase balance power of NHPC (49%) & PTC (2%). Furthermore, local population will be benefitted by the improvement and widening of roads and improvement of bridges under the Project.

The Prime Minister said that the policies and decisions of the Union Government are aimed at increasing the income of farmers.

While inaugurating Tarakote Marg he said that the Tarakote Marg would provide an alternative route to the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, which would facilitate pilgrims. He said tourism, especially spiritual tourism, is a very important source of income generation for the State of Jammu and Kashmir. ■

# DIALOGUE OF DEMOCRACY

## MANN KI BAAT

(Continue from Last Issue...)

VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE  
& DHIRAJ NAYYAR

**A**nother green soldier, Noor Jehan, featured on Mann ki Baat for her efforts to popularise solar energy for domestic lighting. The Prime Minister happened to watch a TV feature on the fifty-five-year-old resident of Beri Dariyawan near Kanpur, who made her living by renting solar lamps to 500 households in the village for the bargain price of ₹100 a month.

A widow of twenty-five years standing and illiterate to boot, Noor Jehan had struggled to care for her seven children on her paltry earnings as a field hand. The village did not have electricity, which meant that studying and daily household chores came to a halt at sunset. Kerosene lamps were a fire hazard. She was introduced to solar lamps by an NGO, Shramik Bharti, in 2012. With their help, she set up a women's group to make the lamps and a solar power unit equipped with panels to charge them.

The Prime Minister decided that her entrepreneurship deserved a mention, which he did on 29 November 2015: 'There is a woman, Noor Jehan, in Kanpur. Watching her on television, it seemed that she



did not have a chance to get an education. But she is doing something which no one would have thought of. She is utilising the energy of the sun to illuminate the houses of the poor. She is fighting darkness and bringing light.... See what the big people of the world do for climate change. Maybe Noor Jehan can act as an inspiration...Noor Jehan means the light of the world.'

The lady of the (solar) Lamp told media persons and political workers who flocked to her house after the Mann ki Baat programme that the Prime Minister's on-air encomium was a morale booster. She now hopes to scale up her operation as the village is still not electrified and hundreds of children cannot study at night.

Another environment-related effort which drew the Prime Minister's attention was water conservation by farmers in Hiware Bazar in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. The small hamlet had earned the title 'Village of Millionaires' after its water conservation efforts boosted farm productivity and made the denizens of the village prosperous.

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They decided to give up cultivation of those crops that require a lot of water, like sugarcane and banana. It sounds very simple, but in reality it is not so. What a big collective decision this must have been...they have taken to such crops like fruits and vegetables that require much less water. Farmers in this village have taken so many initiatives such as using sprinklers, drip irrigation techniques, water harvesting and water recharging, that today their village is strong enough to cope with the water crisis.'

By 1990, ecological degradation had left Hiware Bazar with only 12 per cent of their fields fit for farming. Through creation of water bodies, regeneration of forests, water conservation structures such as contour trenches and a shift in the cropping pattern, the village effected a dramatic turnaround. Today, farmers in the village have an annual income of `10-12 lakh and many of the families which had migrated to seek their livelihood elsewhere have come back. So impressed was the Prime Minister that apart from talking about the village on Mann ki Baat, he invited Sarpanch Popatrao Pawar to tea. On the same programme, the Prime Minister congratulated the farmers of Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, for creating water bodies.

Grade X student Mallamma of Gangavathi, Karnataka, featured on Mann ki Baat when she went on hunger strike for a toilet in her house. The gram panchayat had a toilet constructed within the week. The Mehtre family of Junnar, Maharashtra, came in for a laudatory mention when they presented guava saplings to their wedding guests, instead of the traditional coconuts and garments. Railway stations embellished with murals by tribal and local artists, like Hazaribagh, Sawai Madhpur and Matunga and Khar in Mumbai, also received a mention.

The programme is notable not just for its reach, but for its participatory nature. Citizens are encouraged to suggest themes and topics on Mann ki Baat. Pawan Acharya of Alwar in Rajasthan, for instance, asked whether the Prime Minister could make a pitch for using earthen lamps (diya) on Diwali, to help the environment and provide employment to potters. Sure enough, on 29 September 2015, the Prime Minister told Mann ki Baat listeners: 'I request citizens to follow Pawan's advice in the coming festivals. If we do so, then the lamp will be lit not only in our homes but will illuminate the homes of the poor.' An insightful

communicator who has a whole lot of issues to talk about has imaginatively converted Mann ki Baat to a Jan ki Baat, literally.

Take the example of Gayatri, a grade XI student from Dehradun, who wrote to the Prime Minister expressing her outrage about garbage being dumped into a river she passed on her way to school every day. The Prime Minister responded on his show, saying, 'Look at the agony of this young daughter, a class XI student. How enraged she is by seeing the river strewn with trash. I consider this to be a good omen. This is exactly what I want—that 125 crore countrymen be angered by filth.'

