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@narendramodi

Spoke with my friend President @EmmanuelMacron on the situation in Afghanistan. We also discussed closer collaboration between India and France in the Indo-Pacific. We place great value on our Strategic Partnership with France, including in the UNSC.



@JPNadda

National Single Window System is truly the coming of age of Indian governance. It is the casting away of a tiring legacy of bureaucracy & an embracing of enterprise. #SingleWindowToIndia is a new avenue for the world to view & work with Flag of India as it marches towards Aatmanirbharta.



@rajnathsingh

Had a warm telephone conversation with @SecDef Mr Lloyd Austin. We discussed issues pertaining to bilateral defence cooperation & regional matters including situation in Afghanistan. We agreed to continue the useful dialogue & look forward to strengthening the partnership further.



@AmitShah

TRS government does not celebrate #TelanganaVimochanDiwas due to the fear of the vote bank. BJP has decided that after the formation of our government in the state of Telangana, we will proudly and grandly celebrate this historic day on the 17th of September every year.



@Nitin Gadkari

I will also write letters to CMs and Collectors to ensure that District Road Committee meetings happen regularly. Emphasised on deciding driving hours for truck drivers of commercial vehicles, similar to pilots, to reduce fatigue-induced road accidents.



@B L Santhosh

The entire #Toolkit team is dead silent today. After State Incharge @harishrawatcmuk statement of 'Siddu will be the face in coming assembly elections', the 'Dalit CM' argument falls flat. For @INCIndia & @RahulGandhi Dalits are only a matter strategy not emotion .



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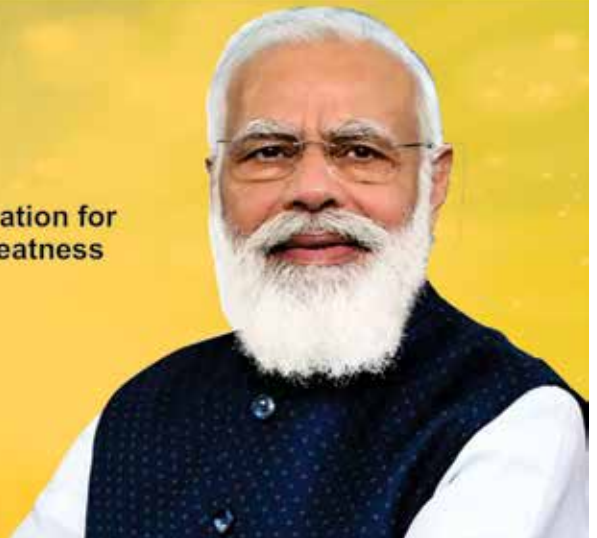
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SHRI NARENDRA MODI JI

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INDIA SHINES GLOBALLY

A world record was created on 17th September 2021, the 71st birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. As millions of BJP karyakartas across the nation dedicated themselves to 'Seva aur Samarpan' programme by organising 'Seva Karya' on the day, the people in the entire country came together to give a special gift to their beloved leader by creating a world record of 2.5 crore vaccination in a single day. While the entire world watches with amazement, India creates records after records in the course of world's largest and fastest vaccination drive. Before creating the world record of 2.5 crore vaccination in a single day, India crossed the landmark figure of one crore vaccination in a single day several times. It not only shows the strength of the country but also shows the unity and resolve of the people to fight the Covid-19 pandemic and overcome this global crisis as soon as possible. The people of India are creating history on the strength and commitment of its doctors, nurses, medical staff, lab technicians, pharma sector, health workers and Corona warriors in the time of pandemic.

In the difficult times of Covid-19 pandemic India has traversed through many milestones under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi registering many records in its name. It was the persistent efforts and encouragement given by the Prime Minister that India achieved a major breakthrough in producing two 'Made in India' vaccines which have further strengthened the

fight against pandemic. The unwavering faith in the capacity of Indian scientists, innovators and researchers has resulted in such a massive achievement which is not only a boon for India but for the entire humanity. It is the mass production of 'Made in India' vaccines that the world's largest and fastest vaccination drive is progressing with such a speed that vaccinating the entire population of India even before the stipulated time seems attainable. As the availability of vaccines is soaring with every passing day, the Modi government has rightly decided to open up the export of vaccines to other needy countries to serve the humanity globally.

While India is not only creating records in conducting the world's largest and fastest vaccination drive but it has also created records in containing the pandemic to the minimum in a country having such a huge population. India has shown complete control and progressive improvement in almost all the parameters while creating massive health infrastructure, installing oxygen plants and boosting manufacturing of various life saving medicines and medical equipments to meet the challenges of the pandemic. In addition to free vaccines, the free ration given

to 80 crore people across the country and support extended to deprived and vulnerable sections of the society are the steps which show the strong commitment of the Modi government to fight the pandemic with full strength.

As the tide of the pandemic is receding progressively, Indian economy is bouncing back with even more energy and dynamism than before. If the economy is today on the path of double digit growth then the credit goes to the reforms initiated during the pandemic under the Prime Minister's call for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' campaign. The 'Annadatas' have made the nation proud by their hard work which has resulted in record agricultural production during the pandemic. The commitment of the Modi government to double farmers' income can be seen in the increasing incomes of the farmers due to new MSP regime ensuring one and half time return on the investments along with various reform initiatives in the agricultural sector. While India is on the path of fast recovery, the entire world is also looking up to India for support, expertise, help and cooperation on fighting various menaces afflicting the world. There is no doubt that amid the glooms of pandemic, India shines globally. ■

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BEFORE CREATING THE WORLD RECORD OF 2.5 CRORE VACCINATION IN A SINGLE DAY, INDIA CROSSED THE LANDMARK FIGURE OF ONE CRORE VACCINATION IN A SINGLE DAY SEVERAL TIMES



PM LAYS THE FOUNDATION STONE OF RAJA MAHENDRA PRATAP SINGH STATE UNIVERSITY

PM ALSO VISITS THE EXHIBITION MODELS OF UTTAR PRADESH DEFENCE INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 14 September laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh. He also visited the exhibition models of the Aligarh node of Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor.

Addressing the event, the Prime Minister remembered the late Kalyan Singh ji. He said that Kalyan Singh Ji would have been very happy to see the emerging profile of Aligarh in the defence sector and the establishment of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in Aligarh.

The Prime Minister underlined the fact that how many such great personalities gave their all to the freedom movement. But it was the country's misfortune that after independence, the next generations of the country were not made aware of the sacrifices of such national heroes and national heroines. Many generations of the country were deprived of knowing their stories, the Prime Minister lamented. The Prime Minister remarked, today, 21st century India is correcting these mistakes of the 20th century.

Paying rich tribute to Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh ji said, the life of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh ji, teaches us the indomitable will and a willingness to go to any extent to fulfill our dreams. He added that Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh ji wanted the independence of India and he devoted every moment of his life to this. Today, when India is moving on the path of education and skill development at the time of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the establishment of the University in the name of this worthy son of Ma Bharati is the real 'karyanjali' to him, said the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister stressed that the university will not become only a big centre of higher education but will also emerge as a centre of modern defence studies, defence manufacturing-related technology and manpower development. The new National Education Policy's features of skills and education in the local language will benefit this university a great deal.

The Prime Minister said, today not only the country, but the whole world is witnessing India manufacturing defence equipment from modern



that Aligarh, which was famous for protecting the houses and shops with its famous padlocks, will now also be famous for creating products that will protect the boundaries of the nation. This will create new opportunities for the youth and MSME, he said.

Shri Modi stressed that today, Uttar Pradesh is emerging as a very attractive place for every small and big investor of the country and the world. This happens, Shri Modi said, when the necessary environment for investment is created, the necessary facilities are made available. Today, Uttar Pradesh is becoming a great example of the double engine government's double benefit.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness to see the same UP which was seen as a stumbling block in the development of the country, is leading the big campaigns of the country today.

The Prime Minister dwelled on the situation of Uttar Pradesh before 2017. He said the people of UP cannot forget the kind of scams that used to happen and how the governance was handed over to the corrupt. Yogi ji's government is sincerely engaged in the development of UP. There was a time when the administration here was run by goons and mafia arbitrarily. But now the extortionists and those running the mafia raj are behind bars, the Prime Minister said.

Shri Modi highlighted the efforts of the UP Government in ensuring the security of the most vulnerable sections during the pandemic and praised the way foodgrain was made available to the vulnerable and poor sections during the pandemic. The Prime Minister said it is the constant effort of the central government to give strength to the farmers with small landholdings. Many initiatives like increasing MSP by 1.5 times, expansion of Kisan Credit Card, improvement in the insurance scheme, provision of pension of Rs 3 thousand are empowering small farmers. The Prime Minister also informed that payment of more than 1 lakh 40 thousand crore rupees has been made to the sugarcane farmers of the state. He said that the sugarcane farmers of western UP will reap benefits from increasing ethanol content in petrol.

Uttar Pradesh Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were also present at the event. ■

grenades and rifles to fighter aircraft, drones and warships. He added, India is moving out of the image of a big defence importer of the world and moving towards making a new identity of an important defence exporter of the world. Uttar Pradesh is becoming a huge centre of this transformation and the Prime Minister took pride in this as he is himself

“Initiatives like increasing MSP by 1.5 times, expansion of Kisan Credit Card, improvement in the insurance scheme, provision of pension of Rs 3 thousand are empowering small farmers,”

an MP from Uttar Pradesh. He informed that one and half dozen defence manufacturing companies will create thousands of jobs with hundreds of crores of rupees investment. New industries are coming up to support the manufacture of small arms, armaments, drones and aerospace-related products in the Aligarh Node of the Defence Corridor. This will give new identities to Aligarh and nearby areas. The Prime Minister pointed out

BJP'S MAIN MANTRA- SEWA HI SANGATHAN



On the occasion of the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17 September, 2021 BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched 'Sewa Aur Samarpan' Abhiyan from BJP Central office in New Delhi.

Addressing on that occasion the BJP National President said, "Today is the birthday of our Hon'ble Prime Minister and one of the world's most popular leaders, Shri Narendra Modi. It is a matter of great privilege and honour for the country and the Bharatiya Janata Party that today we are being led and guided by a great personality whose entire life is devoted towards the preservation and promotion of India's rich cultural diversity and heritage. Our Prime Minister's life is devoted to making India a strong, powerful and prosperous nation where every citizen leads a healthy and comfortable life".

