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'AATMANIRBHAR BIHAR'**



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda waving at people in an election rally in Bettiah, Bihar



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda garlanding the statue of famous social reformer Thakur Panchanan Burma in Bagdogra, West Bengal



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda prays in Anandmayi Kalibari temple and seeks blessings for the happiness, peace and prosperity of West Bengal



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda offers prayer at Patna Sahib Gurudwara in Bihar



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda releases a booklet 'Sashakt Panchayat-Samarth Bihar' in Karyakarta's meeting in Aara, Bihar

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@narendramodi



India's fight against COVID-19 has been a spirited one. Our country has kept the mortality rates low. Medical infrastructure has been ramped up, testing capacity has been significantly scaled up. These are positive signs. **HOWEVER, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY!**

@amitshah

Modi government is synonymous with prosperity. I congratulate PM @narendramodi ji for bringing joy in the lives of about 30.67 lakh central government employees before this festive season by approving the immediate payment of bonus into their accounts in today's cabinet meeting.



@nitin_gadkari



Being built with an investment of Rs. 693.97 crore, the multi modal logistics park will become a milestone in the development of North East. The project will reduce logistic cost and bring global opportunities to the region. It is being developed under Bharatmala Pariyojana.

@JPNadda

Thank you Respected Shri@narendramodiji for approving productivity and non-productivity related bonuses for 2019-2020 by Union Cabinet. With a bonus of Rs 3,737 crore through DBT, 30 lakh employees will be able to celebrate the festivals with their families.



@rajnathsingh

It is the resolve of the Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji that every poor in the country should have a pucca house by 2022. This is the first time in independent India when six thousand rupees are being sent directly to the account of farmers under the Kisan Samman Nidhi. This government is the biggest benefactor of farmers.



@blsanthosh

Smt Sonia Gandhi, @INCIndia President says Democracy is in danger. We agree fully. Yesterday was a day when her party's ex CM of MP Sri Kamalnath mentions Smt Imarati Devi, @BJP4MP candidate, a Dalit woman as 'item' in his speech.



CABINET APPROVES BONUS FOR 30 LAKH Non-Gazetted EMPLOYEES



The Bonus will be transferred through DBT in a single installment, before Vijayadashami

- Productivity linked bonus of ₹2791 Cr
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Happy Diwali



KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
wishes a very happy
DIWALI (14 NOVEMBER)
to all of its readers

PEOPLE OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTING VISION OF AN 'AATMANIRBHAR BIHAR'

As the sounding of the poll bugle in Bihar has initiated the democratic process in the state, people are expressing their overwhelming support to NDA candidates in the ongoing campaign for assembly elections. The NDA government in Bihar under the leadership of the chief minister Shri Nitish Kumar is credited for ending the 15-year long 'Jungle raj' of Lalu Yadav regime and for heralding an era of peace, progress, good governance and development. In the last 15-year of NDA rule, Bihar witnessed all round development as it was rescued from the clutches of corruption, crime, casteism, misrule, open suppression of democratic voices and anti-development and regressive policies. The state has many achievements which can be felt by the people who are experiencing change in governance, work culture, development and restoration of law and order in the state. The state is marching on the path of rapid progress while recording its achievements on various parameters of growth and development kindling new hope for the future.

The people of Bihar will never forget the 15-year long 'Jungle raj' of RJD regime which still lurks in the memory of people as a nightmare. But it seems that RJD has failed to take lessons from its past misdeeds as it has aligned itself with the forces which are not only anti-democratic but believe in anarchy and violence. Its alliance with Communist parties is a warning signal for the peace loving people of state about the things to come in future. The coming together of 'goonda culture' of RJD and 'gun culture' of communists may create havoc for the people of Bihar pushing the state to a period of anarchy and violence. At the same time, while RJD represents the worst form of dynastic politics, it has found a natural ally in Congress which instead of democracy believes in dynasty of one family. In fact the coming together of RJD, Congress and Communists signify the alliance of regressive forces whose only aim is to somehow grab power to serve the family and their vested interests in politics. Such alliance can never succeed in a state like Bihar having a glorious history of giving the message of democracy and nationalism to the entire world.

If one tries to compare the achievements of last 15-year of NDA rule with the performance of Lalu regime, the real picture of Bihar's achievements during NDA rule emerges. The GDP growth rate of the state has increased from a meagre 3.19% to more than 11% in the last 15 years of NDA rule with agriculture registering a growth from 2.35% to 8.50%. The per capita income has also leaped from only Rs. 8,000/- to Rs. 43,822/- now. While Bihar has witnessed

100% electrification, 96% of its roads have been made pucca during NDA rule. The state has not only seen a whopping agricultural growth but the industrial development at 17% is extremely remarkable by any standard. Apart from these incredible achievements, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always held Bihar close to his heart and gave special attention for its growth and development. While implementing his vision for the state, he not only gave a special package of Rs.1.25 lakh crore but also gave additional assistance of Rs.40,000 crore for development of the state. It is resulting in building of top class infrastructure for Bihar which will create new growth stories for the state in the days to come.

While taking inspiration from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call for an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', BJP has committed itself to make an 'Aatmanirbhar Bihar'. The people are supporting this vision of self-reliance overwhelmingly everywhere in the state sensing which BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has rightly observed that people of Bihar have already made up their minds to vote NDA into power again. As Bihar resolves to continue to tread on the path of peace, progress, good governance and development, people are reiterating their support to NDA and coming out overwhelmingly for building an 'Aatmanirbhar Bihar'. ■

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NDA WILL RETURN TO POWER IN THE STATE: PM

PM SHRI NARENDRA MODI ADDRESSES THREE RALLIES IN THE WAKE OF UPCOMING BIHAR ASSEMBLY POLLS

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed three public meetings on 23 October at Sasaram, Gaya and Bhagalpur. The people came out in large numbers to listen to the Prime Minister expressing their support for NDA in the coming assembly elections. As the massive gatherings at all these venues swelled, the PM's appeal to support NDA candidates in the polls received overwhelming response from the people. The highlights of the meetings are following:

BIADA GROUND, SASARAM

Addressing his maiden rally in poll bound Bihar, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi appealed to the voters of the state and said that NDA will return to power in the state. He said NDA is committed to build a strong and 'Aatmanirbhar Bihar'. "Even before polls people of Bihar gave their message, all surveys show NDA govt will retain power in the state," PM Modi said in Sasaram.

Addressing the people of Bihar PM slammed the

opposition parties for opposing the farm bills and said that cry against MSP is just an excuse to protect middlemen.

He further said NDA govt abrogated Article 370. These people say they will bring it back if they come to power. After saying this they dare to ask for votes from Bihar. Is this not an insult of Bihar - the state which sends its sons and daughters to the borders to protect the country?

PM accused RJD-led opposition to make Bihar a 'Bimaru' state and said, "The people who once ruled Bihar are again looking at the developing state with their greedy eyes. But, Bihar must not forget who pushed them backwards, that was the time when there was worsening law & order situation and corruption in the state."

Lauding the people of Bihar for the way they are fighting the battle against COVID-19, PM said that the decisions and steps taken by the state government and people of Bihar against the pandemic are highly commendable.

“Bihar lost its two sons recently. I pay my respects to Ram Vilas Paswanji, who was with me till his last breath and gave his entire life for the welfare of the poor and Dalits. Similarly, Babu Raghuvansh Prasad Singh ji also worked for the poor. I pay respects to him,” PM Modi said while beginning his speech.

GANDHI MAIDAN, GAYA

In Bhagalpur, PM said that the people of Bihar have decided to bring NDA back to power under CM Shri Nitish Kumar. He tore into the opposition for ‘not caring about farmers’ and reiterated that the farm laws will benefit the farming community in the state. Prime Minister also highlighted the Central government’s Swamitva yojna and pressed for ‘Aatmanirbhar’ call by urging voters to ‘buy local’.

PM Shri Modi slammed corrupt ‘family politicians’ and said that those who did politics for gains of their own families, do not deserve to return to power in the state.

People of Bihar know that it is important to make Shri Nitish Kumar the CM again for faster development of the state. The parties who are today standing against NDA are against the growth of the country, said PM Shri Modi.

He further stated that Bihar deserves a quality education. Can it be ensured by those who don’t even know the value of education or by those who are working 24/7 to bring IITs and AIIMS to Bihar?

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi urged each and every citizen of Bihar that they must cast their vote in the upcoming Bihar elections, following all the guidelines and social distancing norms related to coronavirus. Also, I will like to appeal to all to ‘Go Local’ while you shop for the festivals this year, promote local artisans, said PM Shri Modi.

HAWAI ADDA MAIDAN, BHAGALPUR

Shortly later, while addressing a rally in Gaya, PM talked about the developments undertaken by the NDA government in the state. Slamming the Mahagathbandhan for ‘supporting Naxals’, PM said that the NDA is committed to empowering Bihar.

He said, “The opposition parties have formed a ‘pitara’ against NDA, they call it ‘Mahagathbandhan’. But each and every citizen of Bihar is aware of every bit of that Mahagathbandhan which allowed Naxal movement in the past.”

When action is taken on people who break the country, these people go and stand with them, PM Shri Modi stated, adding that the model of these people has been to make Bihar sick and helpless.

“In the last few years, a lot of effort and strict actions have been taken to limit the activities of Naxals in the country. Naxal presence has now been restricted to limited areas,” he added.

PM Shri Modi further stated that Bihar elections are important due to two reasons, this is the first major election taking place amid COVID-19 where such a large number of polling is going to take place.

“So, it’s important how Bihar will strengthen the public system while staying safe,” he added.

“Secondly, this election is the first election of Bihar in this decade. With the victory of NDA, this election will strengthen Bihar’s role in this decade. The people of Bihar were harmed in the 90’s. Bihar was pushed into a morass of

chaos and people have experienced it,” he added.

Even today, at the root of many problems of Bihar, is the chaos and misrule of the 90s’ decade. the state has come a long way, he added.

