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**Chowkidar Narendra Modi @narendramodi**



Opposition insults our forces time and again. I appeal to my fellow Indians- question Opposition leaders on their statements. Tell them- 130 crore Indians will not forgive or forget the Opposition for their antics. India stands firmly with our forces. #JantaMaafNahiKaregi.

**Chowkidar Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh**

The poll bugle has been sounded for the 17th General Elections. The nation is ready to celebrate the festival of democracy. I urge the people of India to participate in this festival by electing a government which will transform India into a 'New India'. #PhirEkBaarModiSarkar.



**Chowkidar Arun Jaitley @arunjaitley**



With Nirav Modi's arrest in London the compulsive contrarians' fakery has again been exposed. This also busts the fake campaign that the present Government had anything to do with him. The country is reassured again that whoever cheats India and its institutions cannot get away.

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Difference between Opposition and BJP is clear. They suspect our army, we are proud of our army. Their heart beats for terrorists, ours beats for the Tiranga. This election, through the power of your vote, do a surgical strike on the Congress culture. #JantaMaafNahiKaregi.



— **Chowkidar Amit Shah**

My best wishes to Dr. Pramod Sawant and his team on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Goa. We are confident that you will take forward the vision of #ManoharParrikar Ji and Goa will continue to progress fulfilling the aspirations of people in the state.



— **Chowkidar Jagat Prakash Nadda**

Sam Pitroda's comments show the thinking of Congress. They are playing into the hands of 'Tukde-Tukde' gang. It is high time Congress does some introspection considering their bogey of Hindu Terror has also been busted. #JantaMaafNahiKaregi.



— **Chowkidar Piyush Goyal**



Courtesy: Social Media



**Kamal Sandesh Parivar**  
*wishes a very happy*  
**(RAM NAVAMI & VAISAKHI)** (14 APRIL)  
*to all of its readers*

# RAHUL GANDHI SHOULD APOLOGISE!

**A**n extremely disturbing trend in politics is seen to be haunting the country. The attempt to politicise and question the valour of our daring soldiers is becoming a fashion with the leaders of Congress and its alliance partners. No self respecting nation will accept such misadventure by its political leaders and allow them to make political points at the cost of national dignity and prestige. Congress is consciously allowing its leaders to question the incredible achievements of our security forces in a most outrageous manner while playing with the morale of the security forces. Can anyone even think of playing politics over the martyrdom of our jawans and remarkable achievements of our security forces? Can anyone even think of speaking the language of Pakistan and openly backing its position on terrorism? If anyone can even think on those lines then it only shows a sick mindset which is rotten to the core. Congress has committed the sins which can neither be forgotten nor be forgiven; it has touched its nadir.

The statement of Sam Pitroda is not only highly condemnable but represents the Congress mindset. To call the dastardly terror attack in Pulwama in which 40 CRPF jawans were martyred as something 'normal' shows the sick and shameful mentality of Sam Pitroda, the most trusted advisor of Congress President Rahul Gandhi. In addition to this he has again insulted the security forces by demanding proof of the air strikes and terming it as wrong approach to deal with terrorism. It is now clear why terror attacks were on rise during Congress led UPA rule and why Congress leaders failed to respond to 26/11 Mumbai terror attack. The Congress leadership neither has the courage to respond to terrorism nor does it have the mindset which can fight against terrorism. In fact, today Congress is hijacked by a set of people who believe in rationalising terrorism and even defending it intellectually.

It is very unfortunate to note that under Sonia-Rahul duo Congress and its allies have decided to defend even terrorism, ISI and Pakistan in pursuance to their partisan politics. The derisive remarks of Sam Pitroda against the brave and courageous anti-terror air strikes by Indian security forces can be seen in line with Rahul Gandhi's demand for answers on questions being raised by Congress leaders. It is the Congress strategy to raise questions on the success of air-strikes and humiliate the security forces. No one can forget the shameful statement of Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu who derided the air force by saying whether it conducted strikes to kill terrorists or to uproot the trees. Senior Congress leaders like Kapil Sibal and Digvijay Singh openly demanded proofs of the air strikes while directly questioning the credentials of the air force. People still remember the most unfortunate statement by another Congress leader BK Hariprasad. Another condemnable statement by Samajwadi Party leader Shri Ramgopal Yadav shows how low these people can stoop to further their political interests while indulging in vote bank politics.

The statements by Congress leaders and its allies post Pulwama terror attack and after Balakot air-strikes show that Congress is not only incapable of fighting terrorism but it can even back Pakistan in the hour of crisis. It can go to the extent of acting in contravention to the national interests and to serve its myopic political ends, it can issue statements which can directly and indirectly support even Pakistan. What an irony the nation is witnessing that when the entire world is supporting India's position, Congress led opposition is working towards bailing out different terror groups, ISI and Pakistan. Congress has shown its incapacity in rising above its partisan politics in national interests. The Congress leadership should immediately apologise to the nation for its misadventure in harming national interests and humiliating the security forces. Rahul Gandhi should apologise without any further delay. In case Congress and its president Rahul Gandhi fail to apologise, the people will teach them a lesson which they will never forget. ■

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# PM URGES TO TAKE 'MAIN BHI CHOWKIDAR' PLEDGE; PEOPLE GIVE THUMBS UP TO THE MOVEMENT



**R**esponding to PM Narendra Modi's call, netizens gave thumbs up to the 'Main Bhi Chowkidar' movement.

On March 16, 2019 soon after the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi urged the people to take the 'Main Bhi Chowkidar' pledge, the

movement saw participation of people in lakhs of numbers. #MainBhiChowkidar became the top worldwide trend on Twitter on that day.

A day after the launch of 'Mai Bhi Chowkidar' campaign on social media, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi changed his username from

## 'PEOPLE ACROSS COUNTRY TAKING PLEDGE TO BECOME CHOWKIDAR'

People across the country are taking pledge to become 'chowkidar' as it is becoming synonymous with patriotism and honesty, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said on 21 March, 2019 while interacting with 25 lakh watchmen as part of a new campaign.

Addressing around 25 lakh security guards via an audio bridge, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said some people were running a disinformation campaign against 'chowkidars' for their vested interests, an apparent reference to Congress' "chowkidar chor hai" slogan. As part of BJP's "Main Bhi Chowkidar" campaign, Shri Modi, during the interaction, said that calling a 'chowkidar' chor repeatedly was an insult to all chowkidars.

He said, "You must have noticed that these days everywhere it is you who is being discussed, be it TV or social media, be it in India or abroad. Everyone is

talking about chowkidar. The entire nation is taking a pledge to be a chowkidar today... Calling a chowkidar chor repeatedly is an insult to all chowkidars," .

On the question of Delhi CM Kejriwal, who wrote on twitter, "Modi ji wants the entire country to become chowkidar. If you too want your children to become chowkidar, vote for Modi ji. But if you want to provide a good education for your children and want them to become doctors, engineers, lawyers, vote for honest and educated AAP candidates." PM Shri Modi said, "We have to make our children doctor, engineer, soldiers in the army, and also the prime minister of the country. But we have to keep the 'samskar' of a chowkidar in our children."

The PM signed off his interaction by saying, "Maximum languages across the world have understood the word 'chowkidar', it seems as if they all have accepted it in their vocabulary."

Narendra Modi to 'Chowkidar Narendra Modi'. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah also followed the Prime Minister to rename his Twitter handle to "Chowkidar Amit Shah".

Minutes after PM Shri Modi and Shri Amit Shah changed their names on Twitter, all BJP leaders, Union Ministers, Chief Ministers, Karyakartas and lakhs of common people also added "Chowkidar" worldwide to their Twitter account names.

Launching the movement PM Shri Narendra Modi wrote on his twitter account, "Have you taken the #MainBhiChowkidar pledge? Your Chowkidar is standing firm and serving the nation. But, I am not alone. Everyone who is fighting corruption, dirt, social evils is a Chowkidar. Everyone working hard for the progress of India is a Chowkidar. Today, every Indian is saying- #MainBhiChowkidar".

PM Shri Narendra Modi used the word 'Chowkidar' after he became Prime Minister in 2014. He has repeated these words in public rallies and even on Social Media to send a message that he was a servant of the people rather than an authority figure in the country what was the perception earlier.

"The one who made cleanliness a moral value... he is called Chowkidar #MainBhiChowkidar. Say with all your heart #ChowkidarPhirSe," BJP National President Shri Amit Shah tweeted after changing his Twitter name.

BJP in a statement said that 'Main Bhi Chowkidar' campaign has been started after extensive surveys and data analysis by BJP strategists who feel that Congress's jibes and campaign are not resonating among the people. "Surveys suggest that Congress's jibes and campaigns are actually angering people," BJP said.

PM Shri Modi will interact with people from across the country on March 31 as part of this campaign, the BJP said.

The 'Main Bhi Chowkidar' module has been launched on the 'Narendra Modi Mobile App' where people can upload their pictures along with the Prime Minister's picture and take the pledge. Thousands of people showed their support by taking the pledge on the NaMo app and shared it on social media. ■

### CHOWKIDAR RAJNATH SINGH

Our Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi has taken a pledge to transform this country into a 'New India' by 2022. He is not alone. The entire nation stands by his side. #MainBhiChowkidar

### CHOWKIDAR NITIN GADKARI

I am proud to join #MainBhiChowkidar movement. As a citizen who loves India, I shall do my best to defeat corruption, dirt, poverty & terrorism and help create a New India which is strong, secure & prosperous.

### CHOWKIDAR NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

Happy to join the #MainBhiChowkidar movement. Shall undertake every effort for building a #NewIndia free of corruption. Shall work to reach out to all sections of our society to keep India safe.

### CHOWKIDAR SURESH PRABHU

"Anyone who is doing his/her bit in getting India free of dirt, corruption and social-evils is a Chowkidar. #MainBhiChowkidar... Let's join the movement and help in making India a well-governed, secure and prosperous nation."

### CHOWKIDAR PIYUSH GOYAL

"As chowkidars of our nation, we are committed to creating a clean economy by using cashless financial transactions. The menace of corruption and black money has adversely affected us for decades. Time to eliminate these for a better future. #MainBhiChowkidar #ChowkidarPhirSe".

### CHOWKIDAR DHARMENDRA PRADHAN

"As Chowkidars (watchmen) of our nation, we are committed towards safety and security of our people and their wealth. Elimination of middlemen and cleaning of economy has rattled all corrupts in every part of the country and today every thief is afraid of Chowkidar".

### CHOWKIDAR HARSH VARDHAN

"In comparison to 2013, mangrove cover increased by 293 sq km during the tenure of Narendra Modi-led government. While 18 effluent treatment plants were set up to reduce river pollution, 44 real time water quality monitoring stations were set up on Ganga and its tributaries" #MainBhiChowkidar.



