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**BJP National President Shri JP Nadda inaugurating 'Lokkho Sonar Bangla' intellectuals meet by lighting a lamp in Kolkata, West Bengal**



**BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tributes to Sant Ravidas on his Jayanti at BJP HQ, New Delhi**



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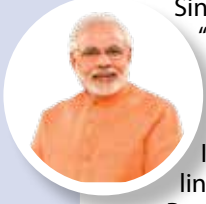




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**@narendramodi**

Since TMC loves commenting about "outsiders" I want to ask them: TMC is a breakaway faction of Congress. Who founded the Congress? Are Marx, Lenin and Mao from Bengal? In reality, BJP's foundations are closely linked to West Bengal thanks to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee.



**@JPNadda**

I join the nation in congratulating our Hon PM @narendramodi ji for receiving CERAWeek Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award. This is our New India where the world sees a ray of hope in our leadership in solving global problems afflicting humanity.



**@AmitShah**

Congress and DMK are synonymous with corruption. They only care about their families, neither state nor the country. I urge people of Tamil Nadu to re-elect the NDA with absolute majority, so that we can further our efforts towards the development of the state.



**@rajnathsingh**

Our national interests are defined by the elements of National integration, sovereignty, sociology - economic development, conservation of our values and peaceful and harmonious region and world. We are committed to protect the territorial integrity and ensure peace in the region.



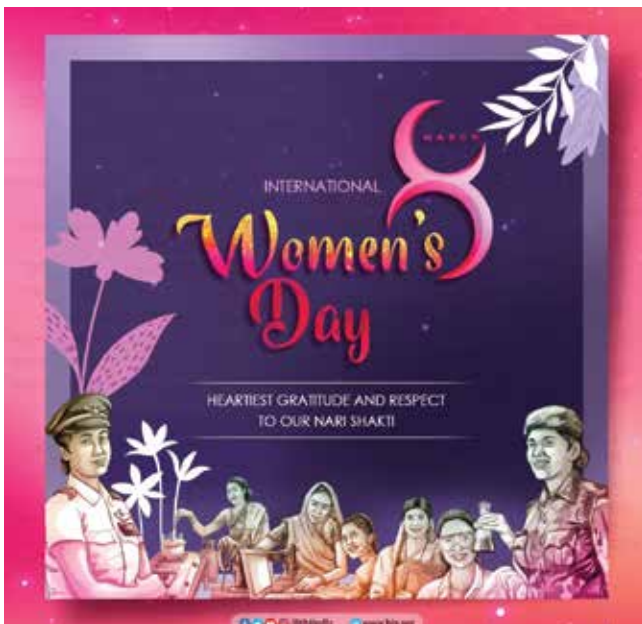
**@nitin\_gadkari**

During the construction of the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway, we have made a special effort to save the trees. We have transplanted 12,000 trees and have an 84% success rate. It will be a green express highway. #PragatiKaHighway



**@Thawarchand Gehlot**

We salute our Air Warriors who conducted successful Balakot Airstrikes on 26.02.19 & scripted a glorious chapter in India's military history. The message was loud & clear that our nation's enemies are not safe wherever they may hide. It's a New India! Jai Hind



**KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR**

*wishes a very happy*

**HOLI (29 MARCH)**

*to all of its readers*

# BJP WINNING HEARTS ACROSS THE NATION

**T**he elections process in the five states has started with the announcement of poll schedule for Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. The polling spread over two months and scheduled to be held in various phases is expected to see huge people participation in the election process. As the Covid-19 pandemic is ebbing away, the people are engaging themselves in democratic process with renewed vigour which was very much evident in the elections held in Bihar, by-elections in various states and in numerous local body elections.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has emerged as most preferred choice of the people in all these elections with people reposing their faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi more than ever before. The way India has been able to tide over the challenges of pandemic has become a glowing example for the entire world to emulate. The service which the BJP karyakartas rendered to the poor and needy during the pandemic has given a new dimension of a committed political party. BJP has been able to win the hearts of the people across the nation.

The BJP government in Assam has transformed the entire political and economic landscape of the state making it a symbol of peace, progress and development. The special focus of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the entire North-eastern region and more particularly Assam and effective implementation of government plans, projects and welfare schemes by Chief Minister Shri Sarbanand Sonowal has further strengthened the faith of people in BJP.

While in Assam people are set to re-elect BJP government, a massive surge for BJP can be seen on ground in West Bengal. The continuous betrayal by the Congress, Communists and TMC has resulted in deep disenchantment from these political parties among the people who are now looking forward to BJP for restoring the glory of the state. The Congress, Communists and TMC have become symbol of massive loot, misrule, political violence, politics of appeasement and regressive political culture. That the BJP has become a hope for the people was evident when the party was able to win 18 Lok Sabha seats in 2019 elections. The grounds well in favour of BJP is now growing by leaps and bounds with every passing day. There is no doubt that in these assembly

elections the marginalization of Congress, Communists and TMC will be complete in state politics with BJP emerging as the massive force in West Bengal.

In Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, BJP is contesting elections in AIADMK alliance. The DMK-Congress alliance seems to be further losing ground as it has failed to come up with any promising alternative programme for the people. As AIADMK-BJP alliance is firmly in the saddle, its re-election in Tamil Nadu seems to be the only possibility in the state. After Congress government losing trust in Puducherry, AIADMK-BJP alliance is getting immense people support in the state.

In Kerala, a confident BJP is challenging UDF-LDF with new programmes and policies. After having improved its tally immensely in local body elections, BJP is getting support across the society with icons like Metroman E. Sreedharan joining the party. The BJP is set to spring surprises in Kerala assembly elections.

The public meetings of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda are drawing massive crowds in all these election bound states. The recent meeting of the Prime Minister in Brigade ground, Kolkata clearly shows that people are ready for 'Ashol Poribortan'. The tireless dedication of BJP karyakartas in serving the nation is getting reflected in the blessings of the people across the country. The people are looking forward to bless the BJP in all these five states. ■

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**THE WAY INDIA HAS BEEN ABLE TO TIDE OVER THE CHALLENGES OF PANDEMIC HAS BECOME A GLOWING EXAMPLE FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD TO EMULATE.**



# LOTUS IS BLOOMING IN BENGAL



**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 07 March, 2021 addressed a massive public meeting in Kolkata. Addressing this mammoth rally at the Brigade Parade Ground, PM Shri Modi said "I have had the privilege of addressing hundreds of rallies in political life, but in such a long tenure I have never been blessed with such a large mass group, I have got to witness such a scene today."

## **BENGAL- GAVE ENERGY TO OUR VALUES**

"This land of Bengal has given energy to our values. This land of Bengal infused new life in the freedom movement of India. This Brigade Parade Ground has been witness to many great leaders and also witnessed those who have disrupted West Bengal's progress. People of Bengal never left their hopes for change," he added.

In an all out attack on the TMC, PM Shri Modi asserted, "Bengal relied on Mamata didi for change. But Didi and her cadre broke this trust. These people broke the trust of Bengal. These people humiliated Bengal. Here the sisters and daughters were tortured."

Hitting out at TMC, Left and Congress, the Prime

Minister said, "This time in the Assembly elections, on one side there is TMC, Left-Congress, they have anti-Bengal attitude, and on the other hand the people of Bengal have stood up tightly."

## **NEXT 25 YEARS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BENGAL**

Addressing the huge gathering, he said, "The next 25 years are very important for the development of Bengal. In 2047, when India will celebrate 100 years of independence, Bengal will lead the country once again. The development here in the next 5 years will lay the foundation for State's development in the next 25 years."

Talking about the BJP's agenda, the PM remarked the dream of 'Sonar Bangla' will be fulfilled. Today, I have come here to assure you of Bengal's development, to increase investment here, to protect Bengal's culture and to bring change.

## **'ASHOL PORIBORTON'**

Shri Modi said, "I have come to convince you of the development of Bengal, of changing the situation in Bengal. I have come here to make you believe that we will work hard for farmers, businessmen





### MITHUN DA JOINS BJP



Bollywood actor Shri Mithun Chakraborty, who had millions of fans swooning with his acting joined the BJP at Brigade Parade Ground ahead of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's mega rally on 07 March, 2021 in Kolkata. Shri Chakraborty was welcomed into the fold by BJP National General Secretary & West Bengal In-Charge Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya and State BJP President Shri Dilip Ghosh, among others.

During the rally Shri Mithun Chakraborty greeted Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Brigade Parade ground in Kolkata and Shri Modi also welcomed Shri Chakraborty to the BJP with a party flag.

Later while addressing the rally, the Prime Minister said, "Today we have with us Banglar chhele (son of Bengal), Mithun Chakraborty. His life and struggle is an inspiration for everyone."

The actor also asserted that he was proud to be a Bengali. "I always wanted to do something big in life, but had never dreamt of being a part of such a huge rally which is to be addressed by world's most popular leader PM Shri Narendra Modi. I wished to work for the poorer sections of our society, and that wish will now be fulfilled," he said.

Continuing the attack at Mamata Government, the Prime Minister asserted that they made promises to work for 'Maa, Maati, Manush'. But you tell me, has TMC been able to bring change in the lives of common people here in the last 10 years? Those talking about 'Mati' handed over every

and the development of sisters and daughters. We will live every moment to fulfill your dreams. I have come to convince you of this 'Ashol Poriborton'.

'Ashol Poriborton' means Bengal, where trade and business flourished, where maximum investment came. 'Ashol Poriborton' means Bengal, which has the modern infrastructure of the 21st century," he further added.

### DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM HAS BEEN DESTROYED IN BENGAL

Launching a tirade against the TMC government, Shri Modi stated, "Due to their commission culture, many important projects of Kolkata airport are stuck. BJP will stop this and complete those projects. Kolkata is the city of joy. Kolkata also has a legacy of a rich past and also has future prospects. There is no reason why Kolkata cannot be a city of future while preserving its culture. We have worked very hard to develop Kolkata."

"You know it very well how the democratic system has been destroyed here. BJP will strengthen this system. We will bring the change to re-establish public belief in government systems, in the police, and the administration," he said at the Brigade rally.



particle of Bengal to middlemen, black marketeers and syndicates.

Reminding the people of Bengal about the brutality of the current government, the PM said, "You are well aware of the condition of 'Maa, Maati, Manush'. Mothers are being attacked on streets and in their houses. Recently, the cruelty unleashed on an 80-year-old mother has shown their cruel face to the entire country."

Questioning Mamata Banerjee over nepotism, PM Modi said, "The people of Bengal had chosen you as Didi but then why did you remain the aunt of a nephew. Why you only concentrated on helping your nephew? The people of Bengal are asking only this one question from you."

