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INDIA SETS A NEW WORLD RECORD UNDER PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI

- World's highest motorable road built in Ladakh at 19,300 ft
- Border Roads Organisation constructed the 52-km long tarmac road in Eastern Ladakh
- It passes through Umlingla Pass, much above the altitude of Siachen Glacier

Source: Govt of India
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KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
wishes a very happy
SHRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI (30 AUGUST)
to all of its readers

INDIA ACHIEVES CRUCIAL MILESTONE IN FIGHT AGAINST PANDEMIC

As India crosses the figure of administering 50 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccine to the people, it achieves a crucial milestone in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic. At the same time the approval given to single dose 'Johnson & Johnson' vaccine is set to further speed up the vaccination programme in the country. While the pandemic is affecting the entire world, the launch of world's largest and fastest vaccination drive in India by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has further strengthened the nation's resolve to secure life of every individual in the country. While the free vaccination drive is ensuring the health of every individual in the country, the free ration under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana is ensuring that no one remains hungry in the country in the time of pandemic. Today, under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has not only emerged as a country which has faced challenges of Covid-19 pandemic unitedly, but also as a country which stood by other countries in the world in their time of crisis.

In a historic decision, the Modi government has granted 27% reservation to OBC community and 10% reservation to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of the society in medical colleges across the country. It is to be noted that in the last five years the Modi government has opened 179 new medical colleges increasing 80% seats in PG courses and 56% seats in UG courses. While special focus of Modi government has been on improving health infrastructure and on imparting quality medical education, the commitment to create a more equitable society has also remained paramount in its policies and schemes. As a responsible government committed to the welfare of poor, deprived, exploited and oppressed, the Modi government has been creating more and more opportunities for the SC, ST, OBC and EWS communities making them key partners in the onward march of the nation. The inclusion of 27 OBC ministers, 20 SC/ST ministers and 11 women ministers in the newly expanded Council of Ministers shows the commitment of the Modi government to bring every section of the society together in fulfilling the aspirations of the New India. The decision to give constitutional status to OBC Commission and by increasing the reach of pre-matric scholarship along with a large number of welfare schemes empowering poor, deprived, oppressed and exploited sections

has given new hope to the toiling masses who are now becoming new source of possibilities for the nation.

BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda has recently launched a new programme preparing millions of 'Swasthya Swayamsevak' (Frontline Health Volunteers) across the country to face challenges of Covid-19 pandemic. These 'Swasthya Swayamsevaks' are trained so as to enable them to serve the people in time of need and also take preventive steps to stop the spread of pandemic. It is to be noted that millions of BJP Karyakartas across the nation served the people through nationwide 'Seva Hi Sangathan' campaign and provided relief to the people distributing food packets, ration, face masks, sanitizers and other essentials while serving the affected people and the senior citizens in time of need. As other political parties were locked inside their homes while only indulging in politicking and mudslinging, the BJP Karyakartas were on the streets risking their lives and serving the people and raising the morale of Corona Warriors across the nation. As the nation is fighting the pandemic unitedly, BJP Karyakartas have written a new saga of commitment and service to the nation. ■

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BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S UP PRAVAS

'TRANSFORMATION OF UP UNDER YOGI ADITYANATH LED GOVERNMENT IS REMARKABLE'

The Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda was on his two day organizational Pravas in Uttar Pradesh starting from 07 August, 2021. On his arrival in Lucknow, thousands of party Karyakartas accorded a rousing welcome to him.

On the first day, Shri Nadda took part in various BJP programmes, addressed party karyakartas and a Sammelan of Block Pramukhs and Zila Panchayat Adhyakshs in Lucknow.

On the second day (08 August) of his Pravas, the party National President also addressed a 'Corona Warriors Sammelan' in Agra where several prominent doctors, medical staff and important personalities participated.

He also chaired meetings with party MPs, MLAs, MLCs, Union Ministers and state BJP office bearers of Uttar Pradesh and attended a meeting with the state BJP core committee. Shri Nadda also met Agra district president, district in-charge, regional team of the BJP and Morcha presidents during his Agra Pravas.

'ZILA PANCHAYAT ADHYAKSH AND PANCHAYAT PRAMUKH' SAMMELAN AT LUCKNOW

Addressing the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Pramukhs BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said we have seen the results of Zila Parishad and Panchayat elections of Uttar Pradesh held recently in a democratic manner. The BJP has come out victorious in these elections, and I heartily congratulate all of you for your electoral success.

Shri Nadda said we should set our agenda by understanding the problems and issues of the people of various areas and regions.

The BJP National President said under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi the agenda of the Bharatiya Janata Party is to work for the welfare of poor people and strive for the upliftment of villagers, SCs and STs, backwards, deprived, youth and women in the state.

Shri Nadda said earlier, Uttar Pradesh was known for riots and crimes. But today things have changed and now Uttar Pradesh is known for investment,

growth in GDP, and the state stands No. 2 in the 'Ease of Doing Business' Index. The Budget of Uttar Pradesh is around Rs 5.5 lakh crores which used to be Rs 2 lakh crores. Earlier, there used to be one GT Road in Uttar Pradesh but today under the BJP government several Expressways have been built in the state.

Earlier in Uttar Pradesh there was no rule of law. But that scenario has changed and now there is rule of law everywhere in the state, Shri Nadda added.

The party National President further said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi we are fulfilling our mission of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is leading the state in a new direction.

Shri Nadda further said, "Till now over 10 crore farmers have got over Rs 1.36 lakh crores financial assistance under the Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme. In Uttar Pradesh around 2 crore farmers have been benefitted under the scheme. Today 22 crore farmers have got soil health cards which has benefitted the farmers a lot. Over 7 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened in Uttar Pradesh while over 1.5 crore toilets were constructed. Over 2.54 crore families in Uttar Pradesh have been benefitted under the Ujjawala Yojna. Over 80 lakh households have been electrified under the Soubhagya Yojna in the state. Around 1.83 crore people have been benefitted under the Ayushman Bharat Yojna and it shows the achievements of BJP government in Uttar Pradesh.

"I urge all Zila Panchayat Adhyaksh and Block Pramukhs that you are the custodians of people, it is your responsibility to take care of their interests and welfare. You have to strive to become 'Pratham Jansewak' in your districts and blocks" he added.

Shri Nadda said the Uttar Pradesh Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been working for everyone's development in the state.

'CHIKITSAK (CORONA WARRIORS) SAMMELAN' IN AGRA

On the second day of his Pravas, the BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda along with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other senior leaders of Uttar Pradesh took part in a meeting of party Karyakartas and functionaries in Agra.



Later in the evening he addressed a meeting to honour the Corona warriors, in which prominent doctors of Agra city were present.

Speaking to them Shri Nadda has praised the contribution of the doctors of the country for their service to humanity during COVID 19 pandemic.

He said that by the end of this August month, BJP will prepare Four lakh health volunteers in Two lakh villages who can serve their village as frontline health workers on time if any third wave of the pandemic comes.

Shri Nadda said that a new health policy was introduced in 2017 that has stopped infighting between all systems of treatment -Alopathy, Ayurved and others.

The BJP President said the benefits of development has reached to the last person of the society in the country under the BJP government. The BJP governments have also taken several steps to improve the health infrastructure and facilities in the country and in Uttar Pradesh.

He said 22 AIIMS have been sanctioned by the Union government led by PM Shri Narendra Modi. 10 crore 75 lakh families have been benefitted by Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the country.

The BJP President said that 30 new medical colleges have been set up in Uttar Pradesh by Yogi Adityanath government. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh is making all round development, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Uttar Pradesh government has provided all possible help to people during the pandemic period. The UP CM said that the Central government is providing the Covid vaccines free of cost in the country and Uttar Pradesh is among the leading states in terms of COVID 19 tests and Vaccination. ■

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28 जुलाई 2021



RASHTRIYA SWASTHAYA SWAYAMSEVAK PRASHIKSHAN ABHIYAN LAUNCHED

TO REACH TWO LAKH VILLAGES WE WILL TRAIN 4 LAKH HEALTH VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY: JP NADDA

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri JP Nadda kickstarted the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Swayamsevak Abhiyan' from the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on July 28, 2021, to train health volunteers across the country. The tagline of this programme was-- 'Yatha Yathay Tushyat Tatha Santoshyet Tum', which means that the person whom we serve and help, his happiness and wellbeing is our satisfaction. This line clearly reflects Bharatiya Janata Party's commitment and dedication towards social service and public welfare. With these thoughts BJP workers have been running such a big 'Sewa Hi Sangathan' initiative under such challenging and tough conditions to help and serve the poor and needy people.

Addressing on the occasion Shri JP Nadda has fixed a target for the party that through the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Swayamsevak Abhiyan' we have to reach two lakh villages across the country. Following are the salient features of the 'Abhiyan':

- For this the Bharatiya Janata Party has set the target of training 4 lakh health volunteers across the country.
- So far over 1,03,872 health volunteers have registered for the programme.
- Under the training programme the Bharatiya Janata Party will train two health volunteers (one male and one female) in each booth who will take care of their respective booths for the Corona pandemic.
- They will be equipped with an oximeter, thermometer, antibody boosters and rapid antigen test kit.
- Apart from creating awareness about the Corona pandemic, they will also help in treatment and fight against the Coronavirus.
- By August 30, 2021 the Bharatiya Janata Party will complete the training programme at the state level, district level and mandal level.
- In the training programme the health volunteers are being told what will be the role and responsibilities of a health volunteer, what will be their work, how will they ensure Covid appropriate behaviour, how to boost immunity and how to help and assist common man during need and crisis.
- Apart from doing their awareness creation and basic work, a health volunteer will also help in basic testing, will see when a patient needs hospitalisation and help a patient getting admitted in hospital. ■

'TODAY GOA IS A LEADING STATE IN THE COUNTRY UNDER BJP GOVT.'



Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda on a two-days Pravas to Goa from July 24, 2021 attended several review meetings and interacted with the party Office bearers and Karyakartas to strengthen the party at the booth level.

On the first day, Shri Nadda reached Dabolim airport in Goa and received a grand welcome from the party cadres and leaders. In the evening, he met party MPs and MLAs and addressed them.

He met the State Office Bearers, District Presidents and General Secretaries, Mandal Presidents, State Morcha Presidents and General Secretaries and Mandal Prabharis in Panaji. Shri Nadda also chaired a meeting with the state cabinet ministers in Panaji.

The next day, on July 25, the BJP National President visited the 18th Century revered Shri Mangesh Temple, which is 20 kms from Panaji in Ponda Taluka's Mongri hills. He prayed to Lord Shiva for the betterment of the society. Post this, he visited Tapobhoomi Math, Kundem in the morning. Shri Nadda had breakfast there with Sadguru Braheshanandacharya Ji. He visited the COVID vaccination centre at Don Bosco school in Panaji.

On the same day Shri JP Nadda listened to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's popular 'Mann Ki Baat' at 11 am with party cadres at Sai temple at Booth No 21 in Panaji. He held an important meeting with the core team of state BJP in the afternoon.

Addressing a press conference in Panaji the BJP National President Shri JP Nadda said, "I pay my heartfelt condolences to the people who lost their lives in the unprecedented floods in Goa and I pray to God to give strength to the family members of

the deceased. We are all with them in sharing their grief."

He said in this hour of tragedy and crisis the Bharatiya Janata Party government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP government in Goa under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Pramod Sawant and entire BJP strongly stands with the people of Goa providing all support, help and relief to them.

Shri Nadda said in Goa the Bharatiya Janata Party has become much more strong, effective, and responsive. I have interacted with all MLAs of the state and I have seen that their morale and enthusiasm is very high and that they all are highly committed towards serving the people of the state. The Bharatiya Janata Party government in the state and the BJP state unit is working with full dedication and in the right direction.

The BJP President further said that according to the report of the Niti Aayog, Goa today is the leading state in the per Capita income in the country. Similarly, Goa stands third in the country in the human development ranking while in the economic development ranking the state has improved its ranking from seventh position to fourth position in the last four and a half years.

Shri Nadda said to realize the dream of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the Bharatiya Janata Party government in Goa under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant has started mission 'Swayampurna Goa' that will bring about 'Deep rooted changes' in the economic and industrial development of the state. ■



SC MORCHA FELICITATES UNION MINISTERS



MAHILA MORCHA FELICITATES WOMEN MINISTERS

'MODI GOVT. BROUGHT SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SC COMMUNITY'

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the felicitation function organized by BJP National SC Morcha in the honor of Union Ministers coming from SC community at Dr. Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi on 04 August, 2021 and appreciated the program/schemes run by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the upliftment and welfare of farmers, downtrodden, backward, exploited and deprived.

In this program Party National General Secretaries Shri CT Ravi, Shri Dushyant Gautam, SC Morcha National President Shri Lal Singh Arya, National Organizer Shri V Satish, Delhi Pradesh President Shri Adesh Gupta and all SC Union Ministers were present.

Addressing the program, Shri Nadda said that there were many leaders who talked for the welfare of farmers, but if anyone has done maximum work for their welfare in such a short period of time, then it is Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Similarly, if anyone has worked on the ground for the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes and brought a positive change in their lives, then it is our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said that the Modi government has worked on special schemes for the development of Scheduled Castes to bring them into the mainstream.

The BJP National President said since 2015, Modi Government began to celebrate 'Samarsata Diwas'. The Modi government started celebrating 'Constitution Day'. Similarly, the work of developing 'Panch Teerth' was done by the Modi government. In the policies which Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has started, emphasis has been given to Scheduled Castes community so that they can get the maximum benefit because they are lagging behind in the race of development. ■

'MATRI SHAKTI' HAS BEEN RESPECTED IN OUR CULTURE FOR CENTURIES

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed the felicitation program of 'Matri Shakti' included in the Union Council of Ministers on 27 July, 2021 and paid his gratitude to 'Matri Shakti' for building family, society and the country and appreciated their role in Navnirman.

This program was organized by Bharatiya Janata Party National Mahila Morcha. Union Ministers Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Smt. Smriti Irani, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, Ms. Shobha Karandlje, Smt. Darshana Jardosh, Smt. Annapurna Devi, Ms. Pratima Bhowmik, Dr. Bharti Pawar and Smt. Renuka Singh were greeted by the BJP National Mahila Morcha President Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan.

She thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for giving proper representation to women and giving them an important place in the union cabinet and appreciated the support of BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in taking forward the women power in BJP. Along with the National In-charge of Mahila Morcha and National General Secretary of the party, Shri Dushyant Gautam, all the party bearers of the Mahila Morcha, women MPs and senior karyakartas were present.

While addressing the felicitation programme, National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said that in our culture, the respect of 'Matri Shakti' has been there for centuries. The whole world should learn from our culture. Whenever there is a discussion, we do not say 'Devta and Devi', but we say 'Devi-Devta' and similarly Lakshmi-Narayan, Gauri-Shankar and Sita-Ram. In our culture, the place of women always comes first. It is believed that in a house where there is no respect for the guru, mother and woman, there can never be a growth. Where women are respected, that family always progresses, no one can stop them from moving forward. I also congratulate the National President of BJP Mahila Morcha Smt. Vanithi Srinivasan for organizing an excellent program of felicitation of women ministers. ■

MORE THAN RS. 19,500 CRORES TRANSFERRED DIRECTLY INTO THE ACCOUNTS OF FARMER FAMILIES

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi released the 9th installment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) on August 9 through video conference. The Prime Minister also interacted with farmer beneficiaries during the event. This enabled the transfer of an amount of more than Rs. 19,500 crores to more than 9.75 crores beneficiary farmer families. It was the 9th installment of the financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN).

of India in 2047, when the country completes 100 years of independence. It is time to give direction to India's agriculture to face new challenges and take advantage of new opportunities. He called for changes in the Indian agriculture according to the demands of changing times. He lauded the farmers for record production during the pandemic and outlined the government's measures to reduce the hardships of farmers during the difficult period. The Government ensured uninterrupted supply of seeds, fertilizers



Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister talked of the sowing season and expressed the hope that the amount received will help the farmers. He also mentioned that the scheme of Kisan Infrastructure

THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE THE BIGGEST EVER PURCHASE FROM FARMERS AT MSP, BE IT KHARIF OR RABI SEASON

Fund with 1 lakh crore rupees corpus also completes one year today. The Prime Minister touched upon initiatives like Mission Honey-Bee and making saffron from Jammu & Kashmir in the NAFED shops. Honey mission has led to Rs. 700 crore export of honey resulting in extra income for farmers.

Referring to the upcoming 75th Independence day, he said that apart from being an occasion for pride it is also an opportunity for new resolutions. We have to take this opportunity to decide where we want to see India in the coming 25 years, he said. The Prime Minister remarked that our agriculture and our farmers have a big role in determining the condition

and access to markets. Urea was available throughout and when prices of DAP increased manifold in the international market, the government immediately arranged Rs. 12000 crore rupees for that so

that the load is not felt by the farmers.

The Prime Minister said the government has made the biggest ever purchase from farmers at MSP, be it Kharif or Rabi season. With this, about Rs 1,70,000 crore have reached directly into the accounts of rice farmers and about Rs. 85,000 crore have gone directly into the account of wheat farmers.

The Prime Minister reminded that he urged the farmers to increase the production of pulses, when there was a shortage of pulses in the country, a few years ago. He said that as a result, there has been an increase of almost 50 percent in the production of pulses in the country in the last 6 years. ■

50.78 CR PERSON-DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT GENERATED DURING GARIB KALYAN ROZGAR ABHIYAAN

In order to boost employment opportunity in the wake of COVID lockdown, Government of India had launched a campaign known as Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) of 125 days on 20th June, 2020 to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers and similarly affected citizens in rural areas, in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. The objectives of the Abhiyaan were to provide immediate employment & livelihood opportunities to the distressed, to saturate the villages with public infrastructure and creation of livelihood assets to boost the income generation activities and enhance long term livelihood opportunities by giving focus on 25 works (including works under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) in 116 selected districts across 6 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. A total of 12 Ministries/Departments of Government of India has participated in the Abhiyaan. A total of 50.78 crore person-days employment has been generated during the Abhiyaan with a total expenditure of Rs. 39,293 crore.



The activities under the Abhiyaan were carried out through the funds of respective schemes of participating Ministries. No separate fund allocation was made to States under the Abhiyaan. The terminal date of Abhiyan was 22nd October, 2020.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Rural Development Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti in a written reply in Rajya Sabha on July 30. ■

83 PROJECT PROPOSALS APPROVED ACROSS 29 STATES/UT UNDER START-UP VILLAGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

THESE PROJECTS COVER 160 DISTRICTS AND 205 BLOCKS ACROSS COUNTRY

The Union Ministry of Rural Development, is implementing the Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), as a sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) since 2015-16. Under this programme, block is the unit of implementation. As on 30th June, 2021, 183 project proposals have been approved across 29 States/Union Territories across the country. These projects cover 160 districts and 205 blocks. SVEP allows for more than one block to be combined under one project.

