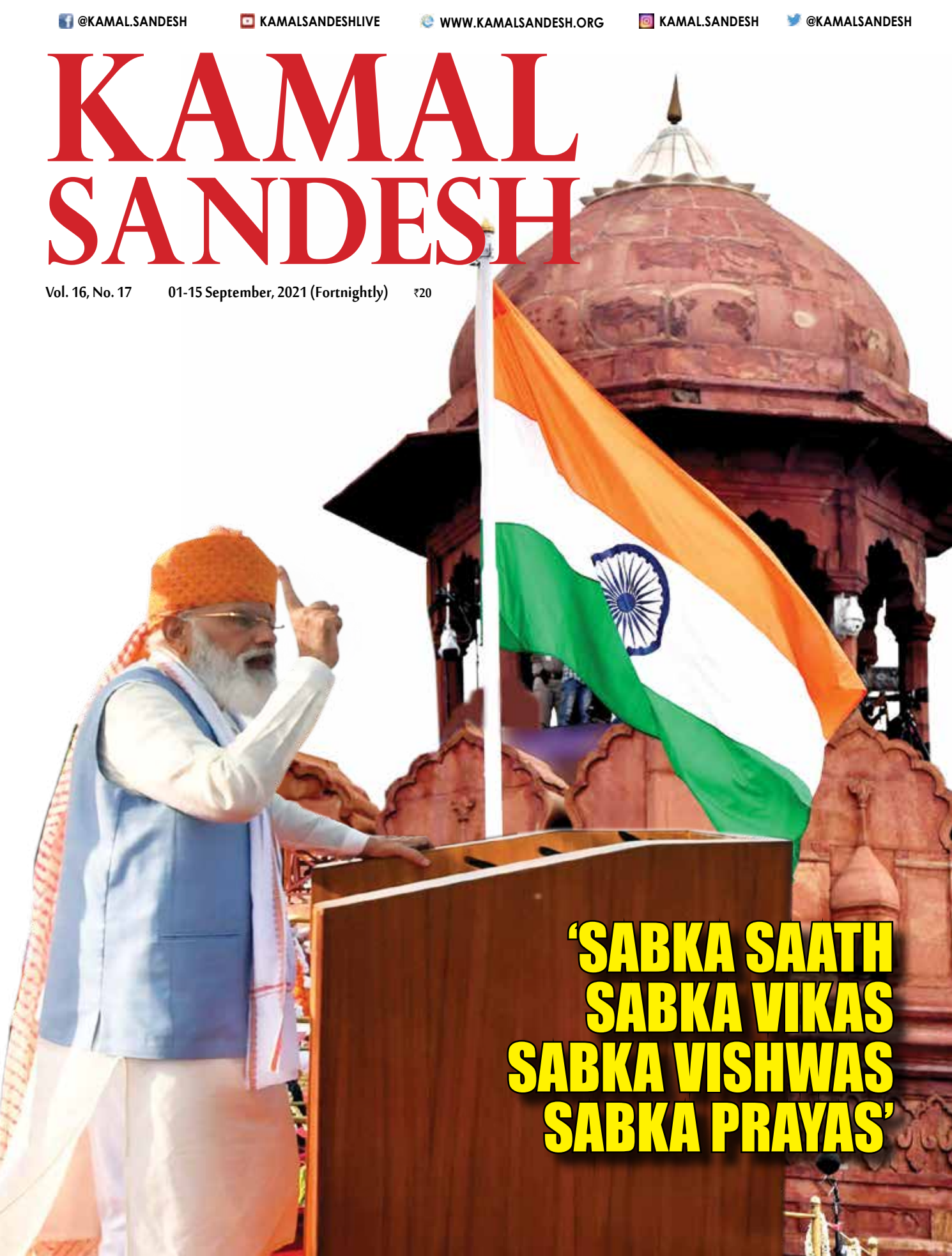


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SABKA PRAYAS'**



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda hoisting the National Flag at BJP HQ, 6A DDU Marg, New Delhi



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda at the felicitation ceremony of Union Ministers from OBC category organised by BJP OBC Morcha, New Delhi



BJP National President Shri JP Nadda paying floral tribute to former Prime Minister of India and Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his Punyatithi in New Delhi



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressing the meeting of Committee of Parliament on Official Language in New Delhi



Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh flagging off trauma care ambulances for the Armed Forces deployed in Jammu and Kashmir, New Delhi

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@narendramodi

Revival of North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited will particularly help the farmers of the region and will further popularise the products of the Northeast across India.



@JPNadda

In a bid to empower women Self Help Group communities Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji announced loans up to Rs 20 lakhs. This move will ensure more employment and improve the quality of life. Our govt. is completely devoted to the welfare of women. #AtmanirbharNariShakti



@rajnathsingh

The earlier governments deprived the people of Jammu and Kashmir from development for decades and only they cared about their own families. Modi ji started a new era of development here and connected the poor citizens with the mainstream of development, the result of that, today Jammu and Kashmir is progressing in every field.



@AmitShah

It is a moving tribute to India's Bravehearts. The Govt of India has created @BharatKeVeer fund to support the families of Armed Forces personnel. I appeal the people to contribute generously for #BharatKeVeer. Thanks @akshaykumar ji for putting out this video.



@Nitin Gadkari

Under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase 1, Access Controlled Highways are being developed. 73% physical progress has been made in Ambala - Kotputli. It is targeted for completion by March 2022.



@B L Santhosh

Indian liberals, apologists, secularists are a special category. Violence, mayhem at airport, people who died clinging on to aeroplanes, burning of library, rule of Shariat not constitution in Afghanistan do not matter to them. For them only Press conference by Taliban is an achievement.



यही समय है... सही समय है

- नरेन्द्र मोदी

यही समय है, सही समय है,
भारत का अनमोल समय है।

असंख्य भुजाओं की शक्ति है,
हर तरफ देश की भक्ति है।

तुम उठो तिरंगा लहरा दो,
भारत के भाग्य को फहरा दो।

कुछ ऐसा नहीं, जो कर न सको,
कुछ ऐसा नहीं, जो पा न सको।

तुम उठ जाओ,
तुम जुट जाओ।

सामर्थ्य को अपने पहचानो,
कर्तव्य को अपने सब जानो।

यही समय है, सही समय है,
भारत का अनमोल समय है।

(15 अगस्त २०२१ को लालकिले की प्राचीर से प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी द्वारा पढ़ी गई कविता)



'AMRIT KAAL' TO TAKE NATION TO UNIMAGINABLE HEIGHTS

Addressing the nation on the 75th Independence Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has laid down a roadmap for coming 25 years calling for everyone's effort to build a strong, prosperous and vibrant India. While terming the coming 25 years as 'Amrit Kaal' for the nation, he said that this is the right time to embark on a journey of achievements on the basis of our own talent, resources and strength. He added the call of 'Sabka Prayas' to the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', invoking the people to make their contribution in the journey of building an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' on the completion of hundred years of independence. The Prime Minister clearly laid down the path of 'Amrit Kaal' setting the goal of ascending new heights of prosperity, equipping the nation with modern infrastructure while bridging the rural-urban divide and reducing the unnecessary interference of government in the lives of people to the minimum. The rise of New India can undoubtedly be ensured with the participation of everyone and dedication and commitment of every Indian.

In the last seven years, India has recorded unprecedented growth in various sectors showing the resolve to build an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat'. It was the result of such resolve that India has been able to not only face the challenges of Covid-19 pandemic unitedly but also was successful in producing two

vaccines which is an historic achievement for the country. As the Prime Minister in his address emphasised on 'Gati Shakti' in the days to come, he has rightly given a call for cent percent achievements in crucial sectors. The announcement of the National Master Plan of Prime Minister 'Gati Shakti' will not only lead the country towards holistic and integrated approach in infrastructure construction but it will also generate large-scale employment through the investment of more than 100 lakh crore rupees. While India can claim cent percent achievements in many sectors, making roads available to 100% villages, Bank accounts to 100% households, Ayushman cards to 100% families, gas connection to 100% eligible beneficiaries, pucca house for 100% beneficiaries and many more on cent percent basis are the new goals that nation has to achieve. A large number of innovative schemes are already transforming the lives across the nation ensuring delivery of welfare initiatives to the last man thereby empowering youth, women, poor, weak, deprived and oppressed people in the society.

While the nation is celebrating 75 weeks of 'Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started his address to the nation from the ramparts of Red Fort by paying respect to the memories of great freedom fighters of the country. In a significant move, the Modi government has also announced to henceforth commemorate August 14 as "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" to remember one of the biggest tragedy of human history which resulted due to partition. As India moved ahead leaving behind the painful memory of partition, today after 75 years new avenues are opening up as the country prepares to avail the power of digital technology, renewable energy, blue economy, green hydrogen and many more areas full of new possibilities. Today, India has emerged as a confident nation which can take historic decisions like abrogation of Article 370, introduction of GST, enactment of CAA & Triple Talaq law, OROP for defence personnel, building of Shri Ram Temple, Surgical Strike and Air Strike and many more such determined actions. At the same time, under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi India is gifted with 'Can Do' generation capable of scripting an incredible saga of achievements and accomplishments. There is no doubt that 'Amrit Kaal' will take the nation to unimaginable heights. ■

UNDER THE DYNAMIC AND CHARISMATIC LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI INDIA IS GIFTED WITH 'CAN DO' GENERATION CAPABLE OF SCRIPTING AN INCREDIBLE SAGA OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



“SABKA SAATH, SABKA VIKAS, SABKA VISHWAS, SABKA PRAYAS” IMPORTANT FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR GOALS: PM

P Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 15 August, 2021 addressed the nation from the ramparts of Red Fort as the country celebrated its 75th Independence Day. During the address, PM Shri Modi listed achievements of the BJP led NDA government at the Centre and laid out plans for the future. He made an addition to his popular slogan of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas.” The latest entrant to this group is “Sabka Prayas.”

PM Shri Modi said that today, as the country celebrates its 75th Independence Day, it is remembering every personality who played a part in the freedom movement, and is indebted to them. The Prime Minister also lauded India’s Olympic contingent, which bagged record seven medals in the recently concluded Tokyo Games. The athletes, he said, have not only won hearts of all Indians, but have also inspired the coming generations. Excerpts;

COUNTRY BOWS TO ALL FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND BRAVE HEROES

- Today, on the pious festival of the ‘Amrit Mahotsav’ of freedom, the country is bowing to all its freedom fighters and brave heroes who continue to sacrifice themselves day and night in the defence of the nation. The country is remembering every

personality, including the revered Bapu, who made freedom a mass movement, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, who sacrificed everything for the freedom, or great revolutionaries like Bhagat Singh, Chandrasekhar Azad, Bismil and Ashfaqulla Khan; Rani of Jhansi Lakshmibai, Queen Chennamma of Kittur or Rani Gaidinliu or the valour of Matangini

Hazra; the country's first Prime Minister Pandit Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who integrated the country into a united nation, and Baba Saheb Ambedkar, who determined and paved the way for the future direction of India. The country is indebted to all these great personalities.

'PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY'

- While we celebrate our freedom today, we cannot forget the pain of partition that still pierces through the heart of all Indians. This has been one of the biggest tragedies of the last century. After attaining freedom, these people were forgotten too soon. Just yesterday India has taken an emotional decision, we will henceforth commemorate August 14 as "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" in the memory of the victims of partition. Those who were subjected to inhuman circumstances, suffered torturous treatment, they could not even receive a dignified cremation. They must all remain alive and never get erased from our memories. The decision of celebrating "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" on the 75th Independence Day is a befitting tribute from every Indian to them.

'GATI SHAKTI'

- Along with modern infrastructure, there is a great need for adopting a holistic and integrated approach in infrastructure construction. In the near future, we are going to launch the National Master Plan of Prime Minister 'Gati Shakti' which will be a huge scheme and fulfill the dreams of crores of countrymen. This scheme of more than 100 lakh crores rupees will result in new employment opportunities for lakhs of youth.

SCIENTISTS, DOCTORS, PARAMEDICAL STAFF SERVICING DURING CORONA DESERVE PRAISE

- It is a moment of pride for us that because of our scientists, we were able to develop two Make in India COVID Vaccines and carry out the world's Largest Vaccine Drive.

- It was extremely difficult to get vaccines during such a major crisis, with pandemic plaguing the entire world. India might or might not have received it and even if it had received the vaccine there was no certainty of getting that in time. But today we can proudly say that the world's largest vaccination programme is being run in our country. More than 54 crore people have received the vaccine dose. Online systems like Cowin and digital certificates are attracting the world today.
- Our doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, sanitation staff, scientists engaged in developing vaccines, millions of countrymen engaged with the spirit of service during this Corona global pandemic also deserve praise from all of us.

WE CANNOT FORGET THE PAIN OF PARTITION THAT STILL PIERCES THROUGH THE HEART OF ALL INDIANS. THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BIGGEST TRAGEDIES OF THE LAST CENTURY

ATHLETES MADE OUR COUNTRY PROUD AT TOKYO OLYMPICS

- India's young generation has made our country proud at the Tokyo Olympics. All such athletes are amongst us today. They have not only won our hearts but also inspired our young generation.

'MINIMUM GOVERNMENT, MAXIMUM GOVERNANCE'

- The way India has kept the stoves burning for the poor's house by providing free food grains to 80 crore countrymen continuously for months during the pandemic is not only astonishing to the world but also a matter of discussion.
- It is true that fewer people have been infected in India as compared to other countries; it is also true that in comparison to the population of other countries of the world, we managed to save more citizens in India but it is not something to be proud of! We cannot rest on these laurels. To say that there was no challenge, will become a restrictive thought in the path of our own development.
- Our goal is to develop a nation where we not only have world-class infrastructure but also move ahead with the mantra of 'Minimum government, maximum governance'.

‘SABKA SAATH, SABKA VIKAS, SABKA VISHWAS, SAKKA PRAYAS’

- We should not limit the occasion of 75 years of Indian independence to just one ceremony. We must lay the groundwork for new resolutions and move forward with new resolutions. Starting from here, the entire journey of the next 25 years, when we celebrate the centenary of Indian independence, marks the ‘Amrit’ period of creation of a new India. The fulfilment of our resolutions in this Amrit period will take us to the hundredth anniversary of Indian independence with pride.
- The goal of ‘Amrit Kaal’ is to ascend to new heights of prosperity for India and the citizens of India. The goal of ‘Amrit Kaal’ is to create an India where the level of facilities is not dividing the village and the city. The goal of ‘Amrit Kaal’ is to build an India where the government does not interfere unnecessarily in the lives of citizens. The goal of ‘Amrit Kaal’ is to build an India where there is world’s every modern infrastructure.
- Amrit Kaal is of 25 years. But we don’t have to wait for long to achieve our goals. We have to start now. We don’t have a moment to lose. This is the right time. Our country also has to change and we as citizens have to change ourselves too. We also have to adapt ourselves to the changing era. We have started with the spirit of ‘SabkaSaath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas’. Today, I am requesting from the ramparts of the Red Fort that ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas’ and now ‘Sabka Prayas’ are very important for the achievement of our goals.

‘AATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT’

- In this ‘Bharat ki Vikas Yatra’, we have to ensure that we meet our goal of building an ‘Aatma Nirbhar Bharat’ when we celebrate 100 years of India’s Independence.
- Just as we have made electricity accessible to 100% households, and have made authentic efforts to construct toilets in 100% households, similarly, we now have to move ahead with the

goal of achieving saturation of schemes, and, for this, we do not have to keep a distant deadline. We have to make our resolutions come true within a few years.

- Now, we have to move even further. 100% villages should have roads, 100% households should have a bank account, 100% beneficiaries should have Ayushman Bharat card, 100% eligible persons should have gas connection under Ujjwala scheme and 100% beneficiaries should have Aawas.
- We have to move ahead with a mindset of cent percent achievement. Till now, no thought was given for our street vendors, who sell their goods on tracks, footpaths and carts. All these colleagues are now being linked to the banking system through the SVANidhi scheme.

THE GOAL OF ‘AMRIT KAAL’ IS TO ASCEND TO NEW HEIGHTS OF PROSPERITY FOR INDIA AND THE CITIZENS OF INDIA

- We have to move forward with the goal of ensuring that every citizen is connected with government’s transformative schemes. In the last few years, our government has provided roads and electricity to the villages. Now these villages have been strengthened with optical fibre network data and the Internet.

• I am happy that just within 2 years of Jal Jeevan Mission, over 4.5 Crore families have started receiving ‘Nal Se Jal’; this is our main achievement when the benefit reaches the last mile citizen.

- ‘Poshan’ is one of the key focus of our government. The government has also been working on preventive healthcare, and building health and wellness infrastructure.

RESERVATION FOR DALITS, BACKWARD CLASSES, ADIVASIS

- We need to provide hand holding to the backward categories and sectors. With the concern of fulfilling the basic needs, reservation is being ensured for the Dalits, Backward classes, Adivasis and the poor people from general category. More recently, in the field of medical education, reservation has also been ensured for the OBC category in the All India Quota. By formulating a law in Parliament, the right to make their own list of OBC has been given to the states.

- Be it rice available at ration shop, rice available in mid-day meal, rice available through every scheme will be fortified by the year 2024.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND LADAKH

- The delimitation commission has been constituted in Jammu and Kashmir itself and preparations are also going on for the assembly elections.
- Ladakh is witnessing a new transformative phase where the government is focusing on building world-class infrastructure. On one hand, Ladakh is witnessing the creation of modern infrastructure, while on the other; 'Sindhu Central University' is going to make Ladakh a centre of higher education.
- There is a huge potential in the fields of tourism, adventure sports, organic farming, herbal medicine, and oil pump in the North East. We have to fully harness this potential and make it a part of the development journey of the country. And we have to complete this work within a few decades of the 'Amrit Kaal'. Giving a fair opportunity to the capabilities of all is the true spirit of democracy. Be it Jammu or Kashmir, the balance of development is now visible on the ground.
- Whether East, North East, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, the entire Himalayan region, our coastal belt or tribal region, these will become a big base for India's development in the future.
- Today, a new history of connectivity is being written in the North-East. This is a connectivity of both the hearts and the infrastructure. Very soon the work of connecting all the state capitals of the North-East with rail service is going to be completed.

NEW PHASE IN DEVELOPMENTAL JOURNEY OF VILLAGES

- Under the Act-East Policy, today North-East, Bangladesh, Myanmar and South-East Asia are also being connected. Due to the efforts made in the past years, now the enthusiasm for the creation of 'Shreshtha Bharat' and long-lasting peace in the North-East has increased manifold.

- We are witnessing a new phase in the developmental journey of our villages. It not only has electricity and water but also nurturing Digital Entrepreneurs. Priority is being given to schemes related to education, health, nutrition, roads, employment, in over 110 aspirational districts of the country. Many of these districts are in tribal areas.
- We have to focus on helping our small farmers. We have to give maximum benefits of the government's schemes to them; be it through DBT or Krishi Rail.
- Kisan Rail can help small farmers with this modern facility to reach far flung areas on a low cost of produce and transportation. Several products like Kamalam, Shahi litchi, BhutJolokiachillies, black rice or turmeric are being exported to different countries of the world.
- The government is now focusing on welfare of small farmers. 10 Crore farmer families have directly received over 1.5 lakh crore in their bank accounts.
- SVAMITVA Yojna is transforming the lives in rural India. Drone is helping our rural citizens to map their land and apply for various schemes/loans online.

THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW FOCUSING ON WELFARE OF SMALL FARMERS. 10 CRORE FARMER FAMILIES HAVE DIRECTLY RECEIVED OVER 1.5 LAKH CRORE IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS

- Co-operatives are not just a system with a network of laws and rules, but co-operative is a spirit, culture, and a mindset of collective growth. We have taken steps to empower them by forming a separate ministry. We have taken this step to empower the cooperative sector in the states.
- In the coming years, we will have to increase the collective power of the small farmers of the country. They have to be given new facilities. We are trying to empower these farmers through SVAMITVA Yojana.

'AMRIT MAHOTSAV' OF INDEPENDENCE

- We have decided to celebrate this 'Amrit Mahotsav' of independence for 75 weeks. It started from 12th March and will continue till 15th August, 2023. We have to move forward with new enthusiasm and, therefore, the country has made a very important decision. During these 75 weeks of the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, 75 Vande Bharat

trains will connect every corner of the country. The pace at which new airports are being built in the country and the UDAN scheme connecting remote areas is unprecedented.

- We will have to work together for manufacturing world class products, using cutting-edge innovation and new age technology.
- Under the Jan Aushadhi Yojana, the poor and needy are now getting affordable medicines. Over 75,000 Health & Wellness Centres have been built and we are working on a network of hospitals at the block level.
- To further increase our developmental progress, we have to focus on our manufacturing and export.
- The country has also announced Production Linked Incentive to consolidate our 'Make in India' campaign in the wake of the new economic conditions that have emerged due to Corona. The electronic manufacturing sector stands as an example of the change that is enforced through this scheme. Seven years ago, we used to import mobile phones worth about eight billion dollars. However, now the import has reduced considerably, and today we are also exporting mobile phones worth three billion dollars.
- Treading ahead on the path of development, India will have to augment both its manufacturing and exports. You have witnessed, just a few days ago, India launched its first indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant for trial in the sea. Today, India is making its own indigenous fighter aircraft, its own submarine. 'Gaganyaan' is also slated to hoist India's flag in space. This itself is evidential of our immense capabilities in indigenous manufacturing.
- I want to tell the manufacturers - Every product you make is a brand ambassador for India. As long as that product is in use, the buyer will say - yes this is 'Made in India'.
- We have to stop the over involvement of government in the form of complex policies. Today, we have abolished over 15,000 unnecessary compliances.
- We have introduced tax reforms that will give

UNDER THE JAN AUSHADHI YOJANA, THE POOR AND NEEDY ARE NOW GETTING AFFORDABLE MEDICINES. OVER 75,000 HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRES HAVE BEEN BUILT

impetus to 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Doing Business'. Good and smart governance is required to implement the reforms. Today, the world is also witnessing how India is writing a new chapter of governance.

