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BJP National President Shri JP Nadda welcoming Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi before BJP CEC Meeting for Bihar Assembly Election at BJP HQ, 6A DDU Marg, New Delhi



BJP CEC Meeting in presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji & chaired by BJP National President Shri JP Nadda ji at BJP HQ, 6A DDU Marg, New Delhi



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing meeting of BJP National General Secretaries at BJP HQ, 6A, DDU Marg, New Delhi



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing a meeting of newly appointed national office bearers of the party at BJP headquarters, New Delhi.



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda addressing Maharashtra BJP State Executive meeting

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@narendramodi



Let us always remember: Wear a mask. Wash hands. Follow social distancing. Practice 'Do Gaj Ki Doori.' Together, we will succeed. Together, we will win against COVID-19.

@amitshah

Atal Tunnel will prove to be a major boon for the entire region. People will now have access to better healthcare facilities, business opportunities & essential items. It will also strengthen our defence preparedness & generate employment by giving impetus to the tourism sector.



@nitin_gadkari



Once a humble Pracharak to the seat of 'Pradhan Sevak of India', Shri Narendra Modi Ji's journey is an example of extraordinary sacrifice, transformative leadership, profound vision and a roadmap to change our country and taking development to the last man. #20thYearOfNaMo.

@JPNadda

A great accomplishment as Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh became one of the top nine 'Har Ghar Jal' districts. On behalf of each Himachali, I thank Hon PM @narendramodi ji for his vision of improving the lives & enhancing 'ease-of-living' in rural areas.



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The Nation is proud of its men and women in blue and salutes the prowess of the IAF as it stands ready to face challenges and deter adversaries. We remain committed to enhancement of IAF's combat capability through modernisation and indigenisation.



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Country bombs: Chemical spray Stones In @MamataOfficial raj which is nothing but goonda + police Raj, @BJP4Bengal karykartas in their #NabannoCholo agitation have to face all this . You will go @MamataOfficial for sure but with 'the most tyrant administrator' tag.



PM MODI ONE MAN, MANY INITIATIVES

VANCHE GUJARAT
A one-of-its-kind initiative taken by Modi, as Gujarat's CM, to inculcate reading habit in students

SAMAY DAN
Modi, as the CM of Gujarat, had appealed to the youth to devote 100 hours of their time for the betterment of the society

MANN KI BAAT
For the first time ever, a leader of a country struck a conversation with the citizens through a monthly radio programme

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY
Narendra Modi brought Yoga to the forefront, not just in India but in the world

EXAM WARRIORS
The mantras given by PM Modi to combat exam fear and stress have been an inspiration for students across India

#GiveItUp GIVE IT UP
PM Modi urged people to give up LPG subsidy and made voluntarism a part of good governance

#20thYearOfNaMo

AATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT PACKAGE
PROGRESS SO FAR

ANNOUNCEMENT
Rs 50,000 crore liquidity through TDS/TCS rate reduction

ACTION TAKEN

- Legislative amendments to give effect to this announcement was incorporated in The Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation and Amendment of Certain provisions) Bill, 2020 which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 18th September 2020
- After the assent of Hon'ble President, the "The Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation and amendment of certain provisions) Act, 2020" has been notified on 29th September 2020.

FoMIndia, Finance.gov, www.finance.nic.in

NARENDRA MODI - A SYMBOL OF HOPE AND TRUST

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has entered twentieth year serving as head of government on 7th October 2020. On 7th October 2001, he was sworn-in as Chief Minister of Gujarat for the first time and thereafter he led the State to new heights winning the trust of the people again and again. He served Gujarat continuously as Chief Minister from 7th October 2001, winning overwhelming confidence of the people of the state for three times during 2002, 2007 and 2012 assembly elections. While the entire nation reposed faith on his leadership as Prime Minister of India in Lok Sabha elections 2014, he was given a mandate even bigger than 2014 in the Lok Sabha elections 2019. All these years are the years of charismatic leadership, unprecedented dynamism, visionary approach, exceptional hard work, relentless perseverance and indomitable spirit culminating into huge successes and massive achievements.

While under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, Gujarat emerged as a model of good governance and development, it also presented an extraordinary vision of futuristic growth and progress. As the State kept scaling new heights, the 'Gujarat Model' began to inspire India. It was the time when India was marred by misrule, policy paralysis, high inflation and low growth rate, corruption and loot of public

money under the Congress led UPA rule which created an atmosphere of negativity and pessimism in the country. Amid such gloomy scenario, Gujarat under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi became a symbol of hope and trust. People across India started looking at Shri Narendra Modi as a leader who can not only save the nation but was capable of taking the country to new heights. It was under such circumstances that after a period of three decades any political party was given full majority heralding an era of massive transformation in the country.

The massive verdict in favour of BJP led NDA under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with BJP getting full majority in the Lok Sabha resulted in establishment of the politics of performance, good governance and development. As Shri Narendra Modi had promised that his government was to be committed to the interests of poor, deprived, oppressed, women, SCs and STs, the nation saw the principle of 'Antyodaya' getting implemented on ground under a corruption free regime. The change in the life of poor, deprived and oppressed was brought by a system delivery mechanism which brought innovative welfare schemes at the door of the poor providing them relief, empowering them

and making them an asset in the nation building process. The nation started experiencing all round development while getting recognized globally for its achievements. Under the strong and determined leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, a confident India not only defended its borders by giving befitting reply to its enemies but gained unprecedented global stature in the comity of the nations.

The massive achievements of the first tenure of Modi government were blessed by the people of India with even bigger mandate in Lok Sabha elections 2019. The country which has witnessed many historic decisions by Shri Narendra Modi transforming every sector of economy, agricultural sector and rural economy while strengthening India as a great nation is moving towards an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat'. As Shri Narendra Modi enters twentieth year as head of government, entire nation sees him as a symbol of hope and trust committed to take the nation to new heights every day. India is set to make unprecedented strides under his charismatic, visionary and dynamic leadership.

WHILE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SHRI NARENDRA MODI, GUJARAT EMERGED AS A MODEL OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT, IT ALSO PRESENTED AN EXTRAORDINARY VISION OF FUTURISTIC GROWTH AND PROGRESS. AS THE STATE KEPT SCALING NEW HEIGHTS, THE 'GUJARAT MODEL' BEGAN TO INSPIRE INDIA.



‘ATAL TUNNEL GOING TO BE A LIFE LINE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, LEH AND LADAKH’

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 3, 2020 dedicated to the nation the World’s longest Highway tunnel – Atal Tunnel at its south portal in Manali. The 9.02 Km long tunnel connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley throughout the year. Earlier the valley was cut off for about 6 months each year owing to heavy snowfall.

The Tunnel is built with ultra-modern specifications in the Pir Panjal range of Himalayas at an altitude of 3000 Mtrs (10,000 Feet) from the Mean Sea Level (MSL). The tunnel reduces the road distance by 46 Kms between Manali and Leh and the time by about 4 to 5 hours. It has state of the art electromechanical systems including semi transverse ventilation, SCADA controlled fire fighting, illumination and monitoring systems. The Tunnel has ample safety features built into it. Prime Minister Shri Modi travelled in the tunnel from the South Portal to the North Portal and

also visited the emergency egress tunnel that was built into the main tunnel itself. He also witnessed a pictorial exhibition on “The Making of Atal Tunnel” on the occasion. In his address, the Prime Minister termed the day as historic as it only fructifies the vision of the former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee but also the decades old wish and dream of crores of people from the region. He said Atal Tunnel is going to be a lifeline for a large part of Himachal Pradesh as well as the new Union Territory of Leh-Ladakh and would reduce the distance between Manali and Keylong by 3-4 hours. He added that now parts of Himachal Pradesh and Leh-Ladakh will always be connected with the rest of the country and would witness speedier economic progress. He said farmers, horticulturalists and youth will now also have easy access to the capital of Delhi and other markets. The Prime Minister said that such border connectivity



projects will also aid the security forces in ensuring regular supplies to them and also in their patrolling.

The Prime Minister lauded the efforts of the engineers, technicians and workers who risked their lives in making this dream come true. He said Atal Tunnel is also going to give new strength to India's border infrastructure and would be a living proof of world-class border connectivity. He said despite the longstanding demand to improve the infrastructure and overall development of the border areas, plans were made only to languish for decades without any progress. The Prime Minister said Atal ji laid the foundation of the approach road for this tunnel in 2002. He said after Atal ji's government, the work was so neglected that only 1300 metres i.e less than 1.5 Kms of tunnel could be built till 2013-14 i.e only about 300 metres each year. Experts then explained that if it continued at that pace then the tunnel would be completed only in 2040. The Prime Minister said that the Government then fast tracked the project and the construction went on at a speed of 1400 metres each year. He said the project could be completed in 6 years where the estimate was 26 years. He said infrastructure should be developed at a fast pace

when the country needs to progress economically and socially. Shri Modi said this needs unflinching political will and commitment for the progress of the nation. He said the delay in the completion of such important

SAIL SUPPLIES MORE THAN 9000 TONNES OF STEEL FOR THE 'ATAL TUNNEL', PROVIDES 2/3RD OF THE TOTAL STEEL USED IN THE PROJECT

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under Ministry of Steel has supplied the majority portion of steel in the construction of the 'Atal Tunnel', which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi tomorrow. SAIL has supplied more than 9000 Tonnes of its quality steel, out of the 15000 Tonnes of steel used in the entire project. The tunnel is the world's longest road tunnel at an altitude of above 3,000 metres. The Company has once again partnered in building a vital infrastructure for the Nation and making India stronger.

THE INAUGURATION OF 'ATAL TUNNEL' BY PM MODI HAS FULFILLED THE DREAM OF RESPECTED ATAL JI : JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, expressed happiness over the inauguration of the strategically important all weather proof 'Atal Tunnel' in Rohtang, Himachal Pradesh by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said that being a resident of Himachal and BJP Kariyakarta, I express my heartfelt gratitude to PM Shri Modi for the inauguration of the much-awaited Atal Tunnel.

He said that he sincerely thank the Prime Minister of the country for speedily executing this project since 2014 and meeting the decades-old demand of the people of the state. About 9.02 km long 'Atal Tunnel', built at an altitude of about three thousand meters above sea level, is the longest highway tunnel in the world which will connect the country with the Lahaul Spiti Valley throughout the year.