A mid-term review of SVEP was carried out during 2018-19 by Quality Council of India (QCI), which indicated that the programme was able to meet the objectives. Some of the key findings were:

- 82% of entrepreneurs across the blocks reported being from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class categories.
- 75% of the enterprises were owned and managed by women.
- 57% of the total household income is through the enterprises promoted under SVEP.
- Average gross income of the entrepreneurs is higher than the aspirational income stated by them from the enterprise at the time of starting the enterprise.
- Around 96% of the entrepreneurs reported an enhancement in savings.
- 70% of the entrepreneurs interviewed reported that taking loans from Community Enterprise Fund (CEF) was easy. ■

33% INCREASE IN GST COLLECTION

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of July 2021 is Rs. 1,16,393 crore of which CGST is Rs. 22,197 crore, SGST is Rs. 28,541 crore, IGST is Rs. 57,864 crore (including Rs. 27,900 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs. 7,790 crore (including Rs. 815 crore collected on import of goods). The above figure includes GST collection received from GSTR-3B returns filed between 1st July 2021 to 31st July 2021 as well as IGST and cess collected from imports for the same period.

The GST collection for the returns filed between 1st July to 5th July 2021 of Rs. 4,937 crore had also been included in the GST collection in the press note for the month of June 2021 since taxpayers were given various relief measures in the form of waiver/reduction in interest on delayed return filing for 15 days for the return filing month June 21 for the taxpayers with the aggregate turnover upto Rs. 5 crore in the wake of covid pandemic second wave.

The government has settled Rs. 28,087 crore to CGST and Rs. 24,100 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue of Centre and the States after regular settlement in the month of July



2021 is Rs. 50,284 crore for CGST and Rs. 52,641 crore for the SGST.

The revenues for the month of July 2021 are 33% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from import of goods was 36% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 32% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

The increase in revenues is indicative of fast-paced economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. ■

INDIGENOUS AIRCRAFT CARRIER 'VIKRANT' PROCEEDS FOR MAIDEN SEA TRIAL

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal has hailed the launching of sea trials of indigenous aircraft carrier 'Vikrant', India's most complex warship to have been indigenously built by Cochin Shipyard for the Indian Navy. He said, designing and building an indigenous aircraft carrier is a huge achievement for the Nation. He said, this is a true reflection of the 'Make in India' and 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' initiatives of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The Minister congratulated Cochin Shipyard and Indian Navy for making the country proud. Vikrant's propulsion plants will be put to rigorous testing at the sea in addition to the trials of various navigation, communication and hull equipment. ■



CABINET APPROVES CONTINUATION OF FAST TRACK SPECIAL COURTS FOR FURTHER 2 YEARS

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 4 approved the continuation of 1023 Fast Track Special Court (FTSCs) including 389 exclusive POCSO Courts as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2023 with an outlay of Rs. 1572.86 crore (Rs.971.70 crore as Central Share and Rs.601.16 crore as State share). Central Share is to be funded from Nirbhaya Fund. The Scheme was launched on 2 September 2019.

The Government has always given paramount importance to the safety and security of women and children. Towards empowering the girl child, the Government has already launched several

programmes like 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' etc. To bring more stringent provisions and expeditious trial and disposal of such cases, the Central Government enacted "The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018" and made provision of stringent punishment including death penalty for perpetrators of rape. This led to the establishment of the Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs).

Fast Track Special Courts are dedicated courts expected to ensure swift dispensation of justice. They have a better clearance rate as compared to the regular courts and hold speedy trials. Besides providing quick justice to the hapless victims, it strengthens the deterrence framework for sexual offenders. ■

CABINET APPROVES CONTINUATION OF SAMAGRA SHIKSHA SCHEME

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 4 has given its approval for continuation of the revised Samagra Shiksha Scheme for a period of five years i.e., from 2021-22 to 2025-26 with a total financial outlay of Rs.2,94,283.04 crore which includes Central share of Rs.1,85,398.32 crore.

The scheme covers 1.16 million schools, over 156 million students and 5.7 million Teachers of Govt. and Aided schools (from pre-primary to senior secondary level). The Scheme aims to universalize access to school education; to promote equity through the inclusion of disadvantaged groups and weaker sections, and to improve the quality of education across all levels of school education. ■

UNDER PMAY-U, 20,39,571 HOUSES COMPLETED/DELIVERED TO URBAN POOR

Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), 41,75,214 houses have been sanctioned and 20,39,571 houses have been completed/delivered to urban poor during the last two years and current year. This Ministry through various programmatic interventions supplements the efforts of State / Union Territory (UT) Governments for providing houses to eligible urban beneficiaries in the country. Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban [PMAY-U], identification of eligible beneficiaries and implementation of projects are done by the State / UT Governments concerned through their implementing agencies. ■

INDIA'S 14 TIGER RESERVES GET GLOBAL RECOGNITION

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupendra Yadav on 29 July said that Tiger Conservation is a symbol of conservation of forests and under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the approach of the Government of India has been an inclusive one integrating scientific & traditional knowledge along with people's participation which is vital for the conservation of Flora and Fauna of the country.

The Environment Minister also released the report 'Status of Leopards, Co-predators and Megaherbivores-2018' stating that the report is a testimony to the fact that conservation of tigers leads to the conservation of entire ecosystem. ■

LOANS AMOUNTING TO Rs. 2,243 CRORE HAVE BEEN DISBURSED TO STREET VENDORS UNDER SVANIDHI SCHEME

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is implementing Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors' Atma Nirbhar Nidhi Scheme (PM SVANidhi) since June 01, 2020 to facilitate working capital loan of upto Rs.10,000 of one year tenure to Street Vendors, vending in urban areas, to resume their businesses, adversely impacted by the pandemic. On prepayment or repayment, they are eligible for an enhanced working capital loan of upto Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 50,000 in the second and third tranches respectively. In addition, 'SVANidhi se Samridhhi' initiative, designed to build safety net for the beneficiaries' families by linking them to existing socio-economic welfare schemes of Government of India. It was launched in January 2021 for 125 select cities.

As on July 26, 2021, 43.1 lakh loan applications have been received, out of these 25.2 lakh loans have been sanctioned and 22.7 lakh loans amounting to Rs. 2,243 crore have been disbursed. In addition, Socio-economic profiling of 5.1 lakh



beneficiaries along with their family members has been completed and 1.5 lakh scheme benefits have been extended. ■

INDIAN RAILWAYS REGISTERS HIGHEST EVER FREIGHT LOADING IN JULY 2021

Continuing the momentum, Indian Railways has registered stupendous freight loading performance in July 2021 by achieving yet again highest ever freight loading in the month which has continued for last 11 months since September 2020.



Indian Railways has achieved highest ever incremental freight loading of 17.54 million tonnes in July 2021 (an increase of 18.43 % over July 2020), with total freight loading of 112.72 million tonnes as against earlier best of 99.74 million tonnes in July 2019 and as against 95.18 million tonnes in July 2020. ■

ENTREPRENEURS AVAILED OVER 15.52 LAKH CRORE LOANS UNDER MUDRA YOJANA SINCE 2015

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) and Stand-Up India Scheme (SUPI) are the flagship Schemes implemented by Department of Financial Services (DFS) for extending loans to entrepreneurs. This was stated by Union Minister of State for Finance Dr Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on August 2.

Under PMMY, institutional credit up to Rs. 10 lakh is provided by Member Lending institutions (MLIs) for entrepreneurial activities to micro/small business units, including for new enterprises, which help in creating income generating activities in sectors such as manufacturing, trading, services and activities allied to agriculture. Government allocates annual targets regarding the amount to be sanctioned under PMMY to MLIs. For the current financial year (FY), a target of sanction of Rs. 3.00 lakh crore has been fixed for MLIs. ■

In our view society is self-born. Like an individual, society comes into existence in an organic way. People do not produce society. It is not a sort of club, or some joint stock company, or a registered cooperative society. In reality, society is an entity with its own "SELF", its own life; it is a sovereign being like an individual; it is an organic entity. We have not accepted the view that society is some arbitrary association. It has its own life. Society too has its body, mind, intellect and soul. Some western psychologists are beginning to accept this truth. McDougal has produced a new branch of psychology called group mind. He has accepted that the group has its own mind, its own psychology, its own methods of thinking and action.

Group has its feelings too. These are not exactly similar to the individual's feelings. Group feelings cannot be considered a mere arithmetic addition of individual feelings. Group strength too is not a mere sum of individual's strength. The intellect, emotions and energies, strength of a group, are fundamentally different from those of an individual. Therefore, at times it is experienced that even weakling, despite his individual weak physique turns out to be a heroic member of the society. Sometimes an individual may be ready to put up with an affront to his person, but is unwilling to tolerate an ult to his society. A person may be ready to forgive and forget a personal abuse to him, but the same man loses his temper if you abuse his society. It is possible that a person who is of a high character in his personal life, is unscrupulous as a member of the society. Similarly an individual can be good in society but not so in his individual life. This is a very important point.