# PRAMOD SAWANT TAKES OATH AS NEW GOA CM AND WINS TRUST VOTE

**S**hri Pramod Sawant, 45, was sworn in as Goa Chief Minister at 2 am on 18 March, 2019 as the nation mourned his predecessor Shri Manohar Parrikar's demise.

Shri Pramod Sawant took oath along with ministers in his 12-member cabinet that included two deputies.

Wishing him, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said in a tweet: "Best wishes to Dr. Pramod Sawant and his team as they begin their journey towards fulfilling the dreams of the people of Goa. I am sure they will build on the work done in the last few years and boost Goa's growth trajectory."

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said in a tweet, "Greetings to the newly sworn-in Chief Minister of Goa, Dr Pramod Sawant and his team. I am sure that this new leadership will continue to serve the people of Goa with the same dedication and commitment. My best wishes".



## WINS TRUST VOTE

CM Shri Pramod Sawant led BJP coalition government won the vote of confidence on the floor of the House during a specially convened session of the Goa State legislative Assembly on 18 March, 2019. While the government got 20 votes, the Opposition got 15 in the 36-member truncated House of 40. Deputy Speaker Michael Lobo was in the chair as Speaker Shri Sawant had resigned to take over as the Chief Minister of the State.

While the treasury benches comprised of 11 members of the BJP, three of the MGP, three of the Goa Forward and three independents, the Opposition had 14 members of the Congress and one from the Nationalist Congress.

Former Minister Pandurang Madkaikar, who had suffered a paralytic stroke, attended a special session and was allowed by the Speaker to raise his hand during voting by sitting in his place. Four seats are vacant at the moment — two following the resignations of two Congress MLAs to join BJP in October last year, and two due to deaths of former Deputy Chief Minister Francis D'Souza last month and Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar. Both of them succumbed to cancer.

Shri Sawant broke down while speaking about Shri Parrikar. Earlier, he broke down while speaking on a condolence motion which was passed unanimously in the State legislative Assembly condoling the death of Shri Parrikar.

The motion to condole Shri Parrikar's demise was moved by BJP MLA Rajesh Patnekar along with the deaths of former Deputy Speaker Vishnu Wagh and former Deputy Chief Minister and MLA Francis D'Souza. "I am sitting here only because of Shri Manohar Parrikar. I became an MLA, Speaker and now Chief Minister because of him," said Shri Sawant in a choked voice. Overcome by emotion, he paused his speech on several occasions.

Speaking on behalf of the BJP legislative party, Cabinet Minister Shri Mauvin Godinho said that the late Chief Minister was a colossal and larger-than-life personality. "Difficult to get another Manohar Parrikar in this State, who build a modern Goa and took the State forward in every aspect of government. He is our pride and the State's tallest leader who served as Defence Minister and conducted the iconic surgical strikes," Shri Godinho said, adding, "His presence was felt in every decision of the State and he impacted life of people of Goa due to his vision." ■



## PM-KISAN SCHEME

# MODI GOVT HAS SO FAR TRANSFERRED 5,215 CR TO 26 MILLION FARMERS



**T**he central government has so far transferred Rs 5,215 crore to over 26 million small and marginal farmers under the PM-Kisan scheme announced in the last month's interim budget.

Ahead of the general election, the Centre announced the Rs 75,000-crore Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme under which Rs 6,000 per year would be disbursed in three installments to around 12 crore farmers who hold cultivable land up to 2 hectares.

In the budget, the NDA government allocated a sum of Rs 20,000 crore, to transfer Rs 2,000 each to farmers in the first installment by March-end, for the ongoing fiscal under the scheme.

The scheme was formally launched at national level by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 24 at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh by transferring the first installment to 1.01 crore farmers, totaling Rs 2,021 crore.

"Under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi: Benefit of over Rs 5,215 crore transferred directly into the bank accounts of more than 26 million small and marginal farmers within 37 days of announcement of the

scheme!," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a tweet.

"Would be first scheme where such an amount has been transferred to so many beneficiaries in such a short span of time," the PMO further said.

Last week, the Union Agriculture Ministry had said that Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat have taken a lead in taking benefit under the PM-Kisan scheme.

Till March 7, as many as 74.71 lakh farmers in Uttar Pradesh received the first installment, while 32.15 lakh farmers were benefitted in Andhra Pradesh.

Around 25.58 lakh farmers in Gujarat, 11.55 lakh farmers in Maharashtra, 14.41 lakh farmers in Telangana and 14.01 lakh farmers in Tamil Nadu got the first payment.

Among other states, 8.34 lakh farmers in Haryana had received the first installment, followed by 8.09 lakh farmers in Assam and 8.07 lakh farmers in Odisha, the ministry data had showed.

The Centre is transferring the money directly into the bank accounts of eligible farmers, being identified by states and union territories (UTs). ■

# INDIA GENERATED RECORD NUMBER OF JOBS IN JANUARY: EPFO DATA

**N**et employment generation in the formal sector touched a 17-month high of 8.96 lakh in January, according to the latest EPFO payroll data. The EPFO has been releasing payroll data from April 2018, covering the period starting September 2017. The addition in January was 131 per cent higher as compared with 3.87 lakh EPFO subscribers added in the year-ago month. In September 2017, a net of 2,75,609 jobs were created. Around 76.48 lakh new subscribers were added to social security schemes of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) from September 2017 to January 2019, the data showed. This indicates that these many jobs were created in the formal sector over the past 17 months.

The net EPFO enrollment in January 2019 stood at 8,96,516, which is the highest since September 2017. During January 2019, the highest number of 2.44

lakh jobs were created in the 22-25 years age group, followed by 2.24 lakh in the 18-21 years age bracket.

The data of the exited members is based on the claims submitted by the individuals and establishments and the exit data uploaded by employers, whereas the number of new subscribers is based on the Universal Account Number (UAN) generated in the system and those who have received non-zero subscription. The EPFO said the data is provisional as updation of employee records is a continuous process and gets updated in subsequent months.

This is age-band wise data of new members registered under the EPFO where the first non-zero contribution received during particular month. For each age-wise band, the estimates are net of the members newly enrolled, exited and rejoined during the month as per records of the EPFO, it added. ■

## MAKE IN INDIA PAYS OFF: AMID ASIAN SLOWDOWN IN MANUFACTURING GROWTH, INDIA RACES AHEAD WITH EXPANSION AT 14-MONTH HIGH

**A**midst a regional trend in which major Asian economies are witnessing either a slowdown or contraction in manufacturing activity, India has emerged as the notable exception, with the country's manufacturing sector picking up pace to expand at the fastest rate in 14 months, reports Nikkei Asian Review.

The data comes from the latest Nikkei Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey, which is conducted on a monthly basis. Of the 15 data sets analysed in the PMI for February, nine countries saw a drop compared to the previous month while only six rose, with manufacturing seeing a specifically widespread decline.

India's manufacturing PMI grew to 54.3 in February from 53.9 in January, the peak since December 2017.

The Indian manufacturing industry is primarily composed of chemicals, machinery, metals and textiles. The galloping growth in the sector is attributed to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' initiative, which seeks to transform manufacturing in the country.

"Prospects for [Indian] manufacturers remain bright over the near term," stated, an economist at Capital Economics, who also expressed optimism over the Modi government's recent policies aimed at promoting small and medium-sized enterprises.

Particularly hard hit by the manufacturing slowdown in Asia are Japan and South Korea, which are heavily reliant on exports to China; this main outlet for their manufacturing sectors has been under strain during rising trade tensions with the US. ■

# 33RD GST COUNCIL ALLOWS BUILDERS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN 2 TAX RATES

**T**he GST Council on 20 Mar 2019 sought to address builders' concerns related to their inventory of under-construction housing units by allowing them to choose between the existing higher tax rate with input credit and the new flat rate that will be effective from April.

Builders can opt for the existing 12% tax rate for homes that are under construction as on 31 March, but will have to pass on the benefits of input tax credit to customers, or choose the new GST rate of 5%, effective 1 April.

Similarly, in case of under-construction affordable homes, they can choose between the existing rate of 8% and the new rate of 1%, the federal indirect tax body said.

Builders may now, on a case-to-case basis, decide what is the best option for them to exhaust the tax credits on their books, and keep the final tax liability low.

The GST Council, however, made it clear that for new projects starting 1 April, the 5% and 1% GST rates would apply.

The move could boost sentiment in the residential



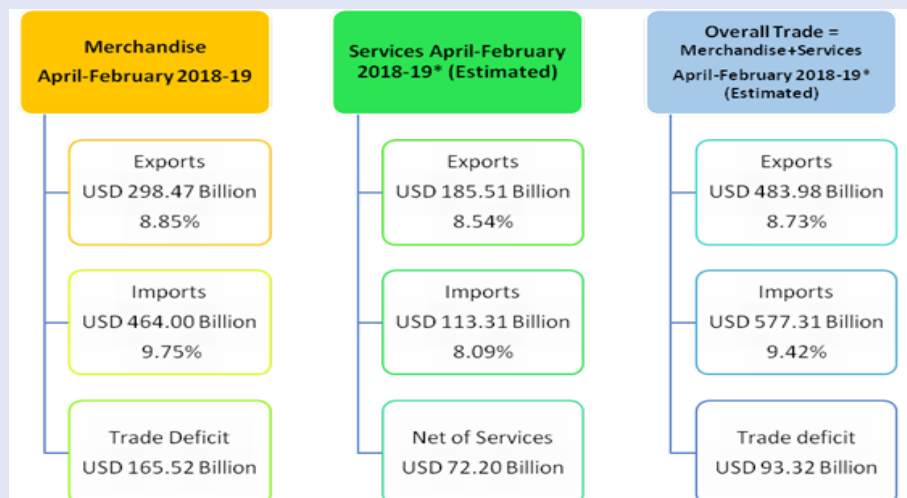
real estate sector, which has been grappling with high unsold inventory.

Revenue secretary who briefed reporters after the GST Council meeting, said the window for choosing between the existing and the new GST rates for under-construction flats would be notified soon.

The move offers relief to builders, who were facing the prospect of losing tax credits. "Builders get the best of both worlds," said an industry expert, requesting anonymity. The option, however, comes with an anti-tax evasion rider: to take advantage of the tax rebates under the 12% and 8% rates, builders will have to procure 80% of all raw material and services only from registered suppliers. ■

## India's Foreign Trade shows positive growth of 8.73%

**I**ndia's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April-February 2018-19\* are estimated to be USD 483.98 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 8.73 per cent over the same period last year. Overall imports in April-February 2018-19\* are estimated to be USD 577.31 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 9.42 per cent over the same period last year. ■





# A MANY-SPLENDURED PERSONALITY



**BALA SAHEB  
DEORAS**

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**O**n the other hand Pandit Deendayalji took the stand that those old things which deserved to be retained would be retained, and those new things which may be beneficial would also be accepted. He meditated on these lines, and through this meditation emerged Integral Humanism, the political, economic and social philosophy that he found most acceptable and which he put before the people.

