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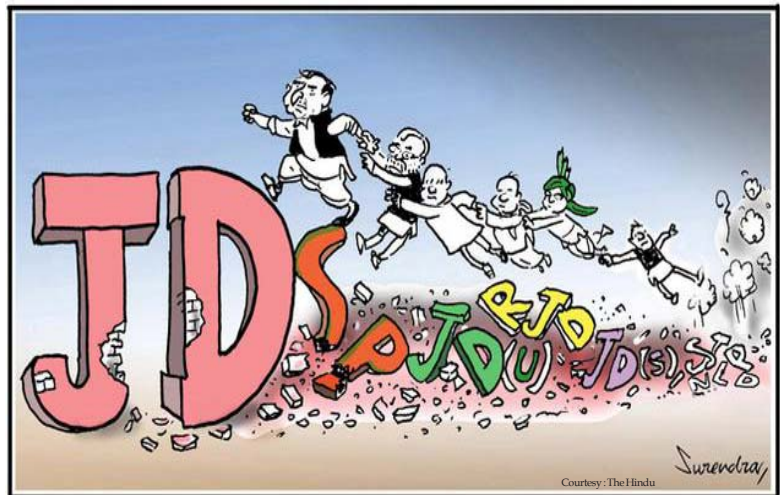
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*That person attains peace who giving up all material desires for senses gartification
 lives free from attachment, free from false ego and sense of proprietorship
 – (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-II, 71)*

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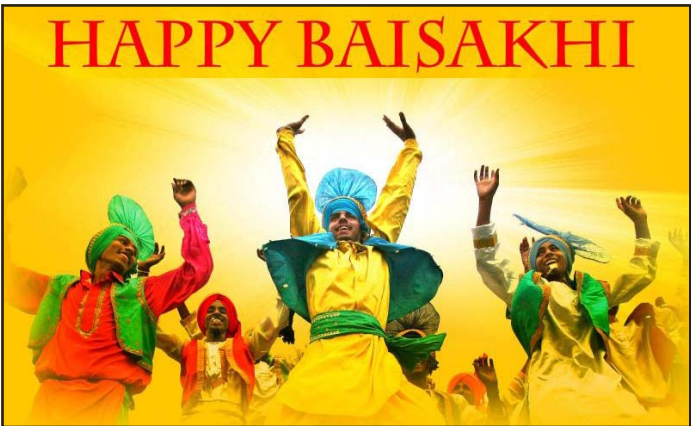
-Narendra Modi

“New -construction and Re-construction are the two words which distinguishes between the Congress and BJP.”

-Amit Shah

Baisakhi : 14th April, 2015

Baisakhi also known as Vaishakhi, or Vasakhi is a festival celebrated across Indian subcontinent, especially in the Punjab region by the Sikh community. More recently, this festival is also celebrated around the world by Sikh diaspora. For the Sikh community this festival commemorates the establishment of the Khalsa. It is also celebrated by Hindus and Buddhists for different reasons including the start of a new year.



People in the Punjab Region regard Vaisakhi as a harvest festival. The

festival bears a great significance for the Sikhs because on the Vaisakhi Day in the year 1699, the 10th Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh laid down the foundation of the Panth Khalsa that is the Order of the ‘Pure Ones’. This day is also observed as the thanks giving day by the farmers where the farmers pay their tribute, thanking God for the abundant harvest and also praying for the future prosperity.

For Hindus, it is the start of the New Year, and is celebrated with requisite bathing, partying, and worshipping. It’s believed that thousands of years ago, Goddess Ganga descended to the earth and in her honour, many Hindus gather along the sacred Ganges River for ritual baths. The action is centered in the holy cities along the Ganges in north India.

In Kerala, the festival is called ‘Vishu’. It includes fireworks, shopping for new clothes and interesting displays called ‘Vishu Kani’. These are arrangements of flowers, grains, fruits; cloth, gold, and money are viewed early in the morning, to ensure a year of prosperity. In Assam, the festival is called Bohag Bihu, and the community organizes massive feasts, music, and dancing. Swami Dayanand Saraswati founded the Arya Samaj on Vaisakhi, in 1875.

Apart from the Sikhs and Hindus, Vaisakhi is an important day for the Buddhists as well and the name is Vesakha, Vaisakha, Vesak or Wesak. It commemorates the Birth, the Awakening and the Enlightened Passing Away of Buddha Gautama who was born as prince Siddharta.



BJP is now world's largest political party !

Bharatiya Janata Party has become world's largest political party. It is a feat which can only be achieved by the BJP karykertas who are known for their unflinching commitment and relentless efforts. It is a glorious moment for the party and for India as a whole. India is now not only the largest democracy in the world but it has largest political party in the world as well. It is also a triumph of democracy. It is triumph of democratic sprit which BJP represents. At a time when India is preparing to march ahead to acquire its rightful place in the comity of nations, a large number of people are reposing their faith in BJP by joining it to make it the largest political party in the world. It also reflects the commitment of BJP towards more and more democracy by engaging large number of people in the nation building process. The call of "Saath aayen, desh banayen" and "Sashakta Bhajapa, Sashakta Bharat" has received a huge response from the people and they have committed themselves to the call by becoming part of BJP.

The membership of BJP has crossed 9.5 crore mark in the last part of March 2015 and it is supposed to cross 10 crore in few days. Till a few months back the Communist Party of China (CPC) claiming to have a membership of more than 8 crore people was said to be the largest political party in the world. The number of the Communist Party of China swelled as the government officials and army personnel were also added in its membership roll. Moreover the CPC is not functioning in a democracy and it is the only political party in China without any competition. In a democracy which has embraced party system with regular elections and competition among a large number of parties of different hues, it is not less than a remarkable achievement to become not only the largest political party in India but in the entire world. While Bharatiya Janata Party has become the largest political party in the world, Communist Party of China is now the second largest. It is a fitting tribute to our democracy which may now also claim to have the largest political party. The membership drive of BJP is still going on and numbers are increasing everyday with increasing enthusiasm of the people to join it.

Who could have imagined just a few months back that after getting full majority in the Lok Sabha elections, BJP would also become largest political party in the world? When BJP National President Shri Amit Shah proposed the programme to convert the membership drive of BJP in the largest ever exercise of enlisting members making BJP the largest political party in the world, it was clear that the leadership had the vision for building a great party befitting a great nation. The target was high and appeared difficult to achieve. But all those doubting were unaware of the commitment and dedication of BJP Karyakartas. They were unaware of BJP Karyakartas'

penchant of making the impossible appear possible. They were unaware of the organizational capacity of the party. Continuous work of last many decades had made BJP known in every nook and corner of the country and the more important is that it is now seen as a party not only committed to nationalist issues but development, good governance and overall progress symbolizing the hope and aspiration of the people. Shri Amit Shah had firm faith in the organizational capacity and commitment of the karyakartas. He knew it can be achieved. People responded to the call by becoming members of the party in large numbers. The dream of seeing BJP as the largest political party of the world was realized within five months.

As BJP has become the largest political party in the world, its responsibility has increased manifold. The primary responsibility is to engage this large number of new members in the internal democratic process of the party while enhancing their political understanding and educating them about their role within the larger political set up of the country. BJP has a strong organization with large number of dedicated karyakartas known for their discipline, understanding and high level of commitment. The party has rightly decided to launch Mahasampark Abhiyan and training programmes for the new members so that they can participate in the organizational works with the same kind of enthusiasm with which they have joined the party. It is a huge task but it can be achieved. The real challenge is to completely engage this large number in the political process of the country as well as of the party in the days to come. And if BJP is able to do it then there is no doubt that it will set a new benchmark in the world and serve as an example to be emulated by other political parties across the globe. As BJP was able to achieve the target of becoming the largest political party, it cannot be now doubted that it will be able to engage the new members in the political process which may lend greater strength to the democracy and the process of national reconstruction in the country. ■

Bharat Ratna to India's beloved leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee

President Shri Pranab Mukherjee on March 28 conferred the nation's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna upon former prime minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a highly respected leader across political spectrum, at his residence at Krishna Menon Marg in Lutyens' Delhi. The ceremony is usually held at Rashtrapati Bhawan, but an exception was made keeping in mind the poor health of the former prime minister. The announcement by the government for a Bharat Ratna for Shri Vajpayee, along with great nationalist leader and educationalist Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya, came on December 24, a day before he turned 90. (FOC) ■



Modi govt. is a government that actually walks the road to progress of everyone : Amit Shah



Addressing at the BJP National Executive meeting held in Bangalore, Karnataka on 03 April, 2015 BJP National President Shri Amit Shah in his inspiring address said that the BJP is now the world's largest political party. He said the year 2014 is going to be a memorable day in the history of BJP. For it was in then that the country got its first majority government and Narendra Bhai Modi became our prime minister. Thereafter, elections also happened in Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir, with the BJP getting an overwhelming majority in all the four elections.

