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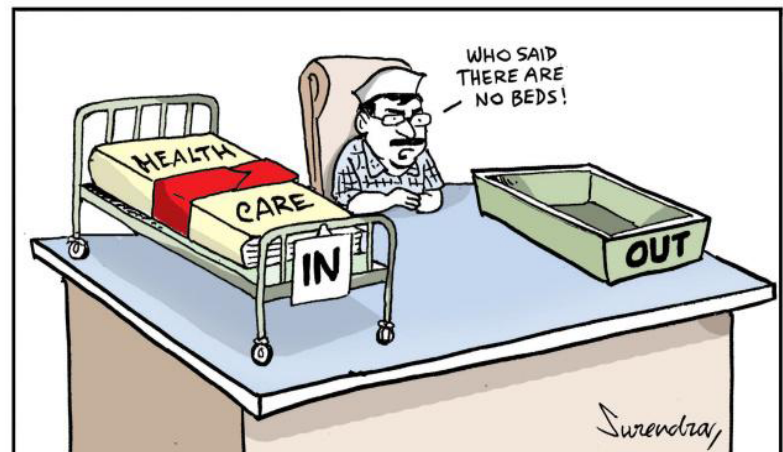
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O Arjuna this whole world is bound by actions except for actions sacrificed unto the Supreme Lord; being free from attachment perfectly engage in actions for the purpose of sacrifice.

– (Bhagavadgita : Ch.-III, 9)

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“We are eternally indebted to our brave soldiers for their valour & determination in 1965 War.”

-Narendra Modi

“Bihar is moving towards Jungle Raj 2 in JD(U) and RJD coalition today and we are committed to liberate the people from it.”

-Amit Shah

Navaratri : 13-22 October, 2015

Navaratri is a festival dedicated to the worship of Goddess Maa Durga/ Shakti. Navaratri literally means nine nights. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Shakti are worshiped and the tenth day is commonly referred to as Vijayadashami or Dussehra. Nine forms of Shakti that are worshipped during the Navaratri are : First night of Navratri - Shailputri, Second Navratri , Bhramcharini, Third Navratri - Chandraghanta, Fourth Navratri -Kushmanda, Fifth Navratri - Skandmata, Sixth Navratri -Kaatyayani, Seventh Navratri -Kaalratri, Eighth Navratri - Mahagauri Kaalratri, Eighth Navratri - Mahagauri and Ninth Navratri - Siddhiratri are worshipped. Tenth day is commonly celebrated as Vijayadashami or “Dussehra”.



Navratri is a very important and major Hindu festival in all parts of the country. In the western States of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat it is the principal festival of the year and during which the traditional dance of Gujarat Garba is widely performed.

This festival is celebrated with great zeal in North Indian States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal, Uttarkhand, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and performances of the Ramlila are the major attractions. The Dussehra of Kullu in Himachal Pradesh is particularly famous in the North India.

The large procession of Goddess Chamundeshwari on a golden throne mounted on several well decorated elephants in Mysore, Karnataka is the main attraction of the Navratri festival in South India.

In Eastern India particularly in Jharkhand, Assam, West Bengal and Odisha Hindus believe that it is lucky to start a new venture, project during Navratri or on Dussehra. So people and particularly the business community celebrate it as the New Year. The Sharad Navaratri culminates in Vijayadashami or Dussehra. ■



Bihar will regain its lost glory under the BJP led NDA rule!

The poll bugle has been sounded in Bihar. As the Election Commission announced the polling dates the political activities intensified and different political parties started gearing for the polls. Bihar this time is going to witness one of the most challenging elections where BJP led NDA has emerged as a formidable force. Bihar has always been a challenge for the pollsters as the state is considered to be throwing results of high political significance. Political pundits across the country are watching for the way Bihar votes and give its political message. Bihar has always voted against opportunism and waged a heroic battle against Jungle raj. The alliance of RJD, JDU and Congress is not only opportunistic but also promises return of Jungle raj in the state. The politics of the country has moved ahead from the retrograde era of caste and communal divisions. People want good governance and development. BJP led NDA is the only hope for the people. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leading the nation towards glory and development. As it is evident from the Lok Sabha elections, people have already made their mind to vote for development and good governance and teach a lesson to the regressive forces of opportunism and Jungle raj.

In the Lok Sabha elections Bihar had voted overwhelmingly for BJP led NDA and Narendra Modi. The BJP had gone to poll in alliance with Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) and RLSP. The alliance was received with great enthusiasm by the people and NDA was able to win 31 out of 40 seats. It was a massive victory for BJP led NDA. People supported Narendra Modi rising above parochial considerations of caste and religion and voted for change. It was a vote for good governance and development. People of Bihar having experienced the divisive and regressive politics of Congress and RJD were looking for alternative. Narendra Modi had emerged as an alternative at the national scene. The mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' was reverberating in the air. Bihar had lagged behind in the race of development as the regressive politics had taken its toll. People wanted to come out of this kind of regressive and divisive politics. Bihar echoed the national sentiments, it wanted change and move ahead on the ladder of development and good governance. It voted for Narendra Modi, it voted for BJP led NDA. Bihar contributed immensely in the massive victory of BJP led NDA in the Lok Sabha elections.

After getting thoroughly routed in the Lok Sabha elections, Nitish Kumar gave most opportunistic twist to Bihar politics. JDU could win only two seats in the Lok Sabha elections. He could foresee his complete defeat in the coming assembly elections. The urge to remain clinging to the power was so strong that defying all speculations he chose to align with Lalu Yadav. Sushashan Babu became a votary of Jungle Raj. It was unbelievable as Nitish Kumar was in the forefront of the campaign against Lalu Yadav's Jungle raj and his regime of corruption and goondaism. It was shocking for everyone to see that Nitish Kumar joining hands with Lalu Yadav and both the defeated people seeking to unite against BJP led NDA. As this highly opportunistic alliance was formed Nitish Kumar enacted another drama by resigning from the post of chief minister and making Jitan Ram Manjhi, a mahadalit leader the chief minister of Bihar. Nitish Kumar had thought that Jitan Ram Manjhi would remain merely his rubber

stamp but as soon Manjhi started acting as real chief minister, he became unbearable for Nitish Kumar. As Jitan Ram Manjhi refused to be a puppet in his hands, Nitish Kumar sacked him. Now Nitish Kumar and Lalu Yadav stand completely exposed before the people.

But can this Nitish-Lalu combination win the confidence of the people? Who can forget Lalu's Jungle raj and the 15-year rule of Lalu-Rabri duo- The time when people were forced to migrate from the state, when the industries were led to extinction, the labourers could not find work and farmers were threatened with uncertain life. The state was submerged in backwardness and regressive policies while the henchmen of Lalu Yadav unleashed fear in the minds of general people who were tormented with daily incidents of kidnappings, loots, extortions, murders and riots. The people of Bihar waged a heroic struggle against the Jungle raj and were able to throw it by getting NDA (then BJP & JDU) elected and Nitish Kumar became chief minister with BJP support. But Nitish Kumar who should have focused on the development of Bihar started nurturing ambitions even at the cost of its longstanding ally BJP. On several occasions he tried to create situation which was very uncomfortable for BJP. And when he saw that BJP was gaining popularity and Narendra Modi had emerged as the most popular leader of the country he tried to stall BJP's onward march by ditching BJP. JDU came out of NDA. But the people of Bihar gave their verdict in the Lok Sabha elections, JDU and RJD were routed and BJP led NDA won a massive mandate.

The Bihar assembly elections are not going to see any different results from the Lok Sabha elections. As Nitish Kumar went ahead with his opportunistic politics to align with Lalu Yadav's RJD, people are now going to vote with stronger resolve. Both, JDU and RJD were routed in the Lok Sabha elections. This time they are hoping to make a comeback with opportunistic alliance. First they claimed to be forming a party by merging all the groups of Janata parivar. But this plan did not materialize. Again they claimed to form

'mahagathbandhan' but again they could not come together on one platform. Now they have formed an alliance of JDU, RJD and Congress. Congress is in no position to claim its presence in the state. RJD and JDU were routed in the last Lok Sabha elections. Can these three defeated parties give any hope to the people? Can three zeroes be added to become anything more than a zero? Bihar has always risen to the occasion and defeated opportunism and unprincipled politics. The message of Bihar is always in favour of democracy and development. While it had defeated the might of the Congress and punished it for its misrule and corruption, it has also punished Lalu Yadav for his Jungle raj. Bihar has punished Nitish for his opportunism and for ditching BJP in the last Lok Sabha elections. This time they have formed a troika and people are eager to make them bite the dust in the historic land of Bihar. As BJP led NDA is set to form the government, people will undoubtedly punish Nitish-Lalu and Congress for their opportunism and Jungle raj.

