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The Rajasthan BJP welcomes BJP National President Shri Amit Shah to the Kisan Sammelan in Nagaur, Rajasthan



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah waving at the gathering during a Social Media Volunteers meet in Udaipur, Rajasthan



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing a meeting of Scheduled Tribe people in Udaipur, Rajasthan



The Telangana BJP welcomes BJP National President Shri Amit Shah at a public meeting in Mahabubnagar, Telangana



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah along with Maharashtra CM Shri Devendra Fadanvis and other senior leaders visiting the famous Lal Bagh Chaa Raja Ganapati pandal in Mumbai



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah flanked by RSS Sarsanghchalak Shri Mohan Bhagwat, Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and others launching "Ayodhya ka Chasmdeed" and "Yuddha Me Ayodhya", written by Shri Hemant Sharma in New Delhi

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Had a delightful interaction with Anganwadi workers from all over India. They were extremely happy with the recent announcement of various incentives for their welfare. Anganwadi workers have a vital role in India's development. During interaction we spoke about aspects relating to nutrition, welfare of children and healthcare, among more issues.

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There has been no reply on Rafale questions raised by me. In mature democracies those who rely on falsehood are considered unfit for public life. Many have been banished from political activity for lying. But this rule obviously can't apply to a dynastic party like Congress.

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No party can stop the BJP from winning the upcoming Assembly elections in four States.

— **Amit Shah**



Inaugurated 2 pilot projects of 'smart' border fence in Jammu and Kashmir. The two projects, each covering a 5.5 km-border stretch along the IB in Jammu, are set to get a first-of-a-kind high-tech surveillance system that will create an invisible electronic barrier on land, water and even in air and underground.

— **Rajnath Singh**



With rapid increase in private vehicles on Indian roads,highways expansion cannot feasibly keep pace with this growth.We therefore need to encourage people to shift to public transport,And for this we have to put in place systems that are efficient and convenient & safe.

— **Nitin Gadkari**



Congress cannot rise above vote bank politics

One of the biggest ironies of Indian democracy can be seen in the vote bank politics played by different political parties in the name of 'secularism'. The distorted version of secularism has over the time emboldened regressive elements in the society. It has also allowed many kind of social evils to continue in the name of 'personal laws' and strongly resisted any bid to bring reforms in the society. The protection thus granted to fundamentalist regressive elements in the name of 'secularism' has resulted in massive gender discrimination in Muslim society ruining the lives of a large number of women while making them suffer even under the Indian constitution which grants equal rights to all its citizens. The most unfortunate part of this politics of appeasement was that neither any attempts were made to encourage reforms nor it was allowed to be debated in the public space openly. The approach of these so called 'secularist' political parties has not yet changed for the better till now.

The central government has brought an ordinance on instant Triple Talaq. The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights of Marriage) Ordinance 2018 has been passed in the light of Supreme Court's judgement making Triple

Talaq unconstitutional and requiring the parliament to legislate on the issue within six months. The ordinance makes any pronouncement of instant 'talaq' by Muslim man to his wife in any manner whether written or spoken will be void and illegal and liable to punishment of jail upto three years. While making it a cognizable offence if it is communicated to police by the wife, the custody of the minor children will be given to the wife and a financial provision for subsistence allowance is allowed to the women and children depending upon the assessment by the magistrate. The offence is also made compoundable if the Muslim woman decides so and magistrate is satisfied on reasonable grounds. The ordinance is expected to bring relief to a large number of women who were still suffering from the menace of Triple Talaq even after the highest court of the land had declared it illegal and unconstitutional.

It is highly unfortunate to note that even after the Supreme Court's pronouncement on Triple Talaq a bill is waiting to be passed in Rajya Sabha as some 'secularist' political parties led by Congress choose to oppose it in pursuance of their vote bank politics. It is the same Congress which denied justice to Shah Bano even when the Supreme Court had pronounced its verdict in her favour. The Congress has stooped so low in appeasing the regressive elements in the Muslim society that it has no courage to uphold the constitution on the issue of gender justice and remains blind to their plight in the society. It's unimaginable to think that while 22 Muslim countries have regulated Triple Talaq, a secular country like India allowed it to continue while blocking any debate on the issue. The Congress cannot run away from its responsibility of ruining the lives of countless Muslim women who suffered the provision of Triple Talaq while allowing it to hang like a

Damocles' sword over the head of every married Muslim woman.

The courage of the women who waged incessant fight against this social evil should be saluted and their victory should be celebrated. In their heroic fight they have not only broken their chains but also unleashed the forces of change and reform in the Muslim society. The leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the government stand by them and helped them to snatch victory from the jaws of vote bank politics. The Supreme Court should be applauded for upholding the constitution and for standing by gender justice and changing the entire political discourse in the country. But the moot point is whether Congress is ready to learn and rise above the politics of appeasement? Can just invalidating the 'Triple Talaq' discourage the practice of this evil in the Muslim society? Invalidating the practice should be aided by a law on the issue otherwise this will remain a toothless invalidation of Triple Talaq. So far Congress stand in Rajya Sabha on the bill making Triple Talaq a cognizable offence is concerned, it stands exposed again. It has lost its ability to rise above vote bank politics and thereby losing trust of the people across the country. ■

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‘FARMERS’ INCOME WILL BE DOUBLED BY 2022’

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah highlighted the efforts of BJP governments at the Centre and in Rajasthan to improve returns from agriculture as he addressed farmers in Nagaur in the poll-bound state on 18 September, 2018 and reiterated the Modi government's commitment of doubling farmers' income by 2022.

Shri Shah also paid tributes to Mira Bai, Tejaji Maharaj and Amar Singh Rathore at the beginning of his address and called Rajasthan as "Great Rajasthan".

On a three-day Pravas to the State, Shri Shah appealed to the farmers to vote for the Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi while addressing a farmers' meeting.

"Me and my party owe a debt to Rajasthan. The people of Rajasthan helped the BJP sweep 2014 Lok Sabha polls by electing party's candidates from all 25 seats. This gave absolute majority of BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Centre. If there were no MPs from Rajasthan, then there would have been a weak government and such governments do not work,"

Shri Shah said, thanking the people of the state for giving all Lok Sabha seats to BJP.

He also requested them to vote for the party in upcoming assembly and Lok Sabha polls, "I thank you for this. In the upcoming Lok Sabha and assembly elections, you all give support and help BJP to form governments in the state and at the Centre," the BJP President said.

'Kisan Samrudh to Desh Samrudh', the BJP President told the gathering in the district, which is considered the heartland of farming in the state and said that the Centre had given a major impetus to agriculture. The BJP government, he said, believes in the policy of free trade and free agriculture.

"At the time of UPA government the annual growth rate of agriculture in the country was -2%. But with the right intervention of Modi government, agriculture is now growing at 4%," said Shri Shah. BJP-ruled states, he said, fared even better in agriculture. "In Rajasthan, it's growing at 15%, in Gujarat 10% and in Madhya Pradesh, it is 18%. Earnings of farmers have also increased 10% in states where there is BJP government," he said.

OBC RALLY IN PALI**“THE BJP IS NOT A PARTY OF A SINGLE CASTE OR COMMUNITY”**

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, on a three-day visit to poll-bound Rajasthan, on 16 September, 2018 said that the BJP is not a party of any single caste or community. Addressing an OBC rally in Pali, Shri Shah said that all “36 qaum” — referring to a common local usage to imply unity among castes and communities — had come to hear him.

Mentioning the party's OBC Morcha State President Shri Omprakash Badhana, he said, “He met me and said our party has given representation to all communities in governance. When I said it can't be, he gave me a list of all communities (which have been represented in the Rajasthan government).”

Shri Shah then read out names of 36 communities, including Dhakhad, Dhobi, Yadav, Ghanchi, Khatri, Baghel, Banjara, Kumar, Kumawat, Mali and Sirvi among others, and said, “The BJP is not a party of a single caste or community... the BJP has never had a stamp of any single community.”

He said the Kaka Kalelkar Commission had recommended in 1955 constitution of an OBC Commission, that it be granted a constitutional status and that “all backward communities be extended constitutional dignity by the government”.

“The report came in 1955 and several Congress governments came and went. Rahul Baba, unki

chaar peerhi ne shashan kiya (his four generations ruled the country) but the OBCs did not get justice,” he said, adding that they got justice only after the Narendra Modi government came to power at the Centre.

