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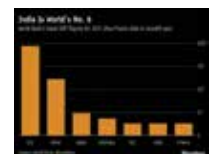
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— **Amit Shah**

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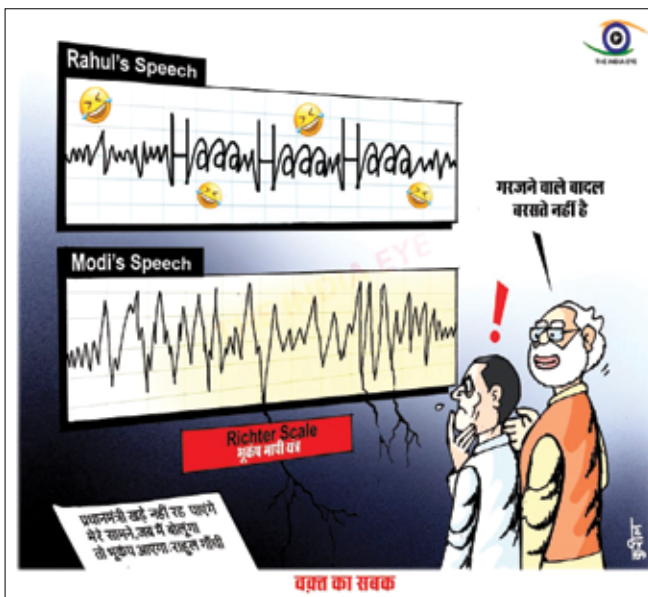


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Nation's firm faith in Narendra Modi reflected in parliament

As expected, no-confidence motion stands defeated in parliament. What went beyond expectation was the overwhelming majority with which it was defeated – a whopping two third present on the floor favoured the rejection of the motion. Had the Congress led Opposition foreseen this huge margin of defeat, it would have desisted from backing the motion moved by TDP in the house. The result saw depletion in the ranks of Opposition while NDA was able to add to its strength enormously. It clearly shows that the NDA under the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi got massive support in the house even far exceeding its numbers. While Congress and its allies fail to take any lessons from successive defeats in the assembly elections held across India, there is little hope that they will try to learn anything from this defeat.

WHILE THE OPPOSITION WANTED TO CORNER THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER CHOSE IT AS AN OCCASION TO HIGHLIGHT THE UNPRECEDENTED TRANSFORMATION IN THE LIVES OF THE POOR AND DEPRIVED IN THE COUNTRY DUE TO THE PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The no-confidence motion brought against the Modi-government lacked the seriousness right from the beginning. It had no firm ground to seek no-confidence in the government. As it was moved by TDP, the issues mainly remained limited to Andhra Pradesh but Congress along with its allies decided to back it to score political points. But the expectations of the Congress were belied as it could not bring any serious charges against the government. The frivolous ground on which the Congress tried to back no-confidence motion was exposed. There was no coherent argument which could have proved an indictment of the government to the extent requiring such an extreme move by the opposition. It was loss of time for the parliament and for the entire nation. One should be reminded that the last parliament session was also washed out due to intransigent approach of the Congress on frivolous grounds. As the entire nation has been watching this negative politics of the Congress, it can only reap negative results in the days to come.

The debate on the no-confidence motion further exposed the non-seriousness with which Opposition sought to corner the government. The false charges by the Congress president Rahul Gandhi mainly on Rafale deal with France reveals increasing tendency in the Congress to resort to the politics of falsehood and deceit. The other charges too had no ground leading to incoherence and inconsistencies in the entire narrative on which the Congress tried to mislead the nation. In a most ridiculous manner Rahul Gandhi tried to say how he was taught to become a 'Hindustani' by BJP-RSS and what Congress stands for confusing himself multiple times. The theatrics in which he indulged himself while attempting to hug the Prime Minister and then winking at his colleague show that

he has failed to grow as a mature leader. He should understand that such cheap nautanki will further erode the Congress credibility and make it a laughing stock in the public.

While the opposition wanted to corner the government, the Prime Minister chose it as an occasion to highlight the unprecedented transformation in the lives of the poor and deprived in the country due to the programmes and policies of the government. The nation was once again made aware of the ongoing massive nation building work in the country and the efforts made towards good governance and development. The nation is well aware that decades of long rule of Congress gave only corruption, scams, nepotism, misrule and policy paralysis. The march of the country remained stunted under the Congress misrule and myopic vision of its dynastic politics. India is emerging under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is taking the nation to newer heights every day. The people of the country have firm and unflinching faith in his leadership and it was reflected in the massive win for NDA on the floor of parliament. ■

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PARTY FULL OF ENERGY AND FULLY CHARGED: AMIT SHAH



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah was in the poll-bound Rajasthan on a day-long visit on 21 July, 2018 during which he attended several organizational meetings. Shri Shah addressed the concluding session of the State BJP Working Committee Meeting in Jaipur and then followed it up with a meeting with all party Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly from the State.