BJP along with its NDA allies LJP, RLSP and HAM has started campaigning for the elections and announced distribution of seats among themselves. People are reposing faith on NDA and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is getting tremendous response in his public meetings. PM has already announced a huge package for Bihar and the state is set to move ahead on the path of progress. As the central government is making its efforts to fast pace the development process of Bihar, the state government needs to move in tandem otherwise all the efforts will go in vain. In this context the elections are very important as it will decide the future of Bihar. People have understood this fact, they now realize that Bihar has to move ahead and recover the lost year through fast pace of development. Bihar today requires a committed leadership and dedicated party. BJP led NDA is committed to rescue Bihar from the clutches of opportunistic and regressive politics. Bihar will definitely regain its lost glory under the BJP led NDA rule! ■

NDA is committed to the development of Bihar : Amit shah

The BJP on September 15 announced seat-sharing with its allies in Bihar. Keeping 160, almost two-thirds, for itself, it allocated 20 seats to Mahadalit leader Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha, 40 to Ram Vilas Paswan's LJP and the remaining 23 to Upendra Kushwaha's RLSP. The announcement was made by Shri Amit Shah in the

hand, our NDA alliance is an alliance committed to the development of Bihar." Shri Shah expressed Shri Nitish Kumar and Shri Lalu Prasad Yadav an opportunistic. He said that BJP ruled states are moving fast on the track of development, the people of the states are fully satisfied with the welfare schemes run by our government in the respective states but Bihar is

of the government, development works have been stopped, the crime graph has been increased, the growth is halted, the GDP has been declined and the legal system has been precarious. He said that Shri Nitish Kumar has betrayed with the mandate given by the people of Bihar. He said, Nitish Kumar is assuming himself a Bihar but the people of Bihar



presence of the leaders of Bihar NDA Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi and Shri Sushil Kumar Modi.

Addressing the press conference, BJP President said, we will won two-third majority in Bihar assembly elections. He said that Bihar is moving towards Jungle Raj 2 in JD(U) and RJD coalition today and we are committed to liberate the people from it. He said, "The Grand Alliance were in talks, now have been broken. Now, what the left coalition is a coalition of compulsion. On the other

still lagging behind compared to the development of other states of the country.

He said that how can Nitish Kumar promise of a corruption-free state to the people of Bihar when he joined hands with Congress who involved in corruption of Rs.12 lakh crores, how can Nitish Kumar show the dream of development to the people of Bihar when he make compromises with Lalu Yadav, a symbol of corruption and Jungle Raj. He said that the development of the state was much faster till the BJP were in the government but as the BJP was stepping out

have rejected them.

He said, we registered splendid victory in Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and J&K on the basis of good governance and development of Shri Narendra Modi Ji and now NDA will form a government of two-third majority in Bihar for the overall development of the state under the able leadership of Shri Narendra Modi Ji. He said, we are committed for the overall development of the state. He said, we have already allotted the fund of Rs.1.65 lakh crores for the development of Bihar including a special package of

Rs.1.25 lakh crores and Rs.40 thousand crores allotted for the ongoing projects in the state which represents our commitment towards development of the state. He said, development certainly cannot go together with Jungle Raj and corruption.

He said, the people of Bihar gave an opportunity to Congress, the people of Bihar also tested Lalu Ji and they have also seen the ruling of Shri Nitish Kumar, now it is NDA's turn. We want to appeal to the people of Bihar to give BJP-led NDA a chance to form government in Bihar. we want to assure that we will make every possible effort for the development of the state.

BJP President Shri Amit Shah said that a mutual agreement has been reached among all of four allies of NDA under which BJP will contest 160 seats, LJP 40, RLSP 23 and HAM will contest 20 seats in the forthcoming assembly elections in Bihar. At the same time, some HAM activists will also contest under BJP symbol on some seats and for this, the decision will be taken by Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi himself. He said, we will soon come with a common manifesto for the development of Bihar. He said that the development of Bihar is our priority and we will take forward the state on the path of development by bringing Bihar at par with the developed states of the country. ■

Lalu and Nitish have destroyed Ram Manohar Lohia's legacy : Arun Jaitley

Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley flagged off "Panch Kranti Abhiyan" on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's birthday on 17 September in Delhi. Addressing the gathering Shri Jaitley encouraged the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha which is to play a significant role in the upcoming Bihar polls. He assured the party workers of BJP



victory in Bihar polls.

On the occasion Shri Arun Jaitley also targeted the Nitish Kumar and Lalu Prasad grand-alliance and said that staunch supporters of nationalist and socialist leader Ram Manohar Lohiya, who was anti-Congress, goes for a meeting everyday at the AICC headquarters. Those who do politics in the name of Lohia, are now visiting AICC for press conferences every day. The legacy of Dr. Lohia has been destroyed by these people he said.

Accusing Nitish Kumar and Lalu Prasad of destroying Ram Manohar Lohia's legacy by aligning with Congress for Bihar polls he said both of them have failed to develop the state in the last 25 years when they were in power. "Laluji ruled Bihar for 15 years and Nitishji has completed 10 years in power. They have ruled the state for 25 long years. It's a long time to develop any state. Bihar has even fallen below the level of north-eastern and hill states," Shri Jaitley said.

Shri Jaitley also said Congress Chief Sonia Gandhi was given the role of a warm-up speaker at a recent rally of the Grand Alliance and that the opposition party, which was stalling Parliament, will be further eased out in many states.

The Finance Minister also took on Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for daring the Prime Minister to debate the issue of development in Bihar, saying the state stood at the 21st position on ease of doing business in a World Bank report, far

behind Gujarat which occupied the top slot.

"Nitishji says let us debate the development issue. What is there to debate? This debate is over. Gujarat is number 1 and Bihar stands at 21. The economy speaks through statistics and not through debate," he said, rejecting such a demand for such a debate.

Claiming that the chemistry in Bihar has changed ahead of Assembly polls, Shri Jaitley said BJP and its allies will win the forthcoming Assembly polls. We will win Bihar polls. It will be a repeat of what happened during the Lok Sabha election, he said.

Shri Jaitley said the Panch Kranti Abhiyan is an initiative of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) to engage, encourage and empower the youth of this country to understand the policies and programs of the Government of India led by Shri Narendra

Modi. The policies initiated by Prime Minister Shri Modi mark the beginning of a revolution in the 21st century.

Shri Jaitley said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has exhibited the greatest level of understanding about country's cultural, political, social, and economic conditions. Just after forming government with a decisive majority, he declared that he does not intend to indulge in Rajneeti (politics) but wants to focus on Rashtra-neeti (national regeneration). The Prime Minister gave a clarion call to work for this nation, a nation which is budding with energy and exuberance of the youth.

He said the efforts put in by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to build a new India are no less than a revolution. His policies aim at enhancing public participation and are not restricted to the sphere of government offices.

BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur said, in any revolution, the youth have an important role to play. The ongoing revolution under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 21st century India will also be incomplete without the participation of the youth. Therefore, every young member of society should become a part of this revolution. The five areas in which the youth have to work has been termed as 'Pancha Kranti' by BJYM National President Shri Anurag Thakur. That are;

1. **Yoga Kranti (Revolution in Yoga)**
2. **Swachhta Kranti (Clean India)**
3. **Kaushal Kranti (Skill India)**
4. **Kanya-Shakti Kranti (Beti Bachaao, Beti Padhaao- save and educate girl child)**
5. **Nirman Kranti (Make in India) ■**

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BJP wins Port Blair Municipal elections

## 'People reject Congress' negative politics'

Hailing BJP's victory in Port Blair's local body elections, BJP National President Amit Shah on 22 September, 2015 said BJP's wins in a series of municipal polls underlined people's endorsement of the Modi government's development agenda and rejection of Congress' negative politics.

BJP has won 11 of the 24 seats in the elections to the island's local body and is set to replace Congress as the main ruling formation.

Noting the party's win in local polls in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bengaluru earlier, Shri Shah said, "This is a mandate against Sonia and Rahul Gandhi's anti-poor, anti-development and negative politics. People have shown their faith in the policies of the Modi government."

People have rejected Congress' disinformation campaign against the Centre and it was time for the main opposition party to introspect. ■

## Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission for rural development approved

**I**n an ambitious bid to transform rural areas to economically, socially and physically sustainable spaces, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 16 September-2015 approved the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) with an outlay of Rs. 5142.08 crores.

The Mission aims at development of rural growth clusters which have latent potential for growth, in all States and UTs, which would trigger overall development in the region. These clusters would be developed by provisioning of economic activities, developing skills & local entrepreneurship and providing infrastructure amenities. The Rurban Mission will thus develop a cluster of Smart Villages.