The importance of Deendayalji's comprehensive thinking is now being realised. For example, when our plans were drawn up in the beginning people were told to fell trees and bring the land under cultivation. But now it is being realised that felling trees would actually have a detrimental effect on agriculture.

Even in other respects thinking in our country had become compartmentalised. Some said everything that a man did has a same urge. Others said the urge is economic. But man cannot be divided into

compartments like this. We have to think of man as a whole. All our great thinkers like Lokmanya Tilak, Swami Vivekanand and Mahatma Gandhi propounded this comprehensive nature of the human being in their philosophy. And it is on these lines that Deendayalji's concept of an allround life of the individual is based.

## CLARITY OF THINKING

'Deendayalji was quite clear in his opinion that any inequality

hesitate to say that if the Varna and caste system created differences of high and low in the society it would be overthrown.' On the other hand he also said that people today are very much given to thinking of money. He said both an absence and an abundance of money create problems and should be guarded against.

Similarly Deendayalji accepted that the machine age has come to stay, but he held that only that much machinery should be allowed as would not bring problems in its wake. It would not do to keep the examples of Russia and America before us while drawing up our plans. They are geographically very big countries with small populations and still possess a lot of virgin land. On the other hand we have a very big population and have been tilling our land for thousands of pots. Consequently the western pattern cannot serve our purpose.

Pandit Deendayalji emphasised that our manpower was our greatest asset and hence all our plans should be labour intensive. It would not be proper to instal big machines and hand over everything to the capitalist. This concept of a decentralised economy was forcefully advocated by Deendayalji.



in society was undesirable and should be removed. He did not



A special meeting in which Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, Bhairon Singh Shekawat and Jagannath Rao Joshi are seen formulating subjects 1967

## FOR AND OF THE PEOPLE

Those who carefully study the ideology propounded by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya would realise that its basic theme is ancient. Without doubt he did the work of highlighting what was enduring in what was old. At the same time he did not hesitate to point out what was transitory. It was through the process of transition and through the acceptance of new ideas that he placed before the people a clear political, social and economic ideology.

The decentralised economy that our planners now want to emphasise by giving importance to cottage industries is the treasure house of thought that Deendayalji placed before the people. This shows how comprehensive and deep his thinking was.

**THUS PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA WAS A MANY SPLENDURED PERSONALITY. BUT PERHAPS HIS ESSENTIAL QUALITY AS A LEADER HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN THAT SHLOKA OF THE GEETA WHICH SHRI NATH PAI QUOTED IN HIS TRIBUTE TO DEENDAYALJI: "HE WAS ONE FROM WHOM THE PEOPLE DID NOT TURN AWAY, AND WHO DID NOT TURN AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE".**

Thus Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was a many splendoured personality. But perhaps his essential quality as a leader has been described in that Shloka of the Geeta which Shri Nath Pai quoted in his tribute to Deendayalji: "He was one from

whom the people did not turn away, and who did not turn away from the people". ■

(Based on speech by Late Shri Balasaheb Deoras, the then Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, on the occasion of Deendayal Upadhyaya Birthday Celebrations in Nagpur on 25th September, 1977)



# GOA CHIEF MINISTER MANOHAR PARRIKAR PASSES AWAY



**G**oa Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar passed away on March 17, 2019 at the age of 63 at his residence in Panaji, Goa. Since last year, he was battling for a pancreatic ailment. He served as Chief Minister of Goa for the last time from 14 March, 2017 until his death. Previously, he was the Chief Minister of Goa from 2000 to 2005 and from 2012 to 2014 and from 2014 to 2017; he also served as the Minister of Defence under Modi Government. He was a former member of the Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh. The four-time Chief Minister represented Panaji Assembly seat in the state for over two decades. His wife Smt. Medha passed away in 2001. They have two sons.

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and several leaders across the political parties expressed their condolence on the demise of Shri Parrikar.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has condoled the sad demise of Shri Manohar Parrikar and extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and the people of Goa on behalf of the Government and the entire Nation. The Cabinet observed two minutes silence in the memory of Shri Manohar Parrikar.

The Cabinet also approved observing one day of mourning by the Government of India and flying the National Flag at half-mast on 18th March, 2019 in all the States/UTs Capitals including Delhi and throughout State of Goa.

The Union Cabinet further approved following condolence Resolution in the profound memory of Shri Manohar Parrikar: "The Cabinet expresses profound sorrow at the sad demise of Shri Manohar Parrikar, Chief Minister of Goa in the evening of 17th March, 2019 at Panaji, Goa. In his passing away, the country has lost a veteran and distinguished leader, affectionately called as the Chief Minister of commoners.

Born on December 13, 1955 at Mapusa, Goa, Shri Parrikar was educated at Loyola School, Margao and later graduated in Metallurgical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai in 1978. Before entering politics, Shri Parrikar had joined the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) at a young age and became a Mukhya Shikshak (Chief Instructor) in the final years of his schooling itself. After graduating from IIT, he resumed RSS work in Mapusa and became a Sanghchalak at the age of 26.

As a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Shri Parrikar was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Goa in 1994. He became the Chief Minister of Goa for the first time on 24th October, 2000 and continued till 27th February, 2002. He was re-elected as Chief Minister on 3rd June, 2002 and served till 2nd February, 2005. He became Chief Minister of Goa for the third time on 9th March, 2012 and continued till 8th November, 2014. On 9th November, 2014, Shri Parrikar became Union Minister of Defence and continued till 13th March, 2017, he was again sworn in as Chief Minister of Goa on 14th March, 2017.

Shri Parrikar will be remembered for his simplicity and his abilities as an exceptional administrator. His contribution to the building of modern Goa and to the modernization of India's Armed Forces as well as improvement to the lives of Ex.-Servicemen will never



be forgotten.

Shri Parrikar was awarded the 'Distinguished Alumnus Award' by IIT Mumbai in 2001, Honorary Doctorate by National Institute of Technology, Goa in 2018 and the Dr. S.P. Mukherjee Award in 2018, among others. He is survived by his two sons.

### **PARRIKAR WAS THE BUILDER OF MODERN GOA, AN UNPARALLELED LEADER AND A TRUE PATRIOT: NARENDRA MODI**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi condoled the passing away of the Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Manohar Parrikar.

The Prime Minister said, "Shri Manohar Parrikar was an unparalleled leader. A true patriot and exceptional administrator, he was admired by all. His impeccable service to the nation will be remembered by generations. Deeply saddened by his demise, Condolences to his family and supporters". Om Shanti.

He said Shri Manohar Parrikar was the builder of modern Goa. Thanks to his affable personality and accessible nature, he remained the preferred leader of the state for years. His pro-people policies ensured Goa scales remarkable heights of progress.

The PM further said, "India will be eternally grateful to Shri Manohar Parrikar for his tenure as our Defence Minister. When he was Defence Minister, India witnessed a series of decisions that enhanced India's security capacities, boosted indigenous defence production and bettered the lives of ex-servicemen".

### **SHRI PARRIKAR'S DEMISE IS VERY PAINFUL, SAYS AMIT SHAH**

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah expressed his condolence on the leader demise in a series of tweets. He said "Manohar Parrikarji's demise is extremely painful. In him, the nation has lost a true patriot who selflessly dedicated his entire life to the country and ideology. Parrikar ji's commitment towards his people and duties was exemplary."

"Parrikar ji has shown the entire nation how a BJP Karyakarta, even during his toughest time, is committed to the philosophy of Nation First, Party Next and Self Last. He will always be remembered for his contributions as India's Defence Minister and as CM of Goa."

"Entire BJP stands firmly with Parrikar ji's family. I

along with millions of BJP Karyakartas and importantly the people of Goa, who were his family, express my deepest condolences. May God give the bereaved family strength to withstand this tragic loss. Om Shanti..Shanti Shanti.."

### **MANOHAR PARRIKAR WAS A FIGHTER ON ALL FRONTS: L.K. ADVANI**

"I am extremely sad to learn about the demise of Shri Manohar Parrikar. He had been bravely fighting his illness for some time. I had the opportunity to meet him at Goa in the month of January this year. Despite his illness, he was quite bold to sit up, attend to office work and also interact with everyone. Manohar Parrikar



was a fighter on all fronts and was also instrumental in forming the first BJP Government in Goa."

A man of few words, he believed in accomplishing his tasks with utmost dedication. I pay my condolences to all the members of his family. May his soul rest in peace.

### **HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND SIMPLICITY: RAJNATH SINGH**

Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh expressed his condolence over the sad demise of Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar. "Deeply saddened and pained by the demise of my dear friend & Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Manohar Parrikar. He was known for his honesty, integrity and simplicity", Shri Singh tweeted. He served the nation and the state of Goa with great diligence. My heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family, the Home Minister added in the twitter message.

## HE ALWAYS LED BY EXAMPLE IN HIS PUBLIC LIFE & LOVED BY MASSES: ARUN JAITLEY

Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley said, "Saddened to know about the demise of senior BJP leader Shri Manohar Parrikar ji, Chief Minister of Goa. He always led by example in his public life and was loved by masses. He will be missed by every one of us. May God render peace to the departed soul, Om Shanti... ॐ शान्ति"

## BJP HAS FACED A HUGE LOSS WITH THE DEMISE OF PARRIKAR JI: NITIN GADKARI

Union Transport Minister **Shri Nitin Gadkari** expressed his condolences on demise of Goa Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar. "BJP has faced a huge loss with the demise of Manohar Parrikar Ji... Apart from being a party member, he was a really close friend of mine. He isn't with me today & I'm personally very pained by this.

Defence Minister **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** said Shri Manohar Parrikar is no more. A sincere, honest & sensitive political activist was simple and down to earth, I learnt a lot from Shri Parrikar. As Raksha Mantri his contribution to making the armed forces a modernised, lean & mean fighting machine will remain unparalleled.

Human Resources Minister **Shri Prakash Javadekar** said he was an epitome of idealism in public life. "He had a vision for Goa and the country and worked on mission mode to accomplish it in whichever responsibility he was given. We have lost an ideal leader, with whom I had worked since he entered the BJP. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends and his supporters. Om Shanti," he tweeted.

Railway Minister **Shri Piyush Goyal** said Shri Manohar Parrikar's exemplary leadership will continue to inspire and serve as a benchmark.

