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@narendramodi

PM @BorisJohnson and I spoke about the reforms in India and the investment opportunities they bring. We also had deliberations on strengthening the innovation eco-system for the benefit of our youth and start-ups.



@JPNadda

Previously, medicines for diseases were first made available to the entire world. The remaining medicines were then made available to India. But, within 9 months of the corona epidemic's arrival, we began vaccination by developing not one, but two vaccines, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji.



@AmitShah

The country's poorest people should have rights and dignity. He should be able to get both bread and employment. The BJP governments at the Center and in the states are working tirelessly under PM Narendra Modi and his capable leadership.



@rajnathsingh

As we move forward to strengthen our relationship, I would like to emphasise the need to move from a buyer seller relationship to one of partner nations and business partners.



@Nitin Gadkari

Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi, we are committed to economic development of Maharashtra as well as to provide new employment opportunities in the region.



@B L Santhosh

In Guwahati Municipal Corporation elections NDA (BJP + AGP) wins 58 wards including 3 wins unopposed. GOP @INCIndia draws a blank . Congratulations for the historic win to CM @himantabiswa & Team@BJP4Assam led by @Bhabesh_KalitaR . This victory adds more responsibility .



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Pays Tribute on the Jayanti of
GURUDEV RABINDRANATH TAGORE (07 MAY)
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A CONFIDENT INDIA HAS ARRIVED

As BJP Karyakartas observed 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada', the resolve to serve the poorest of the poor, deprived, exploited and marginalized sections of the society got reinforced through various programmes across the nation. The BJP has always been committed to the principles of 'Antyodaya' and believes that in the upliftment of the last man in the society lies the development of the entire nation. A large number of innovative schemes under the visionary and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is transforming the lives of the poorest of the poor, opening new avenues of opportunities for the marginalized and deprived, making life easier for women, youth, tribals and scheduled caste people while assuring a life of dignity and equity to every section of the society. From 7th April 2022 to 20th April 2022, BJP Karyakartas celebrated the schemes like Ayushman Bharat, visited Janaushadhi Kendras, met the beneficiaries of PM Awash Yojana, highlighted the importance of Jal Jivan Mission and schemes like PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Crop insurance scheme and other initiatives aimed at transforming lives of the farmers. While observing Jyotiba Phule Jayanti and Babasaheb Jayanti in the course of celebrating the 'Pakhwada', Vaccination Day, a day each for PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Scheduled Tribe welfare, Financial Inclusion Pride Day, Swachh Bharat Mission, Nutrition campaign was dedicated. It not only renewed the pledge of service but also facilitated participation of people in these programmes at various levels.

While the world is still battling the challenges of Covid-19 pandemic and many countries are still in throes of its various waves, India under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has presented an example of how challenges can be converted into opportunities.

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For India, Covid-19 pandemic was a crisis which appeared insurmountable in the wake of its huge population, but the united spirit of the nation brought forward a New India which not only took innovative measures within the country but also extended a helping hand to many needy countries across the world. While poorest of the poor was taken care by launching PM Garib Anna Kalyan Yojana which provided free ration to more than 80 crore people during the pandemic and still giving relief to the poor with an extended timeline, the production of 'Made in India' vaccines in the country was a huge achievement. It is a matter of pride for every Indian that more than 90% population of the

country has been administered at least one dose of the vaccines, vaccination has been started for 12+ children and precaution jabs have begun in the country. While the world saw how the Indians were brought back to the nation amid Covid-19 pandemic under 'Vande Bharat Mission', the resolve of the nation was witnessed when Indian students were brought back amid raging war from Ukraine under 'Operation Ganga'. A strong and confident India has emerged from the global crisis of last two years of pandemic with the nation registering many achievements and emerging as the fastest growing major economy in the world.

The increasing support of the people across the nation to BJP is the result of the party's commitment to the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'. A strong India has emerged under the determined leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi which is not only capable of facing any challenges within the country but also ready to shoulder responsibilities across the world. It can be seen that all global crises, where it is pandemic or war, are resulting in emergence of stronger India with India exploring and optimizing its own potential while paving the path for an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. The deep trust of the people in the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi can be seen in the continuous showering of the blessing by the people in every part of the country. A confident India has arrived! ■



BJP ALWAYS DONE EXTRA FOR DEVELOPMENT, PROGRESS AND GROWTH OF PEOPLE: JP NADDA

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in a two-day visit to Himachal Pradesh arrived in Kangra on 22 April, 2022 and attended a number of public programmes, including a road show and a massive rally in Nagrota Bagwan, Kangra. The BJP National President received a grand welcome by thousands of party Karyakartas, common people and BJP leaders on his arrival to Kangra.

Addressing a huge rally after the road show, Shri JP Nadda said the Bharatiya Janata Party is synonymous to development and progress.

PROMOTING NATIONALISM AND NATIONAL INTEGRATION

Shri Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is the real 'Vikas Purush' under whose guidance and leadership the nation is progressing fast in every field and the Jairam Thakur government in Himachal Pradesh is giving its best contribution in this journey of growth and development.

He said the double engine government of the Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership and guidance of Shri Narendra Modi is giving a pro- active, pro- people and pro - responsive government which is accountable to the people of the country, which is

promoting nationalism and national integration, which is highly committed to the welfare of the people and for growth, development, progress and prosperity of the nation.

CONGRESS PARTY BETRAYED HIMACHAL AND ITS PEOPLE

Shri Nadda said the Congress party has always betrayed Himachal Pradesh and its people; the Congress party has always given step motherly treatment to Himachal Pradesh. On the other hand the Bharatiya Janata Party has always protected the rights of Himachal Pradesh and its people. The Bharatiya Janata Party has always done extra for the development, progress and growth of the state and its people.

The then Congress government under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had withdrawn the special category status given to Himachal Pradesh. The Congress party did not stop at that, the Congress government under Sonia - Manmohan Singh did injustice to Himachal Pradesh when it reduced the Union government share in the centrally sponsored projects to bring it down to fund sharing formula at 50:50 thus putting extra burden on the state.

PM MODI AGAIN RESTORED THE SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS

Hon'ble Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had given industrial package to Himachal Pradesh for 10 years, but when the UPA government under the Congress party came to power it stopped the special package in its 8th year.

However, Shri Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi again restored the special category status given to Himachal Pradesh without any demand from the state government. Shri Modi even implemented the 90:10 ratio formula of fund sharing in the centrally sponsored projects thus giving relief to the state government and giving extra funds to Himachal Pradesh.

MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT WORK UNDER BJP

He said under the Bharatiya Janata Party government led by Shri Narendra Modi Kol Dam was constructed, while work started in Luhri and Renuka Dam projects and Atal Tunnel project which was stalled by the Congress party led UPA government was also completed under Shri Modi. Two other major projects which are currently under construction in Himachal Pradesh under the Narendra Modi Government are Indian Institute of Management and AIIMS.

Ujwala Yojna, Saubhagya Yojna, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ujala Yojna, Jan Dhan Yojna etc. have ensured women empowerment under the Narendra Modi Government. Even the World Bank report has said that under the Narendra Modi Government overall poverty has come down which includes decline of 12.3% in extreme poverty, Shri Nadda added.

He further said under the Smart City Project the Narendra Modi Government has implemented the 90:10 formula of fund sharing where the Union government is sharing maximum fund while very less financial burden is being passed on to the state government. The Narendra Modi Government has given Rs 450 crores to Himachal Pradesh while the state government has to just pay Rs 50 crore as its share. Under the Bharatiya Janata Party government major renovation and restoration works are going on in Mata Chamunda Devi and Mata Brijeswari temples in the state. ■

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH

- The massive victory of BJP, under Shri Narendra Modi in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur has proven that the people have shunned politics of casteism, communalism, appeasement and dynasty politics.
- The people are firmly behind the party which is for development, growth, nationalism and does welfare of the poorest of the poor.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party has formed its government in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur and now with the blessings and support of the people we are once again going form our governments in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat.
- In these two states also the Bharatiya Janata Party, under the leadership and guidance of Shri Modi, will form its governments, the lotus will bloom once again.
- During the Corona pandemic over 135 crore got free vaccination by the Narendra Modi Government and protected the country and showed the world how to manage and fight the global medical crisis.
- Prime Minister gave free rations to over 80 crore poor and needy people across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna so that not a single person should sleep empty stomach.
- Himachal Pradesh is top state in Covid vaccination drive in both dosages. And for this I thank and congratulate Himachal Pradesh CM Shri Jairam Thakur, all health and paramedical staff and state government employees to make this happen.
- Total vaccination in remotest locations of the Himalayan state is a highly commendable job done under the double engine government of the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- Narendra Modi Government brought back 2,300 students from war hit Ukraine, of these 426 students were from Himachal Pradesh.

BJP CELEBRATES 'SAMAJIK NYAY PAKHWADA' ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda the Bharatiya Janata Party celebrated the 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada' across the country from 6th April to 20th April, 2022. The Pakhwada began on April 6, 2022, following the 42nd Foundation Day celebration of the BJP. On that day Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Karyakartas. Around 18 lakh Karyakartas accross the country directly listened the address online and party flag was hoisted on the houses of around 31 lakh Karyakartas.

Through the 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada', the party Karyakartas took the pro-poor works and the welfare schemes of the central government to Mandal and District level consecutively for 15 days. In these 15 days, every single day was dedicated to one such unique programme or welfare scheme. All MPs and MLAs also travelled to their respective constituencies and met with the people. These programmes were successfully organized at Booth, Mandal, District and State levels.

The second day of the 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada' i.e. 7th of April was devoted to the 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme programme. On this day, BJP Karyakartas visited 48,561 'PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras' across the country and interacted with around 26 lakh beneficiaries.

