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@narendramodi

Lord Buddha talked about the sense of ultimate responsibility. May his teachings keep guiding us in our various endeavours to create a better planet.

@JPNadda

The speed with which India has touched the 100 crore mark shows that the government is fully committed to the safety of every individual. On this historic moment, I thank Prime Minister @narendramodi ji from the bottom of my heart and congratulate all the health workers and the countrymen. #VaccineCentury



@AmitShah

Flag Point where Netaji first unfurled the tricolor, such a historical place was forgotten. The earlier governments did not even think of anyone other than a family. Modi ji has revived the memory of Subhash Babu by hoisting the tricolor here again and naming this island after Netaji.



@rajnathsingh

Seven new defence companies were dedicated to the Nation on the occasion of Vijayadashami. PM Shri @narendramodi, in his address underlined the significance of these companies in forming a strong base for the defence manufacturing industry in India.



@Nitin Gadkari

We are moving towards making the country self-reliant with new innovations in the field of defence. #AatmanirbharDefence



@B L Santhosh

They lost every moral right to call themselves farmers . It's time saner elements if any among them to apologise to nation & withdraw & engage with Govt unconditionally.



#LargestVaccineDrive

More than
100
Crore
VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED

Congratulations India
ON THIS GLOBAL MILESTONE!

KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
wishes a very happy
DEEPAWALI (04 NOVEMBER)
to all of its readers

INDIA BASKS IN GLORY OF 100 CRORE JABS

As India crossed the landmark of administering 100 crore Covid-19 vaccines to its population, every Indian is feeling proud of having performed a great feat in such a short time. The nation is filled with an overwhelming sense of achievement and accomplishment. The sense of achievement is getting multiplied by the fact that powered by 'Made in India' vaccines, India has crossed this milestone on its own strength. This marvellous achievement is boldly announcing the arrival of an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' under the visionary and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi which is ready of convert challenges into opportunities. While many developed nations are still contending with the pandemic seeking to vaccinate its population fully, India has secured this benchmark in just around nine months showing the commitment of Modi government to the mantra of 'Speed, Scale and Skill' in delivering the vaccines to even inaccessible and remotest part of the country and to the last person in the society cutting across geographical, social and economic divide.

India's vaccination journey crossing 100 crore mark is studded with many glorious achievements. It is a saga of consistent endeavours which saw each passing day gaining momentum and creating new landmarks of success. While continuously reducing the days in vaccinating 10 crore people from 85 to 11 days, India touched one crore mark in a single day on many occasions. It was a world record when the nation crossed 2.5 crore mark in a single day as a birthday gift to Prime Minister on 17 September 2021. As a number of states and UTs in India have been able to give at least one job to its 100% population, some other states have achievements even bigger than some leading countries in the world. The mammoth task of vaccinating a country of around 140 crore people which appeared extremely challenging now seems within reach and achievable with 31% population fully vaccinated and above 75% population having received at least one jab.

India's glorious achievements have proven the doomsayers wrong many times earlier also but this time their apprehensions have been badly belied. No one should forget that during pandemic, a section of opposition led by Congress and backed by these doomsayers had doubted the strength and capabilities of India in fighting the pandemic while raising questions on efficacy of 'Made in India' vaccines and tried to create panic in the country. Many of these doomsayers cloaked as experts had tried to break the morale of the country by citing fuzzy data predicting inevitable failure of the entire nation. They are the same set of people who in the beginning even doubted that India will be able to produce enough sanitizers, masks and

medicines. But the united spirit of India responded overwhelmingly by manufacturing 'Made in India' vaccines and even helping other countries with medical equipments, expertise, medicines and other essentials in the time of their need. The Congress and its allies and these doomsayers should realize that a 'New India' has arisen under the strong and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi which can easily achieve what appears impossible to them.

The speed with which the world's largest and fastest vaccination drive is moving forward leaves no doubt in anyone's mind that very soon entire eligible population of India will be fully vaccinated. While the free vaccines have become a unique component of this massive drive, the united spirit of the nation to fight the pandemic has enabled the nation to meet every challenge with strength and determination. The commitment and dedication of the doctors, nurses, medical staff, lab technicians, pharma sector, administrative personnel and Corona Warriors have made the entire nation proud making India stand out in the world as a wonderful nation. As India resumes help to other countries in supplying vaccines, its success in crossing 100 crore jabs at home makes every Indian bask in glory. ■

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In a landmark achievement, India's cumulative COVID-19 vaccination coverage crossed 100 crore doses on 21 October, 2021. A total of 100 crore vaccine doses have been administered so far to eligible beneficiaries, as per the Cowin portal. The first vaccine was given on 16 January and India achieved this milestone in 278 days. The number is twice the number of vaccines administered in the United States, five times that of Japan, nine times that of Germany, and 10 times the number of vaccine doses administered in France, the government said in a presentation hailing the 'vaccine century'.

India's COVID-19 vaccination drive was launched on January 16, 2021. Initially, the vaccination was

opened for Health Care Workers (HCWs) only. From February 02, front-line workers were made eligible for vaccination. These included State and Central Police personnel, Armed Force Personnel, Home Guards, Civil Defence & Disaster Management Volunteers, Municipal workers, Prison Staff, PRI Staff and Revenue workers involved in containment and surveillance, Railway Protection Force and election Staff.

The vaccination drive was expanded from March 01 to include persons above 60 years of age and those above 45 years with associated specified 20 co-morbidities. It was further expanded to all people above 45 years of age from April 01. From May 01 all

persons above 18 years of age were made eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.

Under PM Shri Narendra Modi's leadership India massively ramped up its vaccination drive, with more than 61,000 public and private health facilities offering the jab.

The country has also started delivering vaccines by drone to far-flung villages in north-east India's mountainous regions. Drones will also be used to ferry doses to the eastern archipelago of Andamans and Nicobar where transportation by boat was taking a long time.

The government is using drones which can carry a payload of 4.5kg or a maximum of 900 doses and fly at least 70km (43 miles) to ferry doses.

The government celebrated the milestone with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanking health workers, special announcements at railway stations and airports and monuments lit up in the national colours.

Congratulating on the occasion Indian President Shri Ram Nath Kovind said that this is the result of our collective effort. "The nation has created history today. All the citizens have together crossed the milestone of 100 crore vaccinations. India has presented a new example of self-reliance before the world. I congratulate all the citizens for this achievement".

PM MODI VISITS RML HOSPITAL & INTERACTS WITH BENEFICIARIES

As India crossed the 100 crore-mark in its Covid-19 vaccination drive, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital to



express gratitude to the frontline warriors for achieving this feat. PM Shri Modi spoke to several beneficiaries at the RML Hospital. Later PM Shri Modi tweeted, "Today, when India has achieved a #VaccineCentury, I went to a vaccination centre at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. The vaccine has brought pride and protection in the lives of our citizens,".

The PM's visit proved highly motivating for health workers. Shri Modi spoke gently to all from security guards to the health staff of the hospital.

PM EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO DOCTORS AND NURSES ON CROSSING 100 CRORE VACCINATIONS

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has expressed gratitude to doctors, nurses and all those who worked on crossing 100 crore vaccinations.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said; "India scripts history. We are witnessing the triumph of Indian science, enterprise and collective spirit of 130 crore Indians. Congrats India on crossing 100 crore vaccinations. Gratitude to our doctors, nurses and all those who worked to achieve this feat. #VaccineCentury"




INDIA SCRIPTS HISTORY: PM MODI

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hailed the collective spirit of 130-crore Indians on 21 October, 2021 as the country scripted history by administering the billionth coronavirus disease (Covid-19) vaccine shot, crossing the 100-crore vaccine milestone.

PM MODI TRUSTED SCIENTISTS, BUT OPPOSITION...: JP NADDA

As the country achieved the landmark of 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses administration, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said the Opposition underestimated the making of vaccines but Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi trusted the scientists that they will make the same within a stipulated time.

Expressing his gratitude to frontline workers and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Nadda said, "India has achieved 100 crore COVID-19 vaccinations in less than 10 months. This shows our government's commitment to the health safety of every person in the country. I extend heartfelt thanks to Prime Minister Shri Modi and express gratitude towards healthcare and frontline workers."



I congratulate the country on this historic achievement and thank all scientists, researchers and health workers who have contributed in this great task by overcoming many challenges and congratulate Shri Narendra Modi for commitment towards the safety and health of every person.

-Amit Shah

The achievement in the war against the COVID pandemic shows the commitment of our government. Giving unprecedented momentum to this vaccination campaign, which started on 16 January 2021, this splendid achievement has been achieved today. #VaccineCentury

-Nitin Gadkari

Today India has achieved a great success in the ongoing fight against Coronavirus. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi India has shown its resolve by achieving the target of providing 100 crore vaccination doses in a short span of time.

-Rajnath Singh

Congratulations India! We have achieved a landmark milestone of 100 Crore COVID-19 vaccination doses. Salute to our COVID Warriors, our Healthcare and Frontline Workers who have worked day and night to help us achieve it. #VaccineCentury

-Dr Mansukh Mandaviya

GLOBAL LEADERS CONGRATULATE INDIA ON CROSSING 100 CRORE MILESTONE

Leaders from across the world congratulated India on crossing the milestone of 100 crore vaccinations, terming it a huge and extraordinary accomplishment.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus: The World Health Organisation has congratulated India in achieving over a billion COVID-19 vaccinations milestone. Government data shows three-quarters of adults in India have had one shot and around 30 per cent are fully vaccinated.

"Congratulations, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, scientists, health workers and the people of India, on your efforts to protect the vulnerable populations from COVID-19 and achieve vaccine equity targets".

PM of Bhutan Lotay Tshering: "In what is a huge accomplishment not just for your country but the world, India hit the one billion mark of COVID-19 vaccination doses. On behalf of the people of

Bhutan, I congratulate India! @narendramodi @PMOIndia"

President of Shrilanka Mahinda : "Congratulations to PM @narendramodi, the medical community & frontliners of #India for achieving this mammoth task. The way forward & adjusting to the new normal while staying safe is highly dependent on a successful vaccination drive. Congratulations on reaching this milestone".