These clusters would be well delineated areas with planned layouts prepared following the planning norms (as laid down in the State Town and Country Planning Acts/similar Central or State statutes as may be applicable), which would be duly notified by the State/UTs. These plans would be finally integrated with the District Plans/Master Plans as the case may be.

The State Governments would identify the clusters in accordance with the Framework for Implementation prepared by

**For the selection of clusters, the Ministry of Rural Development is adopting a scientific process of cluster selection which involves an objective analysis at the District, Sub District and Village level, of the demography, economy, tourism and pilgrimage significance and transportation corridor impact. While the Ministry, following this analysis, would provide a suggestive list of sub districts to the State, the State Governments would then select the clusters following a set of indicated principles included in the Framework for Implementation.**

the Ministry of Rural Development. The clusters will be geographically contiguous Gram Panchayats with a population of about 25000 to 50000 in plain and coastal areas and a population of 5000 to 15000 in desert, hilly or tribal areas. There would be a separate approach for selection of clusters in Tribal and Non-Tribal

Districts. As far as practicable, clusters of village would follow administrative convergence units of Gram Panchayats.

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The mission aims to create 300 such Rurban growth clusters over the next 3 years, across the country. The funding for Rurban Clusters will be through various schemes of the Government converged into the cluster. The SPMRM will provide an additional funding support of upto 30 percent of the project cost per cluster as Critical Gap Funding (CGF) as Central Share to enable development of such Rurban clusters.

To ensure an optimum



level of development, fourteen components have been suggested as desirable for the cluster, which would include; Skill development training linked to economic activities, Agro Processing/ Agri Services/Storage and Warehousing, Digital Literacy, Sanitation, Provision of piped water supply, Solid and liquid waste management, Village streets and drains, Street lights, Fully equipped mobile health unit, Upgrading school /higher education facilities, Inter-village road connectivity, Citizen Service Centres- for electronic delivery of citizen centric services/e-gram connectivity, Public transport., LPG gas connections.

The States would prepare Integrated Cluster Action Plans for Rurban Clusters, which would be comprehensive plan documents detailing out the strategy for the cluster, desired outcomes for the cluster under the mission, along with the resources to be converged under various Central Sector, Centrally Sponsored and State Sector schemes, and the Critical Gap Funding (CGF) required for the cluster.

In addition to the Critical Gap Funding, proactive steps have been taken to ensure the success of the mission with adequate budget provisions for supporting the State Government towards project development, capacity building and other institutional arrangements at the state level.

The Mission envisages institutional arrangements both at the State and Center to ensure smooth implementation of the Mission. The Mission also has an Innovation budget towards facilitating research, development and capacity building. The scheme through development of Rurban growth clusters aimed at catalyzing overall regional growth, would thus simultaneously benefit the rural as well as urban areas of the country, by achieving twin objectives of strengthening rural areas and de burdening the urban areas hence leading to balanced regional development and growth of the country. ■

## Govt. to provide an additional 50 days job under MGNREGA

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved its ex-post facto approval to provide an additional 50 days of unskilled manual work in the financial year over and above the 100 days assured to job card holders, in such rural areas where drought or natural calamities have been notified. This will enable States to provide



additional wage employment to the rural poor in drought affected areas. The poorest rural households will benefit from this, as it will help in immediate absorption of rural seasonal unemployment, and reduce rural distress.

To provide immediate relief to farmers, in view of the deficit monsoon during Kharif 2015, the Government of India has already taken a number of decisions. Orders on these measures have already been issued to all State Governments, which will implement them on the basis of assessed need.

1. Diesel Subsidy Scheme for farmers in affected areas.
2. Enhancement of ceiling on Seed subsidy.
3. Interventions for saving perennial horticulture crops.
4. Implementation of additional fodder development programme.
5. Flexible allocation under RKVY and other centrally sponsored schemes.
6. Crop contingency plan.
7. Advisories to the states.
8. Availability of seeds and other inputs for Kharif, 2015.
9. SMS Advisory: The Ministry, through the m-kisan portal sends SMS advisories to registered farmers.
10. Crisis management plan for drought for the year 2015.
11. SDRF/NDRF funds - First Instalment of SDRF released. ■

## World Bank ranks Gujarat as most investor-friendly State

### *BJP-governed States dominate the top ranks*

World bank has ranked Gujarat as most investor-friendly State. The state is on the ease of doing business in India.



BJP-governed States dominate the top ranks. Gujarat implemented 71.14 per cent of the reforms, according to the assessment. Andhra Pradesh came second with a score of 70.12 per cent, Jharkhand third at 63.09 per cent, Chhattisgarh

fourth with 62.45 per cent and Madhya Pradesh fifth with 62 per cent

States were assessed on the implementation, over a six-month period from January to June, of a 98-point reforms agenda.

Chief Secretaries of States participating in the "Make in India" workshop inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi in New Delhi last December finalised this action plan on "Ease of Doing Business". It was decided later to evaluate States to assess progress by June 2015.

The largest recipients of foreign investments, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, are ranked eighth and twelfth with less than 50 per cent scores. ■

| State                     | State Score |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Gujarat                   | 71.14%      |
| Andhra Pradesh            | 70.12%      |
| Jharkhand                 | 63.09%      |
| Chhattisgarh              | 62.45%      |
| Madhya Pradesh            | 62.00%      |
| Rajasthan                 | 61.04%      |
| Odisha                    | 52.12%      |
| Maharashtra               | 49.43%      |
| Karnataka                 | 48.50%      |
| Uttar Pradesh             | 47.37%      |
| West Bengal               | 46.90%      |
| Tamil Nadu                | 44.58%      |
| Telangana                 | 42.45%      |
| Haryana                   | 40.66%      |
| Delhi                     | 37.35%      |
| Punjab                    | 36.73%      |
| Himachal Pradesh          | 23.95%      |
| Kerala                    | 22.87%      |
| Goa                       | 21.74%      |
| Puducherry                | 17.72%      |
| Bihar                     | 16.41%      |
| Assam                     | 14.84%      |
| Uttarakhand               | 13.36%      |
| Chandigarh                | 10.04%      |
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 9.73%       |
| Tripura                   | 9.29%       |
| Sikkim                    | 7.23%       |
| Mizoram                   | 6.37%       |
| Jammu and Kashmir         | 5.93%       |
| Meghalaya                 | 4.38%       |
| Nagaland                  | 3.41%       |
| Arunachal Pradesh         | 1.23%       |

## *Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme* to provide affordable Health Insurance initiated

The Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, under the Department of Empowerment of People with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, signed on September 21 in New Delhi a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the The New India Assurance Company Limited on providing a comprehensive and affordable Health Insurance Scheme - "Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme" - for the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Health services and its access to persons with disabilities assume a very significant role in order to enable and empower persons with disabilities (PwDs) to live independently and with dignity as possible. In this context, the Health Insurance facility becomes important but presently such products are not easily available for persons with developmental disabilities. In such a situation, a tailor made Group Health Insurance Scheme like "Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme" has been conceived with the objective of providing affordable Health Insurance to persons with blindness, low vision, leprosy-cured, hearing impairment, loco-motor Disability, mental Retardation and mental Illness. It also aims to improve the general Health condition & quality of life of persons with disabilities. ■

# Concept of Indian secularism and its relevance

- H. M. Patel

*'Secularism' as a concept has invited debate on various occasions in almost every part of the world and continues to be differently interpreted by different people in India also. An article published in quarterly journal of Deendayal Research Institute "Manthan" in December 1979 discusses various aspects of the debate on 'Secularism'. We are publishing the second part of this article for our esteemed readers to apprise them of different aspects of the debate.*

Theocratic State — A  
Stick to Beat the RSS  
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And now there has been introduced into the controversy the expression 'theocracy'. It is suggested, that there is one organisation the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh, of which the objective is a theocratic State. A theocratic State may be defined as a Government which allows its public policies to be determined by the principles and precepts of a religion. No political party in this country has ever urged the establishment of a theocratic State. Even in the most rabid exhibition of anti-secularism, there has never been a suggestion that India should become a theocratic State. The spirit of tolerance has penetrated too deeply into the average Indian physique for India to ever seriously consider even the possibility of departing from the concept of secularism. And yet because it has been politically expedient to attack the RSS, any stick is felt to be good for the purpose.

It is because of this tendency to use such charges

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of communalism and the like as a useful, and indeed powerful, political weapon against political opponents that secularism becomes highly relevant for India. Although, as we have seen, our Constitution lays special emphasis on it, and the principle of secularism is undoubtedly generally accepted, we are still not clear in our minds as to whose responsibility it is or should be to see that secularism is honoured in practice. This must clearly be the responsibility of the

Government. But no Government can discharge a duty of this nature adequately without the wholehearted support of the people. But at present it is taken for granted that the people for this purpose means the majority community.