April 8th was dedicated to the 'PM Awas Yojna'. On this day, BJP Karyakartas organised around 50,600 Sammelan on already completed Awas Yojna sites and talked to 23 lakh beneficiaries of this scheme and provided them vital information regarding this scheme.

April 9th was dedicated to the 'Har Ghar Jal' programme. In August 2019, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' and now more than six crore households have access to clean water from the tap under the scheme. Party Karyakartas talked to around 10,56,358 beneficiaries



and to contain water, distributed around 2,28,783 clay pots to accross the country.

April 10th was dedicated to the 'PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.' On that day Party Karyakartas visited different areas, arranged 3,563 Kisan Sammelan and met around 4,61,225 farmers and informed them about the benefits of 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana', 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana', 'Neem Coated Urea,' and other welfare schemes among others, on this day.

April 11 was celebrated as Jyotiba Phule Day. BJP Karyakartas visited around 8,226 places and paid floral tributes on the statue of Jyotiba Phule. They visited around 38,499 SC schools and interacted with students.

'Vaccination Day' was observed on 12th April. Under PM Shri Narendra Modi's vision and leadership, so far, 185 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses have been distributed free of cost in India. During the day the BJP Karyakartas visited 8,753 vaccination centres, 12,074 schools met the beneficiaries and contacted many people who did not take the vaccine for COVID-19 yet. They requested them to take their vaccine as soon as possible. Around 28,347 public representatives and office bearers also participated in these programmes.

April 13 was dedicated to 'PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana'. The scheme was started by Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi in March 2020 due to the global Corona Pandemic and has been extended till September 2022. Under this scheme, the central government is providing free food grains to 80 crore people across the country. On that day around 28,651 beneficiary Sammelans organised and 3,83,590 beneficiaries participated in these programmes.

Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was born on April 14, 1869. On this day, BJP Karyakartas garlanded Babasaheb's statues and paid floral tributes in 5,00,800 locations at each booth and performed 'Sewa Karya' there. Around 5,506 seminars and conferences were organised, where around 4.5 lakh people participated. The Karyakartas were also interacted with society's oppressed and underprivileged people on that day.



April 15th was dedicated to Scheduled Tribe Welfare. On this day, BJP Karyakartas honoured people of Scheduled Tribes community who have done exceptional work for society. Apart from that, the Karyakartas also spread awareness drive among Scheduled Tribes people regarding various initiatives taken by Central Government for the benefit of ST community. The ST Morcha also organised meetings of 4,795 SHGs and around 1,41,210 people attended the meetings.



16th of April was dedicated to unorganized workers. Around 6,334 unorganized workers conference were organised and around 2 lakh workers participated in it. BJP Karyakartas also worked on registering workers who have not yet been registered on this day.

The 17th of April was celebrated as Financial Inclusion Pride Day. On that day BJP Karyakartas visited around 3,04,243 'Jan Dhan Yojna' beneficiaries

and registered around 3,42,744 people under various insurance schemes. Noteworthy, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Central Government has been ensuring social security under the mantra of 'Jan Dhan Se - Jan Suraksha'. For that the number of beneficiaries of Prime Minister's Insurance Schemes is continuously increasing. As per the data available, now the total beneficiaries of 'Atal Pension Yojana' are more than 4.01 crores, 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana' are more than 12.66 crores and the total beneficiaries of 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana' are 28.19 crore.

April 18 was dedicated to the 'Swachh Bharat Mission'. On this day, BJP karyakartas cleaned the statues of national heroes situated in various parts of the country. Apart from this, programmes like cleaning the surroundings, cleaning the rivers, temples, ponds etc., were carried out in 54,562 locations and 1,07,133 'Swachta Sainiks' felicitated on the occasion.

The 'Nutrition campaign' day was observed on 19th of April. On this day, BJP karyakartas visited 15,920 PHCs and Aanganwadi centers in their respective villages and felicitated 1,26,568 Aanganwadi workers. They organized public awareness campaigns on nutrition and distributed 4,41,648 food packets in these centres.

Various programmes relating to the 'Amrit Mohatsav' were organised on the last day of 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada'. During which 3,597 'Abhinandan Sabha' for freedom fighters were organised where 7,441 freedom fighters participated. Around 1,43,185 BJP Karyakartas spread awareness about the work done by the Modi Government during the last eight years for the welfare of the society, the poor and the common people on the last day of 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada'. ■

'PRO-ACTIVE, PRO-RESPONSIVE AND PRO-PEOPLE MODI GOVERNMENT'

As part of BJP's 'Samajik Nyay Pakhwada' campaign, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda visited a Public Distribution System (PDS) outlet at Kailash Nagar in East Delhi and distributed packets of food grains to beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojna (PMGKAY) on 13 April, 2022.

Interacting with the beneficiaries, the BJP National President said the Narendra Modi government's free ration scheme PMGKAY benefitted 80 crore people and did not allow the country's poverty level to increase despite the pandemic and resultant lockdown. He said, "The Modi government is "proactive, pro-responsive and pro-people". Salient points of the address of Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda;

- Under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the Bharatiya Janata Party is running a pro-active, pro-responsive and pro - people government at the Centre. The Bharatiya Janata Party government is committed and dedicated towards welfare, upliftment and empowerment of every citizen.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party is observing the fortnight between April 07 and 20 as 'Social Justice Fortnight' (Samajik Nyay Pakhwada) and under this today is dedicated to the PM Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna. Today, the Bharatiya Janata Party workers are visiting the PDS centers to ensure that not a single needy and poor should get benefits of the Yojna and not a single beneficiary is deprived of their rights.
- Immediately after the announcement of lockdown due to the Corona pandemic Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi immediately started the 'Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna' so that not a single person or family does not sleep empty stomach or have to suffer hunger. This important scheme shows the foresightedness and compassion of our Prime Minister.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna, from April 2020 to till today, the Narendra



Modi Government has continuously provided free ration to 80 crore people across the country. The ration package also includes 5 kg additional wheat and rice besides 1 kg pulses.

IMF SAID 'PM-GKAY' HELPED IN CHECKING POVERTY

Quoting the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Shri Nadda said, "During the Corona pandemic the Narendra Modi Government did excellent work and took good care of poor and needy citizens, this is highly appreciable. IMF has also said that the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna has also helped in checking poverty in the country.

WHO APPLAUDS THE EFFORTS OF PM MODI

Quoting the World Health Organization (WHO) Shri Nadda said, " WHO has applauded the efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on international platforms. WHO has said that countries across the world should learn from Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi how to work during the pandemic and serve humanity”.

“World Health Organization has also said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, through the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojna, has shown the world how to work during the pandemic because apart from providing health and medical care, it is imperative for the government to ensure that food is provided to every citizen and good care is taken of the needy and poor citizens”.

186 CRORE CORONA VACCINE DOSES GIVEN

India is among the very few nations which developed its own vaccine to save their citizens during the Corona pandemic. So far over 186 crore Corona vaccine doses have been given across the country. Now even kids who are above 12 years of age are also getting vaccine doses, while all adults

are getting a third dose of vaccine.

When the Corona vaccination drive was started during the peak of the pandemic, it was the Congress party and the Delhi Chief Minister who had raised doubts over the efficacy and trial results of the ‘Made In India’ vaccines. And after spreading this canard they themselves took the vaccines developed by our scientists. Today, they are keeping mum as the world has recognized the efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in developing the ‘Made In India’ vaccines and saving precious lives during the Corona pandemic.

He said in Delhi there are around 74 lakh PDS beneficiaries. Our workers are visiting all PDS centers across Delhi and helping the beneficiaries in getting ration. Our workers will ensure that all needy and poor people get their ration and their rights are safeguarded. ■

ON LAST DAY OF ‘SAMAJIK NYAY PAKHWADA’ BJYM CONDUCTS NATIONWIDE PROGRAMME OF HONOURING FREEDOM FIGHTERS

On the concluding day of ‘Samajik Nyay Pakhwada’ on 20 April 2022, the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha conducted nation-wide programmes of honouring the freedom fighters. Under the leadership of BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya, all the state units of BJYM felicitated freedom fighters and ex-servicemen at places having special relevance in the freedom struggle of India. This programme was organized in all districts across India.

Swachta Abhiyan was also organized at these locations. To connect with new young people and to make them aware of the message of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’, cultural programmes including patriotic songs and dances at these locations were also organized. These were also organized in all districts throughout India.

A large number of youths including BJYM karyakartas actively participated in these events and paid tribute to all the freedom fighters and remembered their invaluable sacrifice for our motherland.

YOUTH OF INDIA WANTS OPPORTUNITIES NOT OBSTACLES: JP NADDA

Speaking to the Youth the National President of

Bharatiya Janata Party Shri JP Nadda has highlighted on the pragmatic shift in Indian politics in past eight years for the pragmatic vision and revolutionary steps of PM Shri Narendra Modi. He emphasized on empowering every Indian by following the motto of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayaas”.

He added that youth should recognize prevalent socio-political situations in historical context. He also mentioned that there's a shift from vote bank and caste-based politics to development based politics. Shri Nadda said that the youth of India wants opportunities not obstacles, development not divisions; therefore we all should come together to defeat poverty and take India to new heights of success and make an India of our dreams on 100th Independence Day.

BJYM President Shri Tejasvi Surya paid tributes to the freedom fighters at Kakori Smarak, Uttar Pradesh and addressed a public gathering there. He urged youth of this nation to lead the drive of restoring the glory of our forgotten heroes, draw inspirations & strengthen the idea of cultural nationalism. He also mentioned that the time of youth has arrived and therefore it is our collective responsibility to render ourselves for a prosperous and ‘Swarnim Bharat’. ■

'THINK AHEAD AND PLAN FOR INDIA IN 2047'

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda has written an open letter to the country's citizens on 18 April, 2022 to "think ahead and plan for how we all feel the nation must be when we mark 100 years of Independence in 2047." In the letter, Shri JP Nadda said youth of India want opportunities not obstacles and urge opposition to embrace politics of development. He also appealed to the "Opposition to embrace politics of development" while he slammed them for waging a direct onslaught on the spirit of the nation, casting aspersions on hardworking citizens. Here we are publishing the full letter of Hon'ble BJP National President for our esteemed readers.