Congratulating everybody who played a vital role for the membership drive Shri Shah said, BJP membership has crossed 9 crore, and it's about to reach 10 crore very soon.

Highlighting the all-round development Shri Shah said that the BJP has completed ten months under NDA. In these ten months, a lot has changed within this nation. Just a few months ago when the UPA government was in power, there was never a time when there weren't any scams. And that did plenty to dent our image as a nation. However, global perspectives started changing once the BJP formed the government. With Narendra Bhai Modi becoming the prime minister, Indians across the world are proud of their heritage. And India is marching ahead to ensure its own position in the world. In the past ten months, the BJP has managed to position "India First!" he said.

Shri Shah said that the Modi government is a government of the downtrodden, farmers and workers. It is a government that actually walks the road to progress of everyone. In the past ten months the BJP government has been instrumental in opening 12 crore bank accounts of the economically deprived. The BJP government has promised Rs2 lakh insurance on an Rs12 premium to the account holders.

Finally, asking the Karyakartas to work tirelessly, the BJP National President has urged all party workers to aggressively take achievements of the Modi government to masses. Touching upon the symbiotic relationship between the government and party, he said that the workers need to spread the message of Modi government's achievements far and wide.

We are publishing the excerpts of the National President's address for our esteemed readers:



BJP President Shri Amit Shah addressed a meeting of the party's national executive on 03 April 2015 in Bengaluru. On this occasion, Shri Shah announced that the BJP is now the world's largest political party. On this occasion, he gave an account of the achievements of the Modi led government in the past ten months as well as a call for the party forming a majority government in the poll-bound Bihar.

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soon. For this achievement, I congratulate our leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and millions of our workers spread through the length and breadth of this country.

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Commonwealth Games, Adarsh Housing Society, helicopter purchase, submarine contract, airports privatization, purchase of civilian aircraft and the ISRO scam too. All in all, the UPA managed to pocket Rs5000 crore out of those schemes. Consequently, the entire nation was absorbed in cynicism, with the country starting to doubt its own future. Besides, the anger of our unemployed youth often spilled out into our streets. However, global perspectives started changing once the BJP formed the government. With Narendra Bahia Modi becoming the prime minister,

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Shri Shah said that though verdicts in Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand are commendable, our real achievement is the performance in Jammu & Kashmir. It's a victory that pays homage to the memory of late Shyama

Prasad Mukherjee. I know our detractors are trying to slander us. But I want to tell the nation through you that with the BJP in a coalition in Jammu & Kashmir, it's the country that will gain in strength. Well, for the BJP it is the unity and sovereignty of the nation that matters. The government formation in Jammu & Kashmir is a step in that very direction.

Shri Shah said that BJP is either in power in several places or it is part of government. And wherever the party is in power, it is working for the uplift of the poor. It's precisely for that reason that we have been extended an overwhelming mandate by the public and have a BJP government at the centre led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We also believe that the Modi led government will last for a while.

Shri Shah said that the Modi government is a government of the downtrodden, farmers and workers. It is a government that actually walks the road to progress of everyone. In the past ten months the BJP government has been instrumental in opening 12 crore bank accounts of the economically deprived. The BJP government has promised Rs2 lakh insurance on an Rs12 premium to the account holders. Moreover, Rs330 premium will entitle Rs2 lakh premium to account holders under the Jan Dhan Scheme. The Modi government is committed to extending an insurance cover of Rs50cr to people under both insurance schemes.

Shri Shah said that poverty leads to unemployment. And the two coexist. Therefore, the Modi government has undertaken two schemes to generate work. One of them is, 'Make in India'. Suddenly firms from all over the world are queuing up to manufacture and invest in India. This will help in creating employment for thousands of youth. Two, this is part of the BJP led-government's "Skilled India" initiative.

While referring to farmers Shri Shah said, till the time a tiller is unhappy, the country won't progress. The BJP fought for the rights

of farmers at the World Trade Organization meetings. In power, it has undertaken initiatives such as the 'Social Health Card' and 'Prime Minister's Irrigation Scheme'.

Shri Shah said that wherever the BJP is in power, the government has brought in the anti-cow slaughter law. He both mentioned and appreciated Maharashtra and Haryana in this regard.

Shri Shah remarked that under the leadership of Narendra Bhai Modi, the government has undertaken several works for the benefit of workers. These include flexibility in PPF payments, guarantee of minimum pension, moves related to social security and special schemes for tribes. Similarly, the 'Sukanya Samridhi Scheme' has been started to ensure a respectable future for women. In a bid to encourage job creation, the Modi government has started a 'Mudra Bank' that will entitle young entrepreneurs to take loans from Rs5,000 to Rs10lakh. The government has provisioned Rs20,000crore for the scheme.

Shri Shah said the government has also started the Atal Pension scheme to for farmers, workers and poor.

Referring to the policy paralysis within the Congress led UPA dispensation Shri Shah said the BJP government has worked to end that stalemate. And it's for this very reason that the country's economy too has benefited. The country's economy has again recovered: our growth rate has gone up, inflation has come down, prices of petroleum fuels have also reduced and forex reserves have grown. Steps taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will ensure that India will soon be the world's fastest growing economy.

Touching on the steps being taken by the government on the issue of Black Money stashed overseas, Shri Shah said that one of the first things that Modi government did on assuming power was the formation of an SIT. And whatever information the newly formed

government received in the first two months of coming to power, it has passed it on to the body. Just two years ago the Honourable Supreme Court had ordered formation of an SIT. But the UPA government never did that. On the other hand, the BJP formed an SIT panel immediately on coming to power at its very first cabinet meeting. The Prime Minister and Finance Minister tried to bring the world on the same page on the issue of black money. Not only that, the Union Cabinet has cleared a stringent legislation to curb black money, which has provisions for steep penalties as well as extended prison terms.

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Shri Shah reiterated the BJP's commitment to fight corruption. He said, a new scam used to break out under UPA as it was a government founded on corruption. Even after ten months in power, nobody can accuse the BJP of indulging in corruption. Each and every worker can proudly proclaim that their party's government is clean. We have fulfilled our promise of eradicating corruption.

Each time a new corruption scandal would break out into the open, people would actually

ask if Rs1.86 lakh coal mining scam were actually possible. But the policies brought in by us have proved that it actually happened. They have actually earned over Rs2 lakh crore in auction of coal mines. Spectrum allocation has earned over Rs1 lakh crore to the national exchequer. I would just like to submit to the Congress members that figures speak for themselves.

Shri Shah said that under Narendra Modi the government is committed to security, prosperity, self-respect, culture and world peace. The Prime Minister delivered his speech in the UN General Assembly in Hindi and proposed observance of the World Yoga Day. The BJP government has unfurled the flag of Indian culture worldwide. Similarly, with his visits to Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka in the neighbourhood, and Australia, Fiji as well as several other countries, the Prime Minister has forged new bonds of friendship, enabling the BJP to also unfurl a flag on the diplomatic front. The Indian diaspora can now proudly proclaim that it's Indian.

Shri Shah said that the Modi government has disbanded Planning Commission to form Niti Ayog in a bid to strengthen the federal structure. It has enhanced the profile of state chief ministers by involving them in the process. The government has increased the share of state governments in central taxes from 32 to 42%. No other government has taken such a major step since Independence. The Prime Minister has also initiated several steps for development of Eastern India.

Shri Shah said the BJP is the only party with strong internal democracy. He added that over 10 crore members need to be on the rolls of the party.

Reminding workers of Narendra Modi's August 9 speech, Shri Shah implored that they should rise up above politics for the greater good. He asked party workers to fight the menace of scavenging across India. He urged BJP workers to connect with families employed in the task all over the country in a bid to put an end to this malpractice by 2016. Shri Shah also called upon the workers to take the message of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' to grassroots. He also spoke about cleaning up the River Ganga under the 'Namami Gange' scheme.