Taking a dig at Didi's recent scooty ride, he said, "Didi, you are the daughter of India, not only of Bengal. When you took over Scooty a few days ago, everyone was praying that you be safe. It is good that you did not fall, otherwise the state in which the scooty was manufactured would have become her enemy."

### **BJP BELIEVES ON RAPID IMPLEMENTATION**

"The BJP believes not only on announcements, but also on rapid implementation of announcements. We try to do what is said within the time limit. Nowadays even our opponents say that I work for friends. Who we grow up with are our best friends. I grew up in poverty hence I understand the plight of poor people living in every corner of India. I work for my friends & will continue to do so," he said.

"I am also working for my friends from Bengal. I have given nearly 90 lakh gas connections in Bengal

to my friends. I have given free electricity connection to my over 7 lakh friends of Bengal living in darkness. I have built more than 60 lakh toilets-Ijjatghar in Bengal for my friends. I have approved more than 32 lakh pucca houses in Bengal for my friends," added PM Modi while highlighting the schemes of the centre.

He added, "Corona disturbed all over the world, but it was these poor friends of mine who were very upset. When corona came, I gave ration to every friend for free, gave free gas cylinders and deposited crores of rupees in bank account."

### **'TMC KA KHELA KHATAM, VIKAS SHURU...VOTE FOR BJP FEARLESSLY'**

Urging people of Bengal to vote for the BJP,



Shri Narendra Modi stated, "TMC ka khela khatam, Vikas shuru...vote for BJP fearlessly, vote against bad governance. These people are experienced people and play a lot. They have done innumerable corruption and looted the people of Bengal. They have even looted the relief money sent for Amphan. Vote against ill-governance and for freeing people of fear. Bengal wants development."

He accused Mamata Government for tolabaazi, syndicate and commission cut. He said, "You have done so many scams that a 'Corruption Olympics' game can be organized. You have played with the hard-earned money of the people and their lives. You have pushed Bengal towards separation instead of development, and thus the lotus is blooming. You have divided people on religious lines, and thus the lotus is blooming in West Bengal." ■



## 'REJECT THE ANTI-DEVELOPMENT FORCES AND SUPPORT NDA'S GOOD GOVERNANCE AGENDA'

**A**ddressing a huge gathering in Puducherry on February 25, 2021 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "Moments ago, a large number of development works were inaugurated. These development works cover roads, healthcare, education, culture, sports and marine economy. The impact of these works is going to be huge."

"In Puducherry I am seeing great happiness. This joy is for two reasons: First, there are many development works that have been inaugurated today. Second, the people of Puducherry are celebrating freedom from the mis-governance of Congress," he said,

Hitting out at the Congress-led government, PM Shri Modi said, "In 2016, Puducherry did not get a people's government. They got a Government that was busy serving the Congress High Command in Delhi. Their priorities were very different. Your former Chief Minister was an expert at lifting the slippers of his top party leaders. But, he did not have the interest to lift people out of poverty."

Urging the citizens to vote for the NDA, he asserted, "Puducherry deserves a Government whose high command is the people of Puducherry not a small group of Congress leaders sitting in Delhi. NDA assures Puducherry - the next government will be a people-powered government."

"The high command Congress government in Puducherry made it a point to damage every sector of governance. Traditional mills closed. Local industry was troubled. Congress doesn't believe in working for the people," he added.



Sharing an incident with the public attending the meeting, PM Modi said, "A few days ago the entire nation saw a video. A helpless woman was complaining about Puducherry government and CM neglect during cyclone and floods. One could see the pain in her eyes. One could hear the pain in her voice. Instead of telling the truth to the nation, the former Puducherry CM gave a wrong translation of the woman's words. He lied to the people and his own leader. Can a party whose culture is based on lies ever serve people?"

Reprimanding the Congress party for not conducting election in Puducherry, the PM stated, "The Congress leaves no opportunity to call others anti-democratic. But, they need to look at themselves in the mirror. They insult democracy in every possible way. In Puducherry they have refused to hold Panchayat polls. The Supreme Court has said the polls should be held. Yet, the Congress Government in Puducherry did not. ■

### EC ANNOUNCES POLL DATES FOR BENGAL, KERALA, TAMIL NADU & ASSAM; COUNTING ON MAY 2

**T**he Election Commission on 26 February, 2021 announced the schedule for upcoming Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

While the state of West Bengal will go to polls in eight phases, Assam will see three-phase voting starting March 27. Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry will be held in single phases on April 6. Counting of votes for the four states and one union territory will be done on May 2. Polls are to be held for 294 seats in West Bengal, 234 seats in Tamil Nadu, 140 seats in Kerala, 126 seats in Assam and 30 seats in Puducherry. After the Bihar assembly elections, which were held in November 2020, elections to these states will also be held amid the Coronavirus pandemic. The Election Commission is expected to implement a similar protocol for voting. ■



PM MODI'S RALLY IN COIMBATORE, TAMIL NADU

## DMK-CONGRESS STYLE OF POLITICS IS BASED ON BULLYING AND HARASSING: MODI

**A**ddressing a huge public meeting in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on 25 February, 2021 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "This year Tamil Nadu will elect a new Government. The Assembly elections are happening at a critical moment of Indian history. In the last few years, people of India have given a strong message. The people of India have spoken that they want development-oriented governance."

Talking about the cooperative federalism, PM Shri Modi said, "The way the NDA Government at the Centre and the Tamil Nadu Government have worked is a classic example of cooperative federalism. We have worked together for the benefit of the people of Tamil Nadu." The PM highlighted several development projects brought in by the Centre, he asserted that the Government of India had taken many measures to help MSMEs. One example was Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme. We were equally focussed on building a vibrant textiles sector. In the last seven years, the Government of India had modernised the textile infrastructure.

"In the past 7 years, our efforts for the small farmers are aimed at giving them a life of prosperity and dignity. From Kisan Credit Cards to Soil Health Cards, From e-Nam to an effective crop insurance scheme, We want to bring a paradigm shift in the agriculture sector," said PM Shri Modi.

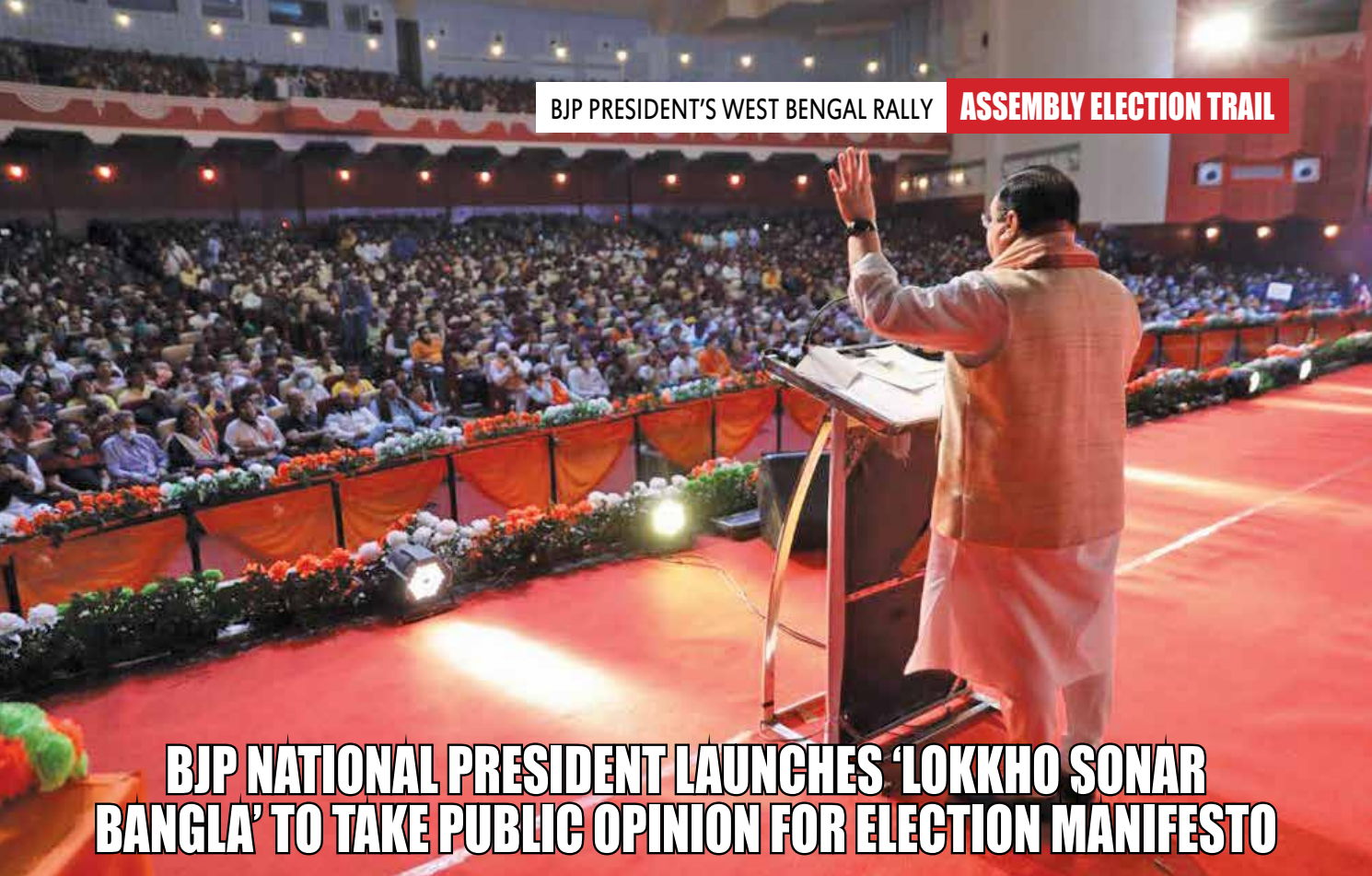
He added, "The PM-KISAN scheme completed two years yesterday. 11 crore farmers have gained from this scheme. For many years, the farmers of India demanded MSP rise. It was our government that had the opportunity to bring a holistic MSP rise."

In a sharp attack on opposition, the PM remarked, "The Opposition's style of politics is based on bullying and harassing. Whenever DMK comes to power they promote a 'strongman culture.' In every district they have anti-social elements who trouble innocent citizens. Today, the nation is seeing two distinct styles of politics. The Opposition's mis-governance with corruption. And, NDA's governance with compassion."

Alerting the citizens of Tamil Nadu, Shri Modi stated that DMK and Congress meetings were like corruption hackathons. Their leaders sit and brainstorm how to loot. Both parties had tried to launch and re-launch their respective First Families but they have not got success. There was a continuous family drama there.

