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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and other senior leaders receiving the greetings at Hanur, Chamarajanagara, Karnataka on March 01, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, BJP National General Secretary (Org.) Shri BL Santhosh and other senior leaders listening to PM Shri Narendra Modi's "Mann ki Baat" at BJP HQ in New Delhi on February 26, 2023



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda at the "Kisan Sangat Abhinandan Samaroh" organized by Sikh community in Hanumangarh, Rajasthan on February 24, 2023



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressing "Kisan-Majdoor Samagam" on the occasion of Swami Sahjanand Saraswati ji's jayanti in Patna, Bihar on February 25, 2023



Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah and MP CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan opening the "Kol Janjati Mahakumbh" on the occasion of Shabri Mata Janm Jayanti in Satna, MP on February 24, 2023



Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launching the 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra' in Belagavi, Karnataka on March 2, 2023

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**@Narendramodi**

Had fruitful talks with PM @Giorgia Meloni, which were focussed on boosting India-Italy cooperation in sectors such as commerce, renewable energy, IT, space and upcoming sectors like semi-conductors and green hydrogen. Deepening ties in StartUps and defence were discussed too. (2 March, 2023)



**@JPNadda**

Grateful to the people of Tripura for reposing their faith in @BJP4India & ensuring a historic win in the state. The victory belongs to every citizen who aspired for progress & development. Under the able leadership of PM @narendramodi we will continue working to develop Tripura. (2 March, 2023)



**@AmitShah**

The Police Technology Mission initiated by @narendramodi ji is working with a holistic approach. The mission aims to make India's police the best in the world. (4 March, 2023)



**@Rajnathsingh**

From being operationally deployed in Siachen, the highest battlefield in the world, to being posted on warships, Indian women are breaking barriers in almost every field in the Armed Forces. #NariShaktiForNewIndia (8 March, 2023)



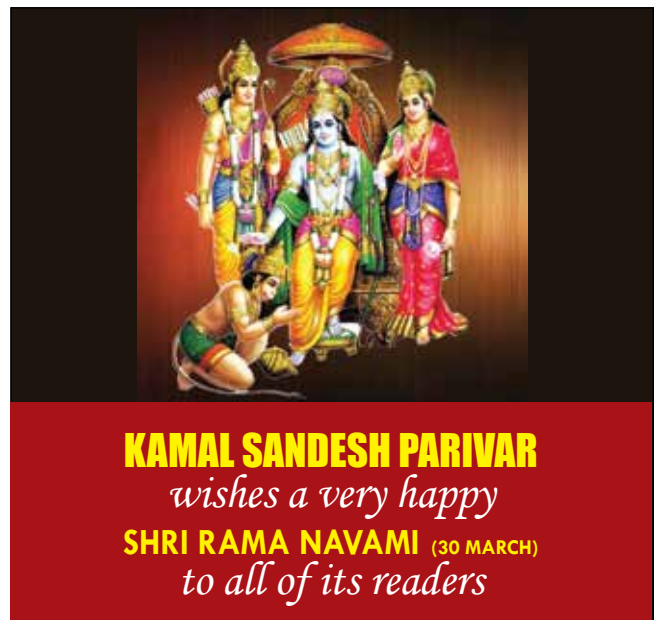
**@Dr. Sudha Yadav**

Many thanks to the god like people of Meghalaya, Tripura and Nagaland for their incredible faith, cooperation and support. The Northeast has stamped the development done in the Northeast under the leadership of Modi ji. (2 March, 2023)



**@B L Santhosh**

Congratulations @DrManikSaha2 on being elected as the leader of the legislative party of @BJP4Tripura & CM designate & also @YanthingoPatton for being elected as leader of the legislative party of @BJP4Nagaland. (8 March, 2023)





# VERDICT UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR OF A 'NEW INDIA'

The people have once again showered immense blessings on the BJP in the recently concluded elections in the north-eastern states. The results of the Tripura, Nagaland, and Meghalaya elections reaffirm the fact that Indian politics has taken a significant shift and that the days of the politics of performance, good governance, and development is getting massive support across the country. This fact is more glaring in the case of the north-eastern region, which suffered from the politics of division, disconnect, alienation, and violence for many decades. The worsening situation in the north-east, which haunted the people throughout the country and raised concerns about its future, has seen a turnaround under the dynamic and determined leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, with peace, development, and progress becoming its hallmarks in the last nine years. The elections and re-election of BJP/NDA governments in almost every state of the northeast show the faith the BJP has generated among the people in the region through its unflinching commitment to the welfare and well-being of the people in this part of the country. The phenomenal change in the region is the result of hard work, relentless efforts, exemplary vision, and a commitment to serve the people through full dedication to their cause even under extreme circumstances.

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The significance of the election results in Tripura, Nagaland, and Meghalaya lies in the fact that now people have complete trust in the visionary and committed leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the policies and programmes of the BJP in the region. As the days of peace, amity, development, and progress have arrived, gone are the days when violence, blockades, extremism, and bloodshed used to be the order of the day in the north-eastern region. The Prime Minister's commitment to transforming lives in the region can be seen in his more than 50 visits and union ministers visiting the region frequently, almost every fortnight, expediting and expanding the welfare works of the government. While the Bodo agreement, the Bru-Reang agreement, peace talks in Nagaland, the surrender of arms by radicals and their rehabilitation, and many other steps have led to the lifting of AFPSA from many regions, the emphasis on connectivity with promises like 'HIRA' is truly transforming the north-eastern region into 'Ashtalakshami'. The difference between the approaches of the Congress-led UPA government and the Modi government may be gauged from the single fact that while the budget allocations for the region in 2013–14 were only Rs. 2030 crore, the Modi government, on the other hand, has allocated Rs. 5892 crore in 2023–24 for the development of the northeast states. A special initiative by PM Shri Narendra Modi has been carried out, named the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for the North East Region (PM-DevINE), and in the budget 2023–24, there is an allocation of 2,200 crore specifically for this initiative for the holistic development of the northeast region. This shows the vision of PM Narendra Modi to transform the north-eastern states that were never focused on by successive governments. Apart from expediting and completing many stalled projects, the Modi government has launched many new schemes that are transforming the entire region.

While the people of the north-eastern region had a feeling of alienation due to the stepmotherly treatment they suffered during successive Congress regimes, the Modi government has not only applied balm to their hurt feelings but paved the path to a new future. Now not only do they feel emotionally integrated with the Modi government taking care of every aspect of their aspirations, but they also hope to march on the path of rapid development along with the rest of the nation in 'Amrit Kaal'. The verdict of the people in Tripura, Nagaland, and Meghalaya is unanimously in favour of a 'New India' guaranteeing peace, progress, and prosperity, with a sense of pride in the idea of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. ■

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TRIPURA, NAGALAND & MEGHALAYA ELECTION RESULTS

# WITH RESOUNDING VICTORY NDA FORMS GOVERNMENT IN TRIPURA, NAGALAND & MEGHALAYA

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party after registering an emphatic victory successfully retained massive people's support in the northeastern states, a region where it had very little presence before 2014. With its alliance partners the BJP secured a clear majority in both Tripura and Nagaland and formed the governments. The results in Tripura this time underlined the party's popular acceptance in

the erstwhile Left bastion that it won for the first time in 2018. In Meghalaya, where the BJP went solo this time, formed the government with National People's Party (NPP), which emerged as the single-largest party in the state.

Congratulating the people of North-East and lauding the wins that come amid the ongoing G20 presidency of India, PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "These victories reaffirm the deep faith India's people have in democracy and democratic principles as a panacea for all problems. There was a time when no party other than one could install its flag in the state. But today, we are proud of giving the northeast peace, law and order."

The elections for Tripura assembly were held on February 16, where 89.95 per cent of the 28.14 lakh voters exercised their franchise. The elections for Nagaland and Meghalaya assemblies were conducted on February 27 and results for all these three states were declared on 02 March, 2023.

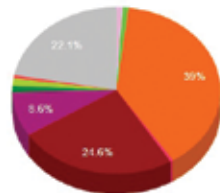
The BJP has snatched the victory in Tripura by decimating the combined challenge of the Left-Congress alliance and the newly formed Tipra Motha party. The BJP and the Indigenous People's Front of

Tripura Result Status			
Status Known For 50 out of 50 Constituencies			
Party	Won	Leading	Total
Bharatiya Janata Party	32	0	32
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	11	0	11
Indian National Congress	3	0	3
Indigenous People's Front of Tripura	1	0	1
Tipra Motha Party	13	0	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>

Partywise Vote Share

Please move your mouse over the chart or legend to view more details. Party (Votes%, Vote Count)

- AIFB (1.03%)
- AITC (0.88%)
- BJP (38.97%)
- CPI (M) (24.62%)
- CP (M) (0.04%)
- INC (8.56%)
- IPFT (1.28%)
- NCTA (1.36%)
- RSP (0.87%)
- Other (22.12%)







### @Narendramodi

After the victory, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked the people of Tripura after the victory and said he is proud of all Tripura BJP workers for their spectacular efforts. He said, "Thank you Tripura! This is a vote for progress and stability. @BJP4Tripura will continue to boost the state's growth trajectory. I am proud of all Tripura BJP Karyakartas for their spectacular efforts at the grassroots."

### @JPNadda

Similarly, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda also congratulated the party's state unit for their efforts. He said, "Heartiest congratulations to @BJP4Tripura for the impressive victory in the elections. The tireless efforts of our dedicated karyakartas, CM Shri @DrManikSaha2 & BJP State President Shri @Rajib4BJP have been instrumental in this historic win."

Tripura (IPFT) with more than 40% votes got a clear majority in the state with 33 seats, BJP 32 and the IPFT 1; in the 60-member house. The Tipra Motha, which contested for the first time, has won 13 seats.

Likewise, the CPI-M, which was the main opposition party since 2018 and ruled the state for 25 years prior to that, could win only 11 seats compared with 16 last times, despite having a pact with the Congress that won only three seats. Similarly, the Trinamool Congress had fielded 28 candidates and campaigned heavily in the run-up to the polls, but did not open its account in Tripura and its vote share (0.88 per cent) came to less than that of those who voted for None-Of-The-Above (NOTA).

In the past, the northeastern states used to struggle with the problems of insurgency, infiltration, bandh,

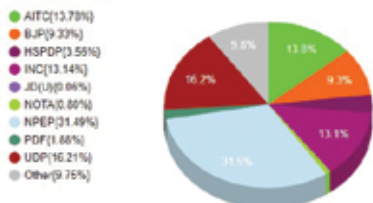
blockade, smuggling, corruption and tension, but after the inception of BJP government at the centre in 2014 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave the entire North-East the form of 'Ashtalakshmi' and gave it development, connectivity and infrastructure development. Now under the dynamic leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, North-East has become a major hub of IT, industrial development, sports, investment and organic farming.