Let me give you an illustration. Once during a conversation between Shri Vinobaji and the Sar Sanghachalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Shri Guruji, a question arose as to where the modes of thinking of Hindus and Muslims differ. Guruji said to Vinobaji that there are good and bad people in every society. There can be found honest and good people in Hindus as well as in Muslims. Similarly rascals can be seen in both the societies. No particular society has a monopoly of goodness. However, it is observed that Hindus even if they are rascals in individual life, when they come together in a group, they always think differently. On the other hand when two Muslims come together, they propose and approve of things which

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they themselves in their individual capacity would not even think of. They start thinking in an altogether different way. This is an everyday experience. Vinobaji admitted that there was truth in this observation but had no reasons to explain it.

If we analyze this situation, we shall discover that the modes of thinking of an individual and of a society are always different. These two do not bear an arithmetic relation. If a thousand good men gather together it cannot be said for certain that they will think similarly of good things.

An average Indian student at present, is a mild and meek young man. Compared to an average student of twenty years ago, he is weaker and milder in every way. But when a score of such students get together, the situation becomes difficult. Then they indulge in all sorts of irresponsible actions. Thus a single student appears disciplined but a group of students become undisciplined. We shall have to consider why this change comes about. This is known as mob-mentality as distinct from individual mentality. This mob-mentality is a small aspect of mind. When a group of persons collect for a short time, the collective mentality obtained in that group is known as mob-mentality. But society

and social mentality evolves over a much longer period. There is a thesis that when a group of people live together for a long time, by historical tradition and association, by continued intercourse. they begin to think similarly and have similar customs. It is true that some uniformity is brought about by staying together. Friendship arises between two persons of similar inclination. However a nation or a society does not spring up from mere cohabitation.

WHY MIGHTY NATIONS OF ANTIQUITY PERISHED ?

It is known that some ancient nations disappeared. The ancient Greek nation came to end. Egyptian civilization similarly disappeared. Babylonian and Syrian civilizations are a matter of history. Cynthia's perished. Was there ever a time when the citizens of those nations stopped living together? It was only the fact that there were wide differences among people that led to the downfall of these nations. The Greece in the past produced Alexander and Herodotus, Ulysses and Aristotle, Socrates and Plato and the present day Greece is inhabited by people of the same hereditary stock. There was no interruption in their heredity, because there never was a time when the whole of Greece was devoid of human population and when a new race inhabited that country. Such a thing never happened. Father and son tradition of old Greece was never interrupted. It is possible to trace the ancestry of present day Greeks to the old Greeks, some 250 to 500 generation back. Despite all the old Greek Nation is non-existent. So also the old Egyptian Nation is no longer there. New nations have arisen in those places. How did this happen? This simple fact is indisputable, that nations do not come into existence by a mere cohabitation. There was never a time in the lives of the citizens of these decadent nations, when they stopped living in a group. On the other hand Israeli Jews lived for centuries with other peoples scattered far and wide, yet they did not get annihilated in the societies in which they lived because of cohabitation. It is clear therefore that the source of national feeling is not in staying on a particular piece of land, but is in something etc.

WHAT IS A NATION?

That source is in the goal which is put before the people. When a group of persons lives with a goal, ideal, and a mission and looks upon a particular place of land as motherland, this group constitutes a nation. If either of the two—an ideal and a motherland—is not there, then there is no nation. There is a “Self” in the body, the essence of the individual; upon the severance of its relation with the body, a person is said to die. Similarly there is this idea, ideal, or fundamental principle of a nation, its soul. Although it is believed that man takes birth again and again, yet the reborn person is a different individual. They are treated as two separate beings. The same soul leaves one body and enters another, but the previous and the latter are two different individuals. The end of a person is nothing but the departure of his soul from his body. The other components of the body also undergo change. From childhood to old age, there is a drastic change! The biologists tell us that in course of a few years, every cell of our body is replaced by a new one. A variety of changes takes place. Because the soul resides in the body without interruption, the body continues its existence, such a relation is known as “the law of identity” in logic. It is due to this identity that we admit the continued existence of any entity. In this connection a nice illustration of a barber's razor is sometimes advanced.

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”.

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.)

BHARAT RATNA ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

A MAN OF THE MASSES, FIRM IN HIS POLITICAL CONVICTIONS

Atalji has left a unique and glorious legacy in Indian politics. He in fact represented the spirit of India where democratic traditions have shaped the socio-cultural fabric of the nation. While believing in the democratic functioning within a political party and in governance, he was quick in opposing emergency and dictatorial tendencies in politics. His nationalism was imbued with democratic spirit wherein the diversities of Indian society were to be addressed through tradition of evolving consensus on various issues of national and international concerns. In his long parliamentary life, he was able to leave his indelible mark on important issues even while being in opposition.

It was by dint of his grasp over the various problems afflicting the nation that he tried to find solutions within the framework of national ethos and value system. A leader rooted to soil he was known for having political insights which was even valued by his political opponents. The nation had so much faith in him that in time of crisis his advice was sought even by his political adversaries. As a true son of Maa Bharati, he on occasions preferred to rise above the partisan politics as he chose to sacrifice interests of the party on the altar of national interests. When emergency was declared, Jansangh was merged with Janata Party in the national interest. As an uncompromising leader on principles and ideology, he came out of Janata Party along with his colleagues to form Bharatiya Janata Party. He had unflinching faith on principled and value based politics.

Born in the family of a humble school teacher on December 25 1924, in the erstwhile princely state of Gwalior (now a part of the Indian State of Madhya Pradesh), Shri Vajpayee's rise in public life is a tribute

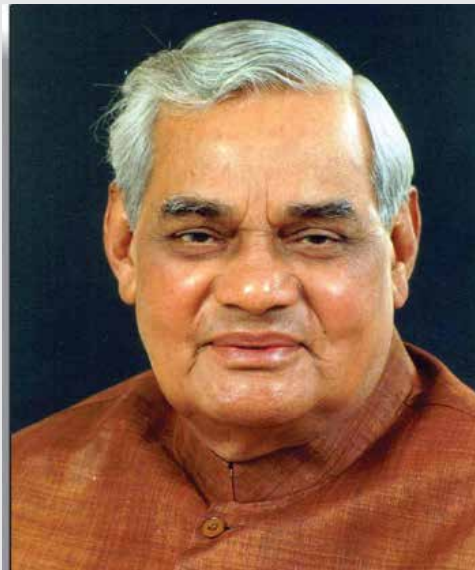
to both his political acumen and Indian democracy. Over the decades, he emerged as a leader who commanded respect for his liberal worldview and commitment to democratic ideals.

An orator par excellence, he mesmerised the masses with his magical appeal. The nation wanted to see him as prime minister and this dream was realized with the increasing support of the people

in the country. As prime minister he led the country on every front with remarkable success. India emerged as a peaceful nuclear power state which became confident of itself even in the face of international economic sanctions. As a true 'Atal' he never buckled under pressure rather it was an opportunity for him to prove India's internal strength at global level. He wrote a new saga of good governance and development while giving a massive boost to infrastructure sector and making India self reliant on various fronts. As he rightly said in one of his

speeches, he has left ineffaceable imprints on the canvas of time. The path shown by him has become guiding light for the emerging New India.

Atal ji inspired generation after generation to contribute to the national life with intense feeling of patriotism and love for the nation. The political movement which started with the aim of giving alternative in Indian politics culminated in him as he became the first non-Congress Prime Minister of India who completed his full term in office. It was a history created under his leadership and a legacy cherished by millions of people in the country. A true statesman, democrat, a leader, a consensus builder and above all he was a gentleman in politics. He left for his heavenly abode on 16 August 2018 at the age of 93. We pay our rich tribute to the memory of our Atalji. ■





'INLAND VESSELS ACT, 2021' PASSED TO PROMOTE INLAND WATER TRANSPORT

Parliament on August 2 passed the Inland Vessels Bill, 2021, which aims to replace over 100 years old Inland Vessels Act, 1917 (1 of 1917) and usher a new era in the inland water transport sector and also to fulfil the vision of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to make the Legislative framework user friendly and promote 'Ease of Doing Business'. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways moved the bill in Rajya Sabha. Now the bill will be sent for the assent of President of India.

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said that the initiative taken is a part of the pro-active approach adopted by the Ministry by repealing colonial laws and replacing them with legislation catering to modern and contemporary needs and development of the maritime sector. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, also added that the uniform applicability of rules and regulations will ensure seamless, safe and economical trade and transportation by inland vessels using the inland waterways.

Shri Sonowal informed that to realise the potential of inland water transport and promote it as a supplementary and eco-friendly mode of transport to

the congested road and rail network for movement of cargo and passenger, the Government had taken several initiatives and had declared 111 waterways as national waterways.

The Inland Vessels Act of 1917 was conceived to be a pure consolidating legislation having limited applicability and purposes. This Act had undergone several amendments and last major amendments done in 1977 and 2007. This Act had provisions for restrictive movement of mechanically propelled vessels within the jurisdiction of the State Government, requirement of endorsements, limited applicability and validity of certificates, non-uniform standards and regulations that varied from one State to another led to hindrances and hurdles in seamless navigation across States and development of the sector.

The Minister emphasized that the requirement of a new legal regime,

which is adaptive and favourable for future technological developments, capable of facilitating present and future prospects of trade & transportation and safe navigation by inland vessels was necessitated.