Shri Nadda said that 'Atal Tunnel' will give new strength to India's border infrastructure. As Hon'ble Prime Minister said that it is a living example of world class border connectivity. Shri Nadda said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party government at the Center has made an unprecedented effort to change the old situation in the last 6 years.

Shri Nadda added that with the inauguration of 'Atal Tunnel' by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, not only the dream of revered Atal ji has been fulfilled, but the decades-old wait of crores of people of Himachal Pradesh has ended.

and major infrastructure projects causes financial losses and deprives people of economic and social benefits. He said in 2005, the estimated cost for the construction of the tunnel was about Rs. 900 crores. But due to continuous delays, today it has been completed after spending more than 3 times i.e. 3200 crore rupees. The Prime Minister said many important projects were meted out the same treatment as the Atal Tunnel. The strategically very important air strip in Ladakh as Daulat Beg Oldi remained uncompleted for 40–45 years though the Air Force wanted an air strip.

He said work on the Bogibeel Bridge also started during Atal ji's government but work on it languished later. The Bridge provides key connectivity between Arunachal and the North East region. He said the work gained unprecedented momentum after 2014 and was inaugurated about two years ago on the occasion of Atal ji's birthday. He said Atal ji also laid the foundation stone of Kosi Mahasetu to connect two major regions of Mithilanchal in Bihar. After 2014, the Government expedited the work of Kosi Mahasetu and the bridge was inaugurated a few weeks ago. The Prime Minister said the situation now changed and in the last six years the border infrastructure - be it roads, bridges or tunnels- is being developed with full impetus and great speed. The Prime Minister said taking care of

the needs of the security forces of the country is one of the highest priorities of the government. But this was also compromised earlier and the interests of the country's defence forces were compromised. He listed many initiatives of the Government to take care of the needs of the defence forces like implementation of One rank One pension scheme, procurement of a modern fighter plane, procurement of ammunition, modern rifles, bulletproof jackets, harsh winter equipment which were laid on hold by the previous Government. He said governments earlier did not have the political will to do so and said this situation is changing in the country today. The Prime Minister said major reforms such as relaxation of FDI in Defence manufacture have been made so as to produce modern weapons and ammunition in the country itself. The Prime Minister said reforms were initiated in the form of creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff and establishing a better coordination in both procurement and production as per the requirements of the Defence forces. He added that to match the rising global stature of India, the country has to improve its infrastructure, its economic and strategic potential at the same speed. The Prime Minister said the Atal Tunnel is a shining example of the country's resolve to become AatmaNirbhar. ■

PM participates in 'Abhar Samaroh' at Sissu in Himachal Pradesh Transformative impact of the Tunnel

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in 'Abhar Samaroh' at Sissu, Lahaul and Spiti, in Himachal Pradesh on October 3, 2020.

TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT OF THE TUNNEL

Prime Minister recalled going there when he used to work as a karyakarta, by traversing the long route through Rohtang, and the difficulties faced by people due to Rohtang Pass being closed in winters. He also recalled his interactions with Shri Thakur Sen Negi in those days. He said that former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was well aware of these difficulties, which was why he announced the tunnel in the year 2000.

Prime Minister noted that through the 9 Km tunnel, a distance of about 45-46 Km has been reduced. He underlined that the lives of the people of the region are about to change due to the transformative impact of the tunnel. He said that the tunnel will prove beneficial for a spectrum of people of Lahaul-Spiti and Pangi, including the farmers, people associated with horticulture and animal rearing, students, businessmen etc. It will prevent the farm produce of the region from getting ruined, by enabling it to reach markets quickly. It will help Chandramukhi potatoes of the region reach new markets and new buyers. The tunnel will also help herbal medicinal plants and spices grown in Lahaul-Spiti reach out and make a mark worldwide for the region. Further, the tunnel will negate the need of families venturing out for education of their kids, he noted.

BOOST TO TOURISM AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Prime Minister talked about the tremendous tourism

potential of the region. He said a new dimension is now going to be added to Lahaul-Spiti as a confluence of Dev Darshan and Buddha Darshan. It will now become easier for people all over the world to access Tabo Monastery in Spiti Valley. He remarked that the entire region will become a huge centre for Buddhists from East Asia and also from other countries across the world. Increased tourism will also open up several employment opportunities for the youth, he said.

LAST MILE OUTREACH

Prime Minister underlined that the Atal Tunnel symbolizes the commitment of the government to ensure that the benefits of development reach out to each and every citizen. He said that earlier, Lahaul-Spiti and several other such areas were left to fend for themselves, since these regions could not fulfil the politically selfish desires of some people. But, the country is now working with a new thinking, and policies now are not made on the basis



of the number of votes, but the endeavour is to ensure that no Indian is left behind. Prime Minister noted that Lahaul-Spiti is a big example of this change, as evident in it being one of those districts where the arrangement for 'Har ghar pipe se jal' has been ensured.

Prime Minister reiterated the commitment of the government for making all basic necessary facilities available for the Dalits, the Tribals, the victims and the deprived. He listed out efforts of the government towards rural electrification, making available LPG gas connection, construction of facilities like toilets, treatment facilities through Ayushman Bharat Yojana. He ended his remarks by asking people to remain vigilant against coronavirus. ■



BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES TEAM OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on September 26 announced team of new office bearers and spokespersons of the party. Shri Nadda appointed 12 National Vice Presidents, 8 National General Secretaries, one National General Secretary (Organization), 3 National

Joint Gen. Secretaries(Organization),13 National Secretaries and 23 National Spokespersons. Apart from these, new National Presidents of Morchas of the party were also appointed.

The newly appointed Vice Presidents are Dr.

| National Vice Presidents | | State |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Dr. Raman Singh, MLA | Chhattisgarh |
| 2 | Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia, MLA | Rajasthan |
| 3 | Shri Radha Mohan Singh, MP | Bihar |
| 4 | Shri Baijyant Jay Panda | Odisha |
| 5 | Shri Raghubar Das | Jharkhand |
| 6 | Shri Mukul Roy | West Bengal |
| 7 | Smt. Rekha Verma, MP | Uttar Pradesh |
| 8 | Smt. Annpurna Devi, MP | Jharkhand |
| 9 | Smt. Dr. Bharti Ben Shiyal, MP | Gujarat |
| 10 | Smt. D.K. Aruna | Telangana |
| 11 | Shri M. Chuba Ao | Nagaland |
| 12 | Shri Abdulla Kutty | Kerala |
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| 1 | Shri Bhupender Yadav, MP | Rajasthan |
| 2 | Shri Arun Singh, MP | Uttar Pradesh |
| 3 | Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya | Madhya Pradesh |
| 4 | Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam, MP | Delhi |
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| 6 | Shri C.T. Ravi, MLA | Karnataka |
| 7 | Shri Tarun Chugh | Punjab |
| 8 | Shri Dilip Saikia, MP | Assam |
| National General Secretary (Org.) | | |
| 1 | Shri B.L. Santhosh | Delhi |
| National Joint General Secretaries | | |
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| 3 | Shri Shivprakash | Lucknow |
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| 1 | Shri Vinod Tawade | Maharashtra |

| 2 | Shri Vinod Sonkar, MP | Uttar Pradesh |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
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| 4 | Shri Satya Kumar | Andhra Pradesh |
| 5 | Shri Sunil Doodhar | Maharashtra |
| 6 | Shri Arvind Menon | Delhi |
| 7 | Shri Harish Dwivedi, MP | Uttar Pradesh |
| 8 | Smt. Pankaja Munde | Maharashtra |
| 9 | Shri Omprakash Dhurve | Madhya Pradesh |
| 10 | Shri Anupam Hazra | West Bengal |
| 11 | Dr. Narendra Singh | Jammu & Kashmir |
| 12 | Smt. Vijaya Bahadkar | Maharashtra |
| 13. | Smt. (Dr.) Alka Gurjar | Rajasthan |
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| Joint Treasurer | | |
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| Central Office Secretary | | |
| 1 | Shri Mahendra Pandey | Uttarakhand |
| Incharge National IT & Social Media | | |
| 1 | Shri Amit Malviya | Uttar Pradesh |
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| 1 | Shri Tejasvi Surya, MP | Karnataka |
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| 1 | Dr. K. Lakshman | Telangana |
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| 1 | Shri Lal Singh Arya | Madhya Pradesh |
| ST Morcha | | |
| 1 | Shri Samir Oraon, MP | Jharkhand |
| Minority Morcha | | |
| 1 | Shri Jamal Siddiqui | Maharashtra |
| National Spokesperson | | |
| 1 | Shri Anil Baluni, MP, Chief Spokesperson & Media Incharge | Uttarakhand |
| 2 | Shri Sanjay Mayukh, MLC, Media Co-Incharge | Bihar |
| 3 | Dr. Sambit Patra | Odisha |
| 4 | Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, MP | Uttar Pradesh |
| 5 | Shri Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain | Bihar |

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| 6. | Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP | Bihar |
| 7. | Shri Nalin S. Kohli | Delhi |
| 8. | Shri Rajiv Chandrashekhari, MP | Karnataka |
| 9. | Shri Gaurav Bhatia | Uttar Pradesh |
| 10. | Shri Syed Zafar Islam, MP | Uttar Pradesh |
| 11. | Shri Tom Vadakkann | Kerala |
| 12. | Smt. Sanju Verma | Mumbai |
| 13. | Shri Gopal Krishna Agarwal | Delhi |
| 14. | Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura | Punjab |
| 15. | Sardar R.P. Singh | Delhi |
| 16. | Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, MP | Rajasthan |
| 17. | Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP | Odisha |
| 18. | Smt. Hina Gavit, MP | Maharashtra |
| 19. | Shri Guruprakash | Bihar |
| 20. | Shri Mmhomlumo Kikon, MLA | Nagaland |
| 21. | Sushri Nupur Sharma | Delhi |
| 22. | Shri Raju Bista, MP | West Bengal |
| 23. | Shri K.K. Shrama | Delhi |

Raman Singh, Smt. Vasundhara Raje Scindia, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Shri Baijayant Jay Panda, Shri Raghubar Das, Shri Mukul Roy, Smt. Rekha Verma, Smt. Annpurna Devi, Smt. (Dr.) Bharti Ben Shiyal, Smt. D.K. Aruna, Shri M. Chuba Ao and Shri Abdulla Kutty. The newly appointed National General Secretaries are Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Shri Arun Singh, Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya, Shri Dushyant Kumar Gautam, Smt. D. Purandeswari, Shri C T Ravi, Shri Tarun Chugh and Shri Dilip Saikia. Shri B.L Santhosh was appointed as General Secretary (Organization) along with Shri V. Satish, Shri Saudan Singh and Shri Shiv Prakash as three National Joint General Secretaries (Organization).