President of Malawi Dr. Lazarus Chakwera: "Congratulations to India, which has now administered 1 billion Covid-19 vaccines. Vaccine accessibility is key to building back better and stronger".

Prime Minister of Israel Naftali Bennett: "Congratulations to @narendramodi on leading India's successful COVID-19 vaccination campaign

that has now administered more than 1 billion vaccines to the Indian people. These life-saving vaccines are helping us all defeat the global pandemic”.

President of the Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih: “Congratulations to PM @narendramodi and government of India for administering 1 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines, displaying the innovation and solidarity of the Indian people. Thank you also, India, for supporting Maldives’ Covid-19 recovery and vaccination efforts”.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken: “We congratulate India for the extraordinary accomplishment of administering one billion doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. I applaud India’s successes in fighting COVID-19 at home and for its efforts to help end the pandemic in the Indo-Pacific region and well beyond”.

US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy R.

Sherman: “Congratulations to India on administering their 1 billionth dose of COVID-19 vaccine! We applaud India’s commitment to ramp up vaccine production for export and use worldwide. With the #Quad, the U.S. and India are working together to vaccinate the world and end the pandemic”.

Foreign Minister of Bhutan Tandi Dorji: “Congratulations India for administering 1 billion COVID-19 vaccinations - a historic milestone!”

Bill Gates: India has administered 1 billion vaccine doses, a testament to India’s innovation, ability to manufacture at scale, and the efforts of millions of health workers backed by CoWIN. Congratulations @narendramodi @mansukhmandviya @PMOIndia @MoHFW_India

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has also thanked world leaders for their wishes on India crossing 100 crore vaccinations.

INDIA CELEBRATES COVID-19 VACCINATION MILESTONE

As India crosses the mark of 100 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses on 21 October, 2021 the Archaeological Survey of India of Ministry of Culture has illuminated 100 monuments in Tricolour across the country as landmark milestone of administering 100 crore COVID vaccinations in one of the World’s largest and fastest vaccination drive.

In addition to this, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi decorated the hospital on the occasion. Sweets were distributed among the staff of the Union Health Ministry and in every hospital of the country doctors and nurses celebrated on the occasion.



Apart from this, various Railway stations announced the achievement on the loudspeaker at the station and Railway staff wished citizens for achieving this unique milestone in the shortest time span. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) also made



announcements through its public address systems and displayed messages on panels in trains and at stations to mark the momentous achievement.

SpiceJet airlines on 21 October, 2021 unveiled a special aircraft livery to honour the contributions of frontline workers and Covid warriors as India celebrated the milestone of a billion Covid-19 vaccination doses. It was unveiled at an event attended by union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, and Chairman and Managing Director of Spicejet Shri Ajay Singh at Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport. ■

'INDIA'S ENTIRE VACCINATION PROGRAM IS SCIENCE BORN, SCIENCE DRIVEN & SCIENCE-BASED'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on achieving the milestone of 100 crore vaccinations on 22 October, 2021. The Prime Minister lauded the difficult but remarkable feat of administering 100 crore vaccine doses. He attributed this achievement to the dedication of 130 crore countrymen and said this success is the success of India and the success of every countryman. He said 100 crore vaccinations are not just a figure, but a reflection of the strength of the country; it is the creation of a new chapter of history. This is a picture of a new India that sets difficult goals and knows how to achieve them.

NOW PEOPLE COMPARING INDIA'S VACCINATION PROGRAM WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

The Prime Minister noted that today many people are comparing India's vaccination program with other countries of the world. He said the speed with which India crossed the 100 crore mark, 1 billion, is also being appreciated. However, he pointed out, in this analysis the point of beginning for India is often missed. He said developed countries had decades of expertise in researching and developing vaccines. India mostly depended on vaccines made by these countries. He said for this reason when the biggest pandemic of the century struck, various questions were raised about India's ability to fight the global pandemic. Questions like, from where will India get the money to buy so many vaccines from other countries? When will India get the vaccine? Will the people of India get the vaccine or not? Will India be able to vaccinate enough people to stop the pandemic from spreading? - were answered by achieving this feat of administering 100 crore vaccinations. He stressed that India has not only administered 100 crore vaccine doses to its citizens but has also done that free of cost. He said the acceptance that India enjoys in the world as a pharma hub will be further strengthened.

'FREE VACCINE AND VACCINE FOR EVERYONE'

The Prime Minister said at the beginning of



the Corona pandemic, people were anxious that it would be very difficult to fight this pandemic in a democracy like India. Questions were also raised whether so much restraint and so much discipline work here? He said that for us, democracy means taking everyone along- Sabka Saath. The country started the campaign of 'Free Vaccine and Vaccine for Everyone'. Vaccinations were given to Poor-rich, Rural-urban alike. He remarked that the country has only one mantra that if the disease does not discriminate, then there cannot be any discrimination in the vaccination. He said that's why it was ensured that the VIP culture of entitlement does not dominate the vaccination campaign.

The Prime Minister said questions were raised that most of the people in India would not go to the vaccination centre to get vaccinated. Vaccine hesitancy remains a major challenge even today in many major developed countries of the world. But the people of India have answered it by taking 100 crore vaccine doses. He said a campaign is 'everybody's effort' and if everyone's efforts are synergized, the results are amazing. He said that the Government made public participation the first line of defence in the country's fight against the pandemic.

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PRIME MINISTER GAVE CONFIDENCE AND STRENGTH TO CITIZENS TO FIGHT THE PANDEMIC

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in a press statement on 21 October, 2021 said at a time when the Corona pandemic posed big threat not only to India but to the entire world and when humanity was under threat, in these extremely difficult and trying times Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave a new lease of life to more than 130 crores Indians and also showed the world how to effectively deal with the pandemic. The Prime Minister gave confidence and strength to the citizens to fight the pandemic. He not only prepared a strong castle against the Corona pandemic which gave safety and security to all and also did not let our economy slow down. The efforts of the Narendra Modi government gave India the strength and will power to fight the pandemic successfully.

Taking proactive and preemptive steps against the Corona pandemic, Shri Narendra Modi constituted a 'Vaccine Task Force' on April 14, 2020. On November 8, 2020 Prime Minister visited all the three vaccine manufacturing facilities – Serum Institute, Bharat Biotech and Zydus Biotech – where he took stock of the situation and took first hand information of the progress in vaccine development and manufacturing. Within nine months of the setting up of the 'Vaccine Task Force' India successfully developed not one but two world class 'Made In India' Covid vaccines. And now within 278 days, India, under the decisive leadership and guidance of PM Shri Narendra Modi, has once again surprised the entire world by reaching the 100 crore mark of the vaccination administered in the country.

From the culture of 'this cannot be done', 'we cannot do this', our Prime Minister assured all Indians that we have the courage and capacity to cross all hurdles and accomplish the impossible.

He told the country that if 130 crore Indians resolve to do something, that task will be accomplished come what may. And with this resolve in mind the Narendra Modi government with the help and cooperation of every Indian made this impossible task possible. India is successfully running the world's fastest and

largest Corona vaccination programme.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had full confidence and trust on our scientists and doctors that India will be able to develop a vaccine against the Coronavirus. But

some Opposition parties had no trust in our scientists and doctors and their leaders always mocked and ridiculed our scientists and doctors. But the Narendra Modi government and our scientists and doctors crossed all hurdles and manufactured two vaccines.

It is time again to laud the success of our scientists and doctors who developed the vaccines, and the courage and dedication of our paramedical staff and health workers who helped us cross the 100-crore vaccination milestone in such a short period. Let us celebrate India's achievement of giving a 100-crore jabs of hope. Let us continue to work together to defeat this pandemic under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Shri JP Nadda said, "I once again congratulate and thank the people of the country and the Narendra Modi government for achieving this historic feat in a record time. I also thank our health workers, doctors, paramedical staff, Corona warriors and frontline workers who have done extreme hard work and broken several barriers in making India's fight against the Corona pandemic successful. And I also thank and congratulate our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for leading from the front in India's fight against the deadly pandemic and converting adversity into an opportunity and by guiding and trusting each and every Indian in these difficult times. I also thank crores of Bharatiya Janata Party workers for their selfless service to humanity and to the country". ■



'MADE IN INDIA' VACCINES A SIGNIFICANT PARADIGM SHIFT



NARENDRA MODI

India completed vaccination of 100 crore doses on October 21 in about nine months since starting vaccination. The journey from anxiety in early 2020 to assurance has happened, and India has emerged stronger, thanks to the world's largest vaccination drive.

It has been a truly Herculean, bhagirath effort involving multiple sections of society. For any effort to attain and sustain speed and scale, trust of all stakeholders is crucial. One reason for a successful campaign was the trust that people developed in the vaccine and the process followed, despite various efforts to create mistrust and panic. There are some who only trust foreign brands. However, when it came to something as crucial as the Covid-19 vaccine, Indians unanimously trusted 'Made in India' vaccines. This is a significant paradigm shift.

ALL FOR ONE, AND ONE FOR ALL

India's vaccine drive is an example of what India can achieve if the citizens and the government come together with a common goal in the spirit of people's participation, or jan bhagidari. Initially, many doubted the capabilities of 130 crore Indians. Some said India would take 3-4 years, while others doubted people coming forward to get vaccinated. There were those who said there will be gross mismanagement and chaos, while others doubted India's ability to manage supply chains. But just like the 2020 national lockdown - janta curfew - and subsequent lockdowns, the people showed how spectacular the results can be if made trusted partners.

When everyone takes ownership, nothing is impossible. There was a lot of pressure from different interest groups to give preferential treatment to them in vaccination. But Gol ensured that there is no VIP culture in the vaccination drive.

In early 2020, it was clear to us that this pandemic will have to be eventually fought with the help of vaccines. We started preparing early. We constituted

expert groups and started preparing a roadmap right from April 2020. Till today, only a handful of countries have developed their own vaccines. More than 180 countries are dependent on an extremely limited pool of producers, and dozens of nations are still waiting for the supply of vaccines.