On one hand, this relentless development work during the last nine years prepared the ground for the growing love and affections of the people towards the BJP and its blend with the charismatic appeal of PM Shri Narendra Modi finally ensured the comfortable win in Tripura and other states for the BJP. However, on the other hand, the election data reveals that the

Meghalaya Result Status			
Status Known For 59 out of 59 Constituencies			
Party	Won	Leading	Total
All India Trinamool Congress	5	0	5
Bharatiya Janata Party	2	0	2
Hill State People's Democratic Party	2	0	2
Independent	2	0	2
Indian National Congress	5	0	5
National People's Party	26	0	26
People's Democratic Front	2	0	2
United Democratic Party	11	0	11
Voice of the People Party	4	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>

Partywise Vote Share

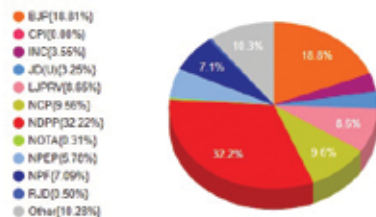
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Nagaland Result Status			
Status Known For 60 out of 60 Constituencies			
Party	Won	Leading	Total
Bharatiya Janata Party	12	0	12
Independent	4	0	4
Janata Dal (United)	1	0	1
Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas)	2	0	2
Naga Peoples Front	2	0	2
National People's Party	5	0	5
Nationalist Congress Party	7	0	7
Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party	25	0	25
Republican Party of India (Athawale)	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>

Partywise Vote Share

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# 'NA DILLI SE DOOR NA DIL SE DOOR'



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a huge gathering of BJP Karyakartas after the party secured a massive win in Tripura and Nagaland Assembly elections. In his victory address at BJP National Headquarters in New Delhi on 02 March, 2023, PM Shri Modi said that the poll result showed a huge change in northeast. He added that the northeastern states are now “NA DILLI SE DOOR, NA DIL SE DOOR”.

At the start of his address, PM Shri Modi urged the BJP workers to turn on the flash lights on their phones to respect the brothers and sisters of northeast.

In past years, BJP has witnessed several such occasions. Today, we had another such occasion. I am thankful to people of Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya. People of these states have given full support to the BJP and its allies,” Shri Modi said.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also congratulated BJP workers of the three northeastern states.

Today’s election result is a message to the nation and to the world. It shows that in India, people trust democracy and democratic values and that democracy is thriving in India. He said today’s results had comprehensively busted the myth that the BJP does not command acceptance among the minorities.

The PM predicted that like the northeastern states and Goa which, despite being minority dominated, were electing BJP governments, Kerala too would soon give BJP and allies a chance.

He added, “There was a time that elections used to happen in the northeast and results would be out,

but not much would be discussed. Only poll violence and blockades were discussed. But this time, we saw a huge change in the northeast. We are seeing a northeast that is now a reflection of new thinking.”

Shri Modi said, “Many political analysts are trying to understand the reason for the victory of the BJP. Some of our well-wishers want to know the reason. The reason is 'Triveni'. The first power is the work of the BJP governments, the second one is the work style of the BJP and the last one is the karyakartas of the BJP.”

Coming down heavily on the Left and the Congress for striking an unholy alliance in Tripura while rivaling each other in Kerala, the PM said, “Some opposition leaders and their ecosystems have

tried hard for decades to perpetuate myths and stick labels at us—that we are a baniya party, a Hindi belt party; an urban middle class party without a rural base. The BJP has dismantled all these myths, including the myth that tribals do not support us. Gujarat was a shining example of generous ST support. For years, fear mongering has also been done among minorities about the BJP. But Goa has exposed this myth. In the northeast, too, the BJP is constantly gaining ground in Christian dominated belts. As more and more myths get busted, the BJP will expand further. I am sure Kerala too, like Goa and NE, will elect a BJP alliance government.”

Hailing voters of Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya for choosing peace and stability, the PM questioned the Congress which, while making light of its debacle today, said these are small states. “This hate for small states and small people will spell further doom for the Congress in upcoming polls,” the PM said, accusing past governments of ducking challenging issues to settle for a life of easy publicity. ■

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# 'GRAND VICTORY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF VISION OF PM MODI'



**B**JP National President Shri JP Nadda addressed the huge gathering of Karyakartas after the Grand victory of the party in Tripura and Nagaland. Addressing the karyakartas, Shri Nadda said the Bharatiya Janata Party's grand win in Tripura and Nagaland was possible for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's dynamic leadership and vision for the development of the North-East. "I sincerely welcome and congratulate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for leading us to establish the BJP governments once again in Tripura and Nagaland, as well as in Meghalaya where our organization has reached to every booth".

He said the victory of the Party for the second consecutive time in Tripura and Nagaland has not happened by accident, but it has been possible because of the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and his hard work to integrate the North East into the mainstream of India's development. Despite being long ignored, the northeastern states have now become the center point of growth due to the Prime Minister's efforts.

"I congratulate the loyal, dedicated karyakartas of Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya who have contributed to this festival of democracy by working to the zenith of labor and dedication with the vision of the Bharatiya Janata Party government under the leadership of respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The policies and vision of the double engine government were taken to the masses. I also bow down to the people of Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya and congratulate them".

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the shape of "Ashtalakshmi," which has transformed the entire North-East into a significant center of development, connectivity, infrastructure development, IT, industrial development, sports, investment, and organic farming.

- In 2014 after the Prime Minister took oath, a new story was written for the complete development of North-East India. As a result of change in Delhi's thinking, the Northeast is now becoming the gateway to India's development.
- Now Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has emphasized on the development of 'HIRA' i.e. Highway, Inland Waterway, Railway and Airway. This has bridged the gap between the North Eastern states, and among rest of India and Delhi.
- Congress had considered the North-East as its ATM. Congress only did politics of corruption, vote bank and appeasement and kept North Eastern states away from development whereas under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, North Eastern states have become corruption free and peaceful.
- Today, Congress is continuously using indecent language. The Congress has crossed all the limits of politics and tore it apart. The manner, in which Congress leaders are continuously using indecent language and abusive words about the country's popular Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, shows the meanness and cheap politics of Congress. But, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, lotus is blooming everywhere in the country.
- No matter how low the opposition people can go in their language, India will be on the path of continuous development under the leadership of the world's most popular Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Shri Nadda said, "I assure them that crores of BJP karyakartas will follow the path shown by PM and will play an important role in the reconstruction of the country". ■

## SWEARING-IN CEREMONY IN TRIPURA

### MANIK SAHA TAKES OATH AS TRIPURA CM FOR SECOND TIME

Leading the BJP-led government in the Northeastern state of Tripura for the second time, Dr. Manik Saha took oath of office as the new Chief Minister of Tripura on March 8, 2023 in Presence of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and Union home minister Shri Amit Shah.

Dr. Saha took oath along with eight others, including a woman and four new faces, at a mammoth gathering at Vivekananda Stadium in Agartala, which also saw the attendance of several Chief Ministers and top leaders from BJP ruled states.

Among those who were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Shri Satyadeo Narain Arya were senior leaders and ministers of the outgoing cabinet, Shri Ratan Lal Nath, Shri Pranajit Singha Roy, Shri Santana Chakma and Shri Sushanta Chowdhury. Four new faces inducted in the cabinet this time include three first-time MLAs, Tinku Roy and Bikas Debbarma of the BJP and Sukla Charan Noatia of ally Indigenous

People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), besides second-time MLA Sudhangsu Das.

Earlier, Dr. Manik Saha as the Chief Minister was unanimously elected by all the MLAs of the BJP.

Later, Dr. Manik Saha met Tripura Governor and staked claim to form the government in Tripura.

"I am committed to the development of the state without any political consideration. I believe in a democracy people have the right to

vote for opposition parties and the co-existence of the ruling party and opposition is the beauty of India, which led to development and prosperity. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Modiji we shall drive Tripura into a model state," Dr. Saha said after becoming the CM.

Ahead of Dr. Saha's swearing-in ceremony, PM Shri Narendra Modi held a grand road show in Agartala. The Prime Minister arrived in Agartala from Guwahati just before the oath-taking ceremony. ■



opposition Congress has been thoroughly wiped-out from the North-East and ceased to be a factor in these parts of the country. Whereas, the vote share of CPM squished from 42% last time to 24.6% in Tripura. It looks like the end of the road for both the Congress

and the Left, which have for long betrayed the people in this part of the country.

#### Nagaland

In Nagaland the BJP which contested 20 seats

#### @Narendramodi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also thanked the people of Nagaland. He said, "I thank the people of Nagaland for blessing the @NDPPofficial- @BJP4Nagaland alliance with yet another mandate to serve the state. The double-engine government will keep working for the state's progress. I laud our party workers for their hard work which ensured this result".

#### @JPNadda

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda thanked the people of Nagaland for their support. He tweeted, "Gratitude to the people of Nagaland for their support that led to the victory of the @BJP4India -@NDPPofficial alliance. Hon. PM @narendramodi's visionary leadership & CM @Neiphiu\_Rio's governance will ensure peace while reaching new heights of progress in the state once more."



## **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY IN MEGHALAYA & NAGALAND**

### **CONRAD SANGMA AND NEIPHU RIO TAKE OATH AS NEW CHIEF MINISTERS**

Government formation in Meghalaya and Nagaland was completed on 07 March, 2023 with Shri Conrad Sangma and Shri Neiphiu Rio sworn in as Chief Ministers, respectively, along with other ministers in the presence of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and other senior leaders who attended both the swearing-in ceremonies in Shillong and Kohima.

The first swearing-in of the day was at the Shillong



Raj Bhavan where NPP leader Shri Conrad Sangma took oath as Meghalaya Chief Minister for a second straight term.

From Shillong, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah and other senior leaders flew to Kohima-the capital of Nagaland to attend the swearing-in of Shri Neiphiu Rio headed council of ministers.

Shri Neiphiu Rio was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland for a record fifth term in Kohima on 07 March, 2023. BJP leader Shri Y Patton was also sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister for the second consecutive term, while NDPP leader Shri TR Zeliang also joined him in the same position.

Noteworthy, the NDPP and the BJP were the only formal pre-poll alliance partners and had contested 40 and 20 seats, respectively. While the NDPP increased its tally from 17 in 2018 to 25 this time, the



BJP matched its 2018 number with 12 MLAs. The alliance between the BJP and NDPP has secured a majority on its own by bagging 37 seats in the House of 60. The NDPP (25 seats) has secured seven ministry berths and the BJP (12 seats) five berths.

The highlight of the swearing-in was the inclusion of Mrs. Salhoutuonuo Kruse as the first woman minister in Nagaland. ■

in alliance with Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) which contested 40 seats, clinched 37 seats. Nagaland voted on February 27 with around 85.79% voter turnout. According to the Election Commission data, BJP has won 12 seats with 18.81 per cent votes, while NDPP bagged 25 seats with 32.2 per cent votes. The Congress bagged 7 seats with around 9 per cent votes.

This election is also historic for the state because for the first time in its History two women candidates Mrs. Salhoutuonuo Kruse and Mrs. Hekani Jakhlu of the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party

(NDPP) won from their respective Assembly constituencies.