Shri Vinod Tawde, Shri Vinod Sonkar, Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Shri Satya Kumar, Shri Sunil Deodhar, Shri Arvind Menon, Shri Harish Dwivedi, Smt. Pankaja Munde, Shri Omprakash Dhurve, Shri Anupam Hazra, Dr. Narendra Singh, Smt Vijaya

BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT APPOINTS NEW ELECTION IN-CHARGE OF BJP FOR BIHAR



BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda appointed former Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis as election in-charge of the party for the Bihar Assembly elections on 30 Sep. 2020. ■

Rahatkar and Smt. Alka Gurjar were appointed on the post of National Secretary. Shri Rajesh Agarwal and Shri Sudhir Gupta were given responsibility of Treasurer and Joint Treasurer respectively. Shri Mahendra Kumar continued on the post of Office Secretary. Shri Amit Malviya, Shri Anil Baluni, Dr. Sanjay Mayukh were appointed IT incharge, Media incharge, Co-Media incharge respectively. ■

NDA DECLARES SEAT SHARING IN BIHAR ASSEMBLY POLLS

NDA finalized seat sharing agreement in Bihar assembly polls. Both BJP and JD(U) have agreed to contest on 121 seats and 122 respectively out of a total of 243 seats. JD (U) is said to accommodate HAM-S, which is likely to contest on five seats. The BJP allocated 11 seats to associate partner Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) from its quota of 121 seats. It was declared in a press conference held in Patna on 6 Oct. 2020 which was attended by Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, Bihar BJP Election Incharge Devendra Fadnavis and Bihar BJP Incharge Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Bihar BJP President Shri Sanjay Jaiswal and Bihar JD(U) President Shri Vashistha Narayan Singh. ■



WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS UPLIFTMENT OF POOREST OF THE POOR: JP NADDA

Maharashtra BJP State Executive was held on October 8 at Vasant Smruti, Dadar in Mumbai. The meeting was attended by Maharashtra BJP Office bearers, Leader of Opposition in Maharashtra Assembly Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Joint National General Secretary(organization) Shri V. Satish, National Secretary Shri Sunil Deodhar and all members of the state executive. The meeting was virtually addressed by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda. In his address Shri Nadda said, "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we are working towards welfare and upliftment of poorest of the poor in the society. Through our philosophy of 'Antodaya' we are working towards 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwaas' and speeding the process of growth, development and progress by making 'Atmanirbhar Bharat.'" Today, there is utter confusion and chaos in the State Government in Maharashtra where no one in the government knows what is happening, no one knows who or how the government is running, he added.

Lambasting ruling dispensation in Maharashtra Shri JP Nadda said, "The people of Maharashtra gave a decisive mandate to BJP to form government under the leadership of Shri Devendra Fadnavis as Chief Minister. But the power-hungry parties formed an unholy alliance and cheated the people of Maharashtra. They demeaned the people's mandate. I am confident that very soon Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena will be forced to sit in opposition for ever and people of Maharashtra will once



again give decisive mandate in favour of the BJP." Further, he said, "Today under the able and strong leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi every inch of our Motherland is safe and secure. Today, we have a strong and robust defence system and our enemy cannot dare to challenge us."

PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI IMPLEMENTED SEVERAL REMARKABLE SCHEMES LIKE GAREEB KALYAN YOJNA, ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT ABHIYAAN, VOCAL FOR LOCAL WHICH LED TO UPLIFTMENT OF POOREST OF POOR AND IT ALSO GAVE MUCH NEEDED IMPETUS OF OUR ECONOMY.

He said, "Today China is bewildered by the growth and progress of India. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has seen vast changes by building strong defence system." We have now got Rafael, the world has seen India's prowess when we executed surgical strikes and air strikes, he added.

"By bringing in important pro-farmer legislations, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has resolved to save farmers from the clutches of private money lenders, from middlemen and make our farmers self-reliant and progressive. The historic pro-agriculture reforms that our Prime Minister has taken will make our farmers strong and prosperous and also fulfil our dream of making India a strong 'One Nation, One Market'," he said.



Exposing the the Congress party, Shri Nadda said “In its manifesto, the Congress promised to change the APMC Act, to end tax on farm trade and promote inter-state farm trade. But when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi implemented all these promises to revolutionise farm sector, Congress party leaders started roaming, around in tractors sitting in cushioned sofas.” These leaders are even dishonouring a tractor that provides bread and butter to our farmers. They proved this by burning a tractor. Will a farmer ever burn his tractor or agricultural tools that feeds his family? Such leaders are not well-wishers of farmers and they have no sentiments for our farming community. BJP has pledged that it will honour each farmer, his tractor and his tools. For us honour and respect of our farmers is supreme. There is basic difference between BJP and other political parties. For other political parties their family is supreme, but for BJP and its workers, the party is supreme, he added.

He further added, Corona pandemic brought the entire world on its knees. But Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led this fight from the front and showed the world how 135 crore Indians unitedly

took this challenge, it is a remarkable feat.

Talking about Union Government’s schemes, he said, “Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi implemented several remarkable schemes like Gareeb Kalyan Yojna, Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan and Vocal for Local which led to upliftment of poorest of poor and it also gave much needed impetus of our economy.

He termed National Education Policy 2020 as the first real education policy since Independence which is linked to Indian ethos and its rich culture and heritage. He said, “Affordability, Accessibility and Flexibility are three guiding principles of National Education Policy.”

Recalling tenure of BJP led by Shri Devendra Fadnavis Shri Nadda said “In the BJP rule under the leadership of Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Maharashtra had taken the path of progress and development. Under his government Maharashtra achieved many successes like it jumped to third position from 17th in the field of education, from 6th to 3rd position in health, while investments in agriculture sector grew three times. All these speaks volumes about effective and good governance of BJP.” ■

CENTRE MAKES FOOD PROCESSING AS ONE OF THE MAJOR SECTORS OF 'AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT' INITIATIVE

Kerala's first and nation's twentieth mega food park in Palakkad district of Kerala was virtually inaugurated on October 1st by the Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan. Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, Shri Rameshwar Teli was also present on the occasion. This project will give impetus to the development of food processing sector.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Tomar said that Mega Food Park will prove to be a milestone in the development of the food processing sector in Kerala. It will leverage an additional investment of about Rs. 250 Crore in 25-30 food processing units in the park and would eventually lead to a turnover of about Rs. 450-500 Crore annually. The Park will also provide direct and indirect employment to 5,000 persons and benefit about 25,000 farmers in the CPC and PPC catchment areas. Shri Tomar said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Government of India is constantly striving to make the country a flexible food economy and the world's food factory. The government has made food processing a major-thrust area of "Atma Nirbhar Bharat". Twenty mega food parks in the country have been opened in collaboration with the Centre, seventeen other projects have also been approved, including a park



in the Alleppey district of Kerala has been approved.

Shri Tomar said that we are proud of the farmers of our country and, due to their hard work, the country has sufficient stock of food grains, the needs of the countrymen are being fulfilled, food grains are surplus. He added that the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is continuously working to fill the gaps in the agriculture sector. Agri Infra Fund of one lakh crore rupees has been announced, while Kisan Rail has been started as per the budget announcement.

Shri Tomar said that there is more potential in the export of value-added goods, which will not only earn foreign exchange but will also create employment opportunities in the domestic market. Government of India is working on rejuvenation of the agricultural sector. Agreeing on the recommendations of the Finance Commission, the government has also increased the state funds. Central sector scheme PM Kisan Sampada Yojana is benefiting farmers a lot. Further, as part of the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" campaign, the Centre has launched a new scheme - PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME).

Kerala Chief Minister Shri Vijayan said that this MFP will play an important role in providing assistance and relief to the farmers of Kerala. With this, the conditions of farmers will improve with the involvement



of agricultural entrepreneurs. Expressing satisfaction over its establishment in the said time-frame, he said that this is one of the important schemes of Kerala, along with the Petro Park, Kochi-Bangalore Industrial Corridor, Defense Park, and other projects. All these have become a better medium to project Kerala in front of investors. Shri Vijayan said that Kerala entrepreneurs will take advantage of the assistance being received from the Centre and the food park is expected to give a big boost to the food processing industry.

Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, Shri Teli said that the facilities created in the park will not only reduce wastage of agricultural produce but will also ensure value addition. With this, farmers will get better prices of their agriproducts and their income will also increase. He added that this will provide processing opportunities to farmers, self-help groups, and micro-entrepreneurs and create more employment opportunities in the surrounding areas.

Industries Minister of Kerala, Mr. E.P. Jayarajan, and Water Resources Minister Shri K.K. Krishnan Kutty also addressed the occasion. Smt. Pushpa Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, and Dr. K. Elengovan, Principal Secretary (Industry), Kerala, briefed about

the project. Sh. Santosh Koshi Thomas, Managing Director, Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (Kinfra), expressed his gratitude. Regional public representatives, project officials, farmers, and other related officials of food park were also present on the occasion.

The KINFRA Mega Food Park has been set up in 79.42 acres of land at a project cost of Rs. 102.13 crore. The facilities created by the Implementing Agency at Central Processing Centre (CPC) of this Mega Food Park include Multi-product Cold Storage-5000MT, Drywarehouse-12000 MT, Pack House (Sorting Grading, Packing) 10MT/Hr, Ripening Chambers- 120MT, Condiment processing with mechanical drying facility-15MT/day, Food Testing Laboratory besides state of art enabling infrastructure. The Park has a common administrative building for office and other uses by the entrepreneurs and 04 Primary Processing Centres (PPCs) at Ernakulam (Mazhavanur), Thrissur (Koratty), Malappuram (Kakkanchery) and Wayanad (Kalpetta) districts with Packhouse facilities for primary processing and storage near the farms in the catchment area to benefit farmers. This Mega Food Park will benefit the people of Palakkad-District as well as nearby Districts of Malappuram & Thrissur of Kerala and nearby district of Coimbatore of Tamil Nadu. ■

₹95,480 CRORE GROSS GST REVENUE COLLECTED IN SEPTEMBER

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of September, 2020 is ₹95,480 crore of which CGST is ₹17,741 crore, SGST is ₹23,131 crore, IGST is ₹47,484 crore (including ₹22,442 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹7,124 crore (including ₹ 788 crore collected on import of goods).