And yet clearly that cannot be sufficient. The minority communities also have a role to play. In the United Kingdom, and indeed in all European countries, where the State does not eschew religion, and in fact, in almost every Western State there is a religion which is formally recognised as a State religion, the State is nevertheless considered secular. This is so because in all these countries the attitude of the people generally prevents the actions and the policies of their Governments from being influenced by religious considerations or biases. In so far as India is concerned, although 82 per cent of the population is Hindu, that majority community has not sought to make Hinduism a State religion. On the contrary, the country's Constitution

specifically provides against there being a State religion, and assures to every citizen the right to practise his religion and even to propagate it. And in spite of this, it is evident that in our country where every successive Government has always firmly subscribed to the concept of secularism, it has not been possible to make secularism a reality because secularism has not yet been

practise one's religion assured, but also the right to propagate it (Article 25). Every religion is assured also of the right to manage its own affairs, establish its own religious as well as educational institutions for imparting religious instruction (Article 26). Article 28 prohibits the giving of religious instruction in any educational institution wholly maintained out of

in the grant of aid on the ground that the institution is manned by a minority, whether religious or linguistic. The Constitution has thus given the fullest possible protection to the religions of the minorities as also to their religious and educational institutions. In the process, they have for all practical purposes deprived the children of the majority community, facilities for imparting religious instruction, or even education in ethics or morality. It is the opinion of many wise people that this has had very unfortunate consequences. The point to note is that what was considered essential for the minorities was apparently considered to be of no consequence for the majority. Successive Governments in India have always sought to ensure completely fair treatment to the minority communities. There can be no question but that the authorities in India have been secular in their outlook and attitude towards all minorities. Nevertheless such is the misfortune of the country that the largest minority, the Muslims, do not feel that they are being treated on a par with all others. However unreasonable this view may appear to the Government and to the majority community, it must be admitted that such feeling exists.

To continue...

In our country where every successive Government has always firmly subscribed to the concept of secularism, it has not been possible to make secularism a reality because secularism has not yet been accepted by all its citizens, that is, the majority as well as the minority communities. Our problem, in effect, is precisely this, how to make all our countrymen accept a secular attitude as the only correct attitude to adopt in dealing with all our problems — social as well as political.

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To obtain a clear idea of the spirit underlying our understanding of this concept, it is necessary to look at the various relevant provisions in our Constitution. There is the right to freedom of religion. Not only is the right to

State funds. This prohibition, however, does not apply to educational institutions of religious minorities. These may give religious instruction to their students even if they are receiving aid out of State funds and so long as they do not insist upon imparting religious instruction to students who are minors without their own consent or the consent of their guardians. Article 30 permits all minorities, whether based on religion or language to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. What is more, the State cannot discriminate

He loved to be 'us'; he hated to be 'I'

- Lal Krishna Advani

When Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) was banned, I myself was a Pracharak in Rajasthan. A dialogue was going on in Delhi between the Sangh and the Government over the issue of lifting the ban on Sangh. During discussion, two main objections emerged: RSS, the government said, is a secret organisation and that Sangh has no constitution of its own. I discussed these two points with Guruji. Guruji said Britain has no written constitution of its own and yet whatever law is there, it works on that very basis. Does it mean that Britain is a secret nation or country?

Does a society and family have a written constitution? So far as the issue of framing a constitution for RSS is concerned, we don't have any objection. During this discussion, Eknath Ranade and Baba Apte were also present.

Shri Rajpal Puri was the Prant Pracharak of Sindh province at that time. I was called many times when the work on drafting the constitution for Sangh was in hand. Deendayalji used to come there and I met him there for the first time. A treasure of idealism

Deendayalji's life was a treasure of idealism. His best quality was that he never



thought about himself. I always relate one incident in this connection. Most of the time those days, Panditji used to be on tour all over India.

He met many people during those visits. I was working in the Organiser then and requested him to write a travelogue for the Weekly Organiser whenever he came back. This will benefit the readers and the reader strength of the Weekly would also increase.

He agreed and wrote it himself in English. We had been publishing it in a weekly column 'Political Diary' written by Deendayalji. He preferred to write on current issues in that column. That column was read all over.

He hated using the word "I". For some time, Deendayalji did send the article mentioning about his experiences during the tour. Later, he stopped writing. One day I went to him and

said that we were not receiving his article these days. He said, Lal, "I will not be able to write it any more". I could very well understand the reason for his not doing so. For writing such a piece, he had to mention about himself in the article and he did not wish to project himself in his writings. Doing so he had to use the word "I" a number of times and that is what he despised all along. He did not wish to devote his time in thinking and writing about himself.

Didn't care about himself

When he came back from Calicut session, I said to him: "Deendayalji, we will provide you a steno; he will be with you all the while and write everything for you even in the train. You should not travel all alone. There should, at least, be one person with you throughout.

We will arrange everything". Even when he was leaving for Mughalsarai from Delhi, we went to meet him and repeated our request but he replied "No, thanks. I can look after myself and I will do the writing too all by myself". My only regret remains that had Deendayalji paid heed to my suggestion, history would have been different then. But destiny had wished otherwise. Who could change it? ■

(As told to Shri Prabhat Jha)

Courtesy : Ajatshatru

My Govt is dedicated to the poor : Narendra Modi

Lashing out at the Opposition for not letting Parliament function during the Monsoon Session, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the deadlock in Lok Sabha has forced him to raise issues in the "Jan Sabha" – or people's assembly. Shri Modi was addressing a massive rally in Chandigarh on 11 September, 2015 where he inaugurated the new international airport terminal and also attended the convocation at PGI, besides inaugurating other projects.

This was Shri Narendra Modi's first visit to Chandigarh after he took over as the Prime Minister. Hitting out at the Opposition, he said the people of the country will not forgive political parties for the way Parliament functioned. "You have been elected and sent to Parliament. Go to the House, hold discussions for two days, five days or seven days. However, not accepting rules of democracy, not paying heed to 400 Members of Parliament and 40 people conspiring to put roadblocks is an insult to democracy," Shri Modi said.

He further said it was time people pressured their MPs to attend Parliament, facilitate its functioning and raise issues. He said that because of the pride of a few

persons, Parliament is being divided and not being allowed to function.

Shri Modi said that if their voice is suppressed in Lok Sabha, then he will go to Jan Sabha. "Today, I am presenting my Lok Sabha case in Jan Sabha," he said. One Rank One Pension (OROP)

In his 26-minute address, Shri Modi said it was in



Chandigarh that he had said that serious steps will be taken for implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme. Stating that people from the region joined Armed Forces in large numbers, he said every family in the region is like a "Suraksha Kavach" for the nation. He accused previous governments of not seriously considering the OROP issue.

After a gap of 30 years people have given a huge mandate to one party at the Centre, he said, adding, "People will not forgive some of the political parties for their conduct in Parliament." "Ideals of democracy were not respected," he said while targeting Congress.

On the vexed issue of One

Rank One Pension (OROP) for ex-servicemen, the PM said that the previous UPA government allocated only Rs 500 crore for the scheme, but when his government looked into this matter, it was realized that the amount required was Rs 10,000 crore. When the calculations were done, the amount required was more than Rs 10,000 crore, he said. "The credit for

implementation of OROP should not go to the government or to Narendra Modi. It should go to the poor people, the common people," Shri Modi added.

Houses for all

After attending the 34th Convocation Ceremony of the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the New Housing Scheme in Chandigarh.

He said the poorest of the poor must have their own homes to stay. The PM exhorted the gathering to make resolutions that benefit the people and the country and fulfill them before the 75th Independence Day in 2022. He said his dream was to ensure that all poor people must get houses by that time.

Earlier, addressing the gathering Haryana CM Shri M L Khattar said that the new

airport would contribute to the development of Chandigarh, Panckhula and Mohali. He added that the state government is developing Shivalik and its adjoining areas as tourist and natural medicine destinations and the new airport would accelerate this development.

Punjab CM Shri Parkash Singh Badal credited Shri Narendra Modi for promoting co-operative federalism and said that the share states get in taxes has been increased from 32 per cent to 42 per cent.

Highlights of his speech:

- *The inauguration of the airport is very helpful for the surrounding areas as well.*
- *Everyone must come together to fulfill the dream for a digital India.*
- *Technology enables the empowerment of the common man. The power of technology is immense.*
- *The poorest of the poor must have their own homes to stay. I need your support for this effort that we are undertaking.*
- *My Govt is dedicated to the poor.*
- *I had said that we will work on OROP and work began right from the time we assumed office. We spoke to stakeholders.*
- *Previous government allocated Rs. 500 crore for OROP but when we looked into the matter further we realized amount is Rs. 10,000 crore.*
- *The credit for implementation of OROP goes to the poor of the nation.*
- *What 40 people are doing in the Parliament is not in the spirit of democracy. Parliament has to function. Why are some people doing this, just for their arrogance? There can be nothing more unfortunate than this.*
- *Public will not forgive the parties who are hindering development & for their conduct in the Parliament. ■*

Valour and sacrifice of our armed forces during 1965 war remains etched in the memory of every Indian : PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on September 17 visited Shauryanjali, a commemorative exhibition on the Golden Jubilee of the 1965 war, at the Rajpath lawns in New Delhi.