“A lot of people come from Pakistan to Rajasthan... mistreated Hindus run away from



Pakistan, should they be granted asylum or not?” he said. “All Hindu and Sikh brothers who have escaped from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, the Narendra Modi government will give them citizenship,” he added.

He said the “Congress is opposing Modiji for expelling intruders” but “they take away jobs, grain, and security.”

He said the Modi government had doubled the budget for agriculture and fixed the minimum support price (MSP) at 1.5 times the cost of production. “Now farmers will reap benefits in both kharif and rabi seasons. The MSPs of cotton, bajra and pulses have been increased tremendously. Farmers had been demanding a raise in MSP but UPA government was never bothered about the plight of farmers,” he said.

The BJP President said the Rajasthan government had introduced innovative farming by way of producing palm and olive in the state. “Who can think of having palm trees and olive plantations in Rajasthan? Our government has set up an olive oil refinery also in the state to benefit farmers,” he said.

Shri Amit Shah said, the BJP government in Rajasthan had waived farm loans of up to Rs 50,000 to bring relief to stressed farmers. ■

'BJP WOULD EMERGE AS A DECISIVE FORCE IN TELANGANA'



Launching a scathing attack on Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 15 September, 2018 charged chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao with resorting to vote-bank and minority-appeasement politics. The TRS supremo owes an explanation to people for going to polls nine months ahead of schedule and imposing a huge financial burden on the people, he said.

Addressing a press meet at the BJP party office at Nampally, Hyderabad and later a public meeting at Mahabubnagar, Shri Shah said KCR decided to go for early polls to pave way for his son to become chief minister. "Chandrasekhar Rao supported 'one-nation and one-poll', but he changed his stand and this came as a surprise. He put additional burden by forcing a small state to bear a huge expenditure for two different polls, Assembly and Lok Sabha, within nine months and without reason. I want to ask the TRS chief why you put such a burden on the people of Telangana," he asked.

Is TRS not confident of winning the elections if held on schedule in April-May next year? he asked.

Taking on KCR, the BJP President said the Telangana government has failed at every front be it law and order or development. He also accused the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) of doing politics of

vote bank and appeasement in the state.

Urging people to vote for the BJP this time, he said that vote bank politics will continue in the state if the same government comes back to power. "Is it not appeasement politics to propose 12 per cent reservation for minority? They know that our constitution does not allow reservation based on religion. If the same govt comes back to power, vote bank politics will continue in the state," he said.

"Is TRS ready to make a Dalit CM if it retains power in the assembly elections? In 2014, KCR promised that a Dalit would be CM if TRS comes to power. He forgot the promise, but Dalits won't. KCR should make it clear whether he will make his son or a Dalit CM if he returns to power," the BJP President asked.

He further said, "Under the 13th Finance Commission, Telangana got Rs 16,597 crore which was increased to Rs. 1,15,605 crore under the Modi government. BJP is committed for the development of Telangana."

Stating that BJP has no alliance with any party in Telangana, Shri Amit Shah said BJP would contest all 119 assembly seats in the state and vowed that BJP would emerge a decisive force in the state. "We will give a tough fight to both Congress and TRS. BJP will not project any leader as CM candidate," he said. ■

Union Cabinet approves ordinance to make instant Triple Talaq a criminal act

The Union cabinet has cleared an ordinance on 19 September, 2018 to make the practice of instant Triple Talaq a penal offence. Law Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said citing compelling necessity for the move as the practice annulled by the Supreme Court continues unabated.

Addressing a press conference, he accused the Congress party of not cooperating in the passage of the 'Muslim Women Protection of Rights on Marriage Bill, pending in the Rajya Sabha, because of vote bank politics.

Citing details of the ordinance, he said a woman or her blood relative will have to file a case before a police station to make the offence cognizable.

The offence is compoundable. A compromise can also be reached before a magistrate after the affected woman consents to it, he said. It is my serious charge that despite having a woman leading the Congress, the did not lend support to the bill, he told reporters.

Describing the practice as barbaric and inhuman, he said nearly 22 countries have regulated Triple Talaq. However, gender justice was given a complete go-by in a secular country like India because of blatant vote bank politics.

"I will again appeal to Sonia ji that this ordinance has been brought in the interest of the country to bring gender justice. I appeal to you to rise above vote bank politics and help pass it in the interest of justice for women," he told reporters after the Cabinet meeting.

The Union minister also appealed to Bahujan Samaj Party leader Mayawati and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee to help in the passage of the bill pending in Rajya Sabha, where the government lacks numbers. The Lok Sabha has already passed the bill.

The Supreme Court last year banned the practice. But since the practice was still prevalent, a bill was brought to make it a penal offence.

Ishrat Jahan, a petitioner in the Triple Talaq case, welcomed the decision as a big step towards "empowering Muslim women." Jahan, who has a 13-year-old daughter and a seven-year-old son, moved the court after she was divorced by her husband over phone from Dubai by uttering 'talaq' thrice consecutively in 2014. ■



TRIPLE TALAQ ORDINANCE HISTORIC: AMIT SHAH

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah described the ordinance making Triple Talaq a punishable offence, as historic decision and said it was also a matter of introspection for political parties that forced Muslim women to suffer to preserve their vote bank. Addressing a press conference at the party head office in New Delhi on 19 September, 2018 Shri Amit Shah hailed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the Cabinet's nod to the ordinance. In a tweet, he said the decision would allow Muslim women to live with dignity.

He said the government's decision to bring an ordinance to make the practice of instant Triple Talaq a penal offence was a huge step towards "empowering women."

Taking a dig at the Congress he said it had defended this practice in the Supreme Court. For all these years, the Congress politicized the Triple Talaq issue for vote bank politics.

This ordinance is also a matter of introspection for the Congress as it forced Muslims women to suffer from this bad practice for decades, he said.

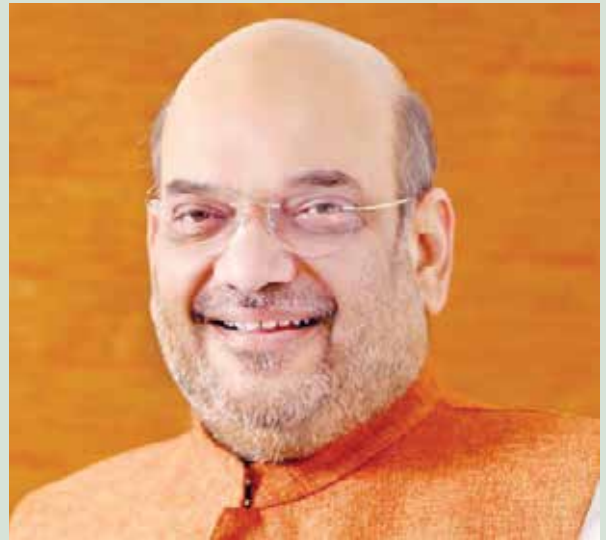
Landmark increases in ASHA and ANGANWADI workers' remuneration

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on September 11 announced a landmark increase in remuneration for ASHA and Anganwadi workers. The announcement which will be effective from next month was made during a video bridge interaction with lakhs of ASHA, Anganwadi and ANM workers.

The Prime Minister announced the doubling of routine incentives given by the Union Government to ASHA workers. In addition, all ASHA workers and their helpers would be provided free insurance cover under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Prime Minister Suraksha Bima Yojana.

Prime Minister also announced significant increase in the honorarium given to Anganwadi workers. Those receiving Rs. 3000 so far, would now receive Rs. 4500. Similarly those receiving Rs. 2200, would now get Rs. 3500. The honorarium for Anganwadi helpers has also been increased from Rs. 1500 to Rs. 2250. Prime Minister also announced that Anganwadi workers and helpers using techniques such as Common Application Software (ICDS-CAS), would get additional incentives. The incentives ranging from Rs. 250 to

MODI GOVERNMENT'S DECISION WILL IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ASHA AND ANGANWADI WORKERS



Lauding the PM's decision to hike the salary of Asha and Anganwadi workers BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said, "Modi government's decision will not only motivate but also improve quality of life of Asha and anganwadi workers and their helpers who are the strongest grassroots linkage in the chain to provide health and nutrition facilities to women and children."

Shri Shah said these are grassroot health workers whose efforts impact a wide cross-section of society, especially the poor and those living in rural areas. This increase will improving their quality of life and will also motivate them to perform their crucial roles even better, he said.

The BJP President said, "The honorarium of anganwadi and Asha workers has increased by 1½ times from the existing amount. This will boost their morale and help improve the delivery of services by the front line workers and help to achieve the goal of Poshan Abhiyaan".