The government has settled ₹21,260 crore to CGST and ₹16,997 crore to SGST from IGST as regular

settlement. The total revenue earned by Central Government and the State Governments after regular settlement in the month of September, 2020 is ₹39,001 crore for CGST and ₹40,128 crore for the SGST.

The revenues for the month are 4% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, the revenues from import of goods were 102% and the revenues from



domestic transaction (including import of services) were 105 % of the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. ■

AYUSH MINISTER LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF POST HARVEST MANAGEMENT CENTRE & E-LAUNCHES 21 AYUSH HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRES IN J&K

Shri Shripad Naik, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH and Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for the Prime Minister Office and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, have laid Foundation Stone for Post Harvest Management Centre for Medicinal

Plants at Bhaderwah and inaugurated 21 AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres in Jammu & Kashmir on 25th Sept 2020 through video conferencing.

The purpose of establishing Post Harvest Management Centre for Medicinal Plants is to develop facilities for drying, sorting, processing, certification, packaging, and safe storage of herbal raw materials produced and collected by local people so that its quality is enhanced to fetch better price and augment the income of farmers associated.

During the event, 21 AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres were also inaugurated under Ayushman Bharat in Jammu & Kashmir. A holistic wellness model would be created through these centres to reduce the disease burden and out of the pocket expenditure. The main focus of AYUSH interventions would be to empower masses for “self-care” on the prevention of diseases through a healthy lifestyle, food, Yoga, and medicinal plants.



Shri, Shripad Naik in his address stated that the “Post Harvest Management Centre” of medicinal plants in the Bhaderwah region of Jammu & Kashmir was a long pending demand of people of this area and highlighted the big potential of the region in the cultivation of many Himalayan medicinal plant species. Minister appreciated the effort of UT Government officials in implementing a centrally sponsored program and stated that Govt. of India is according top priority to J&K for accelerating the pace of development.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, during his address highlighted that this Post Harvest Centre will create Employment Avenue among the youth in addition to other facilities provided for the growers and collectors of medicinal plants. Further, he empathized that the AYUSH Health and Wellness Programme will not only provide services to the needy people but also promote AYUSH at the international level. ■

INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ASSAM CAMPUS AT GOGAMUKH INAUGURATED IARI Assam to be named after Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya

Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj & Food Processing Industries Shri Narendra Singh Tomar dedicated to the nation on September 25 the campus of the new Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Gogamukh, Assam. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar announced that the IARI, Assam will be named after Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. The Minister said that as visualized by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the setting up of this Institute will give an impetus to development of agricultural education and research in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim, in addition to Assam. By the year 2050, the population of the country and the challenge of climate change will increase considerably. The Government is working in the direction that the country's agricultural sector remains strong to be able to meet these challenges and there are sufficient food reserves at all times. ■

FREIGHT LOADING IN SEPTEMBER 2020 IS 15.3 % MORE THAN LAST YEAR FOR THE SAME PERIOD

In a remarkable turn around, Indian Railways has earned more revenue in the month of September as compared to last year inspite of covid related challenges.

In September 2020, Indian Railways earned Rs. 9896.86 crores from freight loading which is also Rs. 1180.57 crores higher compare to last year's earnings for the same period (Rs. 8716.29 crores). The increase in freight revenue is 13.54%.

It may be noted that trends in Freight traffic reflect the broad trends of economic activities turn around well.

On mission mode, Indian Railways achieved a significant milestone of pulling freight traffic ahead. Indian Railways freight loading and freight revenue for the month of September 2020 surpasses last year's loading and revenue for the same month.

In the month of September 2020 Indian Railways freight loading was 102.13 million tonnes, which is 13.59 million tonnes higher compare to last year's freight loading for the same month (88.53 million tonnes). The increase in the freight loading is 15.35%.

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In the month of September 2020 Indian Railways loading was 102.12 million tonnes which includes 42.89 million tonnes of coal, 13.53 million tonnes of iron ore, 6.3 million tonnes of foodgrains, 5.34 million tonnes of fertilizers, 6.05 million tonnes of cement (excluding clinker), 3.85 million tonnes of clinker, and 3.52 million



tonnes of mineral oil. It may be noted that improvements in freight movements will be institutionalized and incorporated in the upcoming zero based timetable.

It is worth mentioning that a number of concessions/ discounts are also being given in Indian Railways to make Railways Freight movement very attractive. Covid 19 has been used by Railways an opportunity to improve all round efficiencies and performances. ■

BrahMos Missile Featuring Indigenous Booster Successfully Flight Tested

BrahMos surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile featuring indigenous Booster and Airframe Section along with many other 'Made in India' sub-systems was successfully flight tested for designated range at 1030 hours on September 30, 2020 from ITR, Balasore in Odisha. It is one more major step in enhancing the indigenous content. The BrahMos Land-Attack Cruise Missile (LACM) was cruising at a top speed of Mach 2.8. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh congratulated all the personnel of DRDO and team BrahMos for the spectacular mission. Dr G Satheesh Reddy, Secretary DD R&D and Chairman DRDO congratulated the scientific community and industry for this feat. The successful launch has paved the way for the serial production of the indigenous booster and other indigenous components of the powerful BrahMos Weapon System realising Atmanirbhar Bharat pledge.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took to twitter and wrote on successfully testing of the indigenous missile, "Brahmos Supersonic Cruise Missile has achieved yet another milestone with successful test launch showcasing enhanced operational capabilities and additional indigenous technologies. Congratulations to all the scientists and engineers. @DRDO_India @BrahMosMissile" ■

NAMAMI GANGE IS FOCUSING ON DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMICS AND ENVIRONMENT: PM

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated 6 mega development projects in Uttarakhand under the Namami Gange Mission on September 29 through video conference.

Shri Modi also inaugurated the Ganga Avalokan Museum, the first of its kind on the River Ganga at Haridwar. He released a book “Rowing Down the Ganges” and the new logo for the Jal Jeevan Mission. The Prime Minister also unveiled the ‘Margadarshika for Gram Panchayats and Paani Samitis under Jal Jeevan Mission’ (Guidelines for the Village Panchayats and Water Committees) on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion the Prime Minister said the Jal Jeevan Mission aims at providing every rural household in the country with piped-water connection. Shri Modi said that the new logo of the Mission shall continue to inspire the need to save every drop of water.

Referring to the Margadarshika, the Prime Minister said that they are equally important for the Gram Panchayats, people living in rural areas as well as for the Government machinery.

Describing the book “Rowing Down the Ganges” he said it explains in details how the River Ganges stands as a glowing symbol of our Culture, Faith and Heritage.

Shri Modi highlighted the importance of keeping the River Ganga clean as it plays a significant role in sustaining the lives of about 50 percent of the country’s population from its origin in Uttarakhand till West Bengal.

He termed the Namami Gange Mission as the largest integrated river conservation mission which not only aims at the cleanliness of River Ganga but also focuses on comprehensive upkeep of the River. Prime Minister said this new thinking and approach had made the River Ganga return back to life. Had the old methods been adopted, the situation would have been equally bad today. Old methods lacked



public participation and foresight. The Prime Minister said the government moved forward with a four pronged strategy to achieve its objective. First-started laying a network of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) to prevent the waste water from flowing into the Ganges. Second, The STPs were built by keeping in mind the demands for the next 10 - 15 years. Third - By making around hundred big towns/cities and five thousand villages along the River Ganga Open Defecation Free (ODF). And Fourth - By making an all-out effort to stop the pollution in the tributaries of River Ganga.

Shri Modi highlighted the fact that under Namami Gange, projects worth more than Rs 30,000 Crores are either in progress or have been completed. He pointed out that due to these projects the sewage treatment capacity of Uttarakhand has increased 4 times in the last 6 years.

The Prime Minister listed the efforts taken to close more than 130 drains in Uttarakhand from flowing into the River Ganga. He referred specially to the Chandreshwar Nagar drain which turned as an eyesore to visitors and rafters at Muni Ki Reti, in Rishikesh. He applauded the closing of the drain and the construction of a four storied STP at Muni Ki Reti.

Prime Minister said that as it was experienced by the pilgrims at Prayagraj Kumbh, the visitors to Haridwar Kumbh would also experience the clean and pure status of the River Ganga at Uttarakhand. Shri Narendra Modi referred to the beautification of the hundreds of ghats at Ganges and the development

of a modern riverfront at Haridwar.

Prime Minister said the Ganga Avalokan Museum would be a special attraction to pilgrims and it would further enhance the understanding of the heritage associated with Ganga

The Prime Minister said apart from the cleanliness of the Ganges, the Namami Gange is focussing on development of the economy and environment of the entire Gangetic belt. He said the Government has made comprehensive plans to promote Organic farming and Ayurvedic farming.

Prime Minister said that the project would also strengthen the Mission Dolphin which was announced on the 15th of August this year.

The Prime Minister said owing to fragmentation of work- on an important subject like water- into various ministries and departments, led to lack of clear guidelines & coordination. As a result, problems related to irrigation and drinking water continued to persist. He lamented that even after so many years of independence, piped drinking water has not reached more than 15 crore households in the country.

Shri Modi said the Ministry of Jal Shakti was formed to bring in a synergy and give impetus to dealing with these challenges. He said the ministry is now engaged in the mission of ensuring access to piped drinking water to every house in the country.

Today, about 1 lakh households are being provided piped water supply connections every day under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He said drinking water connections have been provided to 2 crore families of the country in just 1 year.

He lauded the Government of Uttarakhand for providing drinking water connections to more than 50 thousand families even during the period of Corona in the last 4-5 months.

The Prime Minister said unlike the previous programmes, Jal Jeevan Mission adopts a bottom to top approach, where the users and Paani Samitis (Water Committees) in the villages envision the whole project from its implementation to maintenance and

operation. He said the mission has also ensured that at least 50% of the members of the water committee would be women. He said the Mardarshika Guidelines released today will guide the members of the Water Committee and Gram Panchayats in taking the right decisions.

Prime Minister said a special 100-day campaign is being launched on 2nd Oct this year under Jal Jeevan Mission to ensure drinking water connection to every school and Anganwadi in the country.

The Prime Minister said the Government has brought in major reforms recently for the farmers, the industrial labour and in the health sector.

Shri Modi lamented that those who are opposing these reforms are opposing only for the sake of opposing them. He said those who ruled the country for decades have never cared about empowering the workers, youth, farmers and women of the country.