MY FELLOW INDIANS,

India's growth trajectory is at a critical juncture. This is a time when we are marking 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' or 75 years of Independence. This is an occasion to think ahead and plan for how we all feel the nation must be when we mark a hundred years of independence in 2047.

This is also a time when the eyes of the world are on India. A nation of 135 crore people, which was believed would be the sore point in the global fight against COVID-19 is instead recognised and respected as the pharmacy of the world. Our economy is seen as open and transparent. The recent reforms have increased economic prosperity across the board. At the same time, poverty is being alleviated at a quicker pace.

INDIAN POLITICS UNDERGONE A RAPID TRANSFORMATION

Indian politics has undergone a rapid transformation in the last 8 years. The tried, tested, or I should say dusted and rusted approach of vote bank politics, divisive politics, and selective politics is no longer working. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and his emphasis

on 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas' every Indian is being empowered and is getting the wings to rise further. Unfortunately, this thrust towards development politics is being bitterly resisted by the rejected and dejected parties who are once again taking refuge in vote bank and divisive politics.

Today, India is seeing two distinctive styles of politics - the NDA's efforts which are seen in their work and the petty politics of a group of parties, which is seen in their acerbic words. In the last few days, we have seen these parties come together yet again in letter (whether in spirit too, time will tell) in which they have waged a direct onslaught on the spirit of our nation and cast aspersions on our hard working citizens.

I want to remind the rejected and dejected political parties - since you talk about vote bank politics, why have you forgotten the shameful happenings in Karol, Rajasthan? What are the compulsions that are driving your haunting silence on the issue?

COMMUNAL & POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING CONGRESS RULE

- In November 1966, then Prime Minister

Indira Gandhi opened fire on Hindu Sadhus sitting outside Parliament who had marched towards Delhi with the demand of banning cow slaughter in India.

- And who can forget Rajiv Gandhi's infamous words - "When a big tree falls, the earth shakes" - that justified the killing of thousands of Sikhs in the wake of PM Indira Gandhi's death.
- Gujarat in 1969, Moradabad 1980, Bhiwandi 1984, Meerut 1987, various incidents against the Hindus in Kashmir valley throughout the 1980s, 1989 Bhagalpur, 1994 Hubballi...the list of communal violence during Congress rule is long. Under which Government did the Muzaffarnagar Riots happen in 2013 or the Assam Riots in 2012?
- Let me remind everyone that it was the UPA, controlled by an extra-constitutional NAC that brought in the most horrific Communal Violence Bill, which stooped to new lows of vote bank politics by even UPA standards.
- Similarly, the most horrific massacres against Dalits and Tribals have taken place under Congress regimes. This is the same Congress that even got Dr. Ambedkar defeated in Parliamentary elections.
- In Tamil Nadu, elements aligned to the ruling party in the state have left no stone unturned in verbally lynching, smearing and humiliating one of India's tallest musical maestros just because he has views not palatable to one political party and their allies. Is this democratic? One can have different views and yet coexist happily but why take to insults?
- The shameful political violence in West Bengal and Kerala, and the repeated killing and targeting of BJP workers offers a glimpse of how some of our political parties view democracy.
- In Maharashtra, two Cabinet Ministers have been arrested on serious charges of corruption, extortion and links with anti-social elements. Is this not worrisome for us as a nation that a state which houses India's

financial capital has such an uninspiring coalition where top Cabinet ministers have such extortionist tendencies?

This brings me to my next point. The reason for the shameful conduct by a select group of political parties lies in the above list of incidents that I have shared. Dyed in the wool proponents of vote bank politics that they are, these parties are fearing that their shenanigans are being finally exposed comprehensively. For decades, they freely patronised lumpen, anti-social elements who bullied common people. Now that these elements are being subjected to the laws of the land, the parties which sheltered these elements are panicking and thus taking to this bizarre conduct.

RESOUNDING MANDATE TO THE BJP

The results of the recently held Assembly election should be an eye-opener for those who thrive on vote bank politics. India's largest state on the electoral map, a coastal state on the western coast, a state in the Northeast and a hill state have given a resounding mandate to the BJP. Due to the BJP, India is seeing a sentiment of pro-incumbency where developmental politics is being resoundingly rewarded. The BJP also became the first party in many years to cross the 100 figure in the Rajya Sabha and get an absolute majority in the UP legislative council. The Opposition should introspect why the parties that ruled the nation for so many decades have been confined to the margins of history now.

'I WOULD URGE OPPOSITION TO EMBRACE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT'

The youth of India want opportunities, not obstacles. They want development, not divisions. Today, when people across all faiths, all age groups as well as from all walks of life have come together to defeat poverty and take India to new heights of progress, I would urge the Opposition to change track and embrace the politics of development. We owe this to our coming generations. ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S KARNATAKA PRAVAS

'MANTRA OF BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY IS NATION FIRST, PARTY SECOND AND SELF LAST'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in a two day Karnataka Pravas starting from 16 April, 2022 arrived in Toranagallu to discuss the party's strategy for the 2023 Assembly elections. As per the schedule, Shri JP Nadda arrived on April 16 evening and presided over the party State Executive Meeting held at Hosapete in Vijayanagara district on April 17. Road map for the elections to be held in around a year was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting; Shri Nadda guided the state leaders on measures to be taken to strengthen the organization and involvement of the party workers in service activities.

On the first day, apart from the State Executive Meeting Shri Nadda visited Bhatrahalli Anjaneya Temple in Hosapete and took part in a question and answer session with the delegates.

On the second day of the visit, Shri JP Nadda also visited several temples including Shri Virupaksheshwara Temple, Yantrodharaka Anjaneya Temple in Hampi, and Kadale Kalu Ganapa, Sasuve Kalu Ganapa, Ugra, Narasimha, Badavi Linga, Ugrana Veerabhadra Temple and visited Malyavanta Hill in Hampi.

The BJP President also visited the world heritage

site Vijaya Vittal Devasthanam, famous for its stone chariot and musical pillars and Kamapur Archaeological Museum on the same day. Before binding up his Pravas, Shri Nadda also chaired a meeting with state BJP leaders on 17 April, 2022.

Addressing the BJP State Executive Meeting in Hosapete, Karnataka BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said under the guidance and leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi the golden period of the development and progress of Karnataka is currently going on. The Narendra Modi Government's efforts of giving a pro-poor, responsive and welfare-oriented government for the past eight years has also benefited the growth, development and progress of Karnataka.

'MISSION REPEAT' IN KARNATAKA

He said, "I am very much satisfied with the preparations of the Karnataka state unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party. The state BJP has prepared a roadmap for the growth and expansion of the party in the holistic manner in Karnataka. I am fully confident that the Bharatiya Janata Party will accomplish its 'Mission Repeat' in Karnataka and the lotus will once again bloom in the state in its full glory".

The mantra of the Bharatiya Janata Party is - Nation First, party second and self last. The Bharatiya Janata Party and its workers are the biggest instruments of bringing out positive changes in the society and in ensuring growth and development of the country.

POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT, CULTURAL NATIONALISM AND 'ANTYODAYA'

He said all the regional parties including the Congress party have always done the politics of casteism, communalism, appeasement and dynasty, they have done nothing to address the problems of the poor and needy people. It is only the Bharatiya Janata Party which under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi does the politics of development, cultural nationalism and 'Antyodaya'.

Today, the condition of the Congress party is pathetic in the entire country. In Uttar Pradesh assembly elections the Congress party candidates lost their deposits in 387 out of 399 seats it contested. The Congress party was also wiped out of Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur and Punjab.

Barring the Bharatiya Janata Party, there is no other party in the country which has national presence and can be called a national party. In the Congress party there is neither any Indianness left nor any nationalism. It has now become the party of 'Bhai - Behen', he said.

TAKE PLEDGE TO ENSURE GRAND VICTORY OF THE PARTY

Shri Nadda said the Bharatiya Janata Party workers in Karnataka should become change agents and should take pledge to ensure grand victory of the party in the state once again. Also, we have to make Karnataka the focal point of the growth and progress of the southern states and have to work devotedly and sincerely to achieve this goal.

The Bharatiya Janata Party government in Karnataka has so far distributed around 1.16 crore new ration cards. Now the total number of ration card holders in Karnataka is over 4 crores.