Imagine if India did not have its own vaccine. How would India have secured enough vaccines for such a large population? How many years would that have taken? It is here that credit should be given to Indian scientists and entrepreneurs for rising to the occasion. It is due to their talent and hard work that India is truly *aatmanirbhar* when it comes to vaccines. Our vaccine manufacturers, by scaling up to meet the demands of such a large population, have shown that they are second to none.

Gol has been an accelerator and enabler of progress. It partnered with vaccine-makers right from day one, and gave them support in the form of institutional assistance, scientific research, funding, as well as accelerated regulatory processes. All ministries came together to facilitate and remove any bottlenecks as a result of the 'whole of government' approach.

In a country of the scale of India, it is not enough to just produce. Focus has to be on last-mile delivery and seamless logistics. To understand the challenges involved, imagine the journey taken by one vial of vaccines. From a plant in Pune or Hyderabad, the vial is sent to a hub in any of the states, from where it is transported to the district hub. From there, it reaches a vaccination centre. This entails the deployment of thousands of trips taken by flights and trains. During this entire journey, the temperature has to be maintained in a particular range that is centrally monitored.

WE ARE THE NATION

For this, over 1 lakh cold-chain equipments were utilised. States were given advance notice of

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VACCINATION PROGRAM IS BORN IN WOMB OF SCIENCE

The Prime Minister said India's entire vaccination program is born in the womb of science, has grown on scientific grounds and has reached all four directions through scientific methods. He said it is a matter of pride for all of us that the entire vaccination program of India has been Science born, Science driven and Science-based. He said that before the vaccine was made and until the vaccine was administered, the entire campaign was based on a scientific approach. The challenge was also a need to scale up the production. After that, distribution to different states and timely delivery of vaccines to far-flung areas. But, with scientific methods and new innovations, the country has found solutions to these challenges. Resources were increased with extraordinary speed. He said the Cowin platform, made in India, not only gave convenience to the common people but also made the work of our medical staff easier.

MONEY IS GOING DIRECTLY INTO THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF FARMERS

The Prime Minister said experts and many agencies from home and abroad are very positive about India's economy. Today not only are record investments coming in Indian companies but new employment opportunities are also being created for the youth. With record investment in start-ups,

the delivery schedule of the vaccines so that they could plan their drives better and vaccines reached them on the pre-decided days. This has been an unprecedented effort in the history of independent India.

All these efforts were complemented by a robust tech platform in CoWIN. It ensured that the vaccine drive was equitable, scalable, trackable and transparent. This ensured that there was no scope for favouritism or jumping the queue. It also ensured that a poor worker could take first dose in his village and the second dose of the same vaccine in the city where he works, after the required time interval. In addition to a real-time dashboard to boost transparency, the QR (quick response)-coded certificates ensured verifiability. There are hardly any examples of such efforts not only in India but also the world.

unicorns are being made. New energy is also visible in the housing sector. He said many reforms and initiatives taken in the last few months, will play a big role in making India's economy grow faster. He said during the pandemic, the agriculture sector kept our economy strong. Today government procurement of food grains is happening at a record level. The money is going directly into the bank accounts of the farmers.

COUNTRY KNOWS HOW TO SET BIG GOALS AND ACHIEVE THEM

The Prime Minister insisted the people on buying every little thing, which is Made in India, which was made by the hard work of an Indian. He said that this will be possible only with the efforts of everyone. Just like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a mass movement, in the same way, buying things made in India, buying things made by Indians, being Vocal for Local has to be put into practice.

The Prime Minister said the country knows how to set big goals and achieve them. But, for this, we need to be constantly careful. He stressed that no matter how good the cover is, no matter how modern the armour is, even if armour gives a complete guarantee of protection, weapons are not given up while the battle is on. Similarly, he said there is no reason to get careless. He requested the people to celebrate our festivals with utmost care. ■

In my 2015 Independence Day address, I had said that our country is moving ahead because of 'Team India', and this 'Team India' is a big team of our 130 crore people. People's participation is the biggest strength of democracy. If we run the country through the participation of 130 crore Indians, our country will be moving ahead 130 crore steps every moment. Our vaccination drive has yet again showed the power of this 'Team India'. India's success in its vaccination drive has also demonstrated to the whole world that 'democracy can deliver'.

The success achieved in the world's largest vaccination drive should further spur our youth, our innovators and all levels of government to set new benchmarks of public service delivery that will be a model not only for our country, but also for the world.

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)



MANIPUR HAS BECOME GATEWAY OF 'SELF-RELIANT INDIA'

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed a public meeting organized at Sports Authority of India Ground, Utlo, Nambol (Manipur) on 9 October during the two days Manipur Pravas. He urged people of Manipur to re-elect the Double Engine government in Manipur under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. In the public meeting, the Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh, State BJP President Smt. Sharda Devi, Maharaja LeishembaSanajaoba of Manipur, Union Ministers Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Ms. Pratima Bhowmik, BJP in-charge of Manipur and National Spokesperson Dr. Sambit Patra, Shri Ajay Jamwal and Shri Ashok Singhal and many ministers and party officials of the state government were present.

Earlier, on reaching the Veer Tikendrajit International Airport, Imphal, the party karyakarta gave a grand welcome to the National President.

BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY GOVERNMENT IS SET TO BE FORMED AGAIN IN MANIPUR

Saluting the brave land of Manipur, Shri Nadda

also recalled the important contribution of Manipur in the freedom struggle. The land of Manipur is called the 'Gateway of Independence'. The flag of the Indian National Army was hoisted for the first time in Manipur. Today, Manipur has also become the gateway of 'Self-reliant India' under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. We should take inspiration from this. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh, Manipur has joined the mainstream of development. He said that the people of Manipur have decided that the Bharatiya Janata Party is going to win the next Legislative Assembly elections in the state with a thumping majority.

DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY OF MANIPUR

Shri Nadda said that the standard of living of the people of Manipur has been raised by the central schemes. Under Ujjwala scheme 1.56 lakh gas connections were given in Manipur, due to Saubhagya scheme, electricity reached about one lakh households in the state and three lakh LED bulbs were distributed in the state under Ujala scheme,

saving electricity bill of about Rs 16 crore. Under the Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana at the time of Corona, three installments of five hundred rupees each, i.e. Rs. 1,500 were given by the central government in the account of about 10 lakh women of Manipur. About 11,000 people of Manipur have been benefitted under Ayushman Bharat scheme of which about Rs 18 crore has been spent. About three lakh farmers of Manipur are getting benefitted under Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

TAKES A JIBE AT OPPOSITION ON VACCINE AND VACCINATION

Speaking on vaccination, the National President Shri J.P. Nadda said that earlier the opposition parties used to babble about vaccines and vaccinations, but today there is silence on their faces. Today the world's largest and fastest vaccination campaign is going on in India. From last 21st June, Prime Minister announced free vaccination for citizens above 18 years of age across the country. In Manipur also 17 lakh vaccine doses have been administered so far in which about 12 lakh first doses and about 5 lakh second doses have been administered. Manipur will soon become the state to administer 100% vaccination dose. Vaccines are being delivered to remote areas in Manipur through drones. I congratulate the Chief Minister and his entire team for this innovative initiative.

MANIPUR BECOMES THE 'GATEWAY OF DEVELOPMENT'

In the government of double engine, under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and leadership of Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh, Manipur has progressed at a fast pace on the path of development with new hope. **Earlier development was ignored in the northeastern states but today Manipur has become the 'Gateway of Development' under the double engine government.** It is the responsibility of all of us to give a new dimension of development in Manipur by working shoulder to shoulder with the Prime Minister. Our Prime Minister has made the country a major 'Global Player' of the world. He has left no stone unturned for the development of the Northeast, the BJP government of Manipur has also taken his every

plan to the ground and brought development to the people. I appeal to the people of Manipur to keep your blessings on the Bharatiya Janata Party.

INAUGURATION OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED STATE BJP OFFICE

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 10 October inaugurated the newly constructed State BJP Office in Imphal, Manipur and described the party office as the center for cultivating the workers. Shri Nadda further said that today I feel very happy to inaugurate the newly constructed State BJP office because for the Bharatiya Janata Party, the offices are the center for cultivating the workers and enhancing their social and political personality. This office is like hardware and our workers are the software of this process. And I am sure that the state BJP offices will be helpful in further strengthening the foundation of the party in the state.

I extend my warm greetings to the party workers on the inauguration of the state office today. The office is equipped with well-organized conference hall, canteen, library, e-library, IT section and all other essentials. I am sure that the newly created State Office will play a useful role in understanding the party's policies. Along with this, the people of the state will also be able to understand the party's literature, policy and program in a better way.

The BJP National President said that in the last 25 years, Bharatiya Janata Party has traveled from zero to peak in Manipur. The BJP made its presence felt in the Manipur Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1995. After this, the BJP continued to strengthen here. Today, from the Municipal Corporation to the Vidhan Sabha, the people of the state have extended their blessings and support to the BJP's politics of development. Today, BJP has 24 MLAs and under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri N Biren Singh is taking the resolve of development of respected Prime Minister on the ground with a dedicated spirit and connecting people to the mainstream of development.

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT INITIATES DIALOGUE WITH PROMINENT PERSONALITIES AND INTELLECTUALS

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash

Nadda, on the last day of his Manipur Pravas at the City Convention Center, Imphal, initiated dialogue with the Sports Personalities, prominent personalities and intellectuals of the society, who have won the glory of success in different fields including education, sports and science. Shri Nadda interacted with them and introduced them to the development journey going on across the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Many eminent intellectuals including the successful Chief Minister of Manipur Shri Birendra Singh, State BJP President Smt. Sharda Devi, Union Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Olympian Mary Kom and BJP in-charge of Manipur, Dr. Sambit Patra were present in this program.