- To introduce people centric approach in Bureaucracy, we have started 'Mission Karmayogi' and Capacity Building programme.
- Today, the country also has a new 'National Education Policy' to meet the needs of the 21st century. Now our children will neither stop due to lack of skills nor will they be bound by language barriers. This new National Education Policy is also going to be a great tool to fight against poverty in a way. The basis of winning the war against poverty is also the education, prestige and importance of the vernacular language.
- In a move towards strengthening BetiBachao, Beti Padhao initiative, our daughters will now be able to study in Sainik schools too. Today, be it education or Olympics our daughters are performing tremendously. We have to ensure that they get equal opportunities and they feel safe and respected.
- More than eight crore sisters in the villages are associated with Self-Help Groups and they design top-end products. Now the government

will also prepare an e-commerce platform to ensure a huge market in the country and abroad for their products. When the country is moving forward with the mantra of being vocal for local, this digital platform will connect the products of women self-help groups with people in far flung areas of the country as well as abroad and it will have far-reaching consequences.

'AATMA NIRBHAR' IN ENERGY PRODUCTION

- India is not Energy independent. It spends over Rs. 12 lakh crores on importing energy. As we celebrate 75 years of Independence, we have to ensure that India becomes 'Aatma Nirbhar' in energy production too.
- We are giving equal emphasis to Environmental Security as to National Security. Be it biodiversity or land neutrality, climate change or waste recycling,

organic farming, India is progressing in all these sectors.

- In this decade of the 21st century, India will further accelerate its efforts towards the Blue Economy. The Deep Ocean Mission is the result of our ambition to explore the unlimited possibilities of the ocean. The mineral wealth which is hidden in the sea, the thermal energy which is in the sea water, can give new heights to the development of the country.
- Green Hydrogen is the future of the world. Today, I announce the setting up of the National Hydrogen Mission.
- We have to make India a Global Hub for Green Hydrogen Production and Export in the 'Amrit Kaal'. This will not only help India to make a new progress in the field of energy self-reliance but will also become a new inspiration for Clean Energy Transition all over the world. New opportunities from Green Growth to Green Job are opening up today for our start-ups & youth.
- India has also made a move towards Electric Mobility and the work on 100% electrification of Railways is also progressing at a fast pace. Indian Railways has set a target of becoming Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.
- The country is also emphasizing on Mission Circular Economy. Our Vehicle Scrap Policy is a great example of the same. Today, India is the only country in the group of G-20 countries, which is moving fast towards achieving its climate goals.
- India has set a target of 450 GW of renewable energy by the end of this decade - 450 GW by 2030. Of this, the target of 100 GW has been achieved by India ahead of schedule.



INDIA HAS ALSO MADE A MOVE TOWARDS ELECTRIC MOBILITY AND THE WORK ON 100% ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAYS IS ALSO PROGRESSING AT A FAST PACE

were hanging fires for decades and centuries. Be it a historic decision to abrogate Article 370, introduction of GST, a system that frees the country from the web of taxes, a decision regarding 'One Rank-One Pension' for our military friends, a peaceful solution to the Ram Janmabhoomi issue, we have seen it come true in a few years.

- India's willpower is realizing all the resolutions whether it is the Bru-Reang agreement in Tripura after decades, constitutional status to the OBC commission or the BDC and DDC elections in Jammu and Kashmir for the first time since independence.

• The nature of global relations has changed after the Second World War. There

is a possibility of a new world order post Corona. The world has seen and appreciated India's efforts during Corona. Today, the world is looking at India from a new perspective. There are two important aspects of this perception -- one is terrorism and the other is expansionism. India is fighting both these challenges and is also responding strongly in a restrained manner. Our defence preparedness has to be equally

strong if India has to fulfill its obligations properly.

'CAN DO' GENERATION

- Our youth is the 'Can Do' Generation, and they can achieve everything they set their mind to. Our actions today will determine our future. Our today will set the theme of our 100 years of India's Independence.
- I am not a fortune teller, I believe in the fruits of action. I have faith in the youth of my country, I trust the sisters of the country, the daughters of the country, the farmers of the country, or the professionals of the country. This 'CAN DO' generation can achieve every unimaginable goal.
- In the 21st century, no obstacle can stop us from

HISTORIC DECISIONS

- Today, India is also solving those subject areas, which

14TH AUGUST WILL BE OBSERVED AS 'PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY': PM MODI

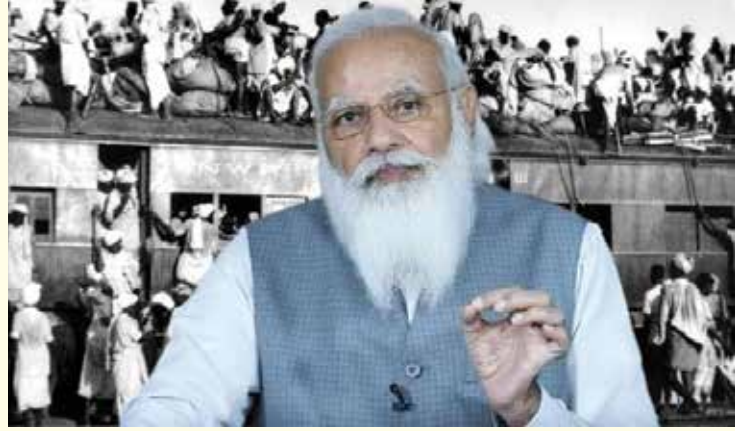
In a fitting tribute to all those who lost their lives due to the partition of the nation and were displaced from their roots, the Government has decided to observe 14th August every year as the day to commemorate their sacrifice. Declaration of such a day would remind present and future generations of Indians of the pain and suffering faced by the people during the partition. Accordingly, the Government has declared 14th August as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' (विभाजन विभीषिका स्मृति दिवस).

In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi made the solemn announcement.

The Prime Minister tweeted "Partition's pains can never be forgotten. Millions of our sisters and brothers were displaced and many lost their lives due to mindless hate and violence. In memory of the struggles and sacrifices of our people, 14th August will be observed as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'.

May the #PartitionHorrorsRemembranceDay keep reminding us of the need to remove the poison of social divisions, disharmony and further strengthen the spirit of oneness, social harmony and human empowerment."

Welcoming the decision BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "Thank you from the core of my heart Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @NarendraModi ji for taking the historic decision of celebrating 14th August as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day".



He further said, "The circumstances arising out of partition allowed the politics of appeasement and negative forces to dominate. We must learn from history to ensure that this mistake is never repeated. Because those who do not learn from history are forced to suffer again and again."

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has welcomed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's decision to observe 14 August as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'. In his tweet Shri Amit Shah said, "In the memory of the sacrifice and struggle of our innumerable sisters and brothers who were displaced in the shadow of violence and hatred at the time of Partition of the country, Shri Narendra Modi has decided to observe 14th August as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'. I welcome Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for taking this sensitive decision".

Union Home Minister said, "The wound of the partition of the country and the grief of losing loved ones cannot be described in words. I am sure that 'Partition Horrors RemembranceDay' will strengthen peace, love and unity by eliminating the ill-will of discrimination and malice from society". ■

fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of India. Our strength is our vitality, our strength is our solidarity, our vitality is the spirit of nation first - always first. This is the time for shared dreams, this is the time for shared resolve, this is the time for shared efforts... and this is the time to move towards victory.

- Today is also the birth anniversary of the great thinker of the country, Sri Aurobindo. His 150th birth anniversary will be celebrated in 2022. Sri Aurobindo was a visionary of India's bright future. He used to say that we have to be as powerful as we were never before. We have to change our habits. We have to re-awaken ourselves.

- When Swami Vivekananda used to talk about the future of India, when he used to see the magnificence of Mother Bharati in front of his eyes, he used to say – Try to look into the past as far as possible. Drink the water of the ever-new spring flowing back there, and after that, look ahead. Go ahead and make India brighter, greater & better than ever. In this 75th year of independence, it is our duty to move forward believing in the immense potential of the country. We have to work together for new generation infrastructure; we have to work together for world class manufacturing; we have to work together for cutting edge innovations; we have to work together for new age technology. ■



PM NARENDRA MODI BECOMES INDIA'S FIRST PM TO PRESIDE OVER UNSC DEBATE

PM MODI PUTS FORWARD FIVE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR UNSC DEBATE

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the High-level Open Debate on 'Enhancing Maritime Security – A Case for International Cooperation' on 9th August via video conferencing. The Open Debate focused on ways to effectively counter maritime crime and insecurity and strengthened coordination in the maritime domain. Shri Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to preside over a UN Security Council Open Debate.

The meeting was attended by several Heads of State & Government of member states of the United Nations Security Council, and high level briefers from the UN System and key Regional Organizations. In his remarks, Prime Minister Shri Modi outlined a five-principle framework for the debate. The first was removing barriers to maritime trade. In this context, Shri Modi highlighted SAGAR ('Security and Growth for all in the Region') — a 2015 Indian framework for regional maritime security.

The original address was delivered by PM Shri Modi in Hindi. Excerpts:

Excellencies, Thank you all for joining this important discussion on Maritime Security. I appreciate the positive message by Secretary General and I would like to thank the Executive Director of U.N.O.D.C. for the briefing. The President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo delivered his message in capacity of the President of the African Union. I am especially grateful to him. I also express my heartfelt gratitude for the presence of the President of Russia, the President of Kenya, and the Prime Minister of Vietnam.

The ocean is our joint heritage. Our sea routes are the lifeline of international trade. And, the biggest thing is that these oceans are very important for the future of our planet. But today our shared maritime heritage is facing many challenges. Sea routes are being misused for piracy and terrorism. There are maritime disputes between many countries. And climate change and natural disasters are also maritime domain related issues. In this broad context, we must make a framework of mutual understanding and cooperation for the preservation and use of our common maritime heritage. No country can make such a framework alone. It can only be realized through a common effort. It is with this thought that we have brought this important issue before the Security Council. I am

confident that today's High Level discussion will guide the world on the issue of maritime security.

I would like to place before you five basic principles to structure this brainstorming.

First principle: We must remove barriers from legitimate maritime trade. The prosperity of all of us depends on the active flow of maritime trade. The hurdles could be a challenge for the entire global economy. Free maritime trade has been associated with the civilization of India since time immemorial. Thousands of years ago, Lothal port of Indus valley civilization was linked to maritime trade. It was in the independent maritime environment of ancient times that the message of peace of Lord Buddha spread to the world. In today's context, India has defined the vision of SAGAR – (Security and Growth for All in the Region) – based on this open and inclusive ethos. Through this vision, we want to create an inclusive structure of maritime security in our region. This vision is of a Safe, a Secure and a Stable maritime domain. Free maritime trade also requires that we fully respect the rights of each other's sailors.

Second principle: The settlement of maritime disputes must be peaceful and on the basis of international law only. This is very important for

mutual trust and confidence. It is only through this that we can ensure global peace and stability. With this understanding and maturity, India has resolved its maritime boundary with its neighboring country Bangladesh.

