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**A NEW INDIA OF  
130 CRORE DREAMS**



UP BJP welcomes BJP National President Shri Amit Shah at the rally in Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh



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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah flanked by Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari and other leaders of BJP alliance partners in Maharashtra waving at a massive gathering in Nagpur



Glimpses of BJP National President Shri Amit Shah's 'Jan Sampark Abhiyan' in Ahmedabad, Gujarat



Union Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, BJP National General Secretary (Org.) Shri Ramlal and others paying floral tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya on BJP Foundation Day at BJP HQ, New Delhi



UP BJP welcomes Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh at a 'Vijay Sankalp Sabha' in Gautam Buddh Nagar



Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari addressing a 'Vijay Sankalp Rally' in Ramtek, Maharashtra

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"The government must have the power to protect its armed forces. Only then will they have the morale to fight. Revoking AFSPA would be like sending our soldiers to the gallows."

**Chowkidar Arun Jaitley @arunjaitley**

People will give opportunity to an honest, credible & high performing government of @narendramodi ji & not to those who failed to deliver when given opportunity.



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Modi govt implemented NRC and clamped down the infiltrators & their illegal activities. Congress party for their vote bank politics allowed the infiltrators to enter India & ruin our resources. Once PM Modi is voted back to power, we will detect & deport the infiltrators.



— **Chowkidar Amit Shah**

Congress in their 2004 manifesto promised to connect all villages to broadband network in 3 years but managed to connect only 59 Gram Panchayats. While, PM @NarendraModi ji's Digital India initiative connected 1.19 Lakh Gram Panchayats with broadband network in just 5 years.



— **Chowkidar Piyush Goyal**

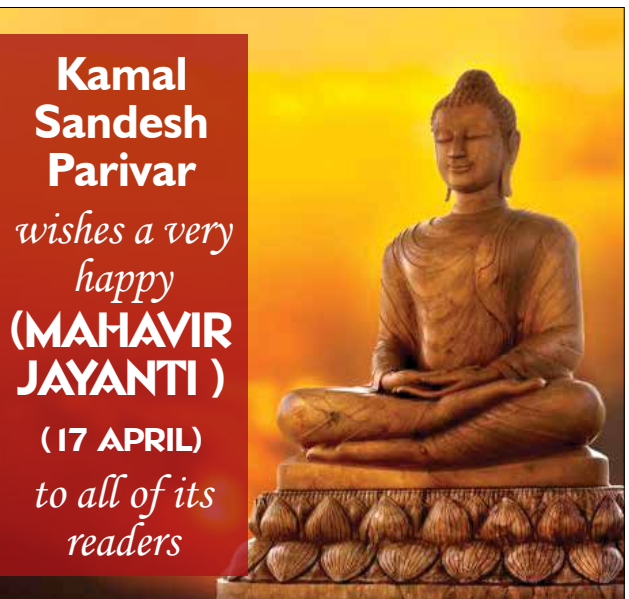
On the Foundation Day of @BJP4India, I pay my respects to Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya and Shri. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Feel honoured to serve the nation through @BJP4India - a party which keeps up the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and commitment to the nation.



— **Chowkidar Nirmala Sitharaman**



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# SANKALPIT BHARAT, SASHAKT BHARAT

**B**JP Sankalp Patra for general elections 2019 charts a futuristic roadmap for the nation addressing immediate concerns as well as laying foundation for a New India. The Sankalp Patra which is the outcome of the programme 'Bharat ke Mann ki Baat' saw massive participation of people from every walk of life providing crucial inputs and insights for national growth and development. It was a multilayered and multidimensional approach in drafting the Sankalp Patra that resulted in a comprehensive document paving the path for a 'Sankalpita and Sashakta Bharat'. It has included the welfare of every section of the society, addressing the concerns of every sector and resolving to meet the challenges with confidence and firmness. In fact it represents the aspirations of a confident India which is ready to embrace a glorious future.

As BJP seeks another term in government, the Sankalp Patra emphasises the priorities of a continuing government which has achieved remarkable successes on almost every front in the last five years and is set to take the achievements forward in the coming five years. As India is today the fastest growing major economy in the world with controlled inflation and budget deficit under acceptable brackets, India needs

to build on these hard earned gains in the coming five years. The ongoing progress in institutional reforms, innovative ideas and use of technology in governance have given the much required macroeconomic stability paving the way for giant leap for the economy. Along with these the efforts to uplift the poorest of the poor, farmers, labourers, SCs, STs, OBCs and poor among the other classes, women, youth and small entrepreneurs yield results in a big way for the entire society. The regime of stable prices, reduction in interest on loans, corruption free government, transparency and participatory governance has empowered every single individual making him a contributor in the economy. In fact the five years of extremely hard work has brought the nation to the threshold of a huge leap in the days to come.

The Sankalp Patra resolves to build on the gains accrued in the last five years. The 75 milestones to be achieved when India celebrates its 75th anniversary of independence in 2022 further reflect the commitment of the party in building a strong and prosperous India. Moreover, the pledge to lay foundation stone for the India celebrating 100th anniversary of its independence in 2047 shows the wide canvas of leadership vision and foresight. Dreaming about a India having pucca home for everyone, 100% household electrification, piped potable water to every home, gas cylinder in every kitchen, toilets for every home, quality health care for every family and much more makes a vision of universal well being with the mantra of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas'. The Sankalp Patra has a transformative agenda for the nation in almost every aspect.

While BJP Sankalp Patra is based on 'Nation First' approach, the Congress released its manifesto with 'Vote Bank First' approach. The BJP has committed itself again on the issue of Common Civil Code, Ram Mandir, Article 370, and other issues of importance related to national security and self respect, Congress talks about weakening the national fabric of India by encouraging separatist and disruptive elements in the country. While BJP talks about zero tolerance towards terrorism, Congress speaks about reviewing AFPSA and sedition law. Congress today stands exposed when it talks about removing poverty. Congress with credibility in negative cannot win votes by making false promises, in place of engaging in such hollow exercise it should engage itself in sincere introspection. As India marches ahead under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP Sankalp Patra unfolds the course the nation will take in the days to come. It will ensure continuity, security, confidence, prosperity and progress. ■

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# **Sankalp It Bharat Sashakt Bharat**



**BJP SANKALP PATRA FOR  
LOK SABHA POLLS RELEASED**

# 'WE ADDRESSED THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE, NOW, WE WILL FULFILL THEIR ASPIRATIONS'

**B**JP released its party 'Sankalp Patra' for Lok Sabha elections 2019 on 08 April, 2019 at BJP National Headquarters in New Delhi. The party 'Sankalp Patra' promises zero tolerance policy towards terrorism. Others present at the launch of the 'Sankalp Patra' in New Delhi were BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Members of the BJP's Parliamentary Board including, Union Ministers Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Shri Arun Jaitley, Shri Rajnath Singh and other senior leaders.

The BJP Sankalp Patra promised pension for small and medium farmers and shopkeepers. The Sankalp Patra also charted 75 milestones India has to achieve at the 75th year of Independence, chief focus being on the farm sector, education, health and infrastructure. Apart from making India the third

largest economy of the world by 2030, Ram Mandir, doubling farmers' income, abrogation of Article 35A, also found mention in BJP's 'Sankalp Patra'.

Worth mentioning, Shri Rajnath Singh-led 'Sankalp Patra' committee of the BJP had decided to form 15 sub-panels to reach out to the different group of voters in January this year. The BJP crowd sourced its manifesto and held events across the country to get inputs from different sets of voters like farmers, youths, women, businessmen and others.

The 20-member 'Sankalp Patra' Committee includes Union Ministers Shri Arun Jaitley, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, former MP Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister



# CONGRESS MANIFESTO STOOD FOR PAKISTAN MORE THAN FOR INDIA: MODI

**R**eleasing the BJP Sankalp Patra or manifesto, for Lok Sabha elections 2019 on 08 April, 2019, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said the government was moving ahead with 'one mission and one direction. He said the development had to be flexible to suit the country's diversity, it had to be multi-layered and multi-directional. We addressed the needs of people, now, we will fulfill their aspirations, said Prime Minister Shri Modi.

## “CONGRESS ADMITTING TO 60 YEARS OF INJUSTICE WITH CALL FOR ‘NYAY’”

On the other hand the Congress promised Nyay (justice) to poor in its manifesto this time. Launching a stinging attack on the manifesto of Congress party for the upcoming elections, which says 'Ab Nyay Hoga', Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "This election is an admission of the injustices Congress has committed for the last 60 years in power".

"Their main slogan for this election is 'Ab Nyay Hoga'. So knowingly or unknowingly, they have admitted that they did injustice for 60 years in power," Shri Modi said, adding several sections of the Indian society are awaiting justice after being "wronged" by the Congress. "What about justice for the victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots? What about Nyay for the victims of Triple Talaq? What about the farmers of Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh who were promised loan waivers? You promised them justice in 10 days. It has been 100 days now. When will they get justice?" the PM asked.

Raking up the ISRO 'spy case', PM Shri Modi said, "The great scientist Nambi Narayanan was framed in a false case and thrown in jail. It dealt a blow to India's space programme. Nambi Narayanan is also asking for Nyay or justice."

The PM also slammed the Congress for coining the phrase 'Hindu terror' after the Samjhauta Express blast, saying Hindus of the country are demanding Nyay. "You jailed innocent people in connection with the Samjhauta Express blast. They were in jail for so many years in a false case. They are asking for justice.

In the name of the Samjhauta case, you coined the term 'Hindu Terror' to link Hindus to terrorists. This nation's Hindus are asking for justice. They want to know why they were branded terrorists."