“Today you see a new Bihar being formed. The need for lanterns (RJD’s electoral symbol) in today’s Bihar is over. Today every poor household in Bihar has electricity, connection. Roads worth about Rs 22,000 crores have been built in villages of Bihar under PM SadakYojana,” said PM Shri Modi.

“Today institutes like engineering, medical colleges are being opened in Bihar. The state has also seen the time when the children here craved for even small schools. This entire region of Gaya has been the centre of knowledge, faith and spirituality of India,” he added.

PM Shri Modi stated that technology has shown its power in Bihar as well by empowering the poor people. ■

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORK FOR A DEVELOPED BIHAR: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed many rallies in support of NDA candidates in the Bihar assembly elections during his pravas in the state on 15-16 October and 20-21 October drawing huge support from the people. He addressed a large public rally at the Rajkiya Inter College ground in Karakat (Vikramganj, Gandhi Maidan in Goh (Aurangabad) on October 15. In the evening the BJP National President also addressed NDA meeting at Gopal Narayan Singh University auditorium at Jamuhar in Rohtas. The meeting was attended by BJP district presidents, district incharge, MPs, assembly seat contestants, assembly incharge and other important functionaries of NDA. On October 16, Shri JP Nadda addressed a large rally at Bhaida Mod ground in Barahat (Banka), in late afternoon, around 03:00 PM, he addressed another public rally at the Hisua (Navada) inter college ground.

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda commenced his two day Bihar visit on October 20 addressing a massive election rally at Kila Maidan in Buxar. At 3 pm, he addressed another big public rally at Maharaja College Ground in Arrah. The BJP National President then also addressed an NDA meeting at Hotel Park View, Shaheed Bhawan Chowk in Arrah. District Presidents, MPs, district incharge, Assembly constituency incharge, assembly convenors, Assembly seat contestants, district functionaries and all important BJP and NDA leaders were present in the meeting.

On October 21 Shri JP Nadda addressed a massive election rally at Bada Ramna Bazar in Bettiah which was followed by another big public rally in Motihari's Pipra assembly constituency. The highlights are following:



KARAKAT, ROHTAS AND GOH, AURANGABAD

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda at two massive Bihar assembly election rallies held on October 15 in Karakat (Rohtas) and Goh (Aurangabad) in Bihar said that the people of Bihar have already made up their minds to again bring NDA in power in the state under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the able leadership of Shri Nitish Kumar. NDA will once again register historic win in Bihar. Wherever there is NDA in power, there is development and progress, and confidence and grit to move ahead in the path of progress and prosperity.

He said that in the past 15 years, Bihar under the NDA rule has moved away from 'bahubal' and embraced 'vikas bal'. NDA government has ended

'jungle raj' and established rule of law and order. Under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, the journey of progress and development will be further accelerated and it will also lead to economic revolution in the state.

He added that in the past five years, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has fulfilled all his promises made for growth and development of Bihar. He fulfilled his promise to give special package of Rs.1.25 lakh crore to Bihar besides giving additional schemes worth over Rs.40,000 crore to Bihar which are now functional. These days Rashtriya Janata Dal and Congress parties are talking about growth and development of Bihar and making tall promises. I thank Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi whose politics of growth and development now has forced opposition parties to talk about betterment and progress of Bihar.

BARAHAT, BANKA AND HISUA, NAWADA, BIHAR

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda while addressing public rallies at Barahat (Banka) and Hisua (Nawada) in Bihar on October 16, said that what the BJP promises to the people, it always fulfils it. We have a solid track record of implementing on the ground all the promises that we have made. BJP and NDA is committed to bring about positive changes in the society and country under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The real force behind the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) was CPI (ML) which is a front of Left-supported terrorism and Naxalism. RJD is letting CPI (ML) use its platform to make a political entry which will prove to be very dangerous for peace and progress of Bihar.

He further said that the parties and people who ruled Bihar for 15 years and promoted 'jungle raj' in the state should say sorry to the people of Bihar. They first finished a good education system in Bihar by opening 'charwaha school', then they converted schools into 'charagah', and as if it was not enough, they did one of India's biggest scam called 'chara gholata' (fodder scam).

He said that though other parties merely engage

in talks of welfare measures for farmers, it is only Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who has implemented 1.5 times minimum support price for farmers' produce. Shri Modi is also instrumental in implementing revolutionary schemes like Kisan Samman Nidhi and also bringing in farm reforms that will strengthen our farmers financially.

He added that standing tall against the Chinese on the borders. Prime Minister Modiji has ensured construction of 4,700 kilometres of road along the border with China from Arunachal Pradesh to Ladakh in the last 6 years. Under the leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has shown to China and Pakistan that it is capable of effectively defending itself.

He further said that in the last 15 years in Bihar, the NDA government has led the state on a journey from 'laltain' (lantern) Raj to LED Raj, Jungle Raj to Kanoon Raj and from 'Bahubal' to 'Vikas Bal'. We are committed to work for a developed Bihar.

MASSIVE RALLIES AT BUXAR AND AARAH

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on October 20 addressed massive election rallies at two places in Bihar -- at Buxar the land associated with Maharshi Vishwamitra and Aarah which is known for contributions of Babu Veer Kunwar Singh.

The BJP National President said the picture is very clear that NDA will form a majority government in Bihar. The people of Bihar have already made up their minds to continue with progressive and development oriented government of NDA under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and leadership of Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar.

He pointed out that in the election posters of Rashtriya Janata Dal, pictures of Tejaswi Yadav are visible while Lalu Prasad Yadav is missing. Lalu Yadav Ji's son has removed his photographs from all election material because he knows that Bihar's



electorate are mature and sensible as they know that the rule of 'lantrn' is long gone and rule of 'LED' government has taken over to take Bihar on the path of progress and development.

IN THE LAST 15 YEARS IN BIHAR, THE NDA GOVERNMENT HAS LED THE STATE ON A JOURNEY FROM 'LALTAIN' (LANTERN) RAJ TO LED RAJ, JUNGLE RAJ TO KANOON RAJ AND FROM 'BAHUBAL' TO 'VIKAS BAL'. WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORK FOR A DEVELOPED BIHAR.

He said that Congress has no achievements to talk about. The irony is that Congress leaders are campaigning for Bihar elections but talking about Pakistan and China, this is what reflects how ideologically bankrupt they are. Today, Congress leaders are openly praising Pakistan and the leader who is leading from the front are their leader Rahul Gandhi.

He added that when the entire world is talking about how Indians fought unitedly again Covid19 and how Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led from the front in this fight, Rahul Gandhi is busy talking about Pakistan. Rahul Gandhi is speaking same anti-national language which is spoken by terrorists, separatists and anti-national forces. Congress had reached its lowest ebb, its leader Rahul Gandhi has stooped to his lowest. May God give Congress and its leaders some mental balance.

He pointed out that the Congress has even forgotten October 31 which is birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel -- the leader who laid the foundation of a strong and integrated India, Congress leaders and its workers never

remember and pay tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Congress leaders don't visit his 'samadhi' neither they go to visit his massive statue, which is a modern wonder, as it doesn't suit their negative form of politics.

PUBLIC RALLIES IN BETTIAH AND MOTIHARI, BIHAR

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on October 21, 2020 addressed two massive election rallies at Bada Ramna Maidan in Bettiah and Gandhi Maidan at Motihari, which is also known as the 'karmbhoomi' of Mahatma Gandhi. Shri Nadda appealed to the people of Bihar to once again elect NDA Government to ensure unhindered growth and development of Bihar. Bihar BJP President Dr Sanjay Jaiswal and all the NDA candidates were present at the rallies.

Shri JP Nadda said that when the Centre is ruled by charismatic and progressive leader Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Bihar is under the command of Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, the progress and growth will continue unhindered.

He said that Tejaswi Yadav today says he will give employment, but I want to ask him that does he know that it was due to misrule and anarchy under Lalu Prasad Yadav rule that youngsters were forced to migrate from Bihar and your father did not bother to ensure them better life and livelihood. It is Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar who have ensured employment and a better life to people of Bihar. This is the same RJD which opened Charwaha schools in Bihar and ruined education system. They indulged in massive 'fodder scam' and ruined Bihar. Today their leader is sitting in Ranchi.



On the other hand Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar gave children good education and culture. During RJD rule crime, anarchy and terror prevailed in Bihar. People who today enjoying NDA rule good governance should not forget how they were terrorised and tortured under RJD 'jungle raj'. People of Bihar do not want to return to RJD 'Lantern rule', rule of 'bahubal' and 'jungle raj'. They want to live and prosper under 'vikas raj' of NDA.

He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah ended Section 370 to fulfil

dreams of Indians to have 'Ek Vidhan, Ek Pradhan, Ek Nishaan'. But Congress leader P Chidambaram is saying Congress will restore Section 370 if they come to power. He further added that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has special bonding with Bihar. Whatever he has promised for Bihar, he has delivered. He not only gave a special package of Rs.1.25 lakh crore to Bihar but also gave additional assistance of Rs.40,000 crore for development of the State. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave fillip to our economy and infrastructure by kick-starting Gareeb Kalyan Yojna worth Rs.1.70 lakh crore and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' worth Rs.20 lakh crore have led to empowerment of crores of Indian workers and ensured livelihood of crores of poor working class. ■

WHEN THE CENTRE IS RULED BY CHARISMATIC AND PROGRESSIVE LEADER PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI AND BIHAR IS UNDER THE COMMAND OF CHIEF MINISTER SHRI NITISH KUMAR, THE PROGRESS AND GROWTH WILL CONTINUE UNHINDERED.

TOWARDS AN 'AATMANIRBHAR BIHAR'



Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on 22 October in Patna released BJP Vision Document – Bihar Sankalp Patra- 2020 for an 'Aatmanirbhar Bihar'. The vision document promises to open the gate for all-round development of the state so that people of Bihar can become self-reliant in every field. While releasing the Vision Document, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman said, "I appeal to all the people of the state to vote for NDA and make it win. Nitish Kumar will be the Chief Minister of Bihar for the next 5 years. Under his rule, Bihar will become a progressive & developed state of India". BJP Bihar State In-charge Shri Bhupender Yadav and BJP Bihar State President Shri Sanjay Jaiswal were present among other senior leaders

on the occasion.