Addressing the rally, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi remarked, "DMK ruled Tamil Nadu for many years. Congress was in Centre for many years. Yet, these parties were not bothered about the demands of the Devendra Kulla Vellalar community. It was the AIADMK Government in Tamil Nadu and the BJP-led NDA Government at the Centre that accepted their long-standing demand to be known as Devendrakula Velalar." ■





## BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT LAUNCHES 'LOKKHO SONAR BANGLA' TO TAKE PUBLIC OPINION FOR ELECTION MANIFESTO

**B**haratiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda launched the 'Lokkho Sonar Bangla' initiative on 25 February, 2021 in Kolkata, West Bengal to collect public opinion for its election manifesto in the upcoming Bengal Assembly Election. BJP National General Secretary and State In-Charge Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya, State BJP President Shri Dilip Ghosh and others were also present on the occasion.

Under this campaign the BJP is asking people to write their demands for the next state government and there will be 30 thousand drop boxes in 294 constituencies of the state to collect the opinions.

The party will also take opinion on across social media platforms. The voters would also be able to let their mind known over phone calls.

Addressing on the occasion in Kolkata Shri JP Nadda said, "Through this drive we'll welcome priceless opinions of the humble Bengali citizens. Our aim is to build a corruption free and developed Bengal".

### BJP PRESIDENT JOINS IN LUNCH WITH JUTE MILL WORKERS

During his one-day visit to Kolkata, Shri Nadda has not just met the intellectuals and academics but he also visited jute mill workers area i.e. Ward No 14,

Gauripur and joined at lunch at the residence of a jute mill worker's house.

Noteworthy, the mismanagement of jute mills in the state and the poor living conditions of jute mill workers have turned into big poll issues this time in West Bengal. More than 3 lakh people are unemployed in the state's jute mills. They have already approached Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for employment, better remuneration and other demands. In this scenario, by having lunch at the residence of a jute mill worker, Shri Nadda has sent out a message to the working class that BJP is serious about addressing the issues that they face.

### INTERACTION WITH THE INTELLECTUALS

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda also addressed representatives of the city's intellectual classes at Science City, Kolkata on the same day and discussed with present condition of West Bengal with them. During his interaction with the intellectuals the BJP President said, "Traditionally West Bengal has been a hub of intellectual discourse and innovation. What Bengal thinks today, the rest of the country thinks tomorrow". Shri JP Nadda has also visited the residence and museum of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and offered his tributes to him. ■



UNION HOME MINISTER VISITS KERALA

## PLEDGE FOR CHANGE IN KERALA: AMIT SHAH

**U**nion Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a public meeting on the occasion of Kerala Vijay Yatra in Thiruvananthapuram on March 7 and called for 'Self-reliant New Kerala'. Earlier, the Hon'ble Home Minister also visited the Sri Ramakrishna Math in Thiruvananthapuram and offered prayers there.

Addressing the public meeting, the Home Minister said, "I am feeling immense pleasure by coming to Thiruvananthapuram. Today, with the beginning of Vijay Sankalp Abhiyan, the campaign of Bharatiya Janata Party and NDA is also beginning. Travancore Maharaj dedicated this land of Lord Padmanabha at his feet and tried to rule politely for generations. Thiruvananthapuram is the only place in the world whose land is ruled by Lord Padmanabha. This sacred land of Kerala has always been the land of social renaissance and social reform movements. But unfortunately this land is known for corruption, political violence and disorder now." With more than 62 big rallies and hundreds of rural rallies under the 1,940 km long Kerala Vijayayatra, which began with a pledge for change in Kerala, it was concluded in Thiruvananthapuram.

During this visit, a large number of dignitaries including Metro Man Shri E Sreedharan and former

High Court Judge Shri PN Ravindran and many other people joined the party.

Shri Shah said that Kerala was known in the past for its development and growth. It was the first state to achieve literacy. It was the first state to give a massive boost to tourism, but today it is shuffling between the Left Democratic Front (LDF) and the United Democratic Front (UDF). There is a competition between LDF and UDF for not promoting Kerala, but who does more corruption. When UDF comes, it indulges in solar scam. When LDF comes it does gold scam and dollar scam.

While attacking the Kerala CM he said, I saw a statement by Kerala Chief Minister, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan saying that central agencies are working under political pressure. I want to ask a few questions to him from this public space and he should provide answers to these questions publicly. I want to ask the Kerala Chief Minister that did the main accused in the Dollar scam and the Gold scam work under you, your office? Please tell the people of Kerala. Whether your government gave these accused a monthly salary of Rs 3 lakh? Please also inform the people of Kerala. In the gold scam, whether your principal secretary included one of the main accused (woman) in an important government program using fake certificates and documents?



## 'JUSTICE TO ALL, APPEASEMENT OF NONE' IS OUR PRINCIPLE: RAJNATH SINGH

**U**nion Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh on 26 February, 2021 addressed a huge public rally in Balurghat of West Bengal and attacked the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC government for not implementing the Centre's schemes in the state. He further said, "I don't know if Didi allowed the opening of Jan Dhan accounts in West Bengal but when the scheme was brought, our former PM Rajiv Gandhi said out of 100 paise sent, people got 14 paise. Modi Ji said he's not 'majboor PM' but 'majboot PM', and made sure 100 paise reaches people."

The Union Minister asserted that if the BJP will come into power in West Bengal, the party



will ensure that the government will follow the principle "Justice to all, appeasement of none". He opined that it shall not continue the tradition of establishing the government on the basis of caste and religion. Union Minister said, "We'll not run govt on basis of caste and religion but on basis of justice and humanity. 'Justice to all, appeasement of none' will be our principle. TMC has put politics above people. It's the reason they don't allow the

implementation of Centre's schemes in State."

Observing huge gathering at the BJP rallies, Shri Rajnath Singh said that it signifies that the republic of West Bengal want to bring the BJP to power, not Mamata Banerjee's TMC. Union Defence Minister asserted, "People are gathering in huge numbers at our rallies in West Bengal. It shows that people of State have made up their minds to oust Mamata didi and bring BJP" ■

Whether you or your principal secretary took this main accused (women) on a foreign tour using public money? Why did this main accused (woman) visit the Chief Minister so frequently? Please tell the people of Kerala.

Shri Shah said Narendra Modi government at the centre has brought financial discipline. First time in the last 70 years, around 13 crore women have got LPG cylinders for cooking. More than 2.5 crore poor have got homes. Also all the poor households now have an electricity connection. Under the UPA government's rule, Indian economy was at the 11th spot, but under Shri Narendra Modi, India is today at the 5th spot within a period of six years. The

central government under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has launched the world's biggest vaccination programme, but its is a matter of concern that Covid-19 cases are rising in Kerala. In flood management too, Kerala has failed. Around 500 deaths in a flood is unheard of under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. The state government was not interested in saving those impacts by the floods, but was more interested in saving the accused in the Gold and Solar scams.

In total, the Narendra Modi government in the last six years has given around Rs 1.56 lakh crore to Kerala. ■

## ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### BJP PRESIDENT'S VARANASI PRAVAS

# WE HAVE COME TO CHANGE PICTURE AND DESTINY OF INDIA: JP NADDA

**B**JP National President Shri JP Nadda arrived in UP's Varanasi on 28 February, 2021 as part of his two-day visit to the state. Shri JP Nadda inaugurated the BJP's new office in Rohania area of Varanasi in the presence of UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and state Party President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh. On the same day, Shri Nadda also chaired an organizational meeting of BJP officeholders, MPs, MLAs of 16 districts that fall in the Kashi region.

The BJP National President said those who get a chance to join the BJP are fortunate. "Today, all national parties have become regional parties. All parties, including Congress, do politics of dynasty. BJP is the only party that treats everyone as a family".

Addressing party workers, he went on to add that the BJP has expanded. The party has formed its own government with the maximum number of seats which is why each district should have a BJP office. "We are not here for the politics of power. Power is our tool, we have come to change the picture and destiny of India," Shri Nadda said.

### STRENGTHEN BOOTH BY 2022

Addressing workers at a public meeting at Harhua ground lawn, the BJP National President reiterated the party's focus on its 'Mera Booth, Sabse Majboot' campaign resolution.

Shri Nadda said the popularity of BJP is at its peak everywhere in the country. He said outcome of recent municipal elections in six cities in Gujarat is its proof.

### OFFERS PRAYERS AT KASHI VISHWANATH TEMPLE



Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda offered prayers at Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi on 01 March 2021. Shri Nadda performed an 'abhishekam' to the sacred Jyotirlingam. He further inspected construction of Kashi Vishwanath Temple's corridor. Later, he also offered prayers at Kaal Bhairav Temple. ■

Elections are also due in Uttar Pradesh in 2022 and the role of party persons from workers to the national president has increased, Shri JP Nadda said. He told BJP workers that there is a need to work again on the booth level.

"Every BJP worker should start strengthening their booth. Booth's victory will lead to victory in the UP Legislative Assembly elections. In Mission 2022, we have to work on the ground," he said. ■





BJP PRESIDENT'S RAJASTHAN PRAVAS

## LOTUS MUST BLOOM IN RAJASTHAN: JP NADDA

**B**JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 2nd March, 2021 held a meeting with BJP state office bearers in Jaipur, Rajasthan. In the meeting, Shri Nadda asked the party leaders to strengthen the cadre and to analyze how much they are contributing for the development of the party. He further asked the party officials to complete the formation of the booth-level committees by September 25, which is celebrated as the birth anniversary of Deendayal Upadhyay.

### ADDRESSES STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Addressing the Rajasthan 'State Executive Meeting' at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur, Shri JP Nadda said, "A lot of people among us have stopped self-analysis. This reduces our productivity. You all need to start doing self-analysis. You need to analyze what you are giving to the party, how much contribution are you making to the party, at what level are you accepted in the party. The formation of our booth committees should be completed by September 25, i.e. Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Ji's birth anniversary. There should not be any booth where our booth committee is not formed and every booth should have women, youth, Dalit brothers and people from backward castes in our committees."

The BJP National President took a dig at Ashok Gehlot-led government in Rajasthan, stating that the 'lotus must bloom' in the next assembly elections in the state. While addressing the party workers in the

Pink City, he said, "Ashok Gehlot government's priority is to not have a well-governed state. Seeing this, it is our responsibility to say 'Namaskar to this Sarkar' and make sure that the lotus blooms here."

### ASKS PARTY OFFICIALS TO FOCUS ON THREE GOALS

Reminding the cadre of the three main focus areas of the party that he had declared in the first meeting of national office bearers after Coronavirus lockdown Shri Nadda said, "We have a good image in public, but we are a cadre-based party. Therefore, it is our responsibility to strengthen the cadre. Strong Mandals (Saksham Mandal), Active booths (Sakriya booth) and Active Panna Heads (Panna Pramkukhs), these are the three goals we have to complete in 2021." Just a week earlier in a crucial meeting of BJP's office bearers, Shri Nadda had also directed the party leaders to strengthen the organizational structure at the ground level.