"I on behalf of all Indians and crores of the Bharatiya Janata Party workers pay my respect and wishes to our Hon'ble Prime Minister whose entire life has been devoted for the upliftment of the poorest of the poor", he said.

BJP CELEBRATING MODIJI'S BIRTHDAY AS 'SEWA DIWAS'

He said the Bharatiya Janata Party has been celebrating the birthday of the Shri Narendra Modi as 'Sewa Diwas'. Under his leadership and guidance the Bharatiya Janata Party's main mantra is – 'Sewa Hi Sangathan'. It gives me great pleasure and satisfaction that the entire Bharatiya Janata Party family is starting the 'Sewa aur Samarpan' campaign on the occasion

of the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

He said no work gives more satisfaction and happiness than public service. Today, crores of the Bharatiya Janata Party karyakartas are supporting the mass Corona vaccination programme that is smoothly going on across the country. Various activities like the blood donation camps, medical camps, cleanliness drive, free ration distribution to poor and needy and other help and assistance to all needy people is being provided by the Bharatiya Janata Party workers today.

PM ALWAYS WORKED FOR WELFARE OF POOR, OPPRESSED, BACKWARD AND NEEDY

Shri Narendra Modi has always strived and worked for the welfare of poor, oppressed, backward and needy sections of the society and worked tirelessly for their upliftment

Shri Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi strongly believes that the fruits of development and progress should reach the people who are standing at the bottom of the social pyramid. Shri

Narendra Modi has always strived and worked for the welfare of poor, oppressed, backward and needy sections of the society and worked tirelessly for their upliftment.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi comes from a very ordinary family, still he has always felt very strongly for the welfare of poor and needy people and also worked to make their lives better and happy. His conviction and care for the poor and needy is clearly reflected in his policies and programmes. And this is the reason that in his policies, programmes and development works villages, poor, backward sections, oppressed classes, farmers, women and youths always remain the focal point, BJP National President said.

PM MADE IMPOSSIBLE TASKS POSSIBLE

He said as an elected leader Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has covered an impressive and fruitful 20 year long political journey and his entire journey has been devoted towards ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas’. He has written a new chapter in governance and India’s growth and development by taking all together. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has accomplished so many important tasks for the country and the people which were so far considered impossible.

The abolition of Article 370, ban on Triple Talaq, paving the way for construction of grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya, surgical strikes and air strikes on terrorists, implementation of One Rank – One Pension for retired defence personnel, giving Ayushman Bharat medical insurance cards to over 55 crore citizens, getting every household electrified, giving free gas connections to women living in villages and remote areas, giving Rs 6,000 annual financial assistance to over 10 crore small and marginal farmers, providing free rations to over 80 crore poor and needy people during the Corona pandemic, implementing the Swaminathan Committee recommendations to help poor and marginal farmers, giving free house to all poor with water, poor and toilets -- all these are some of the works which Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has so far done in last seven years which were considered impossible and none of his predecessors dared to do.

ESTABLISHED INDIA AS A TRUE GLOBAL LEADER

Shri JP Nadda said, “I have been very fortunate to have got the opportunity to work with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. I have seen and observed very closely that he has so many qualities that make him a multi-faceted personality. Working very hard, great thoughts with great clarity and strong commitment to work for the poor comes naturally to him. From Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi we all get inspiration



We all should take inspiration from the life of Shri Narendra Modi ji and commit and rededicate ourselves towards nation- building and social welfare of all, especially the poorest of the poor. We all should work hard and help PM Shri Narendra Modi in realizing the goal of making India a ‘Vishwaguru’

to work for the country and the people. Under his guidance and leadership India is strongly moving towards the path of rapid progress and commitment.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji’s leadership has also established India as a true global leader”.

Shri Narendra Modi is not just the Prime Minister of the world’s largest democracy; he is also the ‘Pradhan Sewak’ who believes in the holistic development of our society and country through good moral and social values.

PM’S ONLY GOAL IS TO MAKE INDIA ‘VISHWAGURU’

Shri Nadda said, “I feel honoured to say that Shri Narendra Modi’s life journey has been spotless. He has led a life of a saint whose only motive and goal is welfare and upliftment of all. He always addresses problems and issues with a creative mindset and accomplishes his goals. His only goal and aim in life is to make India a ‘Vishwaguru’”.

The BJP National President further said, “I pray to the almighty God to give a long life to Shri Narendra Modi ji, keep him healthy so that he keeps on working and striving to make India a strong and powerful nation. We all wish and pray that Hon’ble Shri Narendra Modi ji’s journey of making India a ‘Vishwaguru’ is fulfilled soon and we all should all pledge to strengthen his hands and work tirelessly to achieve the goals”. ■

'WITH BOOTH VIJAY ABHIYAAN, ALL KARYAKARTAS ARE READY TO ENSURE BJP'S VICTORY IN UTTAR PRADESH'

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda launched party's "Booth Vijay Abhiyan" across 27,700 polling booths in Uttar Pradesh through video-conferencing on 11 September, 2021 and said people of the state had chosen politics of development in 2017. He said the party will win the Assembly elections next year too with a massive majority.

Launching the campaign, he said, "As per all surveys, a grand victory of the BJP is certain in UP. Not only in UP but the return of the BJP is certain in Uttrakhand, Goa and Manipur too." "It is a matter of pride for us that under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, the politics of caste, family, dynasty and religion in the country has been brought to an end and the politics of development has become popular. Under PM's leadership, the BJP won 325 seats in 2017 and made history. In the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections, people of UP gave their support to politics of development," Shri Nadda said. Salient points of BJP National President's speech:

- Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has reached new dimensions in development and progress.
- Whatever promises and commitments were made to the people of Uttar Pradesh in 2017 the Bharatiya Janata Party government led by Shri Yogi Adityanath has fulfilled all in true letter and spirit. The people of Uttar Pradesh have once again decided to give a massive mandate to the Yogi Government and the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- The moment we win the booth, our victory is ensured. We have to win each and every booth. With the start of the Booth Vijay Abhiyaan, the Bharatiya Janata Party and all its workers are ready and committed to ensure the BJP's victory in Uttar Pradesh assembly elections next year. With the blessings, trust and support of the people the Bharatiya Janata Party will once again form its government in Uttar Pradesh with a massive majority.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party's strength is its committed booth karyakartas. The BJP workers are our core strength. The Bharatiya Janata Party today has reached to this level due to the hard work, commitment, dedication and devotion of our booth level workers. We have to strengthen all our booths.
- Under the strong and decisive leadership of Shri Narendra Modi in the past seven years India's self confidence and image have got major boost, basic facilities to our citizens have been increased, the Bharatiya Janata Party government has brought into the national mainstream all those were left untouched by development and growth. Most importantly India today has become self reliant and has learnt how to deal with emergencies and major challenges.
- In Uttar Pradesh, the governments of the Samajwadi Party, the Bahujan Samaj Party and the Congress party favored and worked for only one family. They had nothing to do with the development, progress and growth of Uttar Pradesh.
- In the SP – BSP – Congress governments, the people of Uttar Pradesh were suppressed, distressed and victims while the goonda and anti-social elements were ruling the roost. Now under the strong and decisive Chief Ministership of Shri Yogi Adityanath all the goonda and anti social elements and corrupt

Lawlessness has ended, law and order situation has been strengthened and the politics of casteism, dynasty and appeasement has come to an end under the Bharatiya Janata Party government in Uttar Pradesh

people have been nailed down and taken to task.

- Under the strong leadership of Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath law and order has been strengthened in Uttar Pradesh. Goonda and anti-social elements have been forced to run from Uttar Pradesh. Fear in the eyes of anti-social and criminal elements is clearly visible.
- Under the Yogi government, properties of the Mafia have been seized in Uttar Pradesh while the cases of loot and dacoity and murders have been reduced by 50 per cent. The Yogi government has also been successful in making Uttar Pradesh 'danga mukt' (riot free) states.
- There was a time when it was difficult to chant Jai Shri Ram in Uttar Pradesh. The Lord Ram 'sewaks' were used to be fired upon. The Congress party even refused to recognize the existence of Lord Ram. Nowadays the Samajwadi Party, the Bahujan Samaj Party and the Congress party are doing the politics of convenience in the name of Lord Ram.
- Uttar Pradesh has today become the second



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state in the country in the 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings, which was way below the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party governments in the state. Today, the Per Capita Income in Uttar Pradesh is Rs. 94,495 while earlier it was just Rs. 47,116.

- The Narendra Modi government at the Centre has done a massive increase in the health budget to improve and strengthen the health infrastructure of the country. The health budget has been increased from Rs. 94,452 crores to Rs. 2.23 lakh crores.

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath has taken care of children who have been orphaned during the Corona pandemic by giving them a monthly stipend of Rs. 4000.
- Under the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna the Narendra

Modi government has so far disbursed over Rs. 1.5 lakh crores directly into the account of over 10 crore farmers across the country. In Uttar Pradesh over 2.54 crore farmers have been benefited by the various pro-farmer policies and programmes of the Narendra Modi government and we thank the Yogi Adityanath government for making this happen. ■

NEW ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda appointed former West Bengal BJP President Shri Dilip Ghosh and former Uttarakhand governor Smt. Baby Rani Maurya as the National Vice Presidents of Bharatiya Janata Party on 20 September, 2021. The BJP National President also appointed Lok Sabha MP from Balurghat, Shri Sukanta Majumdar as the State BJP President of West Bengal on the same day. As per the press release the appointments came into immediate effect from the date of announcement. ■



SHRI DILIP GHOSH
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT



SMT. BABY RANI MAURYA
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

SHRI SUKANTA MAJUMDAR
STATE BJP PRESIDENT
OF WEST BENGAL



CABINET APPROVES MAJOR REFORMS IN TELECOM SECTOR

To boost employment, growth, competition and consumer interests

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, on September 15 approved a number of structural and process reforms in the Telecom sector. These are expected to protect and generate employment opportunities, promote healthy competition, protect interests of consumers, infuse liquidity, encourage investment and reduce regulatory burden on Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).