Third principle: We must face natural disasters and maritime threats created by Non-state actors together. India has initiated several steps to enhance regional cooperation on this subject. We have been the first responder in maritime disasters related to cyclone, tsunami and pollution. The Indian Navy has been patrolling in the Indian Ocean since 2008 to prevent piracy. India's White Shipping Information Fusion Center is increasing shared maritime domain awareness in our region. We have provided training in Hydrographic Survey Support and Maritime Security to many countries. India's role in the Indian Ocean has been as a Net Security Provider.

Fourth principle: We have to preserve the maritime environment and maritime resources. As we know, the oceans have a direct impact on the climate. And therefore, we have to keep our maritime

environment free from pollution like plastics and oil spills. And take joint steps against over-fishing and marine poaching. At the same time, we must also increase cooperation in ocean science. India has launched an ambitious "Deep Ocean Mission". We have also taken several initiatives to encourage sustainable fishing.

Fifth Principle: We must encourage responsible maritime connectivity. It is clear that infrastructure creation is necessary to increase maritime trade. But, the physical sustainability and absorption capacity of the countries have to be kept in mind in the development of such infrastructure projects. For this we must make proper global norms and standards.

I am sure, on the basis of these five principles, a global roadmap of maritime security cooperation can be formed. The high and active participation of today's open debate shows that the subject is important for all members of the Security Council.

With this, I once again express my gratitude to you for your presence.

Thank you! ■

CALCUTTA HIGH COURT HANDOVERS WEST BENGAL POST POLL VIOLENCE CASE TO CBI

The Calcutta High Court on 20 August ordered a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation into all cases of heinous crimes such as rape and murder in connection with violence following the Assembly election in West Bengal. For other cases involving post-poll violence, the court constituted a special investigation team (SIT) of three senior IPS officers of the West Bengal cadre.

The order by a five-judge bench came after deliberations by the court following cases of post poll violence were brought before it in the form of several writ petitions. The court had urged the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to set up a committee to look into the cases, and the panel submitted a report to the court on July 13 suggesting a CBI probe into the matter.

Following the direction of Calcutta High Court, CBI formed four special teams headed by senior officers to investigate the cases. ■



UNDER CONGRESS RULE SCAMS HAPPENED IN EVERY DEFENCE DEAL: JP NADDA

The BJP National President Shri JP Nadda on a two day *Pravas* to Uttarakhand arrived in Dehradun on 20 August, 2021. After reaching Dehradun, Shri Nadda visited Bhaniyawala, Chiddarwala, Nepali Farm and Raiwala areas. Then the National President reached Haridwar where a number of organizational meetings were held.

Shri Nadda was accompanied by BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri BL Santhosh and BJP National General Secretary and in-charge of BJP Uttarakhand unit Shri Dushyant Gautam during the *Pravas*. All five MPs from the state were also present at the meetings. The BJP National President was received by Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama and BJP State Unit President Shri Madan Kaushik at the Jolly Grant airport.

During this *Pravas* the BJP National President took part in various party programmes, spoke and guided party Karyakartas. He also interacted with state leaders in different groups and collected feedback from them.

The BJP National President also met and discussed party preparations for next year's Assembly poll with MPs, MLAs, ministers, state office bearers, core committee and different Morchas to understand the organizational activities on the ground.

On the second Day of his *Pravas*, Shri JP Nadda interacted with Ex-Army men at 'Sainik Samman' programme in Railwala. Then, he met BJP's newly-elected Zilla Panchayat presidents, mayors and block pramukhs. Shri Nadda also met and took blessings from the Sadhus and religious leaders.

During these meetings with MLAs and ministers, Shri Nadda emphasised the importance of local issues and the need to stay focused on them in the run-up to the assembly polls. He asked legislators to ensure proper coordination with the party organisation. He told the ministers to take up on priority basis the schemes that can be finished in a time bound manner.

The BJP National President held a separate meeting with the party's state office bearers, district presidents and heads of the party's frontal organizations. He told the district presidents to stay at every booth in



their areas and interact with the members of booth committees. He underlined the need for touring every part of the district continuously and ensuring communication with the voters.

Shri Nadda asked to make people aware about the various schemes launched by the state government and the Centre. He also reviewed the programmes launched by the state government with the Chief Minister and other ministers at a meeting held on 20 August, 2021.

'SAINIK SAMMAN' PROGRAMME

On the Second day of his visit, BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the 'Sainik Samman' programme organized in Raiwala, Uttarakhand and interacted with the ex-servicemen. Ex-servicemen from every nook and corner of the state participated in the program.

Along with BJP National President, BJP National General Secretary and State In-charge Shri Dushyant Gautam, Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama, State BJP President Shri Madan Kaushik, Union Minister of State for Defence Shri Ajay Bhatt, Co-in-Charge Smt. Rekha Verma and a large number of Ex-Servicemen and officers (retired) were present on the occasion.

Addressing the meeting Shri Nadda said it is our duty to give respect to the brave soldiers who have given their all for the defence of the country. I definitely

want to say one thing that our soldiers who have dedicated their lives for the defence of the country belong to the whole country. The entire nation is indebted to you for your sacrifice and valour.

He said that scams happened in every defence deal under Congress rule. Every purchase was a scam. It had become the policy of the Congress government to not take any decision in the interest of the country in any defence deal, instead indulge in corruption.

However, after Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, the work of modernization of the army has intensified. A fleet of 36 Rafale is joining the Indian Air Force. Along with this, Apache, Chinook, Surface to Air Missile and Howitzer guns are also being included. Earlier we were dependent on import of Bullet Proof Jackets but today under 'Make in India' we are not only manufacturing world class Bullet Proof Jackets but also exporting the same.

BJP PRESIDENT HONOURED THE REVERED SAINTS IN HARIDWAR

BJP National President Shri JP Nadda, on August 21 in Haridwar honored the revered saints and received their blessings. On the last day of his Pravas



in Uttarakhand, he got the opportunity to meet the sages and saints in Haridwar.

On this occasion he said the concerns of saints have been already resolved by our Chief Minister. While bowing to all of you, I assure that our government is determined to solve every problem. Your blessings have always been there for our PM Shri Narendra Modi, on the strength of which he is leading the country on the path of progress with 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'.

He said that the deep faith and reverence that PM Shri Narendra Modi has for Shri Kedarnath ji and Shri Badrinath ji, is not hidden from anyone. He himself monitors the development there and whatever is required, he provides in advance. ■

BJP KISAN MORCHA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS LIST RELEASED

The BJP Kisan Morcha National President Shri Rajkumar Chahar released the list of Kisan Morcha National Executive members, with the approval of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 18 August. As per the press release, total 43 members were included in the executive committee from various states of the country. ■

BJP MINORITY MORCHA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCED

The BJP Minority Morcha National President Shri Jamal Siddiqui released the list of National Executive members of BJP National Minority Morcha with the approval of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on 21 August, 2021. As per the party press release, 42 members were included in the Executive Committee from various states of the country. ■

NEW ORGANISATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shri Nagendra Ji who was the General Secretary (Organisation) of the BJP Bihar unit was given the charge of Regional General Secretary (Organisation) of Bihar and Jharkhand on 18 August, 2021 by BJP President Shri JP Nadda.

On the same day, BJP National President Shri JP Nadda appointed Shri Bhikhubhai Dalsaniya as General Secretary (Organisation) of Bihar. Prior to this, Shri Dalsaniya has served for around two decades in Gujarat as General Secretary (Organisation) of the party.



MODI GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS TO OBC COMMISSION: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, while addressing the felicitation function organized by BJP National OBC Morcha in the honour of 27 new Union Ministers coming from OBC community at Dr. Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi on 11 August, 2021 said that inclusion of 27 ministers from the OBC community in the cabinet and giving constitutional status to the OBC commission shows the commitment of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi government for the upliftment of the OBC society.

In this program, Union Ministers Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister and BJP General Secretary Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Shri Nityanand Rai, Morcha in-charge and BJP National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh, OBC Morcha President Dr. K. Laxman, former OBC Morcha President and Union Minister Shri SP Singh Vaghel, Former President of OBC Morcha, Shri Dara Singh Chouhan and Delhi BJP State President Shri Adesh Gupta were also present.

While addressing the programme, the BJP National President said that 27 OBC ministers included in the expansion of the Union Cabinet is not a small thing. Today, 35 percent of the ministers in the Union Cabinet are from the OBC category. Efforts have been made to give representation to all communities in the new cabinet. Efforts have also been made to connect all the states and all the regions. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi discussed for hours with the organization for the expansion of the cabinet, then this bouquet of India is being conceptualized.

Shri JP Nadda said that 12 ministers from SC

community, 8 ministers from ST community, 5 ministers from minority community and 11 women ministers have been included in the new cabinet. Was there ever such representation of societies in the Congress government earlier? The reason for this was their mentality, which says that running the country is possible only with one family.

The National President said that OBC Commission has been given constitutional status during Modi government. When the OBC Commission was given constitutional status, the Congress protested in the Lok Sabha. When this bill came in the Rajya Sabha, it was first sent to the Select Committee. After returning from there, the Congress again opposed it, but when we became powerful in the house, then this bill got constitutional status. Who was hindering in getting 27 percent reservation for children in Kendriya Vidyalaya? Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has raised the

PRIME MINISTER SHRI MODI HAS ALSO GIVEN RESERVATION TO OBC CATEGORY IN NEET

level of creamy layer from Rs.6 lakh to Rs.8 lakh. Why did the previous governments not notice this?

Prime Minister Shri Modi has also given reservation OBC category in NEET. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has done the work of giving gas connections to 8 crore people under the Ujjwala Yojana and giving respect to the women of the village by building 11 crore toilets under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Referring to the Olympic Games, the BJP National President said that today the picture of India has changed in the Olympic Games. For this, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had started work from 2014 itself, its result has been seen in Tokyo. 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', this is our motto. ■



BJYM ORGANISES 75 KM OF “YUVA SAKALP YATRA” ACROSS 75 LOCATIONS

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) marked the 75th Year of India's Independence with the “Yuva Sankalp Yatra”, a unique campaign wherein it organised 75 km of cycle rallies and running marathons. This was held in 75 locations across the country from 15 August to 17 August, 2021.

Starting from the city of lakes, Udaipur in Rajasthan on 15 August, Yuva Sankalp Yatra has culminated in Ladakh on 17 August, 2021. Among others, President BJP Ladakh & Member of Parliament from Ladakh Sri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya were present at the culmination ceremony.

While addressing the BJYM workers of Ladakh Unit, BJYM National President Shri Tejasvi Surya said, “The Yuva Sankalp Yatra”, part of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”, was organized to inspire youth to uphold nationalistic values. We covered 75 different locations across the county while culminating the same in Ladakh today.

The ‘Yuva Sankalp Yatra’ is part of the country’s ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. The ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ is a people’s ‘Mahotsav’ initiated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Yuva Morcha strives to ensure maximum participation from the youth by conducting various programmes throughout the year. One of the first set of events being organised was the ‘Yuva Sankalp Yatra’ and ‘Rashtragaan Samarpan’ programme.