In Jaipur, he also hailed the Prime Minister's planning and strategies over the COVID-19 vaccination drive in the country, and said "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the second phase of COVID-19 vaccination has begun. We have sent the Made-in-India vaccines to over 20 countries.

"Talking about the ongoing protests over the three new farm laws, the BJP Chief said that the opposition parties are exploiting the protest for their own gain". He added, "The farmers are our Annadata and we need to bring them in the mainstream." ■



## FIRST NATIONAL OFFICE BEARER MEET OF SC MORCHA HELD

**T**he first National Office Bearer Meet of the Bharatiya Janata Party Scheduled Caste Morcha was held on 6 March, 2021 at the party's central office in New Delhi. The meeting was inaugurated by the party's National General Secretary (Organization) Shri B.L. Santhosh by lighting the lamp. The party organiser Shri V. Satish and National President of Scheduled Caste Morcha Shri Lal Singh Arya were also present on this occasion.

Addressing the Morcha office bearers the BJP National General Secretary (Organization) Shri B.L. Santosh congratulated the newly appointed Morcha office bearers for their new responsibilities and inspired them to take the work of the Morcha to the last rung of the society. He said that there should be regular communication among the office bearers and it should be our priority to take the schemes of the government to the society.

He further said the Morcha should organize state visit (pravas) and the Morcha committee should be constituted at Mandal level.

He added that Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has also been continuously working in the interest of the society, so it is our responsibility to spread the public welfare schemes run by him to every section of the society.

In the next session, the President of SC Morcha Shri Lal Singh Arya raised the slogan of Modi ji's mantra 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas'. Shri Arya called upon the newly appointed officials of the Morcha

to take the 'Antyodaya' goal of the party to the masses.

Speaking in the last session, Shri V. Satish in his address discussed the role of the Morcha and the schedule program for the office bearers. He said that in the formation of the Morcha, every caste should be included up to the state / district / mandal level.

The meeting was conducted by the National General Secretary of the Morcha, Shri Sanjay Nirmal. ■

### NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS TEAM OF SC MORCHA ANNOUNCED

The national office bearers of the Bharatiya Janata Party Scheduled Caste Morcha were announced with the concurrence of the National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda.

According to this announcement, Shri Virendra Kashyap, Smt. Kamla Patel, Shri Hemchandra Burman, Shri Krishna Kumar Rishi, Shri Ashok Mende, Shri Harpal Singh, Shri Ram Avatar Valmiki have been appointed National Vice-Presidents of the Morcha. Apart from this, Shri Sanjay Nirmal, Shri Shambhunath Tundia and Shri Bhola Singh have been appointed as National General Secretary.

Shri Rajkumar Kangay, Shri S.K. Kumar, Dr. Jeetucharan Ram, Shri Santokh Singh Gumtala, Dr. Swaraj Scholar, Shri Nilupam Das and Shri Mahendra Dhaleet have been appointed National Secretary.

In this team, Shri Suraj Kairo has been appointed as treasurer and Shri Ramchandra Chavarria has been made in charge of office. ■



## INDIA ATTRACTED TOTAL FDI INFLOW OF US\$ 67.54 BILLION DURING APRIL TO DECEMBER 2020

**F**oreign Direct Investment (FDI) is a major driver of economic growth and an important source of non-debt finance for the economic development of India. It has been the endeavor of the Government to put in place an enabling and investor friendly FDI policy. The intent all this while has been to make the FDI policy more investor friendly and remove the policy bottlenecks that have been hindering the investment inflows into the country. The steps taken in this direction during the last six and a half years have borne fruit, as is evident from the ever-increasing volumes of FDI inflows being received into the country. Continuing on the path of FDI liberalization and simplification,

Government has carried out FDI reforms across various sectors.

Measures taken by the Government on the fronts of FDI policy reforms, investment facilitation and ease of doing business have resulted in increased FDI inflows into the country. The following trends in India's Foreign Direct Investment are an endorsement of its status as a preferred investment destination amongst global investors:

India has attracted total FDI inflow of US\$ 67.54 billion during April to December 2020. It is the highest ever for the first ninth months of a financial year and 22% higher as compared to the first ninth months of 2019-20 (US\$ 55.14 billion).

FDI equity inflow grew by 40%



in the first 9 months of F.Y. 2020-21 (US\$ 51.47 billion) compared to the year ago period (US\$ 36.77 billion).

FDI inflow increased by 37% in 3rd Quarter of 2020-21 (US\$ 26.16 billion) compared to 3rd quarter of 2019-20 (US\$ 19.09 billion).

FDI inflow showed positive growth of 24% in the month of December, 2020 (US\$ 9.22 billion) compared to December, 2019 (US\$ 7.46 billion) ■

## 'MADE IN INDIA' SPECTROGRAPH COMMISSIONS CAN LOCATE FAINT LIGHT FROM DISTANT CELESTIAL OBJECTS

**I**ndian Scientists have indigenously designed and developed a low-cost optical spectrograph that can locate sources of faint light from distant quasars and galaxies in a very young universe, regions around supermassive black-holes around the galaxies, and cosmic explosions.

Such spectroscopes were so far imported from abroad involved high costs. The 'Made in India' optical spectrograph named as Aries-Devasthal Faint Object Spectrograph & Camera (ADFOSC), indigenously designed and developed by Aryabhata Research Institute of observational sciences (ARIES), Nainital, an autonomous institute of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, is about 2.5 times less costly compared to the imported ones and can locate sources of light with a photon-rate as low as about 1 photon per second.

The spectroscope, the largest of its kind among the existing astronomical spectrographs in the country, has been successfully commissioned on the 3.6-m Devasthal Optical Telescope (DOT), the largest in the country and in Asia, near Nainital Uttarakhand. The indigenously efforts to build complex instruments like ADFOSC in India is an important step to become 'Aatmanirbhar' in the field of astronomy & astrophysics.

Expertise from various national institutes, organizations, including the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and some micro-small-medium-enterprises, were involved to review and build parts of the instrument serving as an example of effective collaboration. With this expertise, ARIES now plans to commission more complex instruments such as spectropolarimeter and high spectral resolution spectrograph on the 3.6-m Devasthal telescope in the near future. ■

## PHASE 3 CLINICAL TRIAL OF COVAXIN DEVELOPED BY ICMR & BHARAT BIOTECH SHOWS 81% EFFICACY

**P**hase 3 results of the COVAXIN, developed by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in partnership with Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL), has shown an interim vaccine efficacy of 81% in preventing Covid-19. The Phase 3 trial, jointly initiated by ICMR and BBIL in mid-November 2020, was conducted in a total of 25,800 individuals across 21 sites. The interim efficacy trend of 81%, analyzed as per the protocol approved by the DCGI, puts it at par with other global front-runner vaccines.

"The bench-to-bedside journey of completely indigenous COVID-19 vaccine in less than 8 months' time showcases the immense strength of Atmanirbhar

Bharat [self-reliant India] to fight the odds and stand tall in the global public health community. It is also a testament to India's emergence as a global vaccine superpower," said Dr. Balram Bhargava, Director General, ICMR.

The COVAXIN is the first COVID-19 vaccine that has been developed completely in India. In March 2020, following the successful isolation of the SARS CoV-2 virus at ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), ICMR entered into a public-private partnership with BBIL to develop the virus isolate into an effective vaccine candidate. ICMR-NIV characterized the vaccine developed by BBIL through in-vitro experiments and electron microscopy studies.

Pre-clinical studies in small animals and hamsters showed promising results in terms of safety and immunogenicity. Further studies conducted in rhesus macaques also established remarkable safety and protective efficacy of COVAXIN. Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical trials conducted in 755 participants demonstrated high safety profile of the candidate vaccine with seroconversion rates of 98.3% and 81.1% on day 56 and 104 respectively.

COVAXIN has been developed on the WHO prequalified verocell platform, which is globally recognized with a well-established track record of safety. COVAXIN's ability to neutralize UK variant strain of SARS-CoV-2 has also recently been established. ■

## NSIL & ISRO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED 1ST DEDICATED COMMERCIAL MISSION-PSLV-C51/AMAZONIA-1

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated NSIL and ISRO on the success of the 1st dedicated commercial launch of PSLV-C51/Amazonia-1 Mission.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister on February 28 said, "Congratulations to NSIL and @isro on the success of the 1st dedicated commercial launch of PSLV-C51/Amazonia-1 Mission. This ushers in a new era of Space reforms in the country. 18 co-passengers included four small satellites that showcase dynamism and innovation of our youth."

The Prime Minister also congratulated the President of Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro on the successful launch of Brazil's Amazonia-1 satellite by PSLV-C51.

In another tweet, the Prime Minister said,

"Congratulations President @jairbolsonaro on the successful launch of Brazil's Amazonia-1 satellite by PSLV-C51. This is a historic moment in our space cooperation and my felicitations to the scientists of Brazil."

India's Polar rocket on 28 February successfully launched Amazonia-1 of Brazil and 18 other satellites from the spaceport in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota, in the first mission of the year for space agency ISRO.

The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C51 lifted off at around 10:24 am from the first launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR) and first injected into orbit primary payload Amazonia-1 about 17 minutes later. ■



## **FIRST EXPORT CONSIGNMENTS OF 'RED RICE' FROM ASSAM TO USA FLAGGED OFF**

**I**n a major boost to India's rice exports potential, the first consignment of 'red rice' was flagged off on March 4 to the USA. Iron rich 'red rice' is grown in Brahmaputra valley of Assam, without the use of any chemical fertilizer. The rice variety is referred as 'Bao-dhaan', which is an integral part of the Assamese food.

APEDA is promoting rice exports through collaborations with various stakeholders in the value chains. The government had set up the Rice Export Promotion Forum (REPF), under the aegis of the APEDA. REPF has representations from rice industry, exporters, officials from APEDA, ministry of commerce and directors of agriculture from major rice producing states including West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab,

Haryana, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

During the April – January period of 2020-21, the shipment of non-Basmati rice witnessed an impressive spike. The non-basmati rice exports was Rs 26,058 crore (3506 US\$ Million) during April-January, 2021 against Rs 11,543 crore (1627 US\$ Million) reported during April-January, 2020 period. The exports of non-Basmati witnessed a growth of 125 % in Rupee term and 115 % Dollar terms. The sharp spike in rice exports especially during a phase where globally the COVID19 pandemic has disrupted supply has been attributed to the government taking prompt measures to ensure exports of rice while taking all the COVID19 related safety precautions. ■

### **BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN INDIA RISES TO 10-YEAR HIGH**

According to the news report published in mint on March 8, the Business Confidence Index witnessed further improvement at 74.2 in the third quarter of the current financial year, the highest in a decade, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) said in its latest round of survey involving 190 companies from various sectors. The survey captures the mood of the industry for the two quarters ending 30 June this year.