KARNATAKA TODAY IS THE HUB OF EXPORTS

The BJP President said Karnataka today, is the hub of exports of spices and it is exporting spices worth over \$ 4 billion across the world. Karnataka

HIGHLIGHTS

- Under the Pradhanmantri Grameen Sadak Yojna the previous Congress government constructed just 1,962 km long roads in its five years of rule, whereas the Bharatiya Janata Party government has already constructed 2,766 km long roads under the same scheme.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party government is committed to provide piped water connections to every household before the next assembly elections in the state.
- In Karnataka 10 new railway projects have been started. The Dharwad - Kittur - Belagavi project will also be completed soon.
- With an expenditure of over Rs 3,500 crores 2,265 kms long state highways are being constructed in the state.
- A greenfield airport is being constructed in Raichur with an expenditure of over Rs 1,880 crores.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party government in Karnataka is giving an additional Rs 4,000 per year to its farmers which is over and above the Rs 6,000 being given to the farmers by the Narendra Modi Government.
- Under the Ayushman Bharat Yojna, over 3.11 crore people have been benefited in the state who are getting free medical insurance coverage, and on this the Bharatiya Janata Party government has spent over Rs 23,000 crores.
- Today, the beneficiaries of various government schemes are getting money transferred directly into their bank accounts without having to give any cuts to commission agents.
- Under the 'One Nation - One Ration Card' scheme, poor and needy people can get free ration and benefits of other schemes from anywhere across the country.

today, is the second biggest spices exporter. This year Karnataka has made a record by exporting coffee worth over \$ 1 billion. Karnataka is also the second biggest producer of cashew nuts. ■



BABU VEER KUNWAR SINGH 'VIJAYOTSAV' AT JAGDISHPUR, BIHAR

VEERGATHA OF VEER KUNWAR SINGH MUST REACH TO YOUTH OF THE COUNTRY: AMIT SHAH

On the Birth Anniversary of 1857- War of Independence hero Veer Kunwar Singh, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah paid rich tributes and addressed a huge 'Vijayotsav' celebration rally in his birth place at Jagdishpur, Bihar on 23 April, 2022.

Addressing the huge rally Shri Amit Shah said iconic freedom fighter Veer Kunwar Singh defeated Britishers at the age of 80 years and his contribution in freedom struggle set a milestone in history but historians have not given due place to him in history. Shri Shah said Veergatha of Veer Kunwar Singh must reach to the youth of the country.

On the occasion Shri Shah announced the installation of a statue and construction of Veer Kunwar Singh memorial at Ara, the district headquarters of Bhojpur, which will be funded by the central government.

The Union Home Minister said the spirit of all nationalists should be strong and all important heroes of the freedom struggle would be duly honored.

At the end of the programme all the participants waved the national flag and chanted the glorious slogan of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" which surcharged the entire atmosphere on the historic occasion.

The 'Vijayotsav' was organized under the ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to make the young generation aware of the heroic deeds of Veer Kunwar Singh and his fight against the British East India Company.

Speaking to the participants, Bihar BJP President Shri Sanjay Jaiswal said Kunwar Singh's birth anniversary was a non-political event. The motive behind the mega

celebration is to inform the coming generations about the sacrifices of Veer Kunwar Singh, who fought 15 times against the British Raj at the age of 80. When one

'VIJAYOTSAV' CREATED WORLD RECORD

On the occasion of 'Vijayotsav', thousands of people unfurled Tricolor and carrying Tricolor participated in the rally, chanted the glorious slogan of "Bharat Mata



Ki Jai" and remembered the contributions of Veer Kunwar Singh during freedom struggle. People from 12 districts of Bihar participated and organized a collective waving of around 78,200 national flags to make the programme a historic one.

This Tricolor waving at 'Vijayotsav' at Jagdishpur created world record for the simultaneous waving of 78,200 national flags. Previous record of simultaneous waving of 57 thousand 632 national flags was set in Pakistan in 2004. ■

of the bullets hit Singh's left wrist, he felt his hand has become useless and that there was an additional risk of infection from the bullet. He drew his sword and cut off his left hand near the elbow and offered it to the Ganga, Shri Jaiswal said. ■

PM MODI INAUGURATES PRADHANMANTRI SANGHRALAYA IN NEW DELHI



GOVERNMENT'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Pradhanmantri Sanghralaya in New Delhi on April 14. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister paid tributes to Babasaheb Ambedkar and said “the constitution of which Babasaheb was the main architect, that constitution gave us the basis of the Parliamentary system. The main responsibility of this Parliamentary system has been on the office of the Prime Minister of the country. It is my good fortune that today, I have got the opportunity to dedicate the Prime Minister’s Museum to the nation.”

He emphasized “When the country is celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, then this museum has come as a grand inspiration. In these 75 years, the country has seen many proud moments. The importance of these moments in the window of history is incomparable.”

EVERY GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTED

The Prime Minister reiterated his appreciation of the contribution of all the governments since independence. He said “Every government formed in independent India has contributed in taking the country to the height it is at today. I have repeated this thing many times from Red Fort also.” The Prime Minister said that the museum has also become a living reflection of the shared heritage of each government” Every Prime Minister of the country has contributed immensely towards achieving of the goals of constitutional democracy, the Prime Minister continued. “To remember them is to know the journey of independent India. People coming here will be familiar with the contribution of the former Prime Ministers of the country, their background, their struggles and creations”, he added.

The Prime Minister expressed pride in the fact that many of the Prime Ministers came from ordinary

families. Fact of such leaders coming from extremely poor, farmer families reaching the position of the Prime Minister strengthens the faith in Indian democracy and its traditions, he said.

INDIA IS MOTHER OF DEMOCRACY

Noting India’s status as mother of democracy, the Prime Minister said “The great feature of India’s democracy is that it has been continuously changing with the passage of time. In every era, in every generation, there has been a continuous effort to make democracy more modern and empowered.” The Prime Minister said barring a couple of exceptions, India has a proud tradition of strengthening democracy in a democratic way. “That’s why we also have an obligation to keep strengthening democracy with our efforts”, he added. Highlighting the inclusive and accommodative elements of Indian culture, Shri Modi said that our democracy inspires us to accept modernity and new thoughts.

WORLD IS LOOKING AT INDIA

Recalling the rich history and prosperous era of India, the Prime Minister laid stress on spreading awareness about the correct picture of India’s heritage and present.

He said the government’s efforts to bring back the stolen heritage from abroad, celebrating places of the glorious heritage, preserving memories of the freedom fighters in places like Jalianwala Memorial, Panch Teerth commemorating Babasaheb, Freedom Fighter Museum, tribal history museum are steps in that direction

“Today, when a new world order is emerging, the world is looking at India with a hope and confidence, then India will also have to increase its efforts to rise up to the occasion”, Shri Narendra Modi said. ■

INDIA'S NON-BASMATI RICE EXPORTS GROW BY 109%

India's non-basmati rice exports witnessed an astounding growth of 109 % from USD 2925 million in FY 2013-14 to USD 6115 million in FY 2021-22. As per DGCIS data, India exported rice to over 150 countries across the globe in 2021-22. India exported more than USD one million to 76 countries out of the 150 countries reported in 2021-22, It indicates the diversification of India's rice export over the years.

Highlighting the historic achievement in a tweet, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal has said that Modi government's policies helped farmers to get access to the global markets and also ensure food security.

According to the DGCIS data, India had exported non-basmati rice worth USD 2015 million in 2019-20, which rose to USD 4799 million in 2020-21 and USD 6115 million in 2021-22.

Registering a growth of 27% in 2021-22, export of non-basmati rice was the top forex earner among all agri-commodities, at USD 6115 million.



"In collaboration with our foreign missions, we have coordinated development of logistics as well as focus on production of quality produce, which has boosted India's rice exports prospects," Chairman, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), said.

West African country Benin is one of the major importers of non-basmati rice from India. Other destination countries are Nepal, Bangladesh, China, Cote D' Ivoire, Togo, Senegal, Guinea, Vietnam, Djibouti, Madagascar, Cameroon Somalia, Malaysia, Liberia U.A.E. etc. ■

MINERAL PRODUCTION RECORDS 13.2 PER CENT CUMULATIVE GROWTH

The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for the month of February, 2022 (Base: 2011-12=100) at 123.2, was 4.5% higher as compared to the level in the month of February, 2021. As per the provisional statistics of the Indian Bureau of Mines, the cumulative growth for the period April- February, 2021-22 over the corresponding period of the previous year has increased 13.2 per cent.

Production level of important minerals in February, 2022 were: Coal 795 lakh tonnes, Lignite 47 lakh tonnes, Natural gas (utilized) 2515 million cu. m., Petroleum (crude) 23 lakh tonnes, Bauxite 2120 thousand tonnes, Chromite 373 thousand tonnes, Copper conc. 9 thousand tonnes, Gold 125 kg, Iron ore 227 lakh tonnes, Lead conc. 29 thousand tonnes, Manganese ore 293 thousand tonnes, Zinc conc. 143 thousand tonnes, Limestone 333 lakh tonnes. ■

FIRST TIME INDIA'S SERVICES EXPORT ACHIEVES THE TARGET OF \$ 250 BILLION

India has for the first time achieved the targeted \$250 billion in services exports during FY22 and is now aiming at \$300 billion this fiscal year. The Ministry of Commerce & Industry data showed that in March 2022, the estimated value of Services exports is \$22.52 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 8.31% vis-a-vis March 2021.

India has also exceeded the overall exports target of \$ 650 Billion due to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. ■



DRDO SUCCESSFULLY FLIGHT-TESTS SOLID FUEL DUCTED RAMJET TECHNOLOGY

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster at the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on April 08, 2022. The test successfully demonstrated the reliable functioning of all critical components involved in the complex missile system and met all the mission objectives.



The SFDR-based propulsion enables the missile to intercept aerial threats at very long range at supersonic speeds. The performance of the system has been confirmed from the data captured by a number of range instruments like Telemetry, Radar and Electro Optical Tracking Systems deployed by ITR. The SFDR has been

developed by Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Hyderabad in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories such as Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory, Pune.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO for the successful trial of SFDR.

He termed it as an important milestone towards development of critical missile technologies in the country. Complimenting the teams involved in design, development and testing, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy said, with the successful trial of SFDR, the range of air-to-air missiles can be enhanced. ■

ATAL PENSION YOJANA TOTAL ENROLMENTS CROSS 4 CRORE

Government's social security scheme Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed total enrollments of 4.01 crore as on March 2022 out of which more than 99 lakh APY accounts were opened during the last financial year itself.