Shri Nadda said that in the last four and a half years, the double engine government of Bharatiya Janata Party has brought a culture of development and positive change in Manipur with villages, poor, farmers, youth and women at the center. The politics of demolition, anarchy, barriers and bandh had blocked development in Manipur. Previous state government had nothing to do with the politics of development. BJP has brought Manipur on the path of development from destruction.

The BJP National President said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi, the amount of public welfare schemes goes directly to the account of the poor. Prime Minister has started

many schemes for the betterment of farmers. Under the Kisan Samman Nidhi, more than 10 crore farmers have been given assistance amounting to more than 1.5 lakh crore rupees in nine installments so far. Also, one lakh crore rupees have been allocated for agricultural infrastructure. A monthly pension of Rs. 3000 has been started for small and marginal farmers above 60 years of age. A subsidy of Rs 1,200 is being given on DAP per bag.

Shri Nadda said that today Manipur has become a new destination for sports under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Today, our great boxer Mary Kom is also present. With her achievements, she has shown the way for the 'Matrishakti' of the country to move forward. Be it Asian Games, Commonwealth Games or Olympics - Manipur sportspersons are toppers everywhere. From boxing to athletics, the players of Manipur have made their own identity.

Shri Nadda said that the development gap in the hills and valleys of Manipur has been bridged under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Initiatives have been taken to preserve the culture and protect the assets under the Inner Line Permit Program. Manipur ranks first in bringing innovative schemes. Water supply to households has increased from 3 per cent to 36 per cent. Irrigation facilities have been doubled. The crime rate in the state has also come down drastically. ■

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT INAUGURATES THE SAHYOG CELL

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated the newly started Sahyog cell at National BJP's Headquarters in Delhi on October 11. Inaugurating the Sahyog Cell, he said that the Central Sahyog Cell of BJP, which has started again from today, will become a powerful platform for speedy resolution of the problems of common citizens and party karyakartas. On the first day itself, Union Health Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya listened to the problems

of common citizens and party karyakartas and took necessary initiatives to solve those problems.

Sahyog Cell will run regularly from Monday to Friday every week. Every day some or the other Union Minister will communicate directly with the general public and party karyakartas, listen to their problems and will take appropriate steps to solve them.

It is to be known that after the arrival of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Center in 2014,



the process to listen and redress the problems of the karyakartas in the Bharatiya Janata Party Sahyog Cell had increased. This system was interrupted during the Corona period, which has been started again from 11 October. ■



BJP COMING BACK TO POWER WITH FULL MAJORITY IN GOA: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah on 14 October, 2021 said that the BJP was set to return to power with a full majority in Goa. He was speaking at the 'Bhoomi Pujan' of the National Forensic Sciences University campus in Dharbandora in South Goa. Shri Shah also addressed BJP Karyakartas in Taleigaon and met BJP MLAs and ministers during his Pravas.

Remembering Shri Manohar Parrikar, Shri Shah said that the country will remember Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Parrikar for ages because under their leadership our armed force personnels got 'One Rank One Pension'.

The Union Home Minister said for many years, cross border terrorism was a common thing in J&K but when there was an attack in Poonch, for the first time surgical strikes were carried out by the Indian Army and the then Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar played an instrumental role in it.

Amid slogans cheering the BJP, Shri Amit Shah said the BJP government at the Centre and in Goa had brought about developments and given the state a stable government in the last decade. He said the double engine BJP governments in Goa and at the Centre would help in the development of the state.

Speaking to the Karyakartas he said polls are still far away but make up your mind today. Bring back the BJP government with full majority and put a stamp on CM Shri Pramod Sawant's development works.

100 PER CENT COVID VACCINATION IN GOA

Shri Amit Shah also commended Chief Minister Shri Pramod Sawant for achieving 100 per cent Covid vaccination of the eligible population in Goa with the first dose. He said that Goa's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic was among the best in the country.

Goa government met every challenge very

efficiently and faced Corona pandemic very well. It was among the leading states in the country. I have no hesitation in saying that, Shri Shah added.

He also said the Mopa airport should be ready in one year and will enhance tourism. The six-laning of the national highway and various infrastructure projects in the state were testimony to the BJP's government's commitment to development.

LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR NFSU CAMPUS

Laying the foundation stone for the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) Shri Amit Shah said the forensic university that was about to start in Goa was aimed at improving conviction rates, generate employment opportunities for Goan youth and meet the shortage of manpower in forensic science.

In offences that attract punishment of more than six years, a visit by forensic scientists should be made compulsory. With this, he said, there will be forensic teams at the district level across 600 districts in the country and there should also be mobile forensic vans.

For this we will need 30,000-40,000 forensic scientists. Where will we get them from? There is shortage of skilled manpower. Only education is the answer and that is why the forensic sciences university was established," he said.

He said that in 10 years, students graduating from the university will also find employment as professors in the university. In 10 years, people will say that most forensic scientists come from Goa. He said that Goa NFSU should also cater to issues relevant to Goa like tourism, NDPS Act and coastal policing.

Among others Maharashtra former CM and BJP Goa in-charge Shri Devendra Fadnavis, CM Shri Pramod Sawant and others senior leaders were present on this occasion. ■

PM DEDICATES SEVEN NEW DEFENCE COMPANIES ON AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF VIJAY DASHMI

CREATION OF SEVEN COMPANIES WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO DR KALAM'S DREAM OF STRONG INDIA: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 15 October delivered video address in an event organized by the Defence Ministry to dedicate the seven new Defence Companies to the Nation. Raksha Mantri Shri Raj Nath Singh and Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt, among others, were present on the occasion.

He also paid tributes to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and said that Dr Kalam dedicated his life to the cause of a strong nation and said that Restructuring of Ordnance

Factories and creation of seven companies will give strength to his dream of strong India.

Seven new Defence companies were incorporated, namely Munitions India Limited (MIL); Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVANI); Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWE India); Troop Comforts Limited (TCL) (Troop Comfort Items); Yantra India Limited (YIL); India Optel Limited (IOL); and Gliders India Limited (GIL).

- These seven new companies will form a strong base for the military strength of the country in the times to come
- An order book of more than Rs. 65,000 Cr. reflects the increasing confidence of the country in these companies
- Today, Defence Sector is witnessing unprecedented transparency, trust and technology-driven approach"
- Our defence export has increased by 325 per cent in last five years ■

GOVT EXTENDS INSURANCE SCHEME FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

The insurance scheme for healthcare workers fighting Covid-19 – the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) – has been extended by 180 days with effect from October 21. This has been done to continue providing the safety net to dependents of health workers who are deputed to take care of Covid-19 patients. ■

CABINET APPROVES CONTINUATION OF SWACHH BHARAT MISSION (URBAN)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 12 October approved the continuation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) till 2025-26, with focus on sustainability of Open Defecation Free (ODF) outcomes, achieving scientific processing of Solid Waste in all cities, and managing Wastewater in cities with less than 1 lakh population in Census 2011 [cities not covered under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)]. A financial outlay of Rs. 1,41,600 crores has been finalized for SBM-U 2.0. ■

CABINET APPROVES ATAL MISSION FOR REJUVENATION AND URBAN TRANSFORMATION – AMRUT 2.0 TILL 2025-26

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 12 October approved the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0) till 2025-26, as a step towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat and with aim of making the cities 'water secure' and 'self-sustainable' through circular economy of water.

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), first focused national water Mission was launched in June 2015 to facilitate ease of living to citizens in 500 cities by providing tap connections and sewer connections. So far, 1.1 crore household tap connections and 85 lakh sewer/ septage connections have been provided. 6,000 MLD sewage treatment capacity is being developed, of which 1,210 MLD capacity is already created, with provision for reuse of 907 MLD treated sewage. 1,820 parks with area of 3,600 acre have been developed, while another 1,800 acres of area is under greening. So far, 1,700 flooding points have been eliminated. ■

'KUSHINAGAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS A TRIBUTE TO DEVOTION OF BUDDHIST SOCIETY AROUND THE WORLD'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Kushinagar International Airport on 20 October.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that India is the centre of the faith of Buddhist society around the world. He termed the facility of Kushinagar International Airport, launched on that day as a tribute to Buddhist Society. This region, the Prime Minister said, is witness to the entire journey from the enlightenment of Lord Buddha to Mahaparinirvana. Today this important region is getting directly connected to the world, he said.

The Prime Minister highlighted the special focus on the development of the places associated with Lord Buddha through better connectivity and the creation of facilities for the devotees. The Prime Minister welcomed the Sri Lankan flight and delegation that landed at Kushinagar. Paying tribute to Maharshi Valmiki on his Jayanti, the Prime Minister said that the country is marching on the path of Sabka Vikas with the help of Sabka Satha and Sabka Prayas. "Development of Kushinagar is one of the key priorities of the UP and central governments," he said.

The Prime Minister said that tourism in all its forms, whether for faith or for leisure, needs modern infrastructure complete with rail, road, airways, waterways, hotels, hospitals, internet connectivity, hygiene, sewage treatment and renewable energy ensuring a clean environment. "All these are interconnected and it is important to work on all these simultaneously. Today's 21st century India is moving ahead with this approach only", the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister announced that **under the UDAN scheme, more than 900 new routes have been approved in the last few years, out of which air service has already started on more than 350 routes.** More than 50 new airports or those which were not in service earlier, have been made operational.

The Prime Minister highlighted the development regarding the aviation sector in Uttar Pradesh as air connectivity is constantly improving in the state. In



Uttar Pradesh, 8 airports are already functional before Kushinagar airport. Work is on Jewar International Airport after Lucknow, Varanasi and Kushinagar.

An inaugural flight of Sri Lankan Airlines landed at the airport earlier in the day, bringing a large contingent of Buddhist monks and Sri Lankan Ministers, including Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, nephew of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and son of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. This will be U.P.'s ninth airport, seven of which have been developed in the past seven years alone. The State will get 11 more airports in the years to come, including two international ones, U.P. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on the occasion.