#### **Meghalaya**

In Meghalaya as per the election data the National People's Party (NPP) won 26 seats in 59-seat Assembly in Meghalaya, while the BJP has won two seats and jointly formed the government in the state. Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Sarma in a tweet said, "Chief Minister of Meghalaya Conrad Sangma called Hon'ble Home Minister Amit Shah ji and sought his support and blessings in forming



## PRO-PEOPLE POLICIES HELPED THE BJP: Rajnath Singh

Celebrating the victory, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh thanked the people of Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya for their support. He asserted that BJP has shown enormous progress in these states and has earned a glorious victory. 'Be it Tripura or Nagaland, in fact in Meghalaya also our seats have increased. BJP has earned a glorious victory and I thank the people of all these states for that, the Defence Minister said.

He appreciated the BJP-NDPP alliance for the Nagaland Assembly Elections and congratulated Chief Minister Shri Neiphiu Rio for the victory. 'The victory of BJP-NDPP alliance in Nagaland assembly elections is truly astounding as the alliance is set to form Govt. for the second consecutive term. Congratulations to Chief Minister Shri @Neiphiu\_Rio and Team @BJP4Nagaland for this amazing victory, he tweeted.

Shri Rajnath Singh tweeted, 'In Tripura, the good governance and pro-people policies of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi and Chief Minister @DrManikSaha2 have helped the BJP to register a resounding victory in the assembly elections. We thank the people of Tripura for their unequivocal support to the BJP".

Shri Rajnath Singh also congratulated PM Shri Narendra Modi and party President Shri JP Nadda for scripting new success stories in the North-East. ■

the new Government". Shri Sarma further said that BJP National President Shri JP Nadda has advised the state unit of the BJP to support the National People's Party in forming the next government in Meghalaya.

Among other parties, the UDP had bagged 11 seats; the TMC and Congress have won five seats each, while the Voice of the People Party has won 4 seats. The People's Democratic Front also won two seats. Two Independent candidates have also secured victories in two seats, while the HSPDP has bagged two.

## "HISTORIC DAY" FOR NORTH-EAST: Amit Shah



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah hailed the victory of BJP in Nagaland and Tripura and called it a historic day for the Northeast. "It is a victory of pro-development politics that the BJP has delivered in Tripura and Nagaland under PM Shri Narendra Modi's leadership," he tweeted.

Thanking the Chief Minister and people of Tripura, the Union Home Minister said it is evident again that for development and prosperity, BJP led by PM Shri Narendra Modi is the people's first preference. He tweeted, "A historic day for the Northeast. I thank Tripura for placing trust in the BJP once again. It is a victory of pro-development politics that the BJP has delivered in Tripura under PM @narendramodiJi's leadership. Together we will move ahead and build a prosperous Tripura".

Shri Amit Shah thanked the People of Nagaland for re-electing NDA back in Power and said the people of Nagaland chose peace and progress by re-electing us. "I thank the people of Nagaland from the bottom of my heart for choosing peace and progress by re-electing the PM Modi-led NDA back in power," he said.

Shri Amit Shah also applauded the karyakartas for their hard work to expand BJP's footprints in Meghalaya. ■

After the declaration of results in Tripura and other north-eastern states, thousands of BJP leaders and karyakartas came out with drums, colours and sweets to the streets and celebrated the BJP victory throughout the country. In front of the residence of Tripura CM Shri Manik Saha in Agartala the Karyakartas celebrated the victory by distributing sweets and dancing on the beats of drums.

Tripura Chief Minister Shri Manik Saha, who won from the Town Bardowali seat, dedicated the victory to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, party National President Shri JP Nadda and Union



### @Narendramodi

Thanking the voters of Meghalaya, the Prime Minister tweeted, "Grateful to all those who have supported @BJP4Meghalaya in the Assembly polls. We will keep working hard to enhance the development trajectory of Meghalaya and focus on empowering the people of the state. I am also thankful to our party workers for the effort they put in".

### @JPNadda

Shri JP Nadda also extended his gratitude towards the people of Meghalaya. He said, "I thank the people of Meghalaya for their support towards @BJP4India & laud the efforts of @BJP4Meghalaya leaders & karyakartas for their role in helping our party augment its footprints in Meghalaya. We are committed towards serving Meghalaya as per PM @narendramodi ji's vision."

Home Minister Shri Amit Shah. He said, "On behalf of the karyakartas of @BJP4Tripura, I heartily congratulate and express my gratitude to our dynamic PM Shri @NarendraModiji our National President Shri @JPNaddaji & Union Home Minister

Shri @AmitShahji for their relentless contribution behind this resounding victory". He said the people rejected the Congress and Left parties but we were, however, expecting to win more seats. We will do post poll analysis. ■

## CELEBRATIONS AFTER TRIPURA, NAGALAND & MEGHALAYA VICTORY





# Double-engine government leads to BJP's victory in Tripura: Manik Saha

The BJP government was re-elected to a second consecutive term in Tripura's assembly elections. **DR. MANIK SAHA**, Chief Minister of Tripura, spoke with Kamal Sandesh Associate Editor **Vikash Anand** about the election results. In the discussion he stated how the double-engine government led to the victory in the State: We are publishing excerpts of the discussion for our esteemed readers:

*First of all, heartiest congratulations to you for BJP's huge victory in the Tripura assembly elections.*

Thank you so much.

*The BJP in the State got blessing of the people for the second. How did pro-incumbency instead of anti-incumbency play a role in the elections?*

The double engine government in the central and the state believe in 'Good Governance'. Revenge politics has always been there in Tripura; we are working to change that atmosphere, which stems from the communist culture. You can see that culture in West Bengal and Kerala. We told our party's Karyakartas to stop it.

We would not say that political violence has stopped, but it has certainly decreased in the last ten months. It will take time to put an end to the violence that the opposition continues to incite.

Good governance and development are the two most important issues of pro-incumbency. Our government addressed this issue for the first time in Tripura, resulting in a pro-incumbency victory.

*Since, this election was held in the State under your chief*

*ministership, obviously, your governance as Chief Minister also played an important role in the victory. Apart from this, to whom do you give credit for this wonderful victory?*

We, the Karyakartas of the Bharatiya Janata Party, go to the people in the elections only in the name of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji and the agenda of Development, Good Governance with sustainability. From the grass



roots level to 'Panna Pramukh' all the Karyakartas work with enthusiasm to fight the election. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and the guidance of Shri Amit Shah Ji, Shri J P Nadda Ji, and other senior leaders, we contested this election. For this

victory, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the Bharatiya Janata Party, both from central & state who made themselves victorious in this prestigious ideological election.

*The election saw a huge turnout of voters. It was seen that women's turnout was higher than men's. What was the reason for increased female voter turnout?*

Tripura is a politically charged state. People actively involved in politics can be found in every nukkad. One of the major reasons for such a large turnout is the people's love, respect, and affection for our Hon'ble Prime Minister. People in the state do not want the unholy alliance of the left party to return. Our sole mantra has been development, and this massive turnout was in support of that goal. We delivered numerous schemes for the socioeconomic development of women from the 'Double Engine' Government, which earned their trust.

*How far has the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his special attention to North-eastern states impacted this assembly election?*



Since 2014, the Hon'ble Prime Minister's policy shift from Look East to Act East has undoubtedly brought the North East region to the forefront. Earlier, we rarely saw any Union Ministers visit here, but since 2014, nearly every week, one or more Union Ministers have visited the North Eastern Region.

The only agenda of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji is to deliver development with good governance. And this agenda had a significant impact on the assembly election. All people on the ground recognise Modi Ji's special focus. I invite you

to visit this North Eastern Region, you would know how Prime Minister is acknowledged here.

***Now Tripura is doing well on social indicators, reducing political violence. How is your government bringing about this change?***

We are focusing on good governance with people, the platforms like 'Amar Sarkar' has given power to the people. We are first state to give social pension of Rs. 2000/month to about 3.8 Lakhs beneficiary. Through HIRA Model of development the Highways, Internet, Railways and Airways

have been strengthened. We have been able to curb the drugs supply in the state. A smooth relation with the administration have also been made in order to make the people most beneficial. These all factors have somewhere helped us to improve the social indicators in the state.

As stated in the NCRB, all types of criminal activity have been reduced. We also have a "Zero Tolerance" policy for any form of violence. All of this increased public trust in the state. And we are referred to as a government of change. ■

## **NDA WINS THREE SEATS IN RECENTLY HELD BYPOLLS**

The Bharatiya Janata Party won two seats, and BJP-backed AJSU one, as result for byelections held in six assembly constituencies of five states declared on March 02, 2023. The bypolls were held in Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.



BJP retained Maharashtra's Chinchwad seat where party's candidate Shri Ashwini Laxman Jagtap got 47.23 percent vote share, while in Arunachal Pradesh's Lumla, its candidate Shri Tsering Lhamu was elected unopposed. The All Jharkhand Students Union, on the other hand, bagged the Ramgarh constituency in Jharkhand. ■

## **PM ADDRESSES GUJARAT ROZGAR MELA**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Rozgar Mela of the Gujarat Government on March 06, 2023. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted that the festival of Holi is around the corner and the organization of Gujarat Rozgar Mela will double the festivities for those receiving their appointment letters. Noting that the Rozgar Mela is taking place for the second time in Gujarat, the Prime Minister highlighted the Government's commitment to providing constant opportunities for the youth and harnessing their potential in the development of the country.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that all departments of the Central Government and NDA state governments are working continuously to provide the maximum number of jobs. Apart from the Central Government, the Prime Minister informed that employment fairs are being organized continuously in 14 NDA-ruled states and union territories. He expressed the belief that the youth assuming the new responsibility will contribute towards fulfilling the resolutions of Amrit Kaal with full dedication and devotion. ■

## LOTUS WILL BLOSSOM WITH FULL FORCE IN KARNATAKA: JP NADDA

**BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda flagged off the statewide 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra' from the historic Mahadeshwara Mandir Maidan in Chamrajnagar, Karnataka on 01 March, 2023. The Vijay Sankalp Rath Yatra will cover 8000 kms in 20 days covering all the 224 assembly constituencies in the state. During this period around 75 public rallies and 150 road shows will be organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party.**

**Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Basavraj Bommai, senior BJP leader and former state Chief Minister Shri BS Yeddyurappa, Union Minister Smt. Sobha Karandlaje, other senior party leaders and Karyakartas were present on the occasion.**

Just before flagging off the 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra', Shri JP Nadda offered prayers at the Male Mahadeshwara Mandir and sought blessings for Karnataka and entire country.

Addressing a massive rally, BJP National President said with the blessings of Prabhu Male Mahadeshwara and with the support and love of the people of Karnataka the Bharatiya Janata Party will sweep assembly elections and once again form its government in the state. He said this time 'Lotus' will blossom with full force in Karnataka.

### **BJP is committed to welfare and empowerment of all**

Shri Nadda said, "I am not just talking to you, but I am giving you commitment to change the face of the state and its people. The Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to welfare and empowerment of all sections of the society particularly villagers and farmers, poor and Dalits, Tribals, backward and oppressed classes, women and youth".

### **Empowerment of Tribals**

The Bharatiya Janata Party government is committed to solve all problems and issues of the Soliga Tribals and take all steps to empower the community. If any Prime Minister who has done maximum work for the welfare and empowerment of our Tribal communities, it is PM Shri Narendra Modi, he said.