Accusing the Congress of denying leaders like BR Ambedkar, Subhas Chandra Bose and Sardar Patel a place in history, Shri Narendra Modi said the call for Nyay is coming from every corner of the country, adding that the Congress is "incapable" of delivering justice.

## ‘PAKISTAN IS ALSO SAYING WHAT CONGRESS’S MANIFESTO SAYS’

In one hand BJP is promising for good governance, strong India, action against terrorism and welfare of all sections of the society, on the other hand the Congress manifesto stood for Pakistan more than for India on the issue of Kashmir. Pointing out this, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, "Congress says Article 370 will not be removed from Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan is also saying what Congress's manifesto says."

Alleging that the Congress manifesto was about weakening the security establishment, Shri Modi said the Congress and their friends have anti-national thinking and attitude and the language that Congress speaks is the same language that Pakistan also speaks.

The PM said those who talk of a separate PM and secession of Jammu and Kashmir are the ones whom the nation had trusted once. "Their real thoughts are now in the open". Hitting out at the Congress, Shri Narendra Modi said Congress and Pakistan both want that those who spread terror and want India to break, roam freely in the country. "Both Congress and Pakistan want that our soldiers don't get the strength that they need to tackle the menace of terror".

The Prime Minister reiterated his allegation that the opposition parties who were questioning the valor of the security forces post Pulwama terror attack have anti-national thinking. The Prime Minister said the BJP-led government will not sit quietly while terrorists get a free hand. "India will go in and eliminate terrorists. That is the mantra of new India," Shri Narendra Modi said.



# CONGRESS MANIFESTO A PACK OF LIES: AMIT SHAH

**B**JP President Shri Amit Shah dubbed the Congress's election manifesto a pack of lies and said it was an insult to the country's people and its brave soldiers.

In a statement, he hit out at the opposition party over its promise to repeal Section 124A (sedition law) and review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, saying it is bringing a smile to terrorists and separatists while lowering the morale of the armed forces.

Repealing the sedition law will lead to chanting of slogans like "Bharat tere tukde honge" (India will break into pieces) by anti-national gangs instead of "Bharat mata ki jai" (Hail Mother India), he said.

"Removing AFSPA will snatch armed forces' weapon to attack terrorists," Shah added.

He said the party was misleading people in the name of its NYAY scheme or the Minimum Income Support Programme (MISP).

Terming NYAY as a scheme of "injustice", Shri Shah said the Congress was just trying to extract votes by misleading with its "big lie" of MISP as it said it will

implement the policy once the economy expands and support will be taken from state governments. Congress is doing injustice to people in the garb of doing justice, he said.

The BJP President said this was not the first time the Congress party was lying.

It has a long history of lies. Not a single promise has been fulfilled by the party yet, he said.

He also took a dig at the party's promise to amend Code of Criminal Procedure.

Hitting out at the Congress over former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's remark on having a separate President and Prime Minister for the state, Shri Amit Shah said, "Will Congress answer how can one country have two Prime Ministers? Is Jammu and Kashmir not a part of India?"

He also asked whom was the Congress trying to impress by promising unconditional dialogue with separatists and what is the reason that terrorists, separatists, the Pakistani prime minister and the Congress have same kind of language in their manifestos.

Shri Sushil Modi and his Uttar Pradesh counterpart Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya, among its members.

## **'BJP PROMISES PEOPLE A TRANSPARENT, STRONG AND DECISIVE GOVERNMENT'**

On the occasion Party National President Shri Amit Shah said, "In five years, the government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken 50 major decisions for the betterment of the country. From 2014-19, the Modi government has transformed the country. These have been the golden years"

Shri Amit Shah said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has provided a decisive leadership for the government over the last five years. He also said that the period between 2014 to 2019 would be penned in

'golden words'.

Talking about the surgical strikes, he said that the Modi government dared to take on the fight against terror all the way to the origins of terror. He said that the Modi-led government had sent out a strong message that India cannot be taken lightly with strikes on terror.

"Our Sankalp Patra promises to fulfil all expectations of people. BJP makes 75 pledges in manifesto for upcoming Lok Sabha elections," Shri Shah said. Urging the voters to vote party into power again, he said, "BJP promises people a transparent, strong and decisive government."

Polling will be held in seven phases across the country from April 11 to May 19. The results will be declared on May 23.

## SANKALP PATRA LISTS EXPECTATIONS OF 130 CRORE INDIANS: RAJNATH SINGH

Union Home Minister and head of the BJP's manifesto committee Shri Rajnath Singh said, "Our Sankalp Patra is vision document that lists expectations of 130 crore Indians." "We are fully committed on nationalism and have zero tolerance towards terrorism".

He said that the party will work towards increasing the strike capabilities of armed forces if voted back to power. Reaffirming the party's stand on the Uniform Civil Code, the Home Minister said that his party is committed on its implementation. He also said that the BJP will ensure passage of Citizenship Amendment Bill in Parliament with utmost respect to every state's cultural value.

"Will give Rs 6,000 yearly income support to farmers and pension to small and marginal farmers above 60 years of age," Singh said. "We will work on improving India's ranking in ease of doing business and will try to double exports," Shri Singh said.

## BJP COMMITTED TO ANNULING ARTICLE 35 A: ARUN JAITLEY

Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley said that the BJP manifesto has a strong nationalist vision. It is "rooted in Indian reality", he said. He said that the BJP, through its manifesto, seeks to deplete poverty over next five years to single digit and then gradually eliminate it. "Previous governments only gave slogans. Modi government gave resources to poor," Shri Jaitley said.

The Union Finance Minister said the party was committed to annulling Article 35 A of the Constitution, which provides special rights and privileges to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. "The provision is discriminatory against non-permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir," he said. "When India is at the cusp of history making most of all its lost opportunities, does it require a fragile government or a decisive one?" he asked.

Shri Arun Jaitley had also unveiled campaign themes and other materials of the party's election campaign just a day before of the release of Sankalp Patra on 07 April, 2019. The party has chosen the slogan "Phir ek baar Modi sarkar" as its election tagline and its campaign will revolve around the Narendra Modi-led government's achievements in the past five years.

## HERE'S A LOOK AT THE 75 MILESTONES THAT DEFINE BJP'S VISION FOR NEW INDIA :

### AGRICULTURE

- Achieve the target of doubling farmers' income by 2022.
- Enable the creation of 10,000 new Farmer Producer Organizations.
- Ensure adequate market avenues for the realisation of MSP through e-NAM, GrAMs and Pradhan Mantri AASHA Yojana. Work towards ensuring that maximum farmers get income suppo.. under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.
- Launch a pension scheme for small and marginal farmers to ensure social security after 60 years of age.
- Work towards completing all irrigation projects under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana.
- Provide short-term new agriculture loans up to Rs 1 lakh at 0% interest rate for 1-5 years on the condition of prompt repayment of the principal amount.
- Increase the cropped area under irrigation.
- Strive to ensure all-weather connectivity for every village.
- Work towards assisting the maximum number of fishermen by ensuring the availability of storage and other infrastructure under a new 'Matsya Sampada Yojana'.
- Ensure 100% disposal of liquid waste and reuse of waste water.



- Work towards digitising land records.

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION

- Aim to cover all the secondary schools under Operation Digital Board.
- Enable investment of Rs. 1 lakh crore in higher education through Revitalising of Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE).
- Work towards increasing the number of seats in premier management institutes.
- Work towards increasing the number of seats in premier engineering institutes.
- Work towards increasing the number of seats in premier law institutes.
- Establish at least one Atal Tinkering Lab in every block.
- Under a new 'Entrepreneurial Northeast' scheme,

## OPPOSITION PARTIES WORKING TO FORM A WEAK COALITION GOVERNMENT: SUSHMA SWARAJ

Taking a dig at the opposition, Minister of External Affairs Smt. Sushma Swaraj said, "We are working for stable and strong government, whereas opposition parties are working to form a weak coalition government."

provide financial support to MSMEs and for employment generation in northeastern states.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- Ensure a pucca house to every family.
- Ensure the LPG gas cylinder connection to all poor rural households.
- Ensure 100% electrification of all households.
- Ensure every citizen has access to a bank account.
- Ensure a toilet in every household.
- Ensure access to safe and potable drinking water for all households.
- Complete Phase-1 of Bharatmala Project expeditiously.
- Double the length of national highways.
- Ensure 100% waste collection under Swachh Bharat Mission to achieve ODF+ and ODF++ in cities and villages.
- Ensure ODF status for all villages and cities.
- Achieve 175 GW of renewable energy capacity.
- Strive to achieve 10% blending of ethanol in petrol.
- Connect every Gram Panchayat with high speed optical fibre network.
- Ensure the supply of piped cooking gas in major Tier 1 and 2 cities.
- Form a new Ministry of Water unifying the water management functions. This will help approach the issue of water management holistically and ensure better co-ordination of efforts.
- Aim to increase the number of operational airports

- to 150 for better air connectivity
- Increase port capacity to 2,500 MTPA.

## **RAILWAYS**

- Ensure conversion of all viable rail tracks to broad gauge by 2022.
- Make all efforts to ensure electrification of all railway tracks by 2022.
- Start developing smart railway stations across India.
- Work towards equipping all main railway stations with Wi-Fi facility.
- Complete the dedicated freight corridor project by 2022.

## **HEALTH**

- Establish 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres under Ayushman Bharat.
- Start setting up 75 new medical colleges/postgraduate medical colleges.
- Target provisioning of telemedicine and diagnostic laboratory facilities at all health and wellness centres to ensure quality primary medical care to the poor at their doorstep.
- Work towards increasing the number of childcare facilities threefold.
- Ensure a drastic reduction in cases of tuberculosis.
- Increase the doctor-population ratio to 1:1400.
- Under the POSHAN Abhiyaan, aim to reduce the malnutrition level as well as accelerate the rate of reduction of malnourishment.