Referring to the recent decision on Air India, the Prime Minister remarked that the step will help in running the country's aviation sector professionally and prioritizing convenience and safety. "This step will give new energy to the aviation sector of India. One such major reform is related to the opening of defence airspace for civil use", he added. This step will reduce the distance on various air routes. The Prime Minister also conveyed that the recently launched drone policy is going to bring life-changing transformation in the fields ranging from agriculture to health, to disaster management to defence.

The Prime Minister said recently launched PM Gatishakti - National Master Plan will not only improve governance but also ensure that all modes of transport such as road, rail, air etc should support each other and increase each other's capacity. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel, and Union Civil Aviation Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia were present at the inauguration ceremony, along with a 130-strong delegation led by Sri Lankan cabinet minister Shri Namal Rajapaksa. ■

GOVERNMENT INCREASES SUBSIDY FOR DAP

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved that the increased prices of Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers vide notification dated 20 May 2021 shall be rolled over for the whole year 2021-22 from 1. October, 2021 to 31 March, 2022.

The increased international prices of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) have been absorbed by the Union Government. The Union Government has decided to increase the subsidy by Rs. 438 per bag of DAP as a special onetime package so that farmers can get DAP at the same price.

The increased international prices of raw materials for production of three most consumed NPK grades (10:26:26, 20:20:0:13 and 12:32:16) have been absorbed by the Union Government by increasing subsidy by Rs. 100 per bag on these NPK grades as a special onetime package so that farmers can get

these fertilizers at affordable prices.

The Union Government has brought Potash Derived from Molasses (PDM) under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme for the first time since its inception in 2010 to give a push to its manufacturing by Sugar Mills as a byproduct. This Fertilizer is known as PDM-0:0:14.5:0.

This move is expected to reduce India's dependence on 100% import of more than 42 LMT of Mineral based Potash i.e. MOP which cost around Rs. 7,160 crores annually. This decision will not only improve the income level of sugarcane growers and sugar mills but also offer Rs. 73 subsidy per 50 kg bag being sold @ Rs 600-800 by Fertilizer Companies to farmers.

It is expected that the Union Government will spend Rs. 156 crores (approx.) annually as subsidy on PDM and save a foreign exchange of Rs. 562 crores. ■

BPCL LAUNCHES AUTOMATED FUELLING TECHNOLOGY "UFILL" FOR CUSTOMERS

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) - a PSU under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on 14 October has announced the launch of "UFill" - a digital customer experience which delivers on BPCL's promise of ensuring that their customers have complete control over Time, Technology and Transparency as part of their fuelling experience. With UFill, the invitation to customers is to "Fast forward your fill", leveraging the latest in digital technology which obviates the need for looking at zero or final reading and such offline manual interventions.

The UFill proposition has been launched in 65 cities across India and will soon be launched across the country. The UFill functionality does not need any App download, is payment App agnostic (i.e. customer can use any payment app already downloaded on his / her phone like GPay, PayTM, PhonePe etc), offers real time QR and voucher code through SMS and is accepted at all BPCL Fuel Stations where the functionality is enabled. ■

TEA & BANANA WASTE USED TO DEVELOP NON-TOXIC ACTIVATED CARBON

A team of scientists have used tea and banana waste to prepare non-toxic activated carbon, which is useful for several purposes like industrial pollution



control, water purification, food and beverage processing, and odour removal. The newly developed process avoids usage of any toxic agent for synthesizing activated carbon, thus making the product cost-effective as well as non-toxic.

The processing of tea generates a lot of waste, generally in the form of tea dust. This could be converted to useful substances. The structure of tea was favourable for conversion to high-quality activated carbon. However, conversion to activated carbon involves use of strong acid and bases, making the product toxic and hence unsuitable for most uses. So a non-toxic method of conversion was needed to overcome this challenge. ■

“INTEGRAL HUMANISM”

-PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA



In a Dharma Rajya, the state is not absolutely powerful. It is subject to Dharma. We have always vested sovereignty in Dharma. Presently there has arisen a controversy. Parliament is sovereign or the Supreme Court? Legislature is higher or judiciary?

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There is no need of the state for religion. By such a tie-up, there is no increase in an individual's capacity to worship God. The only result is that the state slips in its duty. This does not happen in a Dharma Rajya. Rather there is freedom to worship according to one's religion. In a theocratic state one religion has all the rights and advantages, and there are direct or indirect restrictions on all other religions. Dharma Rajya accepts the importance of religion in the peace, happiness and progress of an individual. Therefore the state has the responsibility to maintain an atmosphere in which every individual can follow the religion of his choice and live in peace. The freedom has its inherent limits. I have the freedom to swing my hand, but as soon as there is conflict between my hand and someone else's nose, my freedom has to be restricted. I have no freedom to swing my

hand so as to hit another person's nose. Where other person's freedom is likely to be encroached upon, my freedom ends. The freedom of both parties has to be ensured. Similarly every religion has the freedom to exist. But this freedom extends only as far as it does not encroach upon the religion of others. If such encroachment is carried on, it will have to be condemned as misuse of freedom and will have to be ended. Such limitations will be required in all aspects of life. Dharma Rajya ensures religious freedom and is not a theocratic state.

Now-a-days the word "secular state" is being used as opposed to theocratic state. The adoption of this word is mere imitation of the western thought pattern. We had no need to import it. We called it a secular state to contrast it with Pakistan. There is some misunderstanding arising out of this. Religion was equated with Dharma and then secular state was meant to be a state without Dharma. Some said ours is a state (without Dharma), whereas others trying to find a better sounding word, called it Dharmanipeksha (indifferent to Dharma state). But all these words are fundamentally erroneous. For a state can neither be without Dharma nor can it be indifferent dharma just as fire cannot be without heat. If fire loses heat, it does not remain fire any longer. State which exists fundamentally to maintain Dharma to maintain law and order, can neither be Needharma nor Dharmanipeksha. If it is Needharma it will be lawless state, and where there is lawlessness, where is the question of the existence of any state? In other words Dharma and State are self-contradictory. State can only be Dharma Rajya (rule of Dharma) nothing else. Any other definition will conflict with the reason of its very existence.

In a Dharma Rajya, the state is not absolutely powerful. It is subject to Dharma. We have always vested sovereignty in Dharma. Presently there has arisen a controversy. Parliament is sovereign or the Supreme Court? Legislature is higher or judiciary? This quarrel is like a quarrel whether left hand is more important or right hand? Both are limbs of the state, the Legislature is well as Judiciary. Both have distinct functions to perform in their individual sphere each is supreme. To consider either one above the other would be mistake. Yet the legislators say, "we are higher", On the other hand members of the Judiciary

assert that they have a higher authority, since they interpret the laws which the legislature makes. The Legislature claims to have given powers to the Judiciary. If necessary, legislature can change the constitution. Hence it claims sovereignty. Now since powers are bestowed by constitution, they are talking of amendment to the constitution. But I believe that even if by a majority the constitution is amended, it will be against Dharma. In 'reality' both the Legislature and the Judiciary are on an equal plane. Neither the Legislature is higher nor the Judiciary. Dharma is higher than both. The Legislature will have to act according to Dharma and the Judiciary will have to act according to Dharma. Dharma will specify limits of both. The Legislature, the Judiciary or the people, none of these is supreme, Some will say, "Why ! People are sovereign. They elect", But even the people are not sovereign because people too have no right to act against Dharma. If an elected government allows people to go against Dharma and does not punish. then that government is in reality a government of thieves. Even the general will cannot go against Dharma. Imagine the situation if by some manoeuvring, thieves gain a majority in the government and send one of their ranks as an executive! What will be the duty of the minority if the majority is of thieves and elects a thief to rule. The duty clearly will be to remove the representative elected by the majority.

During the second world war then Hitler attacked France, the French army could not stall the onward march of Nazi troops. The then Prime Minister of France. Marshall Petain decided to surrender. The French public supported the decision, but De Gaulle escaped to London where he declared that he did not accept the surrender. France is independent and will remain so. From London, he formed a Government of France. in Exile and eventually liberated France. Now if the majority rule is to be considered supreme, then De Gaulle's action will have to be condemned. He had no right to fight in the name of independence. De Gaulle derived his right from the fact that the French nation was above the majority public opinion.

The national Dharma is above all. Independence is Dharma of every nation. To preserve independence, and to strive for regaining it when lost is the duty of every citizens.

Even in our country a majority had not risen against the Britishers; only a few had. Some revolutionaries arose, some brave people arose and fought. Lokmanya declared "Freedom is my Birth right". He did not declare this birthright with the support of a majority or by a referendum from the public. Now a day's people advocate that the merger of Goa should be decided by referendum, that there should be plebiscite in Kashmir etc., etc. This is wrong. National unity is our Dharma. Decision concerning this cannot be made by plebiscite. This type of a decision has already been taken by the nature. Elections and majority can decide as to who will form the government. The truth cannot be decided by the majority. What the government will do will be decided by Dharma.

You all know that in the USA where they swear by democracy, at one time Lincoln did not accept wrong public opinion. On the question of the abolition of slavery when the southern states declared their intention to secede. Lincoln stood firm and told them: "You have no right to secede even in a democracy". He fought against this and did not allow them to secede. Nor did he tolerate slavery. He did not show readiness for a compromise whereby there may continue partial slavery to accommodate southern states. He did not accept the principle of meeting halfway. He categorically declared that the system of slavery was against tradition, the Dharma, the principle which were at the basis of American nation. Therefore the system of slavery had to be abolished. When the Southerners decided to secede he told them "You cannot secede". On this point there was a civil war and Lincoln did not compromise with Adharma. ■

To be continued...

(Excerpts of the Speech delivered on "Integral Humanism" in Bombay on April 22nd - 25th, 1965 by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya in the form of four lectures.)

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KAILASHPATI MISHRA

(5 OCTOBER, 1923 – 03 NOVEMBER, 2012)

Shri Kailashpati Mishra was a prominent social worker and an eminent political leader. He was one of the founding leaders of Jana Sangh, and later Bharatiya Janata Party. He was also Finance Minister of Bihar during 1977-78. Also, he served as Governor of Gujarat from May 2003 to July 2004, and for a short duration he was caretaker Governor of Rajasthan.