The exhibition was an ode to the valour and sacrifice of Indian Armed Forces personnel protecting the borders of the country.

The Prime Minister visited the exhibits and recreations of the battle scene in various sectors. He met some of the veterans of the 1965 war.

The Chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force were present on the occasion. Several senior Union Ministers were also present.

“The valour and sacrifice of our armed forces during the 1965 war remains etched in the memory of every Indian. We are very proud of them,” the Prime Minister later tweeted.

The Indian Armed Forces had organized a series of events to mark the Golden Jubilee of the 1965 Indo - Pak War. A total of six events was organised to pay tribute to the collective resolve of the nation and the valour & sacrifice of the Armed Forces. The commemoration events were kicked off on 28 Aug, with the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces laying a wreath at The Amar Jawan Jyoti. On this very day 50 years ago the Indian Armed Forces had captured the strategic Hajipir Pass in response to Pakistan's Operation Gibraltar, aimed at wresting Kashmir by sending in armed infiltrators. This was followed by a two day Seminar on 01 and 02 Sep 15 where the lessons of the War were revisited. On 01 Sep 65, Pakistan had launched Operation Grand Slam to sever Rajouri and Punch from rest of the country.

The major attraction was a six day long Exhibition (Shauryanjali) in the India Gate lawns from 15 to 20 Sep 15. The Exhibition was open to general public and inter alia recreates major battle scenes of the War and showcases the role of various arms and services during the War. Enclosures were also established by CRPF, Media, Prasar Bharti and International Red Cross who had a major role to play during the War. A documentary film on the War was also be shown during the Exhibition. ■

Principal objective of MUDRA Yojana is 'funding the unfunded' : Anil Jain



BJP National General Secretary Dr. Anil Jain, a medical doctor by profession, has handled many responsibilities in the BJP as it's national Convener of Doctors Cell, National Secretary and Prabhari of several states before assuming the charge of National General Secretary of the Party. Known for his frankness, he has handled many challenging tasks for the Party with great success.

In an Exclusive interview with Ram Prasad Tripathy, Member Editorial Board, Kamal Sandesh, Dr. Jain revealed various things regarding the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana and explained how it will help the needy and boost up Indian economy. Dr. Anil Jain who is also the Convener of MUDRA Yojana exuded confidence that it can be a game changer for the country and can play a constructive role for the success of Skill India and Make in India. Excerpts;

As you know Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched the MUDRA Bank on 8 April, 2015. Can you please tell a little about this Bank?

First of all I would like to say that MUDRA or 'Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency' is not a Bank. It is MUDRA Yojana or Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY). To support the small entrepreneurs of India, for Indian economy to grow and prosper, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Ltd (MUDRA) with a corpus of Rs 20,000 crore and a credit guarantee corpus of Rs 3,000 crore. This Yojana is available in all the banks, including the Private Banks of the country.

What are the principal objectives and responsibilities of the MUDRA Yojana?

The principal objective of MUDRA Yojana is 'funding the unfunded'. The small entrepreneurs of India are used to exploitation at the hands of money lenders so far, but MUDRA will instill a new confidence in them that the country is ready to support them in their efforts that are contributing so heavily to the task of nation building. Apart from it, to regulate the lender and the borrower of

microfinance and bring stability to the microfinance system through regulation & inclusive participation and to extend finance & credit support to Microfinance Institutions that lend money to small businesses, retailers, self-help groups and individuals are the objectives of the MUDRA Yojana.

According to this Yojana, the MUDRA Bank would also be responsible for laying down policy guidelines for small enterprise financing business, registration of MFI entities, accreditation of MFI entities, laying down responsible financing practices to ward off indebtedness and ensure proper client protection principles and methods of recovery, formulating and running a Credit Guarantee scheme for providing guarantees to the loans which are being extended to micro enterprises and Creating a good architecture of Last Mile Credit Delivery to micro businesses units under the scheme.

For disbursement of loans there are several schemes available. How this Yojana will help the startups and poor?

Most individuals, especially those living in rural and interior parts of India, have been excluded from the benefits of formal

banking system. As a result, they never had access to insurance, credit, loans and other financial instruments to grow their micro businesses. So, most individuals depend on local money lenders for credit. The loan comes at high interest and often with unbearable conditions, which make these poor people fall in a debt-trap for generations. When businesses fail, the borrowers become vulnerable to the lender's strong-arm tactics and other forms of humiliation. Most people do not have access to farmland and in the absence of jobs, are left to their own creativity to feed themselves and survive. If MUDRA scheme offers some guidance, support, training and financial assistance, then these people can do wonders and the economy can get an instantaneous jump.

Secondly, under this scheme all sections of the society can apply for loans and the procedure is very simple. This Yojana has rightly classified the borrowers into three segments: the starters, the mid-stage finance seekers and the next level growth seekers. To address the three segments, MUDRA Yojana has launched three loan instruments: Shishu: covers loans upto Rs 50,000, Kishor: covers loans above Rs 50,000 and upto Rs 5 lakh and Tarun: covers loans above Rs 5 lakh and upto Rs 10 lakh. Therefore, due to its simple nature this Yojana will be popular amongst the poor.

Do you think this Yojana will boost up the economy?

Look, as per NSSO Survey of 2013, there are close to 5.77 crore small-scale business units, mostly sole proprietorships, which undertake trading, manufacturing, retail and other small-scale activities existing in the country. Compare this with the organized sector and larger companies that employ 1.25 crore individuals. Clearly, the potential to harness and nurture these micro businesses is vast and the government recognizes this. Today, this segment is unregulated and

without financial support or cover from the organized financial banking system. Secondly, most of the micro enterprises, retail or trading activity, are initiated and controlled by economically weaker section of the society or women, with no exposure to technology, formal training or access to any form of banking support. Now visualize this, if MUDRA offers some guidance, support, training and financial assistance, there is huge possibility of boost up of Indian Economy.

Do you believe MUDRA can be a game changer for India?

Certainly, I believe it can be a game changer. It can play a constructive role for the success of Skill India and Make in India. Under this Yojana people can get self employment and can give employment for several other people. In the long run it will be a good answer for the huge unemployment crisis of the country. Secondly, MUDRA Bank can also give birth to a new set of entrepreneurs, some of whom may scale new heights. Therefore, this small step will address many critical issues of India, economy will get a new lease of life and ultimately the common people will get its benefit.

Do you think BJP as an Organization can play any role for the popularization of this scheme?

Schemes like MUDRA will continue to retain its focus on the underprivileged section of society and will extend its reach to the interiors of the country. Secondly, the initiative taken by the Central government is expected to be helpful for the small and micro businesses. It is also expected that these businesses will generate 10 times more number of jobs which are normally generated by the big business companies at present.

Hence, we have requested our 10 crore plus BJP Karyakartas and others to spread & popularize these welfare schemes in their respective areas, so that the needy can avail the loans. ■

'Increase the pace and scale of outcomes of initiatives to remove poverty'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched various projects like the Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) and financial inclusion initiative from Varanasi on 18

September, 2015. He also laid the Foundation Stone for road and dedicated to the nation (via remote) the Trauma Centre at Banaras Hindu University. He inaugurated a Passenger Reservation Facility at Ramnagar.

at development, and facilitating pilgrims and tourists. Shri Modi said the antiquated electricity network of Varanasi would be completely rejuvenated

Swachh Bharat, and it was beginning to reflect on the Ghats of the city.

Referring to the ongoing issues of Shiksha Mitras in the state of Uttar Pradesh, the Prime Minister urged them to keep courage, and added that once the relevant court order was available, he would himself discuss the matter with the Uttar Pradesh government in his capacity as an MP.

The Prime Minister said that in addition to the public sector and private sector, the 'personal' sector, including small and medium entrepreneurs, was an important engine of economic growth and employment, and therefore he was focusing on it through initiatives such as Mudra Bank and skill development.

PM launches financial inclusion initiative

PM Shri Narendra Modi launched a significant financial inclusion initiative in Varanasi on 18 September. A total of 101 e-rickshaws, 501 pedal rickshaws, and push-carts were being given as part of this initiative. The beneficiaries will also get bank accounts and RuPay cards under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana. The e-rickshaws are equipped with digital gadgets including GPRS and cameras.