The new Act will facilitate harmonised and effective regulation of the inland vessels and their seamless and safe navigation across the States. ■

THE NEW ACT WILL FACILITATE HARMONISED AND EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF THE INLAND VESSELS AND THEIR SEAMLESS AND SAFE NAVIGATION

PM CARES FOR CHILDREN SCHEME LAUNCHED

The PM CARES for Children Scheme was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 29th May, 2021 to support children who have lost both the Parents or legal Guardian or Adoptive Parents or Surviving Parent to COVID-19 pandemic during the period starting from 11th March 2020. The objective of the Scheme is to ensure comprehensive care and protection of Children in a sustained manner, and enable their well being through health urance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support on reaching 23 years of age.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development shall be the nodal Ministry for execution of the scheme at the central level. Department of the State/UT government dealing with the Juvenile Justice set up in the State shall be the nodal agency at State level. The District Magistrates shall be the nodal authority at District level for execution of the scheme.

The scheme is accessible through an online portal i.e. <https://pmcaresforchildren.in>. The portal has been introduced to all the States and UTs on 15.07.21 and the States/UTs have been asked to identify and register the eligible children on the portal. Any Citizen can inform the administration regarding a child eligible for support under this scheme through the portal. ■

NON-NATIVE SPOUSES OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR WOMEN, CAN NOW GET 'DOMICILE CERTIFICATE'



The J&K administration has added a clause to the Jammu and Kashmir Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) Rules, 2020, allowing the spouse of a native woman married outside the Union Territory to apply for a domicile certificate.

As per the new clause, the concerned tehsildar has been authorized to issue domicile certificate to the spouse of a woman upon showing the domicile certificate of his wife as well as a valid proof of marriage. The Deputy Commissioner is the appellate authority in case of any grievance.

The order has also modified the application of domicile condition to all levels of jobs in the Jammu and Kashmir government, as the newly added clause has been brought under the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Decentralisation and Recruitment) Act as well.

A notification issued by General Administration Department on orders of Lt Governor Shri Manoj Sinha on July 21, 2021 read that "in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, read with section 15 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Decentralization and Recruitment) Act 2010, the government hereby directs that", the new clause shall be added "in the table appended to sub rule (1) of rule 5 of the Jammu and Kashmir Grant of Domicile (Procedure) Rules, 2020, after S.No./Clause 6".

BJP MAHILA MORCHA THANKS PM FOR HISTORIC DECISION

BJP Mahila Morcha wholeheartedly thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the historic decision that will benefit scores of women of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory with Domicile Rights that were denied to them for decades.

In a Press statement, BJP Mahila Morcha National President Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan said on behalf of the BJP National Mahila Morcha, we wholeheartedly express our gratitude and thanks to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for this far-reaching decision.

She said a pre-Independence, monarchy-era policy that granted Permanent Resident status to only those who were State subjects as on May 14th 1954, that was protected by the now revoked Article 35A of the Constitution of India, has been done away with by the Modi government.

Earlier, only Permanent Residents were eligible for employment in the erstwhile State government, for reservations in the public sector, for admission to State-run professional institutions, and to own property in the State. ■



e-RUPI VOUCHER WILL HELP EVERYONE IN TARGETED, TRANSPARENT AND LEAKAGE FREE DELIVERY: PM

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched digital payment solution e-RUPI, a person and purpose specific digital payment solution on August 2 via video conference. e-RUPI is a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment.

Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said that the eRUPI voucher is going to play a huge role in making DBT more effective in digital transactions in the country and will give a new dimension to digital governance. This will help everyone in targeted, transparent and leakage free delivery. He said e-RUPI is a symbol of how India is progressing by connecting people's lives with technology. He also expressed happiness that this futuristic reform initiative has come at a time when the country is celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav on the 75th anniversary of independence.

He said in addition to the government, if any organization wants to help someone in their treatment, education or for any other work, then they will be able to give an eRUPI voucher instead of cash. This will ensure that the money given by him is used for the work for which the amount was given.

The Prime Minister said eRUPI is person as well as purpose specific. eRUPI will ensure that the money is being used for the purpose for which any help or any benefit is being provided.

The Prime Minister recalled that there was a time when technology was considered a domain of the rich people and there was no scope for technology in a poor country like India. He remembered when this government took technology as a mission, it was questioned by the political leaders and certain types

of experts. He added that today the country has also denied the thinking of those people, and has proved them wrong. Today, the thinking of the country is different, it is new. Today we are seeing technology as a tool to help the poor, a tool for their progress.

The Prime Minister noted how technology is bringing in transparency and integrity in transactions and creating new opportunities and making them available to the poor. The Prime Minister noted that development of digital transactions in India has empowered the poor and deprived, small businesses, farmers and tribal population. This can be felt in the record of 300 crore UPI transactions in the month of July amounting to 6 lakh crore rupees.

The Prime Minister said India is proving to the world that we are second to none in adopting technology and adapting to it. When it comes to innovations, use of technology in service delivery, he said that India has the ability to give global leadership alongside major countries of the world.

The Prime Minister said that the PM Svanidhi Yojana has helped more than 23 lakh street vendors in small towns and large cities of the country. During this pandemic period, about Rs 2300 crore has been disbursed to them.

The Prime Minister said the world is recognizing the impact of the work done in the last 6-7 years for digital infrastructure and digital transactions in the country. Especially in India, a huge base of fintech has been created which is not present even in developed countries, he added. ■



MODI GOVT. APPROVES RESERVATION FOR OBC, EWS CATEGORY IN ALL-INDIA QUOTA FOR MEDICAL COURSES

The Modi government on July 29 approved reservations for students from Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) categories in medical college admission.

The reservations will be made available at both undergraduates (MBBS, BDS), as well as postgraduate medical colleges under the all-India quota scheme from the current academic year.

While OBCs will be given a 27% reservation, candidates from EWS will get a 10% reservation.

"This decision would benefit every year nearly 1,500 OBC students in MBBS and 2,500 OBC students in postgraduation and also around 550 EWS students in MBBS and around 1,000 EWS students in postgraduation," said the Union health ministry in a statement.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has lauded the Government's landmark decision for providing 27% reservation for OBCs and 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section in the All India Quota Scheme for undergraduate and postgraduate medical/dental courses from the current academic year.

In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said; "Our Government has taken a landmark decision for providing 27% reservation for OBCs and 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section in the All India Quota Scheme for undergraduate and

postgraduate medical/dental courses from the current academic year.

This will immensely help thousands of our youth every year get better opportunities and create a new paradigm of social justice in our country."

Welcoming this historic decision BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said, "Today in a historic decision under the guidance of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi our government has gone the extra mile and decided to provide 27% reservation for OBCs and 10% for EWS in the All India Quota Scheme for medical courses, benefitting thousands of students."

The Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah welcomed the Modi Government's decision to give reservation for OBC Category and for economically weaker sections in medical education seats. In his tweets, Shri Amit Shah said, "I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on the historic decision to provide 27 percent reservation for OBC category and 10 percent reservation for economically weaker section in All India Quota Scheme in undergraduate and postgraduate (PG Medical/Dental courses) in the field of medical education"

BJP THANKS PM MODI FOR GRANTING 27 AND 10 PER CENT RESERVATION TO OBC AND EWS

The Bharatiya Janata Party heartily thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for granting 27 and 10 per

cent reservation to OBC and economically weaker sections respectively in PG and UG courses in medical colleges across the country.

Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav on August 31 addressing the media at BJP National Headquarters said with this landmark decision of our Prime Minister will every year benefit around 1,500 OBC and 550 EWS in getting admissions. Similarly, in the PG courses in medical colleges 2,500 OBC category students and around 1,000 EWS category students will get benefitted in admissions.

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 thus giving much deserved dignity and honour to the OBC category people.

In the Narendra Modi Government MPs from Dalit, Backward, SC, ST and OBC communities have got good representation. In the current Narendra Modi Government 27 Ministers are from the OBC communities, 20 from SC and ST communities while 11 are women.

The Congress party should tell the people of India that despite being in power for such a long period why it failed to protect the rights of the OBC category people and did not do enough for their welfare and upliftment?

Why the Congress party did nothing for giving 10% reservation to economically backward sections (EWS) of the society?

It is the Bharatiya Janata Party government under the decisive and dynamic leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi which has actually implemented on the ground the principles and ideals of Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar. The Congress party failed miserably in this. That is the reason why the Congress party's condition is like 'giggle cat scratches the pole', and it is understandable.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always

believed in and worked towards achieving 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'. He has been working hard to improve 'ease of living' so that every community can live comfortably and we can create an equal society where there is no division on the basis of caste, creed or religion. The Narendra Modi Government is highly committed to provide basic amenities and facilities with ease and at cheaper prices. He is devotedly working on creating an equitable society.

The focal point of each and every scheme and programme of the Narendra Modi Government are poor, weaker sections, backwards sections of the society. Antodaya is the resolution of our Honourable Prime Minister and to create an equitable and just society his mission.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has brought about revolutionary change in the medical education sector besides giving priority to social justice.

In the past 5 years the Narendra Modi Government has opened 179 new medical colleges. Today, there are 558 medical colleges across the country. In the country today there has been 56% increase in UG medical seats, while there has been 80% increment in PG courses seats. A great deal of benefits of these initiatives is being availed by the students of students of OBC, SC and ST communities across India.

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.