The Yuva Sankalp Yatra was organized to promote the message of ‘New India’ and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi vision of India for 2047 and the role of youth. The cycling and running programmes were intended to encourage all the young people of the country to be fitter and stronger to create a healthy and resilient nation. ■



MAHILA MORCHA HONOURS 75 UNSUNG HEROINES OF FREEDOM MOVEMENT

BJP National Mahila Morcha marked the 75th Year of India's Independence by organizing a programme each in the birthplace/memorials of 75 women freedom fighters in the country on 15 August, 2021. On the occasion of Independence Day under the “Azadi ka Mahotsav” celebration the Mahila Morcha paid tribute at the memorial to 75 unsung Heroines of freedom movement for their valuable contribution in freedom struggle.

Mahila Morcha has identified 75 birth places of these freedom fighters, where different programs were organised in their memory and facilitated them and their family members who are alive.

On that occasion National President of Bharatiya Janata Mahila Morcha Smt. Vannathi Srinivasan paid tribute to Anjalaiammal, the great freedom fighter of Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu.

Addressing the gathering she said Anjalaiammal was born in 1890 and studied till 5th standard. When Gandhiji started the non-cooperation movement against the British rule, Anjalaiammal got involved in it. This was her first step in public life. She took an active part in the struggle to remove the statue of a British officer responsible for the massacre of India's First War of Independence of 1857, and thus was imprisoned for participating in that struggle along with his 9-year-old daughter Ammakannu.

Smt. Srinivasan said, “Anjalai Ammal also joined the freedom struggle in 1932 and was arrested. She was pregnant when she entered Vellore Jail. She had to take a month's parole but within two weeks of the birth of her son, Anjaliammal was back in jail with her newborn child”. Such was her determination regarding the freedom struggle of India. As a result, Mahatma Gandhi called her the Jhansi Rani of the South. Likewise, in other places the Mahila Morcha felicitated, unsung women leaders who took part in the freedom struggle of India. ■

DRDO DEVELOPS ADVANCED CHAFF TECHNOLOGY FOR INDIAN AIR FORCE

RAKSHA MANTRI TERMS IT ANOTHER STEP OF DRDO TOWARDS 'AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT'

Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an Advanced Chaff Technology to safeguard fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) against hostile radar threats. Defence Laboratory Jodhpur, a DRDO laboratory developed the advanced Chaff material and chaff cartridge-118/I in collaboration with High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), a Pune based laboratory of DRDO, meeting qualitative requirements of IAF. The Indian Air Force has started the process of induction of this technology after completion of successful user trials.

In today's electronic warfare, survivability of fighter aircraft is of prime concern because of advancement in modern radar

threats. To ensure survivability of aircraft, Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDSD) is used which provides passive jamming against Infra-Red and radar threats. Chaff is a critical



defence technology used to protect fighter aircraft from hostile radar threats. The importance of this technology lies in the fact that very less quantity of chaff material deployed in the air acts as decoy to deflect

enemy's missiles for ensuring safety of the fighter aircraft. The technology has been given to the industry for production in large quantities to meet the annual rolling requirement of the Indian Air Force.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has lauded DRDO, IAF and the industry for indigenous development of this critical technology, terming it as one more step of DRDO towards 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat' in strategic defence technologies. Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy congratulated the teams associated with the successful development of this advanced technology that will further strengthen the Indian Air Force. ■

CENTER REVENUE REFLECTS STRONG GROWTH IN COLLECTION

Despite the second wave shock of corona pandemic, the Government's revenue reflects strong growth in collection. The Union government's revenue collection went up to 28% of its budgeted revenues for fiscal 2022 in the first quarter (Apr-Jun) alone. This quarter collection is the best revenue collection drive in five years. In the three years prior to the pandemic, the Union Government could only manage 14% of the budgeted revenues for the year in the first quarter. ■



NEARLY 72% OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS (PSBs) DONE THROUGH DIGITAL CHANNELS

Nearly 72% of financial transactions of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are now done through digital channels, with customers active on digital channels having doubled from 3.4 crore in FY2019-20 to 7.6 crore in FY2020-21. This was stated by Union Minister of State for Finance Dr Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on August 10. The Minister stated, however, that the license for banking is given by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and RBI has informed that it is not considering a separate licensing category for digital banks at present. ■

CABINET APPROVES IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL MISSION ON EDIBLE OILS – OIL PALM

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 18 has given its nod to launch a new Mission on Oil palm to be known as the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) as a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a special focus on the North east region and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Due to the heavy dependence on imports for edible oils, it is important to make efforts for increasing the domestic production of edible oils in which increasing area and productivity of oil palm plays an important part.

A financial outlay of Rs.11,040 crore has been made for the scheme, out of which Rs.8,844 crore is the Government of India share and Rs.2,196 crore is State share and this includes the viability gap funding also.

Under this scheme, it is proposed to cover an additional area of 6.5 lakh hectare (ha.) for oil palm till the year 2025-26 and thereby reaching the target of 10 lakh hectares ultimately. The production of Crude Palm Oil (CPO) is expected to go upto 11.20 lakh tonnes by 2025-26 and upto 28 lakh tonnes by 2029-30.

The scheme will immensely benefit the oil palm farmers, increase capital investment, create employment generation, shall reduce the import dependence and also increase the income of the farmers. ■

200 VAN DHAN PRODUCER COMPANIES PLANNED TO BE SET UP

200 Van Dhan producer companies are planned to be set up in 27 States during 2020-21 to 2025-26 with priority in Aspirational Districts under Van Dhan programme of TRIFED. It is worth mentioning that a Van Dhan Producer company existing in Jawadhu Hills in Tiruvannamalai district, Tamil Nadu since 2020 is a noteworthy example of how this initiative benefits the tribals and promotes tribal entrepreneurship.

To help the tribals empower themselves and gain better opportunities and market access, the Jawadhu Hills Tribal Farmer Producer Company was formed in 2020. It falls under the State Balanced Growth Fund for Value Addition of Non-Timber forest Product and Agricultural Products of Jawadhu hills, Tiruvannamalai District (SPV).

In less than a year, four manufacturing units have already been set up for, the processing and packaging of tamarind, minor millet, and honey and pepper. The units, which are being run by the tribals, have started production in November 2020. The daily production capacity is 1 tonne. Up until now, in less than 4 months, the producer company has sold processed products up to Rs 12 lakhs. The Van Dhan tribal start-ups, a component of the same scheme, is a programme for value addition, branding & marketing of Minor Forest Produces by establishing Van Dhan Kendras to facilitate creation of sustainable livelihoods for the forest-based tribes. ■

PM HAILS PASSAGE OF THE CONSTITUTION (127TH AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021 IN BOTH HOUSES

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on August 11 has called Passage of the Constitution (127th Amendment) Bill, 2021 in both Houses a landmark moment for the nation.

The Bill that aims at restoring powers of states to notify backward classes. The Amendment Bill amends Articles 342 A (clauses 1 and 2) and will introduce a new clause - 342 A (3) specifically authorising states to maintain their state list of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC). There will be a consequential amendment

in Articles 366(26c) and 338B (9). The states will thus be able to directly notify SEBCs without having to refer to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, "Passage of the Constitution (127th Amendment) Bill, 2021 in both Houses is a landmark moment for our nation. This Bill furthers social empowerment. It also reflects our Government's commitment to ensuring dignity, opportunity and justice to the marginalised sections." ■

FOUR INDIAN SITES GET RAMSAR RECOGNITION

Four more wetlands from India get recognition from the Ramsar Secretariat as Ramsar sites. These sites are Thol and Wadhvana from Gujarat and Sultanpur and Bhindawas from Haryana. Informing this in a tweet message, Union Environment Minister, Shri Bhupender Yadav expressed happiness and stated that it is Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's special concern for the environment which has led to overall improvement in how India cares for its wetlands.

With this, the number of Ramsar sites in India are 46 and the surface area covered by these

sites is now 1,083,322 hectares. While Haryana gets its first Ramsar sites, Gujarat gets three more after Nalsarovar which was declared in 2012. The aim of the Ramsar list is "to develop and maintain an international network of wetlands which are important for the conservation of global biological diversity and for sustaining human life through the maintenance of their ecosystem components, processes and benefits".

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has said that it is a matter of pride for us that four Indian sites get Ramsar recognition. ■

TILL DATE, 363 ROUTES AND 59 AIRPORTS OPERATIONALIZED UNDER 'UDAN'

Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia along with the Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, General (Retd.) Dr. V.K. Singh, and Member of Parliament, Bareilly, Shri Santosh Gangwar, flagged off the new flight connecting Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh) with Mumbai (Maharashtra) in a virtual ceremony on August 12.

The operationalization of this route aligns with the objectives of the 'Sab Uden Sab Juden' initiative of the Government of India that aims to strengthen the aerial

connectivity of the Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities of the country with the metros.

Till date, 363 routes and 59 airports (including 5 heliports and 2 water aerodromes) have been operationalized under the UDAN scheme.

The number of domestic passengers is on the rise as flying emerges as a preferred, safe & time-saving mode of transport. On 11 August 2021, 1,98,495 passengers travelled on 1,798 flights. Total flight movement was 3,592 & total passenger movement was 3,95,143. ■

WORLD'S SECOND-LARGEST REFURBISHED GENE BANK INAUGURATED

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar on August 16 inaugurated the world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Pusa, New Delhi. On this occasion, Shri Tomar said that the farmers of India are fully capable of accepting the challenges faced by the agriculture sector and conquering them. He said that our farmers are skilled human resources even without any major educational degree. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is constantly concerned about the welfare of the farmers and concrete steps have been taken by the government through several schemes to increase their income. ■

'OPERATION BLUE FREEDOM' FLAGGED OFF TO CREATE A WORLD RECORD AT SIACHEN GLACIER

While Participating in a series of events organised by Dr. Ambedkar International Centre on the occasion of 75th Independence Day Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar, flagged off a pioneering expedition 'Operation Blue Freedom'. A team of people with disabilities from across the country undertook an expedition till Siachen Glacier to create a new World Record for the largest team of people with disabilities to reach the world's highest battlefield.

Dr. Ambedkar International Centre has supported this world record expedition of people with disabilities to Siachen Glacier as part of its commitment towards the cause and betterment of Divyangjans of our country. ■

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Once while shaving a customer, a barber, prided in his razor being 60 years old. His father too had worked with the same razor. The customer was surprised especially because the handle was quite shiny and new in appearance. "Why the handle is quite shiny? How have you preserved the brightness for sixty years?" He asked. Barber too was amused with this. Is it possible to preserve the handle in a brand new appearance for sixty years? It has been replaced only six months ago". He replied naturally. The customer was curious and asked and how old is the steel? Three years was the reply. In brief, the handle was replaced, the steel was also replaced, but the razor remained old! Its identity was intact. Similarly a nation too has a soul. There is a technique name for it. In the "Principles and Policies" adopted by the Jana Sangh, this name is mentioned. The word is 'Chiti'. According to McDougal, it is the innate nature of a group. Every group of persons has an innate nature. Similarly every society has an innate nature, which is inborn and is not the result of historical circumstances.

A human being is born with a soul. Human personality, Soul and character are all distinct from one another.. Personality results from a cumulative effect of all the actions, thoughts and impressions of an individual. But Soul is unaffected by this history, Similarly national culture is continuously modified and enlarged by the historic reasons and circumstances. Culture does include all those things which by the association, endeavours and the history of the society, have come to be held up as good and commendable. but these are not added on to Chiti. Chiti is fundamental and is central to the nation from its very beginning. Chiti determines the direction in which the nation is to advance culturally. Whatever is in accordance with 'Chiti', is included in culture.