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On that occasion the Prime Minister remarked that the city of Varanasi, which had for long, given the light of knowledge to India was now symbolically giving the light of energy to India, as IPDS was being launched nationwide today from Varanasi. He said the various elements of today's function including road, power, and health projects, were all aimed

through IPDS, in keeping with the stature of this heritage city. He said this issue would be resolved across urban India through the IPDS.

The Prime Minister spoke of the need to fulfill the dreams of the freedom fighters by the 75th year of independence in 2022. He said one of the key elements towards fulfilling their vision of India would be to provide electricity for all, at all times, across India. He asked the people of Varanasi to bless him for this mission.

The Prime Minister said the youth of Varanasi, including women, had responded to his call of

The initiative has been synergized through various financial institutions including SIDBI, IDBI Bank, UCO Bank and the American India Foundation. Senior officials of these organizations were present on the occasion.

The Prime Minister declared that this event marked the beginning of an initiative that would bring about a change in the fortunes of the people of Varanasi. He said a lot has been said about removal of poverty, but those efforts have not brought adequate results for several decades. He said that there is a need to increase the pace and the scale of the outcomes of the initiatives to remove poverty. He said the poor are willing to work hard to improve the lives of the future generations. In this connection, the Prime Minister said that the Union Government was putting emphasis on skill development, to help make the poor self-reliant.

Projects worth over Rs 1,782 crore announced

Shri Narendra Modi gifted seven infrastructure projects worth over Rs 1,782 crore to his Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi. He called it a first step towards developing Varanasi as a 'Smart City'. At a function at DLW ground, he launched Rs 60,000-crore Integrated Power Development Scheme for the country. A major share of this – Rs 45,000 crore – will be paid by the Centre. In

Varanasi, projects worth Rs 572 crore will be developed. Under IPDS, two power substations will be set up in Varanasi.

Shri Modi also laid foundation stone of a 16.5-km Varanasi Ring Road phase-I project worth Rs 415.30 crore, and another Rs 630-crore project to widen and upgrade the 17.25-km stretch of national highway 56 from Varanasi to Babatpur airport. Further, he inaugurated the trauma centre and super specialty hospital of Banaras Hindu University. Worth Rs 165

crore, it is the biggest trauma centre in the country with 334 beds.

The Prime Minister referred to the large number of Rakhis from Varanasi that he had received during the recent festival of Raksha Bandhan, and thanked the mothers and sisters of Varanasi for their blessings and good wishes.

The Governor of Uttar Pradesh Shri Ram Naik, Union MoS (Independent Charge) for Power Shri Piyush Goyal and all the senior leaders of UP BJP were present on the occasion. ■

Those committed to the cause of Swacch Bharat & Clean Ganga Projects should contribute : Jaitley

Mata Amritanandamayi donates 100 crore

Stressing the need to preserve the Ganga which symbolizes the country's culture and heritage, Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley on 11 September 2015 made a fervent plea to Indians across the world to contribute to the Namami Ganga and Swacch Bharat campaigns of the Centre. "Ganga is not merely a symbol of religion. It is a symbol of holiness, culture and geography and most importantly it is one of the most powerful instruments of our economy", Shri Jaitley said. He speaks after receiving a cheque of Rs 100 crore from Mata Amritanandamayi for construction of toilets under the Swacch Bharat programme. Another Rs 100 crore would be given by the mutt for the programme later this month. Lauding Mata Amritanandamayi (better known as Amma) for her contribution, Shri Jaitley said, "It will send a message across the world that those committed to the cause should contribute." It is not merely government contributions that will go from the budget, this is one campaign which which has become much more than governmental campaign, he said. Amma has decided to take the first step in leading in contributing to this great campaign and it sends a message across the world, not merely in India, that everyone who is committed to this great cause to contribute, he said. Therefore this gigantic step taken by Amma today is going to send both a material and also a symbolic message to everyone who is concerned with Ganga across the world, he said. ■

Deendayal-the Symbol of Dedication

By Bhaurao Deoras

In 1952, when the all India session of the Jan Sangh was held at Kanpur, though there were many others, the choice fell upon Deendayal Upadhyaya. He was chosen the General Secretary of the Party. The reason for this is not that he was a very competent politician. In fact, he was very much different from the ordinary run of politicians.

must be utterly devoid of egoism. Life should be simple and straightforward; his conduct should be in consonance with his profession. A person in whom there is no harmony between his conduct and his profession cannot do Lok Sangrah. After collecting people, if their life is to be transformed in a particular direction, if they are to be imbued with the

and sufferings of his co-workers. He used to be so intimate with them, that they never took him to be a great leader and General Secretary of a great Party. They could meet him freely, even at midnight, without fixing up prior appointment. He used to converse with them in a heart-to heart manner, as between colleagues. Thus he used to exert great influence on the workers. Through his life he taught that Sangh work is essentially a work of intimate personal contact.

For a successful worker of the RSS, the quality of collecting and keeping people together, known as the quality of Lok Sangrah is of utmost importance. Without this quality, one cannot be a successful worker of Sangh. For one to have this quality of Lok Sangrah special type of life style is needed. He must be utterly devoid of egoism. Life should be simple and straightforward; his conduct should be in consonance with his profession.

It was these qualities that Deendayal Upadhyaya acquired as a pracharak of the Sangh that stood him in good stead in establishing the Jan Sangh. Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee passed away, or was murdered, one year after the founding of the Jan Sangh. Therefore, the task of making Jan Sangh an all India political party devolved on the shoulders of this seemingly ordinary person, Deendayal. To set up any organisation, it requires some effort, some qualities. But establishment of an all India political party is a supremely difficult task. This difficult task was ably shouldered by Deendayal Upadhyaya from the year 1952 to 1968.

What marked him out from others for being chosen the General Secretary were the qualities he acquired as a swayamsevak and as a pracharak, from 1938 to 1951 which made him eminently successful as an organiser. For a successful worker of the RSS, the quality of collecting and keeping people together, known as the quality of Lok Sangrah is of utmost importance. Without this quality, one cannot be a successful worker of Sangh. For one to have this quality of Lok Sangrah special type of life style is needed. He

qualities of dedication for the nation and the society, this can be done only by personal example. Lok Sangrah is not possible merely by virtue of oratory, intellectuality or scholasticism. These do not help in building up men.

Whether as a Sangh pracharak or the General Secretary of the Jan Sangh, Deendayal Upadhyaya could inspire his workers, not because he was a great intellectual, not because he spoke with authority on different aspects of politics, but because he could fully identify himself with the joys

No Followers: Only
Colleagues

There may be persons

who call themselves followers of Deendayalji but a person who has watched him from close quarters would know that he did not make any followers. He had only co-workers. He created innumerable co-workers. And it was with their cooperation that he set up the countrywide organisation of the Jan Sangh. But even while setting up such an organisation he was particularly keen about developing the qualities required for Lok Sangrah. He never desired anything for himself, neither name, nor fame nor power nor pelf. His was a life totally dedicated to the nation and the society. Because of that, he could build up such a huge organisation. Had there been in him the slightest desire for name or fame or power, if he had any sort of selfish ambition, Jan Sangh after the demise of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee would have met the same fate as the Janata Party. Deendayal Upadhyaya built up a grand political party through the medium of excellent co-workers. So, whether as a Sangh pracharak or Jan Sangh General Secretary or its President, the secret of Deendayal Upadhyaya's success was not in his oratory, in his intelligence nor in his ability to expound any thesis, but in the exemplary life he lived. There are people who can deliver beautiful lectures on the problem of poverty, quoting facts and figures but

that can hardly influence any individual life. What transform lives is the great agony one feels about the condition of the poor and the downtrodden. What is the inspiration behind a dedicated life, intelligence or heart? In our country, there is no dearth of intelligent people, those who can deliver faultless speeches on the problem of poverty, but they do not feel the pinch themselves. Their sleep is not disturbed even for a night on account of the

brick by brick is no more. One is naturally tempted to ask as to what he would have done, had he been alive today. It is difficult to answer the question. Under the present political situation, probably he would have taken to political sanyas. In fact, at no time did he have any liking for politics. He entered politics because of circumstances. After the formation of the Janata Party, seeing the state of affairs, he would have kept away from all positions of power. Not

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thought of the misery of their people. How many of these intelligent people are prepared to effect some cut in their personal standard of life so as to contribute a little to alleviate the sufferings of the poor? How many of them are prepared to devote some time for their service! Do the thoughts they express, in anyway reflect in their conduct? True inspiration comes from the heart. Only those people are inspired to act, who experience the agony of the people's suffering in their heart. The intelligent only talk; they do no: live a dedicated life. Deendayal Upadhyaya belonged to the former category. Had He Been Alive Today!