The January 2017 Mann ki Baat focused on education, because several people had written in asking for his views on the prevailing marks-oriented,

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highly competitive and stressful examination system. His reply was unequivocal: 'Marks and mark-sheet serve a limited purpose. Life is not confined to these only.... It is knowledge that is going to be of use to you in life, as a e skills, self-confidence and determination...if you concentrate and focus only on getting marks, then you gradually go on limiting yourself and confine yourself to certain areas for earning more marks. Thus, while you may find that despite becoming brilliant in passing the exams, you have sometimes failed in life.' ■

*(Continued...)*

*(The above article is taken from recently published book 'The Innovation Republic'.*

# Modi continues to win hearts; Survey shows 57% Indians happy with his work in these areas

**S**hri Narendra Modi won the most-exhaustive Lok Sabha election with a thumping majority in 2014, and even as his government is entering the final year of its five-year term, his popularity seems intact. A total of 57% Indians say that the Narendra Modi government has “either met or exceeded” their expectations in the last four years, a survey said.

A majority of Indians are particularly happy with Shri Narendra Modi's effort in improving India's image globally, handling of Pakistan, fighting terrorism, infrastructure development and reducing tax harassment, a survey report by LocalCircles said. Around 28% citizens said the government has exceeded their expectations, which is a dramatic improvement when compared to 17% last year and



18% in 2016.

Narendra Modi was sworn-in as the 15th Prime Minister of India on 26 May, 2014. During his tenure, Shri Modi gained significant popularity due to his oratory skills and 'Make In India' pitch, asking investors to do

business in India. He has often been ranked among the most popular leaders of the world, with the latest being the Forbes list where PM Narendra Modi was ranked 9th most powerful person in the world. ■

## Atal Pension Yojana crosses 1 crore subscribers in 3 years

**A**tal Pension Yojana has added over 1 crore subscribers since its launch in May 2015, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) said on May 15, 2018. Current number of subscriber stands at 1.10 crore, the PFRDA said in a release.

Till date, the APY has collected Rs 3,950 crore of contribution from subscribers. The scheme has generated around 9.10 per cent compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) since inception till March 2018, it said further. A guaranteed pension scheme for citizens of India announced by the government on May 9, 2015, APY is focused on the unorganised sector workers which constitute more than 85 per cent of the workforce.

Under this scheme, the guaranteed minimum pension of Rs 1,000 per month or Rs 2,000-5,000 per month will be given at the age of 60 years depending on the contributions by subscribers. The spouse of a subscriber is also eligible for pension and the nominee receives the accumulated pension wealth.

On completion of three years of the scheme, the PFRDA in coordination with 'Department of Financial Services organised a massive outreach campaign 'APY Formation Day' across the country to enhance the enrolments in APY by banks and Department of Posts, it said.

“The subscriber base in APY has grown manifold to reach the current position and APY is offered by all the banks and post offices. Across the country, 1.60 lakh branches which includes 20,000 post offices offer the services of opening APY account for their customers,” the PFRDA said.

Out of this branch network, nearly 90 per cent of the branches have mobilised one or more APY account in the last three years.

The top ten states in APY mobilisation are Uttar Pradesh (1,401,631); Bihar (1,061,660); Tamil Nadu (814,917); Maharashtra (758,695); Karnataka (686,504); Andhra Pradesh (686,504); West Bengal (551,471); Madhya Pradesh (498,111); Rajasthan (497,962) and Gujarat (486,465). ■

# Cabinet approves setting up of a new AIIMS in Deoghar, Jharkhand

**T**he Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved setting up of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Deoghar, Jharkhand. A provision of funds worth Rs. 1103 crore has been approved for the project and the said AIIMS will be set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). The AIIMS at Deoghar will consist of a hospital with a capacity of 750 beds, trauma center facilities, a medical college with an in-take of 100 MBBS students per year, a nursing college with an int-ake of 60 B.Sc. (Nursing) students per year, residential complexes and allied facilities / services, broadly on the pattern of AIIMS, New Delhi, 20 Speciality/Super Speciality Departments including 15 Operation Theatres. And an Ayush Department with 30 beds for providing treatment



facilities in the traditional system of medicine.

The setting up of new AIIMS at Deoghar will serve the dual purpose of providing super speciality health care to the population while also helping to create a large pool of doctors and other health workers in this region to be available for primary and secondary-level institutions/facilities being created under the National Health Mission (NHM).

Under the PMSSY, AIIMS have been established in Bhubaneswar, Bhopal, Raipur, Jodhpur, Rishikesh and Patna. Work of AIIMS Rae Bareli (U.P.), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Kalyani (West Bengal) and Mangalagiri in Guntur (A.P.) is in progress. Construction work has also been awarded for AIIMS, Gorakhpur (U.P.). Further, following AIIMS have also been sanctioned in Bathinda, Punjab in July 2016, Guwahati (Assam), May 2017. ■

## Indian Railways fits aerators in basin-taps for water conservation

**C**onservation of water in enroute consumption is not only an effective way to avoid enroute watering complaints in coaching trains but is also a small but significant step in conserving the precious resource of water. Bhusawal Division of Indian Railways has fitted specially designed aerators in available basin-taps of Tejas Express (Train No. 22119/22120) as a step towards conservation of water. The aerators through their fine pores break the stream of incoming water into fine water sub-streams. Hence, while the outflowing water is sufficient for utilisation towards cleanliness, the aerators prevent wastage of water by reducing excess water flow. The aerators are to be fitted as a one-time measure and have been fitted in existing taps of Tejas Express (22119/22120) without any modification or replacements of available taps. The initiative reduces



water consumption of each tap by 1/4th and hence is a significant step towards water conservation. ■



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