## **ECONOMY**

- Further improve India's rank in 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking.
- Work towards improving GDP share from manufacturing sector.
- Work towards doubling the total exports.
- Establish National Traders' Welfare Board and create a National Policy for Retail Trade for the growth of retail business.
- Work towards creating a single-window compliance and dispute resolution mechanism for MSMEs.
- Strive to ensure reduced tax rates, higher tax collection and greater compliance. Work towards ensuring a stable taxation regime.
- In order to incentivise compliance of law and ease

of doing business.

- Amend the Companies Act to impose civil liability for technical and procedural defaults of a minor nature, thus unclogging the majority of cases from courts.

## **GOOD GOVERNANCE**

- Ensure the availability of banking services within 5 kms of every individual.
- Achieve complete digitisation and modernisation of courts.
- Promote and increase digital transactions.
- Ensure end-to-end digitisation of government processes.
- Enable digital delivery of government services.
- Work towards substantially reducing the current levels of air pollution.
- Work towards completely eliminating crop residue burning to reduce air pollution.
- Put an Indian in space in an Indian spacecraft as part of 'Gaganyaan' mission.

## **INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT**

- Ensure full immunisation coverage of children.
- Strive to make all government buildings accessible.
- Ensure the completion of six Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums.
- Work towards completing the development of 'Panchteerth' circuit.
- Expand the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan scheme to cover all small shopkeepers.
- Ensure comprehensive social security coverage for all unorganised labourers including insurance, pension etc.

## **WOMEN**

- Work towards increasing female workforce participation rate.
- Ensure justice for Muslim women by enacting the law against triple talaq.

## **CULTURAL HERITAGE**

- Achieve the goal of Clean Ganga by 2022.
- Complete the development of all projects under Swadesh Darshan, PRASAD and HRIDAY schemes.
- Work towards digitisation of collections in all national museums. ■

# A NEW INDIA OF 130 CRORE DREAMS



## Dear sisters and brothers,

The BJP comes to you to seek your valued blessings yet again, so that India continues unhindered on the path of development, to realize its true destiny with renewed vigour.

Five years ago, on 26th May 2014, we commenced our journey to transform our great nation and do justice to the historic mandate bestowed upon us.

At that time, India's challenges were monumental- our economy was in the doldrums, the nation was among the fragile five, pessimism and despair was all-pervasive and corruption was rampant. There were serious doubts in the minds of many about India's ability to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of her citizens.

But, if challenges were enormous, so was our resolve to build a stronger, safer and prosperous nation. Powered and inspired by the strengths and skills of 130 crore Indians,

we converted obstacles into opportunities, decay into development and pessimism into positivity.

At an unimaginable speed and scale, what seemed impossible earlier soon became a reality. In the last five years, every Indian family got a bank account due to Jan Dhan Yojana, 50 crore Indians got health insurance thanks to Ayushman Bharat and more than 40 crore people in the unorganised sector can now avail pension coverage. A subject like cleanliness ignited the imagination of the nation and now we are close to 99% sanitation coverage, compared to a mere 38% in 2014. It is now possible for youngsters from smaller towns to become entrepreneurs thanks to Mudra Yojana. The rising neo-middle and middle class with taxable income upto Rs. 5 lakhs no longer need to pay income tax.

Our Government filled the infrastructure gaps with speed and foresight. The pace of

construction of roads and railway lines has doubled. India has now more efficient ports. 18,000 villages living in darkness till 2014 are now brightly lit thanks to rural electrification efforts. More than 2.6 crore homes have been electrified through Saubhagya Yojana. Over 1.5 crore homes built over the last five years have enabled millions to dream big.

The nation is no longer helpless against the barbaric forces of terror. Any destructive ideology that destroys the atmosphere of peace and unity is and will be given a befitting reply. They are being paid back in their own coin, with compound interest.

India's Northeast, which earlier made headlines for blockage and neglect, is now witnessing unprecedented development. The Northeast is now closer to the national mainstream in more ways than one.

The Central Government has waged a determined crusade against the scourge of corruption

and black money. The culture of middlemen roaming in the corridors of power is now history. Decisions are guided by public interest of all Indians and not the self-interest of a select few. The trinity of Jan Dhan- Aadhaar and Mobile has weeded out over 8 crore fake beneficiaries, and prevented leakages of more than Rs. 1 lakh crore. Systems have been strengthened to prevent money laundering. The corrupt have begun to realize that their machinations will no longer be tolerated.

One can clearly see how development has become a mass movement. Numerous people friendly decisions have led to the empowerment of 130 crore Indians and the safeguarding of our strategic interests.

Today, India stands tall at the international level. The world recognizes India's immense potential, which is clearly reflected in a record rise in foreign investment. India's stand on subjects like terrorism, climate change and prevention of money laundering are setting the global narrative.

#### Friends,

Through this Sankalp Patra, you would get a glimpse of the challenges of the yesteryears, the indomitable efforts made by 130 crore Indians to overcome those challenges and our collective vision for the future.

We have achieved a lot in the

last five years and we want to do lot more. There are two commitments that I am extremely passionate about- doubling of farmer income and housing for all, by the year 2022. With your support, I am sure both will happen.

I thank lakhs of alert, committed and patriotic citizens of India, who have enriched the Sankalp Patra with their valuable inputs. This Sankalp Patra is the voice of the people in the truest sense.

Your vote in 2014 for a strong and decisive government enabled us to fill some of the biggest short comings of five decades of

**New India has broken from the shackles of the past. Today, we are a nation that is daring to dream and dreaming to dare. There is an air of hope and a spirit of aspiration among the youth. Together, let us work towards building a strong and inclusive India, whose citizens are assured of dignity, prosperity, security and opportunity.**

dynastic rule in a short span of just five years. Now that these short comings have been successfully addressed, imagine the pace at which we can work in the times to come.

The next five years are crucial because in 2022, we mark the 75th anniversary of our Independence. Generations of great women and men laid down their lives so that we could breathe the air of freedom. It is our sacred duty to create the India of

their dreams.

In 2047, our nation would complete a hundred years of freedom. Let us together imagine what is the kind of India that we want by 2047. The BJP pledges to make the next five years as the foundation laying period for India of 2047. Let us together lay the foundations of this vision now, and work earnestly towards translating this vision into a golden reality.

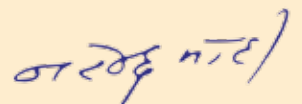
Having seen the work of different political parties and ideologies, the people of India are convinced that if there is one party that can address their problems,

it is the BJP. The Mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' has resonated across the length and breadth of India. BJP is a party for every Indian. It is a party that works 24/7 at the grassroots level. That is why, the support we have received has been historic and unprecedented

New India has broken from the shackles of the past. Today, we are a nation that is daring to dream and dreaming to dare. There is an air of hope and a spirit of aspiration among the youth.

Together, let us work towards building a strong and inclusive India, whose citizens are assured of dignity, prosperity, security and opportunity.

Vande Mataram!



Narendra Modi

# BJP Sankalp Patra 2019 Highlights

**THE PROMISES MADE BY BJP IN THE SANKALP PATRA 2019 INCLUDES THE— ABROGATION OF ARTICLE 370, ANNULLING ARTICLE 35A, PASSING CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT BILL, FORMING TRIPLE TALAQ LAW, DOUBLING FARMERS' INCOME BY 2022, HOUSING FOR ALL BY 2022 AND DOUBLING THE LENGTH OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS BY 2022 ETC.**

## UNIFORM CIVIL CODE

- Article 44 of the Constitution of India lists Uniform Civil Code as one of the Directive Principles of State Policy. BJP believes that there cannot be gender equality till such time India adopts a Uniform Civil Code, which protects the rights of all women, and the BJP reiterates its stand to draft a Uniform Civil Code, drawing upon the best traditions and harmonizing them with the modern times.

## DOUBLING FARMERS' INCOME BY 2022

- For farmers, the party had embarked on a mission to double farmers' income in 2014. According to the manifesto, the party will make all efforts to achieve this goal by 2022.
- Pension for small and marginal farmers – The party plans to launch a pension scheme with Rs 6,000 yearly income support to farmers and pension to small and marginal farmers above 60 years of age.
- An investment of 25 lakh crore will be done in Agrirural sector to improve the productivity of the farm sector.
- Interest-free Kisan Credit Card loans – Short-term new agriculture loans up to Rs. 1 lakh will be provided at a 0 per cent interest rate for 1-5 years on the condition of prompt repayment of the principal amount.

## RAM MANDIR

- The party reiterated its stand on Ram Mandir. The BJP in its 'Sankalp Patra' said that they will explore all possibilities within the framework of the Constitution and all necessary efforts to facilitate the expeditious construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

## SABARIMALA

- The BJP has promised to ensure that the subject of

faith, tradition and worship rituals related to Sabarimala are presented in a comprehensive manner before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The manifesto said the party will endeavour to secure constitutional protection on issues related to faith and belief.

## NATIONAL SECURITY AND WELFARE OF SOLDIERS

- The party promises to speed up the purchases of outstanding defense-related equipments and weapons. In order to equip the Armed Forces with modern equipment, the BJP will continue to take focused steps to strengthen the strike capability of the Armed Forces.
- The BJP in 'Sankalp Patra' said that they have already demonstrated their commitment to the welfare of the veterans with the implementation of long-delayed One Rank One Pension (OROP). To take this commitment forward, the party promised to create a more effective framework for the resettlement of our Armed Forces veterans.

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF CITIZENS

- The manifesto states that there has been a huge change in the cultural and linguistic identity of some areas due to illegal immigration, resulting in an adverse impact on local people's livelihood and employment. The party will expeditiously complete the National Register of Citizens process in these areas on priority and they will implement the NRC in a phased manner in other parts of the country.