Today the Jan Sangh, which Deendayal built up

only that, he would have tried to come out of it and return to Sangh. If he had still continued in it, he would definitely have bid goodbye to it the moment questions like dual loyalty were raised, saying 'I am basically a swayamsevak; my source of inspiration is the Sangh and whatever I am is the gift of the Sangh'. But if due to pressure of circumstances he still continued in politics, he would not have spent his time in Delhi. He would never have taken interest in the political gymnastics of party leaders. He would have been continuously on the move, keeping constant touch with his innumerable co-workers in the country, placing before, them his thought and ideas regarding the people and the situation. Contact with

workers, constant contact with people—that is what he always aspired for. He would not have taken part in the type of politics going on. Slowly he would have built up a worthy political structure, because for him political party was not just an instrument to capture power. Power without principle was not his aim. Keeping away from power, he would have built up a principled party or an organised structure, however small it may have been.

Deendayal Upadhyaya died comparatively young, at the age of 51. Had he been allowed to live he would have maintained the tradition of great men like Mahatma Gandhi and Jayaprakash Narayan. Today when one looks at the country, one feels convinced that it cannot be uplifted through the so-called political leaders. The tradition of rare men like Mahatma Gandhi, Jayaprakash Narayan and Deendayalji would have to be continued. If the country is to rise, then, a new leadership of men who do not aspire for name and fame, who do not care even for the prime ministership of the country will have to be once again thrown up. Men who care only for the nation and the society—only such can bring about the upliftment of the nation.

Deendayal Upadhyaya belonged to that line of great men for whom the country was above everything else. Today, the country requires such a leadership. Had Deendayal Upadhyaya been alive, it would have been his endeavour to create men of such devotion and dedication!■

(Courtesy : Manthan, March, 1980)

ABVP sweeps DUSU, wins Jt. Secy. post in JNUSU

BJP President congratulates students on massive victory of ABVP

ABVP has swept Delhi University Students Union elections winning all the four seats while in JNU students union elections ABVP won the post of Jt. Secy. after 14 long years. Both DU&JNU students union elections were held on 11 September 2015. The victory symbolises the increasing popularity of youth oriented programmes of the BJP led NDA govt. under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah greeted



students of Delhi University on the spectacular victory of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in DUSU election. Shri Shah also congratulated students of Jawaharlal Nehru University for the victory of ABVP on Joint Secretary

post in JNU student union election. Shri Shah said that the splendid victory of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad in two prestigious universities shows trends of youth towards the nationalist ideology based on 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and the philosophy of 'Antyodaya'.

Shri Shah said the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi has conducted many initiatives for the development of human development so that the country could get the maximum benefit of their ability. Shri Shah said, the policies of Modi government are dedicated to the youths of the country and India is ready to harness the full potential of its youth under the able leadership of Shri Narendra Modi.

He said, our goal is the overall development of our human resources competency and the central government has prepared a broader roadmap with an objective to create new opportunities for jobs and creative & qualitative development of youth in order to provide a creative direction to the youth power of India to bring a revolutionary change in the country. He said that the Prime Minister of India has taken an initiative of 'Skill Development' for the purpose of youth development and to provide job opportunities to the youth in accordance of their merit and 'Skill Development Ministry' has been formed separately for this. He said, it's fruitful results have begun to show on the ground.

He said, Delhi University (DU) and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is like a Mini India and students come here from all parts of the country to fulfill their dreams. Therefore, this victory represents the thinking of the youth of India and it reflects how the youth of the country have lapped the ongoing projects and gave their support to these projects, run by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, keeping youth in the mind.■

Land Acquisition - Then & Now

Points made by Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu, Minister for Urban Development and Shri Chaudhary Birender Singh, Minister for Rural Development at a press meet in Delhi on September 18, 2015

There is a saying that: "Sau Chuhe Khake Billi Haj Kochali." A cat went on a pilgrimage after eating 100 rats". Does a cat become holy after such a pilgrimage?

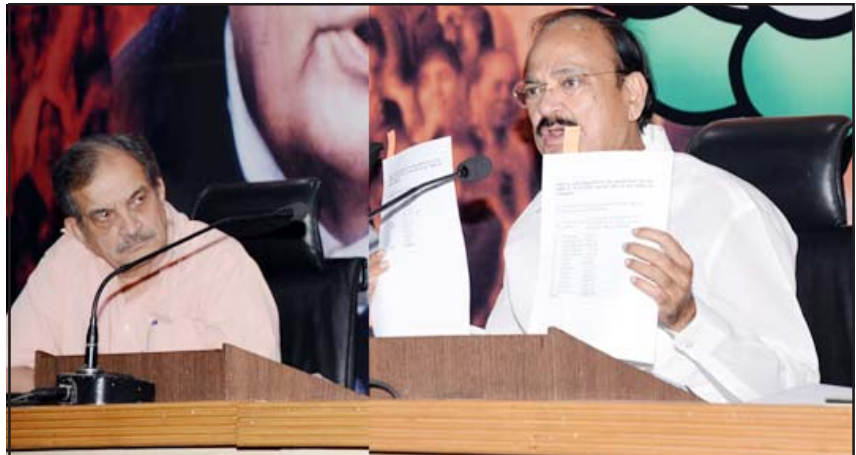
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widespread feeling that the 2013 Act did not address all the farmers' issues and was also impeding land acquisition

of such uproar, our government called a meeting on 27th June 2014 of all states where in 28 out of 31 states



process. Ex-minister of Commerce in UPA Govt, Sh. Anand Sharma had raised concern that the Act will have adverse, long-term implications for manufacturing, industrialization and urbanization in India and will be a key impediment in the operation of the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project and creation of National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ). He had also stated that a legislation of this nature, in its present shape, will render key infrastructure projects unviable and slow down the process of urbanization considerably. In the backdrop

including Congress ruled states requested the center to bring the necessary changes. They made a representation that the Land Acquisition Act passed by the UPA Govt makes development impossible. They urged the Govt to rethink and revise various stumbling blocks in the 2013 Act. Further the 2013 Act did not include the 13 Central Acts in its preview though these were the major acts of land acquisition. Thus the ordinance was promulgated after many requests including those from Congress led states. It also ensured that the 13 Central Acts included in the 4th Schedule of the 2013 Act were

brought under the ordinance. The following 13 Acts were included in the Ordinance to safeguard the kisan's interest.

1. The National Highways Act, 1956;
2. The Metro Railways (Construction of Works) Act, 1978;
3. The Land Acquisition (Mines) Act, 1885;
4. The Railways Act, 1989;
5. The Electricity Act, 2003;
6. The Coal Bearing Areas Acquisition and Development Act, 1957;
7. The Atomic Energy Act, 1962;
8. The Resettlement of Displaced Persons (Land Acquisition) Act, 1948;
9. The Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1952;
10. The Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962;
11. The Indian Tramways Act, 1886;
12. The Damodar Valley Corporation Act, 1948;
13. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958;

Why these 13 acts were not included in the first instance in the 2013 Act itself? Congress owes an explanation to people in this regard.

When the bill replacing the ordinance was laid in Lok Sabha, 9 amendments were brought in the bill in order to build consensus and accommodate the views of all

the parties. The Bill was passed by 3/4th majority in Lok Sabha. However since Congress was adamant to stall it in Rajya Sabha, it was decided to refer it to the Joint Committee of both the Houses.

Since the Congress did not help in evolving consensus and forced the committee to seek further extension for submitting the report, the ordinance was allowed to be

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lapsed. There was no backtracking by the Government in this regard. We respect the parliament and the parliamentary democracy, that's why we wanted to wait till the final recommendation of joint committee.

Since on 31st August 2015 the ordinance was lapsing which would have meant that the farmers will not get fair compensation where lands are acquired under the 13 Central acts and they will be deprived of justice. That's why we have

issued order under section 113 of 2013 act.

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The Congress also says BJP is making mockery of parliamentary institutions. Its like kettle calling the pot black. Who made mockery of parliamentary institutions? You did not allow the parliament functions and precious time of parliament was lost.

You slept and forgot the welfare of farmers whose lands are acquired under these 13 acts, postponed your responsibility.

Meanwhile in the NITI AAYOG meeting, the Chief Ministers of different states belonging to different parties have requested to allow the states to make their laws for land acquisition. We will work towards developing consensus through joint committee there and move forward on the land bill and we will keep the suggestions given by the Chief Ministers also.

The Congress did nothing to change the Land Acquisition Act of 1894 during all the years that it was in power. Not only that, they even made this Act more draconian and anti-farmer by

amending it preventing any judicial intervention in matters of land acquisition. The then UPA government unveiled a plan to hand over thousands of hectares of fertile lands to their pet industrialists. The real objective of the SEZ Policy of the UPA government was only to benefit the rich capitalists. This policy was completely flawed.