CHITI, CULTURE, DHARMA

By way of an illustration consider the story of Mahabharata. Kauravas were defeated, and Pandavas won. Why did we hold up the conduct of Pandavas as Dharma? Or why this battle was not considered just a battle for a kingdom? The praise for Yudhistir and the dishonour heaped on Duryodhana are not a result of political causes Krishna killed his uncle Kansa, the established king of the times. Instead of branding this as a revolt, we consider Krishna as an Avatar of God,

"INTEGRAL HUMANISM"

-PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA



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and Kansa as an Asura.

Rama was assisted in his invasion of Lanka by Vibhishana, brother of Ravana. Such conduct of Vibhishana instead of being branded as treason, is considered good and exemplary. He betrayed his brother and his king even as Jaichand had one later on. He might be branded as a "quisling". But Vibhishana is not called "quisling" by any one. On the contrary he is highly praised for his conduct, and Ravana's actions are disapproved. Why so? The reason behind this is not political.

If there is any standard for determining the merits and demerits of particular action, it is this Chiti; from nature whatever is in accordance with 'Chiti', is approved and added on to culture. These things are to be cultivated. Whatever is against 'Chiti,' is discarded as perversion, undesirable, is to be avoided. Chiti is the touchstone on which each action, each attitude is tested, and determined to be acceptable or otherwise. 'Chitti' is the soul of the nation. On the strength of this

'Chiti', a nation arises, strong and virile if it is this 'Chiti' that is demonstrated in the actions of every great man of a nation.

An individual is also in instrument in bringing forth the soul of the nation 'Chiti'. Thus apart from his own self, an individual also represents his nation. Not only that, but he also mans the various institutions that are created for the fulfilment of the national goal. Therefore he represents these too. The groups larger than nation such as "mankind" are also represented by him. In short, an individual has a multitude of aspect, but they are not conflicting; there is co-operation. unity and harmony in them. A system based on the recognition of this mutuality complementary nature of the different ideals of mankind, their essential harmony, a system which devises laws, which removes the disharmony and enhances these mutual usefulness and co-operation, alone can bring peace and happiness to mankind; can ensure steady development.

"INSTITUTION"- A MEANS TO FULFIL NATIONAL NEEDS

According to Darwin's theory, living beings develop various organs as per the requirements dedicated by the circumstances. In our shastras, it was stated slightly differently, that the soul constructs, using the strength of "Prana", various organs as the need is felt, for the purpose of continuing life. Just as the soul produced these different organs in the body, so also in the nation many different organs are produced as instruments to achieve national goals. Like various departments in a factory, building, machinery, sales, production, maintenance etc. nations also produce different departments, which are called institutions. These institutions are created to fulfil the needs of a nation. Family, castes, guilds, (which are now known as trade unions)etc., are such institutions. Property, marriage are also institution. Formerly there were no marriages. Later on some Rishi established this practice of marriage. He produced the institution of marriage. Similarly Gurukul and Rishkul were institutions. In the same way, the state is also an institution. The Nation creates it. A lot of trouble in the West is due to the

fact that they confused the state with the nation, they considered the state synonymous with the nation. Truly speaking, nation and state are not the same. In our country, the state was produced as per social contract theory. Formerly there was no king. Mahabharata describes that in Kritiyuga, there was no state or king. Society was sustained and protected mutually by practicing 'Dharma'.

Later on interruption and disorganization came into existence. Greed and anger dominated. 'Dharma' was on the decline and the rule "might is right" prevailed. The Rishis were perturbed over the developments. They all went to Brahma to seek counsel, Brahma gave them a treatise on "Law and the Functions of the State", which he had himself writer. At the same time,

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he asked Manu to become the first King. Manu declined saying that a king will have to punish other persons, put them in jail and so on; he was not prepared to commit all these sins. There upon Brahma said, your actions in the capacity of king will not constitute sin, a long as they are aimed at securing conditions under which the society can live peacefully and according to 'Dharma'. This will be your duty, your 'Dharma'. Not only that but You will also have a share of the 'Karma' of your subjects, whereby you will gain 'Dharma' considerably

if your subjects maintain conduct according to Dharma. Although it is not explicitly stated here, but I believe that if the society under any king committed sin, a part of that too must automatically go to the account of the king. It is not proper if only good things are shared by the king and not the bad ones; both must be shared in the same proportion. Thus state came into existence as a contract. This contract theory can be applied to the state but not to the nation. In the West, it was exactly opposite. Society as a nation, according to them was a contract, but the king claimed a divine right and proclaimed himself the sole representative of God. This is wrong. ■

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.)

FORMER UP CM KALYAN SINGH PASSES AWAY

Senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Kalyan Singh, who was ailing for some time, breathed his last on 21 August in Lucknow. He was 89 years old. Several leaders across the political spectrum expressed their heartfelt tribute on the demise of Shri Kalyan Singh.

HE DEVOTED HIS ENTIRE LIFE FOR THE WELFARE OF PEOPLE: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressing his condolence said in a tweet, "I am saddened



HIGHLIGHTS FROM HIS JOURNEY

5th JANUARY, 1932-21st AUGUST, 2021

- Shri Kalyan Singh was born in Aligarh district in Uttar Pradesh in 1932.
- He was associated with RSS since his school days.
- He was elected as MLA for the first time representing Atrauli (Aligarh district-UP) constituency in 1967.
- He was elected from Atrauli Legislative Assembly constituency for ten times.
- He served as Health Minister of UP from 1977 to 1979.
- He served as CM of UP for the first time during 24 June, 1991-6 Dec. 1992 and for second term during 21 Sep. 1997-12 Nov. 1999.
- He was elected to Lok Sabha twice from Bulandshahar in 2004 and in 2009 from Etah.
- He became 21st Governor of Rajasthan in 2014 and served till 2019.
- Shri Singh left for heavenly abode on 21st August 2021.



beyond words. Kalyan Singh Ji... statesman, veteran administrator, grassroots level leader and great human. He leaves behind an indelible contribution towards the development of Uttar Pradesh. Spoke to his son Shri Rajveer Singh and expressed condolences. Om Shanti."

Later on 22nd August, PM Shri Modi reached Lucknow and paid his respects to Shri Kalyan Singh at his residence at Mall Avenue. Talking to press in Lucknow Prime Minister said, "This is a moment of grief for all of us. Kalyan Singh ji's parents named him Kalyan Singh. He lived his life in such a way that he lived up to the name given by his parents. He devoted his entire life for the welfare of people and he made it the mantra of his life. He dedicated himself to the Bharatiya Janata Party, Bharatiya Jana Sangh, and for a bright future of the country."

He added, "Kalyan Singh ji's name had become synonymous with trust across India. He was a committed decision maker and was always striving for the welfare of the people throughout his life.



He became an inspiration to others in whatever responsibility he was given, whether as an MLA, or in the government or as a Governor. He became the symbol of faith for the masses. The nation has lost a valued personality and an able leader. We should make efforts to compensate for his loss by following his ideals and fulfilling his dreams. I pray to Lord Rama to bless his soul and give strength to his family to bear this loss. May Lord Rama give strength to all those grieving, and who believe in his values, ideals and the culture and tradition of India.”

HE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN STRENGTHENING THE BJP: JP NADDA

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in his condolence message said, “I am deeply saddened and shocked to condole the passing away of former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and senior leader of Bharatiya Janata Party Shri Kalyan Singh ji, who played an important role in strengthening the Bharatiya Janata Party and taking the organization to every section of the society. He was such a popular-leader in the true sense who had devoted his whole life for the welfare of the society and upliftment of the poor.

Shri Kalyan Singh ji left an indelible mark in the political and social life with his creativity and service. His entire life was devoted to the service of the masses. He always kept the torch of Bharatiya Janata Party lit, never compromising on the principles and kept fighting for the rights of the oppressed, deprived and backward all his life.

He further said, “Born in a farmer’s family, Shri Singh joined the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

in his childhood. He worked hard in adverse circumstances and got higher education. He was also a teacher. He went from village to village and created awareness among the people and fought for their rights. His death has created a political vacuum not only in Uttar Pradesh but in the entire country which is impossible to fill. The death of Kalyan Singh ji marks the end of an era in Indian politics. The image of “Babu ji” who has trained lakhs of Karyakartas to serve the party will always be etched in our minds and hearts. This is an irreparable loss to the Bharatiya Janata Party. His doors were always open for party workers”.

Shri Nadda added that Shri Kalyan Singh was elected to the Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1967. He was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly continuously from 1967 to 1980. Meanwhile, during the Emergency, he was also imprisoned for about 21 months. After the end of the Emergency, he became the Health Minister of Uttar Pradesh in 1977. After the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party, he became the BJP General Secretary of Uttar Pradesh. He was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh twice, from 24 June 1991 to 6 December 1992 and from 21 September 1997 to 12 November 1999. He was the first Chief Minister of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Uttar Pradesh. He also successfully played his role as the Governor of Rajasthan. The prestige he earned in his long political and social life was very high.

The coming generations will always be indebted to Shri Kalyan Singh ji for his invaluable contribution in the cultural upliftment of India. He had immense reverence in the great heritage and traditions of India.



His role in the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi movement was also noteworthy. He made constant efforts for the empowerment of farmers, downtrodden, oppressed, deprived, backward, youth and women, BJP National President said.

In his condolence message, he said, "In this hour of grief, on behalf of myself and party Karyakartas, I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved family of Shri Kalyan Singh ji and his associates. Also, I pay my humble tributes by praying to God to grant peace to the departed soul and patience and courage to the bereaved family. Om Shanti."

A STALWART OF INDIAN POLITICS AND A GRASSROOTS LEADER: LK ADVANI

BJP senior leader and former Deputy Prime Minister Shri L.K Advani also issued condolence message on demise of the leader. He said in a press statement, "I am deeply saddened to condole the passing away of my close associate Kalyan Singh ji, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

A stalwart of Indian politics and a grassroots leader, Kalyan Singh ji became the Chief Minister of the first ever BJP government of Uttar Pradesh. He endeared himself to the masses by working tirelessly for the upliftment of the weaker sections and contributed greatly to the overall progress of the state."

HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THE NATION: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said Shri Singh had dedicated his life to the nation. Shri Shah said, "The country and the entire BJP family are mourning his death. This nation and future generations will always be indebted for his immense contribution," he said.

The Union Home Minister also said Shri Kalyan Singh ji was one of the tallest leaders of the Ram Temple movement. He quit power for the Ram Janmbhoomi Andolan without even thinking once. When the foundation stone for the grand Ram Temple was laid in Ayodhya I had spoken to Respected Babuji. He had said with enthusiasm, joy and satisfaction that with the foundation stone laying for the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya his life's biggest goal, his life's greatest wish has been achieved.

A GREAT LOSS FOR INDIAN POLITICS: RAJNATH SINGH

Describing Kalyan Singh as a stalwart of Indian politics, Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said with his demise, he has lost his elder brother and a companion. "Kalyan Singh's death is a great loss for Indian politics and a very sad moment for me," he said in a tweet.