Talking about the amendments to the Land Acquisition Act, he said that BJP can proudly claim that they aren't anti-farmer. A party that robbed lands of millions of farmers through an Act promulgated by the British has no right to criticize us.

Shri Shah said that polls are due in Bihar. The state has had to endure "jungle raj" for a considerable period of time. People in Bihar have high expectations of the BJP. Therefore, it is the party workers' responsibility to

travel to their midst. Post the elections, the BJP will form a majority government in the state.

Shri Shah said that Delhi has a new government that rode to power on the promise of Jan Lokpal. However, it has today booted out its own Lokpal. A party that once spoke about intraparty democracy has itself selectively hounded out members.

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'Govt in a short span, transformed foreign policy into a major instrument to realize our national ambition'

The Resolution on Foreign Policy was moved by the Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu at the BJP National Executive meeting held in Bangalore, Karnataka on 03 April, 2015. This resolution was seconded by Union Minister of Defence Shri Manohar Parrikar.

The Resolution expressed great pride in the significant new strides the foreign policy of our country has made under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi in the last ten months.

Giving emphasis the resolution said, "We have successfully blended our foreign policy with national economic development goals with a new level of emphasis on improving Bharat's access to capital, technology, resources, energy and skills. There is unprecedented global interest and confidence in Bharat, particularly through Prime Minister's 'Make in India' initiative designed to create jobs for our youth. There is optimism about Bharat's emergence as an anchor of the global economy and as a leader in advancing peace and prosperity across the world."

The resolution concluded that the government has, in a short span of ten months, transformed foreign policy into a major instrument to realize our national ambition of Bharat's rise as a strong and respected world power. *We are publishing the full text of the Resolution on Foreign Policy for our esteemed readers:*



The Bharatiya Janata Party takes great pride in the significant new strides the foreign policy of our country has made under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi in the last ten months. The Prime Minister has pursued a bold, proactive and innovative foreign policy that is aligned with our Government's primary goal of accelerating national economic development; and to fulfil Bharat's global responsibilities as the world's most populous youth nation and largest democracy.

Samman – dignity and honour; Samvad – greater engagement and dialogue; Samriddhi – shared prosperity; Suraksha – regional and global security; and Sanskriti evam Sabhyata – cultural and civilizational linkages; these five themes have become the Panchamrit - new

pillars of our foreign policy.

The Government has moved with speed and resolve on a scale rarely seen in our external engagement, to restore Bharat's position in international affairs, rebuild partnerships across the board and cross new frontiers in our foreign relations. Our global aspirations have been matched by greater global engagement with countries of all regions ignoring power-bloc politics. We have rendered irrelevant geo-politics of hyphenation while boosting bilateral relationships without being influenced by any third country. We have successfully deepened our engagement with all major powers and with countries in every region of the world. Our engagement has been characterised by independence of thought and action, and self

confidence that comes from our heritage and draws strength from it.

In just ten short months our Prime Minister and Foreign Minister together have engaged with 94 countries from every part of the world adding a new dimension to our global mission of peace, partnership and prosperity.

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Our economic development needs a secure environment, a p e a c e f u l neighbourhood and an open and

stable global trading system. Bharat has emerged as an important player on regional and global security while displaying its firm conviction and capability in protecting its own sovereign interests. Even as we reached out to our neighbours and the world, we have shown our will to speak clearly on our security interests and defend them robustly.

Our foreign policy today reflects Bharat's age-old cherished cultural and civilizational

values in a more significant and profound manner than ever before. While our approach is determined by the imperatives of the globalised world, it is also rooted in our inheritance of a timeless tradition of intellectual and economic engagement through peaceful co-existence. Prime Minister has restored pride in Bharat's civilisational identity and cultural traditions and drawn global attention to it in a manner that befits this oldest civilisation of the world.

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His call for declaration of International Day of Yoga in the United Nations was adopted with record co-sponsorship and within record time. Inspired by the new atmosphere of dynamic leadership our diplomatic corps including our special mission at the UN have worked hard to secure unprecedented support to Prime Minister's proposal. In just 75 days more than 177 member countries of the UN have supported and adopted the resolution to celebrate 21 June as the International Yoga Day.

We have also projected Bharat's leadership on global challenges like climate change rooted in our traditions and a strong commitment to the future of our planet.

Reflecting Bharat's civilizational virtue of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - the entire world as one family - we reached out to many countries across the globe with sovereign equality as the guiding principle. We provided

strong leadership and new vision to East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN+India Summit, G 20 Summit, BRICS Summit and SAARC Summit, each of which is crucial to our region, Asia and the world. At the G20 Summit in Brisbane, Prime Minister placed the spotlight on the need for collective international action against black money, a vital national commitment in the pursuit of honesty, transparency and freedom from corruption. At ASEAN he underscored the necessity of keeping all sea routes including the South China Sea peaceful, open and safe.

Engaging with island nations in the Pacific and Indian Ocean regions marked a new thrust in our foreign policy. For the first time our Prime Minister invited the leaders of the bloc of 14, small but significant, South Pacific Island nations at Suva in Fiji in September last year. Similarly for the first time, a new thrust has been added in our maritime neighbourhood in the Indian Ocean region, which is critical to our security. The visit of our Prime Minister to Seychelles, Mauritius and Sri Lanka in February this year enhanced the stability and prosperity of littoral states in our region.

It is a great tribute to Bharat's unequivocal commitment to democratic values that our Prime Minister was invited to address several Parliaments, including in Bhutan, Nepal, Australia, Fiji, Mauritius and Sri Lanka. Bharat has emerged as the Pole Star - Dhruv Tara - of the democratic world.

The Prime Minister filled a long gap in many bilateral relations with visits to - Nepal after 17 years, Sri Lanka after 28 years, Australia after 28 years, Fiji after 33 years and Seychelles after 34 years.

Neighbourhood:

Despite romantic sloganeering, Bharat's neighbourhood policy has largely remained lacklustre in the past decade. Our excessive tilt in one direction left many countries in the neighbourhood apprehensive. The fact that we face innumerable problems with almost all our neighbours is evidence that we had not engaged with the neighbourhood properly in

the past.

The previous NDA regime led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had initiated a marked positive shift in our neighbourhood policy when we tried to improve relations with Myanmar, Bangladesh and Pakistan. That shift has now been furthered strengthened with a purposeful focus on the neighbourhood.

Prime Minister Modi's strong belief in the shared future of our neighbourhood - 'Together we grow' - has resulted in several concrete measures that renewed that promise. The invitation to leaders of SAARC nations and Mauritius for the swearing in ceremony of the new government was the first move, which was

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enthusiastically reciprocated by the governments of all the neighbouring countries. Prime Minister's decision to make Bhutan as his first foreign destination signalled this new neighbourhood policy. He has also visited Nepal, Myanmar and Sri Lanka on bilateral or multilateral assignments and the Foreign Minister visited all the SAARC countries except Pakistan. Our relations with all these neighbours have seen marked improvement in the last ten short months.

Bharat's Sri Lanka policy has suffered several ups and downs in the last three decades. A short-sighted approach by the previous government, guided by domestic political ambitions, damaged our bilateral relations leading to strategic problems in the immediate Indian Ocean neighbourhood. Prime Minister Modi's determined effort at repairing these relations with this important neighbour has resulted in a flurry of activity on both sides. The visit of the newly elected President of Sri Lanka to Bharat immediately after the election is a major diplomatic victory

for us. Our Government has rebuilt relations with all sections of the Sri Lankan society. Our Prime Minister became the first Prime Minister of Bharat to visit Jaffna. He invoked his idea of cooperative federalism and stressed upon the 13th Amendment and beyond.

Prime Minister's two visits to Nepal in ten months opened a new chapter in our relations with this most important Himalayan neighbour. Our Prime Minister reiterated his vision of shared prosperity in South Asia at the 18th SAARC Summit in Kathmandu in November 2014. He articulated Bharat's

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determination to lead the efforts, as the hub nation, towards greater cooperation and integration in South Asia, both through SAARC and outside it. The Prime Minister's vision and initiatives for the region have sparked a new wave of optimism in our South Asian partners.