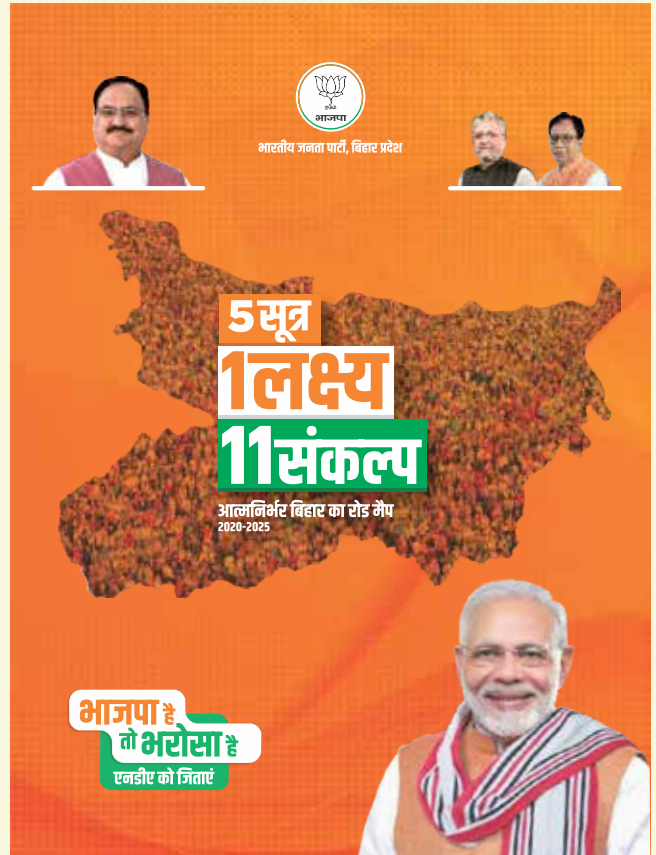
THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE FOLLOWING:

1. In the fight against Corona, the NDA government of Bihar has set a good example before the country. It is our resolve that as soon as ICMR approves the vaccine of Corona, every Bihar resident will get free vaccination.
2. The role of language in the national education policy has been given importance by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government. In view of this, we will ensure that the medical, engineering and technical education will be offered in Hindi language in Bihar.
3. The NDA government employed 3.5

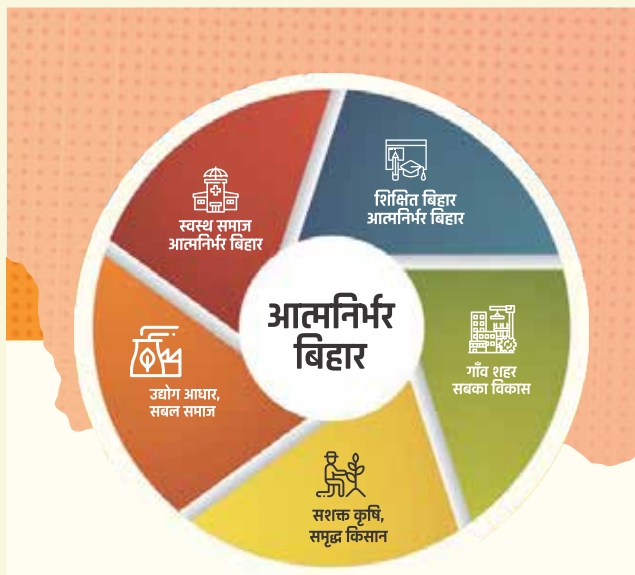
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lakh teachers in Bihar. Taking this forward, in the coming one year, all schools, universities and institutes of higher education will appoint 3 lakh new teachers.

4. The IT business in India currently stands at US \$ 177 billion. Taking advantage of this opportunity, we will develop Bihar as a next generation IT hub and will provide more than 5 lakh employment opportunities in the next 5 years.
5. The NDA government has brightened the lives of 1.20 crore women through 10 lakh self-help groups in Bihar. It is our resolve to make 1 crore more women independent through self-help groups and micro finance.
6. It is our resolve that a total of 1 lakh people in the state including 10 thousand doctors, 50 thousand paramedical personnel will get job opportunities in health department. At the same time we will ensure the operation of the second All India Medical Institute (AIIMS) dedicated by the Prime Minister to Darbhanga, Bihar by 2024.
7. Our government has already abolished the system of market committee to free farmers from middlemen. Moving on the resolve of strong agriculture, prosperous farmer, we take the pledge that after paddy and wheat, now pulses will also be procured at prescribed rates of MSP.
8. Following the resolve of Prime Minister Shri



9. Cooperative and Comfed will be encouraged for milk production and 15 new private and Comfed based processing industries will be set up in 2 years by easing norms for private investment in processing.
10. Taking forward the PM-Matsya Sampada Yojana, our government will make Bihar number one state in the country in the production of freshwater fish in the next 2 years.
11. By connecting 1000 new Farmer Produce Associations (FPOs) of Bihar, we will develop supply chains of special crop products like maize, fruits, chuda, makhana, paan, masala, honey, methi and medicinal plants. This will create 10 lakh employment opportunities in the state. ■



TMC divides the community, but BJP unites society: JP Nadda



Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda visited Siliguri, West Bengal on October 19, 2020. During his stay he participated in various programmes.

Shri Nadda landed at the Bagdogra airport and received a grand welcome from party cadres outside the airport. Shri Nadda visited the Nauka Ghat to pay his respects to noted social reformer, Dr Panchanan Barma. He visited the famous Anandamayee Kalibari Temple and paid obeisance to the goddess. During his stay in Siliguri he held a meeting with the party cadres and Vidhansabha Prabharis. He also addressed a group belonging to different communities like Adivasis, Gorkhas and Rajbanshis living across North Bengal. Addressing various groups, he lambasted Chief Minister Sushri Mamata Banerjee and said that her party divides society, but my party BJP unites society.

Shri Nadda said that Sushri Banerjee-led TMC government desperately divides the society and then rules it. "The party instigates a community to demand something more to create division in other communities to rule. TMC divides the community, but BJP unites society," he added.

Describing the objective of the meeting, the BJP



president added: "You may think what the party leadership will do for us. Whether the government will do the needful! What the government will do depends on the policy of the government and the main policy of the government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is 'Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas, Sab Ka Viswas...'. BJP wants to go with you altogether."

Shri Nadda spoke in Bengali to speak about how chief minister Mamata Banerjee "desperately did not implement Ayushman Bharat and even



‘IF THE OFFICE GIVES STABILITY IN WORK, THEN TRAINING GIVES STABILITY IN THOUGHT’



opposed the Agriculture Bills.”

Shri Nadda stressed on the need to showcase the Prime Minister’s Kishan Samman Nidhi and its importance to expose the TMC government’s anti-farmer stand.

“You please dislodge Mamata Banerjee’s government in April 2021, and the project will be implemented from the next day in West Bengal,” he said.

Shri Nadda specifically said that his party was committed to finding a ‘permanent political solution’ to the Hill problem.

Shri Nadda also said that following the line of Himachal Pradesh, he would propose setting up a hub of medicinal plants in the Cinchona plantation area in Mangpo in Darjeeling.

“I spoke to the railway minister today. A meeting will be held with the Railway authorities and MPs from North Bengal to resolve the present problems of railway network in North Bengal,” Shri Nadda also said.

Shri Nadda also said that PM Narendra Modi has provided Rs 1500 crore among 20 crore people amid the Covid-19 pandemic, three gas cylinders among eight crore women and allotted of five kg grains and one kg pulses among 80 crore poor people till Diwali and Chhat festivals. ■

B JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on October 17 addressed the Bhoomi Poojan program of Uttarakhand BJP office. On the occasion Shri Nadda congratulated all the party workers of Uttarakhand. He said, “The office also gives an environment and a thought while giving stability to our work. I am happy that the grand office will be very suitable for the next 50 years with a big plan.”

He added, “We used to say during the student days that there should be five ‘क’. There should be a worker(कार्यकर्ता) first, then a program (कार्यक्रम) with him, a fund (कोष) to run everything, then the executive(कार्यकारणी) and the best office(उत्तम कार्यालय) to do them all. I am glad that you have taken this work forward, for this I thank you.”

Shri Nadda said, “If the office runs from a leader’s house, then the organization-party becomes the party of the individual. You must have seen that other parties have become family party, whereas our party has become family here. The world’s largest party with a membership of 18 crore stands today as a family.”

“We have started training on a large scale. If the office gives stability in work, then training gives stability in thought, so we will have to give full emphasis on training also.” ■



‘INTERESTS OF POOR FARMERS AND VILLAGERS SHALL ALWAYS BE ENSURED BY THE MODI GOVERNMENT’

SPECIAL CEREMONY TO THANK PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CRUCIAL LAWS RELATED TO THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

B JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 22 October 2020 addressed a special ceremony at the party’s central office in Delhi. The event was organised to thank Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for implementing the crucial laws related to the agriculture sector. Besides BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, the event saw participation from farmers and farmer representatives from more than 350 villages neighbouring the Delhi NCR region.

Shri JP Nadda thanked the farmers and their representatives at the central office for greeting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji warmly and presenting a shawl, turban and plough. “The way you all have greeted the Prime Minister and given a shawl, turban and plough is very heartening. I shall keep these presents safe and shall personally go to give them to Prime Minister Modiji,” Shri Nadda added.

He said, “Under the leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi the interest of farmers in the country shall always be protected and the interests of

poor farmers and villagers shall always be ensured by the Modi government while framing policies. Farmers are our breadwinners and they have contributed tremendously towards ensuring that India’s honour is never sullied.”

He said that there have been many big farmer leaders in India, but it was only our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji who brought a sea change in the living condition of our great farmers. The day he took over as the Prime Minister of India, Modiji started formulating policies keeping in view the benefit and upliftment of the farmers. Farm laws like Agricultural Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Simplification) Act and Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Price Assurance Act and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act will go a long way in empowering our farmers. This will lead to ‘One Nation, One Market’.