### **CABINET APPROVES MoU BETWEEN INDIA AND FRANCE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY COOPERATION**

The Union Cabinet March 3 chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi was apprised of the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and French Republic in the field of renewable energy cooperation. The MoU was signed in January 2021. The objective of the MoU is to establish the basis for promotion of bilateral cooperation in the field of new and renewable energy on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity. It covers technologies relating to solar, wind, hydrogen and biomass energy.

This MoU will help in the development of technological know-how in the field of Renewable Energy and thereby aid the process of attaining the ambitious target of 450 GW of installed Renewable Energy capacity by 2030. ■

### **NAG RIVER POLLUTION ABATEMENT PROJECT APPROVED**

The Nag River Pollution Abatement Project has been approved at a cost of Rs. 2,117.54 crores. The river, which flows through Nagpur city, thus giving its name to the city, is now



a highly polluted water channel of sewage and industrial waste. This was announced by Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari after chairing a meeting of World Bank officials, DG NMCG and Nagpur Municipal commissioner in his office.

The project, approved under the National River Conservation Plan, will be implemented by the National River Conservation Directorate, NRCD. It will reduce the pollution level in terms of untreated sewage, flowing solid waste and other impurities flowing into the Nag river and its tributaries. ■

# MOOKERJEE AND TANDON

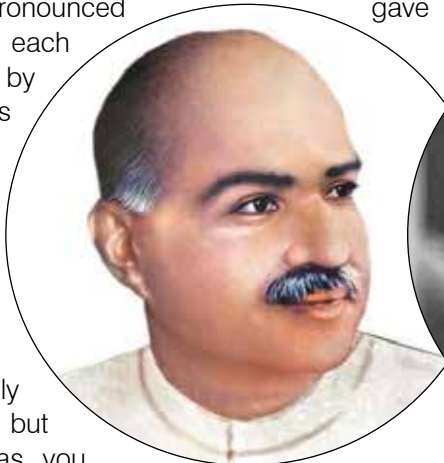


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**I**t is neither right nor safe to draw comparisons between great personalities for in a world so dissimilar, each individual has characteristics and distinctive traits, the parallel of which is not possible to find. In the case of great people these peculiarities are so pronounced and developed that each becomes a type by himself. Nevertheless Babu Purushottam Das Tandon and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee both belonged to a category of great men who look great not only from a distance but grow greater still as you approach them. There are others and their tribe is legion today who is artificially elevated to the position of greatness. Through press and propoganda and by practising the art of leadership, they acquire greatness and remain great so long as you are fortunate enough not to see them from a point of acquaintance. A closer analysis will reduce these titans to tiny-gods. Too much contact with them might turn you into a cynic with no interest in life. On the other extreme are those whose fate has been mourned by Gray in his famous

elegy. They are really great people, genius of the purest ray, serene, but they die unknown and unsung in the dark unfathomed depths of the ocean where they lived and worked. But Dr. Mookerjee and Tandon belonged to neither category. They had real worth coupled with public fame and name. But it is true that public recognition of their merit and services lagged far being the reality. They could acquit themselves well in any office they held. In fact in their case it was not office that

gave them



prestige but on the contrary they who lent glory to the office they held.

Dr. Mookerjee was honoured as a Minister of the Central Cabinet but he rose much higher in the veneration of the people when he came out of the Cabinet.

## LIKE A TRUE KARMAYOGI

Tandon, when he became the President of India National Congress, lent a sublime halo to an office which today nobody is prepared to accept. That year there was a keen contest. And

Tandonji won making it clear that he commanded a considerable and faithful following in the organisation. But when he relinquished office he gave evidence of his real greatness for he did so without any rancour or ill-will. Like a true Karmayogi, without any attachment, he staked his all in the contest, but renounced the so eagerly converted prize as if he had nothing to do with it.

Tandonji was great as the Speaker of the UP Legislative Assembly but became greater as an Ex-Speaker. He was great as President of the Congress and became greater as Ex-President after his resignation.

Tandonji and Mookerjee both represented and fought for upholding the cause of Bharatiya Sanskriti and Maryada. An effort was afoot to supplant the true culture of India by some hybrid variety. Tandonji and Mookerjee were both against this attempt. And they resisted it, one from within the Congress and the other from without. Whether through the Hindu Mahasabha or, due to changed circumstances, though Jana Sangh, Dr. Mookerjee sought to build up this resistance of the nationals of Bharat against the on slaughter of the 'composite culturists.' Tandonji fought this



battle in the name of Hindi both before and after independence.

## **TANDONJI & LANGUAGE**

There is a great deal of misunderstanding about Tandonji's espousal of the cause of Hindi, specially amongst the non-Hindi speaking people. They think that Hindi is sought to be enforced throughout the country as a rival to, and ultimately to take the place of regional languages. In fact the issue has been, and is not, Hindi versus regional languages but Hindi versus Hindustani and Indian languages versus English. Those who take up the cause of English mistakenly harbour an idea that English as an all-India language will not harm the growth of regional languages. If English continues, the days of all the great languages of India are unnumbered.

What ever the English-maniacs may say, no power can retain English in India so long as the virile and rich languages of Bharat are there.

The day of execution may be delayed but the judgement has been delivered the day when Britishers quit India.

## **HINDUSTANI A COMPROMISE WITH SEPARATISM**

The real issue is between Hindi and Hindustani. There has been, and is, no such language as Hindustani. It is the product of a policy of appeasement and compromise with the separatist and anti-national forces, culminating in the establishment of Pakistan.

A language is not simply a vehicle of expression but is also

concerned with the life-values of the people who seek to us it. In this respect the national languages of India are so perfect that you can use any one of them without losing your cultural moorings.

If a man from Mathura goes to Madras and settles there and in the course of ages begins to speak Tamil instead of Hindi, he loses nothing in content. The final product will be the same. But not so with English or French.

And what is Hindustani? It is a language like Esperanto seeking to

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provide a vehicle of expression not to all the people of India but only to those the north that has a fairly large vocabulary of Arabic and Persian. Such a language if it can be artificially but up will be as far away from the people as English. To most of the Hindi people and to all the non-Hindi people it will be as unintelligible as Latin and Greek. Moreover, it is a part of the big schemes of deculturising the people of Bharat. If this attempt succeeds in the case of Hindi, it will not leave untouched and untrained other Bharatiya languages, for the basis and content of all of them is the same culture, which is being

displaced from the Hindi region. It is a process of annihilation by degrees. Will not the protagonists of composite culture demand that Marathi and Bengali, Kannada and Tamil should also be overburdened with Arabic and Persian words and that they should also like Hindustani be written in two scripts? Tandonji believed in one culture and therefore he took up the cause of Hindi. The cause of Hindi is the cause of all the Indian languages.

## **OUR DUTY**

Now that these valiant fighters for these noble causes are no more with us, it is our duty to see that the fight does not end. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee had bequeathed us an organisation that can legitimately strive to become a strong and fitting instrument of resisting subversion of our culture and heritage. Unfortunately, Tandonji, fighting as he was from within the Congress, has not left any organised body to take up his cause.

So long as he was there Congressmen could rally round him. But today there is no such central figure.

The only homage to Rajarshi Tandonji can be to see that his services to Hindi and Bharatiya Culture do not go in vain, and now that the other side is resolutely trying to by pass the will of the people, they should organise themselves and in the tradition of Tandonji put up a fearless and successful fight. ■

**Courtesy: [Organiser, 16 July, 1962]**

# NANDKUMAR SINGH CHAUHAN PASSES AWAY

**S**hri Nandkumar Singh Chauhan passed away at Medanta Hospital in Gurgaon on 2 March 2021, at age 68.

## PM CONDOLES THE DEMISE

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the demise of Shri Nandkumar Singh Chauhan. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, "Saddened by the demise of Lok Sabha MP from Khandwa Shri Nandkumar Singh Chauhan Ji. He will be remembered for his contributions to Parliamentary proceedings, organizational skills and efforts to strengthen the BJP across Madhya Pradesh. Condolences to his family. Om Shanti".

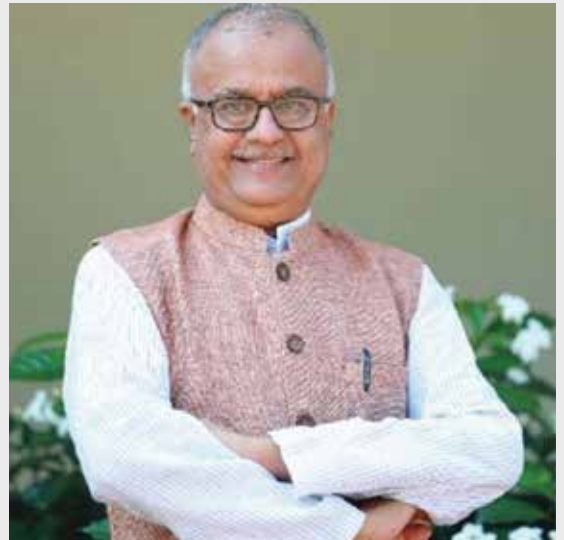
## 'DEVOTED TO SERVICE OF SOCIETY AND ORGANIZATION'

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda expressing

grief over demise of the leader, said,

"Distressed by the news of death of former BJP MP President Shri Nandkumar Singh Chauhanji. Nandkumar ji's entire life was devoted to the service of the state, society and organization. I pray for the peace of the departed soul from God and express my condolences to his family. Om Shanti."

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said in a tweet, "Nandu Bhaiya (as he was popularly known) gave his best to the party as the state BJP president. I offer my tributes to him" Former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Uma Bharti and state Congress also condoled the death of the parliamentarian.



Shri Nandkumar Singh Chauhan born on 8 September 1952 was a member of Lok Sabha from Khandwa at the time of his death.

His first major foray in politics was from the now-defunct Shahpur Vidhan Sabha constituency, once a segment of Khandwa Lok Sabha seat. He first contested Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha election from Shahpur in 1980, as a candidate of BJP, but lost that time. He was first elected to Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from Shahpur in 1985, and was re-elected in 1990 and 1993. He vacated the assembly seat when he was elected to Lok Sabha in 1996 from Khandwa (Lok Sabha constituency). He was elected to Lok Sabha six times from Khandwa, in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2014 (16th Lok Sabha) and 2019, losing only in 2009. He was also BJP State President of Madhya Pradesh. ■





# भारतीय जनता पार्टी केन्द्रीय प्रशिक्षण विभाग प्रदेश संयोजक व सह-संयोजकों की राष्ट्रीय बैठक



## BJP NATIONAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT MEETING HELD

**B**JP National Training Department conducted a meeting of the state training Convenors and Co-Convenors on 5 March, 2021 at BJP Central Office in New Delhi. Party National General Secretary (Organization) Shri BL Santhosh inaugurated the meeting and guided the participants present on this occasion. During this meeting, a review of Mandal Training camps held in 2020 and the District Training camps starting from March 15, 2021 were discussed.