In the backdrop of the outstanding performance of the Telecom Sector in meeting COVID-19 challenges, with huge surge in data consumption, online education, work from home, interpersonal

connect through social media, virtual meetings etc., the reform measures will further boost the proliferation and penetration of broadband and telecom connectivity. The Cabinet decision reinforces the Prime Minister's vision of a robust Telecom Sector. With competition and customer choice, Antyodaya for inclusive development and bringing the marginalized areas into the mainstream and universal broadband

access to connect the unconnected. The package is also expected to boost 4G proliferation, infuse liquidity and create an enabling environment for investment in 5G networks. ■

FDI INFLOWS GROW 62% DURING FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR OVER CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR

Measures taken by the Modi government on the fronts of FDI policy reforms, investment facilitation and 'Ease of Doing Business' have resulted in increased FDI inflows into the country. The following trends in India's Foreign Direct Investment are an endorsement of its status as a preferred investment destination amongst global investors:

India has attracted total FDI inflow of US\$ 27.37 billion during first four months of F.Y. 2021-22 which is 62% higher as compared to corresponding period of F.Y. 2020-21 (US\$ 16.92 billion).

FDI equity inflow grew by 112% in the first four months of F.Y. 2021-22 (US\$ 20.42 billion) compared to the year ago period (US\$ 9.61 billion).

'Automobile Industry' has emerged as the top sector during the first four months of F.Y. 2021-22 with 23% share of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by Computer Software & Hardware (18%) and Services Sector (10%) respectively.



Under the sector 'Automobile Industry', majority of FDI Equity inflow (87%) was reported in the state of Karnataka during the first four months of the current financial year (2021-22). Karnataka is the top recipient state during the F.Y. 2021-22 (upto July, 2021) with 45% share of the total FDI Equity inflows followed by Maharashtra (23%) and Delhi (12%). ■

CENTRE ENHANCES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OPEN AYUSH COLLEGES

The central government on 11 September has increased the financial support from Rs. nine crore to Rs. 70 crore to ensure more Ayush colleges are opened across the country, Union Minister for Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, said on 11 September. The Minister was addressing a conference on 'Diverse and Fulfilling Career Paths in Ayush Systems: Education, Entrepreneurship & Employment Focus on North eastern States' in Guwahati.

The Union minister said that there are only a few Ayush colleges in the North-East and the Indian traditional medicine systems can only be popularised by making available more qualified practitioners.

The minister also announced the starting of a Panchkarma Technician course affiliated to Health Sector Skill Council - National Skill Development Corporation at Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), Guwahati with 10 seats for 10+2 students to produce skilled manpower for Panchkarma therapy in NE region and enhance the employment opportunities in that part of the country.

"Career opportunities in the Ayush sector for professionals of all disciplines have increased dramatically during recent years. Moreover, consequent to these efforts, faith in the Ayush systems has been restored



among communities worldwide," Shri Sonowal said. He added that Ayush has a great potential to cater to a large number of healthcare needs of people and contribute to the growth and development of this country.

Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Science & Technology and Information & Broadcasting in the Government of Assam, Keshab Mahanta, was the guest of honour at the conference. ■

DAILY WHOLESALE PRICES OF EDIBLE OILS DROP SIGNIFICANTLY POST REDUCTION IN STANDARD RATE OF DUTY

Following Centre's bold move to slash standard rate of duty on edible oils to check prices, a massive difference on daily wholesale prices was reported.

The daily wholesale prices of packed Palm Oil dropped by 2.50% followed by Sesame Oil by 2.08%, Coconut Oil by 1.72%, packed Ground Nut Oil by 1.38%, packed Sunflower Oil by 1.30%, packed Mustard Oil by 0.97%, packed Vanaspati by 0.71% and packed Soya Oil by 0.68%.

Based on the interaction with all the States and Edible Oil Industry Associations, need for greater transparency was felt. As a follow up action the Department of Food and Public Distribution is in the process of creating a web portal for monitoring the

stocks of Edible Oils/Oilseeds on a weekly basis in the country. The data on the portal will be submitted by millers, refiners, stockists and wholesalers etc. States have also issued directions for display of retail price prominently to ensure fair pricing.

The Government of India, Vide Notification No. 42/2021- Customs, dated 10th September 2021, further reduced the standard rate of duty on

Crude Palm Oil, Crude Soyabean oil and Crude Sunflower Oil to 2.5% with effect from 11, September 2021.

The standard rate of duty on Refined Palm Oils, Refined Soyabean oil and Refined Sunflower Oil to 32.5% with effect from 11 September 2021. ■

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE SIGNS 5 MOUs FOR TAKING FORWARD DIGITAL AGRICULTURE

'MOUs AIMED AT INCREASING FARMERS INCOME AND PROTECTING THEIR PRODUCE'

Modernisation of the Agriculture sector will continue by infusing new technologies so that farmers can increase their income. Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar stated this at the MOU signing ceremony at KrishiBhavan on September 14. MOUs were signed for pilot projects with CISCO, Ninjacart, Jio Platforms Limited, ITC Limited and NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML).

Based on these pilot projects farmers will be able to take informed decisions on what crop to grow, what variety of seed to use and what best practises to adopt to maximise the yield. The agriculture supply chain players can plan their procurement and logistics on precise and timely information. Farmers can take informed decisions about whether to sell or store their produce and when and where and what price to sell.

A Digital agriculture mission has been initiated for 2021 -2025 by government for projects based on new technologies like artificial intelligence, block chain, remote sensing and GIS technology, use of drones and robots etc. Any attempt to transform Agriculture sector needs to imbibe an ecosystem thinking and a digital ecosystem. The Agriculture value chain extends from crop selection to crop management and the market; it involves public and private players in agricultural inputs and services and also logistics.

Establishing a digital ecosystem of agriculture needs to take a long-term view of aspects like interoperability,



data governance, data quality, data standards, security and privacy, besides promoting innovation. A significant requirement is adoption of a decentralized, federated architecture that assures autonomy to the service providers and all other actors and ensures interoperability at the same time. Recognizing the importance of Digitization in Agriculture the Department is creating a federated Farmers Database and building different Services around this Database so as to built Digital Ecosystems of Agriculture. Federated farmers' database will be linked by the land records of farmers from across the country and unique Farmer ID will be created. Under this unified database for all farmers the information of all benefits and supports of various schemes of Central & State Government can be kept and this can be the source for accessing information for providing benefits to farmers in the future. So far, the database is ready with details of around 5.5 crore farmers. ■

MyGov LAUNCHES PLANETARIUM INNOVATION CHALLENGE FOR INDIAN START-UPS AND TECH ENTREPRENEURS

MyGov India, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has launched the Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs in the second week of September .The challenge aims to bring together the tech firms and Start-ups (based out of India) with the potential to build an indigenous planetariums system software using latest technologies including Augmented Reality (A.R.), Virtual Reality (V.R.) and Merged Reality (M.R.).

Inspired by the Chandrayaan launches, Indian Space Research Organization conducted the ISRO Quiz competition 2019 in collaboration with MyGov where several schools, parents and enthusiastic mentors made it memorable through their active participation. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was accompanied by the Quiz winners from across the country to watch Chandrayaan 2 lunar landing live from the ISRO control room. 'We will succeed, no one can stop India', said PM to ISRO scientists, inspiring space enthusiasts all across the nation. ■

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DHARMA SUSTAINS THE SOCIETY

We shall have to examine the reasons why the state was established. No one will dispute that the state must have some specific aim, some ideal. Then this aim or ideal must consider to be of highest importance rather than the state which is created to fulfil this ideal. A watchman is not deemed greater than the treasure he is supposed to protect, nor is a treasure. 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.

Dharma is not confined to temples or mosques. Worship of God is only a part of Dharma. Dharma is much wider. In the past, temples have served as effective medium to educate people in their Dharma. However just as schools themselves do not constitute knowledge, so also temples do not constitute Dharma. A child may attend school regularly and yet may remain uneducated. So also, it is possible that a person may visit temple or mosque without break and yet he may not know his Dharma. To attend temple or mosque constitutes a part of religion, sect., creed, but not necessarily "Dharma". Many misconceptions that originated from faulty English translations, include this most harmful confusion of Dharma with religion.

DHARMA AND RELIGION ARE DIFFERENT

On the one hand we used the word religion as synonymous with "Dharma" and on the other hand increasing ignorance, neglect of our society and Dharma, and greater acceptance of European life, became the outstanding features of our education. As a result all the characteristics of a narrow religion, especially as practiced in the West were attributed automatically to the concept of Dharma also. Since in the West, injustice atrocities, were perpetrated, bitter conflicts and battles were fought in the name of religion, all these were unblock listed on the debit

"INTEGRAL HUMANISM"

-PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA



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side of "Dharma" also. We felt that in the name of Dharma also battles were fought. However battles of religion and battles for Dharma are two different things. Religion means a creed or a sect; it does not mean Dharma. Dharma is very wide concept. It is concerned with all aspects of life. It sustains the society. Even further, it sustains the whole world. That which sustains is "Dharma".

The fundamental principles of Dharma are eternal and universal. Yet, their implementation may differ according to time, place and circumstances. It is a fact that a human being requires food for maintaining his body. However, what a particular person should eat in, how much quantity, at what intervals is all decided according to circumstances. It is possible at times that even fasting is advisable. If a typhoid patient is given normal food, the consequences may

be disastrous. For such a person, keeping away from food is necessary, similarly the principles of Dharma have to be adapted to changing times and space.

Some rules are temporary and others are valid for longer periods. There are some rules regulating our conduct at this meeting. One of the rules is that I speak and you listen with attention. If in contravention of this rule, you start conversing with one another or addressing the gathering at the same time, then there will be disorder; our work will not progress: the meeting will not be sustained. It can be said that you have not observed your Dharma. Thus it is our Dharma that we observed your Dharma. Thus it is our Dharma that we observed the rules by which the meeting proceeds smoothly. But this rule is applicable only as long as this meeting lasts. If after the meeting is over, even when you reach home, you continue to observe this rule and do not speak, a different problem will arise. Your family might have to call in a doctor. At home, the rules suitable there will have to be observed. The complete treatise on the rules in general, and their philosophical basis is the meaning of Dharma. These rules cannot be arbitrary. They

should be such as to sustain and further existence and progress of the entity which they serve. At the same time they should be in agreement with and supplementary to the larger framework of Dharma of which they form a part. For instance, when we form a registered society, we have the right to frame the rules and regulations, but these cannot be contradictory to the constitution of the society. The constitution itself cannot violate the Societies Registration Act. The act has to be within the provision of the constitution of the country. In other words, the constitution of the country is a fundamental document which governs the formulation of all acts in the country. In Germany the constitution is known as the "Basic Law".