Environment Minister **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** said that with Manohar Parrikar's death, he lost a close friend and it was a big loss to the nation and the party.

Union Textile Minister **Smt. Smriti Irani** said, "A leader, a mentor, a friend- Parrikar Sir meant all that & more to my family. But then every Goan can say the same for that was the persona of Manohar Parrikar. He taught me dignity in the face of adversity, loyalty in tough times & perseverance so that determined goals are met".

President of India **RAMNATH KOVIND** said, "Extremely sorry to hear of the passing of Shri Manohar Parrikar, Chief Minister of Goa, after an illness borne with fortitude and dignity. An epitome of integrity and dedication in public life, his service to the people of Goa and of India will not be forgotten".

The Vice President of India, **SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU** has condoled the passing away of the Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Manohar Parrikar. In a message, the Vice President said that Shri Parrikar was one of the most lovable and honest senior politicians of our country. He was a dynamic and dedicated individual who led life full of values and principles. In his passing, the nation in general and Goa in particular lost its proud son. My heartfelt condolences to members of his bereaved family and I pray for his soul rest in peace."

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Shri Yogi Adityanath** expressing his grief on the demise of Shri Parrikar said, "It is really saddening news. As chief minister of Goa and Defence minister of India, the commendable service has given to the country will always be remembered. He was very humble and a true patriot."

## LAST JOURNEY

The last rites of Shri Manohar Parrikar ji were performed with full state honours on 18 March, 2019 evening. In the morning of 18 March Shri Parrikar's mortal was kept at the BJP head office in Panjim for last Darshan.

Thousands of people thronged the streets of Goa state capital to catch a final glimpse of Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar, as his mortal remains was brought to the BJP office for party workers to pay their last respect. His remains were also taken to Kala Academy, around three km from the BJP office, later on the day to allow the public pay their tribute to him.

The final rites of the late CM Shri Manohar Parrikar were performed at the Miramar beach, next to the memorial of Goa's first Chief Minister Dayanand Bandodkar. ■



## ‘BILATERAL RELATION WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW’

**PM MODI & BANGLADESH PM SHEIKH HASINA JOINTLY UNVEIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH, VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**P** rime Minister Narendra Modi, and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on March 11 jointly unveiled e-plaques for development projects in Bangladesh, through video conference.

Both leaders unveiled e-plaques for supply of buses and trucks, inauguration of 36 community clinics, 11 water treatment plants, and extension of National Knowledge Network to Bangladesh.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister noted that this is his sixth video conference with Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He said that PM Sheikh Hasina's vision is the biggest inspiration for stronger connectivity between India and Bangladesh. He said today's unveilings will boost not just transport connectivity, but also knowledge connectivity. He said the National Knowledge Network will connect

### HIGHLIGHTS

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**@narendramodi**

प्रधानमंत्री शेख हसीना जी के साथ यह मेरी छठी video conference है।

इतनी सरलता से, और इतनी बार, किन्हीं दो देशों के नेतृत्व के बीच में संपर्क होना, अपने आप में दर्शाता है कि दोनों देशों के बीच संबंध कितने गहरे और मजबूत हैं।

भारत और बांग्लादेश के बीच connectivity मजबूत करने की बात जब भी होती है, तो उसका सबसे बड़ा प्रेरणा स्रोत मैं प्रधानमंत्री शेख हसीना जी के vision को मानता हूँ।

scholars and research institutes in Bangladesh, to India and the world. He said the buses and trucks would assist the efforts towards affordable public transportation; water treatment plants will help supply clean water; and community clinics will benefit about 2 lakh people, in Bangladesh. He said these projects show that India-Bangladesh relations are playing a key role in improving the quality of life of people.

Prime Minister Modi was appreciative of, and reiterated India's support for the ambitious development targets set by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, for Bangladesh. He expressed confidence that bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh would continue to grow even further. ■



# REMEMBERING DR. LOHIA



NARENDRA MODI

**T**oday (March 23, 2019) is a day to honour revolutionaries.

We pay tributes to great sons of Mother India - Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru for their ultimate sacrifice.

We bow to a prolific thinker, exceptional intellectual, revolutionary and devout patriot, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia on his Jayanti.

Dr. Lohia combined a sharp mind and a penchant for mass politics.

When top leaders were arrested during the Quit India movement, a young Dr. Lohia remained unfazed, went underground and even started an underground radio station to further the movement.

In the history of Goa's liberation, the name of Dr. Lohia is etched in golden letters.

Wherever the marginalised needed a voice, Dr. Lohia was there.

Dr. Lohia's thoughts inspire us. He wrote about modernising agriculture and empowering farmers, which the NDA Government is effectively doing through

efforts such as PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Krishi Sinchai Yojana, e-Nam, Soil Health Cards and more.

Nothing pained Dr. Lohia more than the caste hierarchy and inequality between women and men. Our Mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' as well as our track record in the last five years show that we have made a long-lasting contribution in fulfilling the vision of Dr. Lohia. He would surely have been very proud of the NDA Government's work.

Whenever Dr. Lohia spoke, inside or outside Parliament, the Congress trembled with fear.

Dr. Lohia knew how disastrous

Congress was. In 1962 he said, "During the Congress regime neither agriculture and industry nor the army has improved."

These words can accurately describe even subsequent Congress regimes, where farmers were harassed, industry was discouraged (except if they belonged to friends and relatives of Congress leaders) and national security was ignored.

Anti-Congressism was Dr. Lohia's heart and soul. His efforts ensured a shock to the then all-powerful Congress in 1967 elections. That time, Atal Ji remarked- "Due to Dr. Lohia's efforts, one could travel on board the Howrah-Amritsar Mail without having to pass a single Congress state!"

Unfortunately, today Dr. Lohia would be horrified at the political developments taking place.

Those parties that claim inspiration from Dr. Lohia have completely abandoned his principles. They are leaving no opportunity to insult him.

The veteran socialist leader from Odisha, Shri Surendranath Dwivedy remarked, "He (Dr. Lohia) was imprisoned many times more during Congress regime than under the British rule."

Yet, today those parties that falsely claim to be Dr. Lohia's followers are



desperate to form an opportunistic Maha Milawat or adulteration alliances with the same Congress. It is both ironical and reprehensible.

Dr. Lohia always believed that dynastic politics was inimical to democracy. He would have been flabbergasted to see his 'followers' think about their own families first instead of the nation.

Dr. Lohia stated that one who works with 'Samta', 'Samanata' and 'Samatva Bhaav' is a Yogi. Sadly, the parties that claim to be his followers forgot this principle. They believe in 'Satta', 'Swarth' and 'Shoshan.' These parties are experts at grabbing power, looting as much as possible and exploiting others. Poor people, Tribals, Dalits, OBCs and women are not safe in their rule because these parties give a free run to criminals and anti-social elements.

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for complete equality between men and women. But, neck deep in vote bank politics, it was parties that dishonestly claim to be Dr. Lohia's followers that opposed the NDA Government's move to abolish the inhuman practice of Triple Talaq.

Is the commitment to vote bank politics bigger than the commitment to Dr. Lohia's

thoughts?

Today, a moot question facing 130 crore Indians is:

How can those who betrayed Dr. Lohia be expected to serve the nation?

Today they are betraying the principles of Dr. Lohia, tomorrow they will also betray the people of India.

(The writer is the Prime Minister, GoI)

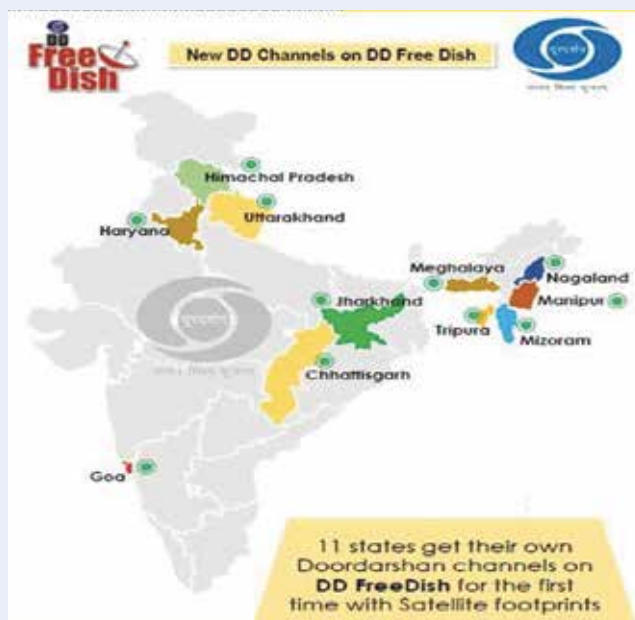
## 11 MORE STATES GET DD CHANNELS

In a decision bound to further the outreach and accessibility of Doordarshan, Prasar Bharati has brought 11 more State DD Channels, including five channels of North-Eastern States, on the Satellite footprint of India through DD Free Dish.

It is for the first time that the States of Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Uttarakhand have got their own DD Channel on a Satellite Network through DD Free Dish.

These State channels represent the regional aspirations of the local population. Providing a satellite network for these channels through DD Free Dish will not only increase visibility of these channels in the Regions, but also give them an All-India presence.

The increased accessibility to regional broadcast will help promote regional culture and give opportunities to local talent as well. ■





## APNA TIME AA GAYA HAI AND IT IS TIME TO TURN UP WITH HIGH JOSH TO A VOTING CENTER NEAR YOU: MODI

**A**head of the 2019 Lok Sabha Elections, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has reached out to several celebrities across domains urging them to encourage the voters of India to come out and execute their rights. In a series of Tweets, he addressed several A-listers from the sports and entertainment industry asking them to create voter awareness.

Drawing reference to Vicky's iconic 'How's the Josh' dialogue and Ranveer's 'Apna Time Aayega', the Prime Minister Tweeted, "My young friends @RanveerOfficial, @Varun\_dvn & @vickykaushal09, Many youngsters admire you. It is time to tell them: Apna Time Aa Gaya

Hai and that it is time to turn up with high Josh to a voting center near you."

In one of the posts, he tagged 'Uri: The Surgical Strike' actor Vicky Kaushal along with Varun Dhawan and Ranveer Singh, asking to join the initiative and influence the young voters. Actor Vicky Kaushal responds to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 'Vote For India' Election 2019 Clarion Call.

Sharing the same stance with PM Shri Modi, the actor pointed out how 'every vote is a building block for democracy'.

In a tweet tagging Ranveer Singh PM Shri Modi



asked to create voter awareness. Ranveer Singh took to his twitter handle and responded to the Prime Minister. He wrote: "We must all be responsible young citizens of our great democracy and exercise our right to vote. Desh ke naujawaan..Vote karneka waqt aa gaya hai"[sic]

Taking a reference from Bhumi Pednekar's film 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha' and 'Toilet: Ek Prem Katha', the Prime Minister tagged Bhumi Pednekar and said: "Thoda Dum Lagaiye aur Voting ko Ek Superhit Katha banaiye."