The Narendra Modi Government has increased the Budget for upliftment and empowerment of Tribals across the country by 190 per cent. In 2013 during the Congress party led UPA government the Budget for development of our Tribals was just Rs 4,295 crores,



whereas under the Narendra Modi Government this budget has been increased to Rs 12,461 crores.

The Narendra Modi Government has kept the provision of recruiting over 38,800 teachers in the Eklavya Model schools in this year's Union Budget and also developing thousands of Tribal dominated villages under the 'Adarsh Gram Yojna'.

On the initiative of Shri Narendra Modi entire country celebrates the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda ji on November 15 as 'Adivasis Gaurav Diwas'. Apart from the National Tribal Research Institute, the Narendra Modi Government is also developing 27 Tribal Research Centers across the country, he said.

### **Nation is moving ahead**

Shri JP Nadda said under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi our nation is moving ahead very strongly. His good, effective and dynamic governance has changed the politics of our country. Earlier, our nation was under the grip of politics of vote bank, appeasement, casteism, nepotism and dynasty. But today, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has established the politics of development and accountability and India is emerging as 'Vishwa Guru'. ■



# 'CONGRESS CHEATED FARMERS OF RAJASTHAN IN THE NAME OF LOAN WAIVER'

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda addressed a massive 'Kisan Sangat Abhinandan Samaroh' organised by the Sikh community at Hanumangarh in Rajasthan on 24 February, 2023. Speaking to the gathering, the BJP National President said Modi government at the Centre has taken big initiatives for the welfare of farmers' and to strengthen the agriculture sector with several schemes for increasing farmers' income, soil health and crop insurance.

The 'Kisan Sangat Abhinandan Samaroh' was organised by the local Sikh community of Rajasthan. Shri Nadda said while the farmers were cheated in the past in the name of crop insurance, more than 11 crore agriculturists were at present associated with the Kisan Samman Nidhi and getting a financial assistance of Rs. 6,000 a year.

## Sikh Gurus worked to keep the country united

Shri Nadda stated, "Sikh Gurus also worked to keep the country united by giving their martyrdom. We can never forget it. But all political parties have always done politics with the Sikh community, except Bharatiya Janata Party. PM Shri Narendra Modi has a special attention for the Sikh community. He knows their pain."

## PM Modi works for Sikh community

Shri Nadda further said, the Narendra Modi government constructed and launched the Kartarpur Corridor and financial help has been provided to the families of the 1984 riot victims.

"It has been announced to further develop the historic Gurdwara Sahib of the country through tourism. There can be no leader other than PM Shri Narendra Modi who works so deeply for the Sikh community", the BJP National President added.

## This is change

The BJP National President further said that today, the budget of Railways has increased almost



ten times. At one time, the budget for railways in Rajasthan used to be only 682 crore, this year it has increased to 9,532 crore. About 1.72 lakh villages of the country have been connected with Optical Fiber, in which Rajasthan also has about 8770 villages. This is change. This is the story of India's development.

## Congress cheated the farmers

Shri Nadda further stated, "Today, India has changed. Today, the country is moving forward. But it is sad that the farmers of Rajasthan were cheated in the last elections in the name of loan waiver."

Shri Nadda said it is very sad to see in Rajasthan that Congress has made tall claims of loan waiver for farmers before the elections, but it has not happened till date. Where did those promises go? Why did the Congress government cheat the farmers in Rajasthan?

On the other hand, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has transferred about two and a half lakh crore rupees to more than 11 crore farmer families, primarily the small and marginal only under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

When elections come, political parties made tall claims in Rajasthan that they will do this; they will do that, but remember they do nothing. That's why give rest to these people and give BJP an opportunity to serve. ■

## Congress has been wiped out: Amit Shah

A day after Congress' dismal performance in the three northeastern states, Union Home and Cooperation minister Shri Amit Shah on 03 March, 2023 severely criticized the Congress party.

The Union Home and Cooperation minister first offered prayers at Guru Nanak Jhira Sahib Gurudwara in Bidar during his day-long visit to the state and also flagged off BJP's 'Vijay Sankalp Rath Yatra'.

While addressing a gigantic rally after launching the Yatra in Bidar, Karnataka, Shri Amit Shah said the way the Congress party was defeated in the three North-Eastern states they could not "even be seen with a binocular".



Results of Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya were declared and Congress has been wiped out from these states and they have lost in such a way that they cannot be seen even with a binocular, Shri Shah said.

"Earlier, it was said that BJP cannot enter the northeast, but it is a matter of great pleasure for all of us that the BJP and NDA formed governments there successively for the second time. PM Shri Narendra Modi's magic works everywhere. Be it Northeast, Gujarat, UP, or Karnataka, it works everywhere," he added.

### Must learn from the Prime Minister

Prime Minister Shri Modi was in Karnataka recently and the way he felicitated Shri Yeddyurappa in front of people is something which all the political parties should learn. They should learn how to respect their elderly, stalwarts and popular leaders, he said.

Shri Shah said the grand old party in particular must learn from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on how to treat their senior leaders and leaders of other parties.

The Home Minister added, "The more you indulge in mudslinging, the lotus will bloom further". ■

## Congress digging its own grave: Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh addressed a huge rally after launching the second 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra' at Nandgad village in Belagavi, Karnataka on 2 March, 2023.

While severely criticising the Congress party, Shri Singh said the party is not digging the Bharatiya Janata Party's grave as it says, but it's own. "Every day youth leaders of the Congress are launched. They have stooped so low that they say, Modiji, your grave will be dug; they themselves are digging their own graves. The more mud Congress throws, the more the lotus will bloom," he said,

### A Cure for Corruption

Shri Rajnath Singh said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi believes that there is surely a cure for corruption unlike former PM Rajiv Gandhi who used to say that "corruption is incurable".

Hitting out at the Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra which concluded in December last year, he said, "I want to ask from where Bharat is broken. The Congress is only doing politics."

Lauding the BJP Parliamentary Board member and former Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri BS Yeddyurappa's contributions, the Defence Minister urged the people of Karnataka to fulfil the former BJP Chief Minister's dream of achieving a clear majority in Karnataka in the upcoming state assembly polls.

### Make BJP government with a two-thirds majority

"Yeddyurappa has served the party and the state as a 'son of the soil' for several decades. Like PM Shri Modi, Shri Yeddyurappa also has the same desire that the BJP government should be formed again in Karnataka for five years so that the state can be made the number one state of South India in the next five years," he said.

Shri Singh also urged the people to take 'Sankalp' to make the BJP government in the state by a two-thirds majority. On the occasion Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi and state BJP President Shri Nalinkumar Kateel were also present. ■



# BJP National Mahila Morcha launches 'One Crore Selfies' campaign with women beneficiaries

The BJP National Mahila Morcha on 27 February 2023 launched its 'One Crore Selfies' campaign to highlight how the Narendra Modi government's schemes have impacted women beneficiaries in the country.

With this campaign, the Mahila Morcha aims to collect over one crore of selfies of women beneficiaries over the course of one year and upload them on the NaMo App. For this, BJP's state units have been directed to train women party workers down to the Mandal level on how to use the NaMo App.

Union minister Smt. Smriti Irani launched the nationwide campaign in Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra. Terming it the biggest beneficiary outreach program ever, Smt. Irani said the campaign is being organised at a time when India is scripting new chapters of progress based on the principle of Antyodaya with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the helm.

Similarly, BJP National Mahila Morcha President Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan launching the 'One Crore

Selfies' campaign at Nethaji Road in Madurai, Tamil Nadu said this is bound to be a journey of connecting, learning, walking together, taking welfare politics to new heights and highlighting the role of 'Nari Shakti' too.

Addressing the gathering, Smt. Vanathi said that women beneficiaries must only be photographed after permission is sought from them. "The women beneficiaries' photos should be taken only after seeking permission from them. The beneficiaries' should also be asked to share their name, scheme from which they benefitted, district and state".

"Sometimes our own karyakartas may not be well-versed with government schemes. They should be well-equipped and knowledgeable about a particular scheme if a common citizen approaches them seeking help," Smt. Srinivasan said.

The campaign was also launched simultaneously in district headquarters of the party across the country in the presence of at least 500 women beneficiaries at each location. ■

## "KNOW BJP" INITIATIVE

### BJP National President interacts with students of Delhi University

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 27 February, 2023 interacted with the students of the Delhi University under the "Know BJP" initiative of the party at an event held at the party headquarters in New Delhi. He introduced the students with the BJP's ideology, principles, its mission and work culture.

The BJP National President discussed the party's work culture with the students and said that the Bharatiya Janata Party governments at the Centre and in the states are dedicated towards the empowerment and welfare of all sections of the society, particularly our villagers and farmers, Dalits and Tribals, youth and women, backward and oppressed classes. He also answered the questions of the students.

Shri Nadda said the nine years of the Narendra Modi Government at the centre are full of accomplishments and achievements and are devoted to service of all communities, good governance and welfare and empowerment of the poorest of the poor. ■

### BJP National President interacts with foreign policy experts & MPs from various countries

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda interacted with a select group of foreign policy experts, politicians and Members of Parliament from various countries at BJP HQ on 04 March, 2023.

During the event, a documentary was shown to them based on the history, struggles, successes, ideology and contribution of the Bharatiya Janata Party and BJP governments in nation-building.

Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda answered queries from the attendees regarding the role of the BJP on empowerment of women, poor and marginalised sections of the society. He also highlighted the participation of BJP members in helping the people in need during the Corona pandemic under the party's 'Seva Hi Sangathan' initiative.

The interaction is part of the "KNOW BJP" initiative launched by the BJP National President on the 42nd Foundation Day of the BJP. ■

# Vaccines produced in India have saved millions of lives during the pandemic: **Bill Gates**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi met Mr Bill Gates on March 04 in New Delhi.

In response to a tweet by Mr Gates, where he shared his 'Note' on his recent visit to India, the Prime Minister tweeted: "Delighted to meet @BillGates and have extensive discussions on key issues. His humility and passion to create a better as well as more sustainable planet are clearly visible."

In his 'dispatch', Mr Gates said "I've been in India this week, learning about the innovative work going on here in health, climate change, and other crucial areas. At a time when the world has so many challenges, it's inspiring to visit a dynamic and creative place like India."



## @narendramodi

Delighted to meet @BillGates and have extensive discussions on key issues. His humility and passion to create a better as well as more sustainable planet are clearly visible.

## @BillGates

My conversation with Prime Minister @narendramodi left me more optimistic than ever about the progress that India is making in health, development, and climate. <http://gatesnot.es/41LXly8> @PMOIndia

Terming his meeting with the Prime Minister, the highlight of his visit, Mr Gates said "Prime Minister Modi and I have stayed in touch, especially about developing COVID-19 vaccines and investing in India's health systems. India has an amazing ability to manufacture lots of safe, effective, and affordable vaccines, some of them supported by the Gates Foundation. Vaccines produced in India have saved millions of lives during the pandemic and prevented other diseases around the world."