The scheme had seen this tremendous success due to the active participation of all categories of Banks, a government statement highlighting the latest data on the pension scheme said. ■



MoD UTILISES 65.50 PER CENT OF CAPITAL ACQUISITION BUDGET ON DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT IN FY 2021-22

Ministry of Defence (MoD) had earmarked 64 per cent of Capital Acquisition Budget for domestic industry in Financial Year (FY) 2021-22. At the end of FY 2021-22, MoD has been able to over achieve this target and has utilized 65.50 per cent of Capital Acquisition Budget on indigenous procurements through Indian Industry to achieve Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. Further, as per preliminary expenditure report of March 2022, MoD has been able to utilise 99.50 per cent of the Defence Services Budget in FY 2021-22. ■

SECOND SUCCESSFUL HIGH-ALTITUDE FLIGHT-TEST OF ANTI-TANK GUIDED MISSILE 'HELINA'

As part of the ongoing user validation trials, indigenously-developed Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' was again successfully flight-tested from Advanced Light Helicopter on April 12, 2022. Teams of Indian Air Force and Indian Army, along with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), conducted the trial at the high altitude range. This is the second successful flight-test in successive days.

'Helina' is the third generation, fire and forget Anti-Tank Guided Missile that can engage targets both in direct hit mode as well as top attack mode. The system has all-weather day and night capability and can defeat battle tanks with conventional armour as well as with explosive reactive armour. ■

CAPITALISM, SOCIALISM, COMMUNISM AND OTHER 'ISMS'

-PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA



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Some people treat freedom as absence of all restraints. Western thinking is that, be it society, nature or all creation as such-all is meant for the individual. The West says-'conquer nature'. The frequently used English expression is-exploiting natural resources-that is to say, using everything for personal consumption and aggrandizement. Slaughter animals and eat them up because everything is meant for me. This is their world-view. Man is big and mighty, hence everything is meant for him. Man, sure is big and powerful, but our conception of 'big' is: 'Big is one who is for others and, for the service of others'.

In the West, one talks of the conquest of nature. They call climbing the Everest the 'conquest of the Everest'. We too went to the Himalayas, climbed peaks, but with a sense of worshipful renunciation. "I will conquer, I am the mightiest"-this attitude

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is egotistical. It is this egotism that gave rise to Capitalism and Communism. The communism that obtains today is also not true communism. This is also a kind of individualism. The communists say that the owner of the machine employs labourers, pays little to them, and consumes the most himself. They arouse a feeling of jealousy among the workers (against the entrepreneurs), stating, "They move around in cars on the fruits of your labour. You labour, but being alone, you are Weak. You should hence all unite." Statements such as these do not reflect a sense of society, but rather of envious otherness.

The communist organisation too implies the rule of labour and not of society. In the labourers' collective, the worker cannot do anything by himself. He is asked to surrender his power for the collective. Thus the worker loses his freedom too. It is, therefore, a Dictatorship of the Proletariat, not the sense of society. Communism is a totalitarian ideology which leads to total loss of freedom of the individual; the entire ideology is predicated on conflict and struggle.

Conflict is inherent in capitalism too. Competition forms its basis and the principle of survival of the fittest provides its underpinnings. The communists do not believe in competition but in class-struggle. This system also gives rise to competition-that of the class instead of the individuals. The West thus doesn't think of the whole but rather of the parts. This mode of thinking is, in our view, partial and not holistic.

CO-OPERATION, NOT STRUGGLE

It is not just the fittest who survive in this world, the weak survive too. That is precisely the meaning of civilization, that the weak too are protected. So that the weak may also survive is exactly why medical sciences like Ayurveda are required. The strong and fit will survive anyway. Police too exists for the protection of the weak. The State was created to obviate the justice of the dominant. Society and laws are created so that the strong do not run over

the weak. It can hence be said that the basis of society is co-operation and not struggle. Nature also follows this principle. Vegetation and human life are complementary. There is no struggle between the two. We need oxygen, plants carbon-dioxide; the two thus complement each other.

THE GOOD AND THE EVIL

Struggle is also visible at times, but it is not natural, it is only superficial. Differences are also seen, but they too can be complementary. The character of the lame and the blind is different. Both can't move forward alone but both can help each other do so. In God's creation one suffers from one deficiency and another from another. It is the law of nature that the lame and the blind complete each other. This is the divine spirit. The absence of complementarity denotes the demonic spirit. It has been said by us that there is no plant or herb that is not medicinal in nature. The milkweed plant is harmful when consumed as such, but is beneficial when administered as a medicine. It is essential to mate sickness with the right medicine.

WESTERN DUALISM AND INDIAN MONISM

It is therefore not right to seek struggle in nature. To create unity where there is struggle is our tradition. The West looked for difference only to accentuate it further. That I should survive by eliminating others necessitates the creation of differences and that's the Western approach. Dualism has existed in the West right from the beginning. Some believe that this dualism emanates from the biblical dualism of God and Satan. Marxism and Darwinism reinforce the same dualistic view. As against that, our approach is non-dualistic and non-differentiating. Difference and dualism is only external. The question is how to perceive the underlying oneness. Marriage in our tradition creates oneness between two distinct individuals, that is, husband and wife. In the West they are bound by a contract, they don't become one. Marriage is treated as a contract which may last or may come to an end. We treat husband

and wife as one in this life, in the previous one and also in the life to come. Parvati had married Shiva in her past life itself and does the same in her present life too. Oneness of life and complete absence of difference is a unique aspect of our world-view.

NOT STRUGGLE BUT ONENESS THE BASIS

Differences permeates everything western. Even in communism there is no equality. Struggle and class conflict form its substratum. We haven't looked at struggle as the basis. Struggle is possible but we don't treat it as fundamental to existence, it is not in our nature. We have looked at envy, jealousy etc. as essential enemies of the man. We have not viewed struggle as forming the basis of anything. Integration and unity form the basis of our thinking. The evils of casteism and untouchability grew in our midst, but we made all efforts to eradicate them. As has been said by Saint Ramanand:

जाति पाँति पूछे नाहिं कोई।

हरि को भजे सो हरि का होई।।

God is not bothered about anyone's caste or creed, whoever sings of God, becomes one with Him.

SELF-CENTEREDNESS AND SELFLESS GOOD DEEDS

We believe in neither capitalism nor communism, we believe in integral humanism. We believe in oneness and unity. We have a soul. In harmony, lie divine riches. We progress by according primacy to the divine spirit, by viewing it as the basis of everything. People in the West give primary importance to demonic and destructive practices.

They put self before everything else. On the contrary, we have accorded primary Importance to selflessness and selfless good deeds. Both selfishness and selflessness reside in man, but that the latter Predominates, is a godly conception. ■

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

'BABOSA' BHAIRON SINGH SHEKHAWAT

Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was founder member of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Shri Shekhawat was born on October 23, 1923 at Khaachriavas in Siker district of Rajasthan.

He served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan three times, from 1977 to 1980, 1990 to 1992 and 1993 to 1998. Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat (23 October 1923 – 15 May 2010) was also the 11th Vice President of India. Referred to as

"Rajasthan ka ek hi Singh" (The only lion of Rajasthan) or "Babosa" (Head of the family of Rajasthan), Bhairon Singh Shekhawat entered politics in 1952. In 1952 he was elected MLA from Ramgarh, in 1957 from Sri Madhopur, 1962 and 1967 he was MLA from Kisan Pol.

In 1972 elections he lost but in 1973 he was elected to Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh. In 1975 during emergency he was arrested and sent to Rohtak jail. When Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was Chief Minister, he started the "Antyodaya Yojna" scheme, which was intended to uplift the poorest of the poor. The chairman of the World Bank, Robert McNamara, referred to him as the Rockefeller of India. Shekhawat was also known for his control over bureaucracy and the police.



He had contributed immensely in policies designed to improve literacy and industrialisation in Rajasthan, as well as tourism centered on the themes of heritage, wildlife and villages.

He was also lauded by both, national and international leaders for his historic conduct of the Rajya Sabha. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat passed away on 15 May 2010. ■

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BJP FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE SUBMITS PRELIMINARY REPORT TO JP NADDA

The Bharatiya Janata Party fact-finding committee on the HANSKHALI GANGRAPE AND DEATH case submitted its preliminary report to party National President Shri JP Nadda on 20 April, 2022. The five-member committee constituted by Shri JP Nadda earlier includes;

- BJP National Vice President & MP Smt. Rekha Verma
- Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Minister Smt. Baby Rani Maurya
- BJP National Mahila Morcha President & Tamil Nadu MLA Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan
- Special Invitee, NEC Maharashtra Smt. Khusbu Sunder and
- West Bengal MLA Smt. Rupmitra Chaudhury

Interacting with media persons, panel members Smt. Rupmitra Chaudhury said, "We have submitted a preliminary report to BJP National President Shri JP Nadda about whatever we observed on the ground. We held a discussion over it and he took first-hand knowledge over the matter. We will submit a larger comprehensive report and submit it to him as soon as possible".

EVIDENCE ERASED FROM THE VICTIM'S HOUSE

Smt. Chaudhury further said "In this case, all the evidence has been erased from the victim's house to the crematorium by the administration. Police are not



working and there is an atmosphere of fear among the people of the village. The family members of the deceased do not even know whether she has been burnt or not. Family members are being threatened by the accused side".

Smt. Chaudhury said, "Law and order situation is very bad. Girls are not safe. Violence is happening every day in West Bengal. However, we are hopeful that the truth will come out to the fore following the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe".

Noteworthy, earlier this month, a 14-year-old girl died after she was allegedly gang-raped in Hanskhali in Nadia district of West Bengal. The victim's family accused the son of a Trinamool Congress Panchayat leader in the case. The case is now probed by CBI after Calcutta High Court's order. ■

PM dedicates multiple projects in Gujarat

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation a new dairy complex and potato processing plant at Diyodar, Banaskantha district, built at a cost of over Rs. 600 crores, on April 19.