Bhumi Pednekar immediately responded to PM Shri Modi's tweet and wrote: "To all the citizens of this great democracy...each one of us have the right to vote, a power that comes with great responsibility. And each one of us must become a part of shaping the future of our country. Go vote everyone!"

The PM also asked actor Mohanlal to create awareness among the people regarding the importance of voting. Shri Modi took to his twitter and requested actor Mohanlal to create voter awareness and also urge the people to vote in large numbers. The PM also recollected the actor's contribution and achievements.

In reply to the Prime Minister, actor Mohanlal said that it is indeed his privilege to request his fellow citizens to exercise the right to take part in a democracy, which would help its better functions. The actor took to his twitter and wrote, "Certainly, Sir. It will be my privilege to request all the fellow citizens to exercise their right for a vibrant democracy.

PM Shri Modi tagged Varun Dhawan in one of the tweets and the actor has a perfect reply to it. Varun wrote: "Yes your totally correct honorable prime minister. Every vote has equal power. Every vote counts. This election day, make your vote count. #mumbaikarvotekar #indiavotekar #FestivalOfDemocracy"

The Prime Minister also urged Bollywood celebs such as Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, AR Rahman, Karan Johar and others to help increase voter participation in the next Lok Sabha elections. Bollywood stars including Akshay Kumar, Karan Johar and others promptly replied to the Prime

Minister's tweet.

Akshay Kumar wrote, " Well said @narendramodiji. The true hallmark of a democracy lies in people's participation in the electoral process. Voting has to be a superhit prem katha between our nation and its voters :)"

Karan Johar said, "Honourable Prime Minister @narendramodi we as a fraternity are dedicated to the cause of creating high voter awareness and will make sure every endeavour is made to communicate the power of voting for a solid and Democratic INDIA! Jai Hind!"

Responding to PM's tweet "When @mangeshkarlata Didi, @sachin\_rt and @arrahman say something, the nation takes note!" AR Rahman said We will definitely do it.

Apart from them other celebrities also responded positively for 'Vote For India' appeal and assured their participation in the movement.

Tagging almost 100 celebrated personalities from the fields of politics, entertainment, news media, sports and social work on Twitter Shri Narendra Modi urged them to leverage their popularity to "ensure high voter awareness and participation in the coming elections".

The PM tagged top politicians from various other parties, including Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee,

Sharad Pawar, N Chandrababu Naidu, Neiphui Rio, Nitish Kumar and Aditya Thackeray, among others.

The sports persons include top cricketers Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli, wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Geeta Phogat, Babita Phogat and shuttler Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth.

Shri Modi also asked journalists including Asian News International's Smita Prakash, Times Now's Navika Kumar and India Today's Rahul Kanwal, requesting them to "ensure greater participation in democratic processes" by the people.

He also urged actors from the entertainment industries in the South, social activists, religious leaders and influential businessmen to "to help increase voter awareness and tap the power of society for democracy". ■

**EMPHATIC  
RESPONSE  
TO PM MODI'S  
'VOTE FOR  
INDIA' APPEAL  
FOR 2019  
ELECTIONS**

# AGENDA 2019 – THE LEADERSHIP ISSUE



ARUN JAITLEY

**T**he schedule for the Lok Sabha elections has been announced. The next ten weeks will witness a clash of ideas and ideologies, competitiveness amongst candidates and a battle for leadership. There are several issues which occupy the agenda space in an election. Today, I deal with one of the principal issues which occupies a foremost relevance in 2019 General Elections – the issue of leadership.

## THE INCUMBENT PRIME MINISTER

India has witnessed several General Elections where incumbent Prime Minister has faced an anti-incumbency. Anti-incumbency is a phenomenon where unhappy people vote an incumbent out. The Opposition succeeds by default. However, if the comfort level and the confidence with incumbent is high, his performance, leadership, ethics and integrity has been tested, the incumbent succeeds.

The country assessed Shri Narendra Modi as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for a period of fourteen years. He emerged a strong leader with development orientations, a



nationalist vision, a politician of utmost integrity. He ensured that those who work with or under him also adopt the ethics which is expected from people in public offices. He withstood a false and vicious campaign against him. The facts in the campaign proved false in every legal battle. He did not allow himself to be bogged down by the hostile campaign. He laid down his own developmental agenda for the State and won three successive Lok Sabha elections and three Assembly Elections. He communicated directly with the people. He stands out as a communicator. He created and nurtured a new leadership in Gujarat. The Gujarati population all over the world identifies with him. He inspired them.

He entered the 2014 electoral race when the country saw indecisiveness, a collapse of

leadership, a policy paralysis and integrity a big casualty. The people rewarded him with a comfortable mandate.

## HOW DOES A NATION ASSESS HIM AFTER FIVE YEARS?

He has proved to the world that India can be administered with integrity and honesty. India is capable of tough decisions in order to ensure growth to enable India to secure itself. India occupies the high table in the world. It has become the fastest growing economy. He ensured an economic model where the advantage of the additionality of resources emerging from the fast growing economy is spent on infrastructure or transferred to the poor, particularly in the rural areas. He did not give slogans but he transferred actual resources to bring down poverty levels and

added to the ease of living.

Even his critics are bewildered by his evolution of his national security doctrine. He has evolved India from a nation which only defended itself domestically against terror through intelligence and security network and isolated Pakistan at the global level to a nation which is capable of destroying terror at the points of its' origin. The success of the surgical strikes of 2016 and the air strikes of 2019 points to this direction.

Within the NDA there are no leadership issues. There is absolute clarity. Shri Narendra Modi leads the NDA and will be the Prime Minister in the event of the NDA victory. His leadership is nationally accepted, his ratings are very high. His track record speaks for itself.

## LET US LOOK AT THE OTHER SIDE

What was promised to be 'Mahagathbandhan' is turning out to be a 'gathbandhan' of several conflicting gathbandhans. It is a self-destructive 'coalition of rivals'. The BSP and the SP will contest against the Congress but eventually join hands. So will the Trinamool and the Congress -Left alliance in West Bengal. However, in Kerala the Congress and the Left will contest against each other. The PDP and the National Conference tried to form the Government together with the support of the Congress in Jammu and Kashmir. Today they are rivals in an election and on the dangerous agenda of either 'autonomy' or 'pre-1953 status' but could join hands with the gathbandhan. The Biju Janata Dal,

the TRS and the YSRCP are not with the gathbandhan.

The leadership issue is an absolute puzzle. The Congress President Shri Rahul Gandhi is an inadequate leader. He is tried, tested and failed. His lack of understanding of issues is frightening. He aspires to be the leader of this chaotic pack. Mamata Didi is positioning herself as the 'sutraddhar' of this alliance. She won't concede a single seat either to the Congress or the Left in West Bengal but will want them to be her pillion riders if she drives the vehicle. Her instinctive comments

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Behan Mayawati, the leader of the BSP, was wiped out in the last Lok Sabha elections. She changed her strategy. She wants a strong BSP and a weak Congress. She holds her cards close to her chest. She will open them only after the results are declared. She has had a strategic 'alliance of compulsion' with the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh but the scars of her historical conflict with its allies have not washed away. She wants a strong BSP and a weak Congress.

Leaders with flexible ideologies think that they are acceptable to all. The Opposition alliance is unclear – it is absolutely fragile. None of the political parties is capable of any significant number of seats. The alliance will not have a stable nucleus. It has a set of highly ambitious, self-centered and maverick leaders. Barring the Congress and the Left, most of them have done political business with the BJP in the past. Their ideologies and commitment to their constituents are widely different.

## THE CONTEST

The contest is between a leader in whose hand the country is developing and secure. He is trusted. Against him it is no one projected leader. There are multiple leaders, each trying to outwit the other. They can only promise a temporary Government if we go by the past precedents. One can be certain of chaos. The choice is clear – it is either Modi or chaos.

## PRIME MINISTER MODI'S EVOLVING NATIONAL SECURITY DOCTRINE

The JeM terrorist attack at Pulwama has brought back into focus the key issue of national security. India is a land of patriotic people. We have a history of valour and sacrifice. India struggled for Independence but with their heads held high. We still find it difficult to digest our humiliation of 1962. We remember the 1965 and 1971 Wars and the 1999 Kargil war with a sense of honour and satisfaction. Indians believe that the



country must be secured. The entire nation in one voice has condemned terrorism which cost us the life of two of our former Prime Ministers, besides our security personnel and citizens.

### **Dangers of linking the battle against terrorism and insurgency with vote banks**

Conventionally India condemned any form of terrorism and insurgency in one voice. When a misguided section of Muslim community globally took to terrorism in order to voice their issues, Indian Muslims predominantly refused to be a part of that philosophy. Fortunately for us that trend continues till date. Unfortunately, a few misguided modules in India did emerge. They are dangerous but our security forces overcame most of them.

TADA was legislated when late Shri Rajiv Gandhi was in power. It was used and abused but it continued as a law. After the 1993 Mumbai bomb blast it was widely used against the terrorists, a communal campaign started against this. TADA was dubbed as anti-minority. A campaign for its revocation started. The Narasimha Rao led Congress Government repealed TADA. India which was most adversely impacted by terror was without an anti-terror law which would act as a strong deterrent and contained both procedural and substitutional provisions to deal with crime relating to terror. The Government led by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee legislated POTA. It took the

Government a joint session of both Houses of Parliament to approve the law. The Congress promised to repeal the law. The distinction between an anti-terrorism and an anti-minority law is significant. The Congress and its allies tried to obliterate that difference. Since then the Congress started going soft on terror. It started an appeasement of terror.

When the Batla House encounter took place and the terrorists were killed, the Congress leaders dubbed it as a fake encounter. The terrorists they claimed were innocent. When

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the guilty of the 1993 Mumbai bomb blast, 26/11 attack on India's commercial capital and the Parliament attack case were to be executed, many Congressmen started appealing for amnesty. The 'disruptionists' who prefer to call themselves 'Left liberals', fought a legal battle to save the terrorists.