He dwelled on India's handling of the pandemic and said "in addition to producing new life saving tools, India also excels at delivering them—its public health system has delivered more than 2.2 billion doses of COVID vaccines. They created an open-source platform called Co-WIN, which allowed people to schedule billions of vaccine appointments and delivered digital certifications for those who were vaccinated. This platform is now being expanded to support India's universal immunization program. Prime Minister Modi believes that Co-WIN is a model for the world, and I agree."

Mr Bill Gates praised India's stride in digital payments

and said, "India was also able to transfer emergency digital payments to 300 million people, including 200 million women, during the pandemic" ■

## 5.40 LMT OF WHEAT SOLD IN 4TH E-AUCTION BY FCI

As a part of Government of India's initiative towards market intervention to control the price of wheat and atta, 4th e-auction to offload wheat under OMSS (D) was held on 1 March. Total quantity of 11.57 LMT wheat was offered and 5.40 LMT of wheat has been sold to 1049 bidders in 23 states.

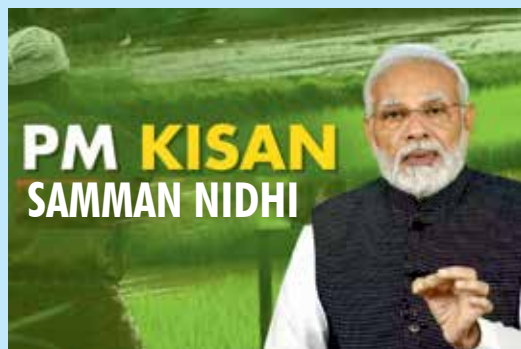
In the 4th e- auction against the all India weighted average selling price received was Rs 2193.82/qtl stocks were sold for an all India weighted average reserve price of Rs. 2137.04/qtl.

In the 4th e-auction quantities ranging from of 100 to 499 MT had maximum demand followed by quantities of 500-999 MT followed by 50-100 MT. Some bids were received for the maximum quantity of 3000 MT at one go. ■



## PM Modi transfers Rs. 16,800 crore towards PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 27 February, 2023 transferred the 13th installment of about Rs 16,800 crore under the ambitious Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme of the Government of India, through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the bank accounts of more than 8 crore beneficiary farmers across the country. Thousands of farmers were present in this huge programme at Belagavi in Karnataka, while crores of farmers and others joined online. Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Basavraj Bommai, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of State for Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Pralhad Joshi and Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje and other elected representatives were also present on the occasion. ■



## INDIAN RAILWAYS RECORDS BEST EVER FEBRUARY MONTHLY FREIGHT LOADING OF 124.03 MT IN FEBRUARY '23

Indian Railways has recorded best ever February Monthly freight loading of 124.03 MT in February '23. The incremental loading in the month of February has been 4.26 MT i.e. a growth of 3.55 % over the previous best February figures achieved in 2022.



With this, Indian Railways has had 30 straight months of best ever monthly freight loading.

IR has achieved an incremental loading of 3.18 MT in Coal, followed by 0.94 MT in Fertilizers, 0.66 MT in Balance of other Goods, 0.28 MT in POL and 0.27 MT in Container.

Increase in automobile loading has been another highlight of Freight Business in FY 2022-23 and 5015 rakes have been loaded in FY 2022-23 till February as compared to 2966 rakes during the same period of last year i.e. a growth of 69%.

The cumulative freight loading from April'22 to February'23 has been 1367.49 MT as against 1278.84 MT achieved in 2021-22 i.e. an incremental loading of 88.65 MT, with a growth of 6.93 % over same period

last year.

The freight NTKMs (Net tonne kilometers) have increased to 73 Billion in February'23 from 70 Billion in February'22 registering a growth of 4.28%. The cumulative freight NTKMs from April'22 to February'23 has been 82 Billion as against 74 Billion with a growth of 10.81 % over same period of last year. ■

## NTPC REGISTERS 11.93 PERCENT GROWTH IN GENERATION DURING FY'23

### Coal production crossed 20 MMT during FY'23

NTPC Ltd registered 11.92% growth in generation i.e. 364.2 BU in FY23 till February month, compared to the country's generation growth of 9.56%.

NTPC continues to demonstrate an increasing trend in coal production from its captive mines. NTPC's Captive Coal production stood at 2.6 Million Metric tonnes (MMT) whereas the despatch stood at 2.5 MMT, thus registered a robust growth of 80% and 87% respectively, in February vis-à-vis previous corresponding year. On a cumulative basis, the coal production crossed 20 MMT during FY23.

NTPC has taken various steps to augment the coal production from its coal mines. The engagement of high-capacity dumpers as well as an increase in the existing fleet size of excavators has allowed the operational mines to increase their production. NTPC Group installed capacity stands 71594 MW. ■

## **Rs. 1,49,577 CRORE GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED IN FEBRUARY 2023**

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of February 2023 is Rs. 1,49,577 crore of which CGST is Rs. 27,662 crore, SGST is Rs. 34,915 crore, IGST is Rs. 75,069 crore (including Rs. 35,689 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs. 11,931 crore (including Rs. 792 crore collected on import of goods)

The government has settled Rs. 34,770 crore to CGST and Rs. 29,054 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue of Centre and the States after regular settlements in the month of February 2023 is Rs. 62,432 crore for CGST and Rs. 63,969 crore for the SGST. In addition, Centre had also released balance GST compensation of Rs. 16,982 crore for the month of June 2022 and Rs. 16,524 crore to States/UTs which have sent AG certified figures for previous period.

The revenues for the month of February 2023 are 12% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year, which was Rs. 1,33,026 crore. ■

## **200 CRORE AADHAAR AUTHENTICATION TRANSACTIONS CARRIED OUT IN JANUARY 2023**

Aadhaar holders have carried out over 9029.28 crore authentication transactions so far including 199.62 crore in January 2023 alone, indicative of the growth of digital economy in the country.

While a majority of the authentications transaction numbers were carried out by using biometric fingerprint, it is followed by demographic and OTP authentications. In the month of January, 135.53 crore biometric fingerprint-based authentications were carried out, an indication of its usage and utility in the daily lives of residents.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has already rolled out a new security mechanism for Aadhaar based fingerprint authentication.

By the end of January, Aadhaar saturation among all age groups has climbed up to 94.65% and the saturation level among the adult population is now near universal. During the month of January, more than 1.37 crore Aadhaars were successfully updated

following requests from the residents.

Aadhaar e-KYC service continues to play an important role for banking and non-banking financial services by providing transparent and improved customer experience, and helping in ease of doing business. More than 29.52 crore eKYC transactions were carried out during January 2023. ■

## **A TOTAL OF 1,09,976 GRIEVANCES REDRESSED BY CENTRAL MINISTRIES/ DEPARTMENTS IN FEBRUARY, 2023**

The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) released on 3 March the Centralized Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) monthly report for February, 2023, which provides a detailed analysis of types and categories of public grievances and the nature of disposal. The report also contains technological enhancements undertaken by DARPG in collaboration with IIT Kanpur on A-I enabled PG Analysis and Management to further strengthen the Grievance Redressal Mechanism.

The progress for February, 2023 indicates 1,09,976 Grievances Redressed by Central Ministries/ Departments in February, 2023, Average Disposal Time of 18 days/ grievance, Lowest ever Pendency level of 65215 cases in Central Secretariat. 60.29 percent of Grievances received by Dept of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare filed through Common Service Centres. ■

## **COAL PRODUCTION FROM CAPTIVE/ COMMERCIAL MINES CROSS 100 MILLION TON**

### **31% Increase in Captive/Commercial Production Anticipated this Fiscal**

As per the latest figures (till 02nd March 2023) of the Ministry of Coal, India's coal production exclusively from Captive/ Commercial mines has crossed 100 Million Ton (MT) for the first time.

Coal production from Captive/Commercial coal blocks was around 5.09 Lakh Ton on 02nd March 2023 which was the highest ever single day production.

Production from captive/commercial coal mines during current FY till February has increased by 29.8% over FY 2021-22. Coal ministry is hopeful of achieving more than 112 million ton production from



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captive/commercial coal blocks in 2022-23 with an increase of about 31% over last year.

Four new coal mines have started production in FY 2022-23 and two other coal mines will start production this month. ■

### DEAKIN UNIVERSITY BECOMES FIRST FOREIGN UNIVERSITY TO SET UP ITS INTERNATIONAL BRANCH CAMPUS IN INDIA AT THE GIFT CITY

The Deakin University, which is a premier University in Australia, has become the 1st foreign university to receive approval of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to set up an International Branch Campus (IBC) in GIFT-IFSC, GIFT City, Gujarat.

Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget 2022-23 announced that "World Class Foreign Universities and Institutions will be allowed in the GIFT City to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, free from domestic regulations, except those by the IFSCA to facilitate availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology".

The IFSCA has granted in-principle approval to Deakin University based on the recommendation of the Committee of Experts set up by the GIFT City Company Limited. By virtue of this approval, Deakin University will be able to offer the same degree courses it offers in Australia in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Financial Management in GIFT IFSC to both Indian and foreign students. The degree offered shall be identical or similar to that offered in the home jurisdiction. ■

### FIRST EVER PRIVATELY MANUFACTURED INDIGENISED FUZE OF ASW ROCKET HANDED OVER TO INDIAN NAVY

Indian Navy on 3 March received a fully indigenised fuze YDB-60 for underwater Rocket RGB 60 manufactured for the first time by a private Indian industry.

In order to provide major boost to AatmaNirbharta in Armament and Ammunition, Indian Navy received for the first time a fully indigenised fuze YDB-60 for underwater Anti Submarine Warfare (ASW) Rocket

RGB-60 used from major warships, through a private manufacturer M/s Economic Explosives Limited (EEL), Nagpur. This would be the first time the Indian Navy has placed supply order for underwater ammunition fuze on an Indian Private industry. Shri Satyanarayan Nuwal, the CMD of M/s EEL, Nagpur handed over the first consignment of the fuze to Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS). ■

### FIRST MEETING OF THE G20 ANTI-CORRUPTION WORKING GROUP CONCLUDES IN GURUGRAM

The first meeting of the G20 Anti-corruption Working Group (ACWG) that was inaugurated on March 1st by Union Minister of State for Personnel & PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh, concluded on 3 March in Gurugram.

India says, at the 3-day G20 Anti-corruption Working Group Meet, intensive and productive deliberations held on several key focal areas pertaining to Asset Recovery, Fugitive Economic Offenders, information sharing, institutional frameworks for combating corruption and mutual legal assistance.

Italy strongly supported India's agenda at the G20 ACWG; Mr. Giovanni Tartaglia Polcini, Head of Task Force, Co-chair said, there is a need to engage with civil society and the business community, as part of a multi-stake holder approach that is required to effectively fight against corruption.

Over 90 delegates participating from 20 member countries, 10 Invitee countries and 9 International Organizations attended the first meeting of the G20 AC. ■

### INDIA AND MEXICO SIGN A MOU ON RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION COLLABORATIONS WITH FOCUS ON SEVERAL KEY TECHNOLOGY AREAS

India and Mexico on 4 March signed a Memorandum of Understanding on research, technology and innovation collaborations with focus on several key technology areas like Aerospace, Electronics, Earth & Ocean Sciences and Water, Mining, Minerals, Clean Energy, Biotech and Healthcare.