Launching an attack on the Congress he said that the plight of Congress party is like that of those who lose a game of gully cricket and then walk back

home sulking after uprooting the wicket and claiming never to play again. Congress leaders fight elections, but they lose every time and after losing they start criticising everyone. Not even this, they (Congress) criticise even themselves. It is better to stay away from such people.

Shri JP Nadda said that Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh says to write about MSP in the Act. I want to bring to the kind attention of Amarinder Singhji that such steps are done through executive orders. There was your government in the centre for 55 years, then why did you not write it into an Act? Who has stopped you? In 2013, Rahul Gandhi asked Chief Ministers of Congress-ruled states to keep fruits out of the MSP. Not just this, during its election announcement in 2019, Congress had said that it will promote contract farming, remove roadblocks in farmer mandis and will remove the essential commodities act. Congress kept on writing this, but Prime Minister Narendra Modiji went ahead and brought a positive change in farmers' lives by bringing such farmer friendly laws. Rahul Gandhi, are you well-wishers of farmers or middlemen who harass and cheat poor farmers or who care just for your family, Shri Nadda asked.

He further said that the some objections in Punjab is not by farmers but by middlemen. Congress is not worried about farmers but the middlemen. If Rahul Gandhi and Captain Amarinder Singh were well wisher of our farmers they would have congratulated Prime Minister Modiji. Congress led UPA government in its 10 years of rule waived farm loans worth just Rs 54000-55000 crore . In that too there were reports of corruption and majority of farmers were not benefitted from it. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took many steps to empower farmers which include giving annual assistance of Rs 6000 to each farmer so that he can live a dignified life while doing farming. Under this scheme Rs 92000 crore were deposited directly in the account of farmers across India.

He added that the recommendations of Swaminathan Committee Report were never



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implemented by Congress led UPA Government. It was Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who implemented Swaminathan Committee Report to fulfil dreams and aspirations of crore of farmers across India. Due to this revolutionary step, first time farmers were ensured more price of their produce as MSP was hiked by one and a half times. In the 20 lakh crore

fund allocated under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' 1 lakh crore has been assigned for improvement in agriculture infrastructure. Under 'Vocal for Local' initiative local agriculture products will be branded on the lines of global branding.

Also present on the occasion were BJP National General Secretaries Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Shri Dushyant Gautam and Shri Tarun Chugh, BJP Kisan Morcha President Shri Rajkumar Chahar, Delhi State BJP President Shri Adesh Gupta, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Shri Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, BJP Members of Parliament from Lok Sabha Shri Ramesh Bidhuri and Shri Parvesh Verma and farmer representatives Shri Narayan Singh, Shri Amar Singh, Shri Sibbal Singh including farmers in large numbers. ■

RS 73,000 CRORE TO STIMULATE CONSUMER SPENDING IN THE ECONOMY

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on 12 October, 2020 announced measures of Rs 73,000 crore to stimulate consumer spending in the economy in an effort to fight the slowdown due to COVID-19 pandemic following lockdown. Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs Shri Anurag Singh Thakur was also present during the announcement of stimulus package.

While announcing the demand stimulus package, Smt. Sitharaman said, "Indications are that savings of government and organised sector employees have



increased and we want to incentivise such people to boost demand for the benefit of the less fortunate." The Finance Minister further said that if demand goes up based on the stimulus measures announced today, it will have an impact on those people who have been affected by COVID-19 and are desperately looking for demand to keep their business going.

The Finance Minister stressed on the idea that today's solution should not cause tomorrow's problem. Smt. Sitharaman said that the Government does not want to burden the common citizen with future inflation and also not put the Government debt on an unsustainable path.

The proposals presented by the Finance Minister are designed to stimulate spending in a fiscally prudent manner as some of the proposals are for advancing or front-loading of expenditure with offsetting changes later while others are directly linked to increase in GDP. The present announcement by Smt. Sitharaman highlights the active intervention by the Government of India to combat economic slowdown created by COVID-19. ■

- Finance Minister announces measures of Rs 73,000 crore to stimulate consumer spending before end of this Financial Year in fight against COVID-19
- Cash payment and leave encashment in lieu of one LTC during 2018-21 according to entitlement
- Special Festival Advance Scheme revived as a one-time measure for both Gazetted and non-Gazetted employees
- Special interest free 50-year loans to States for capital expenditure for Rs. 12,000 crore
- Additional budget of Rs. 25,000 crore, in addition to Rs. 4.13 lakh crore given in Union Budget 2020, is being provided for Capital Expenditure

CABINET APPROVES PRODUCTIVITY LINKED BONUS AND NON-PRODUCTIVITY LINKED BONUS FOR 2019-2020

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 21, has given its approval to pay Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for the year 2019-2020 to 16.97 lakh non-gazetted employees of commercial establishments like Railways, Posts, Defence, EPFO, ESIC, etc. will be benefitted and the financial implication would be Rs. 2,791 crore.

Non-PLB or ad-hoc Bonus is given to Non-Gazetted Central Government employees. 13.70 lakh employees would be benefitted and Rs. 946 crore will be the financial implication for the same.

A total of 30.67 lakh employees would be benefitted by the Bonus announcement and total financial implication will be Rs 3,737 crore.

Payment of Bonus to non-gazetted employees for their performance in the preceding year is usually made before Durga Puja/Dussehra season. The Government is announcing the Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) and ad hoc bonus for its non-gazetted employees to be disbursed immediately. ■

INDIA CROSSES THE LANDMARK OF 10 CRORE TOTAL TESTS

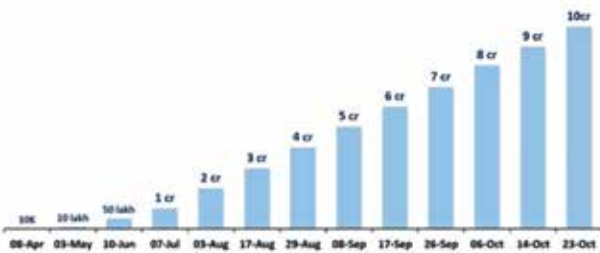
**LAST 1 CRORE TESTS CONDUCTED IN 9 DAYS,
NEARLY 14.5 LAKH COVID TESTS CONDUCTED IN THE LAST 24 HRS**

India has demonstrated an exponential increase in the number of COVID-19 cumulative tests since Jan 2020. It has crossed the landmark of 10 crore (10,01,13,085) total tests on October 23.

In another achievement, 14,42,722 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours.

The country's testing capacities have multiplied manifold with nearly 2000 labs across the country and with collaborative efforts of the Centre and State/UT governments. More than 15 lakh samples can be tested every day.

Exponential increase in testing infrastructure



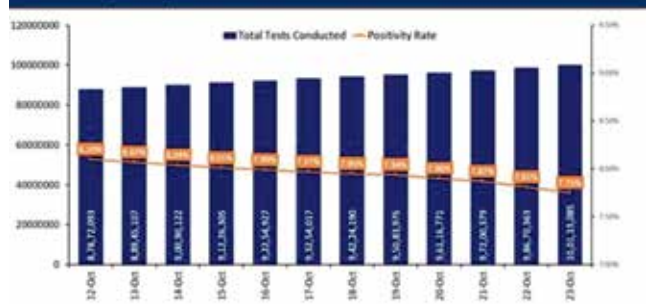
Progressive countrywide expansion in testing infrastructure has played a crucial role in the steep rise of testing numbers. With 1989 testing labs in the country including 1122 Government laboratories and 867 Private laboratories, the daily testing capacity has got a substantial boost.

High level of comprehensive testing on a sustained basis has also resulted in bringing down the national positivity rate. This indicates that the rate of spread of infection is being effectively contained. The cumulative rate continues to decline as total tests cross 10 crore. The national positivity rate is 7.75% today.

This is a result of successful TEST, TRACK, TRACE, TREAT and TECHNOLOGY strategy of the Central government effectively followed by States/UTs.

Higher testing across wide regions has resulted in early identification of positive cases, prompt tracking through efficient surveillance and tracing, and timely

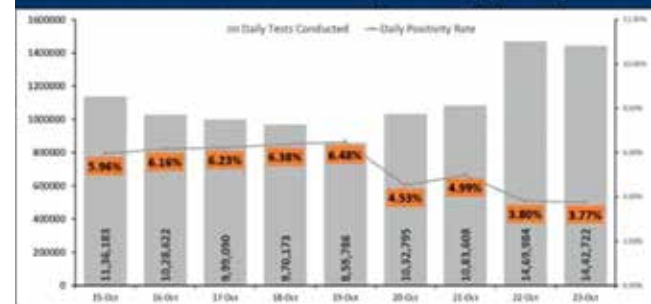
Cumulative positivity rate continues to decline as tests conducted crosses 10 crore



& effective treatment in homes/facilities and in hospitals for the severe cases. These measures in tandem eventually lead to lower mortality rate.

THE LAST 1 CRORE TESTS WERE CONDUCTED IN 9 DAYS.

Last 1 crore tests conducted in 9 days and daily positivity rate



15 States & UTs with higher positivity rate than India average



15 States and UTs are exhibiting higher Positivity Rate compared to the national figure, indicating the need for higher levels of comprehensive testing in these regions. ■

CABINET APPROVES RS. 5,718 CRORE WORLD BANK AIDED PROJECT-‘STARS’

FOR IMPROVING SCHOOL EDUCATION

The Union Cabinet on October 14 chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the following:

- Implementation of the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project with a total project cost of Rs 5718 crore with the financial support of World Bank amounting to US \$ 500 million (approximately Rs. 3700 crore).
 - STARS project would be implemented as a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme under Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education. (MOE)
 - Setting up and support to the National Assessment Centre, PARAKH as an independent and autonomous institution under Department of School Education and Literacy, MOE.
- The project covers 6 States

@Narendra Modi

The STARS project, which was approved by the Cabinet today, strengthens our efforts to transform the education sector and improve the quality of learning.