The low point in Congress party's attitude towards separatism and terror was reached when a combination of separatists, jihadis and Maoists ganged up to raise slogans on 'Desh ke tukde'

at New Delhi's JNU, the Congress President Rahul Gandhi stood shoulder to shoulder with them to defend their right of free speech to champion the cause of breaking India into pieces. He deviated from the Congress legacy of not associating with these extremists. Once the identification of Congressmen with the Maoists and the separatists was signalled by Rahul Gandhi, it was natural for Congressmen and their friends to support the cause of 'urban Maoists' who were allegedly conspiring to assassinate India's Prime Minister.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the new Government in Chhattisgarh, the hub of Left wing extremism, has now taken several decisions, including appointment of committees to effectively examine the 'misuse' of police powers against the Maoists. The battle against terror has been weakened on account of Congress party and its mahagathbandhan friends diluting the fight against terror and insurgency for the sake of votes.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inherited this as a legacy issue. He experimented the conventional method of trying to soften the relationship with Pakistan in a hope that wiser sense would prevail, but Pakistan responded with Pathankot, Uri and Pulwama. He encouraged the mainstream political parties of the Valley to be a part of the national coalition in Kashmir but unfortunately the double talk of support from Delhi and the pressure from the Jamat-e-Islami were to the detriment of anti-separatists policy.

### **Pulwama and Balakot**

The terrorist strike of Pulwama which cost India the life of 41 CRPF jawans shook the conscience of the whole country. Our security forces have already liquidated some of the major terrorists involved in the Pulwama attack. Post the Uri attack, our forces and the Government have intelligence information with regard to the existence of terrorists training camps along the Line of Control. The Army in September, 2016 conducted the surgical strikes with utmost precision. There was no casualty on the Indian side and those camps were destroyed. We had crossed the LoC for the first time since 1971 war.

Our security forces and the Government again had information through intelligence agencies with regard to a huge terrorist training camp of the JeM at Balakot. On the 26th February, 2019, the Air Force conducted air strikes and destroyed the camp causing severe losses of the terrorist infrastructure comprising of men, material and premises.

By these two actions, Prime

Minister Modi had evolved India's internal security doctrine. Do we fight the terrorists merely on the strength of intelligence information, preventing attacks and diplomatically isolating Pakistan? In such cases, will we be able to ensure a hundred percent success. The odds are loaded against us on this ground. Even if the terrorists succeed only once a year, they make their point. Our intelligence and security has to succeed hundred percent. That is a big challenge. Alternatively, the Surgical and Air strikes evolved a policy that we must attack terror at the point of its origin. In both cases we succeeded. Pakistan realised that there was a severe cost involved if the State continued to patronise terror. The world welcomed our pro-active approach. Pakistan was diplomatically isolated. Its traditional friends were not willing to stand up and defend it.

### **Political Battle**

The BJP led Government, both at the Centre and in Chhattisgarh, had a consistently strong position against the Left wing extremism. From JNU to Chhattisgarh, the Congress has struck a deal with them. There are increasing instances of Left wing extremists actively encouraging the Kashmiri Jihadis in the Kashmir valley. The Congress does not oppose the idea of a pro-active approach in destroying terror at its point of origin. It is disturbed with regard to the political fallout of this pro-active approach on the image of Prime Minister Modi. The Congress is one with the Government on condemning Pulwama but is disturbed about Balakot. Thus it

repeatedly rubbishes the surgical strikes. It contends that they have either taken place in the past also or alternatively they never took place under Prime Minister Modi. On the air strikes, their conduct is even more dubious. While giving lip sympathy to the Indian Air Force for the first two days, they started a multi-pronged attack. They questioned the success of the strikes. They started demanding proof that terrorists had died at Balakot. They even contended that the strike had taken place not against terror but to ensure BJP's victory in the forthcoming elections. This was a self-goal by the Congress in domestic politics. This was also playing into the hands of Pakistan where statements of Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, were played out on television channels in Pakistan. Pakistan Government cited these statements to bolster their own falsehood.

This raises the final question. When India battles ultra-Left and Jehadi terrorists, when it is faced with serious threat of cross border terrorism, how does India respond? This is a choice before the electorate in the 2019 general elections. Can an over-ground ally of Left wing extremism be put in power at New Delhi? Can those who have weakened the battle against terror for the cause of vote bank politics be trusted? Should not those who have played into the Pakistani hands be taught a severe lesson in these elections? Unhesitatingly the answer to the above question is a big 'yes'. This country is safe and secure under the NDA Government led by Prime Minister Modi. ■

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# MANOHAR PARRIKAR: THE CHIEF MINISTER NEXT DOOR

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NITIN GADKARI

**M**y last meeting with my friend Manohar Parrikar was on January 27. He stunned everyone when he travelled from the makeshift medical facility at his residence to join me for the inauguration of the third bridge on the Mandovi river in Goa. Manohar Parrikar told me that he could not miss the historic event, and thanked me for helping Goa achieve speedy and all-round development.

As I sat next to him, I couldn't but feel emotionally choked. His

voice was extremely feeble and he had a feeder tube inserted in one of his nostrils. Yet, his discomfort was not visible. What was visible was the indomitable "josh" to serve the people of Goa till his last breath, as he put it. Three days later, on January 30, Manohar presented the budget in the Goa Assembly in the same condition, addressing the House for nearly two hours. On February 4, he tweeted a brave message to the world: "Human mind can overcome any disease."

As I think of all the moments I have spent with Manohar Parrikar, I can only say that apart from his impeccable integrity, dedication and hard work, he has also emerged as an iconic inspiration for cancer patients. He has shown the world that a terminal illness

cannot drain your commitment to the country.

Manohar was my contemporary in public life. My association with him dates back to about 35 years ago. Both of us were inspired by the ideology of the RSS, its discipline and the sense of commitment it invoked in us towards nation-building.

A brilliant student who did BTech from IIT Bombay, he entered Goan politics at the instance of the RSS to stall the growing influence of the regional parties in the state. He made his debut in the state assembly in 1994 from the Panaji constituency on the BJP ticket and went on to leave an indelible mark, not only on state politics but also at the Centre as the country's defence minister.

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travelled in the economy class of low cost airlines. His needs were minimal. His focus was always on the larger picture.

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Having been the CM of Goa four times, Parrikar has made a pivotal contribution in expediting infrastructure projects and minimising corruption. When I was the BJP president, I would constantly look up to him for new ideas and initiatives to spruce up our good governance agenda.

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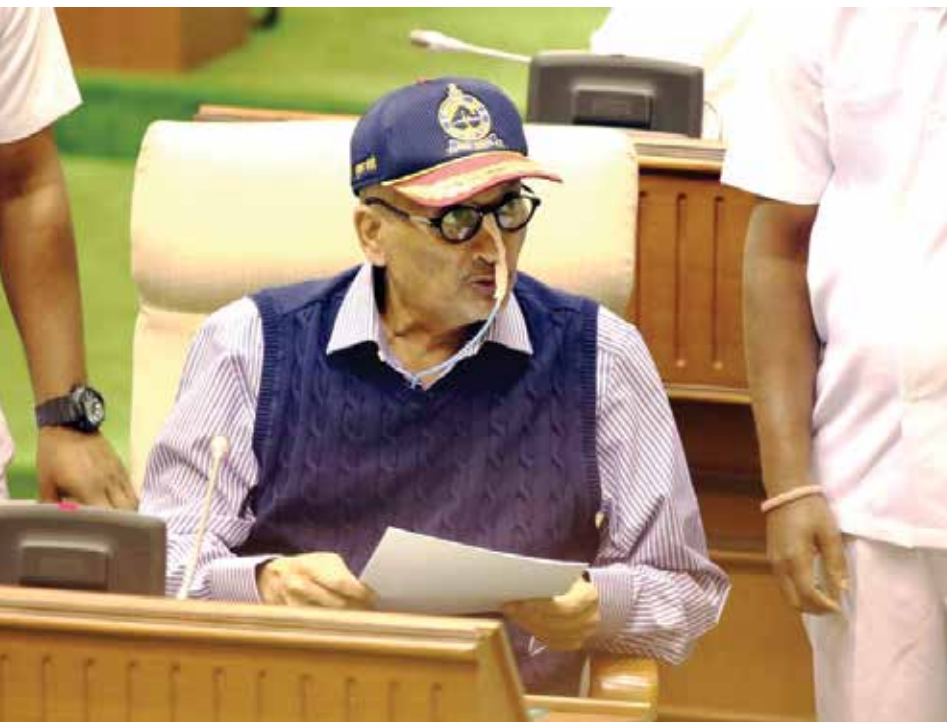
Manohar quit as defence minister and returned to Goa as CM in March 2017, when we managed to woo parties such as the Goa Forward Party and MGP to support him to form the government. Since I was the overseeing the elections for my party, I have interesting memories of our working together to outsmart the Congress.

However, since February 2018, Manohar had been fighting an arduous battle with cancer. Pancreatic cancer has a low survival rate but looking at Manohar's zest and energy through this battle, we were hopeful that he will pull off the biggest coup of his life.

But God had other plans. As I recall my association with Manohar, let me make another important point — in my knowledge never before has a leader from a state as small as Goa enjoyed a pan India acceptance and popularity. The reason is simple: Manohar was your next door CM, the kind of relative or uncle you could identify with or relate to, whether you met him at a government office or the vegetable market.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has aptly described Manohar as the builder of modern Goa. Manohar's death is a loss for every Goan and every Indian. For me, the loss is deeply personal. ■

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**'ELECTION SHOULD BE FOUGHT FOR NATION'S SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT; NOT TO FULFILL SOMEONE'S WISH TO BECOME PM'**

**T**he Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah kicked off the election campaign for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls with the 'Vijay Sankalp' rally in Agra on 24, March, 2019. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was in Saharanpur for the campaign on the same day. 'Vijay Sankalp' rallies will be held in majority of the 80 Lok Sabha constituencies of Uttar Pradesh with focus majorly on western UP where polls will be held in the first phase. CM Shri Yogi, several union ministers and BJP leaders would similarly address public meetings across the state in favor of party candidates.

Addressing the Vijay Sankalp Rally in Agra, Uttar Pradesh BJP National President Shri Amit Shah taunted the opposition saying it has no leader to become Prime Minister even if it were to win the general elections.

Shri Shah said, 'No one is willing to fight the elections. Mayawati wants Shri Narendra Modi defeated as Prime Minister but she is not willing to fight elections. Neither is Sharad Pawar, Mamata Banerjee or Stalin' .

He said the Modi government has worked for the development of the entire nation and not for any particular community and cited the scheme of direct

cash transfers to farmers and medical insurance for the poor as the government's commitment to all-round development.

'The major issue in this election will be BJP's development versus the corruption of the mahagathbandhan,' he said

Shri Shah praised PM Modi for the surgical strikes across the LoC and in Balakot after the terror attacks in Uri and Pulwama. He criticised Congress president Rahul Gandhi and Sam Pitroda for their comments on Balakot air strike and accused the opposition of indulging in vote bank politics by abusing the defence forces of the country.

"Sam Pitroda raised questions about Balakot air strike. I ask if they are related to Pakistanis," he said.