This was Shri Shah's first visit to the state after the appointment of party's new State President Shri Madan Lal Saini. "The strategy to win the next Assembly and the 2019 Lok Sabha elections was discussed thoroughly in the meeting," Shri Saini said after the completion of the Working Committee Meeting. He said the visit boosted the morale of the party workers and leaders.

Picking up from where Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi left, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah asked cadres and leaders in Rajasthan to work for 18 hours a day to ensure that the party's "vijay rath" keeps rolling on and to ensure the victory of the BJP in the upcoming elections.

Addressing the valedictory session of the party's State Executive Committee Meeting in Jaipur, the BJP National President said BJP was working for the country's development but the Congress, which had never done so, was busy leveling baseless allegations.

Later addressing the social media team, Shri

Shah said that the party's cyber warriors had always managed to defeat the Congress' social media team and he expected them to repeat the feat during 2018 assembly elections and 2019 general elections. "There are only few months to go before elections. The Vijay Rath of BJP will roll on in all upcoming state elections like Rajasthan, MP & Chhattisgarh and for that the BJP workers will have to work hard at the block and booth level," he said, adding the social media team had a crucial role to play and different teams of creative workers should be formed at the block level.

He said that 32 lakh party workers in Rajasthan were connected with WhatsApp groups. He also cautioned the social media team on menace of fake news. He gave the example of party's victory in Tripura





and UP to stress the point about the importance of strengthening the organization ahead of the elections.

Earlier, Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje and state BJP President Shri Madanlal Saini presented Shri Amit Shah with a memento.

Shri Shah later took a meeting of the BJP MPs, MLAs and party office-bearers at Indralok auditorium where he reviewed the preparations for the upcoming state and Lok Sabha polls. "The party National President said that every worker of the party should dedicate 18 hours a day for the party for the next few months. The party's workers are full of energy and fully charged," former state BJP President Shri Ashok Parnami told reporters after the meeting.

State Housing and Urban Development Minister Shri Shrichand Kriplani said that National President

AMIT SHAH ANNOUNCES VASUNDHARA RAJE AS RAJASTHAN CM CANDIDATE

Rajasthan Chief Minister Smt Vasundhara Raje will be the Bharatiya Janata Party's Chief Ministerial candidate in the upcoming assembly elections in the state, party National President Shri Amit Shah said. "The assembly election will be contested under her leadership and she will again become the Chief Minister with a thumping majority," BJP President said at the BJs state working committee meeting.

He said the welfare schemes launched by the Raje government have been appreciated across the country and suggested that party workers should base the election campaign on them.



wants the party to win more Assembly seats this time compared to last state elections. His visit has given strength to the party and party workers and we will achieve the target of winning more than 180 Assembly seats in the upcoming elections," he said.

Education Minister Shri Vasudev Devnani said Shri Amit Shah has asked partymen to reach out to the masses on the basis of works done by the Centre and the state government.

Union Ministers Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Shri Arjunlal Meghwal, and Shri Vijay Goel were also present at the working committee meeting. ■



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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah flagged off the 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' and BJP's election campaign in the temple city of Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh on July 14, 2018. Shri Amit Shah and CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, accompanied by BJP State President Shri Rakesh Singh, boarded a specially-designed chariot and stood on a hydraulic lift to greet the people after the flagging off. Earlier in the day, the BJP President and CM Shri Chouhan offered prayers at the Mahakaal Temple in Ujjain and sought the blessings of the Lord.

Addressing a large gathering on the occasion at Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia stadium, Shri Shah said Shri Chouhan's Jan Ashirwad Yatra; which will pass through all 230 constituencies to narrate his achievements will turn into a Vijay Yatra (victory procession) by the time it concludes. In the next 51 days, we will gather people's blessings by travelling 11,000 km.

BJP is the only party where a three-time Chief Minister has the courage to face the people and give an account of his works, Shri Shah said, adding BJP has turned a "BIMARU state into a state of 10% growth".



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Shah said that it is impossible for the Congress, or any other party to defeat the BJP in the state because the party's roots run deeper than patai.

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Taking a dig at the opposition party, Shri Chouhan said that many in the Congress are hankering for the CM's post. "Congress ke mitro, ye to batao Kamal Nath ke paise se rath ban bhi jaye to tumhare rath me bithaoge kise (A rath can be built with Kamal Nath's money but friends in the Congress should tell who will sit on it)," he said.

The CM said the BJP and the Congress think differently. We are rooted in Indian ethos and traditions but the Congress is a slave of one family,' he alleged. We have Shri Narendra Modi, do you have him?

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What did Congress do during its 10-year rule? he asked, and made the gathering take a pledge to elect Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan to power in the coming assembly elections and Shri Narendra Modi in 2019.

Criticizing the Congress, Shri Amit Shah said, "Congress dreams of forming a government with two kings and a wealthy man. But the Shivraj Singh government is formed by people's support and blessings."