Prime Minister said that these people want the farmers not to sell their produce at a profitable price to anyone and anywhere in the country.

The Prime Minister listed various initiatives of the Government like Jan Dhan bank accounts, Digital India Campaign, International Yoga Day which were opposed by the

opposition in spite of the benefits accrued to the people at large.

He said it is the same people who opposed modernisation of the Air Force and provision of modern fighter planes to it. The very same people also opposed the One Rank One Pension policy of the Government, whereas the Government already paid dues of over Rs 11,000 Crores in the form of arrears to the pensioners of the armed forces.

He said these are the very same people who criticised the surgical strike and asked the soldiers to prove that there was a surgical strike. Shri Modi said this makes clear to the whole country what their actual intentions are.

He added with passage of time these people who oppose and protest are becoming irrelevant. ■

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INDIA AIMING TO ELIMINATE TUBERCULOSIS FROM THE COUNTRY BY 2025: PM

Prime Minister delivers inaugural address at VAIBHAV 2020 Summit

The need of the hour is to ensure more youngsters develop interest in Science. For that we must get well-versed with science of history and history of science”, said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 2, 2020 while inaugurating the Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit, a global virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian Researchers and Academicians.

“VAIBHAV Summit 2020 celebrates Science and Innovation from India and World. I would call it a true sangam or confluence of great minds, through this gathering we sit to form our long lasting association for empowering India and our planet”, he said.

Shri Narendra Modi said, Government of India has taken numerous measures to boost scientific research and innovation as science is at the core of its efforts towards socio-economic change.

Prime Minister referred to India’s immense efforts towards development of vaccines and executing the vaccination programme.

He said, the long break in vaccine production is broken. In 2014 four new vaccines were introduced into our immunization programme. This includes indigenously developed rota vaccine.

He mentioned about ambitious mission to eliminate tuberculosis in India by 2025, which is five years before the global target.

Shri Narendra Modi referred to the National Education Policy 2020 which was brought in after three decades and after nation-wide detailed consultations and deliberations. The policy aims to boost curiosity towards science and gives much needed boost to Scientific Research. It provides open and broadbased environment to nurture young talent.

The Prime Minister mentioned about the pioneering space reforms of India which will create opportunities for industry and academia.

Mentioning about Indian partnership in Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory, CERN and International Thermonuclear Experimental



Reactor (ITER), he highlighted the importance of scientific research and development efforts at global level.

He also referred to India’s major missions on supercomputing and cyber physical systems. Talking about fundamental research and applications in areas of artificial intelligence, robotics, sensors, and big data analysis, he said that this will boost the startup sectors and manufacturing in India.

He mentioned about the 25 innovation technological hubs already launched in India and how it would further boost the startup ecosystem.

He said, India wants top quality research to help its farmers. He praised Indian scientists for increasing the production of pulses and food grains.

Prime Minister said when India progresses the World progresses.

Prime Minister said that VAIBHAV presents a great opportunity to connect and contribute; when India prospers, the world also takes a lead. Calling VAIBHAV as a confluence of great minds, he said that these efforts will help create an ideal research ecosystem, merging tradition with modernity to create prosperity. These exchanges will certainly be useful and will also lead to useful collaborations in teaching and research. These efforts of the scientists and researchers will help create an ideal research ecosystem.

Prime Minister mentioned that Indian diaspora are the excellent ambassadors of India at the world stage. The summit should look forward to realising the dream of building a secure and prosperous future for the coming generations. India wants top-class scientific research to help our farmers. This summit will lead to useful collaborations in teaching and research. The efforts of the Indian diaspora will help create ideal research ecosystem.

In VAIBHAV summit, more than 3000 overseas Indian origin academicians and scientists from 55 countries and about 10,000 from India are taking part and it is being organized by 200 Indian academic institutes and S&T departments, led by Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India. Around 700 overseas panelists from 40 countries and 629 resident panelists from eminent Indian academia and S&T departments will deliberate on 18 different verticals with 80 sub-topics in 213 sessions.

The deliberations will be held from 3rd October to 25th October 2020, with consolidation of outcomes on 28th October. The summit will conclude on the occasion of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Jayanti i.e. 31st October 2020. The initiative involves multiple levels of interactions among the overseas experts and Indian counterparts over a month-long series of webinars and video conferences.

The broad S&T areas that will be discussed

during the summit includes computational sciences, electronics & communication, quantum technologies, photonics, aerospace technologies, medical sciences, biotechnology, agriculture, material & processing technologies, advanced manufacturing, earth sciences, energy, environmental sciences, and management.

The aim of the summit is to bring out a comprehensive roadmap leveraging the expertise and knowledge of global Indian researchers for addressing emerging challenges for universal development. The summit will reflect on the collaboration and cooperation instruments with academia and scientists in India and abroad. The goal is to create an ecosystem of Knowledge and Innovation in the country through global outreach.

Principal Scientific Advisor Prof K. Vijayaraghavan and 16 overseas panelists from different countries viz. USA, Japan, Australia, UK, France, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Brazil and Switzerland, working in different domains such as computing & communication, sono-chemistry, high energy physics, manufacturing technologies, management, geo-science, climate changes, microbiology, IT security, nano-materials, smart villages, and mathematical sciences interacted with the Prime Minister during the inaugural session. ■

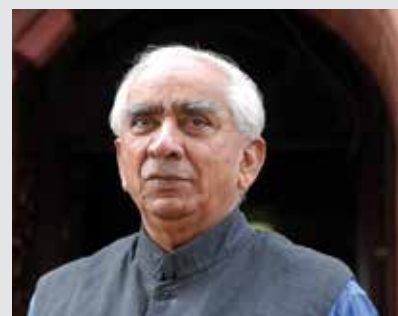
PM CONDOLES THE DEMISE OF FORMER UNION MINISTER SHRI JASWANT SINGH

Former Union Minister Shri Jaswant Singh is no more. He passed away on 27 September. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi condoled the demise of former Union Minister Shri Jaswant Singh.

The Prime Minister said, "Jaswant Singh Ji served our nation diligently, first as a soldier and later during his long association with politics. During Atal Ji's Government, he handled crucial portfolios and left a strong mark in the worlds of finance, defence and external affairs. Saddened by his demise."

PM said "Jaswant Singh Ji will be remembered for his unique perspective on matters of politics and society. I will always remember our interactions. Condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

Prime Minister also spoke to his son Shri Manvendra Singh and expressed condolences on the unfortunate demise of Shri Jaswant Singh Ji. BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda condoled the death of Jaswant Singh. He said, "The demise of Shri Jaswant Singh ji is an irreparable loss to the organization, society and country. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Om Shanti"



UNION HOME MINISTER SHRI AMIT SHAH DISTRIBUTES ELECTRIC POTTER WHEELS TO KUMHAR COMMUNITY IN GANDHINAGAR

As many as 200 families of the marginalized Kumhar community from 20 villages in Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad took a stride towards sustainable self-employment on September 30 by associating with Kumhar Sashakrikan Yojana of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah distributed 200 electric potter wheels (chaak) and other pottery equipment to 200 trained artisans at a function held at Village Randheja in his Parliamentary Constituency of Gandhinagar in Gujarat via video conference from New Delhi.

Of the 20 villages identified by KVIC, 15 villages fall under Gandhinagar district while remaining 5 villages belong to Ahmedabad district. The distribution of electric potter wheels will benefit at least 1200 members of the community by increasing their productivity and their income, which is the dream of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Shri Amit Shah lauded the various self-employment schemes of KVIC like Honey Mission, Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana, Leather Artisans' Empowerment and Project DigniTEA. While distributing electric chaaks, the Home Minister interacted with four potters, namely - Saileshbhai Prajapati, Bharatbhai Prajapati, Avniben Prajapati and Jigneshbhai Prajapati - who have been given 10-days training



by KVIC in pottery making and provided with electric chaak and other equipment. These potters thanked the government saying this will enable them earn a better livelihood and become "Aatmanirbhar".

Shri Amit Shah said the electric chaak will not only help potters to enhance their production but also enable them to make new fancy products that will fetch them good income during the Dussehra and Diwali festivals. He urged every beneficiary to rope in at least 10 other families with Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana for the larger benefit of the community.

"Empowerment of the Kumhar (Prajapati) community by improving their socio-economic condition has been the dream of our Hon'ble Prime Minister. KVIC's Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana is aimed at making potters

"Aatmanirbhar" by creating sustainable local employment for them while preserving the heritage art of pottery. It is important that young potters take up the art of pottery and expand it across the country," Shri Amit Shah said.

He said the government has created proper marketing channels including tie-up with the Indian Railway for selling their products. "Indian Railway has already designated 400 railway stations where only earthenware is being used to sell food and beverages. I will request the Railway Minister to identify more such railway stations so as to provide a bigger marketing platform to our potters," he said, while also advising the potters to form cooperatives to sell their finished products at railway stations. ■

FOR HOW LONG INDIA WILL, WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOCRACY BE KEPT OUT OF DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURES OF UN: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi virtually addressed the annual UN General Assembly on September 26. He addressed the 75th session of the UNGA in Hindi. During his address, he questioned for how long will India, the world's largest democracy and home to 1.3 billion people, be kept out of the decision-making structures of the United Nations. Text of the speech is as following:

On behalf of over 1.3 billion people of India, I would like to congratulate every member country on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. India is proud of the fact that it is one of the founding members of the United Nations. On this historic occasion, I have come to this global platform to share the sentiments of 1.3 billion people of India.

The world of 1945 was significantly different from today's world. The global situation, sources-resources, problems-solutions; all were quite different. And as a result the form and the composition of the institution, established with the aim of global welfare, were in accordance with the prevailing situation of those times. Today we are in a completely different era. In 21st century, The requirements and challenges of our present as well as our future are vastly different from those of the past. Therefore, the international community today is faced with a very important question: Whether the character of the institution, constituted in the prevailing circumstances of 1945, is relevant even today? If century changes and we don't, then strength to bring changes becomes weak. If we assess the last 75 years of the United Nations, we see several achievements

But at the same time, there are also several instances that point to a serious need for introspection for the United Nations. One could say that we have successfully avoided a third world war, but we cannot deny that there have been several wars and many civil wars. Several terrorist attacks shook the world and there have been bloodsheds. The people who lost their lives in these wars and attacks were human beings, like you and me. Thousands of children, who would have otherwise enriched this world, left us prematurely. So many people lost their life savings and became homeless refugees. Were the efforts of the United Nations sufficient during those times or are these efforts adequate even today? The whole world is fighting the global pandemic of

Corona for the last 8-9 months. Where is the United Nations in this joint fight against the pandemic? Where is its effective response?