In the next phase of the training programme it has been decided to organize training camps district wise throughout the country from March 15, 2021 to June,

2021.

Mandal training camps will be organised in those areas where training camps were not held so far. If the Mandal camps are completed the District Training camp programme will be started.

This national meeting was also addressed by National In-charge of Training Department Shri Muralidhar Rao, National Convenor Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Central Committee Member Shri Ravindra Sathe, Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi and Shri Hemant Goswami. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks of party Sangathak Shri V Satish. ■

### LATEST TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATED BAMBOO TREATMENT PLANT NEAR GUWAHATI INAUGURATED

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh on February 25 inaugurated the latest technology Integrated Bamboo Treatment Plant in the premises of North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC). Later, he went around the Plant, interacted with technicians and artists and was also called upon by a group of officers from Jammu & Kashmir who are currently on a Bamboo Study tour of Northeast. Advisor North Eastern Council (NEC) Air Marshal (Retd.) Anjan Gogoi and CMD of the Centre, Shailendra Choudhary accompanied the Minister. A display of a wide variety of bamboo products was also put up in the premises. ■

# PM NARENDRA MODI BESTOWED WITH **CERAWeek** GLOBAL ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD



**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was awarded the CERAWeek Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award on March 5. CERAWeek was founded in 1983 by Daniel Yergin and is held in Houston, US annually. The CERAWeek Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award was instituted in 2016. It recognizes the commitment of leadership on the future of global energy and environment and for offering solutions and policies for energy access, affordability and environmental stewardship. It is considered the world's premier annual energy platform.

On the occasion delivering the keynote address at the CERAWeek 2021 through video conference, Shri Modi said "It is with great humility that I accept the CERAWeek Global Energy and Environment Leadership Award. I dedicate this award to the people of our great Motherland, India. I dedicate this award to the glorious tradition of our land that has shown the way when it comes to caring for the environment." He added that Indian are leaders when it comes to caring for the environment for centuries. He said in our culture, nature and divinity are closely linked.

The Prime Minister said there are only two ways to fight climate change and calamities. One is through policies, laws, rules and orders. The Prime Minister gave examples. Share of non-fossil sources in India's installed capacity of electricity has grown to 38 percent, adoption of Bharat – 6 emission norms since April 2020 which is equal to Euro – 6 fuel. India is working to increase the share of natural gas from the current 6% to 15% by 2030. LNG is being promoted as a fuel.

He gave a call to fix ourselves so the world will be a better place. He said this spirit of behaviour change

is a key part of our traditional habits, which teach us consumption with compassion. A mindless throw away culture is not a part of our ethos. He felt proud of Indian farmers, who are constantly using modern techniques of irrigation. He noted that there is growing awareness on improving soil health and reducing use of pesticides.

The Prime Minister remarked that today the world is focussing on fitness and wellness. There is a growing demand for healthy and organic food. India can drive this global change through our spices and our Ayurveda products. He announced that in India, the Government is working on metro networks in 27 towns and cities for eco-friendly mobility.

The Prime Minister said for large-scale behaviour change, we need to offer solutions that are innovative, affordable and powered by public participation. He cited examples like people embracing LED bulbs, Give It Up Movement, increased LPG coverage, affordable transportation initiatives. He expressed happiness about the growing acceptance of ethanol across India.

The Prime Minister noted that over the last seven years, India's forest cover has grown significantly, the population of lions, tigers, leopards and water fowls has grown. He cited these as the great indicators of positive behavioural changes.

Shri Modi talked of Mahatma Gandhi's principle of trusteeship. At the core of trusteeship are collectiveness, compassion and responsibility. Trusteeship also means using resources responsibly

Shri Modi concluded "now is the time to think logically and ecologically. After all this is not about me or you. It is about our planet's future. We owe this to our coming generations." ■



## PM INAUGURATES VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN COIMBATORE



**CORE OF DEVELOPMENT IS TO GIVE WINGS TO THE DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLE: PM**

**T**he Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the 1000 MW Neyveli New Thermal Power Project and 709 MW Solar Power Project of NLCIL. He laid the foundation stone for design, supply, installation and commissioning of a 5MW grid connected ground based solar power plant at V.O.Chidambaranar Port and for the extension, renovation and modernization of Lower Bhavani Project System on February 25, 2021. The PM also laid the foundation stone for development of Integrated Command and Control Centers (ICCC) in nine Smart Cities including Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Thanjavur, Vellore, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruppur, Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi. He inaugurated the 8-laning of Korampallam Bridge and Rail Over Bridge (ROB) at V.O.Chidambaranar Port and the tenements constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) scheme. Governor, Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi were present on the occasion.

Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said Coimbatore is a city of industry and innovation. Development works launched will benefit Coimbatore and the entire Tamil Nadu, he said.

Shri Modi said that the modernization of Bhawani Sagar Dam will irrigate over 2 lakh acres of land and farmers of several districts will benefit from this project. He lauded Tamil Nadu for making a major contribution towards India's industrial growth. He expressed happiness to inaugurate several major power projects, as one of the basic needs of industrial growth is

continuous power supply. He said that the 709 MW solar power project is indigenously developed and the cost of this project is over Rs 3,000 crore. He further said that another 1,000 MW thermal power project constructed at a cost of Rs 7,800 crore will be hugely beneficial to Tamil Nadu. He added that over 65% of the power generated will be given to Tamil Nadu.

He informed that a new Multi-Modal Logistics Park is going to be launched soon at Mappedu near Sriperumbudur in Chennai. He further added that the '8-laning of Korampallam Bridge and Rail Over Bridge was also taken up under 'Sagarmala programme'. The Project will facilitate seamless and congestion free transit to and from the Port. It will also further reduce the turnaround time of the cargo trucks, Shri Modi said.

Shri Modi said that at the core of development is ensuring dignity to every individual. "One of the basic ways of ensuring dignity is to provide shelter for everyone. To give wings to the dreams and aspirations of our people, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna was started", he said. He expressed happiness to inaugurate 4,144 tenements built in several areas and to lay the foundation stone to integrated command and control centres in smart cities across Tamil Nadu. He also said that the cost of this project is Rs 332 crore and these houses will be handed over to those who were homeless even after 70 years of Independence. He said the Integrated Command and Control Centres will provide an intelligent and integrated IT solution to manage various services across these cities. ■



## FOCUS ON THE ROADMAP FOR THE SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF

- countries in the Global Innovation Index and is doing better continuously. With the sustained promotion of higher education, research and innovation, new opportunities for our students and young scientists are developing very much. And the good thing is that there is satisfactory growth in the participation of daughters in R&D.
- For the first time, there is greater focus on Atal Tinkering Labs in schools to Atal Incubation Centers in higher institutions in the country. The new tradition of Hackathons for start-ups has become a major force for both the youth and industry of the country. More than 3,500 start-ups have been nurtured through the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovation.
- Similarly, three supercomputers, namely Param Shivay, Param Shakti and Param Brahma, have been set up at IIT BHU, IIT-Kharagpur and IISER, Pune under the National Super Computing Mission. Plans are afoot to set up such supercomputers in more than a dozen institutions in the country this year. Three Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institutes (SATHIs) are also serving in IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi and BHU.
- Two more major steps have been taken recently, which will greatly benefit the entire ecosystem

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on March 3 addressed a webinar on implementation of Budget Provisions in education sector. In his address, he said, Now, we have to focus on the roadmap for the speedy implementation of new schemes, how they can reach across the country, to the last person, to get rid of minor hurdles in the implementation from April 1 for the next 365 days. Highlights of the address are as follow:

- Confidence among the youth of the country is as essential for building a self-reliant India. Confidence comes only when the youth have full faith in their education, knowledge and skills. Confidence comes only when he realizes that his education is giving him the opportunity to do his job and also providing the necessary skill.
- The new National Education Policy has been formulated with this mindset. We now have to work fast for early implementation of every provision of the National Education Policy from pre-nursery to Ph.D. If the speed was slowed down due to Corona, it is necessary to speed up things and move forward.
- The second biggest focus after health in this year's budget is on education, skill, research and innovation. Better synergy in the universities, colleges and R&D institutions has become the biggest need of our country today. In view of this, Glue Grant has been provided under which necessary mechanisms can be prepared in nine cities.
- The emphasis given on apprenticeship, skill development and upgradation in this budget is also unprecedented. All the provisions made in this budget will lead to a massive shift in the country's approach to higher education. The budget further expands the efforts that have been made to connect education with employability and entrepreneurial capabilities over the years.
- It is the result of these experiments that India figures in the top three countries today in terms of scientific publications. We are also among the top three countries in the world in terms of the number of PhDs and the start-up ecosystem.
- India is among the world's top 50 innovative





## ROADMAP FOR SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW SCHEMES: PM

of innovation, research and development. For the first time, the country has got Indian solutions which meet the international standards associated with meteorology and the system is being strengthened regularly. This will greatly improve the global competency of R&D and our products.

- This year's budget has put more emphasis on Institution Making and Access. The National Research Foundation is being set up for the first time in the country. A provision of Rs. 50,000 crore has been made for this. This will give impetus to the interrelationship of the governance structure of research-related institutions to R&D, academia and industry. The more than 100 percent increase in the budget for biotechnology-related research reflects the priorities of the government.
- India's researchers engaged in pharma and vaccines have ensured both safety and respect for the country. The government has already declared seven National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research as institutions of national importance to further strengthen its potential. The role of our private sector and industry in this sector's R&D is very commendable. I am confident that this role will expand further in the future.