The Prime Minister also

dedicated the Banas Community Radio Station to the nation. This Community Radio Station has been established to provide farmers key scientific information related to agriculture and animal husbandry.



Shri Modi also dedicated to the nation the expanded facilities for the production of cheese products and whey powder at the Banas dairy plant in Palanpur. Organic Manure and Biogas plant established at Dama, Gujarat was also dedicated by the PM. ■

WHO GLOBAL CENTRE FOR TRADITIONAL MEDICINE A RECOGNITION OF INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION AND POTENTIAL IN THIS FIELD: PM MODI



PM lays foundation stone of WHO Global Centre

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar on April 19, in the presence of the Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravin Kumar Jugnauth and Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO). GCTM will be the first and only global outpost centre for traditional medicine across the world. It will emerge as an international hub of global wellness. Video messages from the Prime Ministers of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and President of Maldives were played on the occasion.

Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) thanked Prime Minister Shri Modi for his leadership in providing all the support for the establishment of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar. The DG termed the centre as a truly global project as 107 WHO member countries have their country specific governmental offices which means the world will come to India for its leadership in the traditional medicine. He said traditional medicines products are abound globally and the centre will go a long way in bringing the promise of the traditional medicine to fruition. For many regions of the world traditional medicine is the first line of treatment.

The Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravin Kumar Jugnauth also thanked the Prime Minister for associating Mauritius with the occasion. He highlighted the importance of indigenous medical system and herbal products in various cultures. He said that there could not have been more opportune time than now for establishment the centre. He underlined the personal contribution of the Prime Minister Modi in taking leadership in establishment of the Centre. "We

are extremely grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, Government of India and the Indian people for this generous contribution", said Mr. Pravin Kumar Jugnauth. He also gave details of legislative recognition to Ayurveda in Mauritius since 1989.

Speaking on the occasion, PM Shri Narendra Modi thanked Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus for his kind words.

The Prime Minister noted Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus's connect with India and his personal involvement in the project of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) he said that his affection has manifested in the shape of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine. Shri Modi assured the DG that his expectations from India will be met.

The Prime Minister said "The WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine is a

recognition of India's contribution and potential in this field". He further declared "India takes this partnership as a huge responsibility for serving the entire humanity."

Shri Modi emphasized that our ultimate goal should be of attaining wellness. He said while staying disease-free may be an important part of the life but ultimate goal has to be wellness. Importance of wellness, said the Prime Minister, was keenly felt during the pandemic period. "The world is looking for new dimension of health care delivery today. I am happy that by giving the slogan 'One planet our health' WHO has promoted the Indian vision of 'One Earth, One Health'.

The Prime Minister said "India's traditional medicine system is not limited to treatment. It is a holistic science of life." Ayurveda goes beyond just healing and treatment, said Shri Modi. "Ayurveda is taken as the knowledge of life and it has been deemed as fifth Veda", Shri Modi said. ■

'EARLIER I COULDN'T SEE, NOW I CAN': EX KENYA PM'S DAUGHTER PRAISES AYURVEDA

The comment came in the backdrop of the World Health Organisation launching its Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar in Gujarat on 19 April, 2022.

Ayurveda, a traditional healing system that has roots in the Indian subcontinent, has now invited praises from the daughter of Raila Odinga, former prime minister of Kenya. Odinga's daughter Rosemary, who regained her eyesight after undergoing Ayurvedic treatment in India in 2019, has said she would take Ayurveda to Kenya as it can help millions of people.

'AYUSH provides a strong support for improving immunity of the people'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 20 inaugurated the 'Global AYUSH Investment & Innovation Summit' at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The Prime Minister of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth and Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) were present on the occasion. Union Ministers Dr Mansukh Mandavia, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Shri Munjapara Mahendrabhai and CM of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel were among those present.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRE IS HISTORIC: DG WHO

Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus expressed his happiness to be present in the state and country of Mahatma Gandhi which he termed as 'pride of the world'. He said that India's philosophy of 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam' is the driving force behind the launch of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar. He said that the establishment of the Centre is historic and will prove to be a game changer.

The DG commended PM Shri Narendra Modi and Indian government for harnessing the power of innovation in public health. He appreciated use of data and integrated information sharing systems in Indian hospitals. Noting the rising global demand and investment in the Ayush products the DG said that the whole world is coming to India and India is going to the whole world. He emphasized long term investment in innovation ecosystem in health in general and traditional medicines in particular; developing traditional medicines by innovators, industry and government in environmentally sustainable and equitable manner and protecting the interest of the communities that developed these traditions should

also benefit when these medicines are brought to the market, including by sharing the fruits of intellectual property.

ESTABLISHED AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL IN MAURITIUS: PM JUGNAUTH

The DG concluded by thanking Prime Minister. "Thank you so much Prime Minister Modi for championing this important initiative. Which I believe that not only the Centre but your championing will bring significant change in the use of traditional medicines", the DG WHO said.

Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth praised India and Gujarat for their contribution in the field of traditional medicine. He also noted India's support in health sphere in his country. Noting the common ancestry with India, the Prime Minister of Mauritius underlined the importance given to Ayurveda in his country. He informed about establishment of an Ayurvedic hospital in Mauritius and thanked India for donation of traditional medicines during the first lockdown.



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- DG, WHO

AYUSH PRODUCTS' DEMAND SURGED DURING CORONA: PM MODI

Speaking on the occasion, the Shri Narendra Modi said that the idea of the Global AYUSH Investment & Innovation Summit came to him during the time of pandemic when Ayush provided a strong support for improving immunity of the people and Ayush products saw surge of interest and demand.

Recalling Indian efforts to tackle the pandemic the Shri Modi noted the promise shown by the modern pharma companies and vaccine manufacturers if they get investment at the right time.

"Who could have imagined that we would be able to develop corona vaccine so soon?", he asked. ■



BY VIKASH ANAND

UNDER MODI INDIA ENGAGING WEST ON ITS TERMS

India and the United States of America recently held their fourth 2+2 ministerial dialogue. Both countries reaffirmed the importance of the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership to international peace and security during the dialogue. They discussed Global Partnership and Indo-Pacific Cooperation, as well as strengthening bilateral commerce and trade relations for mutual prosperity, collaboration in clean energy, science, technology, cyber security, and space, and partnership in global health. The meeting took place after Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's virtual meeting with President Joe Biden. The first 2+2 ministerial dialogue took place in September 2019. After the meeting of the Prime Minister and President, both countries' defence and foreign ministers attend the 2+2 dialogue. In their 11 April discussion, both countries emphasize the critical importance of their partnership for peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and the Indian Ocean Regions. They signed a Space Situational Awareness Agreement between India's Department of Space and the United States Department of Defense. They shared a desire to increase the scope and complexity of our military exercises. Both expressed happiness over India's joining the multilateral Combined Maritime Force (CMF) as an Associate Partner based in Bahrain. It will strengthen cooperation in regional security in the Western Indian Ocean. Both countries welcome the progress made in the last year in developing a positive and constructive agenda for the Quad to deliver peace and prosperity to the region in pursuance of their shared vision for a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. The US reaffirmed its support for India's permanent membership in a reformed UN

Security Council as well as its admission to the Nuclear Suppliers' Group. Recognizing India's distinguished history of leading peacekeeping missions, the US welcomed India's commitment to participate in multilateral peacekeeping training in 2022, expand joint capacity-building efforts with third-country partners, and launch a new joint National Investigation Officers Training of Trainers course in collaboration with the UN.

The United States recently signed the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA). India welcomed the US move and looked forward to supporting projects that would increase the availability of reliable and affordable solar power, such as the \$500 million investment by the DFC in First Solar's facility in India to manufacture solar panels. The United States has expressed its full support for India's upcoming G20 presidency, which will run from December

Under PM Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, India is engaging the West on its terms and placing the country's interests paramount in dealing with major powers in bilateral and multilateral forums. Last year, the Indian leadership took the same approach to meet its defence requirements, inking a deal for the S-400 missile defence system despite pressure from the US to cancel the deal with Russia.

2022 to November 2023. In this context, the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate closely on global security, social, and economic issues of global interest and impact. In 2020 2+2 dialogue India and US had signed Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geospatial Intelligence. In the review meeting in fourth ministerial dialogue, both countries appreciated the progress was made to execute BECA.

While taking questions from the media at a joint press conference in Washington, Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar's response clearly demonstrates that India, under Modi, is engaging with the West on its terms. A journalist from Al Jazeera Rialand Jordan asked Indian ministers, "Keeping in mind that all four of you have talked about deep friendship and alliance between the US and India....

Is it not problematic that after 48 days of the war, India has not condemned Russia's invasion..... several reports suggest that Moscow and Delhi are trying to work out some sort of currency exchange for future energy purchases. Did you tell Minister Jaishankar that there could be a risk of violating current sanctions and the risk of violating CAATSA? Ministers Singh and Jaishankar, why not condemn Russia's invasion? Would not this best reflect India's foreign policy goal and international standing?"

Indian Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar replied, "As Secretary Antony Blinken has pointed out, we have made several statements which outline our position in the UN and in Indian parliament and other forums. And briefly, those positions state that we are against conflict; we are for an urgent cessation of violence, and we are prepared to contribute in multiple ways to these objectives." Shri Jaishankar added, "*I notice you refer to oil purchases from Russia. I would suggest that your attention should be focused on Europe, which probably we do buy some energy which is necessary for our energy security. But I suspect, looking at the figures, I suspect that our total purchase for the month would probably be less than what Europe does in an afternoon. So, you might think about that.*" Dr. Jaishankar said that they had a decent sense of what was in their interest and he knew how to protect it and advance it. US Foreign secretary Blinken also acknowledged the India's energy requirement by saying that every country have different location and different need of energy.

Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on April 13, addressing the press responded to US Secretary

of State Antony Blinken's unsubstantiated remarks that the US was monitoring recent developments in human rights abuses by some governments, police, and prison officials.

Responding to the Blinken remarks, Dr. S. Jaishankar said that India also takes a view on other people's human rights situations, including that of the United States. He added that India constantly raises such matters concerning the Indian community.

Dr. Jaishankar said, "Look, people are entitled to have views about us. But we are also equally entitled to have views about their views and about the interests, and the lobbies and the vote banks which drive that. So, whenever there is a discussion, I can tell you that we will not be reticent about speaking out."

"I would tell you that we also take our views on other people's human rights situation, including the United States. So, we take up human rights issues when they arise in this country, especially when they pertain to our community. And in fact, we had a case yesterday... that's really where we stand on that." Foreign minister S. Jaishankar pointed out the incident of two Indian-American Sikh men being assaulted in hate crimes in New York just a day before he responded to media in Delhi on Blinken's remarks.

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India assures support to Sri Lanka, IMF praises India's help amid crisis

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, on 18 April, 2022 assured help to Sri Lanka, which is facing one of its worst-ever financial crises. Sri Lanka has also been witnessing one of the biggest unrests in history amid mounting public anger as people face shortage of fuel and other essentials and blackouts.

India will "try to extend all possible cooperation" to the neighbouring country, a tweet by the ministry of finance read as smt. Sitharaman met her Sri Lankan counterpart.

India's assistance was also appreciated by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Kristalina Georgieva.

Noteworthy, India has extended financial assistance worth more than \$1.5 billion, including two lines of credit for purchasing fuel, food and medicines, to help the neighbouring nation tackle the current challenges. ■





PM AT 400TH PARKASH PURAB CELEBRATION, NEW DELHI

'SACRIFICE OF GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI INSPIRED MANY GENERATIONS OF INDIA'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the celebrations of the 400th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji at Red Fort in New Delhi on April 21. The Prime Minister offered prayers to Shri Guru Teg Bahadur ji. The Prime Minister sat in prayer when 400 Ragis offered shabad/kirtan. Shri Modi was honoured by the Sikh leadership on the occasion. Shri Modi also released a commemorative coin and postage stamp on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, PM Shri Modi said that by the grace of the Gurus the country is going ahead as per the teachings of the revered Gurus. The Prime Minister bowed at the feet of the Gurus. The Prime Minister underlined the historical significance of Red Fort as it witnessed the martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji and has been a reflection of the history and aspiration of the nation. In this backdrop today's programme at this historical venue assumes great significance, he said.

Shri Modi emphasized that India's freedom from hundreds of year of slavery and India's independence can't be separated from its spiritual and cultural journey. That is why, the country is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and 400th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji together with identical resolve. "Our Gurus always took the responsibility of society and culture along with knowledge and spirituality. They

made strength a medium of service", he added.

The Prime Minister said "This land of India is not just a country but it is our great heritage and a great tradition. It has been nourished by our sages, Gurus with hundreds of thousands of years of tapsaya and enrichment of its thoughts."

Shri Modi said that nearby Gurudwara Sheeshganj Sahib, which is symbol of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji's immortal sacrifice, reminds us about the enormity of Guru Teg Bahadur's sacrifice. The Prime Minister recalled the religious fanaticism and the extreme atrocities of those who resorted to violence in the name of religion in that period.

"At that time, a great hope for India to save its identity emerged in the form of Guru Tegh Bahadur ji. In front of Aurangzeb's tyrannical thinking Guru Tegh Bahadur ji, stood as 'Hind di Chadar', like a rock.", the Prime Minister said. The sacrifice

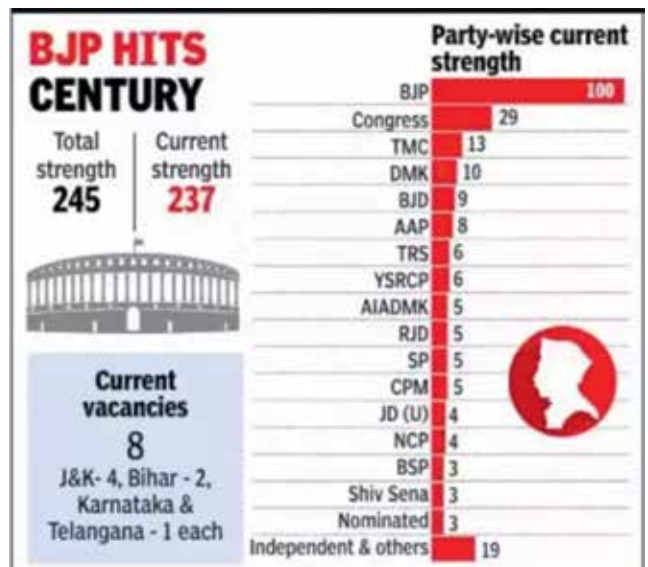
of Guru Tegh Bahadur ji has inspired many generations of India to live and die to protect the dignity of their culture and for its honor and respect. Big powers have disappeared, big storms have calmed down, but India still stands immortal, moving forward, he added.

Shri Modi stressed, once again the world is looking towards India with hope and expectation. "We feel blessings of Guru Tegh Bahadur ji everywhere in the aura of New India", he said. ■

BJP FIRST PARTY SINCE 1988 TO CROSS 100-SEAT MARK IN RAJYA SABHA

The Bharatiya Janata Party has become the first party since 1988 to touch the 100-seat mark in the Rajya Sabha with the results of biennial elections to the Upper House. The rise of BJP numbers in the House has been accompanied by a decline in Congress numbers as the opposition party has lost a string of assembly polls since 2014. The loss in many states has further brought down Congress numbers and the party will be close to losing the status of Leader of Opposition by July this year.

- The BJP and NDA's growing strength in Rajya Sabha is also likely to translate into the government legislation having a smoother passage in the upper House.
- In the recently held elections, BJP candidate Dr. Sikandar Kumar was elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha from Himachal Pradesh. The party now has all seats from the state in the Upper House of Parliament.
- Smt. S Phangnon Konyak, who is the President of Nagaland BJP Mahila Morcha, was also elected unopposed to the Upper House. She is the first Rajya Sabha MP of the BJP from Nagaland.
- Tripura BJP President Shri Manik Saha won the lone



Rajya Sabha seat from the state and become the first member of BJP from the state in the Upper House.

- BJP and its ally United People's Party Liberal won the two Rajya Sabha seats in Assam for which polling was held. For the first time, Congress will have no Rajya Sabha MP from Assam. ■

BJP SWEEPS ELECTIONS TO UTTAR PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The BJP got an absolute majority on 12 April, 2022 in the biennial elections to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, weeks after its record victory in the state assembly elections.

The state's legislative council has 100 seats and 36 vacant seats voted a few days ago. Now the party will enjoy a majority in both houses of Uttar Pradesh for the first time in decades.

The opposition Samajwadi Party of Akhilesh Yadav has not managed to win a single seat in the election. The voters in these elections are MPs, MLAs, urban corporators and village level representatives like Pradhans.

Congratulating the victorious candidates, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in a tweet said the BJP's victory in the polls had made it clear that under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, people of the state are with nationalism, growth and good governance. ■

BIHAR MLC ELECTION RESULTS 2022: NDA BAGS 13 SEATS

The ruling NDA in Bihar came on the top in Legislative Council polls in the state held for 24 seats. Of the 24 MLC seats, the NDA won 13 (BJP 7, JDU 5 and RLJP 1) while the RJD could only manage 6 seats. Congress that contested the polls won one seat while one independent also secured victory.



The voting in 24 local authority constituencies were held on April 04 via ballot paper. All 24 seats of the local authority category were vacant since July 2021.

The legislative council of Bihar consists of a total of 75 seats. As many as 187 candidates were in the fray across 24 seats. ■

11 BILLS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES

SAW A PRODUCTIVITY OF APPROX 129%

The Budget Session 2022 of Parliament, which commenced on, 31 January 2022, has been adjourned 07 on April 2022. The first part of the Budget Session yielded a total of 10 sittings of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. In the second part of the Session, there were 17 sittings of both Houses.

During the first part of the Session, keeping in mind Covid situation Lok Sabha has used Lok Sabha Chamber, Lok Sabha Public Gallery, Rajya Sabha Chamber and Rajya Sabha Public Gallery for its sittings while Rajya Sabha has used Rajya Sabha Chamber, Rajya Sabha Public Gallery and Lok Sabha Chamber for its sittings. Lok Sabha sat from 4 pm to 9 pm (with extended time, whenever required) daily except on 31.01.2022 and 1.02.2022 when they sat first. Rajya Sabha had its meetings from 9 am to 3 pm (with extended time, whenever required)

daily except on 31.01.2022 and 1.02.2022 when they sat second. In the second part of the Session, the timing of the Houses was reverted back to the normal hours ie. from 11am to 6 pm (with extended time, whenever required) following all protocols.



This being the first Session of the year, the President addressed both Houses of Parliament assembled together in terms of Article 87(1) of the Constitution, on 31st January, 2022. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha was moved by Shri Harish Dwivedi and seconded by Shri Kamlesh Paswan. This item engaged the Lok Sabha for 15 Hours 13 minutes against allotted 12 Hours. In Rajya Sabha it was moved by Shrimati Geeta alias Chandraprabha and seconded by Shri Shwait Malik. This item engaged the Rajya Sabha for 12 Hours 56 minutes against allotted 12 Hours. The Motions of Thanks were discussed and adopted after reply from the Hon'ble Prime Minister by the two Houses during the first part of the Session.