## ENSURING WELFARE FOR POOR

- The party is committed to bringing down the percentage of families living below the poverty line to a single digit in the next five years.
- The party will also ensure pucca houses for families

either living in kuchha houses or without access to housing by 2022.

### **FORMING TRIPLE TALAQ LAW**

- The BJP will legislate a bill to prohibit and eliminate practices such as Triple Talaq and Nikah Halala. The manifesto further read that the party has determinedly taken substantive measures to ensure overall development of women and promote gender equality.

### **ABROGATE ARTICLE 370, ANNUL ARTICLE 35A AND RETURN OF KASHMIRI PANDITS**

- On Article 370, the manifesto reads, “We are committed to overcome all obstacles that come in the way of development and provide adequate financial resources to all the regions of the state.

We reiterate our position since the time of the Jan Sangh to the abrogation of Article 370. We are committed to annulling Article 35A of the Constitution of India as the provision is discriminatory against non-permanent residents and women of Jammu and Kashmir. We believe that Article 35A is an obstacle in the development of the state. We will take all steps to ensure a safe and peaceful environment for all residents of the state. We will make all efforts to ensure the safe return of Kashmiri Pandits and we will provide financial assistance for the resettlement of refugees from West Pakistan, Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (POJK) and Chhamb.”

### **CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT BILL**

- The party is committed to the enactment of the



#### **Saashray (Housing)**

We will ensure a pucca house to every family who are either living in a kuchha house or have no access to housing by 2022.



#### **Sujal (Drinking Water)**

We will launch ‘Jal Jivan Mission’ under which we will introduce a special program, ‘Nal se Jal’ to ensure piped water connection to every household by 2024.



#### **Suchna se Sashaktikaran (Digital connectivity through Bharatnet)**

We will ensure that every Gram Panchayat is connected through a high speed optical fibre network by 2022.



#### **Sadak se Samriddhi (Road connectivity)**

We will launch a massive ‘Rural Road Upgradation Programme’ to connect centres of education, healthcare centres, and markets with hinterlands to promote rural growth.



Citizenship Amendment Bill for the protection of individuals of religious minority communities from neighbouring countries escaping persecution. All efforts will be made to clarify the issues to the sections of the population from the Northeastern states who have expressed apprehensions regarding the legislation. The 'Sankalp Patra' reiterated party's commitment to protecting the thelinguistic, cultural and social identity of the people of Northeast. Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs, Parsis and Christians escaping persecution from India's neighbouring countries will be given citizenship in India.

### RESERVATION FOR WOMEN

- Women's welfare and development will be accorded a high priority at all levels within the government and the party is committed to 33 per cent reservation in parliament and state assemblies through a constitutional amendment.

### HEALTH AND EDUCATION

- 75 new medical colleges and postgraduate colleges will be established.
- 'Prime Minister Innovative Learning Program' will be launched to bring together such children for a certain period in a year in one place from all over the country and provide them with facilities and resources for them to excel.
- The party also plans to open another 200 Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas schools by 2024.
- Establish 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres under Ayushman Bharat.
- Establish at least one Atal Tinkering Lab in every block.

### RAILWAYS

- Make all efforts to ensure electrification of all railway tracks by 2022.
- Start developing smart railway stations across India.
- Complete the dedicated freight corridor project by 2022.

### SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

- We have constructed over 9 crore toilets under our flagship programme, Swachh Bharat Mission. We will take the Mission to a new level through sustainable Solid Waste Management in every village. Through the mission, we will ensure 100% disposal of liquid waste

through emphasis on faecal sludge management and reuse of waste water in rural, semi urban and unsewered areas.

- We will ensure that all habitations attain open defecation free status and those that have attained the status sustain the behavioural change.

### JAL SHAKTI

- Water is a critical resource but its management is spread across various departments, even at the Central level. We will form a new Ministry of Water unifying the water management functions to approach the issue of water management holistically and ensure better coordination of efforts. The Ministry will expeditedly take forward the ambitious programme, conceptualized by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, for linking rivers from different parts of the country and ensure a solution to the problems of drinking water and irrigation. We will initiate work on this programme by constituting an authority.
- BJP will launch 'Jal Jivan Mission' under which we will introduce a special programme, 'Nal se Jal' to ensure piped water for every household by 2024.
- We will ensure sustainability of water supply through special focus on conservation of rural water bodies and ground water recharge.

### ROAD CONNECTIVITY

- In continuation to our existing milestone of constructing roads at an unprecedented pace, we will construct 60,000 kms of National Highways in the next five years.
- We will double the length of National Highways by 2022.
- We will complete the Phase-1 of Bharatmala Project expeditiously. We will also launch Bharatmala 2.0 project especially with a view to support the states to develop state road networks connecting the interior regions to the main roads and to effectively leverage the economic potential and market opportunities of the concerned regions.
- We will bring in new technologies and designs in road construction, operation and maintenance.
- We want to become a world leader in e-mobility. 10,000 crores have already been allocated to launch a programme for promoting clean energy and battery operated vehicles. We will fulfill the work on this front to ensure expansion of this new mobility experience. ■

# BJP NATIONAL PRESIDENT AND OTHER SENIOR LEADERS FILE NOMINATION FOR LOK SABHA ELECTIONS

## AMIT SHAH FILES NOMINATION FOR GANDHINAGAR CONSTITUENCY

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah has filed his nomination for Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency in Gujarat on 30 March, 2019. Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh and Shri Arun Jaitley, as well as Shiv Sena chief Shri Uddhav Thackeray were present on the occasion.

Before filing his nomination, Shri Shah held a four-km road-show in Ahmedabad from Sardar Patel Statue after paying tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the Naranpura area of Ahmedabad to Patidar Chowk in the Ghatlodia area.

Prior to the road show, along with BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Union Ministers Shri Rajnath Singh, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Ram Vilas Pasawn, Shiv Sena chief Shri Uddhav Thackeray, Shiromani Akali Dal leader Shri Parkash Singh Badal addressed a massive 'Vijay Sankalp Sabha' in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Addressing the 'Vijay Sankalp Sabha' Shri Amit Shah said, "I started here in 1982 as a booth-level worker. From distributing pamphlets, putting up posters, doing booth-level work, today I am fortunate that my party - the BJP - has made me the National

President of the world's largest party. It has been a great journey for me," Shri Shah said. "If you take out BJP from my life, I will be left with zero (shunya)," he added.

Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh said Shri Amit Shah is going to contest from the seat where our veteran leader Shri LK Advani used to contest. This is a big move, and I am sure Shri Amit Shah will live up to the expectations of this constituency. Further he said if Indira Gandhi can be praised for dividing Pakistan, why shouldn't PM Shri Narendra Modi get the credit for Balakot air strike.



**NITIN GADKARI FILES NOMINATION FOR THE NAGPUR LOK SABHA SEAT**

Union minister Shri Nitin Gadkari filed his nomination on 25 March, 2019 for the Nagpur Lok Sabha seat, where polls will be held on April 11.

Shri Gadkari, who had defeated Vilas Muttemwar (Congress) in the 2014 elections by a margin of 2.84 lakh votes, said he will win with a bigger margin this time around. "This time, I will win with a bigger margin. People have a good opinion of the work done by the Shri Narendra Modi-led government in the last five years. Our government did more than what was promised in the poll manifesto," he told reporters after filing his nomination.

Shri Nitin Gadkari was accompanied by Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Energy Minister Shri Chandrashekar Bawankule, family members and a large number of party workers, while filing his nomination. "Your support and love is the biggest strength for us," Shri Gadkari said.

CM Shri Fadnavis said Shri Nitin Gadkari will register a historic win from Nagpur. He will create a record in Maharashtra, the Chief Minister said, adding the BJP-Shiv Sena combine would win 45 of the 48 Lok Sabha seats in the state.



Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari said the BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has made our party largest in the world. He has taken the party to a new high.

Speaking at the Vijay Sankalp Sabha, Uddhav Thackeray chief Shri Shiv Sena said my father taught me to do everything from heart. Earlier issues that Shiv Sena raised were of the people and later BJP-Shiv Sena jointly settled them. Now the alliance is strong and will get wonderful results in the upcoming elections in Maharashtra and Gujarat. ■

**BJP MAKES ORGANISATIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN UTTARAKHAND**

The National BJP President Shri Amit Shah on 27 March, 2019 appointed Shri Naresh Bansal as the interim president of Uttarakhand till the elections are over in the state as Uttarakhand BJP state President Shri Ajay Bhatt contesting for Lok Sabha polls from Nainital seat. Shri Dhan Singh Rawat is also appointed as the Convener of Election management Committee of the state.



**AMIT SHAH HOLDS MASSIVE ROAD SHOWS IN BANGALORE****‘YOUTH TO PLAY A VITAL ROLE FOR THE MAKING OF NEW INDIA’**

**B**raving hot and humid conditions, thousands of party cadres, including women, accompanied Shri Amit Shah's convoy on foot, motorbikes and cycles as the procession wound its way through Banashankari area in the city's southern suburb on 03 April, 2019 .

Party's state unit leaders, including Shri B.S. Yeddyurappa, Tejaswini Ananth Kumar and Surya stood along Shri Shah atop the hi-tech bus, customized for electioneering across the southern state.

Addressing the crowds who gathered in hundreds en route, Shri Amit Shah said the party fielded young Surya to contest from the high-profile parliamentary seat in view of the demographic dividend the constituency has with lakhs of techies employed in IT firms like Infosys, Wipro, and TCS living in the area. BJP has given scope for the youth and they will be going to play a vital role for the making of New India

Waving party flags, sporting saffron placards and raising slogans in favour of Surya, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Yeddyurappa, the BJP leaders urged the gathering to vote for the party's lotus symbol on the ballot box.