Historic increase in payouts to Anganwadi workers and helpers



Rs. 500, would be based on performance.

The Prime Minister interacted with teams of three As - the ASHA worker, Anganwadi worker and ANM (Auxiliary Nurse Midwife) from across the country. He appreciated their efforts to work together, to use innovative means and technology, to improve the delivery of health and nutrition services and achieve the goal of the POSHAN Abhiyan - reduction of malnutrition in the country.

A group of about 90 ASHA representatives from across the country, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 20 to express their happiness, and thank him for the recent announcement of increase in incentives, and insurance cover.

The Prime Minister recalled his recent interaction with the ASHA and Anganwadi workers across the country, via video conference. He appreciated the experiences and personal accounts that had been

shared by ASHA representatives that day, and said that these will surely prove inspirational for many.

Today, ASHA activists shared some more accounts of how they had been instrumental in saving lives of poor mothers and children through timely intervention.

The Prime Minister appreciated the skill and dedication of ASHA workers, and recalled that even Bill and Melinda Gates had praised the efforts of ASHAs towards eradication of diseases such as Kala Azar.

He encouraged them to devote their energies to work in coordination with other government agencies to improve the quality of life in their villages. He also explained how Government schemes and initiatives are all aimed at empowering the poor to fight poverty.

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sh. J.P. Nadda was also present on the occasion. ■

Union Home Minister inaugurates 'smart' border fence in Jammu and Kashmir

Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched two smart fencing pilot projects along the 198-km-long India-Pakistan international border in Jammu and Kashmir on 17 September, 2018.

The project would be implemented along the vulnerable 2,026-km stretch of the border based upon feedback of the smart fences at two -- 5.3 km and 5.5 km -- stretches in the state's Samba sector.

The India-Pakistan border in the state's Jammu region has been vulnerable to infiltration and cross-border strikes. The Israeli technology has inspired the project, which involves integration of surveillance equipments and day and night vision cameras.

"It is a historic day for all of us because the nation's security is paramount. Though our security forces keep guarding our borders, this technology called the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) will make border guarding more effective," Shri Singh said.

Shri Rajnath Singh said a similar pilot project



will be launched along the India-Bangladesh in November in Assam. "Today is our Prime Minister (Narendra Modi)'s birthday. I dedicate this CIBMS to martyrs, who have made supreme sacrifices on the borders for the nation," he said.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, DG Border Security Force Shri KK Sharma and other senior officials were present on the occasion. ■

THE RATIONALE OF JANA SANGH



PT. DEENDAYAL
UPADHYAYA

The country is passing through critical times. There is no sphere of our national life, and no section of the society, which is not faced with problems unsurpassed in magnitude and unthought-of of in kind. The first flush of freedom has long since ended. Hopes raised through out our long struggle for independence have been belied. There is disillusionment all round. But it has not created a sense of realism, or a determination to take up the challenge. Instead there has grown a feeling of frustration, a sense of cynicism they pursue, and in the principles they propagate. The problem today is to re-establish this faith. It is more important than the problem of Chinese aggression or of economic reconstruction. Without it we cannot solve either the one or the other. In needs some bold thinking and revolutionary steps?

WHERE J.P. & J.L. GO WRONG

The present all-round degradation is not accidental. It is the culmination of a series of acts and policies followed by the Congress leadership. The people got the greatest shock of their life when the country was

The other day the Working Committee passed resolution about Tibet. In that resolution it made a reference to certain things which have come down to us from time immemorial and have become part of our consciousness, this reference was heartening.

partitioned. The iconoclast succeeded in breaking the idol of Bharatmata, and we simply acquiesced. It demolished the basis of our nationalism, viz intense love for the motherland. India's independence was nothing more than transfer of political power. It had no idealistic base to inspire the people—or even those who assumed power to selfless service and greater sacrifice. Not only the nitty and integrity of Bharat was destroyed, but everything associated with our



age-old culture and tradition was looked down upon. Instead the Government tried to put before the nation ideals of secularism and socialism. These, however, have remained empty slogans. They have not enthused the people. Instead, they have created a vague tendency resulting not a sacrifice, austerity and service, but in self aggrandisement, indolence and indulgence; not in greater assimilation and emotional integration, but in communalism, casteism, regionalism and disruption.

The whole thing cannot be readied simply by institutional changes. Shri Jayaprakash Naryan and other Sarvodaya leaders have suggested some such changes. There are other who have advocated formation of a national coalition at the Centre to give an appearance of national unity. Community Development schemes have been there and have failed to vitalize the masses. Decentralisation Acts are being passed with a view to give more powers to the people so that it may develop initiative in them.

But the aim is no likely to be realised. It is simply decentralizing corruption and groupism. The change has to be basic ideological.

DR. SAMPURNANAD’S WISE ANALYSIS

Dr. Sampurnanad in his note to the Congress Dady Seminar on planning, made a reference to this fact when he wrote, “The other day the Working Committee passed resolution about Tibet. In that resolution it made a reference to certain things which have come down to us from time immemorial and have become part of our consciousness, this reference was heartening. I feel that if we addressed our appeal to the nation on the lines of those things which are fundamental components, on which our whole attitude towards life is based, we would...meet with success. People would get the inspiration that they need. They should see before them something that is worth living for, striving for and, if necessary—dying for.” It is ‘Dharma’ in the common language of the people. Unless ‘Dharma’ forms the basis of all our activities, social or individual, it is not possible to sublimate the base nature of man, or to strike a balance between the needs of the society and the aspirations of the individual.

Bharatiya Jana Sangh was born out of this realisation that the party in power, or even others in the opposition, had completely neglected this fundamental basis of Bharat’s life and culture. In

their attempt to modernize the country, they were trying to devitalize it by changing its age-old values. If they posed as reformers, they were only deluding the people, and themselves, Dayanand and Gandhiji

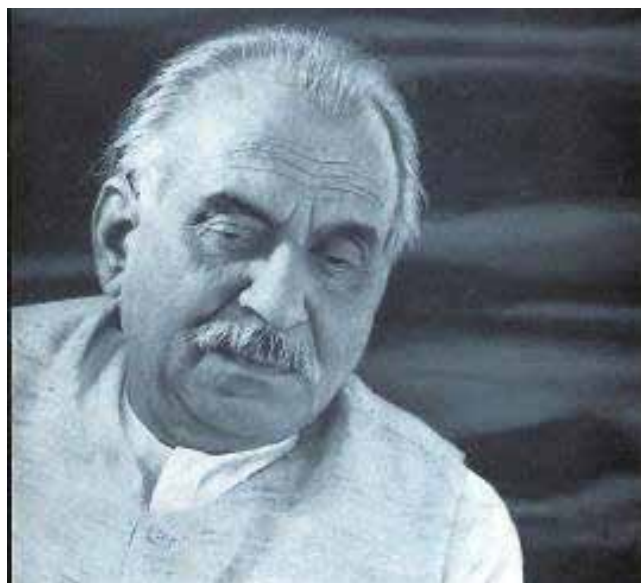
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were great reformers, they brooked no social evil, but they never decried Dharm or minimised its importance. On the contrary they appealed in the name of Dharma, and they succeeded.

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To be continued...

[Organiser, 23 January, 1960]



WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE



ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE

COME, let the drops of Panditji's blood serve us as marks of sandal-paste on our foreheads and inspire us to march firmly towards our goal. Let us bear a spark from his pyre in our hearts and exert ourselves to our utmost. Let us make out of the bones of this Dadhichi our thunderbolts to attack the vritrasuras of our times and to protect this holy land from all dangers.

The Nanda-deep has been put out. Now we shall have to burn our lives bright to fight the forces of darkness.

The moon has been eclipsed. Now we have to seek our way in whatever light the twinkling stars shed.

We have lost our friend, companion, leader and guide. He will remain enshrined in our hearts as we advance, which we must, towards our goal.

Panditji's was a dedicated life. Every moment of his life, as every atom of his body, was an offering at the feet of the nation, which was his God.

The whole country was his home and the whole people his family. Only one dream filled his eyes, only one vow permeated his life.

Politics for him was a means, not the end, a way, not the goal. He wanted to spiritualize politics. He derived inspiration from India's glorious past because he wanted to build a glorious future. Though his ideas received their vital nourishment from the age-old and inexhaustible springs of our national culture, he was far from being a traditionalist. He wanted to lay the foundation of a glorious future by making India a prosperous, modern nation.