Calling Madhya Pradesh the "tapobhoomi" of veteran BJP leaders such as Kushabhau Thakre and "Rajmata" Vajayaraje Scindia, BJP President Shri Amit



“The NDA is united and strong in Bihar”

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah was accorded a splendid welcome by BJP leaders and workers in Patna, when he landed at the airport on 12 July, 2018 for two days Pravas in the state. He met Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar and other senior BJP leaders at the State guest house over breakfast. Later, he addressed party workers, booth-level in-charge. He also met party leaders in the evening to discuss the upcoming poll strategy. A large number of hoardings, posters and billboards with pictures of Party National President and State BJP leaders dotted the State capital to welcome him.

Later in the evening on the same day, he reached the official residence of Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar at 1, Anne Marg and had meetings with several leaders over dinner. This was Shri Amit Shah's first visit to the State since the JD(U) formed the government in Bihar with the BJP in July 2017.

Addressing the party Karyakartas Shri Amit Shah urged the party cadres to reach out to voters and “make Narendra Modi Prime Minister once again”. He spoke about the political journey of the BJP since 1950. “Several leaders and workers have sacrificed their lives for the sake of our party. BJP started with just 10 members and now it has 11 crore members. The party rules in about 70% of the country and in 2019 too, it will come to power under NDA alliance with Narendra Modi as Prime Minister.”

He denied reports of a disagreement with the Janata Dal (United) over seat sharing for the coming Lok Sabha poll. “All speculation about differences with Nitish Kumar are unfounded. You can continue to speculate, but we'll contest together and win all 40 seats in Bihar,” Shri Shah told a large congregation of party workers at Patna's Gyan Bhavan. “We know how to honour and keep our alliance partners together. Every day media keeps writing about differences between us, but the alliance between Nitish Kumar

and the BJP will win all 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar,” he said.

Mounting an attack on the Congress and its president Rahul Gandhi, Shri Shah demanded to know what the party had done for the country during its rule of four generations. “Rahul Baba often asks what PM Modi has done, but the people of the country want to know what four generations of his family, who ruled the country for 55 years, have done,” Shri Shah said.

“When the Congress was in power for 10 years it had given Rs.1.93 lakh crore to Bihar, but the Narendra Modi-led NDA government gave Rs. 4.35 lakh crore in the last four years”, he said. “Our mission is that every citizen of this country gets a house by 2022.



Every house gets electricity and toilet. But Rahul Baba, what have your four generations done in the last 55 years?”

In a meeting with party leaders Shri Shah said, “The NDA is united and strong in Bihar. We will contest the Lok Sabha election together and will win all 40 seats in the state”.

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sushil Modi, State BJP President Shri Nityanand Rai and other senior leaders accompanied BJP National President during his Pravas. ■

Under 'Make in India' Samsung sets up world's largest mobile manufacturing unit in Noida

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the President of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Moon Jae-in, July 09, 2018 jointly inaugurated a large mobile manufacturing facility of Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd, at Noida, UP.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister described the occasion as a special one, in the journey to make India a global manufacturing hub. He said the investment of about Rs. 5000 crore, would not only strengthen Samsung's business links with India, but is also significant in the context of the relationship between India and Korea.

He said the 'Make in India' initiative is not just an economic policy measure, but also a resolve of better ties with friendly nations such as South Korea. He said that there is an open invitation for businesses across the world, who wants to take advantage of the transparent business culture of New India. He said India's growing economy, and rising neo middle



class, create immense investment possibilities.

The Prime Minister noted that India now ranks second, globally, in the manufacture of mobile phones, with the number of mobile phone manufacturing factories rising from just 2, to 120, in about four years' time. He said this has created lakhs of employment opportunities. ■

105 projects for Ganga cleaning sanctioned

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has sanctioned a total of 105 projects of sewerage infrastructure in Ganga basin states at an estimated cost of Rs.17484.97 crores for river cleaning and Ganga rejuvenation. Out of these, 25 sewerage infrastructure projects have so far been completed resulting into creation of approximately 421 MLD additional STP capacity through construction/rehabilitation and approximately 2050 KM new sewer lines have been laid. Rest of the projects are under different stages of execution.

The river water quality monitoring carried out in 2017 indicates improvement in water quality trends as compared to 2016. The Dissolved Oxygen level are improving at 33 locations and is above the quality requirements of 5 mg/l.

The Central Government approved the 'Namami Gange' program on 13th May, 2015 as a comprehensive approach to rejuvenate the river



Ganga and all its tributaries under one umbrella by consolidating the existing ongoing efforts and planning for a concrete action plan for the future. Also, as per the mandate of NMCG, all the projects have a targeted completion by 2020. ■

Gram Jyoti Yojana helped in bringing electricity to all census villages of India

Primetime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 19 July, 2018 highlighted the success of one of his government's marquee schemes, the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), that helped in bringing electricity to all of India's 597,464 census villages on 28 April, setting the stage for universal household electrification.