With Nepal, we have entered a new era of cooperation that has eluded us for decades. Nearly two decades after signing the Mahakali Treaty with Nepal, we have finally constituted the Pancheshwar Development Authority for the 5600 MW multipurpose Pancheshwar Project, which will provide power, water and flood control benefits. In addition, we have entered into several new agreements in hydropower, travel and tourism etc.

We have laid out a clear policy for building peaceful and friendly relations with Pakistan, predicated on an end to terrorism. There can be no compromise with terrorism. There can't be any duplicity towards a problem that has become a regional crisis and is fast becoming an international nightmare. We have

responded firmly and appropriately to provocations on the border/Line of Control and threats of infiltration and terrorism. Our Prime Minister's message to his counterpart on the occasion of the Pakistan Day this year was unambiguous: "All outstanding issues with Pakistan can be resolved through bilateral dialogue in an atmosphere free from terror and violence". Visit of our Foreign Secretary to Pakistan as part of the SAARC Yatra is a clear message to our neighbour that Bharat will engage with it only on such terms that reflect its national security and strategic interests.

Bharat and Bangladesh have traditionally maintained good neighbourhood relations. Our Foreign Minister chose Bangladesh as first foreign destination for her stand-alone visit thereby underscoring the importance we attach to the relationship.

Maritime Neighbourhood:

Translating a hesitant Look East Policy into a proactive Act East Policy is a major achievement of our government in maritime neighbourhood policy. Addressing the National Assembly of Mauritius in February our Prime Minister outlined his vision for our maritime neighbourhood in the following words: "Bharat is also highly dependent on the seas. We are seeking to develop our marine economy and discover new possibilities. We are doing this in a sustainable manner that preserves the delicate ecosystem of our oceans. Indeed, the oceans hold vast potential to advance our prosperity and meet the challenges of the world. That is why I consider the blue chakra in our national flag as a symbol of Blue Revolution; just as saffron represents energy revolution, white the milk revolution and, green the Agriculture revolution."

This new policy thrust in our maritime neighbourhood is critical to our economy and security; and, for stability and prosperity of Asia. This was the central focus of our Prime Minister's visits to Seychelles, Mauritius and Sri Lanka.

Major World Powers:

Bharat's relations with major global powers like United States, Japan, Russia and China have received a tremendous boost in last ten months. Prime Minister Modi's personal rapport with leaders of most of these big powers has helped catapult Bharat to a significant role in the big power orbit. The depth and range of talks have created a new resonance in the elimination of differences, acceptance of Bharat's position on bilateral and multilateral issues, and the consequent resolve to work together towards solutions.

With Japan our relations have been elevated to a Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

Under two new leaders Bharat - China relations have acquired more depth and strength. In a bold yet pragmatic move, our Prime Minister has given a go-by to the practise of freezing issues of conflict by bringing more focus on all outstanding issues with China including the border violations and trade deficit concerns. The highly successful visit of President Xi Jinping to Delhi marked the opening of a new chapter in our bilateral relations. His visit to Gujarat and the warm reception accorded to him by our Prime Minister in his home state has given rise to great hopes that the two leaders can establish a strong working relationship and take bilateral relations to newer heights.

The first round of Special Representatives' talks after the new Government in India assumed office was held recently. We emphasized that maintenance of peace and tranquility in the border areas was a pre-requisite for continued growth of bilateral relations. With China, we will follow the policy

of engagement and pragmatic cooperation, but at the same time continue to devise strategies to deal with its growing economic and military strength.

Russia is a time tested friend and our Government values the contributions it has made in India's development and fulfilling our defence needs. President Putin paid a successful visit in December 2014. Prime Minister Modi and President Putin agreed to the Druzhba-Dosti Vision for strengthening our ties over the next decade. We believe that a strong bilateral strategic partnership will promote our national interest and contribute to peace and stability in the region and the world.

We have restored momentum in our strategic partnership with the United States. Once described by Prime Minister Vajpayee as 'natural allies', the two countries had lapsed into a considerably slowed down relationship in the last ten years. Our Prime Minister's initiatives, coupled with President Obama's positive overtures have led to a new energy in Bharat-US relations. Our Prime Minister's commitment to 'Nation First Diplomacy' and focus on piecing together the

relationship with a vigour has prompted President Obama to praise him as a 'Man of Action'. The highly successful visit of President Obama to Delhi as the Chief Guest at our Republic Day parade was a signature event heralding a new stage in bilateral relationship. Incidentally President Obama became the first U.S. President to be the Chief Guest at our Republic Day and the first U.S. President to visit Bharat twice in his tenure.

Multilateralism:

Our Prime Minister's active involvement

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in multilateral diplomacy promises us significant benefits. The ten-nation ASEAN constitutes one of the world's largest economies. There is a new level of enthusiasm and optimism between Bharat and our ASEAN partners for a deeper partnership in the cause of peace, stability and prosperity in our region.

At multilateral events our Prime Minister's depth of understanding and commitment to common good has earned him not only accolades but many friends too. At the East Asia Summit in Myanmar our Prime Minister echoed the concerns of other countries in the Indo-Pacific region when he highlighted the issues ranging from South China Sea in the East

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"For peace and stability in South China Sea, everyone should follow international norms and law", he cautioned the participating nations. He also threw his support behind the East Asia Summit declaration on the illegitimate and dangerous ISIS, stating: "We support the East Asia Summit Declaration on the Islamic State. At the same time, comprehensive response against terrorism requires a genuinely international partnership against all terrorism. Those who believe in humanity must come together."

Whether at the BRICS summit in Brazil or at the G 20 meet at Brisbane our Prime Minister's multilateral diplomacy was in full flow earning rich dividends to our country.

Bharat is organizing India - African Union

Summit in October this year. Heads of all the 54 African nations are invited to this Summit.

GCC countries occupy an important place in our foreign policy. Seven million Bharatiya people are working in these countries. These countries significantly supplement our energy needs. Prime Minister and Foreign Minister have engaged with all the GCC countries in the last 10 months.

Diaspora:

The nearly 30 million strong diaspora of Bharatwasis - both the NRIs and the PIOs - had largely been a neglected lot all these years. Although a majority of them continue to cherish their bonds with the motherland there

was rarely any recognition or appreciation of the diaspora as a source of strength of our country. Members of the diaspora have been facing problems even over simple issues like a visa to Bharat.

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Our decisions on merger of PIO and OCI have been widely welcomed by the Bharatiya community abroad. Services at our Missions abroad have been visibly improved. Visa on arrival facilities have also made it easier for foreign citizens of Bharat origin to travel to Bharat.

The greatest achievement of this reach-out program has been the unity within the community. The focus of our Prime Minister's

outreach has been to bring together entire community in each country and inspire and motivate them to serve their motherland as well. The Bharatiya community today not only feels more connected to Bharat, but has responded enthusiastically to his call to become stakeholders in Bharat's new transformation campaign. This was the theme of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2015, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's return to Bharat from South Africa.

For the first time, the Government has formally recognised the role of Overseas Bharatiyas in Bharat's development. This is reflected in the charter of the newly established Niti Ayog.

Evacuation & Relief:

India today has a Government with the capacity and wherewithal to act with promptness and empathy to surmount crisis abroad and to get our fellow citizens home safely to be reunited with their families. We have, in the course of the last 10 months helped in the return of more than 1000 Indian students from Ukraine; evacuated more than 7000 Indian workers from Iraq including 46 nurses who were brought back against all odds from the clutches of their captors; ensured the return of more than 3000 of our citizens from Libya. All the evacuation operations were personally monitored by the Foreign Minister. We are now preparing for the safe homecoming of nearly 4000 of our nationals from Yemen. No number is small for us to reach out to. No location is too far off to offer assistance. Our enduring efforts and unremitting resolve have ignited hope and inspired confidence in millions of our fellow-citizens resident abroad. Our nationals abroad now believe that they finally have a Government that is responsive to their needs.

Alliance for Prosperity - Achievements on the economic front:

Prime Minister Modi's emphasis on

establishing alliances for prosperity across the world has led to our foreign policy becoming an instrument of our drive towards economic regeneration. As our Government prepares to meet the infrastructure gap in Bharat with the next generation resources and technology to develop our manufacturing sector, we have received a commitment from Government of Japan of facilitating public and private funding of 3.5 trillion Yen – or approximately 35 billion U.S. dollars - over the next five years; agreements with China on two industrial parks and intended investments of 20 billion U.S. dollars; and an estimated investment plans of 42 billion U.S. dollars from U.S. companies over

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There is a strong support in all major industrialised countries for our "Make in Bharat" programme. We have promoted cooperation in clean energy.