The Multi-Sectoral Historic Agreement was signed in the August Presence of Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh and Foreign Minister

of Mexico, Marcelo Ebrard at the India Science Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Dr Jitendra Singh assures the Mexican Foreign Minister that the three priority areas of Water, Lithium and Vaccines flagged by the Mexican side will be taken care of the CSIR and other Sister Organizations and India will provide tangible results in coming few months.

Foreign Minister of Mexico, Marcelo Ebrard thanked profusely Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for sending COVID Vaccines during the peak of the pandemic and he underlined that India was the first country to send Vaccines to Mexico, when many other advanced powers and friends shown initial reluctance. ■

**INDIA HOSTS FIRST MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD OF BIMSTEC ENERGY CENTRE (BEC)**

India hosted the first meeting of the Governing Board of BIMSTEC Energy Centre (BEC) on 27th February, 2023 at Shangji-La Hotel.

There was active participation from all BIMSTEC countries viz. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar,

Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand along with BIMSTEC Sectt. All member states appreciated the opportunity to have been able to convene after a long hiatus.

India's "Neighbourhood first" and "Act East" Policies were highlighted during the meeting. A snapshot of areas where BIMSTEC countries could learn from each other was also presented. ■

**OVER 1 CRORE FARMERS BENEFITTED WITH ONGOING PADDY PROCUREMENT**

Over 1 crore farmers have been benefitted with the paddy procurement for KMS 2022-23 (Kharif crop). Around 713 LMT of paddy up to 01.03.2023 procured and the MSP outflow of Rs.146960 crores has been transferred directly into farmers' account.

All arrangements are in place for hassle-free procurement operations. Rice delivery against the procured paddy is also in progress and against the paddy procurement of 713 LMT, around 246 LMT rice has been received in the Central Pool upto 01.03.2023. Adequate rice stock is currently available in the Central Pool for meeting the requirements of the country. ■

**BJP'S SENIOR LEADER SOHAN POTAI IS NO MORE**

Shri Sohan Potai, a former MP from Kanker Lok Sabha constituency and a senior BJP leader, passed away on March 9 at his Kanker residence. He was 64 years old. The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, former Chief Minister Shri Raman Singh, and other leaders condoled the demise of the leader.

Shri Potai came into the limelight in 1998 by defeating the veteran Congress leader. After this, he made a distinct identity by winning as the BJP's candidate for the Kanker seat in 1999, 2004, and 2009.

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said in a tweet, "The news of the demise of the former MP from Kanker Lok



**SHRADHANJALI**

Sabha and senior BJP leader, Shri Sohan Potai, is very sad. His whole life was devoted to the upliftment of tribal and backward societies. My condolences are with the bereaved families. May God give place to the departed soul at his lotus feet." Om Shanti!

Former Chief Minister Shri Raman Singh, in a tweet expressing condolences, said, "Deeply saddened by the news of the demise of the BJP's hardworking leader Shri Sohan Potai, who was a four-time MP from Kanker. I pray to God to give place at the feet to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family members in

this difficult time." ■



## WOMEN'S DAY PM Modi's emphasis on dignity and opportunity for 'Nari Shakti'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has time and again emphasized on the role of women in India's progress. On many occasions, he has focussed his speech on the power of Nari Shakti ingrained in India's civilisational ethos. It is the result of his visionary approach towards the role of women that our Nari Shakti is at the forefront and leading every possible stream in India. Be it the health sector or services sector or becoming entrepreneur, women in India are marching ahead to conquer the world.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, presenting few interesting anecdotes where Shri Modi encouraged women to lead from the front.

Former BJP MP from Haryana Smt. Sudha Yadav shares an anecdote narrating how Shri Modi promoted the cause of women and girl child through her MPLAD Fund. Smt. Yadav states that when she became an MP, PM Shri Modi advised her to utilize the allotted MP Fund for the welfare of girl child and women in her constituency. She further says that following his advice, she utilized the funds to ensure that all schools in Rewari and Mahendragarh districts were equipped with toilets. Also, given that women had to walk long distances carrying vessels on their heads for water, a part of MP Fund was utilized to lay down pipelines in the area and in most of the parts, water had reached the homes facilitating the women.

Chief Minister of Haryana Shri ML Khattar recalls that he received a call from Shri PM Modi in November 2015. PM Modi expressed his concern on the declining sex ratio in Haryana. That's when PM Shri Modi introduced the idea of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' to be started from Haryana. On January 22, 2015, PM Shri Modi launched a massive campaign of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', from Panipat in Haryana. Shri Khattar further says that the campaign had such a massive impact not only in Haryana but across the nation that it is now one of the flagship programs of Modi govt. Khattar says that this campaign gradually transformed into a Jan Andolan and Haryana's gender ratio of 871 in 2014-15 rose to 923 now.

BJP MP from Chhattisgarh Ms. Saroj Pandey shares an anecdote from 2011-12 during the preparations for the Assembly elections. Ms. Pandey says that during Shri Narendra Modi's visit to the state, she was tasked with assisting him and look after all the arrangements. Ms. Pandey recalls that while climbing the helicopter she was facing difficulty. Shri PM Modi noticed her problem in his busy schedule and breaking the protocol, offered her the seat where he himself was supposed to sit. That seat in the chopper was easier to climb. Ms. Saroj Pandey was overwhelmed with Modi's gesture who went to the extent of breaking the protocol to facilitate a woman colleague. ■

### KAMAL PUSHP

Sahyog, Samarpan  
Aur Sanskar



Shri Satpal Katyal from Amritsar, Punjab, District Office bearer. Shri Satpal Katyal had joined the Sangh parivar in his early days. He

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took an active part in politics after joining Jana Sangh. He contested in municipal elections and won three times. During the era of Emergency, he was arrested and jailed. Due to his strong stand against militant violence, he was assassinated. He was well known for his social work in the region. ■

## UNDAUNTED IN THE FACE OF VIOLENCE



Sh. Satpal Katyal

Date of Birth 05/06/1924	Gender male
State Punjab	District Ludhiana
Town/City Jagraon	Level District
Post in Organisation District Officebearer	Active years 1952-1991



# Highlights of “Healing the Economy: Estimating the Economic Impact of India’s Vaccination & Related measure”

This Report by Stanford University discussed how India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi adopted a ‘Whole of Government’ and ‘Whole of Society’ approach in a proactive & graded manner by adopting a holistic response strategy, for effective management of Covid-19 Pandemic. The report further highlighted that robust measures at the ground level, like contact tracing, mass testing, home quarantine, revamping healthcare infra and constant coordination among stakeholders at levels, not only helped contain the spread of the virus but also augmented the health infrastructure in India. Excerpts:

## Impact of Lockdown:

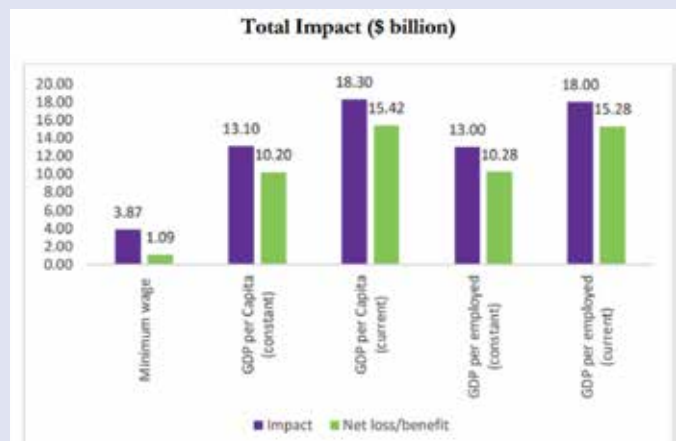
- According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare statistical analysis, the COVID-19 tally could have reached about 2 lakhs (0.2 million) without lockdown by April 11, 2020.
- Due to lockdown measures, the actual cases only went up to about 7500 by April 11, 2020, making a case for lockdown stronger
- 2 Million Deaths were avoided due to the imposition of the lockdown
- 100,000 Lives saved due to lockdown (March-April) according to the Economic Survey (2020-21)
- 200,000 COVID-19 tally if there was no lockdown and containment by April 11, 2020
- “India was able to save more than 100,000 (0.1 million) lives through the lockdown in March-April 2020. Moreover, the country took around 175 days to reach the peak from its first 100 cases, while most countries reached their first peak in less than 50 days (Russia, Canada, France, Italy, Germany, etc.)

## Fiscal Package

- Fiscal policy measures positively impacted economic activity and reduced unemployment.
- In May 2020, India announced a relief package for around 10% of its GDP – about 20 lakh crores (about \$ 282 billion)
- In the initial months of the pandemic, the relief response was more in the area of above-the-line measures providing support in-kind in the form of food and cooking gas, cash transfers to low-income households, employment provision to low-wage workers, insurance coverage for workers in the healthcare sector, etc.
- Later in the pandemic, in October and November

2020, the measures announced included support schemes for certain sectors, some of which included credit support to businesses, and poor households and targeted support for some sectors.

- Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, 89-94% of households in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh benefited from the direct cash transfer in the package and thus observed a positive impact of the government’s package on easing credit constraints for the agricultural sector. (Varshney et al.)
- 75% of migrant laborers in Delhi benefitted from the relief measures
- Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package reached about 10% of the GDP
- Economic Impact of announced relief packages on MSMEs is equal to \$ 110.18 billion. This comes out to be roughly 5.38% of the GDP
- If shutdown rate of 9% is applied then number comes down to \$ 100.26 billion, which comes out to be about 4.90% of the GDP



Calculation Methods		Direct Impact		Total Impact		
		Impact	Net Benefit	Impact	Net Benefit	
1	Minimum Wage		\$1.5 bn	-\$1.2 bn	\$3.87 bn	\$1.09 bn
2	GDP per capita	Constant prices	\$5.2 bn	\$2.44 bn	\$13.10 bn	\$ 10.20 bn
	GDP per capita	Current prices	\$7.3 bn	\$4.55 bn	\$ 18.30 bn*	\$15.42 bn
3	GDP per employed	Constant prices	\$5.2 bn	\$2.44 bn	\$13.00 bn	\$10.28 bn
	GDP per employed	Current prices	\$7.2 bn	\$4.44 bn	\$18.00 bn	\$15.28 bn

### Impact on Social Sector & Employment

- The Economic Impact of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana is \$ 26.24 billion
- With a comprehensive package that encompassed people belonging to old age, women, farmers and the working class, the PMGKY ensured that the impact on the livelihoods of these people was moderated to an extent, whereas, on the other side, by distributing free food grains to poor people under the PMGKAY, the government ensured that no one slept hungry
- For Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana, the benefit was availed by 59,84,256 beneficiaries. The Economic Impact by the scheme was \$ 7 billion
- Through PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana, 50.78 crore man days were provided.
- Considering that the scheme offers 125 days of employment for one person, the number of beneficiaries can be calculated as 50.78 crore man days/125 days. Thus, beneficiaries of the scheme become 40,62,400.
- The economic impact of the scheme was \$ 4.81 billion