While interacting with the beneficiaries from Manipur, Tripura, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Rajasthan through video-conferencing, PM Shri Modi said the, "lives of the people living in these areas were confined from sunrise to sunset. The light from the sun used to decide the hours of working for them; whether it was children's studies, cooking, or any other domestic chores."

In his Independence Day speech on 15 August 2015, PM Shri Modi had set a 1,000-day deadline to electrify villages that still did not have access to electricity. There were 18,452 unelectrified census villages in 2015 before the government allocated Rs 75,893 crore for the DDUGJY with the aim of providing electricity access to all villages. It was later found that another 1,275 villages also didn't have access. "Previous governments made tall promises to bring electricity but never worked towards keeping their promises. In 2005, during the Congress

government, Manmohan Singh Ji had promised to electrify all the villages in the country by 2009," the PM said.

While only around 1,500 villages were electrified at the time of India's independence in 1947, the number reached 481,124 in 1991. According to government data, 63,955 villages were provided electricity access during the 10th Plan period (2002-07) and 45,955 villages during the 11th Plan period (2007-12). Of India's 597,464 census villages, 579,012 villages, or 97%, were electrified by 31 March 2015.

"The people, who have not seen darkness, don't understand the meaning of illumination. Those who have not spent their lives in the darkness, they don't realize the value of light," PM Shri Narendra Modi said while adding that 28 April was a historic day when the national power grid reached the last Leisang village in the Senapati district of Manipur.

Of the 18,374 villages that received electricity under the DDUGJY; 14,582 villages were in eastern India. Of these, 5,790 villages were in India's North Eastern region.

PM Shri Modi said that even as electricity has reached every village, the Central government is not satisfied. Now over next task is to provide electricity connection to every household in urban and rural areas of the country. ■

Hiring activity up 9% in June; auto sector sees highest growth of 26%: Report

Hiring activity increased by nine per cent in June 2018, on a year-on-year basis, according to a jobs site which tracks the numbers.

The Naukri JobSpeak Index for June 2018 was at 2,047, marking a nine per cent increase in hiring activity from June 2017. The index was at 1,885 in June 2017.

According to naukri.com, the index has been calculated based on job listings added to the site month-on-month. July 2008 has been taken as the base month with a score of 1,000.

The auto and ancillary sector witnessed the highest growth of 26 per cent in hiring, followed by telecom industry where recruitment grew by 23 per cent in June, said a statement from the site.

Hiring in the real estate segment rose by 19 per cent in June on a month-on-month basis, and in banking and financial services, hiring was up 12 per cent.

Among the metropolitan cities, Hyderabad registered the highest growth with 10 per cent increase, followed by Chennai and Delhi, where hiring was up nine and eight per cent, respectively. ■

India becomes world's sixth biggest economy, edging out France: World Bank

The Indian economy rebounded strongly from July 2017. India has become the world's sixth-biggest economy, pushing France into seventh place, according to updated World Bank figures for 2017.

India's gross domestic product (GDP) amounted to \$2.597 trillion at the end of last year, against \$2.582 trillion for France.

The economy rebounded strongly from July 2017, after several quarters of slowdown blamed on economic policies pursued by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

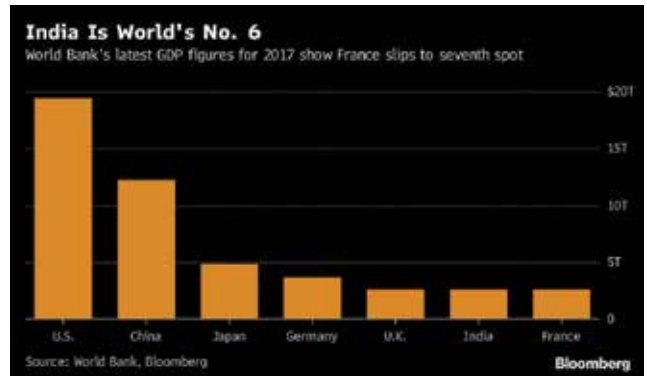
India, with around 1.34 billion inhabitants, is poised to become the world's most populous nation, whereas the French population stands at 67 million.

This means that the country's per capita GDP continues to amount to just a fraction of that of France which is still roughly 20 times higher, according to World Bank figures. India has doubled its GDP within a decade and is expected to power ahead as a key economic engine in Asia, even as China slows down.

According to the International Monetary Fund, India is projected to generate growth of 7.4% this year and 7.8% in 2019, boosted by household spending and a tax reform.

This compares to the world's expected average growth of 3.9%.