Bangalore South will go to polls on April 18 with 13 others of the state's 28 constituencies. Polling to the other 14 will be held on April 23.

Like the previous one BJP National President

Shri Amit Shah held another massive road show in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 10 April, 2019 . Thousands of people had gathered all along the route showering flower petals on Shri Shah as the 'rath' wound its way in a delirious atmosphere.

Creating a surge, Shri Amit Shah held a massive road show on the city outskirts that falls under Chikkaballapura Lok Sabha constituency, campaigning for party candidate B N Bachche Gowda, who is pitted against Congress leader M Veerappa Moily.

Hundreds of enthusiastic BJP workers cheered everybody present by chanting "Modi, Modi". The road show lasted about 40 minutes.

Ahead of the "rath", BJP Karyakartas sporting saffron turban and holding cutouts, placards and party flags danced to the drum beats, as slogans of 'Modi Modi' rent the air.

Thousands of women from the party's Mahila Morcha also carried the traditional 'kalasha' to welcome the BJP National President. Metro coaches heading towards Banashankari were filled with people carrying BJP flags and sporting 'NaMo again' and 'Modi again' T-shirts.

Shri Shah was accompanied by National General Secretary and Karnataka in-charge Shri P Muralidhar Rao, state party president Shri B S Yeddyurappa, R Ashoka, party candidate Tejasvi Surya and other State leaders. ■

# INDIA TESTS SUCCESSFULLY ANTI-SATELLITE MISSILE

## PM MODI CONGRATULATES SCIENTISTS ON THE SUCCESS OF MISSION SHAKTI

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on March 27 in a address to the nation announced that India had established itself as a space power by sending an indigenously designed ballistic-missile interceptor up 300 kilometers (190 miles) to destroy a satellite orbiting the Earth. In the address he said, India has successfully tested the Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Missile. He congratulated everyone on the success of Mission Shakti. With the announcement, India has the ability to destroy enemy satellites. Shortly after his address to the nation, Prime Minister interacted with the scientists involved with Mission Shakti, via video-conference. He said "The successful conduct of Mission Shakti, has made India the fourth nation



in the world, with the capability to successfully target satellites through an Anti-Satellite Missile. "

Congratulating them on their success, the Prime Minister said that the entire nation is proud of our scientists for achieving well, what they had set out to accomplish.

He said that in line with the "Make in India" initiative, the scientists have given a message to the world that we are less than no one.

The Prime Minister said that India follows the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - the world

### DECISIVE LEADERSHIP LEADS TO STRONGER NATION : AMIT SHAH

BJP President Shri Amit Shah thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for India's successful demonstration of anti-satellite missile capability, saying decisive leadership leads to a stronger nation.

Congratulating scientists involved in 'Mission Shakti', he said, with its success, the country has registered its presence among the elite space powers.

"It is a proud moment for all Indians. I congratulate all the scientists involved with #MissionShakti and thank Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi for ensuring that India continues to safeguard the interest of its people and secures them on all fronts," Shah tweeted.

"Decisive" just means "without much thought". No wonder India has a floundering economy after "decisive" demonetization without putting heads together and coming to a logical decision.

"Decisive leadership leads to a stronger Nation. With #MissionShakti, India has registered its presence among the elite space powers. ASAT, an anti-satellite weapon, which successfully targeted a live satellite on a low earth orbit, is a giant leap in India's national security," he said.

is one family. He however, also emphasized, that the forces which work for peace and goodwill, must remain ever-powerful, for the achievement of peace.

The Prime Minister asserted that for global peace and regional peace, India should be capable and strong. He said that the scientists have contributed to this effort with dedication. He also conveyed the greetings of the entire Union Cabinet to the scientists.

The scientists thanked the PM for giving them this opportunity to prove their skills. ■

# INDUCTION OF LCU L-56 IN THE NAVY

**Y**ard 2097 (LCU L 56), the sixth of the class of LCU MK IV ships, have been built and delivered by M/s GRSE Ltd on 30 March 19 at Kolkata. This is the 100th ship delivered by the DPSU in Kolkata. The construction of the ship was overseen by Warship Overseeing Team, Kolkata.

Amongst the dignitaries who attended the ceremony held in GRSE included the Defence Secretary, Vice Admiral BK Verma AVSM, ADC, the C-inC Andaman & Nicobar Command and Vice Admiral MS Pawar AVSM, VSM, the Deputy Chief of Naval Staff. Indian Navy's amphibious operations capability including transport of troops, tanks and equipment will get enhanced with the addition of this Landing Craft Utility which will be



based at Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The ship is commanded by Lt Cdr Gopinath Narayan and has a compliment of five officers and 50 sailors. ■

## Chinook Helicopters inducted in IAF

**O**n 25 March 2019, the IAF formally inducted the CH 47 F(I)- Chinook heavy lift helicopters into its inventory at Air Force Station Chandigarh.

IAF had signed a contract with M/s Boeing Ltd in September 2015 for 15 Chinook helicopters. The first batch of four helicopters has been delivered on schedule and the last batch is to be delivered by March next year. These helicopters will be deployed in the Northern and Eastern regions of India.

The addition of heavy-lift CH 47 F(I) helicopter is a significant step towards modernisation of Indian Air Force's helicopter fleet. The helicopter has been customized to suit IAF's future requirements and capability roadmap. The helicopter has a fully integrated digital cockpit management system, advanced cargo handling capabilities and electronic warfare suite that complement the aircraft's performance. The helicopter is capable of airlifting diverse military and non military loads into remote locations. ■

## 'First time, India's trade deficit with China shrunk'

**I**n an interview to HT, Union commerce Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu revealed that under Modi government the trade deficit with China went down. He said in the interview " For the first time, the trade deficit with China has gone down." He added " In March 2018, soon after I became the commerce minister, I invited China's senior-most political leader, one of the top five, he's the commerce minister also. I told him we would like to balance the trade with China, not only reduce the trade deficit. So we are working on the strategy. This year, we exported rice for the first time in 20 years. We exported rapeseed, we are negotiating on soyabean, sugar and pharmaceuticals. We are going to make a concrete proposal as to how to balance trade, increasing export to China, bringing more of manufacturing of China's products in India, so automatically that would mean India's share of manufacturing will increase, job creation will happen, and imports from China will go down." He claimed that India government is changing its engagement with China on the economic level. ■

# Clean Ganga scheme fantastic community project, says Hawaii Supreme Court Judge

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has a cultural faith-based perspective towards the Ganga and there will be an “Indian solution” to a clean river, says Justice Michael D Wilson of the Hawaii Supreme Court who has played a leading role in establishing a court that specialises in environmental laws in the US state.

Addressing at the ‘Green Law’ lecture on “Environmental Justice and the Rule of Law: Role of the Judiciary and Judges” in New Delhi ‘Justice Wilson said, “Modi cares about the river” and dubbed the government’s National Mission for Clean Ganga scheme as a fantastic community project”.

“When somebody goes into the Ganga, they are not just getting wet. They are getting inspired. It’s a fantastic community project. Ganga has not been abandoned despite all the poisoning, people still revere it. So I think it will be cleaned up. There will be an Indian solution which will have an epic approach,” he said.

“This is a culture which believes in longevity - a commitment that is reflected in over 2000 years of culture and faith. People of India are committed to changing the present trend of global warming and

unacceptable levels of carbon emissions. Their commitment is power - it is cultural,” he said.

On being asked about similarities between Donald Trump and Modi, Justice Wilson said there is a big difference between the two leaders and the Indian prime minister cares about the river.



“I don’t know where I can find that commitment level in the executive branch of USA. The prime minister of India has a personal cultural perspective towards Ganga,” Justice Wilson said. ■

## SECURITY COVER OF 919 ‘UNDESERVING PERSONS’ IN JAMMU & KASHMIR WITHDRAWN SINCE JUNE ‘18

**S** ecurity cover of 919 “undeserving persons” in Jammu and Kashmir has been withdrawn, thereby freeing 2,768 police personnel and 389 vehicles, the Ministry of Home Affairs said on April 5. The list of individuals whose security cover has been removed by the administration include 22 separatist leaders, in a clear message to those

involved in “anti-national activities”. The move came following a strict stand taken by the central government on inappropriate usage of scarce police resources in the militancy-hit state. It was observed by the home ministry that many undeserving people managed to get security cover resulting in a lack of state police resources for the public at large. ■

# HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE HOW TO LIVE



PANDIT  
DEENDAYAL  
UPADHYAYA

**D**r. Keshava Baliram Hedgewar was a born patriot in the real sense of the term. It was neither reaction nor frustration that drove him to national work. No doubt he was against the British rule and wanted to end it by whatever means possible.

Once he is reported to have said that for the independence of the motherland he was prepared to work even as a shoeblock of the Briton and if necessary also to use that very shoe to drive him out.

He did not make a 'fetish' of the means to attain freedom which in the words of Lokmanya Tilak he considered 'our birthright'. He, therefore, not only participated in all freedom movements of his time but encouraged and helped everybody who worked for the realisation of that end. But his love for the country was not because it was in chains. Love of the motherland according to him is a natural state of the human mind, Nationalism or patriotism is not an extraordinary attribute of an individual but a normal quality in a social and cultured man. In fact man who has been defined as a gregarious creature ceases to be human if he loses social sense and becomes self-centred. Dr. Hedgewar, therefore, never liked

the use of the word 'Deshbhakta' with the names of individuals to laud them. The use of this appellation with particular persons only denoted a lack of this common quality among the people, and if people in general were patriotic they were a people no more. He also felt that aggressive designs by others or existence of a foreign rule was not necessary for the manifestation of this basic virtue of the individual. Patriotism is a positive virtue and not a Negative Reaction to the Misdeeds of an Alien Society.