With Australia, we have signed the civil nuclear cooperation agreement and other agreements to strengthen our energy security. With the United States, we have moved forward in implementation of the civil nuclear agreement and signed a significant partnership agreement to use renewable energy for rapidly expanding rural access to energy.

At the heart of Prime Minister's engagements abroad have been the efforts to promote cooperation on skill development; advanced medical research for diseases, like the agreement on research for malaria and TB with the United States; food security, such as our work with Australia on agricultural research for the benefit of our farmers;

education, such as the agreement to collaborate with the United States on a new generation Indian Institute of Technology and to bring up to 1000 top university teachers from the United States annually to teach in Bharat. The Kyoto-Varanasi twinning arrangement, Ahmedabad-Guangzhou and Mumbai-Shanghai sister city agreements, or the agreements on developing smart cities will provide strong impetus to our efforts to address the challenges and harness the opportunities of Bharat's rapid urbanisation.

Achievements on the security front:

Prime Minister's unequivocal assertion of Bharat's desire for a stable and peaceful Asia and the surrounding ocean regions, predicated on universal acceptance of international law and norms and peaceful resolution of disputes has resonated well with many countries in the region which now want to see our country in a leadership position. This also includes maritime security. Prime Minister also highlighted the emerging challenges of cyber security and space security.

Prime Minister's thoughtful assertion that the global challenge of terrorism requires a comprehensive global strategy against all terrorism, without drawing distinction between terrorist groups and their supporters; and his call to isolate sponsors of terrorism and to help nations willing to fight it has been welcomed by all those who believe that humanity must stand together in this existential struggle. Our external engagement has helped deepen security cooperation with key partners. Our Prime Minister's leadership has reinforced our claim for a permanent seat in the Security Council and found many more supporters than

ever before.

Bharat cannot be immune to the toxic fumes of war that have engulfed vast stretches in the Middle East and parts of Africa. Governments have lost control and shadow armies and Jihadists are running amok. This is also a battle between the proponents of faith-supremacy and those committed to faith-pluralism. Bharat cannot be impervious to a crisis that could threaten the promise of the 21st century as an era of peaceful economic growth. We must

continue to work in partnership with the democratic and civilised world to eliminate terrorist militias and their sponsors wherever they may be.

Conclusion:

Bharat's foreign policy, during the decade of the UPA tended to weigh the nation down. During this period New Delhi punched substantively below its weight in pushing through its foreign policy objectives, while often appeared sidelined in the international arena.

A cursory glance at the 'lost decade' of the UPA, reveals retreat and a loss of direction in engaging with neighbours, ham-handed diplomacy vis-à-vis Pakistan and a blind-spot in our foreign policy to the Indian

Ocean island states.

The UPA dispensation seemed grossly incapable of moulding Bharat's foreign policy, national security and economic development imperatives into a composite and coherent policy framework.

Our government has, in a short span of ten months, transformed foreign policy into a major instrument to realize our national ambition of Bharat's rise as a strong and respected world power. ■

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'Govt working 'Round the Clock' to fulfill Great Expectations of our Country and to bring cheers on the face of the Last Man'

The Political Resolution was moved by the Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh at the BJP National Executive meeting held in Bangalore, Karnataka on 04 April, 2015. This resolution was seconded by Union Minister of Transport Shri Nitin Gadkari.

The Political Resolution said in the past 10 months under the Modi Government the Nation has witnessed faster change, greater transparency and high growth.

It emphasized that to bring all inclusive development and ensure participation of larger number of people in the democratic processes the Government has invoked the spirit of cooperative federalism, empowering the States with greater say in decision-making processes for allocation of financial resources. This has paved the way for the first time for a 'Team India' where States with the leadership of the Centre are working to strengthen our communities and to empower each and every citizen of our Country.

It further said that to fulfill the aspirations and expectations of our brethren who have been deprived of their glorious pride, the Government is working 'Round the Clock, Round the Year' with a single aim – to fulfill the Great Expectations of our Country and to bring cheers on the face of 'the Last Man' – keeping alive the philosophy and spirit of Integral Humanism taught to us by Pt. Deen Dayalji Upadhyaya. *We are publishing the full text of the Political Resolution for our esteemed readers:*



The demise of the UPA rule after almost an entire decade from 2004 to 2014 was not an abrupt event. With each passing day it had become more and more clear that the UPA was on its way out. While the people of this country were seeing this very clearly the 'rulers', who were actually entrusted to look after the common people, remained surrounded by a sense of false belief. Three main characteristics of this Grand Failure of the UPA, which had pushed the country back by several years, were: first, indecisive leadership which instilled wide spread policy paralysis; second, rampant corruption which depicted India as a haven of scams; and third, lack of transparency, accountability and good governance, which actually ensued from of the first two circumstances. This badly affected the self confidence and morale of the hardworking



citizens of our Nation.

The common people of this country started expressing their disquiet immediately and soon after a glimmer of hope arose that there was an alternate at hand. The Country did not want to make another mistake making the wrong choice. The Country did not want to suffer another Hung Parliament. Having grasped the capacity for hard work and the strength of moral force to make tough decisions they reposed their faith in the Leadership and the Party in full approbation with a historical mandate in the Lok Sabha elections in May 2014. In the past 10 months the Nation has witnessed faster change, greater transparency with high growth in sight thanks to a Government and a Leader who they have Faith in.

Today it is the Bharatiya Janata Party and our revered Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra

Modi along with our alliance partners that is inspiring Trust in all Indians.

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The National Executive of the Bharatiya Janata Party congratulates its government in the Centre for initiating new programs, strong decision making processes and actionable policies. It is making significant efforts for transparency in the allocation of natural resources and implementing effective programs for health and sanitation. Programs for welfare of industrial labor, and for employment and skill training for the youth, efforts to increase agriculture incomes and productivity, development of basic infrastructure, Adarsh Gram (Model Village), Smart Cities, Electrification, Digital Connectivity and programs to bring the North Eastern states of our country into the mainstream of development. The government has also taken effective steps to revive the sanctity of places of cultural significance, heritage and national pride.

This National Executive also congratulates Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his dynamic leadership and Party President Sh. Amit Shah for his extraordinary organizational capacity which have taken the Bharatiya Janata Party to every nook and corner of the Country across all social strata and regions through

the Membership Campaign. BJP organization, its workers and the leaders have worked very hard in last few months to take the membership to the level of nine crore plus members. We have now become the World's largest political party with the highest number of members.

Bharatiya Janata Party has won elections and formed governments after the historical win in the Lok Sabha elections in May 2014, in the States of Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Haryana. It has also formed government in Jammu and Kashmir with its coalition partner PDP and it is now believed that this is the coming together of the Valley and the Jammu regions. The BJP has won new successes in the Panchayats and Urban local body elections across the States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab and Assam, which is actually making it a Party with **formidable presence from Panchayat to Parliament.**

This process of expansion of our Party is speeding up and is today reaching far corners of the country swiftly and efficiently through the innovative use of Technology.

Bharatiya Janata Party has formed governments for the first time in the States of Haryana, Maharashtra and a full majority government Jharkhand. In Haryana, the Party won 47 seats out of 90 and its vote share increased from 9.04 percent in 2009 to 33.24 percent in 2014 and we have got the first BJP Chief Minister in that State. In Maharashtra, we won 122 seats out of 261 we contested and our vote share increased from 14.02 percent in 2009 to 27.8 percent in 2014 with our Chief Minister heading the coalition government. Similarly in the State of Jharkhand, we have formed the government with 42 seats and more than 15 percent increase in vote share from the previous election. In Jammu and

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Kashmir, we have formed government with a coalition partner for the first time with 14 percent increase in votes share. We have now entered the West Bengal Legislative Assembly by registering a win in the recent bye-elections and our vote share has increased manifold in other constituencies in the State.

Our party is continuously increasing its base over all sections of the society and all regions of the country.