He was a great thinker. He never allowed his thinking to fall into a ready-made rut. He has taught us to be proud of the past but at the same time ready to accept the challenges of the future. What Jana Sangh is today

is all his creation.

No office could ever tempt him. Though never an M.P. himself, he was a maker of M.Ps. He never sought any honour or position, and it was with great difficulty that he was persuaded to be the president. He gave us the call of awakening, saying "Let us move beyond the Vindhyas till we reach Kanyakumari, where the sea washes eternally the feet of Mother India, and awaken the people with the mantrap of unity. It was under his leadership that we pledged ourselves to carry the message of unity throughout the length and breadth of the country.

We attended the successful session of the party under his presidentship at Calicut, which brought home to the people the historic mission of the Jana sang. It gave people new hope and new confidence. People inside as well as outside India were impressed, and said there is a transformation in the party.

But they were wrong. The transformation had not come over Jana Sangh, it had come over their own eyes. Some of these eyes were eyes full of sin; of jealousy, of angry violence. They could not tolerate this glory of our success, and so Panditji was taken away from us.

Nobody exactly knows the circumstances of his death. The man at whose call hundreds of thousands would have readily suffered death was cut away from life in the darkness of the night, was taken away from his followers, was separated from his countrymen and thrown into the jaws of death, into the void of the unknown. This fact we shall never forget, this wound will ever remain unhealed in our hearts, this barb will ever rankle in our minds.

Panditji has fulfilled the vow of his life by his martyrdom. His work was the mission of his life and he lived and gave his life for it. But his dream still remains unfulfilled, his work remains still incomplete.

The attack on his life is an attack on the life of the nation. Each wound on his body is a blow struck at democracy. We accept this challenge of the enemies of the nation and of democracy. ■

—From Funeral oration on February 18, 1968 at Prayag.
(Excerpts from the book - "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile" edited by Sudhakar Rajee)



We are proud of our past; we believe in our present and are confident of our bright future: PM



The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a huge gathering of Dawoodi Bohra community, at Ashara Mubarak, the commemoration of the martyrdom of Imam Husain (SA), in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on September 14, 2018.

Remembering the sacrifices of Imam Husain, Prime Minister said that Imam always stood against injustice and attained martyrdom for up keeping peace and justice. He added that the teachings of Imam are still relevant today. Appreciating the work done by Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, the Prime Minister said that love and dedication towards the nation are the hallmarks of his teachings.

Shri Modi said that the culture of taking everyone along makes India different from all other countries. "We are proud of our past, we believe in our present and are confident of our bright future", he added.

Highlighting the contributions of the Dawoodi Bohra community, Prime Minister said that the community has always played a key role in India's progress and growth story. He expressed hope that community will continue their great work of spreading the strength of India's culture throughout the world.

Praising the Bohra community, PM Shri Modi said that it is his good fortune to have received the affection of Bohra community. Remembering the

assistance provided by the community during his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Modi said that the affection of the community brought him to Indore.

Applauding the various social initiatives carried out by the Dawoodi Bohra community, Prime Minister said that various efforts are taken by the government to ensure improved living standards for citizens, especially the poor and needy. In this context, he mentioned the various development oriented initiatives of the Government like Ayushman Bharat, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana. He mentioned that these initiatives are changing the lives of ordinary people.

Prime Minister congratulated the people of Indore for taking the mission of Swacchh Bharat forward. He said that 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' scheme will be launched tomorrow and urged the citizens to actively participate in this grand Swacchhta mission.

Talking about the honesty shown by the Bohra Community in business, Prime Minister said that the government encourages honest businessmen and workers through GST, Insolvency and Bankruptcy

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan was also present on the occasion. Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, praised the Prime Minister for his exemplary work and wished him success for his work for the country. ■

THE MODI I KNOW

The PM thinks big and is an institution builder par excellence



AMIT SHAH

In the week gone by Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with lakhs of Asha, Anganwadi and ANM workers. These are grassroots health workers whose efforts impact a wide cross-section of society, especially the poor and those living in rural areas. Apart from his inspiring words to them commending their yeoman service to society, he also announced an increase in their honorarium. Along with improving their quality of life, it will also motivate them to perform their crucial roles even better.

Very often the PM reaches out to sections of society who are unsung heroes through his mobile app, letting them know they are most valued and their work is precious in nation building. Apart from health workers, he recently reached out to teachers thanking them for their contributions to society.

This is one sterling quality I have observed in Modi right from the earliest time I got the opportunity to work with him. Everyone in the organisation or government, performing any kind of role, would

be personally encouraged by him and made to feel special. This quality of recognising the importance of service and more importantly respecting those who put in their effort to serve others, is exemplary. This also shows his own spirit of service; every moment he wants to be involved in making India a better place.

It is also the mark of an excellent organisation and institution builder. Organisations and institutions are, at the end of the day, manned by people who put their shared vision above individual interests. Such sacrifices, when recognised by people of stature, only make an organisation stronger by boosting morale.

He was also someone with great attention to detail. For example, in many of our programmes, there would be a lamp lighting ceremony with which the programme would

start. The cotton wicks used in lamps, if immersed in ghee beforehand, get lit immediately when a guest tries to light them. However, if the same wick is dry, it takes a little longer. He would take care that even such minutiae were in place. Later, in the first decade of the 2000s he became the chief minister of Gujarat and marked himself out as an excellent administrator, which others in the Gujarat government imbibed from him.

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Another of his important attributes is that he does not think in terms of incidents but rather in terms of institutions. Individual

Property Act to act against a major haven for black money or the amendment of Prevention of Money Laundering Act to confiscate property equivalent of money stashed abroad, be it bringing the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act or demonetisation or the ending of interviews for some government jobs, an environment conducive for, and supportive of, honesty is being built around us.

are being built at more than double the pace than was the norm before. Electricity is reaching poor households and so is LPG; toilets are being built in crores of homes to boost access to safe sanitation and a battle against malnutrition has been launched. The huge healthcare game changer – Ayushman Bharat – has also been initiated.

Such development is not happening in just one or two states or regions but in the whole of India. Consider the fact that some states in the north-east have been connected by rail for the first time ever. For the first time, almost every household in India has a bank account. This is a paradigm shift in governance that has also brought great goodwill and trust for BJP. When people speak of BJP being an 'election machine', it is actually development and progress that is BJP's electoral machine.

The PM has helped BJP become a force even in regions where the party used to have a cursory presence, for example in the north-east. If BJP and its allies have been chosen by the people in state after state across regions, it is due to the good governance that Modi has successfully implemented and the 'can do' spirit of New India that he resonates. ■

(The writer is National President of BJP)



contributions in terms of an incident here or an incident there are good, but for a vast nation like India, this is not enough. Take, for example, his battle against corruption. That his probity and integrity are unquestionable is a fact accepted even by many of his adversaries. However, he did not rest. Instead, he set about equipping India with better laws and institutions that are institutionalising honesty and boosting transparency.

Be it notification of the Benami

Atalji was also a leader who similarly put the nation on the path of growth through multiple institutional reforms that breathed life into our economy. Roads, telecom, education, jobs, the economy overall took off thanks to his effective leadership. BJP came to be known as the party of good governance and party with a difference.

Similarly, even under Modi's leadership rural roads are being built at twice the pace, highways

PM NARENDRA MODI'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED AS 'SEWA DIWAS' ACROSS THE COUNTRY



The BJP Karyakartas and common people celebrated PM Shri Narendra Modi's Birthday as 'Sewa Diwas' across the country. Programmes were organised in various states on 17 September, 2018. BJP Delhi Pradesh also celebrated the Birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as Sewa Diwas. BJP National Vice-President Shri Vinay Sahasrabudde, National General Secretaries, Union Ministers, senior leaders and Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari offered Swachhta Shramdaan at Jawahar Camp, Sewa Basti, Kirti Nagar and other places of Delhi. After the Shramdaan the leaders presented saplings of Tulsi to the people of the Basti.

Addressing thousands of residents of the Basti present in the programme, Shri Sahasrabudde said that after Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is another great leader who is taking care of the health of the people by initiating Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan in the entire country. Hence on his Birthday we are offering Shramdaan in the Basti and giving the message of cleanliness to the people.

He said that cleanliness should be a habit of all of us. If we have three habits then we can keep our Bastis clean. Firstly, we should clean our hands after visiting toilets, secondly, we should not litter the garbage collected after cleaning the house and thirdly, we should not spit in public places after chewing pan or gutka. If we have these three good habits then our sewa basti will be clean and the atmosphere will also be healthy which will help the residents to remain healthy. If you have respect



and love for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi then you should practice these things for keeping the Basti clean.