Is the constitution too, not subject to some principles of more fundamental nature? Or is it a product of any arbitrary decisions of the constituent assembly? On serious consideration, it will be clear that even the constitution has to follow certain basic principles of Nature. Constitution is for sustaining the

nation. If instead it is instrumental in its deterioration, then it must be pronounced improper. It must be amended. The amendment is also not solely dependent on majority opinion. Now-a-days the majority is much talked of. Is the majority capable of doing anything and everything? Is the action of the majority always just and proper? No. In the West, the king used to be the sovereign. There after when royalty was deprived of its so-called divine rights, sovereignty was proclaimed to be with the people. Here in Our country neither the kings, nor the people, nor the parliament have had absolute sovereignty. Parliament cannot legislate arbitrarily.

It is said about the British parliament that it is sovereign and can do anything. They say that "British Parliament can do everything except making a woman a man and vice versa." But is it possible for

the parliament to legislate that every Englishman must walk on his head? It is not possible. Can they pass an act that everyone in England must present himself before the local authority once everyday? They cannot. England has no written constitution. They regard

tradition highly. But their traditions too have undergone change. What is the basis for making changes in their traditions? Whichever tradition proved an obstacle in the progress of England, was discarded. Those which were helpful in the progress were consolidated.

The traditions are respected everywhere, just as in England. We have written constitution, but even this written constitutions cannot go contrary to the traditions of this country. In as much as it does go contrary to our traditions, it is not fulfilling Dharma. That constitution which sustains the nation is in tune with Dharma. Dharma sustains the nation. Hence we have always given primary importance to Dharma, which is considered sovereign. All other entities, institutions or authorities derive their power from Dharma and are subordinate to it. ■

To be continued...

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

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RAJMATA VIJAYA RAJE SCINDHIA

SHAT SHAT NAMAN!

Rajmata Smt. Vijaya Raje Scindhia is remembered as a towering leader of BJP and one of the founders of the party. She belonged to erstwhile Royal family of Gwalior.

Born in 1919 at Sagar in present-day Madhya Pradesh, Smt. Vijaya Raje Scindhia was the eldest child of Thakur Mahendra Singh, a government officer, by his second wife, Chuda Devashwari Devi. She was named Lekha Divyeshwari Devi at birth. Her father was a deputy collector in the provincial administration. Her mother, who belonged to the influential Rana family of Nepal, died at Vijaya Raje's birth. In 1941, at the age of 22, Lekha was married to Jivajirao Scindia, Maharaja of Gwalior, one of the largest, richest and highest-ranking 21-gun-salute princely states in India. As per tradition, a new name was chosen for 'Lekha' based upon the matching of the couple's horoscopes, and she assumed the name 'Vijayaraje Scindia'. She had active association with the Jana Sangh and later with the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Rajmata Vijayaraje entered into electoral politics in 1957 when she contested and won the Guna Lok Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh on a Congress ticket. Five years later, she won on a Congress ticket from Gwalior. Later, she quit the Congress and won the Guna seat in 1967 on Swatantra Party's ticket. She again soon joined Bharatiya Jan Sangh and resigned from Lok



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Sabha to take part in state politics. She was elected from Karera assembly seat in Madhya Pradesh as the Jan Sangh candidate in 1967 and plunged headlong into state politics.

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elections in 1977 and 1984 and lost to Smt. Indira Gandhi in Rae Bareilly in 1980. In 1989, she won from Guna as member of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and retained the seat in 1991, 1996 and 1998. She did not contest the elections in 1999 due to old age. She was jailed by Indira Gandhi during the Emergency, ultimately sharing a cell with fellow Rajmata and MP, Gayatri Devi, in Tihar Jail.

Vijayaraje came to the forefront of the BJP leadership in 1980 when she was made one of its vice-presidents. She played a key role in propagating the Ramjanmabhoomi movement and was considered a committed nationalist. She remained a BJP vice-president until 1998 when she stepped down on health grounds and quit electoral politics. She left for her heavenly abode in January 2001. With her demise the BJP lost a powerful matriarchal figure. ■

'INSTABILITY AND FUNDAMENTALISM IN AFGHANISTAN, WILL ENCOURAGE TERRORIST ALL OVER WORLD'



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated virtually in the 21st Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), and through video-message in the Joint SCO-CSTO Outreach Session on Afghanistan. The 21st meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State was held on 17 September 2021 in Dushanbe in hybrid format. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Emomali Rahmon, the President of Tajikistan. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Summit via video-link. At Dushanbe, India was represented by External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar. In his address, Prime Minister highlighted the problems caused by growing radicalisation and extremism in the broader SCO region, which runs counter to the history of the region as a bastion of moderate and progressive cultures and values. The text of the speech is as follows:

Excellencies,

At the outset, let me congratulate President Rahmon on his successful Presidency of the SCO Council. This year we are also celebrating the 20th anniversary of SCO. The 20th anniversary of the SCO is also a suitable occasion to think about the future of the SCO. I believe that the biggest challenges in this area are related to peace, security and trust-deficit and the root cause of these problems is increasing radicalization. Recent developments in Afghanistan have made this challenge more apparent. SCO should take an initiative on this issue.

In India, and almost in all SCO countries, there are moderate, tolerant and inclusive institutions and traditions associated with Islam. SCO should work to develop a strong network between them. In this context, I appreciate the useful work being done by SCO-RATS. We expect our SCO partners to actively participate in the calendar of activities that has been built for India's Presidency of SCO-RATS.

Fighting radicalization is not only necessary for regional security and mutual trust, but it is also necessary for the bright future of our younger generations. To compete with the developed world, our region has to become a stakeholder in emerging

technologies. For this we have to encourage our talented youth towards science and rational thinking.

We can promote this kind of thinking and innovative spirit by connecting our young entrepreneurs and start-ups. With this approach, India organized the first SCO Start-Up Forum and Young Scientists Conference last year. In the previous years, India has successfully used technology in its development journey.

One of the main reasons for the success of SCO is that its core focus has been on the priorities of the region.

My suggestions on radicalization, connectivity and people-to-people relations will further strengthen this role of SCO. Before I conclude, let me once again thank our host, President Rahmon. ■

PM'S REMARKS ON AFGHANISTAN

The recent developments in Afghanistan will have the greatest impact on neighboring countries like us. And, that is why it is necessary to create a regional focus and cooperation on this issue. In this context, we have to pay attention to four issues.

- The first issue is that the transition of power in Afghanistan is not inclusive, and it has happened without negotiation.
- The second is that, if instability and fundamentalism persist in Afghanistan, it will encourage terrorist and extremist ideologies all over the world.
- The third issue related to developments in Afghanistan is the uncontrolled flow of drugs, illegal weapons and human trafficking.
- The fourth issue is the serious humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

PRIME MINISTER MODI CHAIRS 13TH BRICS SUMMIT

BRICS PLATFORM HAS WITNESSED SEVERAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 13th BRICS Summit virtually on 9 September. The theme of the Summit, chosen by India, was, BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus. The Summit saw the participation of all other BRICS Leaders - President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, President Vladimir Putin of Russia, President Xi Jinping of China, and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa.

Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the cooperation received from BRICS partners during India's Chairship this year, which allowed the achievement of several new initiatives. These included the first BRICS Digital Health Summit; the first BRICS Ministerial Joint Statement on multilateral reforms; a BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan; an Agreement on cooperation in field of remote-sensing satellites; a virtual BRICS vaccine Research & Development Centre; BRICS Alliance on Green Tourism, etc.

Highlighting the leading role that BRICS countries can play in the post-COVID global

recovery, Prime Minister called for enhanced BRICS cooperation under the motto of 'Build-back Resiliently, Innovatively, Credibly and Sustainably'.

Elaborating on these themes, Prime Minister stressed the need for accelerating 'build-back' by enhancing speed and accessibility of vaccination, creating 'resilience' by diversifying pharma and vaccine production capacities beyond the developed world, fostering 'innovation' by creatively using digital tools for public good, ensuring reform of multilateral institutions to enhance their 'credibility', and promoting 'sustainable' development by articulating a common BRICS voice on environmental and climate issues.

The leaders also discussed important regional and global issues, including recent developments in Afghanistan. There was convergence of views on the threat posed by growth of terrorism and extremism, and all BRICS partners agreed to accelerate implementation of the BRICS Action Plan on

Counter-Terrorism.

At the conclusion of the Summit, the leaders adopted the 'New Delhi Declaration'. ■



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- Today we are an influential voice for the emerging economies of the world: PM
- BRICS has created strong institutions like the New Development Bank, the Contingency Reserve Arrangement and the Energy Research Cooperation Platform.
- We have adopted the BRICS Counter Terrorism Action Plan.

A REFORMER WHO CARES ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES

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JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA

Today is the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. His 20-year long journey in electoral politics, first as the CM of Gujarat and now as PM, makes him one of the longest serving elected leaders. His charisma and strong political and emotional bonding have swayed the people of India. So when an international survey tells us that he is the world's most popular political leader, we Indians are not at all surprised.

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PM believes in the holistic

development of our society and country through good moral and social values. He always leads from the front in addressing the nation's most complex and difficult problems, and doesn't rest till the goals are achieved. Did Indians ever believe that Articles 370 and 35A would be abolished? Everything changed on August 5, 2019, thanks to the unwavering commitment of the PM to fulfil

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our pledge of 'One Nation One Constitution' and make Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of India.

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A STRONG HELPING HAND IN THE PANDEMIC

After PM Lal Bahadur Shastri, PM Modi is the only leader who has an electrifying effect on the masses and on whose call the entire nation gets united. During the corona pandemic, his appeals have been religiously followed by every citizen. On his clarion call, donations poured in the PM Cares Fund, voluntary organisations came forward to help citizens, and people shunned their apprehensions to join the world's largest and fastest vaccination drive.

One of his stellar qualities is quick decision making which differentiates him from his predecessors as well as his contemporaries. He stunned the world by developing the 'Made in India' corona vaccine in record time and ramping up medical oxygen supplies within days when the corona crisis deepened. This is the charisma of our pradhan sewak.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE AND COMMITMENTS

Prior to 2014, manifestos of political parties just used to be a tool to garner votes. But today every word written in the BJP's election manifesto is sacrosanct.

It has become the most important guide for our government.