In 2013 weeks before the

dimension to this sordid state of affairs of land acquisition in Haryana. Out of 78695.25 acres that were notified for acquisition during last 10 years, 19309 acres were released at various stages and owing to various considerations. The district wise details are as follows:

This has been a money spinner in the hands of few who enjoyed unbridled power and reaped rich benefits at the

brothers and sisters that 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' is not merely a slogan, it is our guiding Mantra. The guiding mantra is the welfare of the villages and the poor farmers. That is why we declared on 15th August that it is not just an agricultural department but an agricultural and farmer welfare department will be created. We are moving ahead on that proposal.

That why government raised compensation in case of natural calamities for the farmers from Rs.1.2 lac to Rs.4 and 50% increase in compensation for the crops and cattle and reduced the eligibility criteria for compensation of damaged crops from earlier 50% to 33%.

The congress has cheated and robbed farmers under the British law for more than 50 years are now shedding crocodile tears.

How dare you criticize BJP? Explain why you have not done any changes in 9 years of your rule and rushed with changes in the last year keeping the election in mind, off course that did not help to escape from peoples anger against your governments anti-poor, anti-farmer policies.

Explain the actions of your Congress Haranya government action of notifying 78695.25 acres and withdrawing 19309 acres after getting demands fulfilled? How do you justify? Do you have any answer, so explain Then hold kissan rallies. ■

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cost of farmers. The list of such irregularities can go on and on, one state after the other where Congress was in power earlier.

Our present Land Acquisition bill is in the interest of the people and welfare of farmers, but congress and its friends has resorted to false propaganda.

Our prime minister has always said that the government is open to all views and suggestions on the issue of Land Acquisition Act and has reiterated again and again that government is open to any suggestion in the interest of the farmers.

But attempts are being made to create false fear in the minds of farmers. We want to reassure our farmer

'Mann ki Baat has taught me a lot'

From Our Correspondent

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked the people for their overwhelming response to his radio programme Mann ki Baat, which completed one year on September 20. Speaking during the 12th episode of the programme Shri Modi spoke about a number of issues like giving up of LPG subsidy, Swachh Bharat campaign, promotion of khadi besides pushing for greater voter participation and paying tributes to soldiers on the 50th anniversary of 1965 India-Pak war. He said, his Mann ki Baat has now become the country's Mann ki Baat.

"Mann ki Baat has taught me a lot, about the strength that lies in the hands of the common people to bring changes in society," Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, adding that his suggestions to people through the radio received response in lakhs.

Talking about the upcoming Gandhi Jayanti, Shri Modi again exhorted people to buy at least one Khadi clothing and a handloom product as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and to encourage the industry.

The Prime Minister, who had started the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Gandhi Jayanti in 2014, recalled that he had made the same appeal at that time and it had resulted in doubling of sales of khadi products in one year.

The child, who did not give out his name, told Modi that



since he had initiated the 'Swachh Bharat' campaign, there should be dustbins in every lane of the country.

Similarly, his suggestion that people give up the subsidy on cooking gas cylinders had prompted 30 lakh families to respond positively. "Lakhs of families have given up their gas subsidies. These are not rich people. This is also a silent revolution," Shri Modi added.

Speaking during the radio programme, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said over 50 relatives of legendary freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose will visit him next month.

"There is something I am very happy to share. In May, I went to Kolkata where I met the family of Subhas babu. I wanted to invite the entire family of Subhas Bose to my residence and in October, over 50 family members will come to 7RCR," PM Shri Modi said.

"It is a matter of joy for me that I can host (Bose's family) at

my residence. They are coming from various nations," he added.

In the programme, suggestions and questions from various callers, including that by a child, were also aired.

To a suggestion on greater enrolment of youth as voters, the Prime Minister emphasised that it was essential for everybody to register as voters. He also pitched for raising the voting percentage by exhorting more and more people to exercise their franchise.

He patted the Election Commission for making efforts to create awareness among the voters about their rights.

"Earlier, the Election Commission used to be just a regulator. But over the last few years, the Election Commission has been instrumental in bringing about a change in the mindset of voters. It is now not only a regulator but also a facilitator," he said.

At the same time, Modi said that the task of creating awareness should not be left to the Election Commission only but others should also contribute. He also mentioned his slogan, "pehle matdaan, phir jalpaan (first vote, then eat)."

Shri Modi also mentioned how Bose had made radio a powerful tool to reach out to people by launching the Azad Hind Radio. He said that it is a great medium for communication which he had been using over the last one year to reach out to people through 'Mann Ki Baat' (straight from the heart). ■

Nation celebrates PM Narendra Modi's 65th Birthday

Entire nation celebrated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 65th birthday on 17 September. Before his birthday, Shri Narendra Modi had asked the

Shri Amit Shah, President Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Chinese President Xi Jinping, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, spiritual leader Dalai Lama, Chief Ministers of States and

to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Non-government organization 'Sulabh International' has declared Modi's birthday as 'Clean



partymen not to put up posters to celebrate the occasion, therefore without any pomp and show Shri Modi himself and Bharatiya Janata Party celebrated the birthday.

Wishes came from India and across the world. Among those who wished Shri Modi were BJP National President

Union Ministers. Apart from them World leaders and eminent persons of various sectors wished him on that day. The BJP has released a small video of Shri Modi, a collection of his speeches and some old photographs of Shri Modi with his mother.

Saina Nehwal Gifted her World Championship Racquet

India Day'.

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha celebrated PM's birthday as Panch Kranti Abhiyan, a nationwide awareness programme about the government's work in the fields of yoga, health, infrastructure, skill development and kanya shakti (girl child).■

Kamal Sandesh Parivar joins the nation in wishing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi a very Happy Birthday and prays for his good health and long life.

Caste problem in India

By Swami Vivekananda

The command is the same to you all, that you must make progress without stopping, and that from the highest man to the lowest pariah, everyone in this country has to try and become the ideal Brahmana. This Vedantic idea is applicable not only here but over the whole world.

The Brahmana-hood is the ideal of humanity in India as wonderfully put forward by Shankaracharya at the beginning of his commentary on the Gita, where he speaks about the reason for Krishna's coming as a preacher for the preservation of Brahmana-hood, of Brahmana-ness. That was the great end. This Brahmana, the man of God, he who has known Brahman, the ideal man, the perfect man, must remain, he must not go. And with all the defects of the caste now, we know that we must all be ready to give to the Brahmanas this credit, that from them have come more men with real Brahmana-ness in them than from all the other castes. We must be bold enough, must be brave enough to speak their defects, but at the same time we must give credit that is due to them.

Therefore, it is no use fighting among the castes. What good will it do? It will divide us all the more, weaken us all the more, and degrade us all the more. The solution is not by bringing down the higher, but by raising the lower up to the level of the higher. And that is



the line of work that is found in all our books, in spite of what you may hear from some people whose knowledge of their own Scriptures and whose capacity to understand the mighty plans of the ancients are only zero. What is the plan? The ideal at the one end is the Brahmana and the ideal at the other end is the chandala, and the whole work is to raise the chandala up to the Brahmana. Slowly and slowly you will find more and more privileges granted to them.

I regret that in modern times there should be so much discussion between the castes. This must stop. It is useless on both sides, especially on the side of the higher caste, the Brahmana; the day for these privileges and exclusive claims is gone. The duty of every aristocracy is to dig its own grave and the sooner it does so, the better. The more he delays, the more it will fester and the worse death it will die. It is the duty of the Brahmana, therefore, to work for the salvation of the rest of mankind, in India. If he does that and so long as he does that, he is a Brahmana.

Anyone who claims to be a

Brahmana, then, should prove his pretensions, first by manifesting that spirituality, and next by raising others to the same status. We earnestly entreat the Brahmanas not to forget the ideal of India - the production of a universe of Brahmanas, pure as purity, good as God Himself: this was at the beginning, says the Mahabharata and so will it be in the end. It seems that most of the Brahmanas are only nursing a false pride of birth; and any schemer, native or foreign, who can pander to this vanity and inherent laziness, by fulsome sophistry, appears to satisfy more. Beware Brahmanas; this is the sign of death! Arise and show your manhood, you're Brahmana-hood, by raising the non-Brahmanas around you - not in the spirit of a master - not with the rotten canker of egoism crawling with superstitions and charlatany of East and West - but in the spirit of a servant.

To the Brahmanas I appeal, that they must work hard to raise the Indian people by teaching them what they know, by giving out the culture that they have accumulated for centuries. It is clearly the duty of the Brahmanas of India to remember what real Brahmana-hood is. As Manu says, all these privileges and honors are given to the Brahmana because, "with him is the treasury of virtue". He must open that treasury and distribute to the world.

To be continued...

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