- Future Fuel and Green Energy is vital for self-sufficiency in our energy sector. Therefore, the Hydrogen Mission announced in the budget is a huge resolution. India has tested hydrogen vehicles. Now we have to move forward together to make hydrogen a utility as a fuel for transport and make it industry ready. In addition, we also have to increase our potential in marine wealth research. The government is also going to launch the Deep Sea Mission. This mission will be goal-oriented and based on a multi-sectoral approach so that we can unlock Blue Economy's potential completely.
- We have to strengthen the collaboration of educational institutions, research institutions and industry. Not only do we have to focus on publishing new research papers, time demands how we ensure that research papers published all over the world are easily available to India's researchers and students. The government is working on it at its level, but the industry will also have to contribute to it.
- I must urge you that there is no dearth of talent in our country. If somebody is from a village or poor who does not know anything but his language, it does not mean that he lacks in talent. We should not let his talent die just only because of the language. He should not be deprived of the development journey of the country. There is talent in the villages, in the poor people and also in the children who have been deprived of one of the major languages. Therefore, it is very important to use that talent for such a big country. Therefore, we have to work on a mission mode to take him out of the language barrier and give an opportunity to his talent to flourish in his language. The National Language Translation Mission announced in the budget will be a great encouragement.
- Now, we have to focus on the roadmap for the speedy implementation of new schemes, how they can reach across the country, to the last person, to get rid of minor hurdles in the implementation from April 1 for the next 365 days. We intend to use as much time as we have for effective implementation of the budget provisions from April 1. ■

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on March 1 addressed a webinar on effective implementation of Budget provisions regarding Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare through video conference. In this webinar experts from Agriculture, Dairy, Fisheries sector, stakeholders from Public, Private & Cooperative sector and Representatives from Banks funding the rural economy participated. Union Minister for Agriculture was present in the webinar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister outlined the vision of the government with small farmers in the center. He added empowerment of these small farmers will greatly help in ridding Indian agriculture from many problems. He highlighted some of the provisions for Agriculture in this Union Budget like increasing the Agriculture Credit target to Rs 16,50,000 crores with priority to Animal husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries sector, increasing Rural Infrastructure Fund to Rs 40,000 crores, doubling the allocation for micro irrigation, expanding the scope of Operation Green Scheme to 22 perishable products and linking 1000 more mandis with e-NAM. He stressed India's need for Post Harvest Revolution or Food Processing Revolution and Value Addition in the 21st century, amidst ever-increasing agricultural production. It would have been very good for the country if this work would have been done two-three decades ago, he commented.

The Prime Minister strongly emphasized on developing processing in every agriculture

related sector such as foodgrains, vegetables, fruits, fisheries etc. He said, for this, it is critical that farmers should have the storage facilities near their villages. He called for the improvement of the system of taking the produce from the fields to processing units and emphasized that hand holding of these units be done by the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). He stressed on the need for expanding the options for the country's farmers to sell their produce. "We have to expand our country's agriculture sector into the global market for processed food. We must increase the number of Agro-Industries Clusters near the village so that the people of the village can get employment related to farming in the village itself" said the Prime Minister. He said Organic Clusters and Export clusters will also play a major role in this. He envisioned that we have to move towards a scenario where agro based products move from the village to the cities and industrial products reach villages from cities. He also emphasized the need to explore ways to leverage One District, One Product scheme to take our products to the global markets.

The Prime Minister lamented that even though India is one of the world's major Fish Producers and Exporters, our presence in processed fish in the international market is very limited. He said to change this scenario, in addition to the reforms, the Government has announced production linked incentives worth about Rs 11,000 crores to encourage products such as Ready to Eat, Ready to cook,



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processed fruits and vegetables, processed SeaFood and Mozzarella cheese. He talked of Operation Greens, under which the 50 per cent subsidy is being given for the transportation of all fruits and vegetables. He said in the last 6 months alone, about 350 Kisan Rails were operated and about 1,00,000 metric tonnes of fruits and vegetables have been transported through these trains. This Kisan rail is a strong medium of cold storage for the entire country.

The Prime Minister said under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat campaign, emphasis is being laid on creating clusters for fruits and vegetables processing in the districts across the country.





# MENT OF SMALL FARMERS IS CENTRAL THE GOVERNMENT'S VISION: PM

**FOR MORE PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS R&D IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR'**

Under the Prime Minister Micro Food Processing Enterprises Upgradation Scheme, millions of Micro Food Processing Units are being helped. He stressed on the need for using modern technology to help the small farmers with cheap and effective options for hourly rental of tractors, straw machines or other farm machinery. Using truck aggregators to provide a cheap and effective means for farm produce to reach the market. He stressed the need for extending the facility of Soil Health Card in the country. He said increased awareness of the farmers about their soil's health would improve the production of the crop.

The Prime Minister stressed on

the need for more private sector contribution towards R&D in the agriculture sector. He added we now have to give such options to farmers in which they are not limited to growing wheat and rice. We can try from organic food to salad-related vegetables, there are several crops, he noted. He stressed on the need to tap the market for SeaWeed and Beeswax. He said Seaweed Farming and Beeswax would generate an additional revenue stream for our fishermen and Bee farmers. He added increased private sector participation will boost the confidence of the farmer.

The Prime Minister gave a call to make concerted efforts in the

farming of the country, to find a comprehensive technological solution from irrigation to sowing, till harvesting and earning. He said we have to promote startups associated with the agriculture sector and connect the youth. He said over the years, the Kisan Credit Card has been extended little by little to farmers, cattle ranchers and fishermen and more than 1.80 crore farmers have been given Kisan Credit Cards in the last one year. The provision of credit has also been more than doubled compared to 6-7 years ago. He said arrangements with 10,00 FPOs being built in the country is strengthening the Co-operatives. ■



## PM INAUGURATES 'MAITRI SETU' BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH

**T**he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Maitri Setu' between India and Bangladesh 9 March through a video conference. He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple infrastructure projects in Tripura. The Governor and the Chief Minister of Tripura were present. Video Message from the Bangladesh Prime Minister was played on the occasion.

Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said that Tripura is experiencing the clear difference between the 30 years of earlier governments and the 'double engine' government of the last three years. In place of corruption and commission culture of earlier years, benefits are reaching directly in the accounts of the beneficiaries. He also recalled that employees who were hassled over the salary on time are getting salary as per 7th pay commission. For the first time, MSP has been decided in Tripura where farmers used to face many problems for selling their produce. He also noted the environment of ease of doing business in place of the earlier culture of strikes. New investments are changing the earlier scenario of closure of industry. He said exports from Tripura in terms of volume have increased 5 times.

The Prime Minister informed that in the past 6 years, the central government has taken care of every requirement for the development of Tripura. He said there has been a significant hike in the central allocation for the state. Tripura had received Rs 3500 crore rupees for central development schemes between 2009-2014 whereas, between 2014-2019 more than Rs 12000 crore has been provided.

The Prime Minister said that connectivity related infrastructure has seen tremendous improvement in the last three years. He cited the rapid work for the airport,

sea-link for internet in Tripura, rail link and waterways in this regard. He talked of HIRA development i.e. Highways, i-ways, Railways and Airways for Tripura.

The Prime Minister said that the connectivity is not only strengthening the friendship between India and Bangladesh but also proving to be a strong link of business too. He informed that the entire region is being developed as a trade corridor between Northeast India and Bangladesh. The Prime Minister emphasized that the rail and water connectivity projects that have been realized in the recent years have been strengthened by this bridge. This will improve connectivity of south Assam, Mizoram and Manipur along with Tripura with Bangladesh and South-East Asia. Shri Modi said that the bridge will give an impetus to the economic opportunity in Bangladesh also. The Prime Minister thanked the Bangladesh Government and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the cooperation in the completion of the bridge project.

The Prime Minister said now people will not have to depend only on the road for any kind of supply to the North-East. He said efforts are underway to connect Chittagong port of Bangladesh with North-East through an alternative route via the river.

Due to this bridge over Feni River Agartala will become the nearest city to an international sea port in India. Projects related to broadening of NH-08 and NH-208 which were dedicated and for which foundation stone was laid will strengthen the connectivity of the Northeast with the port, Shri Modi said.

The Prime Minister said the inauguration of several projects today are efforts to make Agartala a better city. Newly integrated command center will provide technical support to prevent traffic related problems and crime. ■



# OVER 11,000 KM NHS CONSTRUCTED DURING CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AT AN AVERAGE OF 35 KMS PER DAY

**T**he Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on March 1 released the ratings for 18,668 km of completed 4/6 lane NH stretches covering 343 toll plazas. This has been done by NHAI under MoRTH, which has taken initiative to improve its accountability towards road users, who pay user fee for use of developed National Highways. This initiative has been taken as per vision of improving the quality of public services. The fundamental objective of highway rating is “Minimum time with maximum safety in stress free environment” from highway users’ perspective.

Each toll plaza of highway is judged based on three major criteria viz. Efficiency, Safety and User Services. These criteria are further divided into a total of 39 parameters which include average speed, road

condition, facility for public like VUP/ PUP/ FOB, service road, delay at toll plaza, accidents, incident response time, wayside amenities, general cleanliness, etc. These criteria were framed after detailed studies held in NHAI & MoRTH before its final approval by MoRTH/ GOI. No such criteria has been developed across the Globe in the past which evaluates the performance of highway from the users’ perspective.

This is eventually likely to facilitate saving the Commute Time, Improve Customer Experience, Save Fuel Wastage Cost and Reduce Carbon Footprint. It uses several technologies like Satellite Imagery, GIS, Remote Sensing along with a proprietary algorithm to remotely monitor the congestion status of the roads. The frequency sample of data can be as low as even

1-5min depending upon the requirements.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkarui said, with these technologies on ground, it will be possible to identify the lacunae in road construction and management. It will be easier to rectify the faults in a speedier way, he said. With road safety in the priority, this will be helpful in mitigating the faults. He said, IIT and Engineering students will be trained and involved in this exercise. He said, FASTag issues are initial problems, and they are being solved gradually.

The Minister informed that 11,035 km of NH have been constructed during this year, which represents a rate of 35 kms per day. The Minister reiterated his resolve to achieve the rate of 40 km per day within the balance months of this financial year. ■

## GOVT. FINALIZES ‘ONE DISTRICT ONE FOCUS PRODUCT’

**T**he Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in consultation with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has finalized the products for One District One Focus Product (ODOFP). The products have been identified from agricultural, horticultural, animal, poultry, milk, fisheries and aquaculture, marine sectors for 728 districts across the country. The list of products have been finalized after taking inputs from the States/UTs and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). These products will be promoted in a cluster approach through convergence of the Government of India schemes, to increase the value of the products and

with the ultimate aim of increasing the income of the farmers. These identified products will be supported under the PM-FME scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries which provides incentives to promoter and micro-enterprises. Many products also include convergence of resources and approach from the other departments. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will support ODOFP from its ongoing centrally sponsored schemes such as MIDH, NFSM, RKVY, PKVY. The implementation of ODOFP by State Governments will benefit farmers and provide support for realizing the expectations of value addition and subsequently enhancing agricultural exports. ■

# 'SELF-RELIANT INDIA' IS A NATIONAL SPRIT

**PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI IN HIS 21ST EPISODE OF 'MANN KI BAAT 2.0' ON FEBRUARY 28 HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MONTH OF MAGH. HE SAID THAT THE MONTH OF MAGH IS REGARDED RELATED ESPECIALLY TO RIVERS, LAKES AND WATER SOURCES. HERE, WE ARE PUBLISHING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ADDRESS:**



**T**he festival of Magh Purnima was on February 27. The month of Magh is regarded related especially to rivers, lakes and water sources. It has been mentioned in our scriptures: MAGHE NIMAGNAHASALILE SUSHITE, VIMUKTAPAAPAAHA TRIDIVAM PRAYAANTI – meaning, in the month of Magh, a bath in any holy water body is considered sacred. In every society of the world, invariably, there is one tradition or the other with respect to a river. Many civilizations have evolved along the banks of rivers. Since our culture is thousands of years old, the spread of this phenomenon is more evident here. There must not be a single day in India, when there is no festival connected with water in some corner of the country or the other. During the period of Magh, people even leave their homes, near and dear ones, comforts and amenities to perform KALPVAAS on the banks of rivers. This time, in Haridwar, KUMBH too is being held. For us, water is life; faith too and the flow of development as well. In a way, water is more important than PARAS, the philosopher's stone. It is said that with the touch of a PARAS, iron gets turned into gold. Similarly, the touch of water is necessary for life; imperative for development.