The London-based Centre for Economics and Business Research, a consultancy, said at the end of last year that India would overtake both Britain and France this year in terms of GDP, and had a good chance to become the world's third-biggest economy by 2032. At the end of 2017, Britain was



'India's growth at risk if Modi is not re-elected'

John Chambers, a former executive chairman and CEO of CISCO Systems told media persons that India has a chance to be the strongest growth-inclusive country in the world. India's "impressive development and inclusive growth" stand at risk if Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not get a chance to lead the country after the next year's parliamentary elections. He was responding to a question what if Modi is not re-elected in the 2019 elections.

I think Prime Minister Modi has the capability of doing it. "I think he has the country headed in the right way." "Modi is courageous. He wakes up every day thinking about your country's future," he said.

still the world's fifth-biggest economy with a GDP of \$2.622 trillion. The US is the world's top economy, followed by China, Japan and Germany. ■

Exports exhibit a positive growth of 17.57%

Exports during June 2018 were valued at US \$ 27.70 Billion as compared to US \$ 23.56 Billion during June 2017 exhibiting a positive growth of 17.57 per cent. In Rupee terms, exports were valued at Rs. 187800.20 crore in June 2018 as compared to Rs. 151844.56 crore during June 2017, registering a positive growth of 23.68 per cent. ■

THE RATIONALE OF JANA SANGH

PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA

The country is passing through critical times. There is no sphere of our national life, and no section of the society, which is not faced with problems unsurpassed in magnitude and unthought-of of in kind. The first flush of freedom has long since ended. Hopes raised through out our long struggle for independence have been belied. There is disillusionment all round. But it has not created a sense of realism, or a determination to take up the challenge. Instead there has grown a feeling of frustration, a sense of cynicism they pursue, and in the principles they propagate. The problem today is to re-establish this faith. It is more important than the problem of Chinese aggression or of economic reconstruction. Without it we cannot solve either the one or the other. In needs some bold thinking and revolutionary steps?

WHERE J.P. & J.L. GO WRONG

The present all-round degradation is not accidental. It is the culmination of a series of acts and policies followed by the Congress leadership. The people got the greatest shock of their life when the country was partitioned. The iconoclast succeeded in breaking the idol of Bharatmata, and we simply acquiesced. It demolished the basis of our nationalism, viz intense love for the motherland. India's independence was nothing more than transfer of political power. It had no idealistic base to inspire the people—or even those who assumed power to selfless service and greater sacrifice. Not only the nitty and integrity of Bharat was destroyed, but everything associated with our age-old culture and tradition was looked down upon. Instead the Government tried to put before the nation ideals of secularism and socialism. These, however, have remained empty slogans. They have not enthused the people. Instead, they have created a vague tendency resulting not a sacrifice, austerity and service, but in self aggrandisement, indolence and indulgence; not in greater assimilation and emotional integration, but in communalism, casteism, regionalism and disruption.

The whole thing cannot be readied simply by institutional changes. Shri Jayaprakash Nayan and other Sarvodaya leaders have suggested some such changes. There are others who have advocated formation of a national coalition

at the Centre to give an appearance of national unity. Community Development schemes have been there and have failed to vitalize the masses. Decentralisation Acts are being passed with a view to give more powers to the people so that it may develop initiative in them. But the aim is no likely to be realised. It is simply decentralizing corruption and groupism. The change has to be basic ideological.

DR. SAMPURNANAD'S WISE ANALYSIS

Dr. Sampurnanad in his note to the Congress Party Seminar on planning, made a reference to this fact when he wrote, "The other day the Working Committee passed resolution about Tibet. In that resolution it made a reference to certain things which have come down to us from time immemorial and have become part of our consciousness, this reference was heartening. I feel that if we addressed our appeal to the nation on the lines of those things which are fundamental components, on which our whole attitude towards life is based, we would...meet with success. People would get the inspiration that they need. They should see before them something that is worth living for, striving for and, if necessary—dying for." It is 'Dharma' in the common language of the people. Unless 'Dharma' forms the basis of all our activities, social or individual, it is not possible to sublimate the base nature of man, or to strike a balance between the needs of the society and the aspirations of the individual.

Bharatiya Jana Sangh was born out of this realisation that the party in power, or even others in the opposition, had completely neglected this fundamental basis of Bharat's life and culture. In their attempt to modernize the country, they were trying to devitalize it by changing its age-old values. If they posed as reformers, they were only deluding the people, and themselves, Dayanand and Gandhiji were great reformers, they brooked no social evil, but they never decried Dharm or minimised its importance. On the contrary they appealed in the name of Dharma, and they succeeded.