'Would there have been a Shiva if there was no Aurangzeb?' Was one of the questions being once put to swayamsevaks who had gathered round him for a chat?

'No' some of us opined. It was the tyrannical rule and religious bigotry of Aurangzeb that Chhatrapati Shivaji fought. Why should he have taken all the trouble he did if there was a benign sovereign at Delhi?

But Doctorji's answer was in the affirmative. It is only a historical coincidence that Shivaji had to wage a war against Aurangzeb, and Maharana Pratap against Akbar. Even if there was no Mughal power at Delhi these worthy sons of Bharat would have served the people and enhanced the glory of the motherland. Of course, the channels through which their services would have found expression might have been different. It is not only the soldiers and the statesman but also the scavenger and the saint who serve the nation.

It was in keeping with this view that he once changed the caption under a photograph, from 'Teach me how to die' to 'teach me how to live'. And truly he taught the people how to live.

## FRUITS OF NEGATIVE NATIONALISM

It was this positive concept of nationalism that made him lay stress on Hinduism. Noncooperation and Khilafat, expedient measures adopted as a basis of agitation against the Britishers, had given a slant to the whole national movement and distorted our vision of the nation.

Noncooperation was obviously negative. It advocated boycott of all that was British but did not lay down any positive norms of our national behaviour. Khilafat was out and out a sectarian movement fostering extraterritorial loyalties. It did not bind the Muslims of India to this land but to some extent tended to sap the loyalties that they had developed by tradition and habit. So much so that in the course of the movement some prominent Muslims even though of leaving India to reside in Afghanistan, which according to them was an Islamic country. If there was any understanding between him Khilafat and the Congress leaders it was only temporary and expedient. Each one perhaps, wanted to exploit the other for their own ends. The Congress leaders wanted to oust the Britishers and for that purpose they found it useful to align with the



Muslims who for the first time after 1857 were angry with the Britishers for their breach of faith on the issue of Khilafat. But when Kamal Atatürk himself put an end to Khilafat the Muslims had no cause to be against the Britishers. The Congress leaders, however, did not realise the changed situation and instead of regenerating and consolidating the normal national tradition, tried to perpetuate the expedient unity and give it some content. It resulted in giving up everything that had been the basis of our nationalism throughout the ages and in its place inventing newer forms that inspired none. It was in these circumstances that Dr. Hedgewar put forward in clear and unambiguous terms the idea of Hindu Rashtra.

**THE BARRENNESS OF THE 'COMPOSITE-NATIONALISM' CONCEPT**

It can be said that for the last forty years this struggle between real nationalism and pseudo nationalism had been going on. The protagonists of composite nationalism have not been able to create anything that can sustain and inspire the people. But definitely they have succeeded in confusing and confounding them. They have defiled and destroyed the image of the Mother in all its salient features. They have also succeeded in denouncing and denigrating the true picture of our nationhood. The result is the present state of affairs threatening complete disintegration of the country and total annihilation of its national culture and civilisation. However, the RSS is still the only ray of hope, one shoulder to think what

would have been our fate, had not Dr. Hedgewar with his prescience, taken steps to preserve and promote the real nature of our nationhood.

Dr. Hedgewar was not only an idealist but a realist. He was a dreamer but lived to translate his dreams into reality. And in this attempt he has bequeathed to us the great organisation Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh. It was through the instrumentality of the RSS that he wanted to see the picture of an organised society capable of leading a meaningful life.

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**People with sectarian and narrow outlook consider the RSS as a rival organisation threatening to oust them. But they are mistaken. The RSS is not exclusive. It is pervasive and wants to embrace and enthuse the whole society. Some sympathisers of the RSS have also some misunderstanding about the organisation.**

rival organisation threatening to oust them. But they are mistaken. The RSS is not exclusive. It is pervasive and wants to embrace and enthuse the whole society. Some sympathisers of the RSS have also some misunderstanding about the organisation. They want to serve some one or the other purpose. They commit the fallacy of confusing the part with whole.

**NO REFORM MOVEMENT, THIS**

It must be understood that Dr. Hedgewar's was not a reform

movement. The reformer lays emphasis on institutional changes and feels that by such changes he will change the man and the society. In certain circumstances he may be justified and might succeed also. But Dr. Hedgewar felt that what we needed was not reforms but organisation. Unless we can re-establish the basic relationship between individual and the society no amount of reformist zeal or institutional arrangements would serve our purpose. It is like 'Dharma' which sustains all smritis and shastras and through them the society.

Today when we see in retrospect we are amazed at the greatness of his personality, the height of his stature and the depth of his thinking. But those who had lived with him could never feel that they were in the company of one who was so much superior to them. 'He seemed only a step forward, recounted Sri Bala Saheb Deoras who had worked under him since his student days. A step more and you would be with him was the feeling and aspiration

of every Swayamsevak. But as you stepped up, like your shadow you would find him still ahead but then only a step further. It was thus that he led the people on and on, and out of ordinary men fashioned the great organisers who have taken his message to the nook and corner of the country. And even today let us not idolize him and worship him for that will not please him but let us live up to his ideals; which only requires a step forward and no more.' ■

[Organiser, 2 April, 1962]

# JYOTIBA GOVINDRAO PHULE-A GREAT SOCIAL REFORMER

(11 APRIL, 1827 – 28 NOVEMBER, 1890)

**J**yotirao 'Jyotiba' Govindrao Phule was a great social reformer and thinker of the nineteenth century India. He led the movement against the prevailing caste-rigidity in India. Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was also a pioneer for women education in India and fought for education of girls throughout his life. He is believed to be the first Hindu to start an orphanage for the unfortunate children.

Jyotirao Govindrao Phule was born in Satara district of Maharashtra on 11 April, 1827. His father, Govindrao was a vegetable-vendor at Poona. Jyotirao's family belonged to 'mali' caste.

Jyotirao was an intelligent boy but due to the poor financial condition at home, he had to stop his studies at an early age. He started helping his father by working on



the family's farm. Recognising the talent of the child prodigy, a neighbour persuaded his father to send him to school. In 1841, Jyotirao got admission in the Scottish Mission's High School, Poona, and completed his education in 1847. There, he met Sadashiv Ballal Govande, who remained his close friend throughout his life. At the age of just thirteen years, Jyotirao was married to Savitribai.

Jyotiba's quest for providing women and girls with right to education was supported by his wife Savitribai Phule. One of the few literate women of the time, Savitribai was taught to read and write by her husband Jyotirao.

Jyotiba suffered a stroke in 1888 and was rendered paralyzed. On 28 November, 1890, the great social reformer, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, passed away. ■

# SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI

(12 APRIL, 1921 – 22 JUNE, 2005)

**S**under Singh Bhandari was a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh pracharak and politician belonging to the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and Bharatiya Janata Party.

He was born to Dr. Sujan Singhji Bhandari and Fulkanvarbaiji in Udaipur in 1921. He had his school education at Sirohi and Udaipur and college education at Kanpur. He passed his Graduation degree in Law from S.D. College, Kanpur in the year 1941 and Post Graduation in Arts with Psychology from Dayanand Anglo-Vedic College, Kanpur in the year 1942.

He practised law at then Mewar High Court for some time before joining Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). He held numerous responsibilities in



RSS. He was a founding member of Jan Sangh, a political party founded in 1951.

He served in various organisational posts in Jan Sangha and later in the BJP. He was the Vice President of BJP before he became the Governor. He was elected to Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan during 1966-1972 and from Uttar Pradesh in 1976 and also in 1992.

He was arrested at Delhi Railway station in 1976 when Indira Gandhi declared an internal emergency in India.

He was appointed Governor of Bihar on 27 April 1998 and served till 15 March 1999. He served as the governor of Gujarat from 18 March 1999 to 6 May 2003. He died on 22 June 2005. ■

# Federal Front only hypothetical: Amit Shah

**B**haratiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah has asked Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, who is also president of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), whether he could become the Prime Minister even if his party wins 16 Lok Sabha seats.

"There is no such situation in the country. People have already made up their mind to make Shri Narendra Modi their Prime Minister one more time and the mood of the people during my election campaign across the length and breadth of the country indicates that," Shri Shah said, addressing an election rally at Shamshabad in Hyderabad, 09 April 2019.

He alleged that both the Congress and TRS were indulging in family rule. People have no doubt as to who would succeed Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao as they had seen the trend with the Congress all through. The front led by Congress president Rahul Gandhi was being pulled in different directions by its partners even before polling and Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao's federal front was only hypothetical, he added.

Rebutting the TRS' allegations of discrimination meted out to Telangana by the Centre, the BJP President said Rs. 16,000 crore was given for Hyderabad metro rail project and several other national-level institutions and universities were also sanctioned to the State. They included biodiversity research centre, national centre for disease control, centre for innovation of

defence excellence, AIIMS, agriculture, horticulture, veterinary and tribal universities.

Besides, Rs. 40,800 crore was given to Hyderabad-Bangalore and Hyderabad-Vijayawada highways, Rs.500 for Warangal and Karimnagar under smart cities project.

Nine new railway lines were also sanctioned to Telangana during the last five years, Shri Shah said, adding that against Rs.16,500 crore given to the State during its 10-year rule by the UPA Government, the BJP-led NDA Government had given a whopping Rs. 2,45,847 crore in five years.

Taking a dig at Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao, he alleged that the State government was not celebrating Hyderabad Liberation Day fearing Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM) and said only the BJP could get Hyderabad rid of 'Razakars'.

BJP President said the Congress and its ally National Conference were talking about a separate Prime Minister for Jammu & Kashmir, but the BJP won't allow it to happen under any condition.