The buzzword for Modi government's work culture is 'PRAGATI' (Proactive Governance and Timely Implementation) which ensures timely delivery of projects and programmes sans corruption and nepotism. This has led to completion of projects which had been stalled for over decades. Another important initiative is www.mygov.in – the website he launched with the thought of connecting directly with the people. And through the hugely popular 'Mann ki Baat', the PM converses directly with the people.

He is also the torchbearer for our children and a great motivational 'guru'. Through his unique initiative of 'Pariksha Pe

Charcha', he not only relieves exam related stress in our students but also gives them confidence and motivates them. He himself has always led a disciplined life – from being a bal swayamsewak to becoming the pradhan sewak.

FOR US TODAY AND EVERY DAY IS SEWA DIWAS

A key goal is uplifting the standard of living of farmers, Dalits, women, the downtrodden, marginalised and the youth. As the pandemic rages on, around 80 crore people in the country are being provided free food grains. Free medical insurance worth Rs 5 lakh has been provided to 55 crore people through the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Around 12 crore farmers, 80%

of whom are small and marginal farmers, are being provided annual financial assistance of Rs 6,000 under the Kisan Samman Nidhi. A new paradigm is being set for affordable housing for the poor where homes are equipped with water, electricity and LPG cylinder connection.

BJP has always celebrated the birthday of Shri Narendra Modi as 'Sewa Diwas'. This time party cadres are working to fast-track the Covid vaccination programme across the country. His stupendous success is the result of absolute dedication to people's welfare and wellbeing. His only aim is to make India a Vishwaguru. ■

(The Writer is National President of the BJP)

THERE IS LOT OF SCOPE FOR AMERICAN AND INDIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRIES FOR CO-PRODUCTION

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has invited US companies to invest in India and contribute in realising the dream of 'Make in India, Make for the World' envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He was delivering the inaugural address on 15 September at the 18th India-US Economic Summit, on the theme 'Bouncing Back – Resilient Recovery Path Post COVID-19', organised by Indo-American Chamber of Commerce through video conferencing on September 15, 2021.

Terming defence sector as an integral part of not just the security but overall growth of the country, Shri Rajnath Singh stated the initiatives taken by the Government have transformed India into a strong and reliable investment destination.

The Raksha Mantri called upon the industry leaders to focus on transfer of technology through joint ventures to realise the country's true potential in defence sector.

Shri Rajnath Singh emphasised that there is a lot of scope for the American and Indian defence Industries for co-production and co-development, adding that Indian industry can supply components to American Industries. Expressing confidence that American firms will find India as a major investment destination for defence manufacturing, he assured the Industry that the Government is open for new ideas to create a business-friendly environment in India and is committed to push all types of entrepreneurship and manufacturing in the defence sector.



The Raksha Mantri highlighted that, despite the COVID-19 situation, the country's economy is back on track due to the steps taken by the Government. "India's GDP has shown a 'V' shaped growth curve in the last two years. Where the growth witnessed a contraction of 24 per cent last year, a jump of 20 per cent has been seen in the first quarter of this year. It is a reflection of the country's sound economic fundamentals," he said. ■

UNION HOME MINISTER ADDRESSES AMRIT MAHOTSAV & LAUNCH OF UJJWALA 2.0 IN JABALPUR, MP PM MODI MAKING INDIA STRONG AND SELF-RELIANT: AMIT SHAH

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a programme in honor of tribal heroes as part of the 75th Amrit Mahotsav at Garrison Ground, Sadar, Jabalpur and in another event he addressed people on the occasion of launch of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana 2.0 on September 18. He also paid floral tributes to the statues of Raja Shankar Shah and Kunwar Raghunath Shah ji at Malgodam Chowk in Jabalpur. On this occasion, he also performed Bhoomi Pujan of the museum in memory of Amar Shaheed Raja Shankar Shah and Kunwar Raghunath Shah ji. On this occasion Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and State BJP President Shri Vishnudutt Sharma and others were present.



Shri Shah said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is marching on the path of making India a strong and self-reliant country with the aim of bringing smiles on the faces of every poor, giving employment to every youth, to teach every illiterate and to feed every hungry person.

It is very unfortunate that previous governments did the crime of forgetting and not recognising the contributions and sacrifices of freedom fighters belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, big public figures and those who laid down their lives for the country. The supreme sacrifices which the people from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes people gave for attaining freedom

of our country no one gave so much of sacrifices.

He further said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi decided to organise the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in honour and remembrance of those freedom fighters who were not given due recognition and their contributions were forgotten. All the unknown freedom fighters will be given their due and their supreme sacrifices will be remembered. Programmes will be held so that future generations will continue to remember them.

AMIT SHAH ADDRESSES BOOTH PRESIDENTS IN JABALPUR

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the convention of booth presidents of Jabalpur Parliamentary Constituency in Jabalpur on September 18. On this occasion he urge the Karyakartas to spread the achievements of the Modi Government at the Center and Shivraj Government of the State.

Shri Shah said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is a party dedicated to the welfare of the



people running on the basis of ideology and organizational strength. He said, the real strength of the Bharatiya Janata Party is its booth workers. My political journey also started as a booth level worker. ■

HINDI IS FRIEND OF ALL INDIAN LANGUAGES AND IT CAN PROGRESS ONLY THROUGH CO-EXISTENCE: AMIT SHAH

The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah attended the Hindi Divas - 2021 programme as the Chief Guest at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 14 September. On this occasion, Shri Amit Shah also presented the Rajbhasha Kirti and Rajbhasha Gaurav Awards to Ministries, Departments, Undertakings who have done excellent work in the Official Language during the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation also released the 160th issue of the "Rajbhasha Bharati" booklet.

In his address, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation said that when we accepted the Constitution, along with it, we also decided on 14th September, 1949 that the official

language of India would be Hindi and that its script would be Devanagari.

Shri Amit Shah said 14th September is a day to assess what we have done for our languages and the Official Language and what we have done to promote them, what we have done to protect and promote them, especially for the young generation, to command their respect and glory for the local languages.

The Union Home Minister said that the Department of Official

Language is an important part of the Ministry of Home Affairs and we have decided that this year, special efforts will be made to protect, promote and popularize the Official Language. ■



'TELANGANA VIMOCHAN DIWAS'

NATION WILL BE INDEBTED TO THE PERSONALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH HYDERABAD LIBERATION

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed a huge public meeting organized on the occasion of 'Telangana Vimochan Diwas' in Nirmal, Telangana on September 17. Shri Shah Saluted the sacrifices of the freedom fighters on the occasion and said that the nation will always be indebted to the supreme sacrifices of these personalities. He also greeted the people of Telangana and Marathwada on the occasion of Hyderabad Liberation Day and said that the country will always be indebted to those who laid down their lives for the unity of the country. It is to be known that the then princely state of Hyderabad merged with the Indian Union on September 17, 1948, after the military action initiated by the then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Shri Shah said, 'It was due to the valour and courage of iron man Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel that after 13 months of India's Independence on September 17, 1948 the people of Telangana were saved from the clutches of

Nizam and Rajakars and got their independence. With this the famous Polo mission came to an end.

He further said, in Telangana religion based reservation has been given. The Bharatiya Janata Party believes that reservation should never be given on the basis of religion. We strongly oppose reservation based on religion. This is against our Constitution. The Bharatiya Janata Party strongly opposes it.

The TRS feels that every election is won by money power. But the people of Telangana have now said goodbye to the politics of money power, muscle power, politics of dynasty and appeasement.

Shri Shah said that the Bharatiya Janata Party has taken the rightful decision that whenever the BJP will form government in Telangana, every year on September 17 will be officially celebrated as 'Hyderabad Vimochan Diwas'. State BJP President Shri Sanjay Bandi, Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy and others were present on the occasion. ■

PLI FOR ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

BY VIKASH ANAND

Presenting the budget (FY 2021-22) in Parliament, Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized on need to double digit growth in manufacturing sector. She said, "Manufacturing companies need to become an integral part of global supply chains, possess core competence and state-of-the-art technology." To accomplish the goal, Production Linked Incentive scheme (PLI) was launched across 13 sectors. About Rs. 1.97 lakh crore was provisioned for PLI in FY 2021-22 budgets. Under the scheme direct incentive is provided by the government on incremental sales. The incentive will be given to those domestic manufacturing units which manage additional sales for a period of five years subsequent to the base year. PLI will be also provided on incremental investment. Substantial goal of the scheme is to boost domestic manufacturing and enhancing export capacity and to attract foreign investment in manufacturing. The initiative will be also able to improve balance of payment by quantifying export and reducing import. This initiative is inspired by government's Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (Self-reliant Campaign).

Earlier in March 2020, PLI had been announced in three sectors- Drug Intermediates (DIs) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing and Manufacturing of Medical Devices. Additional 10 sectors which include Electronic/Technology Products, Telecom & Networking Products, Food Products, White Goods, High-Efficiency Solar PV Modules, Automobiles & Auto Components, Advance Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery, Textile Products and Specialty Steel are announced in the Budget of this year.

Taking forward the scheme, Modi Government on 15th September, 2021 approved a PLI scheme with an outlay of Rs 26,058 crore for the automobile and drone sector to boost electric vehicle and hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle manufacturing in the country. PLI Scheme for Automobile Industry and Drone Industry is part of the overall announcement of PLI Schemes for 13 sectors made in the Union Budget 2021-22.

The PLI scheme for the auto sector will incentivize high value advanced automotive technology vehicles and products and will create jobs. This scheme will be helpful in creating additional 7.5 lakhs job, further this will increase India's share in global automotive trade. This

NO.	SECTOR	PLI SCHEME OUTLAY
1	Auto components	Rs. 57,042 cr
2	Automobile	Rs. 57,042 Cr
3	Aviation	Rs. 120 Cr.
4	Chemicals	Rs. 18,100 Cr.
5	Electronics System	Rs. 40,000 Cr (Large Scale Electronics manufacturing) Rs. 7,325 Cr. (IT Hardware)
6	Food Processing	Rs. 10,900 Cr.
7	Medical devices	Rs. 18,420 Cr.
8	Metals & Mining	Rs. 6,322 Cr.
9	Pharmaceuticals	Rs. 21,940 Cr.
10	Renewable Energy	Rs. 4,500 Cr.
11	Telecom	Rs. 12,195 Cr.
12	Textile & Apparel	Rs. 10,683 Cr.
13	White Goods	Rs. 6,238 Cr.

scheme for auto and auto components businesses will benefit micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Earlier last year, the Union Cabinet had approved PLI scheme with an outlay of Rs 57,043 crore for auto manufacturing industry. The PLI scheme was later modified to focus on advanced automotive technologies. The newly-announced PLI scheme will be effective from FY23 for five years and the base

year for eligibility criteria would be 2019-20. Both the existing automotive companies and the new investors will be eligible to take the benefit of this scheme.