Addressing the people, Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari said the PM celebrating his Birthday not by cutting cakes but by sharing pains and sorrows



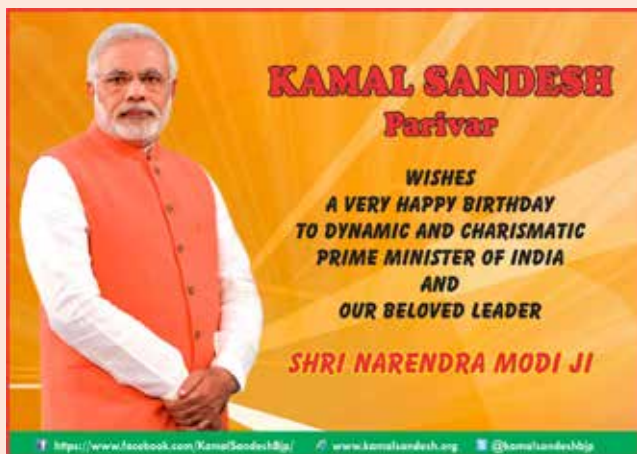
of the common people. In this connection the Sewa programmes are organised at 11 prominent places and 280 mandals in Delhi.

Shri Tiwari said that when the entire country is wishing long life to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on his Birthday, he has taken a great step to secure the long life to the people by launching Aayushman Bharat Yojna for 50 crore people of the country. Under this scheme the needy persons will be given assistance of 5 lakh rupees by the Government for 1250 types of surgical operations. He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the message of cleanliness to the entire country to remain healthy and all of us should follow him. This will be the

real felicitation to the Prime Minister on behalf of all of us.

On this occasion, Pradesh General Secretary Shri Rajesh Bhatia said the BJP workers organised Free Health Check up Camps at various places of Delhi and also distributed fruits & sweets in hospitals and schools.

BJP senior leaders also participated in the Sewa Diwas in Delhi. BJP National General Secretaries Shri Bhupender Yadav in Gaushtala near Yamuna Bazar, Shri Arun Singh and Pradesh General Secretary Shri Ravinder Gupta in Arya Samaj Mandir Sabji Mandi Makhnapura of Karol Bagh District, National General Secretary Dr. Anil Jain in Northern Basti MB Road, Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda, MP Shri Maheish Girri in Community Centre of Bhikam Singh Colony under Vishwas Nagar of Shahdara District, Union Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan offered their Sewa in Ashok Vihar Community Centre under Keshavpuram District, Union Minister Smt. Smriti Irani in Kushtha Ashram RK Puram, Shri Vijender Gupta in Sector-16 Rohini, Pradesh Organisation General Secretary Shri Siddharthan in Madipur village, MP Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi in Indra Jhuggi Camp, General Secretary Shri Kuljeet Singh Chahal in IP Extension also offered their Sewa. Under the leadership of BJP Yuva Morcha President Shri Sunil Yadav, the workers performed Hawan in the Pradesh Office for the long life of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and took out a Vikas Yatra in Connaught Place on the achievements of Central Government. ■



HOW SWACHH BHARAT CHANGED INDIA AND BECAME A GLOBAL INSPIRATION

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ARUN JAITLEY

When John F Kennedy made an announcement in 1961 that the US would put a man on the moon by the end of the decade, no one thought it was possible. It did happen, eight years later. When Narendra Modi announced in 2014 that India would become open defecation free by 2019, changing the behaviour of 60 crore people who then defecated in the open, no one thought it was possible. But today, just four years later, India is on the cusp of being rid of open defecation.

Sometimes a big, hard, audacious and seemingly outlandish goal by a strong leader brings out the best in people and institutions. It puts them out of their comfort zone, makes them think big and aim big. It makes them push their boundaries of imagination by painting a picture of what success would feel like. Everyone starts delivering more than their pay grade, everyone punches above their weight, and the total becomes greater than the sum of the parts.

POT IN A SPOT

Almost all of the readers of this piece may have never defecated in the open. It would have not crossed our minds that till 2014, half of our country suffered the indignity of open defecation, 67 years since Independence! What most of us take for granted, a toilet, was not even a part of the consideration set of millions of people in India. Many women did want a toilet, but could not voice their need openly and strongly, and this was often sacrificed to, instead, buy a television set or a motorcycle. This was the elephant in the room that no one really addressed seriously. Till Prime Minister Modi came along and announced a war cry against this indignity from the ramparts of the Red Fort. He still talks about toilets unabashedly at various public gatherings. This acceptance that



a toilet is important and needs to be discussed, not just locally, but nationally, was a watershed moment in India's journey to successfully ending open defecation.

As Finance Minister, I have the unenviable task of allocating resources among various important government programmes and sectors. Unlike previous administrations, for us, the importance of sanitation in the

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wider development of the country was fairly intuitive. To make this ambitious goal a reality, we had to back it up with adequate resources, and it could not have been an unfunded mandate.

As the fastest-growing major economy in the world, India is committed to improving the quality of life of its citizens, especially in rural areas. And along with access to roads, electricity and housing, access to sanitation is an integral component in this endeavour. Poor sanitation undermines our women's safety and dignity, and also leads to our children suffering from repeated bouts of diarrhoea that hinders their physical and cognitive development. This would adversely affect the productivity of our nation's future workforce, and hamper India's biggest economic competitive advantage — our demographic dividend.

And so, India backed this lofty goal up with a handsome budget, north of \$20 billion. Almost 8.5 crore rural households, including all scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, women-headed households, and small and landless farmers have been offered a financial incentive of Rs 12,000 to construct a toilet. With this programme, the Prime Minister successfully brought the “bad words” — toilet and excreta — to the centre of India's developmental agenda.

LOO AND BEHOLD

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have lauded the Prime Minister for this most bold and ambitious programme, which will be a gamechanger in public health and economic productivity of India.

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Toilets have been named “Izzat Ghar” in many parts of the country. And the benefits have already begun to show, vindicating our decision to invest heavily in sanitation. The World Health Organisation has said that India will save over three lakh lives by the time we become open-defecation free in 2019. Unicef had calculated last year that the return on investment for sanitation in India is over 400%. Various international experts

experience and implement similar programmes in their countries. Between September 29 and October 2 this year, India will host over 50 sanitation ministers from around the world at the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention (MGISC). Apart from sharing India's learnings through this incredible journey of the Swachh Bharat Mission, this convention will also be an opportunity for India to learn from the experiences of other countries in sustaining sanitation gains for the long term, towards which the mission is strongly committed. ■

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PM LAUNCHES “SWACHHATA HI SEVA” MOVEMENT

‘In last four years, Swachhata has become a mass movement’

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ Movement on September 15, 2018 to boost nationwide public participation in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and catalyze the fulfillment of Bapu’s dream of a Clean India.

The ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ movement aims at generating greater public participation towards Swachhata. It is being organized in the run up to the fourth anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission, on October 2nd, 2018, which will also mark the commencement of the 150th year celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi. The Prime Minister urged everyone to be a part of this movement and strengthen the efforts to create a ‘Swachh Bharat’.

He also interacted with a cross-section of people from 17 locations across the country, via video conferencing.

Initiating the interaction, the Prime Minister shared some key achievement, including how 450 districts in India have become Open Defecation Free within four

years. Similarly, 20 States and Union Territories have declared themselves ODF in this period. He emphasized that providing facilities such as toilets or dustbins is not enough, and added that cleanliness or Swachhata is a habit that can be inculcated. He said people from across the country are now participating in the development of this habit.

School children from Dibrugarh in Assam, explained to the Prime Minister, their contributions towards making their school and area, clean. The PM noted that youngsters are ambassadors of social change. The way they have furthered the message of cleanliness is commendable, he added.

Members of milk and agriculture cooperatives assembled in Mehsana, Gujarat, to interact with the PM on their initiatives towards Swachhata. The Prime Minister noted that Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan has led to a decrease in cases of diseases such as diarrhoea.

From the Gateway of India in Mumbai, actor Amitabh

Bachchan explained the various cleanliness activities he has been involved in, including cleaning of a beach in Mumbai. Noted industrialist Shri Ratan Tata also joined the interaction. It is a great honour and privilege to help launch a movement which should be the dream of every citizen of India, he added. The Prime Minister expressed his belief that the private sector has a big role to play in the creation of a Clean India.