- Friends, possibly there is another reason to associate the month of Magh with water – after this, winters come to an end and summers start knocking. Hence, for the conservation of water, we should begin efforts right away. A few days later, just on the 22nd of the month of March, it's World Water Day.
- My dear countrymen, whenever a discussion on the month of Magh and its spiritual-social significance takes place, the discourse is never complete without one name – the name is that of Sant Ravidas ji. Sant Ravidas ji's birth anniversary falls on the very day of Magh Purnima. Even today, the words, the knowledge of Sant Ravidas ji guide us on our path.

- Sant Ravidas ji always expressed himself openly on the social ills that had pervaded society. He laid bare social evils in front of society, showed the path of redemption; and that's why Meera ji had said, 'GURU MILIYA RAIDAS, DEENHI GYAAN KI GUTKI' |
- It's my good fortune that I am connected with Varanasi, the birth place of Sant Ravidas ji. I have experienced the spiritual loftiness of Sant Ravidas ji's life and his energy at the pilgrimage site. Friends, Ravidas ji used to say

**'KARAM BANDHAN MEIN BANDH RAHIYO, PHAL KI NA TAJJIYO AAS | KARMA MAANUSH KA DHARMA HAI, SAT BHAAKHAI RAVIDAS ||**

- Meaning, we should incessantly strive with our Karma, our work; the Phal, the reward is bound to come your way. This means – Karma leads to Siddhi, attainment with certitude. Our youth must learn one more thing from Sant Ravidas ji. For doing any work, they should not bind themselves to old methods and practices. Decide and shape your life yourself. Devise your own methods and practices, set your goals yourselves. If your conscience and self confidence is unshakeable, you need not fear anything in the world.
- I say so since often due to pressures of traditional thinking our youth are not able to do what they really like. That is why you should never hesitate in thinking new, doing new. In the same manner Sant Ravidas ji has given another important message. This message is 'to stand on one's own feet'. It is not fair at all that we remain dependant on others for our dreams. Things remaining to continue the



way they are... Ravidas ji was never in favour of this. Today, we see that the youth of the country too is not at all in favour of this thinking. Today when I see the innovative spirit of the youth of the country, I feel Ravidas ji too would have definitely felt proud of our youth.

- Friends, when we talk of science then many a time people restrict it to physics-chemistry or labs, but the spread of science is much more than that. And there is a lot of contribution of the power of science in the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Campaign'. We have to move science forward with the mantra of 'Lab to Land'.
- Chintala Venkat Reddy ji from Hyderabad is an example. A doctor friend of Reddy ji once told him about the diseases caused by deficiency of vitamin D and the dangers thereof. Reddy ji is a farmer, he thought about what he could do about solving this problem. After this he worked a lot and developed breeds of wheat and rice that specially contained vitamin D. This month itself he has received patent from World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva. Our Government is fortunate that Venkat Reddy was also honoured with the Padmashree last year.
- Similarly, Urugen Futsog of Ladakh too is working very innovatively. At those heights Urugen is growing about 20 crops organically, that too in a cyclic way, that is, he utilises the waste of one crop as manure for the other crop. Isn't it amazing?
- Friends, nowadays you must be hearing a lot, the name of Chia seeds. People connected to health awareness give a lot of importance to it and it has a lot of demand too in the world. In India, it is mostly sourced from abroad but now people are taking up the challenge to be self-reliant in Chia seeds too. Similarly, Harishchandra ji of Barabanki in UP has begun farming of Chia seeds. Cultivation of Chia seeds will also increase his income and will help in the self-reliant India campaign too.
- "Self reliant India" is not just a Government policy, but is a national spirit. He believes that being self-reliant means deciding one's own fate, that is controlling one's own destiny. Ranjan babu is a hundred percent correct.
- Furthering what he has said, I too would say that the first condition for self-reliance is to have pride in

the things of one's own country; to take pride in the things made by people of one's own country. When every countryman takes pride, every countryman connects; self-reliant India doesn't remain just an economic campaign but becomes a national spirit. When we see fighter plane Tejas made in our own country doing acrobatics in the sky, when Made in India tanks, Made in India missiles increase our pride, when we see Made in India coaches in Metro trains in wealthy-advanced nations, when we see Made in India Corona Vaccines reaching dozens of countries, then our heads rise higher. And it is not that only bigger things will make India self-reliant. Textiles made in India, handicraft goods made by talented artisans of India, electronic appliances of India, mobiles of India, in every field we have to raise this pride. When we move forward with this thought, only then will we become self-reliant in the truest sense... and friends, I am happy that this mantra of self-reliant India is reaching the villages of the country. This very thing happened in Bettiah, about which I got to read in the media.

- Friends, there are many examples across the country where people are contributing in a similar manner to the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'. Today it has become a sentiment, flowing in the hearts of common folk.
- Friends, our temples in Assam are also playing a unique role in the protection of nature. If you take a look at our temples, you will find that every temple has a pond in the vicinity. The Hayagriva Madheb Temple at Hajo, the Nagashankar Temple at Sonitpur and the Ugratara Temple at Guwahati have many such ponds nearby. They are being used to save near extinct species of turtles. Assam is home to the highest number of species of turtles. The ponds of these temples can become excellent sites for their conservation and breeding and training about them.
- We have many Indian sports, where commentary culture has not permeated yet and due to this they are in a state of near extinction. I have a thought - Why not have good commentaries of different sports and especially Indian sports in more and more languages, we must think about encouraging it. I would urge the Sports Ministry and private institutional partners to think about it. ■

# PM TAKES FIRST DOSE OF COVID-19 VACCINE

**P** rime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi took his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on March 1, at AIIMS New Delhi. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, "Took my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at AIIMS. Remarkable how our doctors and scientists have worked in quick time to strengthen the global fight against COVID-19. I appeal to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine. Together, let us make India COVID-19 free!"



India has registered a cumulative figure of more than 1.8 crore (1,80,05,503) COVID19 Vaccination doses, as per the provisional report till the morning

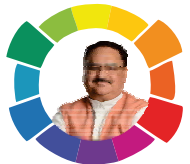
of 5th March.

These include 68,53,083 HCWs (1st dose), 31,41,371 HCWs (2nd dose), 60,90,931 FLWs (1st dose) and 67,297 FLWs

(2nd Dose), 2,35,901 beneficiaries aged more than 45 years with specific co-morbidities (1st Dose) and 16,16,920 beneficiaries aged more than 60 years. ■



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicating to the nation the 7500th Janaushadhi Kendra at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong, during the 'Janaushadhi Diwas' celebrations in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inspecting some of the innovations by armed forces at the Combined Commanders' Conference in Kevadia, Gujarat



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with other BJP leaders waving at the massive gathering at the Brigade Parade Ground Rally in Kolkata, West Bengal



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi at BJP Central Election Committee Meeting, BJP HQ, New Delhi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden, Mr. Stefan Lofven at the India - Sweden Virtual Summit, in New Delhi



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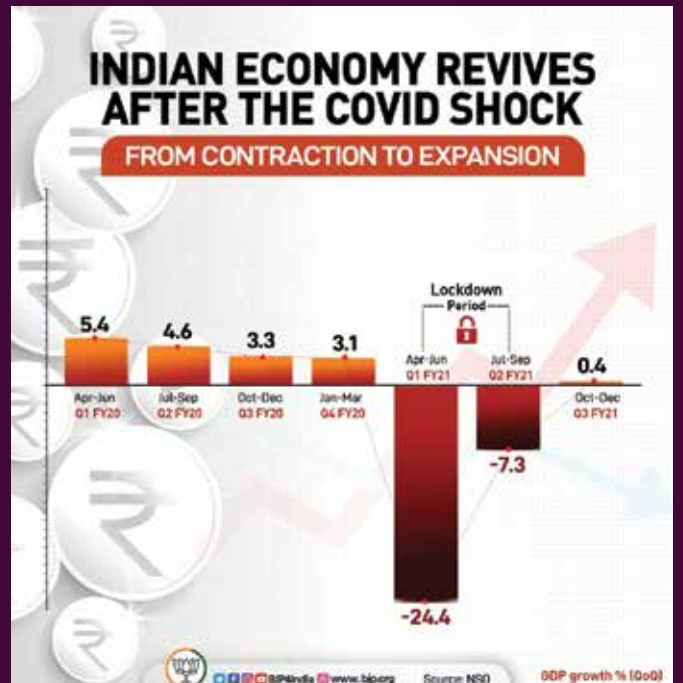
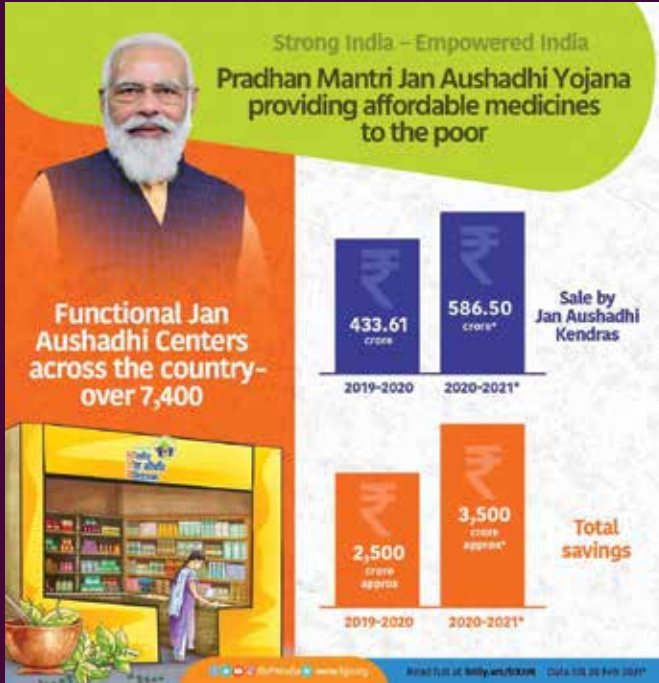
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