The PLI scheme across these sectors will make Indian manufacturers globally competitive, attract investment in the areas of core competency and cutting-edge technology; ensure efficiencies; create economies of scale; enhance exports and make India an integral part of the global supply chain.

ACC battery manufacturing represents one of the largest economic opportunities of the twenty-first century for several global growth sectors, such as consumer electronics, electric vehicles, and renewable

“PLI scheme aims at boosting domestic manufacturing and exports, is expected to increase country’s production by \$520 billion in the next five years”
-Narendra Modi

energy. The PLI scheme for ACC battery will incentivize large domestic and international players in establishing a competitive ACC battery set-up in the country. The automotive industry is a major economic contributor in India. The PLI scheme will make the Indian automotive Industry more competitive and will enhance globalization of the Indian automotive sector.

According to government’s data, the Indian pharmaceutical industry is the third largest in the world by volume and 14th largest in terms of value. It contributes 3.5% of the total drugs and medicines exported globally. India possesses the complete ecosystem for development and manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and a robust ecosystem of allied industries. The PLI scheme will incentivize the global and domestic players to engage in high value production.

Telecom equipment forms a critical and strategic element of building a secured telecom infrastructure and India aspires to become a major original equipment manufacturer of telecom and networking products. The PLI scheme is expected to attract large investments from global players and help domestic companies seize the emerging opportunities and become big players in the export market.

The Indian textile industry has a share of ~5% of global exports in textiles and apparel. But India’s share in the manmade fibre (MMF) segment is low in contrast to the global consumption pattern. The PLI scheme will attract large investment in the sector to further boost domestic manufacturing, especially in the MMF segment and technical textiles. The growth of the processed food industry leads to better price for farmers and reduces high levels of wastage.

India in last one financial year brought down import of solar PV panels to 571 million dollar by encouraging domestic manufacturers. Apart from protective tariff measures, focused PLI scheme for solar PV modules will incentivize domestic and global players to build large-scale solar PV capacity in India and help India leapfrog in capturing the global value chains for solar

PV manufacturing.

White goods (air conditioners and LEDs) have very high potential of domestic value addition and making these products globally competitive. A PLI scheme for the sector will lead to more domestic manufacturing, generation of jobs and increased exports.

Several companies like Daikin, Panasonic, Hitachi, Mettube, Nidec, Voltas, Bluestar, Havells, Amber, EPack, TVS-Lucas, Dixon, R K Lighting, Uniglobus, RadhikaOpto, Syska among others have applied for manufacturing critical components of Air conditioners and LED Lights.

A total of 52 companies have filed their application with committed investment of Rs 5,866 crore under the PLI scheme to incentivize the domestic manufacturing of components of White Goods (Air conditioners and LED lights), applications for which closed on 15 September, 2021. The PLI Scheme on White goods was notified on 16 April, 2021. 21 firms will invest Rs. 871 crore for LED components. 31 firms have committed about Rs. 4,995 crore for AC component manufacturing. India’s annual market for ACs is more than 7 million , but irony is that out of which 6 million are assembled with just 25% domestic value addition. PLI scheme has potential to reverse the ratio of value addition with manifold production capacity’

India is the world’s second largest steel producer in the world. According to data shared by the Ministry of Steel, India exported 10.7 million tonnes of finished steel during 2020-21. India exports steel to more than 170 countries. It has the potential to become a champion in certain grades of steel. A PLI scheme in Specialty Steel will help in enhancing manufacturing capabilities for value added steel leading to increase in total exports.

After the launch of the scheme, foreign companies like Toyota-Tsusho and Sumida are also planning to shift their manufacturing units to India. According to a report, around 1,000 companies have engaged in discussions with the Indian officials at various levels for shifting its manufacturing base in India. About 300 companies belonging to sectors like mobiles, electronics, medical devices, textiles and synthetic fabric are actively pursuing production plans.

The PLI scheme has created catalyst effect for Indian Economy by attracting foreign firms and lending agencies. PLI scheme shall create strong assets in long run and will strengthen the foundations of the Indian economy by 2024. ■



BHUPENDRA PATEL TAKES OATH AS NEW CHIEF MINISTER OF GUJARAT

Shri Bhupendra Patel took oath as the 17th Chief Minister of Gujarat on 13 September, 2021 a day after he was unanimously elected as BJP legislature party leader. Shri Patel (59) is MLA from Ghatlodia constituency of Gujarat. His name was proposed by former CM Shri Vijay Rupani and seconded by outgoing Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitin Patel.

Shri Bhupendra Patel was sworn in by Governor Shri Acharya Devvrat at a simple ceremony at the state capital in Gandhinagar. Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah attended Shri Patel's swearing-in ceremony. Besides Shri Shah, Chief Ministers of some BJP-ruled states like Haryana CM Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Madhya Pradesh CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Goa CM Shri Pramod Sawant were among those present at the Raj Bhavan during the ceremony.

Soon after, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated Shri Patel for taking oath as the Gujarat CM. In a twitter message he said, "I have known him for years and have seen his exemplary work, be it in the BJP Organisation or in civic administration and community service. He will certainly enrich Gujarat's growth trajectory".

He added, "During his five years as CM, Vijay Rupani Ji has undertaken many people-friendly measures. He worked tirelessly for all sections of society. I am certain he will continue to contribute to public service in the times to come."

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, CMs of BJP ruled states and other senior leaders present on the occasion congratulated Shri Bhupendra Patel after the swearing-in ceremony.

BRIEF LIFE SKETCH

- Shri Bhupendra Patel was born on 15 July, 1962 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- He has received Diploma in Civil Engineering from the Government Polytechnic, Ahmedabad in April 1982.
- He has been associated with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.
- Shri Patel was the member of Memnagar Nagarpalika in 1995-96, 1999-2000 and 2004-06.
- He was the President of Memnagar Nagarpalika in 1999-2000.
- He was Vice-Chairman of school board of Amdavad Municipal Corporation (AMC) from 2008 to 2010.
- He was a chairman of the Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA) from 2015 to 2017.
- He became a member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly for the Ghatlodia constituency after winning the 2017 Gujarat Legislative Assembly elections with a record margin of 1,17,000 votes.
- On 12 September 2021, Shri Patel was unanimously elected as the BJP legislative party leader and Chief Minister elect of Gujarat in the party legislature meeting at Gandhinagar.
- He was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on 13 September 2021.

24 GUJARAT MINISTERS TAKE OATH

The new Gujarat cabinet consisting of 24 ministers took oath at Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar on 16 September, 2021. MLA from Bhuj, Smt. Nimaben Acharya is the new Speaker of the Gujarat Assembly.

Gujarat Governor Shri Acharya Devvrat administered oath to 24 ministers in the new cabinet. Out of the 24 ministers 10 are cabinet ministers and 14 ministers of state and five Ministers of State with Independent charge.

The cabinet ministers are; Rajendra Trivedi, Jitu Vaghani, Rushikesh Patel, Purnesh Modi, Raghavji Patel, Kanubhai Desai, Kiritsinh Rana, Naresh Patel, Pradip Parmar and Arjunsinh Chauhan. ■

KARYAKARTAS MUST MAKE COVID VACCINATION DRIVE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL: JP NADDA

The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 10 September, 2021 addressed the media on the successes of 'Rashtriya Swasthya Swayamsevak Abhiyan' and congratulated the entire Bharatiya Janata Party and the team who made this possible in a record time. Excerpts of the address;

- On July 28, 2021 I had started the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Swayamsevak Abhiyan' with the goal of training at least 4 lakh Swasthya Swayamsevaks in two lakh villages across the country.
- Under the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Swayamsevak Abhiyan' we have trained and created a force of 6,88,000 volunteers in just 43 days. For this marvelous achievement I heartily congratulate the entire Bharatiya Janata Party and the team and my colleagues who made this possible in a record time.
- All our health volunteers are trained in antigen testing, blood pressure management apart from other skills which are needed in identifying a Corona patient and also to give them basic treatment. Soon the number of our health volunteers -- 'Swasthya Swayamsevaks' -- will cross 8 lakhs, further strengthening our force of health volunteers in dealing with the Corona pandemic.
- Every year the Bharatiya Janata Party celebrates September 17, the birthday of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, as 'Sewa Diwas', and this year on September 17 we will give new dimensions to the vaccination drive and set a new benchmark.
- I would urge each and every worker of the Bharatiya Janata Party that on September 17 they will ensure that whosoever has been left unvaccinated in their booths should get their vaccination done at their nearest vaccination centre. BJP workers will ensure and coordinate that everyone gets vaccinated without any delay.
- On September 17 we will go out with full preparation



to make the mega vaccination drive successful. It is the responsibility of every BJP worker that no one should be left out of this massive vaccination drive being carried out across India.

- To make our vaccination drive highly successful I will send a message to all the Bharatiya Janata Party workers on September 11. On September 13, I will discuss the preparedness of the mega vaccination drive with all the BJP state presidents and organizational general secretaries. On September 15, I will interact with all the Swasthya Swayamsevaks, the number of whom would have crossed 7 lakhs by then, which will ensure that we are fully ready and committed to make the massive vaccination drive highly successful and that no citizen should remain unvaccinated.

- The workforce of trained Swasthya Swayamsevaks we have today will help the country and health departments across the States to make various health programmes successful. We will also make programmes and policies in this direction so that optimum utilisation of our trained Swasthya Swayamsevaks could be done.
- India has set various world records in its highly successful Covid vaccination drive. India's Covid vaccination drive is the world's largest and fastest vaccination drive. India today is fast vaccinating its citizens and is also helping various countries in its vaccination drive.
- I appeal to all the Bharatiya Janata Party workers to make maximum effort to make the Covid vaccination drive highly successful. Each and every worker of the party should motivate people across the country to get vaccinated at the earliest. ■

INDIAN VACCINATION DRIVE CREATES MANY RECORDS

BY VIPUL SHARMA

India has been successfully implementing the largest, fastest and free vaccination drive in the world. And we have many things to celebrate during this tremendous drive. Recently, on the birthday of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi we have created a new world record by administering 2.5 crore Covid-19 vaccination shots in a single day, which is highest vaccination given by any country in the world. Our grassroots-level healthcare system has delivered over 800 million vaccine doses so far. Over 200 million Indians are now fully vaccinated, and this is not the first time India has administered over one crore doses in a day, previously we have breached this mark successfully on the three occasions as well. It is believed that with current pace we will touch the 100 crore vaccination by next month.