In the urban local bodies and Panchayat elections over different States, we have achieved new milestones. In the State of Assam, where our presence was very limited, we have 19 Municipal Councils out of total 32 and 24 out of 42 Town Committees. The number of our councilors has reached historic record of 357 out of total 746. In Punjab, we have won 365 municipal wards out of 764 we contested. Along with our coalition partner, Shiromani Akali Dal we have won 1319 municipal wards out of 2041 we contested. In Rajasthan, our base has expanded not only in the urban areas but also in the rural areas. We have won 40 Municipal Corporations out of total 46 which went to elections in the State and we won 930 municipal wards out of total 1696 wards we contested. Similarly, we have won 21 Zila Pramukh and 24 Up-Zila Pramukh positions out of total 33 Zila Parishads. Total number of Panchayat Samiti members of the BJP has increased from 1810 in 2009-10 to 3018 in 2014. In the State of Madhya Pradesh, the BJP has won 14 out of 14 Municipal Corporation Mayors and 118 Nagar Panchayat Adhyakshs in place of 98 in 2009. We have also performed very well in the Panchayat Elections in the State.

Whatever the Party has achieved has been attained through the continuous political struggle and hardship of our workers and

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leaders who have kept the hopes afloat through their remarkable works and dynamic leadership in the formative years of the Party. Our leaders Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Sh. Lal Krishna Advani have continuously shown us the way in achieving the goals of larger participation of the people in the democratic processes. At this meeting of National Executive, the Party takes the opportunity to convey its gratefulness to the Government for conferring the Highest Honor of the Nation, the Bharat Ratna to Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Padma Vibhushan to Sh. Lal Krishna Advani for their contribution towards public life through their dedicated work in

the service of the Party.

To fulfill the aspirations and expectations of our brethren who have been deprived of their glorious pride, they have had enjoyed in the past, the Bharatiya Janata Party has accepted the challenges which we have inherited from the previous government and we are happy that the people of our country have now trusted us fully. Our Government at the Centre and our leaders are working 'Round the Clock, Round the Year' with a single aim - to fulfill the Great Expectations of our Country and to bring cheers on the face of 'the Last Man' - keeping alive the philosophy and spirit of Integral Humanism taught to us by Sh. Deen Dayalji Upadhyaya. It is interesting to note that this year is also the year of beginning of Birth Centenary of Sh. Deen Dayalji Upadhyaya. We are striving very hard to make his thoughts and words come true.

This National Executive of the Bharatiya Janata Party congratulates the NDA government at the centre for ensuring *SABKA Vikas through SABKA Saath* while partnering with the people, throwing wide open multiple channels for translating aspirations and hope

into prosperity and progress. All the initiatives of this government are based on that idea of greater participation of people in the process of national development making ensuring economic democracy, using the framework of the Constitution.

The Bharatiya Janata Party led government in the Centre under the trusted and progressive leadership of Sri Narendra Modi is serving the Nation through the policies and values of achieving an all inclusive, equitable development. BJP has integrated dialogue, co-operation and brotherhood as its pragmatic political philosophy. If Good Governance has become an issue in the electoral politics of our country, it is due to the efforts and policies of the BJP and governments it has led in the last few decades. It has taken path-breaking and historical decisions to establish transparency and procedural easiness for responsible governance. In a short span of ten months, our Government has restored faith in the Country's economy and credibility of our Institutions. It has taken decisive steps to strengthen the spirit of cooperative federalism.

BJP government in the centre has set an example by adopting a transparent policy in the allocation of natural resources. Recent e-auctions of coal mines across the country have not only brought more than two lakh crore rupees to the Nations treasuries but it has also set an example of fair and transparent allocation of natural resources. It is also needed to highlight few more novel facts arising out of this process. A significant share of these natural resources goes to the States where these deposits are found, which will give more financial resources to these States and District Mineral Foundations are also being set up as part of the New MMDR Act which the BJP led government has brought. Similarly, in the auction of spectrum in the telecom sector, we have raised more money than

what the CAG had earlier highlighted as the "Loss to the Exchequer" due to the UPA's flawed and corrupt Spectrum policies. Many would remember how an arrogant UPA had declared "Zero Loss" from its mishandling of Spectrum. We have changed the mindset of "zero loss" to "infinite gain" having earned more than one lakh crore rupees from spectrum allocation.

BJP led government in the Centre has not only ensured better financial regime in the country but we have also brought in the Judicial Accountability Act. This is significant to ensure speedy and fair Justice and for better implementation and enforcement of the Law. We have also brought several other legislations to counter the corruption ridden systems we have inherited from the earlier UPA regime which did not have an accountable and transparent leadership.

Poverty reduction and employment generation cannot happen without growth. Without growth, there cannot be any long-lasting solution to the problem of poverty. Growth leads to jobs. For any government, ensuring an enabling environment for growth is the most important objective. Because of the new GDP numbers, a comparison with the old series becomes difficult. With that new series, GDP growth was 4.8% in 2012-13 and 6.9% in 2013-14. That is the base on which this new government had to operate. Growth cannot pick up overnight. It takes time, because of the legacy the UPA government left behind. Growth doesn't happen in Delhi. Growth occurs in the States. Despite that growth picked up to 7.4% in 2014-15 and is expected to be perhaps 8.5% in 2015-16. This makes India one of the fastest growing economies in the world, overtaking China. Growth is not just a number. It means more jobs. The UPA government left a legacy of doles and hand-outs,

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BJP had made the promise for promoting co-operative federalism in the country in its manifesto, which it has fulfilled by dismantling the decades old Planning Commission and putting in place a new Institution in the NITI Aayog. It will promote co-operative and participatory State-Centre relations. On the basis of recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, the Centre has increased the share of states by over 10% from 32% to 42%. This will not only give more money to the states but they will have more say in the allocations and other decision making processes. We have also started working to bring the people and regions of the North Eastern States of our Country into the mainstream with special programs and provisions for the region.

The Union Government led by the BJP has continued to provide Central assistance for important schemes. Therefore, out of the total public resources available in 2015-16, 62% will go to the States and be spent by them. It is for the States to spend those on the provision of public goods and services. Often, these public goods and services are provided by local bodies, following the lead set by the Union government, it is for the States to ensure that resources are devolved further down, to urban local bodies and panchayats. For the funds that are untied and additional, routed through centrally sponsored schemes, it would have been easy for the Union government to decide these. But in the spirit of federalism, the Union government has set up (through Niti Aayog) a sub-group of Chief Ministers to rationalize centrally sponsored schemes. It has set up similar sub-groups for skill development and the Swacha Bharat Abhiyan. These initiatives have profound implications for the way anti-poverty schemes will be delivered in the future to suit states

regional and local needs. For the first time we have made a decisive shift away from centralized institutional mechanisms that were earlier devised and delivered in Delhi with a "one size fits all" mindset.

The BJP National Executive appreciates the efforts of the government for successfully providing the unbanked population with bank accounts through Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), which will help in achieving far reaching financial inclusion programme of the government. To ensure that there are financial products that cater to the needs of the poor, PMJDY has been linked to pension and insurance products. 125 million PMJDY accounts have been opened. More than 800 million people have already been issued Aadhaar cards and Aadhaar cards are being linked to bank accounts. Especially in the case of LPG subsidies, and not just pensions and scholarships, direct benefit transfers (DBTs) to bank accounts has already started.

The BJP led Central Government has also fulfilled an important poll promise by bringing legislation on black money. It was unfortunate that the UPA Government did not follow the 2011 instructions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to form a SIT on Black Money. Our Government formed that SIT as soon as it came to power. Bharatiya Janata Party also started diplomatic efforts to get back black money stashed in foreign banks. Our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Bhai Modi took up an International Leadership initiative at the G-20 Summit by convincing world leaders to bring a Joint Declaration on black money and drug trafficking.

Bharatiya Janata Party also understands and empathizes with the fact that better social and economic conditions are necessary for the development of humankind. To boost pride and ensure self-confidence of each and every person and section of our society we are committed to inclusive development.

A large proportion of our countrymen are without social security of any kind - health,

accidental or life. Worried about being completely pension-less section of our society, we have started to work towards creating a universal social security system for all Indians, specially the poor and the under-privileged. It will be achieved through Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna which will cover accidental death risk of two lakh for a premium of only one rupee per month. Similarly, Atal Pension Yojna will also be launched as a contributory scheme and depending on the contribution, the pension would be defined. The Government will also contribute fifty percent (up to one thousand rupees) of the premium for five years. Another such effort is the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana for natural and accidental and insurance cover upto two lakh rupees for a mere 330 rupee per year premium.