"There used to be two countries, US and Israel which used to be known for avenging its soldiers. Now India has become the third country to do so under PM Shri Modi. Only Shri Modi can ensure the country's security," Shri Amit Shah said to chants of Modi, Modi.

"Election should be fought for the nation's security and development and should not be contested to fulfill someone's wish to become Prime Minister," Shri Shah said. ■

# 130 CRORE INDIANS WILL NOT FORGIVE OR FORGET THE OPPOSITION FOR THEIR ANTICS: MODI

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 22 March, 2019 stepped up attack on the Congress after party leader Sam Pitroda sought more 'facts' related to the Indian Air Force strike at a terror camp in Pakistan's Balakot. In a series of tweets, PM Shri Modi lashed out at the opposition alleging it has been insulting the armed forces. The PM said, "The most trusted advisor and guide of the Congress President has kick-started the Pakistan National Day celebrations on behalf of the Congress, ironically by demeaning India's Armed Forces. Shame!" Pitroda, in an interview to news agency ANI, raised questions over the Balakot strike saying that international media did not agree with the claims made in India about the IAF action against terror camp in Pakistan. He also questioned the policy to launch air strike across the Line of Control. He said "you don't jump on entire nation" if some terrorists target a place in India.

Reacting to Pitroda's comment, the PM said, "Opposition insults our forces time and again. I appeal to my fellow Indians- question Opposition leaders on their statements. Tell them- 130 crore Indians will not forgive or forget the Opposition for their antics. India stands firmly with our forces." "Loyal courtier of Congress' royal dynasty admits what the nation already knew- Congress was unwilling to respond to forces of terror. This is a New India- we will answer terrorists in a language they understand and with interest".

The Prime Minister also hit out at Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Yadav, who said that Pulwama terror attack was a "conspiracy" in which "soldiers were killed for votes". "Opposition is the natural habitat of terror apologists and questioners of our armed forces. This reprehensible statement by a senior leader like Ram Gopal Ji insults all those who have given their lives in protecting Kashmir. It humiliates the families of our martyrs," PM Shri Modi wrote on Twitter.

A CRPF convoy was targeted in a suicide bombing on February 14 in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama killing 40 soldiers. Pakistan-based terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed claimed responsibility for the terror attack. On February 26, the IAF carried a strike at a terror camp, believed to be the biggest training centre of the Jaish-e-Mohammed in

## RAHUL GANDHI SHOULD CLEAR STAND ON SAM PITRODA'S REMARKS: AMIT SHAH

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 23 March, 2019 asked Congress president Rahul Gandhi to clear his party's stand on Sam Pitroda's comments on the Balkot air strike, saying the opposition party has "insulted" the sacrifice of soldiers and put a question mark on the nation's security. Launching a fresh offensive against the Congress, Shri Shah said the opposition party is known for its "vote bank" and "appeasement" politics during elections, but Rahul Gandhi should answer whether it is above national interest and if such politics can be done over the grief of families of soldiers killed. The BJP President said the remarks of Sam Pitroda, a close confidant of the Gandhi family, conveyed that the Pulwama terror attack was a "routine" incident carried out by a few people for which Pakistan cannot be blamed.

Mr Pitroda, he added, also questioned surgical strikes and air strikes launched by the Indian armed forces. "Does the Congress believe that terror incidents that happen in the country have nothing to do with the Pakistan government or Pakistan army?" Shri Shah asked, seeking Mr Gandhi's response. The BJP President said the Congress has a habit of playing down such comments of its leaders as their individual opinions, but it never takes any action against them while, many of whom are close to Gandhi, he added.

Noteworthy, Mr Pitroda, Indian Overseas Congress chief, had told media that one cannot "jump on entire nation" (Pakistan) just because some people from there "came here and attacked".

In an apparent reference to the Pulwama terror attack, the Congress leader had said attacks happen all the time and then referred to the Mumbai terror strikes in 2008 when the Congress-led UPA was in power, saying the then government could have sent its planes but that is "not the right approach".

Pakistan's Balakot. The IAF later said that the mission was "successful". ■



# FOUR REQUESTS FOR DEMOCRACY

*The voting for the first phase of the 2019 Lok Sabha election will commence in few days time. Voting is among our prime duties. A vote signifies the willingness to contribute to the development trajectory of the nation. By voting, people connect themselves with the country's dreams and aspirations. Let us create an environment where getting one's voter card and casting a vote, especially for the first time, become occasions for celebration. There should also be an environment where not voting causes great anguish. Would you want a situation where something happens in the country that you disapprove of and you are forced to think - because I did not go vote that day, this unfortunate situation has arisen and the nation is suffering. Spare yourself from that regret and go vote! Today, I have the following requests to you all-*

## (1) REGISTER NOW :

- Give your voter card a place of pride in your life.
- Get registered as voters, (if you have not already) at the earliest.
- You can apply either online, on [www.nvsp.in](http://www.nvsp.in), or through the BLOs of your respective polling stations or at the electoral registration office.
- The 2019 elections are special because for the first time those born in the 21st century will be able to cast their votes. I hope all eligible youngsters who have not registered to vote will do so and enrich our democracy by voting.

## (2) CHECK THOROUGHLY :

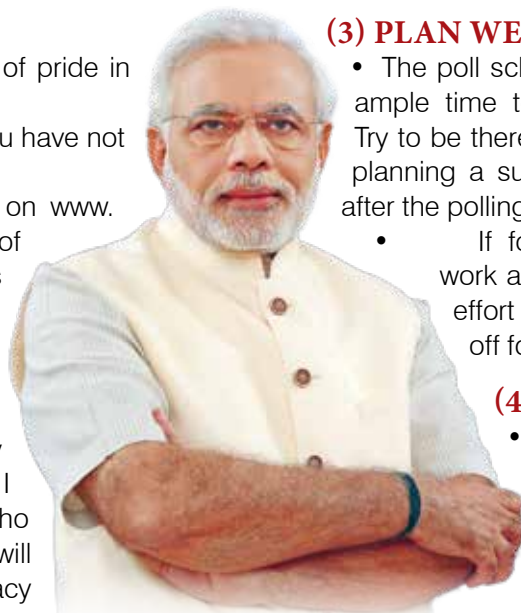
- Revisit the electoral rolls and check whether your name is there.
- Visit the websites of your respective state election offices and check the electoral rolls.
- If your name is missing, raise it with the relevant authorities and if you have shifted residence, ensure that your name shifts to the voter rolls of your new place of stay.
- Updating of rolls will continue till the last day of filing of nominations in your particular constituency. However, do not wait for the last moments and so, the earlier, the better.

## (3) PLAN WELL :

- The poll schedule is already out, giving you ample time to plan your summer schedule. Try to be there on the day of voting. If you are planning a summer holiday, plan it before or after the polling date.
  - If for some reason, your place of work and place of vote differ, make the effort to go and vote. Take that one day off for the future of our nation!

## (4) MOBILISE OTHERS :

- Call upon your family, friends and colleagues to vote.
  - Motivate and, if need be, force them to venture out and exercise their franchise on polling day.
- Higher voting means a stronger democracy and a stronger democracy means a developed India!
- The last few elections, in various states and at the Centre, have witnessed record turnout.
- Continuing this encouraging trend, I urge my fellow Indians to vote in record numbers in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.
- I particularly call upon influencers from all fields, including politics, industry, sports, films and other walks of life to take the lead in spreading voter awareness and value of high voting.
- May these elections witness the highest ever turnout in the history of Indian elections! ■



# From Neglected States to the Gateway to South Asia 5 YEARS OF MODI GOVERNMENT IN NORTH EAST

**F**rom being the 'Neglected States of the Nation' to 'Look and Act East Policy', the past five years have been transformational for North East India. The last time North East India received undivided attention from lawmakers and policymakers was when Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee became the first Prime Minister to spend a night in the region. His tenure was dotted with multiple initiatives that aimed to connect North East India through infrastructure and technology, including the conception of a separate ministry, a non-lapsable pool of funds for the North Eastern Region, inclusion of Sikkim as a member of North Eastern Council and a dedicated department for the development of North East region. Unfortunately, after he demitted office, the region once again suffered from the tyranny of distance.

Since the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi assumed office, he once again directed policy attention towards the region across various dimensions of development including economy, infrastructure, employment, industry, and culture. In a democracy, to bring pathbreaking changes, interaction with lawmakers is inevitable. The Bhartiya Janata Party with a committed leadership and intricate network of cadres, achieved political success in the region and provided much needed will to collaborate with the Centre and work towards taking the region forward. To put this in perspective, during his tenure, the PM himself has visited the region more than 30 times. The party fortified its political presence across the North-East, including the bastion of the Left i.e. Tripura. The NDA is in power in six out of seven North East states in the region.

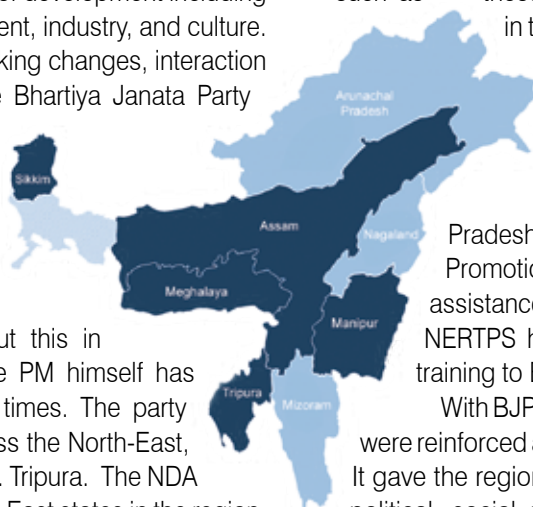
Some of the steps that have altered the socio-economic canvas of North East India since 2014 include:

- India's longest rail and road bridge, 4.94 km Bogibeel Bridge was inaugurated by the Prime Minister in 2018.
- It took a Modi Government at the Centre to give railway accessibility to the region. The Government ensured that 900 km tracks of broad gauge are laid in the region. 88-km Dhansiri-Kohima railway track that connected Kohima to the national railway network along with Rajdhani Express, Tripura Sundari Express, provided the long-

awaited railway access to the region.

- The "Transformation by Transportation" policy of Narendra Modi included projects for more than 3,800 km of national highways and investment of Rs. 60,000 crore under the Special Accelerated Road Development and Rs. 30,000 crore under the Bharatmala project.
- There has been concerted push to connect the terrain through air in the past five years. An aviation manpower training institute, development of Rupsi airport, expansion of the air facility at Dimapur are some of the projects undertaken by the Modi Government to ensure the region gets adequate gateways to the rest of India.
- In one of the pathbreaking policy announcements, the Government re-classified bamboo from tree to grass.
- Rima Das's film Village Rockstars was awarded as the best national film award. Recognitions and rewards such as these provide motivation to budding talent in the region and breaks the conventional wisdom that suggests North East has limited future due to the tyranny of distance.
- An integrated large-scale Eri farming was launched in Arunachal Pradesh under the North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS). Financial assistance to 4000 beneficiaries under the NERTPS has been announced along with skill training to Eri silk farmers and weavers.