During the pandemic period India discharged its duty as a responsible country and not only delivered medical equipment and essential drugs to 150 countries around the world but we have provided 'Made in India' vaccines to 95 countries around the globe. Apart from this India has also administered 180 million doses in the month of the August 2021, this number is greater than the vaccination number of all the G7 nation, which includes developed countries like United Kingdom, the United State of America, Italy, Germany, France and Japan. Indian states like Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim also joined the benchmark and administered single dose of vaccination to 100 percent of their eligible population. The most remarkable thing about this vaccination drive is that India is running this drive with

two indigenously developed and produced vaccines. These vaccines are not only safe but have proven their efficacy in the world.

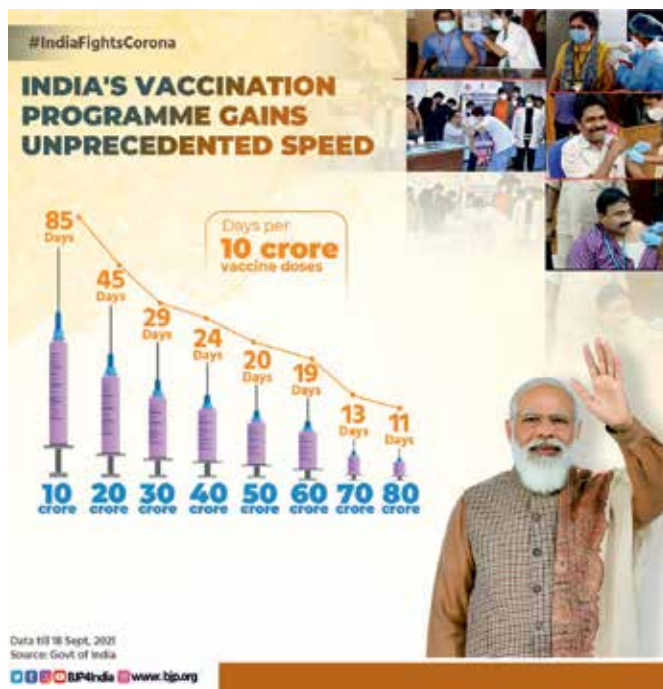
India has been able to achieve all these milestones only under the extraordinary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The mettle of the able leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been proven on the world stage on various occasion and when Coronavirus struck in year 2020, we have seen many unprecedented measures which have been taken by the Indian. It is believed that

pandemic like Covid-19 affect the humanity once in the hundred years and to deal with such situations we need out of box thinking and some extraordinary measures which showcase in each and every decision of PM Shri Modi. The launch of world's largest, fastest and free vaccination program was one of those decisions. The Modi government has taken some major steps in term of protecting our population from the Covid-19 pandemic and one of these decisions was to start a free

mass Covid- 19 vaccination drive with indigenously develop Covid-19 vaccines.

'MADE IN INDIA' VACCINES

India has 17.7% (1.39 billion) of the world's population, and vaccine production has therefore been a challenge for the country. But, Indian scientist have done commendable job in India's vaccine journey. India's vaccination program began with the emergency use authorization for two vaccines, namely the AstraZeneca-Oxford University 'Covishield', and



INDIA CREATES WORLD RECORD ON PM'S BIRTHDAY WITH 2.5 CRORE VACCINATIONS

India administered over 2.5 crore Covid vaccinations in a day for the first time on September 17 on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's birthday. Earlier, the Prime Minister took to Twitter to declare that "every Indian would be proud of today's record vaccination numbers" and thanked healthcare and frontline workers who had worked hard to make the vaccination drive a success. In the evening, as the country crossed the two crore-mark, the World Health Organization's South-East Asia office tweeted its congratulations. "Congratulations India for yet another milestone!" the global health body's regional arm said.

The government's tracker showed around 434 vaccinations per second, around 48,000 in a minute, or 15.62 Lakh per hour jabs has been administered on September 17. This push to the national vaccination campaign is at the core of the BJP's three-week celebrations to mark the Prime Minister's 71st birthday. To achieve its target, the BJP prepared health volunteers "to ensure maximum number of people get their COVID-19 vaccines on the day". BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in a tweet said, "New World Record!

On Birthday of world's most popular Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a new record of giving more than 2.25 crore Covid vaccine doses has been set in the country today. Under the leadership of Modi ji, our health workers showed the power of India to the world through their hard work. Later in the evening Union Health Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya informed in a tweet that India has achieved the 2.5 crore vaccination mark and tweeted "Congratulations India!

On the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi India has created a history. We have written a golden chapter in the history of the country and the world by administering more than 2.5 crore vaccines. The day is dedicated to the health workers.

indigenous 'Covaxin' developed by Bharat BioTech. Apart from these, authorities have given approval to Russia's Sputnik V vaccine. Around 70 million Covishield doses and 10 million Covaxin doses per month were manufactured in India up to May, 2021. The monthly production capacity of Covishield is projected to be increased to more than 120 million doses and of Covaxin to around 58 million doses by December, 2021 to meet the requirements.

OPPOSITION CREATED A MESS OF VACCINATION DRIVE

India's vaccine supply policy has gone through several phases. In the first three, vaccinations were opened up to healthcare workers, front-line workers, and those over the age of 60 years or over the age of 45 years but with co-morbidities. In all three, the vaccines were sourced and supplied by the Union government — to the states and to private centres. Starting April 1, vaccinations were opened up to those over the age of 45. In this phase too, vaccines were procured and allocated to states and private centres by the Union government. Starting May 1, India opened up vaccinations for everyone over

the age of 18 and states were allowed to procure up to 25% of the vaccines made locally for this; private hospitals were allowed to buy another 25%; and the remaining 50% was sourced by the Union government for distribution to the states for healthcare and frontline workers and those over the age of 45 years. But the opposition ruled states like Rajasthan, Chattishgarh, Jharkhand and Punjab who appealed to the Union government to open up the procurement of vaccine for the state government failed to procure requisite demands of their states. And after a messy month-and-half when supply and demand ratio mismatched, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took over the 18-44 age group responsibilities of the vaccines starting June 21 with the launch of free vaccination drive.

THREE STATES AND THREE UTS ADMINISTERED FIRST DOSE TO THEIR 100 PERCENT POPULATION

As Centre and state governments gave a major push to the vaccination drive against the coronavirus disease amid fears of an imminent third wave of the pandemic, three states and as many Union territories have achieved cent per cent inoculation of its entire

adult population with at least one dose of the jab.

Himachal Pradesh was among the first states to have vaccinated all the eligible adults. The other states were Goa and Sikkim, while Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Ladakh and Lakshadweep have achieved the feat.

INDIA GAVE MORE JABS THAN G7 NATIONS COMBINED IN AUGUST

In another milestone, India administered more Covid-19 vaccine doses than all of G7 nations put together, the Union Health Ministry said on September 5. The ministry informed that over 18 crore (180 million) vaccine doses were administered in the month of August. This number is greater than the United State of America's total vaccination in the month of August 2021 which stood at 23 million, France 13 million, Germany 9 million, Italy 8 million and United Kingdom 5 million. Canada administered 3 million doses and Japan 40 million doses in the two lowest and highest ranges, respectively, according to data tweeted out.

"Yet another achievement! With more than 180 million vaccine doses administered in the month of August, India leaves a mark on the Global map of leading its way in vaccinating its population on

priority. #LargestVaccineDrive," social media handle of MyGovIndia tweeted. The G7 nations included Canada, the UK, the US, Italy, Germany, France and Japan.

According data, more than 66.89 crore (66,89,80,635) vaccine doses have been provided to States and Union Territories so far through the government of India (free of cost channel) and through the direct state procurement category. Further, more than 1.56 crore doses (1,56,96,450) are in the pipeline. As part of the nationwide vaccination drive, the government of India has been supporting the States and Union Territories by providing them COVID vaccines free of cost.

India's fight against the Covid-19 pandemic has been very successful so far and the vaccination drive have played a crucial role in this fight. India is not only producing vaccine for its citizens but also helping other countries on the humanitarian ground as well. As newer Indian vaccines get developed, India is hopeful that production capacity of existing vaccines will be ramped up further. And as our production increases, India has decided to resume vaccine supply to others too. This is the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who see the whole world as one family. ■



ELECTRONIC POLYMER BASED LOW-COST SENSOR DEVELOPED TO DETECT EXPLOSIVES RAPIDLY

Indian scientists, for the first time, have developed a thermally stable and cost-effective electronic polymer-based sensor for rapidly detecting nitro-aromatic chemicals used in high-energy explosives. The detection of explosives without destroying them is essential for protection, and criminal investigations, minefield remediation, military applications, ammunition remediation sites, security applications, and chemical sensors play a vital role in such cases.

Though explosive poly-nitroaromatic compounds can be analyzed usually by sophisticated instrumental techniques, the requirements for quick decision making in criminology laboratories or reclaimed military sites or to detect explosives in possession of extremists often require simple, cheap, and selective field techniques which will be non-destructive in nature.

PM MODI LAUDS EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR RECORD 2.5-CRORE PLUS COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN A DAY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with healthcare workers and beneficiaries of the COVID vaccination programme in Goa through a video conference on the completion of 100% first dose coverage for the adult population in Goa on 18 September, 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Shri Modi lauded the people of Goa for achieving Anant Sutr' (Protection) during the auspicious Ganesh Utsav season. He expressed happiness for every eligible person in Goa getting at least one dose of the vaccine. "This is a major milestone in the fight against Corona. Every achievement of Goa that epitomizes the concept of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshth Bharat' fills me with great joy", he said.

The Prime Minister remembered the services of Shri Manohar Parikkar on this day of major achievements.