HE WAS SYNONYMOUS WITH PURITY, TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC SERVICE: YOGI ADITYANATH

"In Indian politics, he was synonymous with purity, transparency and public service. The death of such a respected organizer and popular mass leader Kalyan Singh ji is an irreparable loss for the entire nation," Yogi Adityanath said in a tweet.

The last rites of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Kalyan Singh was performed on 23rd August on the bank of Ganga in Narora of Bulandshahr district with full state honours. It was attended by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, UP Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, BJP State President Shri Swatantra Dev Singh and several senior leaders of the State and the country. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a three-day state mourning to condole the leader. ■

UJJWALA YOJANA ILLUMINATES THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on August 10 launched Ujjwala 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana - PMUY) by handing over LPG connections, at Mahoba Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing. During the event, the Prime Minister interacted with beneficiaries of the Ujjwala.

Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said he was delighted to address the sisters of UP ahead of Raksha Bandhan. He said the number of people, especially women whose lives have been illuminated by the Ujjwala Yojana is unprecedented. This scheme was launched in 2016 from Ballia in UP, from the land of Mangal Pandey, the pioneer of the freedom struggle. He said that the second edition of Ujjwala was also being launched from UP's Veerbhoomi - Mahoba. He remembered another son of the soil of Bundelkhand, Major Dhyan Chand or Dadda Dhyan Chand. He said the name of the country's highest sports award is now named as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. He said this will inspire lakhs of people who want to pursue sports.

The Prime Minister lamented that the countrymen had to wait for decades for getting many basic amenities such as Housing, Electricity, Water, Toilet, Gas, Roads, Hospital and School. Many of such things could have been addressed decades ago. He said that our daughters will be able to come out of the house and kitchen and contribute extensively in nation building only when the problems related to house and kitchen are solved first. Therefore, in the last 6-7 years, he said, the Government has worked to get solutions to various issues on a mission mode. He listed many such interventions like crores of toilets being built across the country under Swachh Bharat Mission; more than 2 crore houses for poor families, mostly, in the names of women; rural roads; 3 crore families got electricity connection; Ayushman Bharat is giving 50 crore people cover for upto 5 lakh rupees worth of medical treatment; direct money transfer for



IN THE FIRST PHASE OF UJJWALA YOJANA, 8 CRORE POOR, DALIT, DEPRIVED, BACKWARD AND TRIBAL FAMILIES WERE GIVEN FREE GAS CONNECTIONS

vaccination and nutrition during pregnancy under MatruVandana Yojana; 30 thousand crore rupees were deposited by the government in the Jan Dhan Account of women during Corona period; our sisters are getting piped water under Jal Jeevan Mission. He said that these schemes have brought massive transformation in the lives of women.

The Prime Minister noted that the resolve of health, convenience and empowerment of sisters has received great impetus from Ujjwala Yojana. In the first phase of the scheme, 8 crore poor, dalit, deprived, backward and tribal families were given free gas connections. He said the benefit of this free gas connection was felt in the era of the Corona pandemic. Ujjawala Yojana has led to manifold expansion of LPG gas infrastructure. During the last 6-7 years more than 11 thousand LPG distribution centres have been opened. In UP the number of these centres increased to 4 thousand from 2 thousand in 2014. The Prime Minister said that we are very near the cent percent gas coverage.

He said that Ujjwala 2.0 scheme will give maximum benefit to lakhs of families. He added that now workers from other places need not run from pillar to post for address proof. ■

50 CRORE VACCINATIONS: PIVOTAL MOMENT IN COVID FIGHT



JAGAT PRAKASH
NADDA

On August 7, India crossed an important landmark of administering 50 crore vaccines to its citizens. Despite negative campaigning, India has managed to efficiently run the world's largest and fastest vaccination programme. The credit goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and our Covid warriors – doctors, scientists and medical staff.

Just nine months after the spread of the pandemic, India managed to develop not one but two 'Made in India' vaccines. It was a rare feat for which full credit goes to our scientists.

NO LOOKING BACK SINCE JUNE 21

On January 16 India kickstarted the world's largest vaccination programme. Initially there were some challenges but overcoming them, India took 85 days to complete the first 10 crore vaccinations. On June 21 the government decided to absorb the entire expense of the vaccination drive. The message was loud and clear – our PM cares. Since then there has been no looking back.

India was able to complete the next 10 crore vaccinations in

just 45 days to reach the 20 crore mark. Since then, the drive has continued in top gear – 29 days for the next 10 crore, and 24 days and 20 days for the two subsequent 10 crore bands.

Now, we have to accomplish the PM's mission of completing our nationwide vaccination drive of all adults by end of 2021. India will have well over 136 crore doses by the end of this year as production has been hiked. We will have 26.65 crore doses available in August, 26.15 crore in September, 28.25 crore in October, 28.25

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crore in November and 28.5 crore in December.

COMPULSORY LICENSING POLICY HELPED

Among many significant decisions taken by the PM is simplifying compulsory licensing policy to speed up vaccine production. It ensured clearance

for manufacturing of Russia's Sputnik V in the country and just a few days back Johnson & Johnson vaccine has also been given clearance. In the coming days more vaccines will be available in India.

But let's note the negative role played by some opposition parties. While the PM was leading India's fight, the opposition was busy spreading canards and casting serious aspersions on our vaccines. One opposition party even labelled the 'Made in India' vaccine as a 'BJP vaccine' – such was the desperation to discredit India and its scientists. These opposition parties neither cooperated with the Centre nor supported the PM. They had one common agenda – to derail India's fight against Covid.

DESPITE RUMOURS AND FALSE NARRATIVES

The chief conspirator was Congress whose senior leaders and CMs persistently questioned the efficacy of our vaccines and spread rumours about its side-effects. They called our citizens 'guinea pigs', 'lab rats'. Some Congress-ruled states even declined to let the vaccination drive take place, which resulted in slowing down of the entire drive.

Congress also tried to derail the process by creating a false narrative of vaccine shortages, while the fact remains that some Congress-ruled states

committed the unpardonable sin of wasting the precious vaccines and diverting vaccines to private hospitals.

We all know how many years it took for other vaccines to reach India. During Congress's rule, it took several years for the Japanese Encephalitis vaccine to reach India. Even all-important vaccines of polio and tetanus took decades to reach India after they were developed.

MADE IN INDIA INDEPENDENCE

Today India has shown the world that it is no longer dependent on developed nations for supply of vaccines. We also helped many countries with supplies of

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vaccines. There has been a sea change in the way the world today looks at the country.

BJP has always stood steadfastly with the PM in India's

fight against the deadly virus. Its workers have extended all support to the government and have worked with it and local authorities in times of crisis. With the world still fighting the virus, BJP has now started the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Swayamsewak Abhiyan' to build a team of trained health volunteers who will assist our frontline health workers whenever the need arises. So far we have trained over 1.5 lakh volunteers.

Under the PM's leadership we will neither tire nor stop. We will further speed up our vaccination drive with the resolve to vaccinate all adults by the end of this year. ■

(The writer is National President, BJP)

PM INAUGURATES AND LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF MULTIPLE PROJECTS IN SOMNATH

PM Shri Narendra Modi on August 20 inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple projects in Somnath, Gujarat via video conferencing. The projects inaugurated include the Somnath Promenade, Somnath Exhibition Centre and reconstructed temple precinct of Old (Juna) Somnath. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of Shree Parvati Temple during the event. Former Deputy Prime Minister of India of India Shri Lal Krishan Advani, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, along with CM and Deputy CM of Gujarat were present on the occasion.

Congratulating the devotees all over the world, the Prime Minister paid tribute to Sardar Patel who showed indomitable will power for the revival of India's ancient glory. Sardar Patel linked Somnath Mandir with independent spirit of independent India. Shri Modi said that it is 'our good fortune that we are taking forward the efforts of Sardar Saheb in the 75th year of Independence and imparting new splendour to Somnath Temple.

The Prime Minister said that in initiatives like 'Statue of Unity' and transformation of Kachch, Gujarat has seen from the close quarters, the results of linking modernity with tourism. 'It has been demand of every



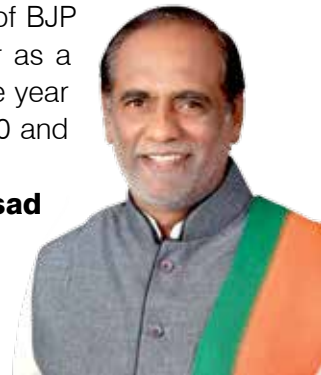
time period that we look for new possibilities in religious tourism and strengthen the links between pilgrimage and local economy," the Prime Minister pointed out.

The Prime Minister said that reconstruction of Somnath temple to grand renovation is due to centuries of strong will and ideological continuity. 'Great men like Rajendra Prasad ji, Sardar Patel and KM Munshi faced difficulties for this campaign even after independence. Still, finally Somnath Mandir got established as divine pillar of modern India in 1950. The Country is moving towards amicable solutions of difficult problems. A bright pillar of the glory of modern India is coming up in the form of Ram Mandir', he said. ■

MODI GOVERNMENT IS TRULY IMPLEMENTING THE PRINCIPLES OF DR. AMBEDKAR: DR. K. LAXMAN

Dr. K. Laxman who recently assumed the charge of National President of BJP OBC Morcha belongs to the State of Telangana. Starting his political career as a youth leader, he joined ABVP at Osmania University and joined the BJP in the year 1980. He was the former State BJP President of Telangana from 2016 to 2020 and represented Musheerabad Assembly constituency twice as MLA.

In an exclusive interview with Kamal Sandesh Associate Editors **Ram Prasad Tripathy** and **Sanjeev Kumar Sinha**, Dr. K. Laxman revealed the historic and landmark decisions of Modi government for the wellbeing of OBC community and also shared his plans to reach out to the people at the grassroots level in the country to spread the welfare schemes of Modi government. Excerpts;



Modi government has taken several Historic and landmark decisions for the OBC community. As the National President of OBC Morcha, how do you view these steps?

The Narendra Modi government has taken many steps for the welfare of OBC category. It was Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who granted constitutional status to the OBC Commission, akin to the powers enjoyed by the SC, ST and Minority commissions, thus giving much deserved dignity and honour to the OBC category people. PM Shri Modi has also granted 27 per cent reservation to OBC students in medical colleges and inducted maximum number of Ministers from OBC community in Union Council of Ministers.

After a long time since independence, we have the Modi Government that is committed to provide due reservation both to backward and EWS category, by following the 'Sabka-Sath, Sabka-Vikas, Sabka-Vishwas and Sabka-Prayas' as the basic mantra to ensure cohesive development of the country.

While the caste-based political parties are only bothered about aggrandizing their own families rather than giving serious thought about the plight of the socially and economically disadvantaged

sections, it is the BJP government under the decisive and dynamic leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi which has implemented on the ground the principles and ideals of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. Not only the OBC community but all weaker sections of the society have got enough opportunity and benefits under the Modi government.