Reform in the responses, in the processes, in the character of the United Nations is the need of the hour. It is a fact that the faith and respect that the United Nations enjoys in India are unparalleled. But it is also true that the people of India have been waiting for a long time for the completion of the reforms of the United Nations. Today, people of India are concerned whether this reform-process will ever reach its logical conclusion?

For how long will India be kept out of the decision-making structures of the United Nations? A country, which is the largest democracy of the world, A country with more than 18% of the world population, A country, which has hundreds of languages, hundreds of dialects, many sects, many ideologies, A country, which was a leading global economy for centuries and also one which has seen hundreds of years of foreign rule.

When we were strong, we did not trouble the world; when we were weak, we did not become a burden on the world.

How long would a country have to wait particularly when the changes happening in that country affect a large part of the world?

The ideals on which the United Nations was founded are quite similar to that of India and not different from its own fundamental philosophy. The words 'Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam', the whole world is a family, have often reverberated in this hall of the United Nations. We treat the whole world as one family. It is part of our culture, character and thinking. In the United Nations too, India has always given priority to the welfare of the whole world. India is the country, which sent its brave soldiers to about 50 peacekeeping missions. India is the country that has lost the maximum number of its brave soldiers in the course of establishing peace. Today every Indian,

while seeing the contribution of India in the United Nations, aspires for India's expanded role in the United Nations.

It was India that initiated the 'International Day of Non-Violence' on 02 October and 'International Day of Yoga' on 21 June. Similarly, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and the International Solar Alliance are realities today due to efforts of India. India has always thought about the interests of the whole humankind and not about its own vested interests. This philosophy has always been the driving force of India's policies. One can see the glimpses of this philosophy in India's Neighbourhood First Policy to our Act East Policy, in the thought of Security and Growth for All in the Region, and in our approach towards the Indo Pacific region. India's partnerships are also guided by this very principle. Any gesture of friendship by India towards one country is not against someone else. When India strengthens its development partnership, it is not with any malafide intent of making the partner country dependent or hapless. We have never hesitated from sharing experiences of our development.

Even during these very difficult times of a raging pandemic, the pharma industry of India has sent essential medicines to more than 150 countries. As the largest vaccine producing country of the world, I want to give one more assurance to the global community today, India's vaccine production and delivery capacity will be used to help all humanity in fighting this crisis. We are moving ahead with phase 3 clinical trials in India and in our neighbourhood. India will also help all the countries in enhancing their cold chain and storage capacities for the delivery of Vaccines.

From January next year, India will also fulfil its responsibility as a non-permanent member of the Security Council. I express my gratitude to all our fellow countries who have bestowed this trust upon India. We will use the prestige and experience of the largest democracy for the benefit of the whole world. Our path goes from human welfare to the welfare of the World. India will always speak in support of peace, security and prosperity. India will not hesitate in raising its voice against the enemies of humanity, human race and human values – terrorism, smuggling of illegal weapons, drugs and money-laundering. India's cultural heritage, tradition, thousands of years of experience will always stand in good stead for the developing countries. India's

experiences, India's developmental journey with its ups and downs will strengthen the way towards world welfare.

In the past few years, following the mantra of Reform-Perform-Transform, India has made great efforts to bring about transformation in the lives of millions of its citizens. These experiences are as useful for many countries of the world as they are for us. Connecting 400 million people to banking system in just 4-5 years was not an easy task. But India proved that it can be done. It was not easy to free 600 million people from Open Defecation in 4-5 years. But India achieved it. It was not easy to provide access to free health care services, within 2-3 years, to more than 500 million people. But India was able to do this. Today, India is one of the leaders in Digital Transactions. Today, India is ensuring empowerment and transparency by providing Digital Access to its millions of citizens. Today, India is implementing a huge campaign for tuberculosis-free India by 2025. Today, India is implementing a programme for providing piped drinking water to 150 million rural households. Recently, India has initiated a huge project for connecting its 6 Lakh villages with broadband optical fibre.

We are moving forward with the vision of "Self-reliant India" in the changed circumstances of the post Pandemic era. A Self-reliant India will also be a Force Multiplier for the Global Economy. Today, it is also being ensured that there is no discrimination in extending the benefits of all the schemes to every citizen of the country. Large scale efforts are being made in India to promote Women Enterprise and Leadership. Indian women, today, are the biggest beneficiaries of the largest Micro Financing Scheme of the world. India is one of those countries where women are provided Paid Maternity Leave of 26 weeks. The rights of Transgenders are also being secured through necessary Legal reforms.

In its journey towards progress, India wants to learn from the world as well as share its own experiences with the world. I am confident that on the occasion of its 75th anniversary, the United Nations and its member countries will endeavour with a strong commitment to maintain the relevance of this great institution. Stability in the United nations and empowerment of the United Nations are essential for the welfare of the world. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, let us once again pledge to dedicate ourselves for the welfare of the world. ■

OUR NATIONHOOD



DEENDAYAL
UPADHYAYA

WHAT IS A NATION ?

WHEN a group of persons lives with a goal, an ideal, a mission, and looks upon a particular piece of land as motherland, it constitutes a nation. If either of the two-and ideal and a motherland-is not there, then there is no nation.

ESSENTIALS OF NATION

A 'NATION' requires four things. The first is land or people, whom we call a country. The second is a collective will for a corporate life. The third is a system which we can call a constitution but which can far more appropriately be called 'Dharma'. And the fourth is an ideal of life. The synthesis of all these four is called a Nation. As an individual is made up of body, minds intelligence and soul, a nation is made up of country, will, Dharma and ideal.

NATION IS PERMANENT

THE Nation is a permanent truth. The State is created to fulfill the needs of the nation. Two reasons have been given for the origin of the State. It is said that the State becomes necessary in two circumstances. The first is when some distortion enters the people of the nation. The State is established to control the problems that arise in

such a situation. For example, one does not see the police when there is no quarrel. But if there is a fight the police are immediately called. The second need is when some complexity appears in society and it becomes necessary to bring order in corporate life.

The State is created so that the powerful, prosperous and resourceful class of society should not exploit the weak, the helpless and the poor, and everyone should remain within the bounds of justice. It is only these two reasons that give rise to the State. To regulate the

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distortion that may have entered into society, to establish peace it punishes wrong-doers and to solve the complexity within a society so that life of every individual becomes just, honourable and easy-these have been considered the functions of the State.

A third function is an important aspect of the fulfilment of these two functions. It is to establish relations with other states. Hence security from external aggression is also a function of the State.

NATION HAS PERSONALITY

THE name Bharat denotes a nation, while the names of such provinces as Uttar Pradesh and Bengal do not denote it. Hence we must be quite clear in our minds that although a definite territory is a must and the first essential of a nation, a territory by itself does not become a nation. The existence of a nation depends upon an element which though invisible is felt with the greatest intensity. A nation has a personality just as an Individual has a personality. It is this national personality that keeps a nation alive. When it grows weak, the nation becomes weak, and when it is forgotten or destroyed the entire nation heads for ruination. This is why many nations of the past have now become mere memories. Their territories are there and their people are still alive and yet ancient Persia, Greece, Egypt-all have faded. In other words they lost their basic national personality. It is in this personality that the nation resides.

THE BODY NATIONAL

THE nation does not come into being for the fulfilment of any selfish ends. The limbs of the human body have their natural functions and do not have to be tempted or encouraged to perform them. Similarly the units of a nation function as parts of one single whole and maintain its entity. Dissipation of the national feeling leads to a weakening of these limbs of the nation, and if they become

completely inactive the result can be the end of the nation. But if the national feeling is aroused in these units they again start performing their natural functions. Hence we would have to accept as the basis of the nation a practical and natural organisation that is stable, strong and self-reliant. If the organisation of the State is strong enough its limbs would be equally strong.

NATION HAS A SOUL

A NATION too has a soul. There is a technical name for it-Chiti. According to McDougal, it is the innate nature of a group. Every group of persons has an innate nature. Similarly every society has an innate nature, which is not the result of historical circumstances.

'CHITI' IS NATION'S TOUCHSTONE

'CHITI' is the touchstone, on which each action, each attitude is tested, and determined to be acceptable or otherwise. 'Chiti' is the soul of the nation. On the strength of this 'Chiti', a nation arises, strong and virile. It is this 'Chiti' that is demonstrated in the actions of every great man of a nation.

An individual is also an instrument in bringing forth the soul of the nation, "Chiti". Thus apart from his own self, an individual also represents his nation. Not only that, he also mens the various institutions that are created for the fulfilment of the national goal. Therefore he represents these too. The groups larger than nation, such as "mankind" are also represented by him. In, short, an individual has a multitude of aspects, but

they are not conflicting; there is co-operation, unity and harmony in them. A system based on the recognition of this mutually complementary nature of the different ideals of mankind, their essential harmony, a system which devises laws, which removes the disharmony and enhances their mutual usefulness and co-operation alone can bring peace and happiness to mankind; can ensure steady development.

NATION'S IDEAL IS 'CHITI'

THE state is brought into existence to protect the nation; produce and maintain conditions in which the ideals of the nation can be translated into reality. The ideals of the nation constitute "Chiti" which is analogous to the soul of an individual. It requires some effort to comprehend Chiti. The laws that help manifest and maintain Chiti of a nation are termed Dharma of that nation. Hence it is this "Dharma" that is supreme. Dharma is the repository of the nation's soul. If Dharma is destroyed, the nation perishes. Anyone who abandons Dharma, betrays the nation.

'CHITI' IS CENTRAL TO NATION

CHITI is fundamental and is central to the nation from its very beginning. Chiti determines the direction in which the nation is to advance culturally. Whatever is in accordance with Chiti is included in culture.

AWAKENING NATION'S 'VIRAT'

WE have to undertake the task of awakening our nation's 'Virat'. Let us go forward in this task with

a sense of pride of our heritage, with a realistic assessment of the present and a great ambition for the future. We wish to make this country neither a shadow of some distant past nor an imitation of Russia or America.

OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY

IT is essential that we think about our national identity. Without this identity there is no meaning of independence, nor can independence become the instrument of progress and happiness. As long as we are unaware of our national Identity, we cannot recognise or develop all our potentialities. Under alien rule this identity is suppressed. That is why nations wish to remain independent so that they can progress according to their natural bent and can experience happiness in their endeavour. Nature is powerful. An attempt to go against nature or to disregard her leads to troubles. The natural instincts cannot be disregarded but it is possible to elevate this nature to the level of culture. Psychology tells us how by suppression of various natural instincts different mental disorders ensue. Such a person remains restless and dejected. His abilities slowly deteriorate, and become perverted. The Nation too, like the individual, falls a prey to numerous ills when its natural instincts are disregarded. The basic cause of the problems facing Bharat is the neglect of its national identity.

To be continued...

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‘BABOSA’ BHAIRON SINGH SHEKHAWAT

Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was a founder member of the Bharatiya Janata Party and was a respectable political leader of the country. He served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan three times, from 1977 to 1980, 1990 to 1992 and 1993 to 1998. Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat (23 October 1923 – 15 May 2010) was also the 11th Vice President of India. Referred to as “Rajasthan ka ek hi Singh” (The only lion of Rajasthan) or “Babosa” (Head of the family of Rajasthan), Shri Shekhawat entered politics in 1952. In 1952 he was MLA from Ramgarh, in 1957 from Sri Madhopur, 1962 and 1967 he was MLA from Kisan Pol. In 1973 he was elected to Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh. In 1975 during emergency he was arrested and sent to Rohtak jail. When Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was Chief Minister, he started the “Antyodaya Yojna” scheme, which was

intended to uplift the poorest of the poor. The chairman of the World Bank, Robert McNamara, referred to him as the Rockefeller of India. Shri Shekhawat was also known for his expertise over bureaucracy and the police. He had involvement in policies designed to improve literacy and industrialisation in Rajasthan as well as tourism centered on the themes of heritage, wildlife and villages. He was also lauded by both, national and international leaders for his historic conduct of the Rajya Sabha. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat passed away on 15 May 2010. ■



KR MALKANI: AN AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST IN POLITICS

Kewalram Ratanmal Malkani (November 19, 1921 – October 27, 2003) was a journalist, historian and politician. Born in Hyderabad, Sindh, (now in Pakistan), he received his education at D.G. National College, Hyderabad, Fergusson College, Pune, School of Economics and Sociology, Mumbai. He was Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, USA in 1961-62. He was the Vice-President of the Bharatiya Janata Party from 1991 to 1994. He was Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from 1994-2000 and served as Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry from July 2002 till his death in October 2003. Malkani ji is believed to be the first person to be arrested in the country, in the emergency, just two hours after it was declared at midnight on 25-Jun-75. He was among the last to be released, after election results were declared in March 1977. Malkani Ji was associated with the Bharatiya Jana Sangh since its formation and was one of the founders of the Bharatiya Janata Party in 1980. He was Vice-President of the Deendayal Research Institute, New Delhi from 1983 to 1990. He served as editor of many newspapers and was General Secretary of the Editors Guild of India

from 1978 to 1979. He edited BJP mouth piece BJP Today. He has written several articles and books including “The Midnight Knock” (1977), “The R.S.S. Story” (1980), and “The Sindh Story” (1984), his most popular book on history. His book “India First” (2002) is a compilation of several of his articles over the years. His last book, “Political Mysteries”, explores several major Indian political assassinations including that of Mahatma Gandhi, Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, the “Kashmir Princess”, “Kanishka aircraft” bombing and the Purulia arms dropping case. The book is a result of his nearly ten years of research. He died on 27 October 2003. Malkani ji was also Chief Editor of both Organiser and Panchjanya. Even being an active politician for a long six decades he is also remembered as an author and journalist. ■



REASON FOR MODI'S LONGEVITY AS AN ELECTED LEADER IS HIS ABILITY TO CHALLENGE HIMSELF



JAGAT PRAKASH
NADDA

The seemingly innocuous date of October 7, 2001, is a milestone in Indian political history. That was the day Shri Narendra Modi was sworn in as Chief Minister of Gujarat for the first time. Since then, he has never lost an election as the head of a government and taken on a national role as Prime Minister. As a result, on October 7, 2020, Shri Narendra Modi enters his 20th year as the head of a government. It speaks volumes about his ability to win the people's confidence over and over again, in greater magnitude every time.

However, the electoral victories and massive popularity are the effects that get noticed often. The tireless work and peerless vision that are behind these victories are the traits that make Shri Modi what he is.

Right from his days as Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Modi stood out among his peers. At a time when power reforms meant political suicide, he took farmers into confidence, reformed Gujarat's power sector, took electricity to every Gujarati village and made it a power surplus state. As PM, he took electricity to every village and every household.

When even national-level investor summits were rare, Modi started the Vibrant Gujarat investor summit in 2003. Since then, both the summit and state have become well-known globally among investors. Similarly, as prime minister, he has ensured record FDI inflows.

The famed Gujarat model needs no introduction. The state

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saw bumper growth in agriculture despite having semi-arid regions and rapid growth in infrastructure. Shri Modi has ensured freedom for farmers after decades as Prime Minister and India's infrastructure, which has already grown massively under Shri Modi, is poised to grow even more.

Shri Modi's emphasis upon saving the girl child and educating her through Beti Bachao Beti Padhao has been widely appreciated. However, this was

a logical extension of his Kanya Kelavani programme in Gujarat for girl child education, where the whole government, led by the chief minister, used to stay in villages and encourage the school enrollment of girls.

The reason for Shri Modi's longevity as an elected leader is his ability to challenge himself continuously, more aggressively than any outside challenger would try to. He takes the risk of setting targets openly and audaciously. Despite inheriting an administration known for policy paralysis, Shri Modi set specific targets for each of his flagship schemes, be it sanitation, rural electrification, housing for all, potable water for all or doubling farmers' incomes.

His governance — both at the state level and the national level — has been efficient, effective and reformist. However, while it is tempting to go on and on about governance, Shri Modi, since his ascendance in 2001 to the chief minister's post, needs to be celebrated for a different reason.

Shri Modi represents values that are beyond governance and politics. He appeals to the best in India and Indians, and manages to bring out the best from them. He brought out the best in people and they made cleanliness a mass movement. In a nation where the prevalent political culture was about giving more and more

subsidies, he inspired people to give up their subsidies so that the poor could get free gas connections.

India is a diverse and accepting civilisation that, at its best, knows how to transcend identities. Shri Modi, a Gujarati, representing a constituency from Uttar Pradesh, does not pander to any partisan caste, community, class or regional considerations. His appeal transcends these divisions and unites people across the nation towards one purpose — India's greatness.

The best of Indian tradition teaches stoic dignity in the face of hatred and calumny. It also teaches that such silent, steely and dignified determination powered by the truth eventually outlasts all negativity. That has also been the story of Shri Modi's rise. A whole ecosystem made him a marked

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man and has been out to damage his reputation for two decades. Even a small indiscretion would have meant the end of his political journey. In the face of such intense — mostly unfair — scrutiny, he has gone about working towards achieving his goals for his state and later, the nation. His composure and focus made him unstoppable.

Often, those who are “big picture” people are grand visionaries but cannot translate that vision into the relentless action necessary for achieving it. Then there are those who are good at achieving pre-set targets but cannot grasp the larger picture. However, Modi combines both in himself. He is both a visionary and a workhorse. He has the necessary mindset to come up with a grand vision as well as the precision and persistence to handle the dryness of quotidian tasks that act as steps to achieve the vision.

As he enters his 20th year as the head of a government, staggering as his past achievements may already have been, his best is yet to come and it will be the making of an Atmanirbhar Bharat. ■

(The writer is the National President of BJP)

AYUSH MINISTER INAUGURATES TRIBAL UNIT OF NIN AT GOHE BUDRUK IN PUNE

The Union Minister of AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti virtually inaugurated the new unit of National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) to serve the tribal population at Gohe Budruk in Pune, Maharashtra. The new tribal unit of NIN has 20 beds will provide free clinical services to the tribal population of the area. There is also a training unit focusing on employment and health of tribal youth. Speaking on the occasion, AYUSH Minister Shri Shripad Yesso Naik said, the new tribal unit of NIN at scheduled tribal area of Gohe Budruk in Ambegaon Taluk of Pune comes with a 20 bedded facility to provide free clinical services to the tribal population of the area. This apart, there is a training unit focusing on employment and health of tribal youth. This apart, a research unit on tribal practices of health



maintenance has also been started. This unit will act as a repository of knowledge base, said the Minister. He said, this unit will work in the areas of education, nutrition and health problems of the tribal population. This tribal unit has been started with cooperation and assistance from the Tribal Development Department, Government of Maharashtra. Shri Naik called for more such collaborative projects in the future. ■

'1500 BJP WORKERS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN PLANNED ATTACK BY WEST BENGAL POLICE'

BJP strongly condemns unwarranted & brutal action against the peaceful & democratic protest by BJP workers in Kolkata

Addressing the Press Conference on the unwarranted police action against the BJP workers at the party's democratic and peaceful protests at Kolkata on October 8 to highlight brutal killings of BJP workers in West Bengal Senior Party Leader and Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said, "BJP strongly criticises the unwarranted and brutal action by the West Bengal Police against the peaceful and democratic protest by the BJP workers in Kolkata. I humbly want to tell Trinamool Congress and its leadership that they are highly mistaken in thinking that by illegal use of police force and by misusing state government machinery they will be able to stop spread of BJP in West Bengal. Trinamool Congress will never be able to stop continuous growth of BJP in West Bengal."

He added, "Today there is no rule of law in West Bengal. It is anarchy and dictatorship which today prevails under the Trinamool Congress government in the state. A glimpse of it was once again seen in Kolkata when BJP workers who were peacefully protesting had to face brutal police action. There is no democracy

in West Bengal. Anyone who raises his voice against the highhandedness and corrupt practices of the state government is either implicated in false cases, or harassed by the state government, or is brutally murdered for questioning the state government."

"The unsocial and lumpen elements who had patronage of Trinamool Congress government and West Bengal police today targeted BJP workers who were peacefully holding protests. More than 1500 BJP workers were seriously injured in the planned attack by the West Bengal police. Over 70 BJP workers had to be admitted in Sanjeevani Hospital for treatment," he added.