Shri Modi remarked that in the last few months, Goa has fought bravely with natural calamities like heavy rains, cyclones, floods. He praised all the corona warriors, health workers and Team Goa for maintaining the pace of corona vaccination amidst these natural calamities.

The Prime Minister commended the kind of coordination that Goa has shown in dealing with social and geographical challenges. The pace of vaccination in Canacona sub-division, which is located in the

remotest parts of the state, sets an example for the rest of the state. "Goa has shown the great results of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka, Vishwas and Sabka Prayas.'" he said.

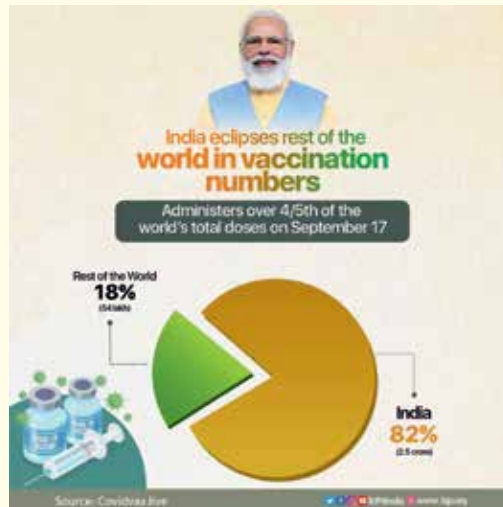
VACCINATING 2.5 CRORE PEOPLE

The Prime Minister struck an emotional chord and said that I have seen many birthdays and have always been indifferent to

vaccination in a day possible," said a visibly moved Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister praised the contribution of the people of the medical field, those who are engaged for the last two years, without caring for their lives, are helping the countrymen in fighting Corona, for the record vaccination yesterday. People associate it with service. It is their compassion and duty that has been able to administer 2.5 crore vaccine doses.

The Prime Minister informed that Himachal, Goa, Chandigarh and Lakshadweep have completed the first dose for the eligible population. Sikkim, Andaman Nicobar, Kerala, Laddakh, Utrakhand and Dadra Nagar haveli are not far behind.



INDIA PRIORITIZED TOURIST DESTINATIONS IN ITS VACCINATION EFFORTS

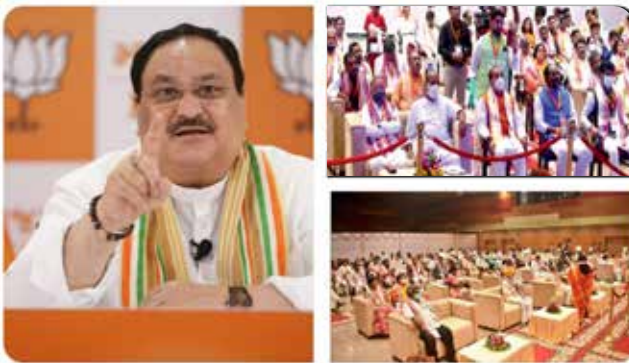
The Prime Minister said that India prioritized tourist destinations in its vaccination efforts though this was not talked about earlier. It was important for our tourism destinations to open. The Central government has also recently taken several steps to encourage foreign tourists. It has been decided to give free visas to 5 lakh tourists visiting India, loan up to 10 lakh with a government guarantee to the stakeholders in the tourism sector and loan up to 1 lakh for registered tourist guides have been instituted, the Prime Minister informed. ■

that but, in all my years, yesterday was a day that made me deeply emotional." Yesterday's occasion was made extra special by the efforts of the country and corona warriors. He praised the compassion, service and sense of duty of the team and people for vaccinating 2.5 crore people. "Everyone cooperated fully, people connected this with service. It was their compassion and duty that made this feat of 2.5 crore

MODI GOVERNMENT IS FULFILLING THE DREAMS OF DR. BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR: JP NADDA

Two days National Executive Meeting of the BJP SC Morcha was organised in the holy city of Varanasi on 18th and 19th September, 2021. The two days meet was inaugurated by BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda virtually.

Shri Nadda emphasised on various schemes run by the central government for the development of the marginalized section and scheduled caste people of the society.



He said that the maximum beneficiaries of the social schemes are people from the SC category. He further added that the current government under the able leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi is ensuring social justice to the last person of the society. He said that the Modi government is fulfilling the dreams of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar by providing equal opportunities, quality education and scholarships to the youth from SC category.

In his welcome speech National President of the Morcha Shri Lal Singh Arya welcomed more than 200 delegates and dignitaries present on the occasion and thanked BJP National President Shri JP Nadda for providing a much needed impetus to the National Executive Meeting.

Shri Lal Singh Arya said in Kerala and West Bengal atrocities specially on the people from SC category has been rising. He said the Congress sees SC category people as vote bank and has used them in the past for electoral gains only.

He thanked PM Shri Narendra Modi for all his pro SC policies like building the Panchteerth or Overseas Fellowship for SC students to study abroad which are helping in realising the dreams of Baba Saheb

Ambedkar and empowering the SC Community.

BJP National General Secretary and Incharge of the Morcha Shri C T Ravi, National Organizer of the SC Morcha Shri V Satish, Union Ministers Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Shri Kaushal Kishore, Bhanu Pratap Verma were also present on the occasion.

A photo exhibition comprising more than 75 forgotten eminent figures from the SC Communities like freedom fighters, saints, poets and philosophers was also inaugurated by Dom Raja of Kashi to showcase the glorious past of the SC Community and their contribution in nation building.

On 19th of September all the delegates paid tribute to Sant Shiromani Ravidas ji by visiting his birthplace in Varanasi.

In the second session the National General Secretary of BJP and Incharge of the SC Morcha Shri CT Ravi spoke at length and shared how to counter the false propaganda and the narratives of the opposition and bias being spread against the BJP.

He gave a befitting reply to all the people who create rumors. In his address Shri CT Ravi said that the current government is completely devoted and dedicated to empower the SC Community in all respects i.e social and economical both.

National Organizer of the SC Morcha Shri V Satish shared his long experience and wisdom of organizational behaviour and how to add more and more people to the Morcha and the party. He motivated the delegates to come forward and travel across the states in order to know the ground realities and providing a solution thus strengthening the party.

Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar gave a detailed presentation on the programmes and schemes of his department which was followed by other speakers like the National General Secretary of BJP Shri Dushyant Gautam.

The two day meeting ended with the eloquent speech of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He said the previous governments of Samajwadi Party in UP and Congress in the centre did nothing for the SC Community. It is the Modi government in the centre which has been working tirelessly for the upliftment of the marginalized sections of the society through its various pro-poor schemes and programmes. ■

CAPITAL OF ANY COUNTRY IS A SYMBOL OF THE THINKING, DETERMINATION, STRENGTH AND CULTURE OF THAT COUNTRY: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Defence Offices Complexes at Kasturba Gandhi Marg and Africa Avenue in New Delhi on 16 September. He also visited the Defence Office Complex at Africa Avenue and interacted with Army, Navy, Air Force and Civilian Officers.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that India has taken another step in developing the nation's capital according to needs and aspirations of a new India in the 75th year of India's independence. He lamented the fact that for a very long time the defence related work was being conducted from hutments constructed during the second World War which were made keeping in mind horse stable and barracks needs. "This new defence office complex will strengthen the efforts of making the working of our defence forces convenient and effective", he said.

The Prime Minister said these modern offices built at KG Marg and Africa Avenue, will go a long way in effectively carrying out all the work related to



the security of the nation. This is a big step towards the construction of a modern defense enclave in the capital. He appreciated the inclusion of attractive artefacts by Indian artists in the complexes as symbols of Aatmnirbhar Bharat. "The complexes reflect the modern form of diversity of our culture while preserving the vitality of Delhi and environment", he said. ■

'MODERN AND HIGH QUALITY ROADS IMPORTANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari has emphasized on importance of network of modern and high quality roads for economic development and creating employment opportunities. Interacting with media at the Bharuch section in Gujarat on the second day of the two-day review of progress of work on Delhi-Mumbai Expressway he said the Expressway will reduce travelling time not only between Delhi and Mumbai but also between other major cities. Shri Gadkari said in Gujarat, 423 km of road is being constructed at a cost of Rs 35,100 crore. He said

under this expressway, 60 major bridges, 17 interchanges, 17 flyovers and 8 ROBs will be built in the state.

The Minister said 33 wayside amenities are also proposed to be built on this expressway to provide world class transport facilities as well as generate employment opportunities in the state.

During this visit, Shri Gadkari inspected the place where the world record for fastest road construction in a day was set in February 2021. He also inspected iconic bridge built across the Narmada river near Bharuch. The 2km long extradosed cable span bridge will be India's first 8



lane bridge to be built across the expressway.

Along with the iconic interchange near Bharuch, the project will become the face of the expressway development in the country. In Madhya Pradesh on 16 September Shri Gadkari launched 34 road projects covering 1356 kms with outlay of Rs 9577 crores. ■



EMERGENCY LANDING FACILITY FOR INDIAN AIR FORCE IN BARMER INAUGURATED

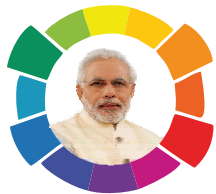
Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari jointly inaugurated Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Satta-Gandhav stretch on NH-925A near Barmer, Rajasthan on September 09, 2021. They also witnessed aircraft operations on the ELF, which has been constructed in just 19 months by M/S GHV India Pvt. Ltd. under the supervision of IAF and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). This is the first time that a National Highway has been used for emergency landing of aircraft of Indian Air Force. This landing strip will be able to facilitate landing of all types of IAF aircraft.

In his address, Shri Rajnath Singh lauded the IAF, NHAI & the private sector for joining hands and completing the construction of Emergency Landing

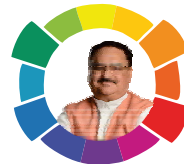
Field in 19 months despite COVID-19 restrictions. It is a great example of coordination among multiple departments & Ministries; Government & private sector and Civil & Defence, he added. The Raksha Mantri defined the landing of IAF aircraft on the 3 km stretch as a historic new strength of New India, as it coincides with the 75th year of Independence and 50th year of India's victory in the 1971 war.

The Raksha Mantri described ELF near the International Border as a shining example of the Government's commitment to protect the unity and sovereignty of the nation.

Apart from the Emergency Landing Strip, three helipads have been constructed in Kundanpura, Singhania & Bakhasar villages under this project as per the requirements of the Armed Forces. ■



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