To Jana Sangh, indivisibility of the country, oneness of its people, and unity of their culture, is fundamental concepts of our Rashtra Dharma. It was on this basis that the whole country fought the Britishers untidily. This unity permeates our whole history, life and literature inspite of outward diversities. It is because of this faith that Jana Sangh opposed

the idea of plebiscite in Kashmir, or discrimination between the people there and in the rest of the country in their rights of franchise and justice. In keeping with our traditional outlook of tolerance and respect for all religions we stand for full freedom to every citizen in the matter of worship and faith, but we consider it un-national to differentiate in politics on the basis of anybody's religious persuasion. We do not recognise minorities based on religion, in the sphere of politics. We would like Christians and Muslims to give up their separatism and be integral parts of the Nation. Their insistence on right of minorities in matters of services, language, ministerial appointments, elections, etc. are a negation of the one-nation theory. Congress, by trying to champion their misconceived cause, is only obstructing the process of national integration, to suit its party ends.

DHARMA IS THE KEY

In order that every individual may lead his life in accordance with 'Swadharma', it is essential that he should be provided with gainful employment. Full employment, therefore, should be the basis of all economic planning. It means that we cannot import foreign patterns of industrialization. We should evolve our own technology to suit our factor-availability. Small-scale industries, mechanised and power-driven, will suit us most. Almost all consumer goods can be produced by them. Producer goods should be manufactured by large scale concerns.

Socialism and capitalism are both foreign concepts. Jana Sangh rejects both. It is only when we take to large-scale enterprises that theist ideological questions assume some importance. It, however, our industrial structure is broad-based on a decentralized family, self-employed or on small co-operative pattern, it will not materially affect social relationship, if most of the other industries are left to individual enterprise under state regulation and supervision. The State should of course step into such field as are not likely to be explored by individuals or should not, in the interest of security, be handed over to them. Family has been in India the primary and most important unit of society. If it can be made a unit of production, and not only unit consumption, its place can be restored. With well-organised family, it will not be difficult to inculcate other values of Bharatiya culture, the individual merging his self in the family, can, without destroying his individuality, sublimate himself into a social constituent.

I need not go into the details of the Jana Sangh programme. Its opposition to cooperative farming, to

planning in a totalitarian manner—without taking into consideration the realities of the situation, the resources available and needs of the nation—are well known. Its opposition to a policy of appeasement towards Pakistan and towards China, even at the cost of national honour and integrity needs no reiteration. What we need today is to reaffirm faith in the principles that people have kept before them throughout the ages. Nothing but these ideals can catch the imagination of the people. Secondly, the people should develop a faith in the party. Emergence of new parties, by defection or amalgamation, may be hailed by some, but it confuses the masses, especially when the top leaders of these parties can hardly give cogent reasons for their new step. It is not polarisation. Alliances at the top hardly broaden the base. All party fronts or national coalitions will only lead to greater chaos in the political field, will not educate the people, and will thus harm the cause of democracy.

Besides principles, policies and programmes, the persona of the party also matters to the people. More than the Congress policies and programmes, it is the behaviours of the individual Congressman that has discredited the organisation. The people have, to utter disgust, discovered that the gods they worshipped are tin gods with feet of clay. They have lost faith in political workers. Jana Sangh has to re-establish this faith. Idealism and steadfast devotion of our workers to their cause can do this miracle. Acts of apostasy though rare and ineffective as far as the organisational strength is concerned, greatly diminish people's confidence in the organisation. While, therefore, recognising the need of increasing its numerical strength, Jana Sangh emphasises more on qualitative aspect of its cadre, Discipline in the party will lead to discipline in the nation.

The problems before the nation may be great and many, the danger imminent and grave, but there is no short cut to tide over them. It may be possible to achieve some electoral victories by political alliances and adjustments. Congress may be replaced in some provinces, or even at the centre. But that will not lead to better results unless the new comers can place before the people principles and programmes in line with the national ethos and inspire them by their example of service and sacrifice. Jana Sangh intends to combat the present situation in this positive manner, and from the support that it is getting from the people, it should not be surprising if its seemingly long cut may turn out to be the shortest cut possible. ■

[Organiser, 23 January, 1960]

Rampyare Pandey is no more



B JP leader Shri Rampyare Pandey is no more. He passed away on July 15, 2018. Senior BJP leaders including the Party President Shri Amit Shah, Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, National General Secretaries Shri Ram Madhav, Shri Arun Singh and Shri Bhupendra Yadav paid rich tribute to deceased soul in a condolence meeting held in New Delhi. Shri Rampyare Pandey started his public life being a RSS's Pracharak and served the party as organizational secretary of Haryana and Delhi and also held responsibilities at national level in the party.

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah expressed

heartfelt condolence on the demise of the leader. He said in his condolence message that Rampyare Pandey ji as Pracharak devoted his entire life in RSS and BJP. He held different types of responsibility in the organization. Shri Shah added, Shri Pandey discharged distinguished responsibilities in the building of organization. He termed his demise as irreparable loss to the party. In this time of grief I on behalf of the party's karykarts and myself expressed deepest sympathies to the bereaved family. Shri Shah said further in his condolence message, May God give peace to the departed soul and grant the courage and strength to bereaved family to bear the loss. ■



GST COUNCIL CUTS RATES ON 88 ITEMS: TV, FRIDGE, WASHING MACHINES TO GET CHEAPER

To give maximum relief to the consumers, the GST Council on July 21, 2018 cut tax rates on 88 general-use items such as TV, washing machine and refrigerators. Not just that, conceding to a year-long demand, the Council has now put sanitary napkins under the exempted category. The new rates would come into effect from July 27. The rate reductions is estimated to cost the government exchequer nearly Rs 7,000 crore.