Senior media persons from Dainik Jagran, including Shri Sanjay Gupta, joined the interaction from Noida, and shared their efforts to further cleanliness. Jawans of the ITBP joined the interaction from the high altitude Pangong Lake in Ladakh. The Prime Minister praised the ITBP jawans for their bravery and their service to the nation.

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev joined the interaction from Coimbatore. He said that there is a certain level of enthusiasm towards the Swachhata campaign, which is visible in his travels. He praised the Prime Minister for providing this impetus. The Prime Minister said that Swachh Bharat is not a movement of any Government or any Prime Minister, but an entire nation's movement.

Women Swachhagrahis from Dantewada in Chhattisgarh and Salem in Tamil Nadu explained to the Prime Minister, their efforts towards Swachhata. Spiritual leaders and citizens from Patna Sahib Gurudwara and Dadi Jankiji from Mt Abu, also interacted with the PM. Shri Modi especially thanked the Brahmakumar is Sansthan for their efforts towards cleanliness. The Prime Minister interacted with citizens from Rajgarh in Madhya Pradesh, and Fatehpur in Uttar Pradesh, including UP

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AMIT SHAH PICKS UP BROOM TO CLEAN HYDERABAD'S BHEEMA MAIDAN ROAD



Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah cleaned Bheema Maidan road as part of 'Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan' in Hyderabad. A large number of BJP Karyakartas and leaders also participated in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan' with Shri Amit Shah. Union Ministers and BJP leaders also took part in the cleanliness drive all over the state and in different parts of the country. Shri Amit Shah said that the drive will help achieve Mahatma Gandhi's dream of 'Swachh Bharat'.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Spiritual leader Sri Sri Ravi Shankar joined the interaction from Bengaluru. He said that the Prime Minister has enthused the nation and especially the youth.

The Prime Minister interacted with volunteers engaged in cleaning the Ganga, from Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh. He praised them for their efforts in cleaning "Ma Ganga." He called upon all citizens living on the banks of the River Ganga, to volunteer towards cleaning the river, during the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' movement. Devotees from Ajmer Sharif Dargah, and railway employees from Rewari in Haryana also interacted with PM. Maa Amritanandamayi joined the interaction from Kollam, Kerala.

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Indian healthcare is poised for a great leap forward with Ayushman Bharat – which will insure over 50 crore citizens



JAGAT PRAKASH
NADDA

Following from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, the National Health Policy 2017 was formulated to achieve the highest possible level of good health and well-being, and universal access to good quality healthcare services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence. A step towards fulfilling the vision of the National Health Policy 2017, Ayushman Bharat is a pioneering initiative to adopt a continuum of holistic approach to healthcare, comprising two principal pillars.

First is the creation of 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres, which will bring healthcare closer to the homes of people. The second pillar is Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) which will provide health protection cover to poor and vulnerable families. Ayushman Bharat will be implemented at an unprecedented scale to bring about a paradigm shift in healthcare.

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to more than 10 crore poor and vulnerable families in India who have hitherto been left out of the healthcare system and the development story of the country. As the largest targeted health assurance scheme in the world it presents the opportunity, and together with it the challenge, of providing secondary and tertiary medical care to over 50 crore poor and deprived Indians – a population almost equal to that of Europe or the combined population of US, Canada and Mexico. Beneficiaries under PMJAY will be entitled to a medical cover of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year.

Through entitlement under this scheme the poor will now no longer have to struggle with the financial trouble of illness, can avoid falling into moneylenders' trap, and save their families from dire impoverishment. According to the most recent national survey, around 5 crore people in India are pushed below the poverty line due to high out-of-pocket health expenditures.

Disease is deeply debilitating with the potential to handicap a person's abilities to provide for himself and his family, pushing the whole family into crushing poverty. Considering this, PMJAY has taken up a holistic approach covering

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secondary and tertiary medical care (including pre- and post-hospitalisation) to help the poor realise their dreams of receiving quality medical care. The scheme will strive to remove the mental and economic burden of paying for the medical treatment by reducing catastrophic expenses and to create a cashless and paperless process for receiving treatment.

PMJAY will revolutionise healthcare in many ways. First, it marks a significant movement towards the government's promise of sabka saath sabka vikas, of taking every Indian along. Second, it brings to the fore health as the focus of our policy agenda, making it one of the flagship initiatives of the BJP-led government.

Third, it will bring together a

whole range of stakeholders and pave the way for opening new hospitals, clinics and diagnostic labs in tier II and III towns. An enhanced network of hospitals will spur demand for a large number of jobs for doctors, nurses and other staff in the near future. PMJAY will be disruptive as it will expand the supply side by improving access to private as well as public healthcare services.

Fourth, the initiative will also lead to the creation of a whole cadre of certified frontline health service professionals called Pradhan Mantri Aarogya Mitras (PMAMs) across the country. The PMAMs will be the primary point of facilitation for the beneficiaries to avail treatment at the hospital and, thus, act as a support system to streamline health service delivery.

In addition, MoU has been signed with Common Service Centres (CSCs) for beneficiary identification, with over 3 lakh service centres for identifying beneficiaries.

Finally, PMJAY has the potential to become one of the best examples of cooperative federalism in the democratic world. Its successful implementation will be based on a solid partnership between the Centre and states. So far, 26 states have signed MoUs with the Centre and more are expected to come on board. PMJAY will also exemplify smooth functioning and consolidation of different technology tools, for Indian healthcare to take its great leap forward. ■

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PSLV-C42 launches 2 foreign satellites

The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C42) of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched two satellites -- NovaSAR and S1-4-- from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota on September 16.

The PSLV-C42 lifted off from the First Launch Pad of SHAR at 10.08 pm (IST). Both satellites were injected into the Sun Synchronous Orbit, about 17 minutes later, at an altitude of 583 km.

The satellites belong to UK-based Surrey Satellite Technology Limited (SSTL), which has a contract with Antrix Corporation Ltd, the commercial arm of ISRO. NovaSAR carries S-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) and an Automatic Identification Receiver payloads. The satellite applications include forestry mapping, land use and ice cover monitoring, flood and disaster monitoring and maritime missions. It

will be operated from SSTL's Spacecraft Operations Centre in Guildford, UK.

S1-4 is a high resolution earth observation satellite meant for surveying resources, environment monitoring, urban management and disaster monitoring.



This was the 44th flight of PSLV and the 12th flight of the Core Alone version of the vehicle. Core Alone is its lightest version without the six strap-on motors. It is used for launching smaller payloads.

The vehicle's guidance system is from ISRO's Inertial Systems Unit, Thiruvananthapuram, while SDSC SHAR was responsible for solid motor preparation, vehicle integration and launch infrastructure. ISRO's Telemetry Tracking and Command Network provided tracking support. ■



ATAL KAVYANJLI SESSIONS ORGANISED ACROSS THE COUNTRY

BJP has organised 'Kavyanjali' programme across the country on 16 September, 2018 to mark the completion of one month of former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's death. This program was organised at 4000 places including the national capital Delhi and all the assembly constituencies across the country. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed the Kavyanjali programme organised in the memory of Atal ji in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. During this programme the poems written by Atal ji was recited and the recording of the same will also be played for the people later on. On that occasion, medical camps, blood donation camps were organised at various places to help the poor people. Party workers also launched cleanliness drive in their localities on that day.

'Atal ji was a selfless personality, accepted by all across political ideology'

Delhi BJP on 16 September, 2018 organised 'ATAL KAVYANJLI' sessions in 66 Vidhan Sabha Constituencies to pay tribute to the former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji on his first month of death anniversary. At all venues Poets and Party Leaders recited poems written by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and film based on his life and works was shown followed by a short film on PM Shri Narendra Modi's childhood.

The main Atal Kavyanjali programme organised by New Delhi District BJP at Dr. Ambedkar International

Centre was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh while the Union External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj graced the concluding session.

Inaugurating the Session Shri Rajnath Singh recalled various incidents associated with Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji's life and shared some light moments with the audience during his address. He said that Atal ji was an altruistic personality who was accepted by all across political ideology.

Shri Rajnath Singh recalled the 1999 incident when

Pak Infiltrates tried to enter Indian Territory, Indian Army strongly retaliated not only sending them but entered their territory too. At that point of time Atal ji asked the Indian Army to not to enter their territory as this is not our culture and hence I always say he was a person with a large heart.

Shri Singh further elaborated that he had superb diplomatic skills and recalled that there was a time when China used to stake claim on Sikkim. Due to Atal ji diplomatic skills during his 2003 visit to China the host country was forced to accept that Sikkim was a part of India.