### Impact on Agriculture

- Under the NABARD scheme Rs. 30,000 crore (\$4.23 billion) was sanctioned from which Rs. 25,000 crore (\$3.52 billion) was disbursed to cooperatives, district cooperatives and regional rural banks

- The government announced this emergency capital fund over and above the Rs. 90,000 crores (\$12.70 billion) already approved earlier by NABARD
- Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, more than 8 lakh beneficiaries had enrolled themselves, and an amount of almost Rs. 361 crores (\$0.05 billion) was spent for the welfare of the fishermen. This was pivotal given the sector provides livelihood to about 16 million fishers and fish farmers at the primary level and almost twice the number along the value chain
- The agriculture infrastructure fund for farm gate infrastructure was essentially a medium to long-run debt financing scheme for investment in postharvest management infrastructure and community farming projects
- The scheme helped about 10,394 projects with an overall assistance of Rs. 7,677 crore (\$1.08 billion)
- The fourth scheme, Kisan Credit Card, was a scheme which envisaged to provide universal access to institutional concessional credit to all farmers including animal 4 husbandry, dairy and fisheries farmers with a special focus on coverage of PM-KISAN42 beneficiaries
- The scheme – with an outlay of about Rs. 2,00,000 crore (\$28.21 billion) covered about 2.5 crore beneficiaries with a sanctioned credit limit of about Rs. 1,35,000 crore (\$19.04 billion), i.e., out of Rs. 2 lakh crores more than two-third amount was

sanctioned for disbursement as loans

- The fifth scheme, the operation green scheme, aims to protect the growers of fruits and vegetables from making distress sales due to lockdown and reduce post-harvest losses.
- It involved a subsidy @50% of the cost of the two components namely; transportation of eligible crops from the surplus production cluster to the consumption centre; and hiring of appropriate storage facilities for eligible crops (for a maximum period of 3 months)
- Before the pandemic, the scheme covered tomatoes, onions and potatoes; however, given the pandemic the scheme expanded to 41 notified fruits and vegetables (short run) and 22 fruits and vegetables (long run)
- In terms of numbers, the scheme got an allocation of Rs. 38.22 crore (\$5.39 million) of which Rs. 38.21 crores (\$5.38 million) was disbursed
- Under the sixth scheme, the national beekeeping & honey mission, 45 projects with an amount of Rs. 88 crores (\$12.41 million) were sanctioned

**Total Amount Allocated \$ 49.4 billion**

**Total Amount Availed/Disbursed: \$ 23.7 billion**

### **Impact of COVID-19 Vaccination**

- A Lancet modelling study estimates that in India around 34,22,00054 deaths were prevented by vaccination in the year 2021, an estimate based on officially reported deaths in India
- Direct Impact - Potential income generated by lives saved due to vaccination: \$ 1.5 billion (RS. 11,000 crore) (Using Minimum Wage Method)
- With Expenditure incurred on Vaccination, a net loss of Rs 8675 crores (\$1.2 Billion)
- Total Impact - Multiplier effect from lives saved due to vaccination: \$ 3.87 billion (RS. 27,000) (Using Minimum Wage Method)

### **Direct Impact in Terms of GDP Per Capita**

- **At Constant Prices** - Direct impact of lives saved in terms of GDP per capita: \$ 5.2 billion (RS. 37,000 crore) Net Benefit/Cost: \$ 2.44 billion
- **At Current Prices** - Direct impact of lives saved in terms of GDP per capita: \$ 7.3 billion (RS. 51,900 crore) Net Benefit/Cost: \$ 4.55 billion
- **Total Impact at Constant Prices** - Multiplier effect

from lives saved in terms of GDP per capita: \$ 13.1 billion Net Benefit/Loss: \$ 10.2 billion

- **At Current Prices** - Multiplier effect from lives saved in terms of GDP per capita: \$ 18.3 billion Net Benefit/Loss: \$ 15.42 billion

### **GDP Per Person Employed**

- **At Constant Prices** - Direct impact of lives saved in terms of GDP per person employed: \$ 5.2 billion (RS. 37,000 crore) Net Benefit/Cost: \$ 2.44 billion
- **At Current Prices** - Direct impact of lives saved in terms of GDP per person employed: \$ 7.2 billion (51,200 crore) Net Benefit/Cost: \$ 4.44 billion Total Impact
- **At Constant Prices** - Multiplier effect from lives saved in terms of GDP per person employed: \$ 13 billion (RS. 92,600 crore) Net Benefit/Cost: \$ 10.28 billion
- **At Current Prices** - Multiplier effect from lives saved in terms of GDP per person employed: \$ 18 billion Net Benefit/Cost: \$ 15.28 billion

### **Economic Impact of total lives saved due to vaccination, those belonging to the working age category:**

#### **Major Learnings:**

- The direct and total impact of vaccination varied from about \$ 1.03 billion to \$ 2.58 billion if minimum wages are considered with age distribution category
- The same, however, varied from about \$ 3.49 billion to \$ 8.7 billion if GDP per person employed (constant) is considered
- The net benefit/loss varied from (-) \$1.74 to (-) \$0.2 billion for minimum wages, whereas it varied from \$0.71 to \$5.95 billion for GDP per person employed (constant)
- The cumulative lifetime earnings of the lives saved through vaccination (in the working age group) tolled up to \$ 21.5 billion
- Moreover, since vaccination also saved the lives of the elderly, this indirectly helped preventing the health infrastructure from getting overwhelmed and thereby allowing for a more judicious use of the existing health infrastructure
- Therefore, it can be concluded that vaccination was effective in achieving the dual motive of saving lives and livelihoods. ■



# PM inaugurates 'Barisu Kannada Dim Dimava', Amrit Mahotsav of Delhi-Karnataka Sangha at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 25 February inaugurated the 'Barisu Kannada Dim Dimava' cultural festival at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. He also took a walkthrough of the exhibition. The festival is held under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and celebrates Karnataka's culture, traditions and history.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that the Delhi-Karnataka Sangh is taking forward the glorious heritage. He remarked that the 75th-anniversary celebrations of the Delhi Karnataka Sangh are taking place at a time when the country is celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of 75 years of independence. The Prime Minister said that one can witness the immortal soul of India when we analyse the circumstances from 75 years ago. "Establishment of Karnataka Sangh is proof of people's determination to strengthen the nation during its first few years and today, at the start of Amrit Kaal that dedication and energy are visible in the same measure", he said. He complimented everyone who was part of this 75-year journey of Karnataka Sangh.

The Prime Minister also referred to the medieval



period when invaders were ravaging the country and destroying Shivalingas like Somnath, it was saints like Devara Dasimayya, Madara Chennaiah, Dohara Kakkaiyah, and Bhagwan Basaveshwara who associated people with their faith. Similarly, warriors like Rani Abbakka, Onake Obavva, Rani Chennamma, Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna faced the foreign powers. Post Independence, the Prime Minister said, dignitaries from Karnataka continued to inspire India. ■

## PM INAUGURATES MULTIPLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN KARNATAKA

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 27 February laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects worth more than Rs 3,600 crore at Shivamogga, Karnataka. He also inaugurated the Shivamogga Airport and took a walk-through of the facilities. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for two railway projects in Shivamogga which include Shivamogga – Shikaripura – Ranebennur new Railway line and Koteganguru Railway coaching depot. He also laid the foundation stone for multiple road development projects to be developed at a cumulative cost of more than Rs 215 crore. He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multi-village schemes worth more than Rs 950 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He also inaugurated 44 Smart City Projects worth more than Rs 895 Crores in Shivamogga city.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister bowed his head to the land of national poet Kuvempu whose sense of dedication towards Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat has been kept alive even today. Referring to the newly inaugurated airport in Shivamogga, the Prime Minister said that the needs of the citizens have been fulfilled today after a long time. Remarking on the splendid beauty and construction of the airport, the Prime Minister highlighted the amalgamation of the traditions and technology of Karnataka. He remarked that it is not just an airport but a campaign where the dreams of the younger generations can take off. He also touched upon the road and rail projects along with the 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' projects whose foundation stones are being laid today and congratulated the citizens of these districts. ■



# OUR GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE NATION



DR. K LAXMAN

Our Government is committed to the nation. For the first time, in the history of India after seventy-five years, a woman, from a tribal community, has addressed Parliamentarians from both the Houses. Addressing the House, the President said that this 25 years period of Amrit Kaal is the golden century of independence and the period for building a developed India. This is an opportunity to create an era and we have to work for this opportunity with efficiency. She thanked the people for electing a stable Government.

India will be a poverty-free country in the year 2047, with a prosperous middle class guided by its youth and women. We have to make such an India, which is self-reliant, which does not have poverty, whose middle class is full of prosperity, such an India, in which the country's youth power and women power stand at the forefront to give direction to the society and the nation. Today the world is looking towards India for solutions to every problem - be it Covid-19, terrorism or even world peace talks. Our country has emerged as the fifth largest economy in the world. In her speech, the President has

kept this matter that keeping in mind the basic mantra of Modi ji's Government "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas", how the various basic facilities will be provided by the government to the villages, poor, farmers and the labourer.

Our Government has revived the history during this Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations of the past glory and sacrifices made by our freedom fighters, our leaders and unsung heroes. The 400th Prakash Purab of Guru Teg Bahadur, the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, the 150th Birth Anniversary of Chidambaram Pillai, the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will not only inspire our younger generations but also make them committed to our nation.

As far as the New Education Policy is concerned, the regional languages have been promoted almost in all the states. I thank the Government for teaching in six Indian languages in 19 engineering colleges and in ten States.

Under 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' nearly 1,34,396 villages have been declared 100 per cent ODF by December 2022.

'Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana' was started during the Corona period. Poor street vendors, who had lost their employment, were provided assistance without any collateral security. A financial assistance of

Rs 4,606 crore was given for the employment of about 45.32 lakh poor people, the street vendors of the entire country.

'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' was brought for the health of the poor. It is supposed to be the world's largest health security programme. Today, after spending Rs. 80 thousand crores, about 50 crore population is being treated free of cost. The Government has also established 9,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country where people can buy generic medicines at normal price. As a result, Rs. 20,000 crores belonging to poor people has been saved in the last few years. The people have saved Rs. 80,000 crores under Ayushman Bharat and Rs. 20,000 crores with 9,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras. It means, people have saved almost Rs. 1 lakh crores.

The women empowerment is at the core of all schemes being implemented by this Government. Our sister from Nagaland is supposed to be the first woman to become a Member of the Rajya Sabha. Not only a lady from Nagaland, even one hon. lady-Member from a very backward area and backward community has been nominated to Rajya Sabha by this Government.

When it comes to 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', the female population has increased more than male population. The health of women has also been

improved by this programme.

In terms of physical infrastructure, the network of rural roads has increased to more than seven lakh kilometers in the country. The number of airports have now increased to 147 under UDAN Yojana. A modern semi-high speed train has become a part of Indian Railways in the form of 'Vande Bharat'.