Earlier, the council had revised tax rates on 29 items in January. The biggest rate rationalisation decision was taken by the council in November 2017 when over 200 items were brought in to lower tax brackets from 28%, 18% to 12%.

Here are all the key decisions taken in the 28th GST Council meeting:

- Rates for 17 white goods including -- Washing machine, Refrigerators, TV, Video games, Vacuum cleaners, Trailers, Juicer mixer, Grinders, Shavers & Hair driers, water cooler, water heaters, Lithium iron batteries, electric iron -- cut by 10 per cent from 28 per cent to 18 per cent. GST rate of 18% will be applicable to TVs up to 68 cm (27 inch) in size
- Sanitary napkins to get cheaper as it has been put under exempted category. Napkins were taxed at 12 per cent earlier.
- Simpler return filing process approved. Quarterly returns for business turnover up to Rs 5 crore instead of monthly filings. However, tax payment would be monthly. Nearly 93 per cent traders and small business will get benefited from this. Exemption limit for traders in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal
- Sikkim, increased from Rs 10 lakh to 20 lakh
- Council has also approved simpler returns filing process.
- Hotels to be taxed on actual tariff basis not on declared tariff
- Rates on paints, wall putty and Varnish down to 18 per cent from 28 per cent
- Common-use foot wares Rs 1,000 to be taxed at 5 per cent
- Ethanol oil for oil companies to be taxed at 5 per cent in place of 18 per cent earlier
- GST rates for all leather items reduced to 18 per cent from 28 per cent
- GST rates cut to 18% for special purpose vehicles, work truck, trailers
- Rates on scents, toilet spray now under 18 per cent slab
- Marbles, stone and wood deities get exemption. Rakhis, fortified milk also exempted.
- No decision on sugar cess, to be decided in next meeting
- GST on bamboo flooring put under 12 per cent category
- Handicraft items to now be taxed at 12 per cent
- GST on handbags, jewellery box, wooden box for paintings, artware of glass, stone endeavour, ornamental framed mirrors, handmade lamps etc reduced to 12%
- Goods and Services Tax on imported urea reduced to 5%.
- GST council has cleared 46 amendments which will be passed in Parliament
- Soon RFID tags will be introduced with Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) for transporters to reduce harassment of transporters. ■

**We are here
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of 125 crore
Indians: PM**



The no-confidence motion brought on July 20 against the Narendra Modi government was defeated by a huge margin in which Modi government got 325 in its favour out of total present members of 451 and opposition got in its favour only 126, after a 12 hour long debate in Lok Sabha. The number, the NDA got, was more than its original strength of 313 as AIDMK sided with Modi government. Prime Minister replying the debate on the occasion lambasted the negative politics of the Congress and urged all parties to reject the motion.

Here, the following are key highlights of the Prime Minister's reply in the Lok Sabha :

- I urge all parties to reject the motion that has been moved in the House.
- Today the nation has seen the negativity expressed by some members. India saw how some people are so deeply opposed to development.
- In the morning, the voting was not over, the debate was also not over one member comes running to me saying- Utho Utho Utho...What is his hurry to come to power?
- Let me tell this member it is the people who elected us. That is how we have come here.
- What we saw among members of the Opposition was sheer arrogance. The only thing they have to say- remove Modi.
- We are here because we have the blessings of 125

PM ON RAFALE DEAL

Answering the allegations made by Congress President Rahul Gandhi over the Rafale deal during the no-confidence motion, PM Shri Narendra Modi said due to the careless allegation on the Rafale deal, both India and France had to release statements. There is complete transparency in the deal, he asserted.

He said the nation has been misled on the Rafale deal by giving irresponsible statements, and the national security has been compromised. Without naming Gandhi, Shri Modi attacked the opposition



Rafale Deal Details Classified: France Government

India and France do have a 2008 security pact to protect classified information that also applies to the deal to buy 36 Rafale fighter jets in 2016, the French government said in a statement. It is seen as the response of France Government to Congress president Rahul Gandhi's allegation in the Lok Sabha about the Rafale deal.

The statement said there was a 2008 agreement on classified information "that could impact security and operational capabilities" of the defence equipment of India or France. "These provisions naturally apply to the IGA (inter-governmental agreement) concluded on 23 September 2016 on the acquisition of 36 Rafale aircraft and their weapons," the French foreign ministry spokesperson said in a statement.

for being pessimistic and misleading the public through false propaganda. This is because the opposition has no confidence in itself, the PM said.