Born in Dudharchak village in Buxar, Bihar on 05 October, 1923 as a son of Pt. Hazari Mishra, 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 shouldering various responsibilities in the organisation. He took part in the Quit India Movement in 1942 and was arrested in the course of the movement. He was appointed General Secretary (Organisation) of Bihar Jana Sangh in 1959. He became Bihar BJP President in 1980. Later, he held responsibilities of BJP National Secretary and National Vice-president.

Shri Mishra was elected MLA from Bikram legislative constituency in 1977 and was appointed Bihar's Finance Minister in 1977-78 when the Janata Party government led By Shri Karpoori Thakur was formed in the state. He wrote two books- '*Path Ka Sansmaran*' (Autobiography)



Modi Government at Center released postal stamp on Kailashpati Mishra in 2016

POLITICAL JOURNEY

- Shri Mishra served as finance minister in the government of Karpoori 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.

and '*Chetna Ke Swar*' (Kavya Sangrah). Shri Kailashpati Mishra was a firm believer in Sangh Sanskars. In his article, named '*Praarambhik Jeevan*', Shri Kailashpati had said 'If the karma continues with a strict devotion to life and inspired by the Sangh Sanskars, then there will never be any inferiority in the mind of a worker, he will not even suffer the pain of failure but you will have to give up your ego.' Shri Mishra left for heavenly abode on 03 November, 2012 at the age of 89, in Patna, Bihar. ■

CABINET APPROVES NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY FOR PHOSPHATIC & POTASSIC FERTILISERS

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 12 October has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for fixation of Nutrient Based Subsidy Rates for P&K Fertilizers for the year 2021-22 (from 1st October, 2021 to 31st March, 2022).

- (i) Total amount of Rollover will be Rs. 28,602 crore.
- (ii) Special one-time package for additional subsidy on DAP at the tentative additional cost of Rs. 5,716 crore.
- (iii) Special one-time package for additional subsidy on three most consumed NPKs grades viz. NPK 10-26-26, NPK 20-20-0-13 and NPK 12-32-16 at the tentative cost of Rs. 837 crore. Total subsidy required will be 35,115 crore.

The CCEA also approved the inclusion of Potash derived from Molasses (0:0:14.5:0) under the NBSScheme. This will enable smooth availability of all P&K fertilizers to the farmers during Rabi Season 2021-22 at the subsidized / affordable prices of fertilizers and support the agricultural sector by continuing the present subsidy levels and giving special packages of additional subsidy for DAP and three mostly consumed NPK grades.

It will give Rs. 438 per bag benefit on Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Rs. 100 per bag benefit each on NPK 10-26-26, NPK 20-20-0-13 & NPK 12-32-16 so as to maintain prices of these fertilizers affordable to the farmers.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND TARGETS:

The subsidy on P&K fertilizers will be provided based on the NBS rates approved by the CCEA to ensure smooth availability of these fertilizers to the farmers at affordable prices.

Government is making available fertilizers, namely Urea and 24 grades of P&K fertilizers to farmers at subsidized prices through fertilizer manufacturers/ importers. The subsidy on P&K fertilizers is being governed by NBS Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2010. In accordance with its farmer friendly approach, the Govt. is committed to ensure the availability of P&K fertilizers to the farmers at affordable prices. The subsidy would be released to fertilizer companies as per above rates so that they can make available fertilizers to farmers at an affordable price than it would have been otherwise. ■

Cabinet approves release of an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees An increase of 3% over the existing rate of 28% of the Basic Pay / Pension

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 21 October has approved to release an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners w.e.f. 1.7.2021 representing an increase of 3% over the existing rate of 28% of the Basic Pay / Pension, to compensate for price rise.

This increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission. The combined

impact on the exchequer on account of both Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief would be Rs.9,488.70 crore per annum. This will benefit about 47.14 lakh Central Government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners. ■



OUR IDEOLOGY IS THE IDEOLOGY OF CREATING GREAT INDIA: AMIT SHAH

The Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah, on the second day of his three-day Pravas in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, addressed the Karyakartas and intellectuals' conference in Port Blair on 16 October and called upon every karyakarta of the Bharatiya Janata Party in this Amrit Mahotsav of independence to take a pledge to dedicate your whole life for Maa Bharati in every aspect.

The Union Minister said that this visit to Andaman and Nicobar Islands would be memorable for me. As the National President of the party, I came to this archipelago for the first time in 2016 to light an unbroken flame in the memory of Veer Savarkar and on behalf of the Government of India to inaugurate that place. I have a special place in my heart for Veer Savarkar and a special devotion for him. God would hardly have given such excellent patriotism in the heart and mind of any person as it was in Veer Savarkar. Whatever be the time, knowing the difficulties of the way and facing the opposition of the society, the courage that Veer Savarkar had to keep his thoughts is very rare to see. All the issues related to the security of the country that arose later, if we study the vision of Savarkar, it is found that how broad and all-encompassing his vision was towards those issues.

Union Minister said that Veer Savarkar spent 10 years on this Andaman and Nicobar land and suffered immense torture in the Cellular Jail here, but he did not bow down. I have come here to pay homage to such Veer Savarkar because Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to celebrate the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi so that especially the younger generation gets information about the freedom struggle. Our young generation should know about the valor of such unknown freedom fighters and their contribution in freedom, whose names have become anonymous. This energy, this sanskar and this inspiration will instill



in every citizen of the country the passion to live for the country in the coming times. This is the year of taking resolutions, especially for BJP workers. Because our party was founded to create a great India, we have not entered politics for power. We are a people bound by ideology and our ideology is the ideology of creating great India. If 130 crore people take small resolutions in this year of the Amrit Mahotsav of independence, then a big change can come in the country.

The Union Minister while targeting the Congress said that for 60 years four generations of Congress ruled the country, I want to ask them whether during this time they were able to provide toilets in every house of Andaman and Nicobar? Was there electricity in every house? Was the poor person able to get the benefit of a scheme like Ayushman Bharat? The Narendra Modi government at the Center provided gas connections to 13 crore poor families of the country. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has done the work of constructing more than 10 crore toilets across the country. As far as connectivity is concerned, did Congress even think of laying a submarine cable from Chennai to Andaman and Nicobar? Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started this scheme in 2018 which ended in 2020, today all the connectivity problems in Andaman and Nicobar have been solved. ■

AMIT SHAH LAYS FOUNDATION STONES OF VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah on 16 October inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various development projects from the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Shri Amit Shah also conducted an aerial survey of Rani Laxmibai Dweep, Shaheed Dweep Eco Tourism Project, Swaraj Dweep Water Aerodrome and other development projects.

Shri Amit Shah said that the Amrit Mahotsav of Freedom is being celebrated when we are also celebrating the 125th birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose. It is during this year that I have come here, where on 30th December 1943, Subhash Babu, breathing the free air of a free India, unfurled the Tricolor. He said that learning from Netaji and his life, it is felt that injustice has been done to Netaji. The bright pole star in the history of the Freedom Movement, Netaji did not receive as much importance as he should have.

The Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that similar injustice has been done to Sardar Patel. The Indian Republic today would not have been possible if Sardar Patel had not made more than 550 princely states a part of India in less than a year and a half.

Shri Shah said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had also announced that Subhash Babu's birthday on 23 January will be celebrated as 'Parakram Diwas' and governments across the states and the Central Government are celebrating 'Parakram Diwas'.

MOUNT HARRIET NAMED AS 'MOUNT MANIPUR'

Shri Amit Shah said that today another important task is being done during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. He said that Manipur had a significant contribution in resisting the British in the entire Northeast during the 1857 Revolution and also in 1891. Manipur never gave up and the people there continued to fight. Manipur was the only state that had implemented its own constitution. The Union Home Minister said that though



Manipur was under British occupation for a long time, the Freedom Fighters of Manipur always fought the British tooth and nail in battles. Manipuri war hero Yuvraj Tikendrajit and General Thangal were publicly hanged in Fida, Imphal. The British thought that by hanging them, they had crushed the Freedom Movement, but it did not happen. After that Maharaja Kulchandra

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Dhwaja Singh and 22 freedom fighters were sent to Kala Pani and they were kept here on Mount Harriet, an island. The Union Home Minister said that today in his memory, we would like to honor his contribution by

naming Mount Harriet as 'Mount Manipur'. Shri Shah said that the Manipur government also wants to build a memorial here, this memorial will inspire tourists, the youth and the younger generation across the country on how to fight with limited resources. They still fought a battle in which defeat was certain and it was also certain that either the death penalty or the punishment of Kala Pani would be handed out. Those who died and those who survived came here and were imprisoned. Shri Amit Shah said that it is this spirit of freedom that has given us a free India and we can never forget them.

He said, the Modi government is beginning development work of about Rs 1,000 crore in a small area of Andaman Islands today. Shri Amit Shah said that the Modi government has decided to name the bridge which was inaugurated today as Azad Hind Fauj Bridge. ■

'BIGGEST INFRINGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHEN THEY ARE SEEN FROM PRISM OF POLITICS AND POLITICAL PROFIT AND LOSS'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended 28th National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Foundation day programme on 12 October through video conference. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that India's freedom movement and its history has been a great source of inspiration for human rights and the values of human rights for India. "As a nation, as a society we resisted injustice-atrocities, we fought for our rights for centuries. At a time when the whole world was engulfed in the violence of World War I, India suggested the path of 'rights and non-violence' to the whole world. Not only India but the whole world sees our Bapu as a symbol of human rights and human values", said the Prime Minister remembering Mahatma Gandhi. Even when, on many occasions, the world was disillusioned and confused, India remained steadfast and sensitive towards human rights, he added.

The Prime Minister said that the concept of human rights is closely related to the dignity of the poor. He said when the poorest of the poor does not get an equal share of the government schemes then the question of rights arises. The Prime Minister enumerated the government's efforts to ensure the dignity of the poor. He said when a poor person gets toilets ensuring freedom from open defecation, he gets dignity, similarly, a poor man who was hesitant to enter a bank, gets a Jan Dhan account, which ensures dignity, he said. Similarly, measures like Rupay card, Ujjwala gas connections, and property rights of pucca houses for women are major steps in that direction.