He also stated that BJP had plans to bring a national register of citizens across the country to weed out illegal immigrants.

BJP State president Shri K. Laxman, former Union Minister Bandaru Dattatreya, national general secretary of BJP Shri P. Muralidhar Rao and others spoke. ■



# CONGRESS MANIFESTO 2019 – A FREEDOM TO DESTROY INSTITUTIONS AND HELP TERRORISTS



ARUN JAITLEY

**T**he late Ramnath Goenka was perhaps the most legendary amongst the media owners in the country. He fought the British and refused to succumb to the censorship in the Quit India Movement. He temporarily closed down his newspaper. During Emergency he rest everything at stake and was in the forefront for the battle for restoration of democracy. His defence of independent media is an example of the kind of assertion the media must have.

Ramnath Goenka was also a member of the Constituent Assembly. He made a legendary speech when the Fundamental Rights were being debated and the issue of Freedom of Expression and the restrictions to be imposed thereupon came up, he intervened. He envisaged a time where free media would be curtailed by pinching the pockets of the proprietors. A financially fragile media will always be weak.

Indiraji's passionate dislike for free media was well-known. She used to refer to India's leading newspapers as the 'monopoly press' or the 'jute press.' The Congress in the 1960's and 1970's experimented

various misadventures. They wanted to link the cost of newspaper to the number of pages, restrict the size of the newspaper as also restricting the quantum of advertisements to be published. These restrictions were challenged and in the legendary cases of Sakal Newspaper, Indian Express Newspaper and finally in the 1974 historical judgement in the Bennett Coleman case the court delivering pro-press verdicts. The court upheld the argument that unlike other Fundamental Rights on which reasonable restrictions can be imposed, Freedom of Speech and Expression was a preferred right on which only such restrictions could be imposed which had nexus to restrictions mentioned in Article 19(2). Such restrictive measures, as mentioned above, were not permissible as they did not fall in the ambit of Article 19(2).

The other important mindset with which the Nehru-Indira era was that 'large is evil' and 'small is better'. This led to restrictive legislations like the MRTP and the licencing requirements under the IDRA. With liberalisation, the Vajpayee Government demolished the former and the Narasimha Rao Government had significantly changed the latter.

## THE MEDIA AND THE CONGRESS MANIFESTO

It must be borne in mind that Indiraji,

during the Emergency, had revoked the Press Council Act and abolished the Press Council by an Ordinance. Today, the Congress wants to strengthen it and allow it to form a Code of Conduct on coverage of event of national interest. The issue is redundant since guidelines already exist. Initially where there were some stray cases of breach of those guidelines where the media organisations were given an advisory or a caution. Recently, on most occasions, the media organisations have borne the national interest in mind. Why regulate if the problem does not seriously exist?

It may be mentioned that the gentleman who drafted the manifesto is the same who had drafted the ill-fated Defamation Bill, 1988. That Bill provided for enhanced punishment for defamation, which was upto two years for the first offence and five years for subsequent offences. Today, while in Opposition, he wants to decriminalise defamation.

The more dangerous provision is contained in paragraphs 33(4) and 33(5) of the Manifesto. The first promises a legislation to curb monopolies and the other to bar cross media holdings of the different segments of the media. The ownership of media by group doing other business is sought to be restricted. These cases will be referred to the Competition

Commission of India. Ramnath Goenka's prophecy is coming true - Legislate and empower yourself to pinch the pocket of the media organisations. This is also the culmination of both the anti-media and the 'large is evil' conventional ideology of the Congress. A convergence of both left and dictatorial attitudes.

The manifesto is liberal towards terrorists, criminals and insurgents. But it demolishes otherwise the current structure of independent media in India. India has the privilege of having multiplicity of print, television, radio and now the digital media. As a political activist, I hold the view that if some media organisations are opposed to my Party's viewpoint, they may constitute a miniscule share in the ocean of media news available. This applies to every other party. Ultimately, the enormity of the size of Indian media balances things out. Why is then a parliamentary legislation required? Such a parliamentary legislation is ill advised because:

1) No restriction in Article 19(2) of the Constitution bears any nexus to the restriction now sought to be imposed. Just as the similar legislations of the decades of the 1960's and 1970's were struck down, the same will be vulnerable to any constitutional challenge.

2) The concept of cross media holdings was relevant in the United States where within a geographical zone where the number of newspapers available in a city were either one or two. There was not

even multiplicity of channels. With the advent of satellite, every citizen in India has access to hundreds of channels, multiple newspapers and digital mediums. Cross holding concept is an obsolete idea in India. There is no 'real and imminent' danger of a monopoly.

3) With the advent of technology, the concept of cross media holdings stands demolished. NDTV runs a channel and it has a powerful website which serves the purpose of a newspaper. Many newspapers across the country, both national and regional, run news

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channels, digital websites, and even newspapers. How is public interest advanced that if you run one, medium, you should be barred from running another? Is there a 'real and imminent danger' of monopolies being created? Individual citizen like me also write a blog on the Facebook and the Twitter and also release in an audio/ video form. Technology has enabled this. The whole concept of cross holding that if you own one segment of media, you should be barred from having the other is technologically obsolete.

History has witnessed, both in

the case of fake news and paid news, as also resistance to political and Governmental pressures professionally managed large organisation are less vulnerable. They have a muscle to resist. Why does the Congress want to unscramble a scrambled egg? This move will meet the fate of the 1988 Defamation Bill.

### **THE DANGEROUS IDEA IN THE MEDIA CHAPTER**

The dangerous chapter in the media paragraphs is contained in para 33(5). It promises a law to maintain the freedom of internet and not arbitrarily shut it down.

This power is generally exercised only when operations against terrorism and insurgency are in progress. They have to be exercised instantaneously. Restricting such power during anti-insurgency operations or where caste or communal violence is on, will hinder national interest. In some situations of either insurgent violence or massive social

tensions, frenzies can be created on the social media. The mischief makers want to achieve that. The Congress wants the power of the security forces in this regard to be regulated.

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## JUNAGADH AND SONGADH, GUJARAT

**CONGRESS IS ANTI-GUJARAT: MODI**

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed two large public rallies in Junagadh and Songadh in Gujarat on 10 April, 2019. Lashing out at the Congress for the 'Tughlaq Road Chunavi Ghotala' in which huge amounts of illicit cash has been discovered by the Income Tax officers during their recent raids in Madhya Pradesh Congress aides, Shri Modi said, "People have seen how huge amounts of cash have been discovered from senior Congress people. This is the latest scam of the Congress- 'Tughlaq Road Chunavi Ghotala.' This is the money that Congress politicians have diverted from welfare schemes of the poor and are using it to enrich themselves."

Enlisting the significant milestones achieved by the government since 2014, the Prime Minister said that while the country had taken rapid strides in improving the lives of its people, it was noteworthy that this government had achieved all this despite being totally free from corruption, a malice that was endemic in Congress years.

Urging his supporters to turn out and vote for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in support of the BJP, Prime Minister Modi asserted that only the stability, transparency and decisiveness of a BJP government can fully address the issues of a developing economy like India while also working tirelessly towards fulfilling the aspirations of the young, 21st century India.

## COOCH BEHAR, WEST BENGAL

**“New India’ has an uncompromising stance on national security’**

Criticising the TMC government of Bengal, PM Shri Narendra Modi said, "Didi's frustration and anger against me is a sign of her fading political influence in Bengal and the country and that is why she is abusing me and the BJP day in and out as she knows people of Bengal have rejected her opportunist politics and

now she is scared of losing the support of the people."

Describing how the BJP government has won the trust of millions of people across the country, PM Modi said, "Our good and clean governance is one of the big reasons that people trust us. They know that now nothing is impossible as long as the 'Chowkidar' is in power. Earlier, it seemed impossible that nearly every Indian household will have a bank account but we have made it possible. Similarly, it seemed impossible that almost every Indian household will have access to clean cooking fuel but we made it possible. The last five years have demonstrated what our great country is capable of achieving with a strong and decisive



government in power."

Lashing out at the previous governments for compromising stands on national security, the Prime Minister said, "Terrorist attacks across the country had become common before 2014. Now India responds strongly to any attack that is done against us. We hit these terrorists where it hurts them the most, even if it means going inside a country to destroy their terror camps. This is a 'New India' which does not tolerate any attacks against its people and has an uncompromising stance on national security."

Concluding his address among the large crowd of supporters, PM Shri Modi took on the TMC government in Bengal for inciting political violence against BJP workers in a bid to silence criticism and said that such acts have further strengthened the resolve of the BJP

workers to ensure that democracy returns to Bengal and urged his supporters to vote for the BJP and put an end to this culture of violence against political opponents that has become so endemic in Bengal under the TMC government. He said that the cultural heritage of Bengal is one of tolerance, knowledge and respect for democratic values and that the TMC government led by Mamata Banerjee was totally eroding the cultural ethos of Bengal by indulging in political violence.

### UDAIPUR, TRIPURA

## 'We have destroyed the ecosystem of corruption'

Addressing a huge public meeting in Udaipur, Tripura Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 07 April, 2019 said, "The dreams and aspirations of new India's new Tripura are huge. Aspirations and dreams of the nation can be respected only when all the country's resources have equal rights."

Showering praise on Tripura's Chief Minister Biplab Deb, the PM said the state government has improved the law and order situation and developed infrastructure in just one year.

He said that, "Tripura government is directly procuring from the farmers, benefiting the people. We have destroyed the ecosystem of corruption comprising of middlemen."

Under the Saubhagya scheme, our government has ensured power connection in almost all homes in the state, the PM noted. "As promised before the assembly election, we have initiated work on broad gauge rail line, built bridges, started train services, connecting Agartala with other parts of the country. Work is also underway to give Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport an international makeover," he added furthermore.