PROJECT ENVISIONS IMPROVING THE OVERALL MONITORING AND MEASUREMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL EDUCATION SYSTEM THROUGH INTERVENTIONS IN SELECTED STATES. THE PROJECT SHIFTS FOCUS FROM THE PROVISION OF INPUTS AND MAINTAINING OF OUTPUTS TO ACTUAL...

namely Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Odisha. The identified States will be supported for various interventions for improving the quality of education. Besides this project, it is also envisaged to implement a similar ADB funded project in 5 states namely Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Assam. All states will partner with one other state for sharing their experiences and best practices.

The STARS project seeks to support the states in developing, implementing, evaluating and improving interventions with direct linkages to improved education outcomes and school to work transition strategies for improved labour market outcomes. The overall focus and components of the STARS project are aligned with the objectives of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 of Quality Based Learning Outcomes.

The Project envisions improving the overall monitoring and measurement activities in the Indian School Education System through interventions in selected states. The project shifts focus from the provision of inputs and maintaining of outputs to actual outcomes by linking the receipt and disbursement of funds to these outcomes. ■

@Amit Shah

A landmark day in the Indian education sector! Modi cabinet has approved the implementation of the ‘Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project’ worth Rs 5718 crore. Aligned with the objectives of NEP, it will focus on Quality Based Learning Outcomes. Breaking the orthodox barriers, PM @narendramodi govt’s STARS project will be based on learning with understanding. It will help improve the quality of education by providing capacity building exercises for the teachers and focusing on monitoring of the school education system.



SUPREMACY OF CULTURE



DEENDAYAL
UPADHYAYA

LIFE AN INTEGRATED WHOLE

THE first characteristic of Bharatiya culture is that it looks upon life as an integrated whole. It has an integrated viewpoint. To think of parts may be proper for a specialist but it is not useful from the practical standpoint. The confusion in the West arises primarily from its tendency to think of life in sections and then to attempt to put them together by patch-work.

ONLY ONE CULTURE

THERE can be only one culture. The slogan of many cultures can break this country into pieces and destroy it. Hence the two-culture theory of the Muslim League, the covert two-culture theory of the Congress and the multi-culture theory of the Communists are wrong. Till now one-culture in India has been denounced as communalism, but now even scholars in the Congress are realising their mistake and accepting the one-culture theory. It is this sentiment of one culture that can preserve the unity and integrity of India and solve all our problems.

CULTURAL BASIS OF INDEPENDENCE

FROM the national standpoint we shall have to consider our culture because that is our very nature. Independence is intimately related to one's own culture. If culture does not form the basis of independence then the political movement for independence would degenerate into a scramble by selfish and power-seeking persons. Independence can be meaningful only if it becomes an instrument for the expression of our culture. Such expression will not only contribute to our progress but the effort required will also give us the experience of joy.

CULTURAL FREEDOM

ALONG with economic independence social and cultural independence is also necessary. If those social systems that a nation creates for the manifestation of its soul become in course of time a hindrance to national progress, giving them up becomes necessary in the interest of the nation. It is not necessary that certain means which are useful in one phase of the journey may continue to be useful in the next phase. The means should be in accordance with the phase and the temptation to stick to old means can lead to the loss of independence. For independence is a synthesis of those elements which help self-

realisation at a particular point in time.

NATIONHOOD THROUGH CULTURE

IF one has to understand the soul of Bharat one must not look at this country from the political or economic angle but from the cultural point of view.

'Bharatiyata' (nationhood of Bharat) can manifest itself not through politics but through culture. If we have anything that we can teach the world, it is the feeling of cultural tolerance and a life dedicated to duty.

OUR THREE-FOLD AIM

INDIA has achieved freedom from the British after great efforts. Under no circumstances would we like to lose this independence. The first objective of our plan is to give us the strength to protect our political independence. Secondly we have chosen a democratic form of government. If any programme of economic development proves an obstruction to our democratic system it would not be acceptable to us. Thirdly we have some cultural values of life which are the source result as well as measure of our national life and are also extremely valuable for the entire world. To acquaint the world with this culture should be our supreme national goal. Material prosperity acquired at the cost of this culture would be no prosperity at all. ■

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OUR NATIONHOOD

EUROPEAN NATIONALISM DESTRUCTIVE

IN European countries nationalism led to ruination. But to call Indian nationalism destructive because of this reason is like being once bitten twice shy. It is wrong to presume that our nationalism would be as calamitous as that of these nations. This is not a mere claim, it is the truth, and this truth is supported by thousands of years of history of Indian nationalism. The history of these countries of the world for about a thousand years is full of scenes of destruction, while in the long history of India there is not a single page describing grief caused to man. The entire history of India is full of goodwill for the whole world. The remains of Indian history found in different parts of the world declare to this day the truth that India has striven only for the good of the entire creation. Hence the truth is that if the world is to be saved from the terrible effects of Western nationalism that have resulted from mutual conflict, hatred and competition, we shall have to organise and strengthen Indian nationalism. This way lies the good of the world.

NATIONALISM VERSUS RELIGION

DURING the regime of the British we had accepted that there are many different communities, like the Muslims and the Christians in this country and the spirit of nationalism can be created only by protecting their individual existence. Actually to accept their independent existence on the national level is a big mistake, because to classify society into classes such as Muslims and

Christians on the basis of religion is different from nationalism. Followers of the same religion can be nationals of different nations, while a single nation can include the followers of many religions. If nationalism is a sufficiently strong sentiment, religion does not enter it. But today our effort is to accept the independent existence of these communities and then to unify them so that the unification does not require anybody to forsake anything. The funny thing is that nobody has a clear idea of the unifying element that can bring everybody together.

BHARAT IS 'MATA'

THE basis of our nationalism is not simply Bharat but 'Bharat Mata'. Remove the word Mata and Bharat would remain just a piece of land. The affinity between us and this land is established only with the relationship of the mother. No piece of land can be called a country so long as the relationship between it and the people living in it is not that of mother and son. This is patriotism. But patriotism does not merely mean love for a piece of land. Even birds and beasts have such love. The tiger lives in its lair, and birds return to their nests every evening. But they cannot be called patriots. Man also comes to acquire a feeling of affinity for the place where he may live. But that is not enough for patriotism. Only those people can be called patriots in a particular country who are bound together as one people. A country is created by the coming together of land as mother and an integrated society as son. This is patriotism

and it is deathless.

PRESERVE OUR MOORINGS

WHY is there no vitality in the country even after so many years of independence? Why have poverty, starvation, unemployment and feeling of hopelessness increased? Why has national character degenerated? Why has there been a continuous fall in all fields-economic, political, social, literary-and why has the life of the nation begun to drift aimlessly? Why are we drifting like this? Without doubt the only reason is that we are not standing on our own feet. He who has lost his moorings must naturally drift, like an uprooted tree moving helplessly with a current of water. Our entire national life has lost its roots. The means of only checking this fall is a true realization of national life. Without a pure feeling of nationalism not only is national development not possible but even independence may be lost. We have fallen on these evil days because we have forgotten the awareness of nationalism that manifests itself in the age-old history of the nation. To get out of this pit we must clarify the sentiment that is the basis of the nation. A strong force can be created if the roots of national ideals and aspirations are strengthened. The purpose of national life can be understood on a true realization of nationhood, and then the life of the nation throbs with vitality. An absence of this true realization of nationhood is the basic cause of our present fall as a nation.

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

'RAJNITI KE AJATSHATRU' - KAILASHPATI MISHRA

05 OCTOBER, 1923 – 03 NOVEMBER, 2012

Shri Kailashpati Mishra was a prominent social worker and a political leader. He was a leader of Jana Sangh, and later Bharatiya Janta Party. He was also Finance Minister of Bihar during 1977-78. He was Governor of Gujarat from May 2003 to July 2004, and for a short duration he was caretaker Governor of Rajasthan.

He was born in Dudharchak, Buxar, Bihar on 05 October, 1923. He was popularly called the 'Bhishmapitamah' of Bihar BJP. In the political circle people also called Shri Kailashpati Mishra as 'Rajniti ke Ajatshatru'. Shri Kailashji always maintained a cordial relation even with the leaders of other political parties.

He was associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) from 1944 onwards, and was even jailed after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. He took part in the Quit India Movement in 1942 and was arrested in the course of the movement. Shri Mishra was appointed

Bihar's Finance Minister in 1977-78 when the Janata Party government was in power in the state.

Shri Kailashpati Mishra died on 03 November, 2012 at the age of 89, in Patna, Bihar.



POLITICAL JOURNEY

- Shri Mishra served as finance minister in the government of Karpooori Thakur in Bihar in 1977. In 1980, he became the first Bihar BJP President.
- He also served as BJP National Vice- President from 1995 to 2003.
- While studying in class X, Shri Mishra was arrested for picketing the main gate of his school at Buxar in support of 1942 Quit India Movement. ■

BIHAR MINISTER AND BJP LEADER VINOD SINGH PASSES AWAY

Bihar Minister for Backward and Extremely Backward Classes Welfare Shri Vinod Singh on 12 October passed away at the age of 54 in Delhi. Shri Singh was BJP MLA from Pranpur Assembly constituency of Katihar district in northeast Bihar. He has been elected MLA thrice from the constituency. Shri Singh was undergoing treatment following brain haemorrhage for over a month at Medanta Hospital in Delhi. Shri Singh entered in politics in 1995 when he was just 29 and became MLA from Pranpur assembly seat in 2000 by defeating RJD's candidate. However In 2005, he lost the seat but went on to win in both 2010 and 2015.

On the demise of the leader, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said in a tweet "I am extremely saddened on the demise of The Backward and Extremely Backward Classes Welfare minister of Bihar Shri Vinod Kumar Singh ji. He remained dedicated to the empowerment of the poor and underprivileged. He also played an important role in strengthening the BJP in the state. My condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti!"

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda wrote on his demise, "Received sad news about the demise of Shri Vinod Kumar Singh, senior leader of Bihar BJP and Minister in the State Government. His dedication to public service and organization will always be remembered. His death is an irreparable loss to the BJP. My condolences to his family and supporters."

Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar offered his condolences, saying he was a popular leader and an able administrator.

Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Sushil Modi, BJP State President Shri Sanjay Jaiswal, Union Home Minister for State Shri Nityanand Rai, Health Minister of Bihar Shri Mangal Pandey and several other leaders of the BJP expressed their profound grief over the death of the leader. ■



RECOVERY RATE IN THE COUNTRY HAS IMPROVED AND THE FATALITY RATE IS LOW: PM

On a televised address to the nation on October 20, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made a fervent appeal to all the citizens to not let their guard down and become complacent, in the country's ongoing fight against the Covid Pandemic. Shri Narendra Modi said despite the lockdown having been lifted it does not mean that the Corona Virus is wiped out. He appreciated the improvement in the situation all over the country and that economic activity is returning to normal and that people started moving out of their houses to fulfill the responsibilities. Here is the full text of his address:

My dear countrymen!

Namaskar!

We, all the Indians have come a long way in the fight against Corona, since the Janata curfew till today. With time, the economic activities also seem to have picked up gradually. Most of us are stepping out of our homes every day to discharge our responsibilities and to give momentum to life again. In this festive season, the hustle and bustle of the markets is gradually returning. But we must not forget that even though the lockdown has been lifted, the virus is still present. We must not allow the stable situation that India has been able to achieve in the last 7-8 months with the effort of every Indian to deteriorate. We have to improve further.

Today the recovery rate in the country has improved a lot and the fatality rate is low. In India, about 5500 people per 10 lakh population have contracted coronavirus, while in countries like America and Brazil, this figure is close to 25,000. In India, the death rate is 83 per 10 lakh people, while in many countries like America, Brazil, Spain and Britain, this figure is more than 600. India is succeeding in saving the lives of more and more of its citizens compared to the resource-rich countries of the world. Today, more than 90 lakh beds are available for Corona patients in our country. There are 12,000 Quarantine Centres. There are around 2000 labs for corona testing. The number of Tests conducted in the country will soon cross the 10 crore mark. The increasing number of tests has been a major strength in our fight against the Covid pandemic.



Our doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, security personnel and other people are serving such a large population selflessly following the mantra of 'Seva Parmo Dharma'. Amidst all these efforts, this is not the time to be careless. This is not the time to assume that the corona is not there anymore, or that there is no danger from the corona now. In recent times, we have all seen various pictures and videos in which it is clear that many people have now stopped taking precautions, or have become too careless. This is not good at all. If you are careless and are walking out without a mask, then you are putting yourself, your family, your children, and the elderly in a lot of trouble. Keep in mind, be it America or the countries in Europe, Corona cases were declining in these countries, but suddenly the cases are increasing again, that too alarmingly.

Friends, Sant Kabirdas Ji has said- पकी खेती देखिके, गरब किया किसान। अजहुं झोला बहुत है, घर आवै तब जान। That means, often we become extremely confident that the work is done just by looking at the ripe crop. But till the harvest comes home, the work should not be considered accomplished. This is what Kabirdas has said. That is, do not be negligent until success is attained.

Friends,

Until the vaccine against this virus is available,

we must not let our fight with Corona weaken even for once. After several years we are seeing that the work is being done all over the world on a war footing to save humanity. Many countries are working towards it. Scientists of our country are also working hard for vaccine. Work is underway on several corona vaccines currently in India. Some of these are at advanced stages. The situation seems to be reassuring.

Friends,

The government is also preparing to look for ways to deliver the vaccine to every Indian as soon as possible whenever the vaccine against Corona arrives. And the work on ensuring delivery of the vaccine to every citizen is being done at a fast pace.

Friends, Ramcharitmanas has a lot to teach. But at the same time there are various types of warnings. For example, a very crucial thing has been mentioned in Ramcharitmanas. र्पु रुज पावक पाप, प्रभु अहि गनिअ न छोट करि। That is, fire, enemy and sin; i.e., mistakes and diseases should never be considered small. Until these are fully treated or dealt with, these should not be taken lightly. So remember, there should not be any laxity unless there is a medicine. The time of festivals is a time for joy in our lives.

We are passing through a difficult time; a little

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carelessness can hinder our progress and spoil our happiness. Undertaking the responsibilities of life and being vigilant should go hand in hand; only then will there be happiness in life. Be mindful of social distancing or do gaz doori, frequent washing of hands with soap and wearing a mask. And it is my humble request to all of you; I want to

see you safe; I want to see your family happy. May these festivals create an atmosphere of increased enthusiasm and zeal in your lives and that is why I am repeatedly urging every citizen.

Today I also want to request my media friends and those who are active on social media that the more public awareness campaigns you create to follow these rules the greater service you all will be doing to the country. You must support us and support the crores of people of the country.

My dear countrymen,

Stay healthy, move ahead at a fast pace and we all together should take the country forward. With these best wishes, I once again greet all the countrymen on the occasion of all the festivals including Navratri, Dussehra, Eid, Deepawali, Chhath Puja and Gurunanak Jayanti.

Thank you! ■

UNION EDUCATION MINISTER VIRTUALLY LAUNCHES 'KAPILA' KALAM PROGRAM FOR IP LITERACY AND AWARENESS EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on October 15 virtually launched the 'KAPILA' Kalam Program for Intellectual Property Literacy and Awareness campaign on the 89th birth anniversary of former President and Scientist Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

Speaking on the occasion the Minister said that it is necessary not only to invent for the self-sufficiency of the country, but also to patent the inventions. Patent of inventions will lead India towards Self-Reliance, he said. India has a proud history of Nalanda and Takshila Universities so we already had the intellectual property inherited within our culture. India has to again lead the world as Vishwaguru in the field of patents, he added. On 'National Innovation Day', this important initiative has been taken towards making India self-reliant, he said. Under this campaign, students pursuing education in higher educational institutions will get information about the correct system of application process for patenting their invention and they will be aware of their rights. He further said that we need to take a giant leap in the field of patents. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT CALLS FOR A COORDINATED GLOBAL RESPONSE TO COUNTER PANDEMIC

SHRI JP NADDA ADDRESSED THE INTERNATIONAL INTERPARTY FORUM “SCO+” OPENING CEREMONY THROUGH A VIDEO SPEECH

The International Interparty Forum “SCO+” on the subject “Economy for people” was organised by Russia as the current President of Shanghai Cooperation Organization. Shri JP Nadda, National President of Bharatiya Janata Party, addressed the opening ceremony through a video speech on Oct. 22, 2020. He expressed his concerns regarding the impact of pandemic on the world and called for a coordinated and global response to counter it. He assured that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, will keep helping the world nations during this unprecedented situation. He also discussed the need for unified and global efforts to fight climate change and terrorism. In his closing remarks he reaffirmed that India aspired for global stability and world peace. The Bharatiya Janata Party looks forward to work with the global community to attain these goals.



Shri. Bajjayant Panda, National Vice President, Bharatiya Janata Party, will speak in the session on the topic “Digital Transformation for the Benefit of the people”. Shri. Vijay Chauthaiwale, National In-charge, Foreign Affairs Department, Bharatiya Janata Party, will speak in the special roundtable discussion for the BRICS political parties. ■

TEJASVI SURYA ASSUMES CHARGE AS BJYM PRESIDENT

Elated By Young & Dynamic Tejasvi Surya's nomination as the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha National President, the BJYM Delhi youth wing workers gave a resounding welcome to the Bangalore South Lok Sabha MP in New Delhi on October 19.

Shri Tejasvi assumed charge as 14th President of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha. He succeeds Lok Sabha Mumbai MP Smt. Poonam Mahajan on successful completion of her tenure. BJP National General Secretaries Shri Arun Singh and Shri Tarun Chugh were present at the function. They congratulated the newly appointed BJYM President.

On assuming office, Shri Tejasvi thanked the Party's Top Leadership, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda for entrusting him with the responsibility to lead BJYM, youth wing of world's largest youth organisation of one of the largest democracies in the world. He said, office of BJYM President is not an office of power, but an office of responsibility. This is not any decoration, but examination. It is not only an opportunity but a challenge. We must ensure that every scheme of Modi Government reaches the last man. We all must support the Mission Antyodaya.

He added that BJYM will strive hard to establish the rule of law and restore democracy in states of West Bengal, Kerela and Tamil Nadu. Hundreds of Young Party activists have sacrificed their lives to reinstate the law of the land in these states. The detractors of these states need to be taught a lesson. ■



RAJMATA HAD DEDICATED HERSELF TO THE FUTURE OF NATION: PM

PM RELEASES SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN TO MARK BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF RAJMATA VIJAYA RAJE SCINDIA

P rime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi released commemorative coin of Rs. 100 denomination to celebrate the Birth Centenary of Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia on October 12 through video conference. He also paid tributes to Rajmata on her birth anniversary.

The Prime Minister said he is fortunate to have got the opportunity to release a special commemorative coin of 100 rupees in honour of Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia Ji.

Referring to Vijayaraje ji's book, the Prime Minister said in the book, he was introduced as a youth leader of Gujarat and today after so many years, he is serving as the Pradhan sevak of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia was one of those who led India in the right direction. She was a decisive leader and a skilled administrator. He added that she witnessed every important phase of Indian politics be it burning of foreign clothes, the Emergency and the Ram Temple movement. He stressed that it is important for the present generation to know about Rajmata's life and therefore, it is necessary to repeatedly mention about her and her experiences.

The Prime Minister said Rajmata has taught us that for public service, it is not necessary to be born in a particular family. All that is needed is love for the nation and a democratic temperament. These thoughts, these ideals can be seen in her life. Rajmata had thousands of employees, a magnificent palace, and had all the facilities but she dedicated her life for the cause of common people, for the aspirations of the poor. She was always connected and committed to Public service. He said Rajmata had dedicated herself for the future of the nation. She had sacrificed all her happiness for the future generations of the country. Rajmata did not live for the position and prestige, nor did she do politics.