In last few days, large parts of our country have witnessed unseasonal rains which have damaged standing crops over lakhs of hectares. Similarly some parts of our country are fighting with drought. Both these situations have harmed our farmers and agriculture. BJP led central government has taken significant measures to help weather these tough times. It has also started new programs for growth and improvement of agriculture, for social security of farmers and other persons who are dependent on agriculture, for development of basic infrastructure in villages, for increasing employability in the rural areas and providing social security to landless sections in our villages. Soil Health Card is one such novel initiative which has been started with the slogan of 'Swasth Mruda to Khet Hara' for ensuring good health and productivity of soil.

Central Government led by the BJP has made all the provisions of the Land Act 2013 applicable to land acquisition under 13 Acts, which were earlier exempted. It will also provide government job to one member of the affected family and new and better provisions for social security. The government has simplified the acquisition process for some projects such as projects for defense, national

security, rural infrastructure, electrification, affordable houses for poor, industrial corridor with specific limit keeping in mind that such corridor is in public interest. The Act also provides for setting up of Tribunals to ensure speedy disposal of all issues related to land acquisition at their doorstep.

One should keep in mind that development and infrastructure are the need of hour to all Indians including our farmers and our rural youth. However, it is unfortunate that the same Congress Party is opposing this bill which, for 121 years, did not make any good change in this law to favor the farmers and common people of this country. In 1984, they rather brought in changes to favour the private players by making provisions where the government was asked to acquire land for private entities. The Congress is shamelessly opposing this progressive law, which has better provisions of social security, only for mere political posturing and creating confusion among the people of this country. But the congress has miserably failed in their attempts as now the people of this country are not going to be fooled by this false propaganda of the Congress Party.

We are also aware of the fact that these are the times of contestations between the Politics of Obstructionism and the Politics of Development. Political parties and entities which have been thriving on divisive and dynastic politics are now issuing false slogans of alternative politics while in reality they are indulging in political posturing. They are fighting amongst themselves while being disconnected from the real struggles of the country and its people.

For 'Amrut Mahotsav', the 75th year of India's Independence in year 2022, the Team India led by our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has a high vision and a lofty goal of all-inclusive development. It is aimed at the following: a roof for each family in India - housing for all, 24-hours electricity, clean drinking water, toilet and connectivity to a



BJP National President announces the following committees on 4th April 2015 :

1. Disciplinary Committee

Sh. Ganeshi Lal, Haryana
(President)
Smt. Vijaya Chakrawarty,
MP, Assam (Member)
Sh. Satya Dev Singh,
Ex. MP, UP (Member)

2. Office Construction Committee

Sh. Mangeram Garg
Sh. Piyush Goyal
Sh. Saudan Singh
Sh. Rakesh Kumar Jain
Sh. Baldev Raj Sharma

3. Aajivan Sahayog Nidhi

Sh. Ashok Dhawan
Sh. Anil Jain
Sh. Shyam Jaju
Sh. Anil Goel

4. Sampark Abhiyan

Sh. Bhupendra Yadav
Sushri Saroj Pandey
Sh. BL Santosh
Sh. Kailash Vijayvargiya

5. Training

Sh. P. Murlidhar Rao
Sh. V Satish
Sh. Ram Pyare Pandey
Sh. Mahesh Sharma
Sh. L Ganeshan

Sh. Balashankar
Sh. Suresh Pujari

6. Office Modernisation

Sh. Arun Singh
Smt. Poonam Mahajan
Sh. Mahendra Pandey
Er. Arun Kumar Jain
Sh. Mohan Rajulu

7. Swatchta Abhiyan

Sh. Prabhat Jha
Sh. Purushottam Rupala
Sh. J.P. Nadda
Sh. Vijay Goel
Sh. Makhan Singh Ji

8. Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao

Dr. Rajendra Phadke
Smt. Renu Devi
Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
Sh. H. Raja
Sh. Tarun Chugh
Sh. B. S. Mathur

9. Namami Gange

Sh. Trivendra Rawat
Sh. Prakash Javadekar
Sushri Uma Bharti
Sh. Rajneesh Kumar
Sh. Shivprakash
Sh. Hridaynath Singh



road for each household, access to means of livelihood - at least one person in the family should be unemployed /earning, medical facility in every village, a senior secondary school within 5 kms reach of every child, increase in agricultural productivity, better communication and access to Opportunities so every Indian has a better chance at improving his or her Life.

The Bharatiya Janata Party looks at both our successes and our challenges as Opportunities to do more and to do better.

We are considering this year as the year for imbibing and following the philosophy of 'Antyodaya' to ensure harmony in our thoughts and actions serving the country. The BJP will start its 'Mahasampark Abhiyan' with positive methods to reach all its members. Our focus is not just on becoming the largest Party in the World but in ensuring qualitative improvement in public life and in still in right values in our workers. We will be organizing training and orientation sessions to develop and further propagate these democratic values in our workers across the country. ■



Intentions of a government were more powerful than its policies : Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 03 April, 2015 addressed Bharatiya Janata Party's National Executive meet in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Shri Modi in his speech highlighted achievements of the BJP led NDA government during its 10-month rule.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Congratulated BJP National President Shri Amit Shah for enrolling more than 9 crore new members into BJP folds and said the organization should do politics for principles, ideology, and traditions.

Lambasting the previous Congress-led UPA regime of not having right intentions, the PM asserted that the present government was taking quick decisions to ensure faster economic development of the country. Shri Modi said sometimes the intentions of a government were more powerful than its policies.

He said the Union government had been facing criticism that it was following policies of the previous United Progressive Alliance government but he sought to debunk this perception and

said, "Whatever your policy, your intention was not right, ours is. Hence we have gone ahead in the race of development," he said.

Accusing the opposition of



spreading falsehoods on the issue of black money, he said the Central government had taken several initiatives to curb black money including forming special investigation team and bringing a bill in parliament on illegal money stashed abroad.

Shri Modi said land

records would be reformed for farmers' benefit and attacked the opposition for spreading lies" that the government is working against the interests of the farming community. Shri Modi further said his government was working to empower the farmers as it realizes that India cannot make progress till villages develop.

Contending that he had lived among the farmers, Shri Modi said he could understand their plight and was working with good intention to address their woes. "How did farmers lose their land? Where did it go? To get a job of a peon for their children or to make them a driver, they used to be compelled to sell their land to pay bribes. The (previous)

governments compelled them to (sell land)," said Shri Modi.

"Land records will be reformed so that farmers get back their land (which they lost). For this, we will launch a big campaign," he said. He further said, "Those spreading lies do not know how to protect interests of farmers." ■

Philosophy of cultural nationalism; Integral Humanism are the foundations of BJP : Amit Shah



On the 36th Foundation Day of the party on 06 April, 2015 BJP National President Shri Amit Shah Addressed party Karyakartas and office bearers at BJP Headquarters in New Delhi. He said the party which was founded by Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee with 10 to 12 youths is now a party with 10 cr workers and it is now world's biggest party and on the parameters of Principles, Leadership and Programs BJP is the best party. He said the philosophy of cultural nationalism; Integral Humanism are the foundations on which the BJP has been driven so far.

We are publishing the excerpts of the speech for our valued readers:

Addressing the workers and the officials of the party on the 36th Foundation Day of the BJP The national President of the BJP Shri Amit Shah stated that on the parameters of Principles, Leadership and Programs BJP is the best party. Shri Shah informed that the PM Modi for the inclusive development have started several programmes for the poor, women, laborers, downtrodden, welfare schemes for all class of people and it is the responsibility of the party workers and members to take it across to the masses or the common people. Shri Shah announced starting of the two new programs

- "Sampark Abhiyan (Connect)" and Prashikshan Abhiyaan (Training)" for the workers of the party.

Shri Shah's address to the party started with the historical journey charted by the BJP detailing its origin, how was it started and what it would do in future. He emphasized that if we understand these key anecdote and history the party workers will find it easy and responsible to carry on their duty with all faith and commitment.

During his address Shri Shah informed that, the journey of BJP has been divided into two parts- first is Jan Sangh and later on BJP.

The Jan Sangh was started by Shri Shyama Prasad Mukherjee with just 10-12 workers. Compared to all political parties in the history across the world BJP journey has been of most fascinating and rigorous. BJP is the only party which has devised programs for the welfare of the country, fought for it and striving to provide the solutions to the pressing problems of the country. There is hardly any party having this credit to its fold.