Hitting out at the Congress and the Left Front, Prime Minister Modi said the opposition parties were hell-bent on removing him from power, even if that meant singing paeans to Pakistan.

PM Modi asserted that the opposition parties could stoop to any level to remove him from power. "Am I not doing the right thing by giving a befitting reply to the enemies of the country?" he asked the people who

gathered at the rally.

PM Shri Modi said the people of Tripura has set a precedent for the entire country by ousting the Left Front government after 25 years. Attacking the Left parties, he said, they consider their party's constitution bigger than that of the country's. "The Left parties don't want to give the country a direction. They are only keen on improving their own condition," the PM highlighted.

### IMPHAL, MANIPUR

## "Young people in North East got employment opportunities through BPO and Mudra Yojana"

Taking the BJP's poll campaign for Lok Sabha elections 2019 forward, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a public meeting in Imphal, Manipur on 07 April, 2019. Addressing a huge public meeting in Imphal, Shri Modi said, "In the North East, young people have got new employment opportunities through BPO and Mudra Yojana."

"Under Mudra Yojana, over lakhs of people from Manipur have been given loans without any guarantee, in which 60,000 are women," he further added.

The PM remarked, "It's your blessings that any government is witnessing pro-incumbency for the first time. People have anger against the opposition and not the ruling party."

Attacking the Congress, he said that for the first time, India carried out attacks across the border against the terrorist hotbeds but the Congress and its allies were supporting divisive parties and people. "Congress doesn't trust our Armed Forces. Congress leaders are mouthing Pakistani propaganda and is standing with those who say Jammu and Kashmir should have two Prime Ministers," said the PM.

"I have been told that 'Namdar' has said that he will make Northeast manufacturing hub. For so many years during the Congress rule, what work did they do in manufacturing? Did they make any manufacturing hub here? But they are experts in manufacturing in abuse and lies," said PM Shri Modi. ■

# BJP WOULD SCRAP ARTICLE 370 AFTER FORMING NEXT GOVERNMENT: AMIT SHAH

**H**itting out at opposition leaders for being “unhappy” with air strikes on terror camps, BJP President Shri Amit Shah on April 11 said BJP would remove Article 370 from Kashmir “after forming the next BJP government” at the Centre.

Criticising West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for questioning the Balakot air strikes in a bid to “appease” the minority vote bank, Shri Shah asked her to come clean on whether she, too, wants a separate PM for Kashmir, just like her ally and National Conference leader Omar Abdullah.

“Mamata Banerjee and opposition leaders are unhappy with the air strikes. They are questioning it just to appease their minority vote bank. But, I want to say it loud and clear that we won’t allow such forces to win.

“We would remove Article 370 from Kashmir after forming the next BJP government at the Centre,” he said, while campaigning for Darjeeling Lok Sabha candidate Raju Singh Bisht.

Article 370 of the Constitution grants special status



to Jammu and Kashmir.

Shri Shah also slammed Banerjee for trying to mislead the masses on the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. ■

## ‘BJP will break its 2014 record in Uttar Pradesh’

**B**JP President Shri Amit Shah in a review meeting on 08 April, 2019 in Lucknow has directed the party workers in Uttar Pradesh to focus on every section of people and particularly on the beneficiaries of various welfare schemes of the Centre and state government for the elections.

Along with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and BJP State President Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey office bearers from 16 parliamentary constituencies of the Awadh region of Uttar Pradesh were present in the meeting, which lasted for almost three hours

Answering reporters after the meeting Shri Amit Shah said, the party will be able to break its 2014 record in Uttar Pradesh this time. he said, “Definitely, the record will be broken”.

Shri Shah said we will fulfill the aspirations of the

people and people understands it very well that BJP can do development in the state, so we will win more than 73 Lok Sabha seats this time from the state.

BJP State President Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey said, “BJP National President Shri Amit Shah reviewed all the developments of the various campaigns of the party and gave necessary directions to us. We will move on those directions so that we win more than 73 Lok Sabha seats from the state this time and make Modi the Prime Minister once again”.

President of the BJP’s Awadh region Shri Suresh Chandra Tiwari said, “The party President told us about the preparations for the Lok Sabha polls and our target. We were told to focus on all section of the society particularly on the beneficiaries of various welfare schemes of the Centre and state government and we will do that”. ■



# UAE CONFERS PRESTIGIOUS ZAYED MEDAL ON PM MODI

**T**he United Arab Emirates conferred the prestigious Zayed Medal on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the highest decoration awarded to kings, presidents and heads of states. The award comes in appreciation of Prime Minister Modi's role in consolidating the long-standing friendship and joint strategic cooperation between

the two countries. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi thanked the UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for conferring the prestigious Zayed Medal on him. In a tweet, Shri Modi said, he accepts the honour with utmost humility. He added, Under his visionary leadership, India-UAE strategic ties have reached new heights. ■

## PEOPLE FROM ACADEMIA SEEKING SUPPORT TO BRING BACK MODI GOVT.

**A** campaign named 'Academics 4 NaMo' has been launched one month back by academicians and intellectuals to mobilize people from academics to support & re-elect Shri Narendra Modi led NDA government. Till now, more than 1500 intelligentsia including Professors, intellectuals, thinkers of 300 institutions across the country joined the 'Academics 4 NaMo' campaign. The campaign organizes talks in small groups in the institutions and outside institutions.

Through the talks teachers, thinkers and other intelligentsia of society are defining by their own perspective unprecedented transformation brought by Modi government across the country. The campaign aims to connect more and more intellectuals to bring back Modi government for making empowered, strong and prosperous India. The platform also organized essay competition on 'Modi 2.0 idea of India'. Apart from physical presence, it can be also noticed on online-platform. A dedicated website and social media page have been created for convergence of ideas. Core member and Asstt. Professor at Delhi University Dr. Swadesh Singh said, "The 2019 election is not just about choosing a party or a candidate but about choosing a narrative. The choice is between the narrative given by BJP



in the last five years and the Congress in its rule of 55 years. BJP has presented a new paradigm for development, governance, security and nationalism, while Congress represents politics of dynasty, corruption and appeasement. In this battle of ideas, role of thought of leaders becomes important." ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi responding to the greetings of the gathering at a rally in Chitradurga, Karnataka




Gujarat BJP welcomes PM Shri Narendra Modi to a rally in Junagadh, Gujarat



PM Shri Narendra Modi waving at the supporters and karyakartas in Koraput, Odisha





PM Shri Narendra Modi at an election rally in Siliguri, West Bengal

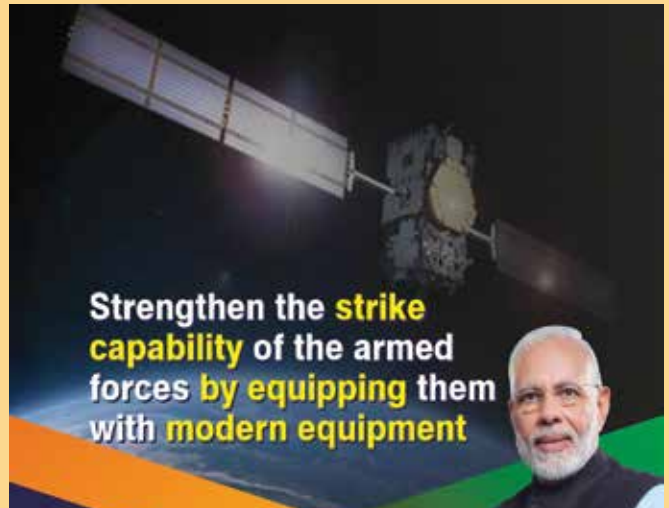


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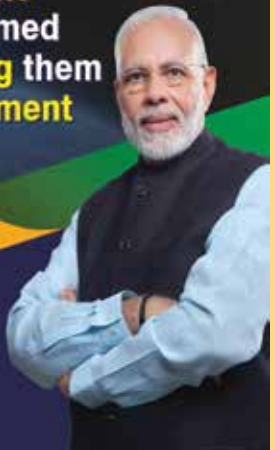



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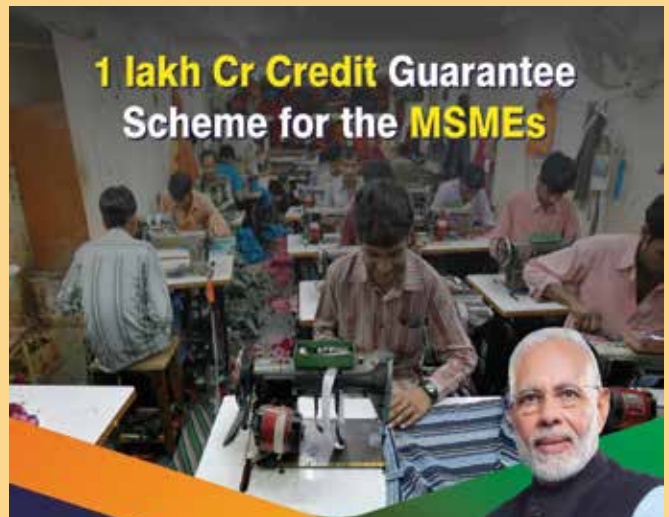


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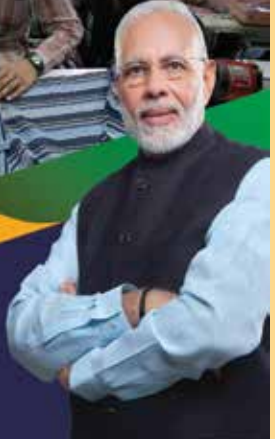



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