Be it the Pradhanmantri Awas Yojna, Ayushman Bharat Yojna, Jan Dhan Yojna, Ujjawala Yojna or other socio-economic welfare schemes, with these schemes announced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has helped every section of the society including OBC, SC, ST, women and poor people. ■

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JAN ASHIRWAD YATRA - A WONDERFUL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COMMON MAN AND GOVERNMENT

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SUNIL DEODHAR

Prim Minister Shri Narendra Modi expanded his cabinet last month. He elevated seven ministers and inducted thirty-six new faces. This was much awaited cabinet expansion midway in his second term. The expansion was under close scrutiny of media, opposition and general public at large. After the names of the new ministers were announced, it was evident that a lot of thought had gone into it. Prime minister has maintained regional balance, has given justice to social fabric, inducted highly qualified professionals and improved gender equality. A perfect blend of youth and experience, the reshuffle was well accepted and appreciated across all the sections of political spectrum.

Prime Minister had wished to introduce his new members to the parliament. However unruly opposition didn't let this happen. Then the Prime Minister took a decision to

introduce the new ministers to the public in a novel way. What better way it could be when the newly inducted ministers reach out to the public and meets them as representatives of the government?

With a view to achieve this objective a mega exercise has been planned under the name of "Jan Ashirwad Yatra". The

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ministers were asked to remain in Delhi till the Independence Day. Hence the Yatra is planned from 16th August for a period of minimum 3 days to 5 days. During this period ministers will start yatra in his state and travel through a pre-decided routes. Many activities like meetings, visits are going to take place in the course of yatra. The yatra will

culminate in native towns of the ministers.

The concept of yatra is very clear. The ministers as a representatives of the central government will meet people from various sections of the society during the course of this yatra. They will apprise general public about various government schemes. They will meet the beneficiaries of the schemes, will hear from them about their perception of the government, their experiences etc.

The ministers will meet ex-soldiers, relatives of doctors who have given their supreme sacrifice fighting corona, students, farmers, women and other social groups. They will convey to them about the government schemes, listen to their problems and tell them how the BJP government has made it possible.

The planning for this yatra is being meticulously done. Micro level planning has given importance to the participation of grassroot level workers. These workers will not only get a chance to prove themselves but also get a first-hand experience of planning and execution of big events. They will also get an

opportunity to meet the union ministers.

Such type of activity is first of its kind in the history of post-independence India. These meetings of ministers and common people will go a long way in developing a wonderful communication between the common man and the government.

For this yatra, various small activities have been identified and the same will be headed by one senior party worker assisted by juniors. These activities include visit to temples, garlanding of statues, visit to covid care centres, visit to vaccination centres, visit to ration shops etc. Further back-office work such as managing publicity material, security, logistics, interaction with local police, getting permissions from relevant authorities will be carried out by the party workers. The activity involves team work of a booth level worker to the MP. The entire operation will be supervised by a senior leader who will be in charge of this yatra. Central leadership will keep track of the yatras

There will be road meetings, small gatherings during the course of this yatra. Ministers will speak on the local issues to give message to the public that the government is working for their welfare and is easily accessible. It will go a long way in creating a positive image of the government and ministers. People will realize that this government truly cares for them, the ministers are humble,

down to earth. The definition of democracy that the government is of the people, by the people and for the people will be actually proved on the ground.

Each yatra is planned for a maximum distance of 500 kilometers. It will have a pre-planned route and each day the yatra will travel maximum of 100-120 kilometers.

Local party workers will identify beneficiaries of the various government schemes and they will arrange a meeting of small groups with the ministers.

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By the very name it suggests that the minister is seeking blessings of the people. It is for them that s/he is allotted a portfolio.

Each yatra will be a mega event. It will be covered in print media, electronic media, social media, popular YouTube channels, local cable network etc. These yatras are being planned to create an atmosphere of positivity in the gloomy times of the pandemic. Needless to

say, during the course of yatra all Covid related protocols will be strictly followed and adhered to.

This yatra will provide all party workers to show their organizational skills. Each activity of this yatra will be headed by its in-charge and his deputy. They will have their work cut out and minute to minute planning is being made to make this mega event successful.

The best way to counter false propaganda of the opponents is to reach out to the people who matter the most in a democracy. There are various schemes introduced by this government for the benefit of the last man in the society. Due to shadow of Corona pandemic that is looming large over a period of last 18 months many are facing challenges of basic survival. Modi government has done many remarkable things to enable them to face this serious challenge.

The yatra is planned to be concluded in the hometowns of the ministers. However, once the yatra is over the back-office work starts. It is very important to create audio visual documentation of the activities that have been taken place. This will be an excellent blueprint for the similar future events.

To conclude, one can say that the party is fully geared up under the able leadership of the President Shri JP Nadda to fulfill the dream of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and to make these yatras a grand success.

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National Secretary of BJP)**



PM INTERACTS WITH GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJANA BENEFICIARIES IN GUJARAT

'MORE THAN 80 CR PEOPLE GETTING FREE RATION DURING PANDEMIC WITH AN EXPENDITURE OF 2 LAKH CR'

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 3 interacted with beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana in Gujarat via video conferencing. A public participation programme was launched in the state to create further awareness about the scheme.

Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said that lakhs of families in Gujarat are getting free ration under 'PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana'. This free rations reduces distress for the poor and gives them confidence. He said that the poor should feel that whatever might be the calamity, the country is with them.

The Prime Minister pointed out that after independence, almost every government talked about providing cheap food to the poor. The scope and budget of cheap ration schemes increased year after year, but the effect it should have had remained limited. The country's food stocks kept increasing, but starvation and malnutrition did not decrease in that proportion. One major reason for this was the lack of an effective delivery system. To change this situation work was started afresh after 2014.

He said, using new technology, crores of fake beneficiaries were weeded out of the system and ration cards were linked to Aadhar cards. This helped in ensuring that no citizen went hungry despite the

biggest calamity of the century when livelihood were threatened and business suffered due to lockdown. The world has acknowledged the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. Free ration has been made available to more than 80 crore people during the pandemic with an expenditure of more than 2 lakh crore rupees, said the Prime Minister.

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The Prime Minister said, in addition to the quota of wheat at Rs 2/kg, rice at Rs 3/kg, 5 kg of wheat and rice is being given free to every beneficiary. That is, almost double the amount of ration is being provided to the ration card holders than before this scheme started. This scheme is going to continue till Diwali. No poor will sleep hungry, said the Prime Minister. He praised the Gujarat government for taking care of the migrant labourers, fulfilling the purpose of 'One Nation One Ration Card' Initiative.

The Prime Minister said today the country is spending lakhs of crores on infrastructure, but at the same time, to improve the quality of life of common human beings, it is also setting new benchmarks for Ease of Living. Empowerment of the poor is being given top priority today. They are being empowered as more than 2 crore poor families got houses, 10 crore families got toilets. Similarly, they get empowered when they get included in the banking system via Jan-Dhan account, said the Prime Minister. ■



UNION HOME MINISTER LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF UP STATE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES IN LUCKNOW

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Uttar Pradesh State institute of Forensic Sciences in Lucknow on August 1. The Union Home Minister also planted a sapling. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police, senior officers and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

In his address, the Union Home Minister said that the Uttar Pradesh State institute of Forensic Sciences, with its sprawling campus, will have a grand beginning. Today, its seed has been planted, but when this banyan tree grows, then many students will make their career from here. Many students will participate in research here and become the backbone of law and order machinery, not only of Uttar Pradesh but of the entire country.

Shri Amit Shah said that when Shri Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he established in Gujarat the first of its kind forensic science university in the world. I was fortunate that at that time I was the Home Minister of the state and when Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, he set up the National Forensic Science University in 2019 and brought the Gandhinagar University to the national stage. The Home Minister said that about Rs 200 crore would be spent on the Uttar Pradesh State institute of Forensic Sciences to be built in Lucknow. Along with this, the Government of India has allocated an amount of Rs 15 crore to build a DNA Center here, so that the country's most advanced DNA Center will be built here.

Lays foundation stone of Maa Vindhyavasini Corridor project

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah along with UP Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath on 1st August laid the foundation stone of the Maa Vindhyavasini Corridor project at Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh. Shri Shah also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development works.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Amit Shah said that Uttar Pradesh helped to form our party's government at the center in 2014 with an absolute majority. And it was Uttar Pradesh once again that helped re-elect Shri Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister in 2019 with more than 300 seats. That is why Narendra Modi represents Parliament as an MP from Uttar Pradesh, he knows the expectations and needs of the people of Uttar Pradesh and how to take the state forward.

Shri Amit Shah said that Uttar Pradesh is at the forefront of the country in the implementation of 44 developmental schemes. He said that it is very easy to make schemes but it is very difficult to make a system to implement the schemes on the ground, to reach them to the beneficiary, eliminate middlemen so that the beneficiary gets the benefits of the schemes without any problems and without paying bribe. Yogi Adityanath and his team have secured first place in the whole country in 44 schemes and this is a matter of pride for all of us. ■

WE ARE CURRENTLY WITNESSING THE GOLDEN ERA OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN THE HISTORY OF INDIA: VANATHI SRINIVASAN



BJP National Mahila Morcha President and member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from Coimbatore South, **Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan** represents the energetic woman leadership of the Party. Belonging to a very humble agricultural family Smt. Srinivasan started her political career in the ABVP at the age of 17. She handled many responsibilities in Tamil Nadu BJP as its state secretary, general secretary and vice-president, before assuming the charge of National Mahila Morcha President of the Party. Known for her straight forwardness and organizational skills, she has defeated a popular film actor by registering a significant victory in the recently held Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu.