Presiding over the program Shri Manoj Tiwari informed that the Atal Kavyanjali program is organized at 66 different locations all over Delhi and the main program is being held here at Dr. BR Ambedkar International centre. He said that Atal ji was a versatile personality who was above petty political squabbles. In parliament as opposition leaders he also used his poetic skills to win over the ruling party members.

Addressing the gathering Union External Affairs Smt. Sushma Swaraj recalled her long association with Atal ji since 1977 both in government and in organisation and said he was a great orator. We always saw a fatherly figure in him.

She recalled Atalji's fondness for delicious foods and how he was always a perfect host on festivals as people visited him. His poems were dedicated to the nation and social causes apart from expressing his feelings.

Smt. Swaraj said that Atal ji's life was that of a humanitarian saint dedicated to service of the people while as a administrator too he won the hearts of the

people with his dedication to serve the poorest of poor.

Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi said that Atal ji was well known in the world for his poetry and best way we could give tribute to Atal ji is through this Kavyanjali Program.

Union Minister Shri Vijay Goel who had a close working relation with Shri Vajpayee shared his memories before the gathering at Sadar Bazar. Leader of the Opposition in Vidhansabha Shri Vijender Gupta at Rohini, MLAs O.P. Sharma at Vishwas Nagar and Shri Jagdish Pradhan at Mustafabad, former President Shri Satish Upadhyay at Moti Nagar, Senior Leader Shri Pawan Sharma at Uttam Nagar joined the party workers and local public in paying tributes to Shri Atalji.

Apart from Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari, union ministers Shri Prakash Javdekar and Smt. Smriti Irani, National Secretary Shri Tarun Chugh, MP Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Delhi Pradesh General Secretary (Org) Shri Sidharthan, Atal ji associate Shri Shiv Kumar shared their memories related to Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the poetry and tribute session.

A team headed by Pradesh General Secretary Shri Ravinder Gupta, Shri Abhay Verma and Shri Jai Prakash coordinated the series of Poetry Sessions across the city. He said that District Presidents played a crucial role in this programme. Well known Poets Shri Surender Sharma, Smt. Ritu Goyal, Shri Rajesh Chetan, Shri Rasik Gupta, Shri Chirag Jain, Shri Chandrasekhar Goswami among others recited poetry and couplets.

Similarly, Chief Minister Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat participated in Kavyanjali programme organised by Uttarakhand BJP in Dehradun on 16 September. Various poets and speakers through their poems paid tributes to Vajpayeeji on the occasion.

Paying his tributes to the former Prime Minister, Shri Rawat said that Vajpayeeji's personality was acceptable and popular among the masses. "His personality was full of practical simplicity. Humble but yet firm in his ideology, he was able to give a nurture political atmosphere in the country.

His speeches were historic and general masses were always eager to listen to him. He will live forever in the hearts of common people, country and the world. The country will forever get guidance from Atal ji through his poems and thoughts," the Chief Minister said. ■



‘VARANASI BEING MODERNISED WHILE PROTECTING ITS ANCIENT IDENTITY’

PM INAUGURATES KEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN VARANASI



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on September 18 inaugurated and laid the Foundation Stone for several important development projects, at a public gathering in Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

Among the projects inaugurated are the Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) for Puraani Kashi; and an Atal Incubation Centre at BHU. Among the projects for which the Foundation Stone was laid, is the Regional Ophthalmology Centre at BHU.

The cumulative value of all projects which were inaugurated, or for which foundation stone was laid today, is over Rs. 550 crore.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the efforts to bring about change in Varanasi, are also attempting to preserve the city's rich heritage. He said the city is being modernized, while protecting

its ancient identity. He said the change that has been brought about through four years of resolve of the people of Kashi, is now visible.

Shri Narendra Modi referred to the various projects in the power, road and other infrastructure sectors, which have progressed significantly, and brought about an improvement in the lives of the people in the city of Varanasi, and nearby areas. The Prime Minister said he feels very happy when he sees citizens post pictures of Varanasi Cantt Station online. He mentioned the work being done towards modernization of transport infrastructure. He also spoke of the work being done towards cleanliness and enhancing the visual appeal of the city. He said this move, which will transform tourism is a continuing effort. In this context, he also mentioned the work being done in Sarnath.



The Prime Minister said that basic facilities such as roads, electricity and water, are being extended to the rural areas surrounding Varanasi as well. He said Kashi is now emerging as a health hub. Mentioning the Atal Incubation Centre that was inaugurated today, he said that startups are already beginning to get connected with this. He said Varanasi is among the select cities in the country where Piped Cooking Gas is being made available.

The Prime Minister called upon the people of Varanasi to dedicate themselves towards fulfilment of this common resolve for the transformation of the city. ■

PM interacts with schoolchildren; told them to study hard and develop a keen interest in sports as well

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion of his birthday on September 17 spent nearly ninety minutes in close interaction with young schoolchildren in his constituency, Varanasi.

At a primary school in Narur village, he was greeted enthusiastically by school children on arrival. He too, greeted the children on Vishwakarma Jayanti, and said it is important to learn various skills.

As students, it is vital to ask questions, the Prime Minister said. He exhorted the young students to never feel afraid to ask questions. It is a key aspect of learning, he emphasized.

The Prime Minister spent time with young children who are being aided by the non-profit organisation "Room to Read."

Later, at DLW Varanasi, the Prime Minister interacted with children from poor and underprivileged sections, who are being assisted by students of Kashi Vidyapeeth. He exhorted them to study hard and develop a keen interest in sports as well.

Late in the evening, the Prime Minister drove through the streets of Varanasi, evaluating the development of the city. He stopped at Kashi Vishwanath Temple for a few minutes to offer prayers. He also made a surprise visit to the Manduadih Railway Station. ■



BJP wins 96 percent of panchayat seats uncontested in Tripura

The BJP has emerged victorious in 96 per cent seats of the three-tier gram panchayat bodies in Tripura. State Election Commissioner told reporters on 18 September, 2018 that by-elections in 3,207 seats of gram panchayats, 161 panchayat samiti seats and 18 seats of zilla parishads were announced on September 01. More than 96 per cent of these seats went uncontested and BJP won these seats. Only 132 gram panchayat seats are now open to by-elections along with 7 seats of panchayat samiti.

For the remaining seats September 11 was the last date of filing nomination papers while scrutiny of submitted nominations was done on September 14. After withdrawal of nomination papers, 296 candidates are now in the fray across 132 seats of different gram panchayat bodies. The by-elections will take place on September 30," the EC informed.

Noteworthy, over 3,000 seats were rendered vacant as a large number of members of gram panchayats,

panchayat samitis and zilla parishads resigned after the BJP-Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) combine came to power in the state in March. Bypolls were scheduled to be held in 3,386 seats — 3,207 in gram panchayats, 161 in panchayat samitis and 18



zilla parishad seats. However, 3,247 of these (95.89 per cent) were won by the BJP uncontested.

BJP spokesperson Shri Mrinalkanti Deb said, "Our people have won uncontested as the opposition has no candidate to field. Their organizational base has shattered and the people have rejected them." ■



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ATALJI WAS A TRUE PATRIOT: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his radio programme Mann Ki Baat addressed the nation on August 26. In the address he mentioned briefly the productive of monsoon session of Parliament, importance of Sanskrit persona of Atalji etc. Here we are giving highlights of the address for our esteemed readers:

You will be astonished to know that Sanskrit is a language that possesses the capacity for infinite word formation with two thousand verb roots, 200 suffixes & 22 prefixes; coupled with compounds, the possibility of word-creation is limitless. And that is why the minutest nuance of an expression or subject can be accurately described. This has been the core speciality of Sanskrit. Today, at times, in order to communicate more assertively, we tend to make use of English Quotations or even sher-o-shayari-urdu poetry. But those who are well acquainted with Sanskrit Subhashitas – epigrammatic verses, know very well that it is possible to make a crisp, precise statement, using very few words through the usage of subhashitas. And since there is a sense of geographical & cultural belonging, they are easy to understand & assimilate.