He said "Senior BJP leaders who were grievously injured in the police action include BJP State Vice President Shri Raju Banerjee, National Secretary Shri Arvind Menon, Wife of BJP MP Shri Saumitra Khan Smt Sujata Khan, and North Kolkata BJP unit President Shri Shivaji Singh Rai. BJYM President and MP Shri Tejaswi Surya was also manhandled by the police. This is highly condemnable and undemocratic act of the West Bengal



state government and state police.”

He said, There are severe head and other injuries suffered by many peacefully protesting BJP workers. There are also reports of BJP women workers being illtreated by police and lumpen elements supported by Trinamool Congress who had infiltrated BJP protests. There are also reports of stone pelting and violence by unsocial and lumpen elements supported by Trinamool Congress against BJP workers.

The use of chemicals by West Bengal police can permanently harm health of our workers. This is highly condemnable and atrocious act of the West Bengal police. BJP strongly criticises and condemns this inhuman act of the police.

“The ground reports from West Bengal clearly suggest that no force can stop BJP from forming the next government in the State. BJP will form a full majority government in the state as the people of West Bengal has made up their minds and are committed to

vote BJP to power. BJP’s protest today was peaceful, legal and democratic in nature. But the Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal does not believe in democracy and has no respect for Constitution and rights of the people. This was proven yet again by Trinamool Congress government today in West Bengal. In the past few years as many as 115 BJP workers have been brutally murdered in West Bengal. But the State police has not done any credible inquiry in any of these heinous crimes. All this has shattered the faith of the people of West Bengal in the Trinamool Congress government.” Shri Prasad said, “On October 4, BJP’s young leader and Corporator Shri Manish Shukla was mercilessly killed in front of a police station. A few days before his murder, he had made a video and circulated it saying that his life was in danger and that he could be killed, but the West Bengal police failed to give him any protection and it even did not bother to conduct any inquiry. ■

UNION MINISTER RAM VILAS PASWAN IS NO MORE

Ram Vilas Paswan Ji rose in politics through hardwork and determination: PM

Union Cabinet Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and President of Lok Janshakti Party, an ally of NDA, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan is no more. He died on October 8 at a Delhi hospital where he was recovering from heart surgery. The 74-year-old was undergoing treatment at the hospital, and had to undergo surgery on October 3. The national flag was flown at half mast in Delhi and Capitals of all States and UTs as a mark of respect to Cabinet Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh and Shri Amit Shah condoled the demise of the leader. Prime Minister took to twitter and wrote, “I am saddened

beyond words. There is a void in our nation that will perhaps never be filled. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan Ji’s demise is a personal loss. I have lost a friend, valued colleague and someone who was extremely passionate to ensure every poor person leads a life of dignity. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan Ji rose in politics through hardwork and determination. As a young leader, he resisted tyranny and the assault on our democracy during the Emergency. He was an outstanding Parliamentarian and Minister, making lasting contributions in several policy areas.”

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda condoling the death said, “We saw him as a firebrand leader, who used to worry about poor and the person at the



bottom of the society. Regardless of his ministerial post in any govt, he always befriended all parties. May his soul rest in peace and god give strength to his family”. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, paid his last respects to Union Minister and Lok Janashakti Party (LJP) leader Ram Vilas Paswan at the latter’s residence in New Delhi on Friday (October 9). BJP President Shri JP Nadda along with General Secretary (Organization) Shri B.L Santhosh also paid their respects to the departed leader. ■

NEP 2020 IS BASED ON INDIAN PHILOSOPHY AND CULTURE: JP NADDA

B JP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, addressed the fourth convocation of the prestigious Pratap University in Rajasthan through video conferencing. On this occasion, degrees were digitally awarded to more than 800 students by the university. The program was attended by the Chancellor of Pratap University, Shri Shailendra Bhadoria, Vice-Chancellor Shri Abhay Kumar, University Trustee Mrs. Surabhi Bhaduria, University Faculty Members, students and eminent personalities from the education sector.

Shri JP Nadda said that it is true that in youth we believe most on ourselves i.e. 'I' but 'I' cannot do much alone. 'I' is successful only when he recognizes the power of 'we'. You have completed your university education, you have got a degree today, you have contributed to it - it is right but it is not only your contribution alone but your parents, gurus, friends, university employees and people around you have significant contribution in it. And, since all the people around you contribute to your educational success, your education will be meaningful and fruitful only if your education is useful in uplifting their life. Therefore, you should move forward in life by taking such a resolution that your education can be useful for public welfare, development of society and the country. You will always be indebted to your mother-father and guru, so do not forget them in your life.

While discussing the education system, Shri Nadda said that education is not a rote thing, but it is based on the concept and application. He said that India has been a world leader for centuries in education sector, we have illuminated the world with the light of knowledge. Nalanda and Takshila are the great examples of this. Here students from abroad used to come for education, history has been witness this.

Hon'ble National President said that the new National Education Policy 2020 is actually the first education policy of independent India which



is based on Indian philosophy and culture. After considering thousands of suggestions, this education policy has been drafted. Highlighting the vision of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay about education, he said that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay also advocated education policy based on Indian philosophy and Indian culture. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has implemented the National Education Policy 2020 with this vision.

Shri Nadda said that the new National Education Policy has laid the foundation of Affordability, Accessibility and Flexibility in education sector, and to ensure that quality education is available for everyone. This education policy emphasizes practicality and concept. Also, the teaching medium is now offered in the respected mother tongue till the fifth grade so that the students' base can be strengthened. In the new education policy, 'what to think' has been replaced by 'how to think'.

Saluting the land of Maharana Pratap, Rajasthan, the BJP President said that whenever we remembered Maharana Pratap, we feel a new energy within us. Giving the students the mantra to move forward, he said that you should move forward with confidence and full strength, the world is waiting for you. You have the strength to move forward, you will definitely get success. ■

‘IF AGRICULTURE SECTOR IS STRONG, THEN FOUNDATION OF ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT WILL REMAIN STRONG’

In the 16th Episode of ‘Mann Ki Baat 2.0’ on September 27, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that during the COVID crisis, the farmers of the country have shown tremendous resilience. Prime Minister said that if the agriculture sector is strong, then the foundation of Atmanirbhar Bharat will remain strong. He noted that in the recent past, the sector has liberated from many restrictions and has tried to break free from many myths. He shared the example of Shri Kanwar Chauhan, a farmer from Haryana, who used to face great difficulties in marketing his fruits and vegetables outside the mandi, but in 2014, fruits and vegetables were excluded from the APMC Act, which greatly benefited him. He formed a Farmer Producer’s Organization and farmers in his village now cultivate sweet corn and baby corn and supply produce directly to Azadpur Mandi in Delhi, to big retail chains and Five Star Hotels, which has substantially boosted their income.

Prime Minister underlined that these farmers have the power to sell their fruits and vegetables, anywhere and to anyone, which is the foundation of their progress, and now the same has been imparted to farmers all over the country, for the entire spectrum of their produce.

Prime Minister also cited the benefits accruing to farmers due to exclusion of fruits and vegetables from APMC purview by sharing the example of Sri Swami Samarth Farm Producer Company Limited - a Farmer Producer’s Organization in Maharashtra. He noted that farmers in Pune and Mumbai are running weekly markets themselves and selling directly without middlemen. He also talked about Tamil Nadu Banana farmer produce company, a collective of farmers, which purchased hundreds of metric tons of vegetables, fruits and bananas from

nearby villages during the lockdown, and supplied a vegetable combo kit to Chennai. He mentioned the ‘Irada Farmer Producer’ group from Lucknow who, during the lockdown, procured fruits and vegetables directly from the cultivators’ fields, and sold directly in the markets of Lucknow, free from the middlemen.

Prime Minister noted that through innovations and application of new techniques, agriculture will progress further. He cited the example of Ismail Bhai, a farmer from Gujarat, who took up farming despite being discouraged by his family. He cultivated potatoes using drip irrigation technology - the high quality potatoes are now his hallmark, which he sells directly to large companies without middlemen, and earns huge profits. Prime Minister also shared the story of Ms. Bijay Shanti from Manipur who launched a start-up to develop thread from the Lotus stem, and noted that her efforts and innovations have opened new avenues in the fields of lotus farming and textile.

In the programme, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi discussed and reaffirmed the importance of storytelling.

Prime Minister noted that the history of stories is as ancient as the human civilization itself and said ‘where there is a soul, there is a story’. He talked about the significance of the convention of storytelling by elder members of the family. He discussed that through his interaction with children in the course of his travels, he realized that jokes had pervaded their lives in a major way, and they had no clue of stories.

Discussing the rich tradition of storytelling or Qissagoi in the country, Prime Minister said that India has nurtured the tradition of Hitopadesh and



Panchatantra, which impart wisdom through an imaginary world of animals, birds and fairies. He mentioned 'Katha', an ancient form of religious storytelling, cited example of 'Villu paat' in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, which is a confluence of story and music, and also talked about the vibrant tradition of Kathputli. He noted the growing popularity of storytelling based on science and science-fiction.

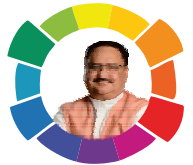
Prime Minister praised several initiatives in promoting the art form of Qissagoi including 'Gathastory.in' run by IIM alumnus Shri Amar Vyas, initiative by Ms. Vaishali Vyawahare Deshpande in Marathi, initiative by Ms. Srividya Veer Raghavan from Chennai who is engaged in popularizing and disseminating stories related to our culture, 'kathalaya.org' initiative by Ms. Geeta Ramanujan, Indian Storytelling Network, and work being done by Shri Vikram Sridhar in Bengaluru, who is very enthusiastic about stories related to Mahatma Gandhi. Prime Minister also interacted with

Ms. Aparna Athreya and other members of the Bengaluru Storytelling Society. The group also narrated a story on King Krishna Deva Rai and his minister Tenali Rama during the interaction.

Prime Minister urged storytellers to find ways to connect the new generation of the country with lives of great men and women through stories. He said that the art of storytelling must be popularized in every home and telling good stories to children should be a part of public life. He ideated that every week, family members should choose a theme like compassion, sensitivity, valour, sacrifice, bravery etc. and each member should tell a story on that subject. He said that the country is soon going to celebrate 75 years of independence, and urged storytellers to propagate inspiring events from the freedom struggle through their stories. He asked them to introduce every major and minor incident from 1857 to 1947 to the new generation through these stories. ■



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicating to the nation the World's longest Highway tunnel - Atal Tunnel, in Manali, Himachal Pradesh. Union Minister for Defence Shri Rajnath Singh and Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Shri Jai Ram Thakur are also seen



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