In an exclusive interview with Kamal Sandesh Associate Editors **Ram Prasad Tripathy & Sanjeev Kumar Sinha**, Smt. Srinivasan discussed at length about the unprecedented focus of Modi government for women empowerment. She also highlighted the ongoing organizational works and future strategies of the Mahila Morcha to ensure the reach of diverse welfare schemes of Modi government aimed at empowering women living in the nook and corner of the country. Excerpts;

At the outset, let me congratulate you for your significant victory in Tamil Nadu assembly elections.

From 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' to the induction of maximum women ministers, the union government led by PM Shri Narendra Modi has done remarkable work for gender justice and women empowerment. As a woman, how do you view these developments?

Thanks for your greetings.

So far as various steps for the welfare of 'Nari Shakti' is concerned, I think the BJP government at the Centre under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi understands the pain and challenges faced by the daughters of the country and is determined to resolve them in a time bound manner. It is also committed to empowering women by giving them their rights.

Furthermore, BJP is the only national party in the country that is providing 33 per cent reservation to women in the party. The party is not only giving women a chance to contest elections but is also ensuring their representation at every level of government, from panchayat to parliament, including in the union council of ministers, thereby allowing women representation in the highest decision making body of the government.

I agree with you that from 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'

to 'Sukanya Samridhi Yojana', from providing maternity leave to induction of maximum women in the Union Cabinet, BJP led government has led by examples for the welfare of women at large. No other government has given women as much respect and representation in governance as the Modi government has done. As a woman I feel proud of being a part of the organisation and I must say, we are currently witnessing the golden era of women empowerment in the recent history of India under PM Shri Modi.

For a country to be empowered, the empowerment of women is extremely vital. Seen in this context, how significant is the recent induction of more women in the Union cabinet?

Prime Minister Shri Modi has been emphasizing this fact from the beginning that for a country to be empowered, the empowerment of women is extremely vital. Therefore, in the last seven years the PM has ensured that women are given ample recognition, and equal and plentiful opportunities.

This is probably the first time in post-independent India where the Prime Minister included seven more women ministers, taking their overall strength to 11. This transition shows that India is transforming from women development to 'women-led development' under the dynamic leadership of the Prime Minister.

These ministers are from across the nation and represent all sections and strata of the society. And under them, women centric issues and policies are bound to get priority like never before.

Modi Govt has executed a number of welfare schemes for the betterment of female population of our country. How the BJP Mahila Morcha plans to take this message to the grassroot and ensure expeditious implementation of welfare schemes?

Let me sight the example of 'Jan Dhan Yojna', women are the major beneficiary of the scheme and Modiji knows if a woman spends a single penny that will be spent for the welfare of the family. Therefore, PM deposited money in women's account. In 'Swachh Bharat' too, women are the major beneficiary. Similarly, look at 'Ujjwala', women are the major beneficiary, and it gives them freedom from conventional modes of fuel that causes multiple diseases. Likewise, Awas Yojna, women are the major beneficiary and property rights in their name empower women. The way our Prime Minister has encouraged daughters to achieve their rightful place in every field is truly unprecedented and commendable. BJP Mahila Morcha is creating awareness among the women to take the benefits of these welfare schemes and in coming days we are trying to reach every beneficiaries house.

How significant is the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory's new Domicile Policy for the women?

The old Permanent Resident rule was discriminatory against the women of Jammu & Kashmir as it disqualified them from the State subject's rights if they married a non-permanent resident. But the new Domicile Policy has delivered justice to the women of the state by giving them freedom of marriage and to retain their Domicile, as also to exercise their rights of equal participation in society. Their spouses are also entitled to get the benefits under the domicile policy.

When a girl is losing her citizenship and property right only for choosing a life partner outside the state boundaries, no political party except the BJP dared to question this discriminatory practice. The BJP Mahila

Morcha wholeheartedly thanked the Prime Minister for the historic decision that will benefit scores of women of Jammu and Kashmir with Domicile Rights that were denied to them for decades.

BJP launched the 'Seva Hi Sangathan' during the height of Covid-19 pandemic. How the Mahila Morcha contributed to this cause?

During the second wave of Corona Pandemic lakhs of women Karyakartas of the party came out of their houses to serve the needy by distributing food, essentials and donating blood under the 'Seva Hi Sangathan' launched by BJP National President Shri JP Nadda. As per reports available from 22 States, 55,58,294 Masks, 46,86,686 Food packets, 47,88,522 Ration packets, 3,76,498 Sanitary pads/ Sanitizers were distributed, and 11,645 Mahila Morcha Karyakartas donated Blood to the needy.

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

Mahila Morcha has completed the state executive meetings in majority of the states. Now our focus is to form Mandal level committees, increase the number of women in booth committees and among Panna Pramukhs. We are working to include one-third women in booth committees.

Secondly, we are building an organizational Network from Panchayat to Parliament for the smooth redressal of women centric issues and implementation of various welfare schemes.

Thirdly, we are trying to touch those women "Sarva Sparshi" who are outside the ambit of BJP. We will honour and felicitate the women representatives in every state. We would like to connect to them because they are in important positions in disseminating and circulating our PM's schemes.

In the run up to the celebration of 75th Independence day of India, Amrut Mohostav, we plan to organize a programme each in the birthplace/memorials of 75 women freedom fighters. And on that occasion we will bring out a book on these unsung women leaders who took part in the freedom struggle of India. ■

THE GOVERNMENT THAT DELIVERS EFFICIENTLY

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**GOPAL KRISHNA
AGARWAL**

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched e-RUPI vouchers. It is an important initiative of Narendra Modi government. While launching PM said, “This will help everyone in targeted, transparent and leakage free delivery, e-RUPI is a symbol of how India is progressing by connecting people’s lives with technology.”

When Shri Narendra Modi came to power in 2014 there was rampant leakages in government delivery mechanism. Government’s social welfare schemes were not reaching to the targeted beneficiaries efficiently. The first and foremost task, Modiiji took upon himself was to streamline delivery mechanism for the social welfare benefits, without leakages in the form of corruption or otherwise. His landmark initiative of direct benefit transfer (DBT); involved the financial inclusion program of opening Jandhan account, linking it to unique Aadhar number and

use of digital technologies for online fund transfer, called the JAM trinity. It was applauded by the World Bank as one of the most effective financial inclusion programs worldwide. More and more Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for online payments such as BHIM and #99 app etc. were developed and funds transferred

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to the beneficiary account directly through them.

Using financial technologies to revolutionise the life of common men is an ambitious project of the Prime Minister. He has been successively encouraging Start-Ups to innovate and come out with FinTech solutions using

Artificial Intelligence (AI), data mining and processing. Creating a Start-Up ecosystem through series of tax concessions and making investible funds available, the roadmap of the government is clear. Schemes are also available for linking academic and industry interface, through Atal Tinkering Lab and Atal Innovation Mission. Organising and supporting innovation Hackathons by public sector enterprises and streamlining Patents regime, is a well traversed path of the government. FinTech innovations and solutions have highly revolutionised financial ecosystem in India, out of 32 unicorns (one billion dollar valued start-up company) in 2021, nine are financial technology companies.

This digital transformation helped in reducing the technological divide amongst the rich and the poor, and the urban and rural population. Creating an ecosystem of internet connectivity at the Panchayat level and establishing computer service centres (CSC) under the Digital-India platform, helped in ease of living for the people. Using technology Modi government is achieving its promise of minimum

government and maximum governance. The technology driven solutions reduced human interventions and subjectivity in the decision making and its implementation, helping everyone to go for his day-to-day life smoothly. The objective online solutions for government schemes and programs save the people from running from pillar to post reducing human interface, bringing down levels of corruption to a large extent.

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Our government has been successful in transferring Rs

17.5 Lac crores of funds to the targeted beneficiaries under 300 government schemes and has also succeeded in saving Rs 1.75 lakh crores preventing them getting into wrong hands, benefiting about 90 crore people. this year alone the government has transferred Rs 85 thousand crores to the farmers account on food grain purchases via MSP. The government has also transferred about Rs 1.35 lac crore directly

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to farmers account under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samaan Nidhi and PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) making digital history for street vendors and helping easy fund availability.

The new initiative of e-RUPI voucher is an innovative instrument for fund transfer to the targeted person for a specific purpose. When the government issues

e-RUPI voucher, it ensures that the fund is used for the specific purpose only. This people-specific and person-specific payment system functions as a pre-paid gift-voucher, redeemable at service centres. This ensures the connectivity of the sponsors of the services, beneficiaries and the service provider on a digital platform. Once this scheme is implemented by private organizations and individuals, they are ensured that the fund is utilised as per their discretion. It can be used for CSR activities by the corporates, donations by charitable institutions and individuals for third party support. It has immense future potential in the field of fertiliser subsidy, free ration, pregnant women nutritional support etc.

The government is working on the push model, where schemes are announced, and targets set, making government officials responsible for their implementations, instead of pull model where citizens had to run after government departments to avail benefits. Identification of 115 aspirational districts and overseeing by the district administration for the eligible beneficiaries receiving them, is a case in point. It has been the endeavour of Shri Narendra Modi to identify a problem, build a technological solution for resolution, integrate the stakeholders with it and establish a performance matrix for evaluation and accountability for its efficient implementation.