For these historic decisions, OBC Morcha whole heartily expresses its gratitude to our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

“ NOT ONLY THE OBC COMMUNITY BUT ALL WEAKER SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY HAVE GOT ENOUGH OPPORTUNITY AND BENEFITS UNDER THE MODI GOVERNMENT ”

In a far-reaching and significant decision, the Modi government granted 27 per cent reservation to OBC community students in PG and UG courses in medical colleges. What

will be its implications?

During the last seven years PM Shri Narendra Modi has brought revolutionary changes in the medical education sector while giving priority to social justice. In this series, the union government has granted 27 and 10 per cent reservation to OBC and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students respectively in PG and UG courses in medical colleges across the country.

With this landmark decision, approximately 1,500 OBC and 550 EWS students will be benefitted

every year from current academic year 2021–22 onwards in getting admissions. Similarly, in the PG courses in medical colleges 2,500 OBC category students and around 1,000 EWS category students will be benefitted in admissions.

The Central Government has also increased annual income norms for pre-matric and free annual coaching scholarships for students of SC and OBC categories. The government has also given massive hike in pre-matric scholarships for OBC category students. In KV, Navodaya and Sainik schools' reservation will also start from this year and the creamy layer cap has increased from 6 lakh to 8 lakhs. Due to these schemes a great deal of benefits are now being availed by the students of our OBC, SC and ST communities across India.

In Modi government 70 percent ministers come from SC,ST and OBC communities which has never happened before. OBC Morcha also felicitated 27 ministers of OBC community recently. In this context, how significant is the induction of so many ministers in the Union cabinet?

Yes, true. Now the union council of ministry consists of 70 percent of ministers from SC, ST and OBC communities drawn from varied geographical spread from across the country which never happened before. Today, 35 percent of the ministers in the Union government are from the OBC category.

As you know, the Opposition did not let Prime Minister Shri Modi to introduce newly inducted ministers to Parliament, so the OBC Morcha has decided to honour and give public reception to the newly inducted 27 Central ministers hailing from the backward classes, first in New Delhi and later in their respective State capitals later this month.

Efforts have been made to give representation to all categories under OBCs and to give representation to all the states in the new cabinet. Therefore, under them, issues and policies relating to the backward community are bound to resonate like never before.

After you assumed charge, what would you count as some of the major achievements of the BJP OBC Morcha?

In organizational front, after formation of the OBC Morcha National executive committee, four meetings were held during this period. The National Executive meeting was held under the chairmanship of BJP National President Shri JP Nadda in New Delhi.

Secondly, in all 28 states OBC Morcha Samities were formed. We have focused to form OBC Morcha in Districts and Mandals and to our satisfaction till date in almost all the districts of the country and in around 8000 Mandals the OBC Morcha has been formed.

Thirdly, we have felicitated the newly inducted 27 Central ministers hailing from the backward classes in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of BJP National President Shri JP Nadda and we have taken a decision to organize 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' with the ministers in their respective States.

What are the future plans of BJP OBC Morcha?

Prime Minister Shri Modi holds the country as his family. The focal point of each and every scheme

“THE FOCAL POINT OF EACH AND EVERY SCHEME AND PROGRAMME OF THE UNION GOVERNMENT ARE THE POOR, WEAKER SECTIONS, BACKWARDS SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY”

and programme of the Union Government are the poor, weaker sections, backwards sections of the society. 'Antyodaya' is the resolution of our Prime Minister and his mission is to create an equitable and just society where there is no division on the basis of caste, creed or religion. Be it the 'PM Awas Yojna', 'Ayushman Bharat Yojna', 'Jan Dhan Yojna', 'Ujjwala Yojna' or other socio-economic welfare schemes have helped every section of the society including OBC, SC, ST, women and poor people.

The OBC Morcha intends to interact with all the sections of the OBCs in the country and explain to them the benefits they can reap from these Central schemes.

We also plan to reach out to the people at the grassroots level in the country and bring maximum number of OBCs to the party fold to strengthen the party's presence across the country. ■

PM LAUNCHES VEHICLE SCRAPPAGE POLICY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 13 August addressed the Investor Summit in Gujarat via video conference. The Summit is being organized to invite investment for setting up vehicle scrapping infrastructure under the Voluntary Vehicle-Fleet Modernization Program or the Vehicle Scrapping Policy. It will also draw focus on the synergies presented by the ship breaking industry at Alang, for development of an integrated scrapping hub. Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari and Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani were also present on the occasion.

The launch of Vehicle Scrapping Policy is a significant milestone in India's development journey. The Investor Summit in Gujarat for setting up vehicle scrapping infrastructure opens a new range of possibilities. Vehicle scrapping will help phase out unfit and polluting vehicles in an environment friendly manner. "Our

aim is to create a viable circular economy and bring value for all stakeholders while being environmentally responsible," said the Prime Minister in a series of tweets before the event. While launching the National Automobile Scrapping Policy, the Prime Minister said

that this policy is going to give a new identity to the auto sector and to the mobility of New India. This policy will play a big role in the modernization of the vehicular population in the country, removing unfit vehicles from the roads in a scientific manner. He

said that modernity in mobility, not only reduces the burden of travel and transportation, but also proves to be helpful for economic development. The goal for 21st century India to be Clean, Congestion Free & Convenient Mobility, is the need of the hour.

The Prime Minister Shri Modi said the new scrapping policy is an important link in the circular economy and in the waste to wealth campaign. ■

- Under the new policy vehicles will not be scrapped merely on the basis of age.
- Vehicles will be scientifically tested through authorized, automated testing centres.
- Unfit vehicles will be scrapped scientifically.
- It will ensure that registered vehicle scrapping facilities all over the counties are technology driven and transparent.

BJP LEADERS MARTYRED IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Militants on August 17, martyred Javed Ahmad Dar, a BJP activist and the party's in-charge Hom Shali Bugh Assembly constituency. Javed Ahmad Dar was shot outside his home in Bazloo Jageer village in area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda condoled the death of the BJP leader. He said in a tweet, "Today we lost BJP leader Javed Ahmad Dar in Kulgam, J&K in a cowardly attack. Continuous targeting of BJP leaders won't deviate us from the development and peace agenda of J&K. I strongly condemn this act. His sacrifice won't go in vain, entire party stands with

bereaved family."

Attack by terrorists on Dhar was third attack on BJP leader in a month. On August 13, militants hurled a grenade at the house of BJP leader Shri Jasbir Singh, when he and his brother Balbir Singh's families were sitting in the gallery of the house in the Rajouri district of Jammu, wounding seven members of the two families. Later four-year-old nephew of the BJP leader succumbed to the injuries at the government college Rajouri.

Earlier on August 9, BJP Kisan Morcha District President and Sarpanch Ghulam Rasool Dar and his wife Jawahira Begum, who was a BJP Panch, were martyred in



Sarpanch Ghulam Rasool Dar Javed Ahmad Dar

Anantnag. The terrorists entered forcibly into the house of Javed Ahmad Dar and fired indiscriminately upon him. In this terror incident, he received critical gunshot injuries and died on spot. BJP Kisan Morcha National President Shri Rajkumar Chahar on August 11 visited the houses of martyred BJP Kisan Morcha District President at Kulgaon and consoled the family members. ■



PM INTERACTS WITH WOMEN SELF HELP GROUPS IN 'ATMANIRBHAR NARISHAKTI SE SAMVAD'

PRIME MINISTER RELEASES CAPITALIZATION SUPPORT FUNDS

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in 'Atmanirbhar Narishakti se Samvad' and interacted with women Self Help Group (SHG) members/community resource persons promoted under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) on 12 August via video conferencing. During the event, a compendium of success stories of women SHG members from all across the country, along with a handbook on universalization of farm livelihoods was released by the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister also released capitalization support funds to the tune of Rs. 1625 Crore to over 4 lakh SHGs. In addition, he released Rs. 25 crore as seed money for 7500 SHG members under the PMFME (PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises) Scheme of Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Rs. 4.13 crore as funds to 75 FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations) being promoted under the Mission.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi lauded the Self-Help Groups of women for their unprecedented services during the Corona period. The Prime Minister recognized their unparalleled contribution in making masks and sanitizers and providing food to the needy and spreading awareness.

The Prime Minister said that to increase the scope of entrepreneurship among women and for greater participation in the resolve of AatmaNirbhar Bharat, a major financial support has been given today to more than 4 lakh SHGs on the eve of Raksha Bandhan. He said that the Self help group and Deen Dayal Antyodaya

Yojana have brought a new revolution in rural India. He added this movement of women self-help groups has intensified in the last 6-7 years. He said that today there are 70 lakh self help groups across the country which is more than three times the figure during 6-7 years.

The Prime Minister recalled the time before this government when crores of the sisters did not have a bank account, they were miles away from the banking system. That is why the government started the massive campaign to open Jan Dhan accounts, he said. He added that today there are more than 42

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crore Jan Dhan accounts of which close to 55% of the accounts are of women. He said the bank accounts were opened to make it easy to take loans from banks.

The Prime Minister said that the amount of help the government has provided for the sisters under the National Livelihood Mission is many times more than the previous government. An unsecured loan of about Rs.4 lakh crore has also been made available to self-help groups.

He said in the last 7 years self-help groups have also done a great job of repaying banks. There was a time when bank loans close to 9% became NPA. Now it has come down to 2-3 %. He lauded the honesty of the women in the Self Help Group.

The Prime Minister also announced that now the limit for loans available to self help groups without guarantee has been doubled to Rs 20 lakh. He said that the condition of linking your savings accounts with the loan account has also been done away with. He added that with many such efforts, you will now be able to move forward with more enthusiasm in the campaign of self-reliance. ■

UNDER SAHAKAR-22 INITIATIVES, NCDC IN THE LAST TWO YEARS REACHED OUT TO OVER 10,000 PRIMARY LEVEL COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES: AMIT SHAH

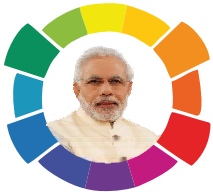
National Cooperative Development Corporation Act, 1962 Provides for planning and promoting programmes for the production, processing, marketing, storage, export and import of agricultural produce, foodstuffs, industrial goods, livestock, certain other commodities and services on co-operative principles and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. Since inception and till 31 March, 2021, NCDC has disbursed Rs.1.77 lakh crore to cooperatives for their development. It includes assistance to agricultural and horticulture cooperative societies. NCDC plans and promotes programmes on co-operative principles. It assists



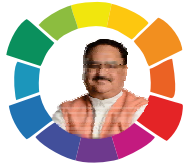
cooperatives only. NCDC financial assistance schemes encourage and attract people to form new cooperatives for carrying out business activities.

This was stated by the Union Minister of Home and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha on August 10. ■

- NCDC has extended cumulative financial assistance to cooperatives to the tune of Rs.1.86 lakh crore as on 30.06.2021.
- Out of this, Rs.1.31 lakh crore has been disbursed in the last seven years (since 2014-15) signifying 286% increase compared to the period, 1963-2014.
- To encourage youth towards cooperatives, NCDC has launched its YUVA SAHAKAR Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme.



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PM Shri Narendra Modi chairing the UNSC High-Level Open Debate on 'Enhancing Maritime Security: A Case For International Cooperation', through video conferencing, in New Delhi



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