The Union Budget for 2022- 23 was presented on the 1st of February, 2022. General Discussion on the Union Budget was held in both Houses in the first part of the Session. This engaged the Lok Sabha for 15 Hours 35 minutes against allotted 12 Hours and Rajya Sabha for 11 Hours 01 minute

against allotted 11 Hours.

During this Session a total of 13 Bills (12 in Lok Sabha and 01 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced. 13 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 11 Bills were passed by Rajya Sabha. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament is 11.

Some of the major Bills passed by both Houses during the Session are as under :-

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (IDENTIFICATION) BILL, 2022

To authorise for taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters and to preserve records and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

THE DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

To (i) unify the three municipal corporations into a single, integrated and well equipped entity; (ii) ensure a robust mechanism for synergised



BJP SC Morcha celebrates 132nd Birth Anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar

The 132nd birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was celebrated at BJP Central Office in New Delhi on 14th April, 2022.

On this occasion, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, General Secretary (Organization), Shri BL Santosh, National General Secretary Shri Dushyant Gautam, SC Morcha National President Shri Lal Singh Arya, other senior leaders and karyakartas paid their floral tribute at the portrait of Dr. Ambedkar.

Apart from this a grand programme was also organized by the Scheduled Castes Morcha at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.

Speaking on this occasion SC Morcha President Shri Lal Singh Arya expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who is working to fulfil the dreams of Baba Saheb. He said PM Shri Modi has introduced many welfare schemes for scheduled caste community since 2014 which helping them in a big way to stand with the mainstream of the society. ■

BJYM organises programmes for Panchayat Representatives

The BJYM organized programmes and conclaves for young pradhans, BDC members & elected representatives at the district level and councillors (Parshads) in all the districts throughout India on 24th April. These programmes were attended by senior leaders of the BJP and put forward the importance of Panchayati Raj and Municipalities in decentralized Governance & Activism.

These programmes were organised to encourage and honour the foundational democratic pillars of our society. Speaking on the occasion BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya remarked that Panchayati Raj institution is the soul of participatory democracy. ■

and strategic planning and optimal utilisation of resources; (iii) bring about greater transparency, improved governance and more efficient delivery of civic service for the people of Delhi.

THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

To amend Part XV.—Tripura of the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 to insert “Darlong” community as a sub-tribe of “Kuki” after sub-tribe “(iii) Chhalya” in entry 9 in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES) ORDERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

To omit Bhogta community from the list of Scheduled Castes in relation to the State of Jharkhand and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 for inclusion of certain communities in the lists of Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Jharkhand.

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND THEIR DELIVERY SYSTEMS (PROHIBITION OF UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES) AMENDMENT BILL, 2022

It was also passed by Lok Sabha which seeks to— (a) prohibit financing of any activity in relation to weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems; (b) empower the Central Government to— (i) freeze, seize or attach funds or other financial assets or economic resources for preventing such financing; (ii) prohibit making available funds, financial assets or economic resources for any prohibited activity in relation to weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.

Three Short Duration Discussions under Rule 193 were held in Lok Sabha.

- First on climate change which was initiated on 8th December, 2021
- Second on need to promote sports in India and steps taken by the Government (remained inconclusive)
- Third on situation in Ukraine.

The productivity of Lok Sabha during the Budget Session, 2022 was approx. 129% and that of Rajya Sabha was 98%. ■



BRITISH PM'S INDIA VISIT

PM MODI & BRITISH PM BORIS JOHNSON SET DIWALI DEADLINE TO CONCLUDE TALKS FOR FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The British Prime Minister Mr. Boris Johnson was in India for two days (April 21-22). During their meeting on April 22, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Johnson decided to expand India-UK defence collaboration, including joint production and co-development of fighter jets and next-generation jet engine technology, to give a boost to the two countries' comprehensive strategic partnership, which was announced last year.

The two sides have also directed their respective officials to complete free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations by Diwali.

"Both countries' teams are working on the subject of the Free Trade Agreement." The negotiations are making good progress. And we have decided to make every effort to complete the FTA by the end of this year," Shri Modi said.

"We have also agreed to strengthen cooperation in the defense sector," Shri Modi added. We welcome the United Kingdom's support for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in all areas of manufacturing, technology, design, and development in the defence sector."

INDIA A "STUNNING AND SHINING" COUNTRY: PM JOHNSON

The British Prime Minister, referring to India as

a "stunning and shining" country, stated that the two countries would increasingly collaborate to strengthen each other's domestic defence industries. He announced a "open general export licence" to facilitate technology transfer, allowing Indian defence firms to participate in the United Kingdom's aviation and naval shipbuilding programmes.

"Our new and expanding defence and security partnership will enable India to strengthen its own domestic defence industry as well as protect vital shared interests in the Indo-Pacific," Johnson said at a press conference before leaving for the UK.

According to the British PM, India and the UK should constantly focus on "sticking together and confronting our shared anxieties on autocratic coercions around the world, and act together to make our countries safe and more prosperous."

"India is an incredible rising Asian power, with one of the world's fastest-growing economies... "India is also our most important partner in the Indo-Pacific, which is becoming the world's geopolitical centre," he added.

He also stated that the two countries' national security advisors (NSA), defence, and foreign ministers would meet in a rolling programme to kickstart all projects. ■

CABINET APPROVALS



CABINET APPROVES DISTRIBUTION OF FORTIFIED RICE ACROSS GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 8 has accorded its approval for supply of fortified rice throughout the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman-PM POSHAN [erstwhile Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM)] and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) of Government of India in all States and Union Territories (UTs) by 2024 in a phased manner.

The entire cost of rice fortification (around Rs. 2,700 crore per annum) would be borne by the Govt. of India as part of food subsidy till its full implementation upto June, 2024.

The following three phases are envisaged for full implementation of the initiative:

- PHASE-I: COVERING ICDS AND PM POSHAN IN INDIA ALL OVER BY MARCH, 2022 WHICH IS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION.
- PHASE-II: PHASE I ABOVE PLUS TPDS AND OWS IN ALL ASPIRATIONAL AND HIGH BURDEN DISTRICTS ON STUNTING (TOTAL 291 DISTRICTS) BY MARCH 2023.
- PHASE-III: PHASE II ABOVE PLUS COVERING THE REMAINING DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTRY BY MARCH 2024.

As part of vigorous implementation efforts, the Department of Food and Public distribution has been coordinating all ecosystem related activities with all relevant stakeholders like State Government / UT, line Ministries/Department, Development Partners, Industries, Research Institutes etc. The FCI and State Agencies are already engaged in procurement of fortified rice and so far nearly 88.65 LMT of fortified rice has been procured for the supply and distribution.

Prime Minister of India in his address on the 75th Independence Day (15th August, 2021) made

an announcement on Fortification of Rice so as to provide nutrition to every poor person of the country to overcome malnutrition and lack of essential nutrients in women, children, lactating mothers etc. as it poses major obstacles in their development.

CABINET APPROVES SIGNING OF MOC BETWEEN INDIA AND JAPAN IN DECENTRALIZED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 13 has given its ex-post facto approval for a Memorandum of Cooperation () signed between the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD&GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti and The Ministry of the Environment of Japan in the areas of Decentralized Domestic Waste Water Management.

A Management Council (MC) will be formed which will be responsible for the implementation of this MoC by formulating detailed activities of collaboration and the monitoring of its progress.

The collaboration with Japan through the MoC shall prove to very fruitful in areas such as Decentralized Domestic Wastewater Management and Effective reuse of treated wastewater using Johkasou technology. The decentralized Johkasou systems towards management of wastewater can have greater implications for management of grey/black water from settlements with coverage under Jal Jeevan Mission as well as the sustainability of sources of fresh water under the mission, besides similar situation under Namami Gange Programme. It will help ULBs to plan better for the complex issue of treating waste water.

A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Department of Water Resources River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, the Ministry of Jal Shakti and Ministry of the Environment of Japan in the areas of Decentralized Domestic Waste Water Management on 19.03.2022. ■

BJP ALLIANCE SWEEPS GUWAHATI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ELECTION; CONGRESS DRAWS BLANK

The BJP and its allies swept the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) elections on 24 April 2022, which were held after a gap of nine years. Out of total 60 wards, the BJP-AGP alliance won 58 wards (of the 58 seats, 3 candidate are elected unopposed). Both AAP and AJP managed to win one ward each. Altogether 197 candidates were in the fray in 57 wards.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda congratulated Assam BJP for its sweeping victory in Guwahati



Municipal Elections 2022.

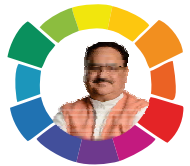
Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma led the BJP's election campaign, addressing multiple rallies across the city.

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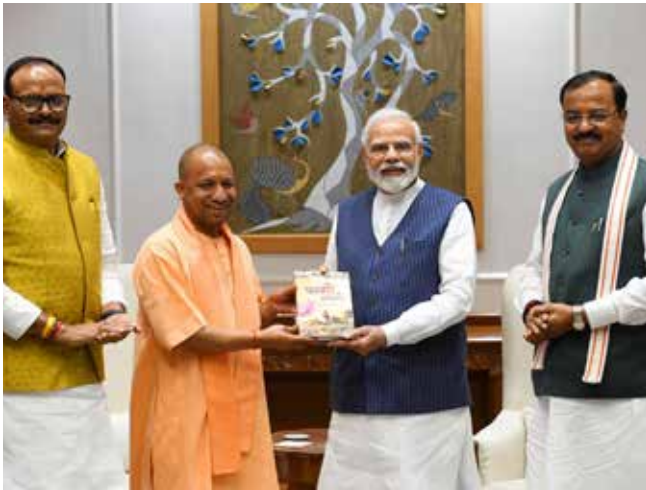


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