(The writer is National Spokesperson of BJP)

BASAVARAJ BOMMAI BECOMES NEW CHIEF MINISTER OF KARNATAKA

The Karnataka BJP Legislature Party on 27 July elected Shri Basavaraj Bommai as its new leader and Shri Bommai succeeded Chief Minister Shri B.S. Yediyurappa. The proposal to elect Shri Basavaraj Bommai was made by senior BJP leader Shri B.S. Yediyurappa and was supported by Shri Govind Karjol, Shri R. Ashok, Shri K.S. Eshwarappa, Shri B. Sriramulu, Shri S.T. Somashekar, and Shri Poornima Srinivas.



The 61-year-old leader was Minister for Home Affairs, Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislature

in Yediyurappa's council of ministers. The legislature party meeting to elect the new leader took place in the presence of Union Ministers Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Shri G. Kishan Reddy who were appointed as central observers by BJP's parliamentary board. It was attended by BJP National General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Shri Arun Singh, State President Shri Nalin Kumar Kateel, National General Secretary Shri C.T. Ravi, among others.

Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai along with 29 legislators was sworn in as ministers on August 4 at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru. The ministers who took oath are Shri Govind Karjol, Shri K. S. Eshwarappa, Shri R. Ashok, Shri B. Sriramulu, Shri V. Somanna, Shri Umesh Katti, Shri S. Angara, Shri J. C. Madhu Swamy, Shri Araga Jnanendra, Shri C .N. Ashwath Narayan, Shri C. C. Patil, Shri Anand Singh, Shri Kota Srinivas Poojary, Prabhu Chauhan, Shri Murugesh Nirani, Shri Shivaram Hebbar, Shri S. T. Somashekar, Shri B.C. Patil, Shri Byrathi Basavaraj, K. Sudhakar, Shri K. Gopalaiah, Shri Shashikala Jolle, Shri Nagaraj, Dr. K. C. Narayan Gowda, Shri B. C. Nagesh, Shri V. Sunil Kumar, Shri A.H. Basappa, Shri Shankar B. Patil Munenakoppa and Shri Muniratna. ■

'IT IS THE DAY OF BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE OF OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS'

Haratiya Janata Party National President, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda paid tribute to the brave martyrs of the country on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas symbolizing the courage, valor and devotion to the nation at the party's central office on 26 July, 2021 and addressed the dignitaries present. On this occasion, he honored the wives of the brave soldiers who are martyred in the defense of the country and



the retired brave soldiers of the country.

While addressed the

dignitaries, National President said, "Today is the day which makes every Indian proud. Today is the day to remember and pay rich tributes to our brave soldiers and remember their acts of gallantry and supreme sacrifices. Today, we dedicate ourselves in remembering and paying rich tributes to all those brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the honour of our motherland; it's a day when we honour them." ■



MANN KI BAAT

25th July 2021

PRIME MINISTER LAUDS CHANDIGARH-BASED FOOD STALL OWNER IN HIS MONTHLY 'MANN KI BAAT' ADDRESS

In his monthly radio address to the nation 'Mann Ki Baat', the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 25 July lauded a Chandigarh-based food stall owner for his self-driven initiative in motivating others to get themselves vaccinated against COVID-19. During his address, the Prime Minister said that on suggestion of his daughter and niece, a food stall owner Sanjay Rana started feeding free chole bhature to those who had got the covid vaccine. The owner sells chole bhature on a cycle in Sector-29, Chandigarh and to have this meal for free, one has to show that one has got the vaccine administered on the very day, said Prime Minister. He appreciated this effort and said that this act proves that for the welfare of the society, spirit of service and duty are required more than money.

Prime Minister added further, "In the rural and tribal regions of our country, handloom is a major source of income. This is a sector that comprises lakhs of women, weavers and craftsmen. Even small efforts on your part will give rise to a new hope in weavers. Do purchase something or the other and share your thought with others as well...now that we are celebrating 75 years of Independence, it of course becomes our responsibility. You must have noticed that year 2014 onwards, we often touch upon Khadi in Mann ki Baat. It is only on account of your efforts that today, the sale of Khadi has risen manifold. Could anyone even think that in any Khadi store, the sales figure would cross one crore rupees...But you have made that possible too. Whenever, wherever

you purchase a Khadi product, it does benefit our poor weaver brothers and sisters. That is why, in a way, buying Khadi is service to people, service to the country. I urge you my dear brothers and sisters, to make it a point to definitely buy Handloom products being made in rural areas and share it on #MyHandloomMyPride."

"When one refers to the freedom movement and Khadi, remembering revered Bapu is but natural. Just the way the Quit India Movement, Bharat Chhoro Andolan steered under Bapu's leadership, every countryman today has to lead a Bharat Jodo Andolan. It is our duty to ensure that our work helps closely knit, bind our India which is filled with diversity. Come, on Amrit Mahotsav, let us make a sacred Amrit resolve that the country remain to be our highest faith; our topmost priority. We have to move forward with the mantra 'Nation First, Always First'."

"I have also come to know about an attempt made in LakhimpurKheri in Uttar Pradesh. A unique initiative has taken place in LakhimpurKheri during the period of COVID itself. Here, the work of training women to manufacture fibre from the waste banana stems was started. The way to make the best out of the waste. Banana fibre is prepared by cutting the stem of a banana with the help of a machine, the fibre is like jute or flax. Handbags, mats, rugs, many things are made from this fibre. Through this, the utilization of crop waste started, on the other hand our sisters and daughters living in the village acquired another source of income. ■

KHEL RATNA AWARD WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS THE MAJOR DHYAN CHAND KHEL RATNA AWARD



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 6 announced that the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award will now be known as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, "respecting the sentiments of citizens across the country". The Khel Ratna award is the highest sporting honour in the nation.

"I have been getting many requests from citizens across India to name the Khel Ratna Award after Major Dhyan Chand. I thank them for their views. Respecting their sentiment, the Khel Ratna Award will hereby be called the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award! Jai Hind!" Prime Minister Shri Modi tweeted.

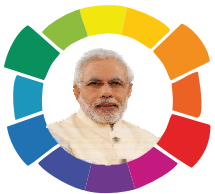
The Khel Ratna award was instituted in 1991-1992 and the first recipient was Chess legend Viswanathan Anand. Among the other winners were Leander Paes,

Sachin Tendulkar, Dhanraj Pillay, Pullela Gopichand, Abhinav Bindra, Anju Bobby George, Mary Kom and Rani Rampal in 2020.

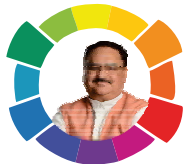
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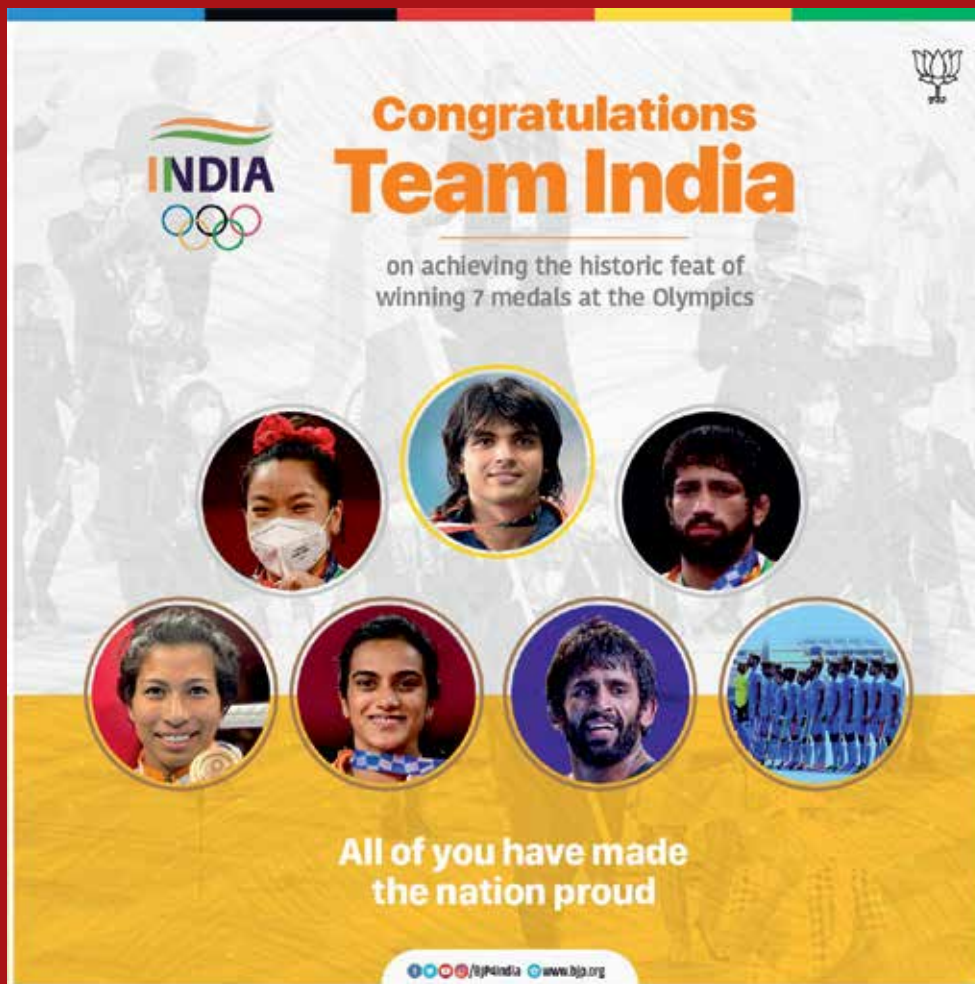
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