He recalled a few occasions when Rajmata turned down many positions with humility. He said Atalji and Advani ji once urged her to become the president of the Jana Sangh but she accepted to serve the Jana Sangh as an activist rather.

The Prime Minister said Rajmata loved to recognize her companions by name, and this feeling towards a worker should be in everyone's mind. Respect, not pride, should be the core of politics. He described Rajmata as a spiritual personality.

The Prime Minister said due to public awareness and mass movements, many changes have taken place in the country in the past few years and many campaigns and schemes have become successful. He highlighted that the country is moving ahead on the path of development with the blessings of Rajmata.

The Prime Minister said today the Nari Shakti of India is advancing and is leading in various fields in the country. He listed the initiatives of the Government which helped in fulfilling the Rajamata's dreams of women empowerment.

The Prime Minister said it is also a wonderful coincidence that her dream of Ramjanmabhoomi temple for which she fought, has been fulfilled in the year of her birth centenary. He said the success of Atmanirbhar Bharat will help us in realising her vision of a strong, secure and prosperous india. ■

WEST BENGAL TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN 'PURVODAYA'

PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES PEOPLE OF WEST BENGAL ON THE OCCASION DURGA PUJA

Marking the victory of Goddess Durga over the demon Mahishasura, Durga Puja is the single largest celebration for the people of West Bengal and is deeply hard-wired in the Bengali culture. Amidst the festivities and grandeur of the Durga Puja celebrations, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 22 shared his Pujor Shubecha greetings with the people of West Bengal through a virtual address, which was the sixth day or Shashti in the Durga Puja celebrations this year. Ending his speech in Bengali, he said, I can't stop myself from speaking in Bengali and apologised for errors. Recalling Swadeshi movement, PM Shri Modi said it was Bengal which turned Swadeshi into an

'oath' during freedom movement. "Whenever the need was felt in India's history, Bengal has always led the way for India and shown the path. There have been many renowned people who have come from Bengal and have contributed immensely in guiding the nation is the right direction," PM said. "The festival of Durga Puja is a festival that reflects the unity and strength of India. It is also a reflection of the traditions and culture that comes from Bengal." He added, "People have shown great restraint in celebrating Durga Puja amid Covid-19 and urged everyone to wear masks and follow social distancing during celebrations. Durga Puja reflects unity and strength of India, as well as traditions and culture of



Bengal. West Bengal has to play a significant role in 'Purvodaya', Prime Minister added. He said, "Rs 8,500 crore have been approved for Kolkata's East West Metro". Mission to empower women is going on at rapid pace in India, PM Modi added. Women are the symbol of Maa Durga; we are working towards the empowerment of women through various policies and schemes, he said, referring to "Beti Bachao, Beti Pado". ■

33 CRORE MANDAYS EMPLOYMENT PROVIDED UNDER GARIB KALYAN ROJGAR ABHIYAAN

In the pursuit of objectives of Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA), a large number of structures have been created including 1,37,787 water conservation structures, 4,31,640 rural houses, 38,287 cattle shed, 26,459 farm ponds, and 17,935 Community Sanitary Complex. 7,816 works have been taken up through District Mineral Funds, 2,123 Gram Panchayat have been provided internet connectivity, a total of 22,592 works related to solid and liquid waste management, 65,374 candidates have been provided skill training through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) during the Abhiyaan.

By the 16th week a total of about 33 crore mandays employment provided and Rs.33114 crore has been spent so far in the of pursuit of objectives of the Abhiyaan.

GKRA was launched to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages and similarly affected citizens in rural area, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak. The Abhiyaan is taking action on mission mode to provide employment to migrant workers who have returned to their native villages of 6 states. The Abhiyaan is now empowering villagers with livelihood opportunities in 116 districts of these states.

The Abhiyaan's success so far can be seen as convergent efforts of 12 Ministries/Departments and State Governments, which are giving higher quantum of benefits to the migrant workers and rural communities. The stage is set for longer term action for a longer term initiative for jobs and livelihoods for those who chose to stay back. ■

RAKSHA MANTRI SHRI RAJNATH SINGH DEDICATES TO THE NATION 44 BRIDGES BUILT BY BRO ACROSS SEVEN STATES AND UTS

BRIDGES WILL IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY IN THE FAR FLUNG AREAS: RAJNATH SINGH

Heralding in a new era in the connectivity of roads and bridges in sensitive areas close to Western, Northern and North Eastern Borders, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on 12 October dedicated 44 major permanent bridges to the Nation. He also laid the Foundation Stone for Nechiphu Tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh. These bridges are of strategic importance and provide connectivity to remote areas. The 44 bridges are spread over seven states / union territories. The dedication ceremony was conducted through a Video Conference in the presence of Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army Staff, Gen MM Naravane and Defence Secretary, Sh Ajay Kumar at New Delhi. Union Minister, Shri Kiren Rijiju, Chief Ministers of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Sikkim & Uttarakhand, Lt Governor of J&K, with Hon'ble Members of Parliament, civil / military dignitaries along with members of the public at various sites in respective States/ Union Territories attended through a video link.

In his address, Raksha Mantri congratulated DG and all ranks of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for their achievements and said that dedication of 44 bridges in one go in itself was a record. Shri Rajnath Singh said in the challenging times of COVID-19 and despite the border tensions and disputes caused by Pakistan and China, the country was not only resolutely facing them but also bringing about historical changes in all sectors of development under the able leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Lauding the BRO for its role in improving the border infrastructure, Shri Rajnath Singh these bridges improved connectivity in the far flung areas of Western, Northern and North East sectors and fulfilled the aspirations of local people. They would also meet the transport and logistics requirements of the armed forces throughout the year, he added.

Raksha mantra also announced that the



government has sanctioned high altitude clothing to BRO engineers and workers.

Shri Rajnath Singh also laid the Foundation Stone of the strategically important Nechiphu Tunnel on the road to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. This 450 mtrs long, bi-lane tunnel would ensure all weather connectivity across Nechiphu Pass besides providing a safe and secure passage through accident prone areas.

Briefing the dignitaries, Lt Gen Harpal Singh, DG BRO, said the 44 bridges of various spans ranging from 30 mtrs to 484 mtrs are located in J&K (10), Ladakh (08), Himachal Pradesh (02), Punjab (04), Uttarakhand (08), Arunachal Pradesh (08) and Sikkim (04). They are of strategic importance and have been designed to facilitate movement of heavy civil & military traffic in border areas. In line with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, these bridges will contribute towards the overall economic growth of remote border areas and will also assist in speedy deployment of Armed Forces in strategically important sectors. ■

'INDIA IS FIGHTING A STRONG FIGHT AGAINST MALNUTRITION EVEN IN THIS CRISIS OF CORONA'

PM RELEASES COMMEMORATIVE COIN OF RS 75 Dedicates to the nation, 17 recently developed biofortified varieties of crops

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released commemorative coins of Rs 75 denomination to mark the 75th Anniversary of FAO on October 16 through video conferencing. He dedicated to the nation, 17 recently developed biofortified varieties of crops.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister greeted the people across the world who are constantly working to remove malnutrition. He said, our Kisan Saathi - our Annadata, our Agricultural Scientist, our Anganwadi ASHA workers, are the basis of the movement against malnutrition. While they have filled the granary of India with their hard work, they are also helping the government in reaching the poorest of the poor. He added, due to all these efforts, India is fighting a strong fight against malnutrition even in this crisis of Corona.

The Prime Minister said over the years, FAO helped to increase agricultural production and eradicate hunger all over the world, including India and has played a huge role in increasing nutrition and its service is respected by more than 130 crore Indians. He said this year's Nobel Peace Prize to the World Food Program is also a major achievement for the FAO. He remarked that India is happy with the partnership and engagement which has been historic.

The Prime Minister said the world food program was started by FAO under the leadership of Dr Binay Ranjan Sen when he was the Director General in FAO. He had felt the pain of famine and starvation very closely and the scale of his work is still useful for the whole world. He said the FAO has also closely watched India's fight against malnutrition in the past decades but its scope had many constraints. He said for reasons such as getting pregnant at a young age, lack of education, lack of information, inadequate access to drinking water, lack of cleanliness, etc. we could not get the expected results.

The Prime Minister remarked that with years of



experience fresh efforts were made in the country after 2014. He said with an integrated approach Government took a holistic approach and ended all the silos to work on a multi-dimensional strategy. He listed the initiatives by the Government to fight malnutrition such as National Nutrition Mission (POSHAN Abhiyaan), construction of toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission, Mission Rainbow, Jal Jeevan mission, distribution of low cost Sanitation pads, etc. He highlighted the outcome of such efforts like Gross Enrollment Ratio of girls exceeding the Ratio for boys, etc. He said important work is done to tackle malnutrition like promoting coarse grains and crops rich in nutrition like protein, iron, zinc, etc.

The Prime Minister expressed thanks to FAO for fully supporting India's proposal to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets. He said this will encourage intake of nutritious food, increase their availability further and benefit small farmers a lot. He said the small and medium farmers mostly grow coarse grains on their land where there is a problem of water and the land is not so fertile. He added this will benefit not only to India but the whole world.

The Prime Minister remarked the common variety of some crops lacks some micronutrients and thus bio-fortified varieties were developed to overcome these

shortcomings. He added today 17 bio-fortified seed varieties of several local and traditional crops including wheat and paddy are being made available to the farmers which is an important step to strengthen the nutrition campaign.

The Prime Minister said experts around the world were concerned about starvation & malnutrition in India owing to the Corona pandemic. He said

amid these concerns, during the past 7-8 months, India has distributed food grains worth about Rs 1.5 crore to the 80 crore poor free of cost, to fight starvation & malnutrition. He added special care was taken to include rice or wheat along with lentils in the ration, as India's commitment towards food security.