Continuing with the listing of measures, in the past few years, the Prime Minister said that the country has also tried to remove the injustice happening at different levels in different sections. "For decades Muslim women had been demanding a law against triple talaq. We have given new

rights to Muslim women by enacting a law against triple talaq" the Prime Minister said. Many sectors have been opened for women and it has been ensured that they can work with security round the clock. He said India has ensured 26 weeks of paid maternity leave for career women, a feat that even many developed nations could not achieve. Similarly, the Prime Minister listed the measures by the government for trans-genders, children and nomadic and semi-nomadic communities.

The Prime Minister cautioned against the selective interpretation of human rights and using human rights to diminish the image of the country. He said of late, some people have started interpreting human rights from their own angle as per their selfish interests. Tendency to see infringement in one situation and not in a similar situation has damaged human rights a great deal, he said. He also said that the biggest infringement of human rights takes place when they are seen from the prism of politics and political profit and loss. "This selective behaviour is equally damaging for democracy too", cautioned

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The Prime Minister said that it is important to understand that human rights is not associated with rights only but is a subject of our duties too. Saying "rights and duties are two tracks on which the journey of human development and human dignity takes place, he stressed that duties are equally important as rights and they should not be discussed separately as they complement each other.

The Prime Minister concluded by mentioning the human rights of future generations. He emphasized that with measures like International Solar Alliance, renewable energy goals and Hydrogen Mission, India is rapidly moving in the direction of sustainable life and eco-friendly growth. ■

'DURING LAST SEVEN YEARS, SPACE TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A TOOL OF LAST-MILE DELIVERY & LEAKAGE-FREE, TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 11 October launched Indian Space Association (ISpA) via video conferencing. He also interacted with representatives of the Space Industry on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted the birth anniversary of two great sons of the country, Bharat Ratna Jayaprakash Narayan and Bharat Ratna Nanaji Deshmukh on 11 October. These two great personalities have played a huge role in giving direction to post-independence India. They showed how, by taking everyone along, with everyone's efforts, major changes become reality for the nation. Their philosophy of life inspires us even today, the Prime Minister said paying tribute to the two personalities.

The Prime Minister stressed that there has never been such a decisive government in India as it is today. The major reforms that are happening in India today in the Space Sector and Space Tech are an example of this. He congratulated all of those present for the formation of the Indian Space Association - (ISpA).

The Prime Minister remarked that the Government's approach to space reforms is based on 4 pillars. First, the freedom of innovation to the private sector. Second, the role of the government as an enabler. Third, preparing youth for the future. And fourth, to see the space sector as a resource for the progress of the common man. The Prime Minister said that the space sector is a major medium for the progress of 130 crore countrymen. He remarked that for India, the space sector means better mapping, imaging and connectivity facilities for the common people. Also, the space sector means better speed from shipment to delivery for entrepreneurs, this also

means better security and income for fishermen and better forecast of the natural calamity, he added.

The Prime Minister remarked that a self-reliant India campaign is not just a vision but also a well-thought, well-planned, integrated economic strategy. A strategy that will make India a global manufacturing powerhouse by enhancing the skills capabilities of India's entrepreneurs and India's youth. A strategy that will make India a global centre of innovations, based on India's technological expertise. He added that it is a strategy, which will play a big role in global development, enhancing the prestige of India's human resources and talent, globally.

The Prime Minister said the government is moving ahead with a clear policy regarding public sector enterprises and is opening most of these sectors to

private enterprises where the government is not required. The decision regarding Air India shows our commitment and seriousness, he said.

The Prime Minister said that, during the last seven years, space technology has been converted into a tool of last-mile delivery and leakage-free, transparent governance. He gave examples of the use of geotagging in housing units for the poor, roads and infrastructure projects.

Development projects are being monitored by satellite imaging. The space technology is being used in settlement of Fasal Bima Yojna claims, NAVIC system is helping fishermen, disaster management planning is also being carried out through this technology, the Prime Minister informed. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of making technology accessible to everyone. Giving an example of digital technology, he said that India is among the top digital economies today because we could make the power of data accessible to the poorest of the poor.

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Talking about the young entrepreneurs and startups, the Prime Minister said that the government encourages industry, young innovators and startups at every level. He elaborated that to develop a strong startup ecosystem, a platform approach is very important. He defined the platform system as “an approach where the government creates open-access public controlled platforms and makes that available to the industry and enterprises. Entrepreneurs prepare new solutions on this basic platform”. The Prime Minister illustrated this with the example of the platform of UPI which became the basis of a strong fintech network. He said similar platforms are being encouraged in space, geospatial fields and for use of drones in various areas.

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that through the suggestions of the gathering today and active engagement of the stakeholders very soon a better Spacecom policy and Remote Sensing Policy will emerge.

The Prime Minister noted how the 20th-century tendency of trying to rule the space and the space sector, divided the countries of the world. Now in the 21st century, India will have to ensure that space plays an important role in uniting and connecting the world, he concluded. ■

FINANCE MINISTER SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN ATTENDS 4TH G20 FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 4th G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting under the Italian Presidency held on 13th October, 2021 in Washington D.C. on the sidelines of the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings.

The meeting was the final FMCBG Meeting under the G20 Italian Presidency and saw discussions and agreements on various issues concerning global economic recovery, pandemic support to vulnerable countries, global health, climate action, international taxation and financial sector issues. ■

PLI SCHEME FOR PROMOTING TELECOM

Shri Devusinh Chauhan, Minister of State of Ministry of Communications, launched on 14 October Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Telecom and Networking Products.

Speaking at the occasion, Shri Chauhan said that PLI Scheme in telecom sector has been launched to realize the Prime Minister’s vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. It will help in reducing India’s dependence on other countries for import of telecom and networking products. He called upon the industry leaders to focus on making high quality products and expressed the commitment to provide incentives and support to promote world class manufacturing in the country. ■

UNION CABINET APPROVES AFFILIATION OF 100 SCHOOLS IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR WITH SAINIK SCHOOL SOCIETY

Marching ahead in tune with National Education Policy (NEP), the Government of India has decided to provide increasing focus on value based education enabling children to develop pride in rich culture and heritage of this nation, effective leadership with character, discipline, sense of national duty and patriotism. In a paradigm shift to the existing pattern of Sainik Schools, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi in its meeting on 12 October has approved the proposal for launching of affiliated Sainik Schools under Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence. These Schools function as an exclusive vertical which will be distinct and different from existing Sainik Schools of MoD. In the first phase, 100 affiliate partners are proposed to be drawn from States/NGOs/Private partners.

JP NADDA APPOINTED ELECTION IN-CHARGE AND CO-INCHARGE OF CHANDIGARH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has appointed BJP National Secretary Shri Vinod Tawde as Election in-charge and Ms. Indu Bala Goswami, MP as Co-incharge for forthcoming elections of Chandigarh Municipal Corporation. ■

It will provide cost-effective ways in reaching out to larger populations across all regions in the country. ■



GATI SHAKTI - AN EXTENSION OF HOLISTIC GOVERNANCE PM INAUGURATES THE NEW EXHIBITION COMPLEX AT PRAGATI MAIDAN

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched 'PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity' in Delhi on 13 October. He also inaugurated the New Exhibition Complex at Pragati Maidan. Union Ministers, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw and Shri R K Singh, Chiefs Minister, Lieutenant Governors, State Ministers eminent industrialists were present on the occasion. From Industry, Shri Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman Aditya Birla Group; Ms Malika Srinivasan, CMD Tractors and Farm Equipments; Shri TV Narendran, CEO, MD, Tata Steel and President CII and Shri Deepak Garg, Co-founder Rivigo expressed their views on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister noted the auspicious day of 'Ashtami', the day of worshipping 'Shakti' and said that on this auspicious occasion, speed of nation's progress is also getting new 'Shakti'. He said that with the resolve of Aatmnirbhar Bharat, the foundation of India for the next 25 years is being laid today. PM Gati Shakti National Master plan will take the confidence of India to the pledge of aatmnirbharta. "This Masterplan will give impetus (Gati Shakti) to 21st century India," the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister stressed that the people of India, Indian industry, Indian business, Indian manufacturers, Indian farmers are at the center of

this great campaign of Gati Shakti. It will give new energy to the present and future generations of India to build the India of the 21st century and will remove the obstacles in their path.

The Prime Minister said that over the years, the signage 'work in progress' became the symbol of lack of trust, He said progress requires speed, eagerness and collective efforts. Today's, 21st century India, he said, is leaving behind old systems and practices.

TODAY'S MANTRA IS -

**Work For Progress
Wealth for Progress.
Plan for progress.
Preference for progress.**

We have not only developed a work culture of completing the projects within the stipulated time frame but efforts are now being made to complete the projects ahead of time", he added.

The Prime Minister lamented the fact that the subject of infrastructure in our country has not been a priority for most political parties. This is not even visible in their manifesto. Now the situation has come that some political parties have started criticizing the construction of necessary infrastructure for the country, the Prime Minister said. This despite the fact that it is globally accepted that the creation of quality infrastructure for Sustainable Development is a proven way, which gives rise to many economic

activities and creates employment on a large scale, the Prime Minister pointed out.

The Prime Minister said that due to the wide gap between macro planning and micro implementation problems of lack of coordination, lack of advance information, thinking and working in silos are leading to hampered construction and wastage of budget. Shakti gets divided instead of getting multiplied or enhanced, he said. PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan will address this as working on the basis of the master plan will lead to optimum utilisation of resources.

He recalled 2014 when he took over as Prime Minister when he reviewed hundreds of stuck projects and put all projects on a single platform and tried to remove hurdles. He expressed satisfaction that now the focus is on avoiding delays due to lack of coordination. The Prime Minister said now with the whole of government approach, the collective power of the government is being channelled into fulfilling the schemes. Because of this, many unfinished projects are being completed for decades now, he said. The Prime Minister remarked that the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan not only brings together the government process and its various stakeholders but also helps to integrate different modes of transportation. "This is an extension of holistic governance", he said.