Shri Shah further informed that when Jan Sangh was formed there was Congress rule in the country. The visionary leaders of the Jan Sangh saw that the foundation of the country's development was laid on the philosophy of Western ideology be it foreign policy, defense, industrial, economic, education or agricultural policies. There was hardly the fragrance of India's soil in any of the policy of the country at that time. There was no touch of the indigenous ideas in the policy being perused. At that time the civil society felt that country will spin out of control if it keeps following such off the track foreign driven ideologies. So to give birth to an alternative ideology Jan Sangh was formed. People at that time was unable to envisage that one day the same party will emerge in the proportionally very big scale and form the Government at the centre. At that time the priority was just to have an alternative view and influence the policy for the Government. Shri Shah informed that there was a humble effort to disseminate the information via media to enlighten the policy makers of the country about the real truth.

Shri Shah while advocating the contribution of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay in bringing the philosophy of Integral Humanism in front of the world said that 50 year old ideology is still relevant. Ideology of Integral Humanism is universal and immortal. This ideology has the power to uplift the country and this is the basis of our philosophy too. We should be proud that we are carried by vision that is not limited to our own frontier but has

universal appeal. This ideology is the basis of our work.

Shri Shah stated that the evaluation of any party can be done on the three parameters- Principle, Leadership and Programs. The BJP's is open for evaluation on these three parameters since inception. When time will ascertain it there will be on option but to credit BJP and slot it in top position across the world.

Shri Shah advocated that BJP is the only party which is purely based on the Indian thinking and ideology. The philosophy of cultural nationalism, 'Panchnistha' and Integral



Humanism is the foundations on which the BJP has been driven so far. BJP has always been influenced by the universal inclusive development and do not have a parochial view. All find its place be it 'Ántyodaya' or any class of the people in BJP, so wide, all encompassing is the ideology of BJP

Shri Shah said that Congress's policy has been what is old is of no use. Whatever has been old has failed to deliver so change it and make it new. But on the other hand BJP is of the view that there should be Re-construction of the country. Whatever has been old was best, so welcome the new and take forward the country. New -invention and Re-construction are the two words which distinguish between the congress and BJP stated Shri Shah.

Praising the leadership of the BJP Shri Shah said that we are fortunate to have the quality leadership in terms of sacrifice and there was nothing else that drove them. There are many like Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Shayama Prasad

Mukherjee who have sacrificed their life. After that Atalji, Advaniji, Nanaji Deshmukh, Bhai Mahabir Tyagi, Sundar Singh Bhandari, Kushabhu Thakrey, and many more have dedicated their life for the sake of BJP.

Targeting the opposition parties Shri Shah said that today people have been boosting of plainness and simplicity and propagate themselves as common man which they are not in reality. But, I want to inform them that there are many leaders that BJP has who did not even have a bank account or have a house of their own from birth till death. They made their office as home and had no family of their



own; they use to consider entire country as their own home and laid their life for country. But my party and its leaders did not market it for any benefit. The sacrifice is not a currency for exchanging any benefits; sacrifice is the path of solving the problem of society in the sacred manner.

BJP's workers should never try to encash the sacrifice of the elders. This has been taught by our leaders. From Shyama Prasad Mukherjee to Narendra Modi this has been the driving philosophy. Among the various parties registered with the election commission only BJP has the internal democracy. I am one such example who reached from a mere booth manager to the BJP National President. This party has the freedom which is beyond the influence of any family, political patronage and background as a tea seller can also become the PM. This no other party has and we should be

proud of as this is a credible platform to become the leader.

Shri Shah informed that BJP is ruling in 12 states and we have a Government at the centre too so we have all the more responsibility to deliver. It's our responsibility to work for the welfare of poor, farmers, laborers, etc and make our country prosperous. It is our responsibility to fulfill their aspirations.

The Narendra Modi Government is working without chasing the electorate and working on the long-term vision to bring India to the forefront said Shri Amit Shah. BJP president exuded confidence that Shri Modi will win again if he goes to the polls with much more seats.

Shri Shah said the Modi government has taken great initiatives for the development of the country. He exuded confidence that when Shri Narendra Bhai Modi will go to receive the second mandate, it will bring more seats for party.

Shri Shah said the BJP workers should not be career oriented. They should keep in mind the ideology of party. Fame follows the labour. It does not have to aspire.

Shri Shah said that the Modi government is working to take India in a strong position in the world. The government has brought the number of programs for the development of the country, farmers, workers, the poor and the underprivileged.

National security, foreign policy and strong economic growth, strengthening the foundation of the country are the aims of BJP government. We should take the party programmes to the masses.

BJP national president Shri Amit Shah on the occasion congratulated Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra who was witness to the foundation of the party.

On the occasion, Minister of Urban Development, Shri M. Venkaiah Naadu, Union Minister Thawarchand Gehlot and BJP top leaders were present, including the General Secretary (organization) Shri Ram Lal. The function was also attended by National General Secretary Shri Bhupendra Yadav. ■

Call unto Divine Life

By Sri Swami Chidananda

Hear the forcible utterances of the Chandogya Upanishad: 'Yo vai bhuma tat sukham, na alpe sukham asti, Bhumaiva sukham, Bhumat eva vijijnasitavyah' (The Infinite (the Great) is Bliss. There is no bliss in what is small (finite). The Infinite alone is Bliss. One should therefore wish to understand the Infinite). 'Kalau Kesava-Kirtanat'—in days of yore, people had Self-Realisation by Tapas, Jnana, Yajna, etc. But in Kali-Yuga, when people lack in bold understanding, when people have not got strong, irresistible will and pure intellect, and when the vast majority of persons do not possess a strong physique to practise various Hatha Yogic Kriyas to awaken the Kundalini, Hari-Kirtan alone will help them in getting salvation easily.

Suka Deva, though a Brahma Jnani, did Sankirtan. Lord Gauranga, a master of logic, an intellectual giant, dedicated his life to preaching Kirtan throughout Bengal. Mira, Tukaram, Pavhari Baba of Punjab, Ram Prasad of Bengal, Rup Kala Bhagavan of Ayodhya, all had Darshan of God through Kirtan and Kirtan alone.

Sankirtan purifies and elevates the mind. Sankirtan destroys Vasanas, old vicious

Samskaras, cravings, three kinds of Tapa,—the Adhyatmika, Adhidaivika and Adhibhautika,—three kinds of diseases, and brings the devotee face to face with God. Tukaram, the reputed Maharashtra saint of Deo, was an illiterate Bhakta. He could not even sign his name. His inspiring Abhangas are texts for the M.A. students in the Bombay University. What a great miracle it is! Wherefrom did the unlettered, untutored Tuka derive his knowledge? Tukaram had communion with Lord Krishna through Bhava Samadhi induced by Sankirtan. His inner eye of intuition, Divya Chakshuh, was opened. He tapped the fountain of Knowledge. He penetrated deep into the very source of Knowledge.

Where is God? God is in your heart. He is in you. You are in Him. If you do not find Him there, you will not find Him anywhere else. God is Truth. God is Love. Speak the Truth—Satyam Vada. Love everyone. See God everywhere, in every face, in everything. You will realise Him quickly.

Dear brothers! Plod on. Push on. Live in Truth. Live

in the Spirit. Fix the mind on God and give the hands to worldly activities without expectation of fruits and

without the idea 'I am the doer'.

Forget not the Source. Forget not the centre. Forget the body. Forget the world. Forget friends, relatives and property. Forget the past.

Do not look backwards. March straight to the Goal. A glorious future is awaiting you all. March courageously with Sraddha, Vairagya and taking the sacred Name of the Lord. Merge in Him. Dive deep in Him. Plunge deep into the self-shining Lord, in the chambers of your heart. He is quite close to you.

Lead a life of self-restraint, service, devotion, spirituality and meditation. Speak the truth. Do not injure any living being. Help your neighbour. This is Divine Life. Live this Divine Life! Realise the indwelling Divine Being. God grant you Peace, Bliss and Immortality.

May the Light of lights guide you in the path to the Eternal every moment of your life. May success be yours. May you attain God-realisation in this very birth and put an end to all misery and suffering! May the choicest blessings of God and Guru be upon you all! ■

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