The Prime Minister said until 2014 the Food Security Act was in force only in 11 states and only after that it was implemented effectively in the entire country. He said while the whole world is struggling due to Corona, Indian farmers made a record production of food grains and the government also made new records in procurement of food grains like wheat, paddy and pulses. He said reforms are being done continuously in India which shows its commitment towards Global Food security. He listed various agricultural reforms being done to increase the income of farmers. He said the goal of the amendments made to the APMC Act is to make it more competitive. He added several steps have been taken to ensure that farmers get one and a half times the cost as MSP. MSP and government procurement are an important part of ensuring the country's food security. So it is natural for them to

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The Prime Minister said to give strength to small farmers, a large network of Farmer Producer Organizations i.e. FPOs are being developed in the country. Grain wastage has always been a major problem in India and amendments in the Essential Commodities Act will change this condition. Now the government as well as private players would get more

opportunity to build better infrastructure in villages.

The Prime Minister while elaborating about the amendment to APMC Act, said when the farmer makes an agreement with any private company or industry, the price of the produce will be decided even before sowing. It will also provide relief from the price fluctuations and will encourage new technology in farming. He added apart from giving more options to the farmer, legal protection has been given to the farmer. If the farmer wants to break the agreement for any reason, then he will not have to pay any penalty. But if the institution that compromises the farmer breaks the agreement, he will have to pay a fine. He said the agreement will be only on the yield and there will not be any kind of crisis on the land of the farmer. That is, every type of protection to the farmer has been ensured through these reforms.

The Prime Minister concluded when the Indian farmers become strong their income will increase, so the campaign against malnutrition will get equal strength. He wished that increasing synergy between India and FAO will give further momentum to the campaign. ■

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The arrival of Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2020-21 has already commenced and Government continues to procure Kharif 2020-21 crops at its MSP from farmers as per its existing MSP Schemes as was done in previous seasons.

Paddy procurement through FCI and other government agencies for KMS 20-21 has picked up fast in some of the procuring regions like Punjab, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and J&K. It is expected to start in other procuring states soon. Upto 13.10.2020, the progressive procurement of paddy has crossed 55.61 LMT, procured through over 4.80 Lac farmers with MSP value of Rs.10,500.72 Crores. ■

AGRICULTURAL REFORM BILLS WILL BRING REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES



**SHRI RAJKUMAR
CHAHAR**

After becoming Prime Minister in 2014, PM Shri Narendra Modi has taken many steps for the welfare of farmers. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the problem related to urea shortage and enhanced the availability of neem coated urea. This prevented smuggling and black marketing of urea for non-agricultural use and ensured regular availability of urea to farmers throughout the country.

After this, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched several schemes to double the income of farmers. The recommendations of the Dr. Swaminathan Commission has been considered, and PM announced to give one and a half times more minimum support price or MSP to farmers. Apart from this, a huge program of soil testing was conducted in a mission mode throughout the country and soil health report and other information's were recorded. The Modi government started the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana to increase the income of farmers and ensured that every farmer was sent Rs. 6000

annually to his bank account.

This year, the government took several steps to ensure that farmers' income is not affected due to Corona epidemic. Many exceptions were given to the Farmers from lockdown restrictions. After all these measures, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi introduced three agricultural reform bills to

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bring about a paradigm shift in the agriculture sector and got them passed by Parliament. The effect of these three laws - The Agricultural Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Simplification) Bill 2020, Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020, Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2020, will be far reaching in future.

The opposition made several attempts to mislead farmers as soon as the agricultural bills were passed. But the farmers were

not ready to be seduced by the opposition in view of the policies of all the governments so far. As soon as the procurement of paddy on MSP started in Haryana and Punjab, the opposition's exhaustive claim that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's government would abolish the minimum support price through these three laws. Whereas the

Modi government is making more purchases on MSP than last year. Despite Corona's multiple lockdown, government agencies have procured 389.85 lakh tonnes of wheat from farmers at MSP in the last Rabi season, which is a record. Similarly, the procurement of paddy saw an increase of about 80 percent in 2019-20 compared to 2014-15.

Prime Minister Shri Modi dismissed all the claims of the opposition by saying that those who failed to give the right remunerative price to the farmers, are now spreading rumors. Small and marginal farmers will get the most benefit through these bills. For decades after independence, many slogans were raised in the name of farmers, but they were not given any special benefit and now people with vested interest and selfish elements are spreading rumors in the name of farmers.

The most benefited from the

new agrarian reform legislators will be those farmers who live in remote and hilly areas. The new agricultural acts are new revolution for the farming community. Earlier farmers could sell their crop only through a few middlemen. But now they can sell their crop anytime and anywhere, apart from this they can make an advance agreement of their crop with anyone.

Earlier government agencies used to buy produce from farmers but there was a lot of delay in payments. Farmers did not know when their prices would be released. But the Agriculture Bill implemented by the Modi government, farmers have been guaranteed immediate payment of their produce. For this it has been clearly stated that only under special circumstances, a maximum of 3 days of delay is allowed, otherwise the government is giving guarantee to farmers to ensure payment of their crop immediately.

Farmers were selling their crops in the mandis on a very less price, but now they will have the freedom to sell their crops anywhere outside the market. The opposition is unnecessarily trying to mislead farmers in which it will never succeed. Anyway, there is a lot of tax burden in some mandis. For example, Punjab has imposed a maximum tax of 8.5 per cent on various crops, which falls heavily on farmers. Apart from this, they also have to pay huge price to bring their crops to the mandi.

If the farmer makes a contract

with someone or if they find a buyer near their house, then they will get rid of all these things. Small farmers do not get the benefit of government MSP. And 86% of the farmers in the country have come under this bracket. So now they will get the benefit of these laws and will also be able to sell their crop anywhere.

The contract farming will not cause any harm to the farmers as contract held under this law will be only for the crop and not for the land. Therefore, the opposition which is spreading the rumor that the big companies will

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grab the land from the farmers is pointless. The farmer was, and will remain, the owner of his land. If there is an agreement between the farmer and any of the company held on the value of the crop and at the time of procurement the prices increase on the same, then the farmer will also get the benefit.

The selfish elements are trying to spread confusion among the farmers on new reform only for their political gains and trying to provoke them. They are trying to gain election mileage through

this. They are spreading rumors on the issues which are not part of new legislators.

While releasing a special commemorative coin on the 75th anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that when the whole world was facing a crisis due to Corona outbreak, the farmers of India, with their hard work and dedication, shattered all the previous records of agricultural production. And the government has also broken all the previous records in terms of procurement off arm produce on MSP by increasing it to all time high.

Prime Minister Shri Modi made it clear that government procurement on MSP is an important part of the food security of the country, it is a natural thing and it will continued. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's government is making many efforts very seriously to increase the income of farmers. For this, operation of many special

farmer trains have been started. The first farmer rail was run from Devlali (Nashik-Maharashtra) to Danapur (Patna-Bihar). After the popularity of this train, it was extended to Muzaffarpur and it is also being operated twice a week. Apart from this, the link coach service from Sangli and Pune have also started on the demand of farmers. The second Kisan Rail runs from Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) to Adarsh Nagar (Delhi). This is a weekly train. The third farmer train is running between Bengaluru to

Hazrat Nizamuddin.

Through these special trains, farmers can send their crops anywhere in the country. Now, going a step ahead on this, Prime Minister Shri Modi's government has decided to give 50% subsidy on freight to farmers in these trains. This subsidy will be provided directly to farmers under the Operation Greens 'Top to Total Scheme' by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. For this, an agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Food Processing Industries and this scheme has come into effect from 14 October.

The impact of all these steps taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's government is also visible. These steps resulted not only in increase of agricultural production but when the exports of all industrial products were declining during the Corona outbreak, the agricultural commodities export increased by about 43.4%. During April-September 2020, exports of agricultural commodities grew by 43.4%. In which exports of groundnut, sugar, wheat, basmati rice and non-basmati rice have increased the most.

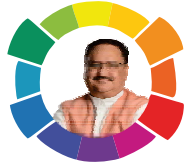
The government had

announced the Agricultural Export Policy-2018 to boost agricultural exports. The scheme emphasizes on export-focused cultivation of cash crops such as fruits, vegetables and spices. For this, efforts are being made to constitute special agricultural groups and these specific export products are encouraged. The Modi government has initiated several programs based on the entire production chain for agricultural exporters and established 8 Export Promotion Forums (EPFs). The result of which is now visible. ■

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2G ethanol bio-refineries
Boosting biofuel production in India

OMCs have entered into MoUs with technology providers and state govts for setting up 2G ethanol bio-refineries.

Five commercial proposals each from IOCL (Panipat), HPCL (Bhatinda), BPCL (Bargarh), NRL (Numaligarh), MRPL (Davangere) and one proposal for demonstration plant from IOCL (Panipat) have been received to avail financial assistance under PM-JIVAN scheme.



Hon. Min. P&NG and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan laid the foundation stone of 2G ethanol plant at Gorakhpur on 18.09.2019.

Procurement for Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21
 Up to Oct 16, 2020

Paddy	Moong and Urad	Copra	Cotton Seeds
Quantity 76,77,553 Metric Tonnes	Quantity 723.79 Metric Tonnes	Quantity 5,089 Metric Tonnes	Quantity 1,50,654 Bales
No. of Farmers Benefitted 6,69,887	No. of Farmers Benefitted 681	No. of Farmers Benefitted 3,961	No. of Farmers Benefitted 30,139
MSP Value ₹ 14,495.22 Crore	MSP Value ₹ 5.21 Crore	MSP Value ₹ 52.40 Crore	MSP Value ₹ 425.56 Crore

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Zojila Tunnel

Asia's longest bi-directional road tunnel

Salient Features & Significance

Provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar, Dras, Kargil and Leh regions.

To be built across Zojila pass at an altitude of about 3000 metres

- 1** ₹6808.63 crores - total capital cost of the project
- 2** Re-modelled project to save ₹3835 crores
- 3** Great importance to the defence of the country
- 4** Only viable alternative for full year road connectivity
- 5** To reduce travel time from 3.5 hours currently to just 15 min
- 6** 80 kmph- design speed
- 7** Avalanches-free travel on Srinagar-Kargil-Leh section of NH-1
- 8** To generate local employment