- Disasters, unfortunately leave behind a trail of destruction. But one gets to witness facets of humanity, humaneness during disasters. From Kutch to Kamrup, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, everyone is endeavoring to contribute in some way or the other so that wherever a disaster strikes, be it Kerala or any other part of India, human life returns to normalcy. Irrespective of age group or area of work, people are contributing. Everyone is trying to ensure speedy mitigation of the sufferings people in Kerala are going through, in fact sharing their pain. We know that jawans of our armed forces are the vanguards of rescue & relief operations in Kerala. They have left no stone unturned as saviors of those trapped in the floods. The Air Force, Navy, Army, BSF, CISF, RAF, every agency has played an exemplary role in the rescue & relief operations. I would like to specially mention the arduous endeavors of the NDRF daredevils. At this moment of hardship & agony, their service stands out as a shining example. The capability, commitment & controlling situation through rapid decisions of the NDRF have made them a cynosure of every Indian's eye, worthy of respect &

admiration. Yesterday was the festival of Onam. We pray for Onam to provide strength to the country, especially Kerala so that it returns to normalcy on a newer journey of development. Once again on behalf of all Indians, I would like to re assure each & everyone in Kerala and other affected places that at this moment of calamity, the entire country stands by them.

- I was looking into the suggestions received for "Mann Ki Baat". The subject about which most of the people from across the country have written is "Our revered AtalBehari Vajpayee". ...As soon as the people in our country and abroad heard of the demise of Atalji on 16th August, everyone drowned in sadness. He was



a leader who gave up his position as Prime Minister fourteen years ago. In a way, he was cut-off from active politics for the last 10 years. He was neither seen in the news nor in public life. Ten years is a huge gap but on 16th August our country and the whole world witnessed that there was not a gap of even a single moment in the commonman's heart. The wave of love and faith that spread across the nation is an indicator of his great personality. During these last days, many great aspects of Atalji came up to the fore. People remembered him as the best member of Parliament,

sensitive writer, best orator and most popular Prime Minister and will continue to remember him. The country will ever remain grateful to Atalji for bringing good governance in the main stream. But, I just want to touch upon one more facet of Atalji's legendary personality and that is the political culture which Atalji gave to India, his efforts in the direction of bringing about the changes in our political culture, his efforts to mould it into an organized framework and which proved very beneficial for India and a bigger benefit will accrue in days to come. This is certain. India will remain ever grateful to Atalji for bringing the 91st Amendment Act, 2003. This change brought about two important changes in India's politics. First one is that the size of the cabinet in states was restricted to 15% of the total seats in the state Assembly. And the second one is that the limit under the Anti Defection Law was enhanced from one-thirds to two-thirds. Besides, clear guidelines were defined to disqualify the defector.

- For many years in India, the political culture of forming a very large cabinet was being misused to constitute jumbo cabinets not only to create a divide but also to appease political leaders. Atalji changed it. This effort of his resulted in saving of money as well as of resources. This also helped in improving efficiency. It could only be a visionary like Atalji who brought in this transformation and as a result of this, healthy traditions blossomed in our polity.
- Atalji was a true patriot. It was during his tenure that the timing of presenting the budget was changed. Earlier, as was the British tradition, the Budget used to be presented at 5 pm because in London, Parliament used to start working at that time. In the year 2001, Atalji changed the time of presenting the budget from 5 pm to 11 am. One more freedom-the Indian Flag Code was framed in Atalji's tenure and it came into effect in 2002. A number of such rules have been included in this code which made it possible to unfurl the tricolor in public places. This provided a chance to more and more of our countrymen to unfurl our national flag. Thus, he brought our beloved tricolor closer to the commonman. You must have noticed how Atalji took bold steps to bring about fundamental reforms, whether in our election process or about the shortcomings concerning the people's representatives. Similarly, you can see that presently efforts are afoot and discussions are being held about

simultaneously holding the elections for Lok Sabha and for state assemblies. The Government and the opposition – both are putting forth their view points. This is a good development and a healthy sign for our democracy. I must say that developing healthy traditions for a sound democracy, making constant efforts to strengthen democracy, encouraging open-minded debates would also be appropriate tribute to Atalji. Reiterating our resolve to fulfill his dream of a prosperous and developed India, I along with all of you pay tributes to Atalji.

- The monsoon session of Parliament ended just a few days back. You will be glad to know that the productivity of Lok Sabha remained 118 percent and that of Rajya Sabha was 74 percent. All the members rose above party interests to make the Monsoon session most productive and this is why Lok Sabha passed 21 bills and in Rajya Sabha fourteen bills were passed. This Monsoon session of Parliament will always be remembered as a session for social justice and youth welfare. A number of important bills beneficial to the youth and the backward classes were passed during this session. As you know, a demand to constitute an OBC Commission similar to SC/ST commission was long pending for decades. The country fulfilled its resolve this time to make an OBC Commission and also granted it Constitutional powers. This step will prove to be the one to move forward our march towards achieving the goal of social justice. An amendment bill to secure the rights of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes also were passed in this session. This Act will give more security to the interests of SC and ST communities. This will also forbid criminals from indulging in atrocities and will instill confidence among the dalit communities.
- No civil society can tolerate any kind of injustice towards the woman-power of the country. The nation will not tolerate those committing rapes. With this point in view Parliament has made a provision of strictest punishment by passing the Criminal Act Amendment Bill. Those guilty of rape will get a minimum sentence of ten years and those found guilty of raping girls below the age of 12 years will be awarded the death sentence. The Triple Talaq Bill has been passed by the Lok Sabha although it could not be passed in the Rajya Sabha, I assure the Muslim women that the whole country stands by them to provide them social justice. ■

Job creations soar to 11-month high of 9.51 lakh in July

New job creations in July 2018 rose to an 11-month high of 9.51 lakh, taking the total tally of new enrollments to 61.81 lakh since September 2017, according to the EPFO's payroll data. Job addition numbers, which are based on new members enrolled in various social security schemes of EPFO such as pension, PF and insurance, were 9,51,423 in July — the highest in any month since September 2017 when the retirement fund body started releasing payroll data.

In total, as many as 61,81,943 jobs were created during September 2017 to July 2018 period, the payroll data showed.

The EPFO also revised upward the number of new enrolments from September 2017 to June 2018 to 52.30 lakh from 47.13 lakh estimated earlier last month.

In July, the maximum number of enrolment of 2,68,021 were recorded in the age bracket of 18



to 21 years followed by 2,54,827 in 22 to 25 age group. The data is provisional as updating of employees records is a continuous process and gets updated in subsequent months, the EPFO said in a statement.

The EPFO manages social security funds of workers in the organised/ semi organised sector. It runs three social security scheme Employees' Provident

Fund Scheme 1952, Employees' Deposit Linked Scheme 1976 (EDLI) and Employees' Pension Scheme 1995. It manages the accounts of over six crore members and a corpus of over Rs.10 lakh crore.

Earlier this year, the EPFO had started the practice of updating payroll data on its official portal. The body had also lowered its payroll data estimates earlier. ■

INDIA-BANGLADESH LAUNCH TWO PROJECTS

Priime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina on September 18 jointly unveiled e-plaques for the ground-breaking ceremony of two projects, via video conference. External Affairs Minister of India, Ms. Sushma Swaraj, and Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, also joined the proceedings.

The projects include: (a) India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (b) Dhaka-Tongi-Joydebpur Railway Project

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister described the cooperation between the two countries as an example for the world. He said that the two countries are neighbours, geographically; and family, emotionally. He said the proposed pipeline will further energize, not just Bangladesh's economy, but also the relationship between the two countries. He expressed confidence that the proposed railway project will contribute to the process of strengthening national and urban transport in Bangladesh. ■



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KAMAL SANDESH - DEDICATED TO NATIONAL CAUSE

PM Shri Narendra Modi flanked by UP CM Shri Yogi Adityanath and UP BJP President Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey at a meeting to inaugurate various development projects in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacting with the Anganwadi and ASHA workers from across the country in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi giving his service for 'Swachhta Hi Seva' Abhiyan and interacting with the school children in New Delhi

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PAID MATERNITY LEAVE

Year	Duration	Icon
2014 THEN	12 WEEKS	Downward arrow
2018 NOW	26 WEEKS	Upward arrow


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OPTICAL FIBRE CONNECTIVITY - NUMBER OF GRAM PANCHAYATS CONNECTED

Year	Count	Icon
2014 THEN	59 ONLY	Downward arrow
2018 NOW	1.19 LAKH	Upward arrow

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SPEED OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Year	Speed	Icon
2013-14 THEN	12 KM/DAY	Downward arrow
2017-18 NOW	27 KM/DAY	Upward arrow

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NUMBER OF INDIRECT TAXES

Year	Count	Icon
2014 THEN	17	Downward arrow
2018 NOW	ONE GST	Upward arrow