With BJP at the helm of affairs, regional policies were reinforced and reinvigorated at the National level. It gave the region visibility and recognition across the political, social and cultural realm, which eventually made the region more secure and brought it closer to the rest of the Nation. With growing number of food parks, textile industry, and information technology, North East has the potential to be the trade link between India and South East Asia and emerge as a new normal in the years to come. Region's significance has been enhanced with the South Asian Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) road connectivity programme, a response to China's ambitious One Belt One Road (OBOR) initiative will be crucial. ■



# INSTITUTIONAL RESPECT AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTEMPT - TWO CONTRASTING APPROACHES



NARENDRA MODI

In the summer of 2014, the people voted decisively for:

- Honesty over dynasty.
- Development over decay.
- Security over stagnation.
- Opportunities over obstacles.
- Vikas over vote-bank politics.
- Indians were tired of our beloved nation being in the Fragile Five, where corruption, cronyism and nepotism made headlines instead of anything positive.
- India voted to shed the baggage of the past in pursuit of a better future.
- The mandate of 2014 was epoch-making also because it was for the first time in the history of India that a non-dynastic party was blessed with a complete majority.
- When a Government works with the spirit of 'India First' instead of 'Family First', it shows in its working.
- Over the last five years, the Indian economy has been the cynosure of the world's eyes.
- India has made remarkable achievements in sanitation coverage (from 38% in 2014 to 98% now), banking the unbanked, financing the un-financed, building futuristic infrastructure, homes for the homeless, providing healthcare

for the poor and educating the youth.

- Reflective of this paradigm shift is the fact that now, there is a Government that puts institutions above everything else.
- India has seen that whenever dynastic politics has been powerful, institutions have taken a severe beating.

## PARLIAMENT:

- The overall productivity of the 16th Lok Sabha was a phenomenal 85%, which is significantly higher than the productivity of the 15th Lok Sabha.
- Between 2014 and 2019, the Rajya Sabha's productivity was 68%.
- The Interim Budget session witnessed productivity of 89% in the Lok Sabha and a mere 8% in the Rajya Sabha.
- The nation knows the numerical dynamics of both houses. It is clear that when a non-dynasty party in higher number its tendency to work more is visible.
- India should ask- why was the Rajya Sabha not working as productively as the Lok Sabha? Which were the forces disrupting the House and why?

## PRESS AND EXPRESSION:

- Dynastic parties have never been comfortable with a free and vibrant press. No wonder, the very first Constitutional Amendment brought in by the Congress government sought

to curtail free speech. Speaking truth to power, which is the hallmark of a free press was seen as vulgar and indecent.

- The recent UPA years saw the bringing of a law that could land you in prison for posting anything "offensive."
- A tweet against the son of a powerful UPA minister could land innocent citizens in jail.
- Just a few days ago, the nation watched with horror when a few youngsters were arrested for expressing their true feelings at a programme in Karnataka, where the Congress is sharing power.
- But I want to tell the Congress that no amount of intimidation will change the ground realities. Curbing freedom of expression will not change people's poor impression of the party.

## CONSTITUTION AND COURTS:

- When the sun set on the evening of 25th June 1975, it took with it the democratic ethos of India.
- A hurried radio address by the then Prime Minister showed the extent to which the Congress can go to safeguard the interests of one dynasty.
- The Emergency made the nation a prison overnight. Even to express was to commit sin.
- The 42nd Amendment put curbs on the courts, covering the Parliament and more.
- It took a groundswell of public opinion to end the Emergency but the anti-constitutional



mindset of those who imposed it remained. The Congress has imposed Article 356 almost a hundred times, with Mrs. Indira Gandhi herself doing so about fifty times. If they did not like a state government or leader the government was dismissed.

- Congress' contempt for the courts is anyway legendary. It was Mrs. Indira Gandhi who called for a "committed judiciary", which seeks to make the courts more loyal to a family than to the Constitution.
- This pursuit of a "committed judiciary" made Congress overlook several respected Judges while appointing the Chief Justice of India.
- Congress' modus operandi is simple- reject, discredit and threaten. If a judicial verdict goes against them, they reject it, then they discredit the judge and thereafter, talk about bringing impeachment motions against the judge.

### GOVERNMENT BODIES:

- In a telling comment, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called the Planning Commission led by Dr. Manmohan Singh, 'A bunch of jokers.'
- This comment gives you a glimpse of how Congress treats government institutions.
- Remember the UPA years, when the Congress questioned the CAG just because that institution exposed their corrupt shenanigans like 2G, Coal Scam etc.
- CBI became the Congress Bureau of Investigation- it was used time and again on political

parties just before crucial parliamentary votes.

- Tensions were deliberately created in organisations such as IB and RAW.
- A policy decision taken by no less than the Union Cabinet was torn into pieces by someone who was not a member of any ministry and that too, in a press conference.
- The NAC was created as a body parallel to the Prime Minister's Office. And then, Congress talks about institutions?
- In the 1990s, a fictitious spy scandal was created in India's premier space agency ISRO just to suit Kerala Congress' factional politics. It did not matter to them that a brilliant scientist had to suffer due to that.

### ARMED FORCES:

- Congress has always seen the defence sector as a source of income which is why the armed forces never got the respect from the Congress that they deserved.
- After 1947, every Congress government has seen multiple defence scams. They began with jeeps and then moved to guns, submarines and helicopters.
- Every middleman is linked to one family.
- When a top Congress leader calls the Army Chief a Gunda and is subsequently promoted in the party rank and file, it shows their scant regard for the forces.
- When our forces strike at terrorist elements, Congress leaders accuse the political leadership of doing 'Khoon Ki Dalali.'
- When our air warriors strike at

terrorists, Congress questions that too.

### CONGRESS' OWN (LACK OF) INTERNAL DEMOCRACY AND SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT:

- Political parties are vibrant bodies that manifest diverse public opinion. Sadly, Congress does not believe in internal democracy.
- If a leader dares to dream to head that party, he or she is shunted out of the Congress.
- The sense of entitlement can be seen in their conduct towards routine legal processes. At present, their top leadership is on bail vis-a-vis a major scam. When the authorities seek to question them on their dealings, they do not even bother to reply.
- Are they scared of accountability or do they not believe in it?

### THINK WISELY:

- From the press to parliament.
- From soldiers to free speech.
- From the constitution to the courts.
- Institutional insult is the Congress way.
- Everyone is wrong, only the Congress is correct.
- As you go to vote- remember the past and how one family's desire for power cost the nation so greatly.
- If they could do it then, they can surely do it now.
- Eternal vigilance remains the price of liberty.
- Let us stay vigilant and work hard to strengthen the intuitions given to us by the makers of our Constitution. ■

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)



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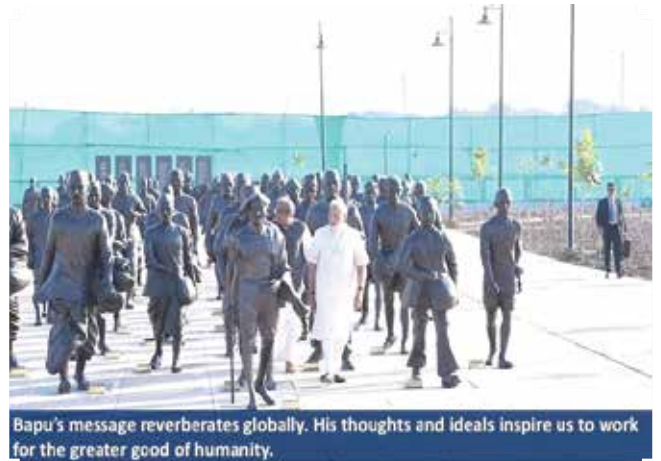
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### Parliament

The overall productivity of the 16th Lok Sabha was a phenomenal 85%, which is significantly higher than the productivity of the 15th Lok Sabha.

Between 2014 and 2019, the Rajya Sabha's productivity was 68%.

The Interim Budget session witnessed productivity of 89% in the Lok Sabha and a mere 8% in the Rajya Sabha.

The nation knows the numerical dynamics of both houses. It is clear that when a non-dynasty party in higher number its tendency to work more is visible.

India should ask- why was the Rajya Sabha not working as productively as the Lok Sabha? Which were the forces disrupting the House and why?

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### Constitution and Courts

When the sun set on the evening of 25th June 1975, it took with it the democratic ethos of India.

A hurried radio address by the then Prime Minister showed the extent to which the Congress can go to safeguard the interests of one dynasty. The Emergency made the nation a prison overnight. Even to express was to commit sin.

The 42nd Amendment put curbs on the courts, covering the Parliament and more.

Congress' contempt for the courts is anyway legendary. It was Mrs. Indira Gandhi who called for a "committed judiciary", which seeks to make the courts more loyal to a family than to the Constitution.

This pursuit of a "committed judiciary" made Congress overlook several respected Judges while appointing the Chief Justice of India.

Congress' modus operandi is simple- reject, discredit and threaten. If a judicial verdict goes against them, they reject it, then they discredit the judge and thereafter, talk about bringing impeachment motions against the judge.

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### Press and Expression

Dynastic parties have never been comfortable with a free and vibrant press. No wonder, the very first Constitutional Amendment brought in by the Congress government sought to curtail free speech. Speaking truth to power, which is the hallmark of a free press was seen as vulgar and indecent.


The recent UPA years saw the bringing of a law that could land you in prison for posting anything "offensive."

A tweet against the son of a powerful UPA minister could land innocent citizens in jail.

Just a few days ago, the nation watched with horror when a few youngsters were arrested for expressing their true feelings at a programme in Kamataka, where the Congress is sharing power.

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### Government bodies

In a telling comment, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called the Planning Commission led by Dr. Manmohan Singh, 'A bunch of jokers.'

Remember the UPA years, when the Congress questioned the CAG just because that institution exposed their corrupt shenanigans like 2G, Coal Scam etc.

CBI became the Congress Bureau of Investigation- it was used time and again on political parties just before crucial parliamentary votes.

Tensions were deliberately created in organisations such as IB and RAW.

A policy decision taken by no less than the Union Cabinet was torn into pieces by someone who was not a member of any ministry and that too, in a press conference.

The NAC was created as a body parallel to the Prime Minister's Office. And then, Congress talks about institutions?

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