During the UPA Government, for the undivided Andhra Pradesh State, for the Railways, Rs.886 crores was given, but the Central Government have given Rs. 4,418 crores exclusively for Telangana. The total cost of projects sanctioned for Telangana is Rs.29,581 crores. It may be further increased if the State supports. Unfortunately, there is little support from the State Government of Telangana in spite of regular reminders from our Railway Minister and also the Railway Ministry.

As far as agriculture is concerned, to make agriculture profitable and lessen the burden of farmers, the Government has introduced the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samaan Nidhi Yojana'. Almost 11 crore farmers of this country, and, particularly three lakh women farmers got benefitted from this scheme. Rs.50,000 crores have been given to women farmers. And, overall Rs.2.25 lakh crores through DBT has been given to farmers. Today even a single rupee is sent, it directly reaches the account of the poor. This is the transparency of the Government.

Coming to Millets 'Sri Anna', the Government has convinced

the U.N. to declare the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets. 'Sri Anna' grains are highly nutritious and available in the market. About 90 per cent of farmers in our country are small and marginal farmers. Significant consumption of 'Sri Anna' will financially help these small farmers. Under the current Budget an IIMR Research Centre in Hyderabad has been sanctioned for marketing, training and helping the farmers.

The country is now seeing the benefits of 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' with an increase in manufacturing capacity. Today, we are making things which are as varied as hair pin to aeroplane indigenously under 'Make in India'. The import of mobile phones has decreased as India has become a major exporter of mobile phones. The defence exports have also increased by six times with the successful introduction of the first indigenously developed aircraft carrier 'INS Vikrant'. The sale of khadi has also increased four times as a result of Modi Government's efforts. The Modi Government has been decisive in matters of national security. India is now showing the world the solutions to the problems, especially through its Presidency of G-20 and the role it played in the Ukraine war and being the pharmacy hub of the world.

As part of social justice, more than 36,000 tribal-dominated villages are being developed under Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana and more than 400 Eklavya model schools

have been opened in the tribal areas in the country. That is why we say with conviction that we have a leader, a vision and right intent. We care for every section of society.

On the one hand the Government is developing religious and historical places such as Ayodhya Dham, Kashi-Vishwanath Dham, Shri Mahakal and so on and on the other hand, it is constructing the new Parliament Building and medical colleges in every district and is also working towards making India the biggest space power in the world. Modi ji has generated a mass movement for national unity and integrity. I thank the Government on behalf of 74,000 students of Telangana for extending free education up to 12th class.

As far as the G-20 is concerned, it is a unique platform of world's 20 major economies, representing around 85 per cent of the global GDP, 75 per cent of global trade and 60 per cent of the global population. Being the president of G-20 Summit, Modi ji has invited even major international organisations like the UN, IMF and WHO. India has a vital role to play in sustaining this programme and in facing the global challenges like economic growth, sustainable development, climate change, terrorism and pandemics which can be effectively addressed only through co-operation.

**(The above are excerpts of the speech delivered by Dr. Laxman in Rajya Sabha who initiated the discussion on the motion of the thanks on President's address.)**



# “One Earth, One Family, One Future’ signals the need for unity of purpose as well as the unity of action”

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the meeting of the Foreign Minister of G20 via video message on 2 March.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister underlined why India chose the theme of ‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’ for its G20 Presidency. He explained that it signals the need for unity of purpose as well as the unity of action. He expressed the belief that today’s meeting will reflect the spirit of coming together for achieving common and concrete objectives.

Acknowledging that multilateralism is in a state of crisis in the world today, the Prime Minister pointed out the two main functions that were meant to be served by the architecture of global governance created after the Second World War. He explained that firstly, it was to prevent future wars by balancing competing interests, and secondly, to foster international cooperation on issues of common interests. Observing the financial crisis, climate change, pandemic, terrorism, and wars in the past few years, the Prime Minister noted the failure of global governance in both its mandates. He further added that the tragic consequences of this failure are being faced mostly by all the developing countries and the world is at risk of rescinding on Sustainable Development after years of progress. The Prime Minister also noted that many developing countries are struggling with unsustainable debt while trying to ensure food and energy security for their people. He also noted that it is developing countries that are most affected by global warming caused by rich countries. “India’s G20 Presidency has tried to give a voice to the Global South”, the Prime Minister remarked as he pointed out that no group can claim global leadership without listening to those most affected by its decisions.

The Prime Minister underlined that today’s meeting is taking place at a time of deep global

divisions and as Foreign Ministers, it is only natural that the discussions are affected by the geo-political tensions of the day. “We all have our positions and our perspectives on how these tensions should be resolved”, the Prime Minister said. He emphasized that as the leading economies of the world, the responsibility towards those who are not in this room lies with us. “The world looks upon the G20 to ease the challenges of growth, development, economic resilience, disaster resilience, financial stability, transnational crime, corruption, terrorism, and food and energy security”, the Prime Minister remarked

as he noted that G20 has the capacity to build consensus and deliver concrete results in all these areas. Underlining that the meeting is taking place in the land of Gandhi and the Buddha, the Prime Minister urged the excellencies to draw inspiration from India’s civilizational ethos of focusing not on what divides us,

but on what unites us all.

Throwing light on the thousands of lives lost in natural disasters and the disastrous pandemic that the world faced, the Prime Minister noted how global supply chains have broken down during times of stress and turmoil. Observing that stable economies were suddenly overwhelmed by debt and financial crisis, the Prime Minister stressed the need to show resilience in our societies, economies, healthcare systems and in infrastructure. “The G20 has a critical role to play in finding the right balance between growth and efficiency on one hand and resilience on the other”, the Prime Minister remarked. He suggested that this balance can be achieved more easily by working together. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister expressed confidence in the collective wisdom and ability and hoped that today’s meeting will turn out to be ambitious, inclusive and action-oriented where resolutions are made while rising above differences. ■



# INDIAN TOYS HAVE BECOME SUCH A CRAZE THAT THEIR DEMAND HAS INCREASED EVEN IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES:PM

Speaking on power of digital India he said, in our fast moving country, the power of Digital India is visible in every corner. He said, different apps play a big role in taking the power of Digital India to every home. "There is one such App, E-Sanjeevani. Through this App Tele-consultation, that is, while sitting far away, through video conference, you can consult a doctor about your illness. Till now, the number of tele-consultants using this app has crossed the figure of 10 crores. You can imagine!... 10 crore

Dr. Madan Mani joined from Sikkim. PM introduced him and said that Dr. Madan Mani hails from Sikkim itself, but he had done his MBBS from Dhanbad and then pursued his MD at Banaras Hindu University. He has provided tele-consultation to



as they do within their respective countries. I am glad that people have started taking advantage of it. Be it India's E-SanjeevaniApp or UPI, these have proved to be very helpful in raising the Ease of Living."

PM expressing his concern regarding extinction species of bird, said "My dear countrymen, when a species of bird, a living being which is going extinct in a country is saved, it is discussed all over the world. There are many such great traditions in our country which had disappeared, had been removed from the

**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said on February 26 in his 98th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' that nowadays, Indian toys have become such a craze that their demand has increased even in foreign countries. He added that when we spoke of Indian genres of story-telling in 'Mann Ki Baat', their fame also reached far and wide. People became increasingly interested in the Indian story-telling genre,he adds**

Consultations through video conference...An amazing bond between patient and doctor - this is a big achievement. For this achievement, I congratulate all the doctors and patients who have availed of this facility. This is a living example of how the people of India have made technology a part of their lives. We have seen that in the time of Corona, E-Sanjeevani App has proved to be a great boon for the people." In this episode of Mann Ki Baat, with Prime Minister doctors and patients from different part of the country joined the Mann Ki Baat and shared their experience of Tele-consultation.

hundreds of people in rural areas.

While highlighting importance of E-Sanjeevani PM added, "E-Sanjeevani is becoming a life-saving app for the common man of the country, for the middle class, for the people living in hilly areas. This is the power of India's digital revolution. And today we are seeing its effect in every field. You also know the power of India's UPI. Many countries of the world are drawn towards it. Just a few days ago, UPI-Pay Now Link has been launched between India and Singapore. Now, people of Singapore and India are transferring money from their mobile phones in the same way

minds and hearts of the people, but now efforts are being made to revive them with the power of public participation, so for discussing that... What better platform than 'Mann Ki Baat'."

He said that Swachh Bharat Abhiyan changed the meaning of public participation in our country. He asked, if something related to cleanliness takes place anywhere in the country, people certainly inform me about it. He discussed cleanliness campaign story of the youth of Haryana's Dulhedi district that how his attention was drawn to a cleanliness campaign by the youth of Haryana. ■

# ITALIAN PM CALLS ON PM MODI

**Both leaders held bilateral discussion on various issues and areas**

**A**t the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Italian Prime Minister Ms. Giorgia Meloni was on her first State Visit to India on 2 March. The Prime Minister of Italy was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Antonio Tajani and a high-powered business delegation. This is the first bilateral VIP visit from Italy to India after a gap of five years.



decisions have been taken in terms of next steps; First is the area of defense cooperation. The Memorandum of Understanding on defense cooperation has been concluded. In terms of subsectors within the defense, it was clear during the discussion that with legacy issues behind us, the door is now open for the industries on the two sides to cooperate more strongly

The two leaders held substantial bilateral discussion. The Prime Minister of Italy appreciated the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi on matters of regional and global importance, in particular when it comes to concerns, interests, and priorities of the global South. The discussions covered the entire gamut of bilateral, regional, and global cooperation.

in this area, particularly in the field of manufacturing, co-production, co-design, co-innovation. Two, military exercises to be expanded and deepened to all levels in the armed forces and three, maritime cooperation.

They discussed an important element of strategic partnership besides the defense was need for deepened cooperation in the field of space, cyber, and sea as three of the key strategic sectors in our cooperation. ■



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration and laying the foundation stone of multiple projects at Shivamogga in Karnataka on February 27, 2023



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and PM of Australia Mr. Anthony Albanese celebrating 75 years of friendship through cricket in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on March 09, 2023



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi receives grand welcome at the inauguration of the 'Barisu Kannada Dim Dimava', Amrit Mahotsav of Delhi-Karnataka Sangha at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi on February 25, 2023



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi receives grand welcome on his arrival at Agartala, in Tripura on March 08, 2023



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi meets the Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Olaf Scholz at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on February 25, 2023



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attends the Ceremonial Reception of the Italian Prime Minister Ms. Giorgia Meloni at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on March 2, 2023





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**81 lakh SHGs** under the DAY-NRLM to be transformed into large producer enterprises

SHGs- Self-Help Groups  
 DAY- Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana  
 Source: GoI

**14.1** Thousand Crore (2023-24)

**2.7** Thousand Crore (2015-16)

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Quality Medicines at Affordable Prices

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**9,000** stores (2023)

**99** stores (2015)

Source: GoI (Data as of March 8, 2023)

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**526 crore** Total DBT Transactions in FY23

**\$27 billion** saved in key govt schemes through DBT scheme so far

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