The Prime Minister elaborated upon the steps taken to increase the speed of infrastructure development in India. He said that the first interstate natural gas pipeline in India was commissioned in 1987. After this, till 2014, i.e. in 27 years, a 15,000 km long natural gas pipeline was built. Today, work is going on for a more than 16,000 km long gas pipeline across the country. He added that this work is targeted to be completed in the next 5-6 years.

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- Gati Shakti is an extension of holistic governance

only 1900 km of railway lines underwent doubling. In the last 7 years, more than 9 thousand kilometres of railway lines have been doubled. In the 5 years before 2014, only 3000 km of railways were electrified. In the last 7 years, more than 24000 kilometres of railway tracks have been electrified, Shri Modi informed. The Prime Minister said before 2014, the metro rail was running on only about 250 km of track. Today the metro has been expanded up to 700 km and work is going on in the 1000 km new metro route. In the five years before 2014, only 60 panchayats could be connected with optical fibre. In the last 7 years,

we have connected more than 1.5 lakh gram panchayats with optical fibre.

The Prime Minister said in order to increase the income of the farmers and fishermen of the country, the infrastructure related to processing is also being expanded rapidly. In 2014, there were only 2 Mega Food Parks in the country. Today 19 Mega Food Parks are functioning in the country. Now the target is to take their number to more than 40. There were just 5 waterways in 2014, today India has 13 functional waterways. Turnaround time of the vessels at the ports has come down to 27 hours from 41 hours in 2014. He said that the country has realised the pledge of 'One Nation, One Grid'. Today India has 4.25 lakh circuit kilometre power transmission

lines compared to 3 lakh circuit kilometers in 2014.

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that with the development of quality infrastructure, India can realize the dream of becoming the business capital of India. He said our goals are extraordinary and will require extraordinary efforts. In realizing these goals, PM Gati Shakti will be the most helpful factor. Just as JAM (Jan Dhan, Aadhar, Mobile) trinity revolutionized the access of government facilities to the people, PM Gati Shakti will do the same for the field of Infrastructure, he added. ■

COOPERATION MINISTRY TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

BY VIKASH ANAND

India's first Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah on 25 September while addressing 'National Cooperative Conference' in New Delhi said cooperative movement will create social capital and will ensure progress of rural area. Earlier, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi termed cooperative as alternative of socialism and capitalism. The 'International Cooperative Alliance' (ICA) defines a Cooperative as "an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise." In other words, cooperative infuses feeling of collectiveness in every sphere of life whether be it cultural, social or economic sphere. Certainly, this movement will be helpful in creating social capital as well as bringing economic democracy. Social capital is a set of shared values that allow individuals to work together in group for effectively achieving a common purpose. Many thinkers like Durkhiem, Georg Simmel, Weber believed that industrialization and urbanization had been transforming social relationships in an irreversible way. They assessed that industrialization and urbanization had broken the social bounding, rich tradition of cooperation and uprooted moral values and brought feeling of alienation in human being. But it is worth mentioning that industrialization and urbanization are a part of developmental activity. But, where flaw lies. Flaw lies how to regulate ownership. Two dominant models of economic activities are prevailing world-wide. First is private ownership on means of production and second is state's ownership on means of production. Private ownership is mostly found in capitalist system and state ownership is found mostly in socialist system. Capitalist mode of production emphasizes maximizing its profits. Unequal distribution of income under capitalist economy deepens trench of rich and poor. Poor become poorer and the rich become richer.

“Gujarat has built a successful alternative model to both socialism and capitalism.”
-Narendra Modi

This mode of production encourages accumulation of wealth in hands of few people. Due to accumulation of wealth in the hands of few people affects idea of economic democracy. It results in economic imbalance and diminishes consumer purchasing power. It leads to economic crisis. Socialist system curtails entrepreneurial opportunity and is responsible for slow economic growth. It has failed everywhere. In this system a major population is deprived of economic opportunities. On other hand, it increases dependency of people on state and state's regulations in day-to-day life of people. Both have deteriorated shared values and feeling of cooperation in society and also hampering values of economic democracy. Economic democracy is one of the main features of cooperative movement. It stresses unlike communist state, not to abolition of private property but on abolition of employment relation, emphasizes on Producers' self management and it encourages localism. PM Shri Modi also has emphasized on 'vocal for local' for achieving goal of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Through carving separate ministry for cooperative movement, Modi government intends to deepen economic democracy and strengthen marginalized section economically. While inaugurating Amul's chocolate plant on 30 September at Anand he has emphasized that the cooperative movement in Gujarat has built a successful alternative model to both socialism and capitalism; the seeds sown by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel about a century ago has blossomed as the third economic system, where neither the government nor the capitalists will have control. This cooperative movement will develop and grow with the participation of farmers and everyone will be a stakeholder in it.

Creating separate Cooperation Ministry at Center, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has indicated that

“Cooperative movement will create social capital and will ensure progress of rural area”
-Amit Shah

only cooperative can give alternative to socialism and capitalism. The cooperative model has capability to diminish demerits of both existing models -capitalist and socialist. Cooperative model stands for collective ownership. It brings economic democracy in true sense. Unlike big corporate houses where decision taken by corporate manager and corporate share holders, in cooperative decision making power rests in a larger group of members that includes producers, customers, suppliers and the broader public and its profit is distributed among members. Amul, Lizzat Papad, Saras, Sudha dairy are epitome of cooperative movement which have given direct and indirect crores of employment. Lijjat papad is an Indian women's worker cooperative involved in manufacturing of various fast-moving consumer goods and has empowered the women by providing them employment opportunities. Amul and Lizzat Papad also have emerged as international brands. They are giving tough fight to MNCs in market. Cooperative system can play vital role in flourishing of specially agriculture and allied sectors and give strength to economy of rural areas.

There are examples of such countries where cooperative made them pioneer in the world. Cooperative is considered backbone of development of Israel. Israel's geographical condition and soil quality is not suitable for agriculture. In spite of all odds, today, Israel is leader in the world in agricultural research and development and agriculture technology. Agriculture under Kibbutz (Co-operative) played substantially in development of Israel. Its research and innovation have led to spectacular way in increasing the country's crops quantitatively and qualitatively. Cooperative movement has been proved miracle in development of agriculture and allied sectors in this country. In Israel, cooperative is known as Kibbutz economy. The word 'kibbutz' means gathering. Young Jews who had previously worked very hard on wet-land for the purpose of agriculture and human habitation built a community for themselves. The land was

bought by the Jewish National Fund. They did harsh labor to make the land fertile. These pioneers created a community founded upon agriculture was known as Kibbutz. Gradually many Kibbutzs came into existence in Israel for working in agriculture sector. The feeling of cooperativeness led the Israel technologically very advance in agriculture and the country became pioneer in agriculture technology in the world. According to touristisrael.com, in the 1960's, only 4% of Israelis lived in kibbutzim. Today, kibbutzniks make up 15% of the members of Israel's parliament, the Knesset.

Other example is of Japan's development of post second world war. For postwar development, Japan adopted cooperative approach. Pre-war four major companies collectively known as Zaibatsu had dominance in every sphere of the country's economy. After defeat of Japan by allied forces, Zaibatus were dissolved. Postwar, shareholding pattern in Zaibatus has been changed. Families lost absolute control on Zaibatus. Post-war Zaibatus were owned by various firms, individuals but not by one family.

This cooperative approach to revive Zaibatus has helped tremendously in fast economic growth of Japan. In postwar Japan, concentration of wealth has fallen rather than rising. Japan's cooperative approach is also called cooperative capitalism. It did imbibe the merits of capitalism. As a result, income inequality in Japan is far lesser than its western counterparts USA and Britain.

Dedicated ministry for cooperation in India will accelerate the pace of cooperative movement which intends for the upliftment of marginalized sections and marginalized sectors too. Modi government in June 2021 streamlining the agriculture related cooperative movement has launched Scheme of "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs till 2027-28 with a total budgetary outlay of Rs.6865 Cr. Till now, Cooperative movement has focused mainly in banking (credit), agriculture, agriculture related products, housing sectors and so on. Cooperative approach in coming days will be viable for other sectors as well. ■

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PM PARTICIPATES IN G20 EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT ON AFGHANISTAN

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated virtually in the G20 Extraordinary Summit on Afghanistan on 12 October. The Meeting was convened by Italy, which currently holds the G20 Presidency, and chaired by Italian Prime Minister Mr. Mario Draghi. Issues under consideration at the meeting related to the humanitarian situation; concerns relating to terrorism; and human rights in Afghanistan.

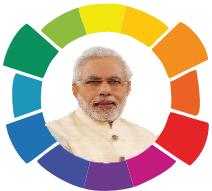
In his remarks, the Prime Minister welcomed the initiative of the Italian G20 Presidency in convening the meeting to take stock of the current situation in Afghanistan. He emphasized the centuries old people-to-people ties between India and Afghanistan. The Prime Minister mentioned that over the last two decades, India has contributed to promoting socio-economic development and capacity building of youth and women in Afghanistan. He recalled that over 500 development projects have been

implemented by India in Afghanistan.

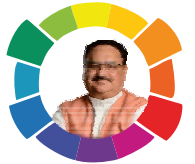
The Prime Minister noted that the Afghan people have a great feeling of friendship for India. He conveyed that every Indian feels the pain of Afghan people facing hunger and malnutrition. He emphasized the need for the international community to ensure that Afghanistan has immediate and unhindered access to humanitarian assistance.

The Prime Minister also underlined the need to ensure that Afghan territory does not become a source of radicalization and terrorism, regionally or globally. He emphasized on the need to enhance our joint fight against the nexus of radicalization, terrorism and the smuggling of drugs and arms in the region.

The Prime Minister called on the international community to forge a unified international response without which it would be difficult to bring about the desired change in Afghanistan's situation. ■



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