The PM said, "You also called the surgical strike a Jumla Strike. You can abuse me as much as you want but stop insulting the Jawans of India. I will not tolerate this insult to our forces."

Earlier, Rahul Gandhi contended in Parliament that, "French President Emmanuel Macron had told him that there was no secrecy pact in the contract that forbids Indian government from revealing the price of the jets".

- crore Indians. We are not here for selfish interests.
- We have served the nation with the Mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'.
- Our government has the honour of working towards the electrification of 18,000 villages that were in the dark for 70 years.
- Our Government has opened bank accounts for the poor. Earlier, the doors of the banks never opened for the poor.
- It is the NDA Government that is bringing a programme like Ayushman Bharat that will give top quality healthcare to the poor.
- The Mudra Yojana is fulfilling the dreams of so many youngsters. India is making a mark in the start-up eco-system.
- The Indian economy is being strengthened and India is also strengthening the global economy.
- The fight against Black Money is going to continue.

I know I have made many enemies due to this but it is fine.

- Congress has no faith in the ECI, Judiciary, in the RBI, in the International Agencies. They have confidence in nothing.
- One of the leaders spoke about Doklam. The same leader, who believed the Chinese Ambassador over our forces. What have we come to? Everything does not merit a childish conduct.
- Due to one careless allegation in the House on Rafale, both nations had to release statements.
- Congress called the surgical strike a Jumla Strike. They can abuse me as much as you want. Stop insulting the Jawans of India.
- I am chowkidar, I am bhagidar also, but not a saudagar like you. We are bhagidar in people's sorrows. We share their dreams.
- Who are we to look you in the eye? I am from a humble family, you are 'naamdaar', we are 'kaamdar'. We don't have the guts to look you in the eye,"
- Look what happened to people who tried to look you in the eye. They were humiliated....Charan Singh, Sardar Patel, MorarjiDesai, Chandra Shekhar, Sharad Pawar...
- What did the Congress do to Charan Singh Ji, what did they do to Chandra Shekhar Ji, what did they do to Deve Gowda Ji, what did they do to IK Gujral Ji.

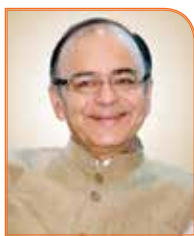
ON BLACK MONEY

Answering on black money the Prime Minister said the NDA government had taken multiple laws and measures to stop the flow of black money. He said the fight against Black Money is going to continue. I know I have made many enemies due to this but it is fine. He said GST is also controlling corruption and black money. GST is not only the victory of integrity but it is also a celebration of honesty.



- There is a conspiracy to push the country towards violence. They emotionally blackmail the have-nots to win elections. These were the people who made fun of Baba Ambedkar but are now singing his praises. Whoever came in front of the dreams and aspirations of one family was pushed to the sidelines.
- The entire nation saw what the eyes did today. It is clear in front of everyone.
- Atal Ji created 3 states- Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. It was done peacefully. These states are now prospering. Congress divided Andhra Pradesh and their conduct then was shameful.
- Govt respects the wishes of the people of Andhra Pradesh; Made a special assistance package for Andhra Pradesh equal to that of 'special status.' NDA Government is committed towards the development of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- When TDP was leaving NDA, I called up Chandrababu Naidu, warned him that you are falling into YSR Congress's trap.
- Congress is responsible for division of Andhra Pradesh; NDA Government is committed towards the development of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- Much before Internet Banking, Congress Party invented Phone Banking and this caused the NPA mess. A phone call would get loans for their cronies and the nation suffered.
- This Government stands with the Muslim women in their quest for justice.
- Any instance of violence brings shame to the nation. I will once again urge the state governments to punish those who indulge in violence. ■

Frivolity and the No Confidence Motion



ARUN JAITLEY

A Vote of No Confidence against the Government is a serious business. It is not an occasion for frivolity. The lead participants in the debate are normally senior political leaders. They are expected to raise the level of political discourse. If a participant happens to be a President of a national political party nourishing Prime Ministerial aspirations, every word he speaks should be precious. His facts should convey credibility. Facts are always sacrosanct. None should ever trivialise the debate. Those who desire to be Prime Minister never blend ignorance, falsehood and acrobatics.

Regrettably, the President of the Congress Party missed a great opportunity. If this was his best argument for 2019, God help his party. His lack of understanding is not only confined to basic issues but also to the niceties of protocol. One should never misquote a conversation with a Head of Government or a Head of State. You do it once, serious

people will be reluctant to speak to you or speak in your presence. Rahul Gandhi, by concocting a conversation with President Macron, has lowered his own credibility and seriously hurt the image of an Indian politician before the world at large. Not to be aware of the fact that UPA Government Minister had signed the secrecy pact is not understandable. He now seeks to embarrass Dr. Manmohan Singh by implicitly insinuating that Dr. Singh was a witness to the conversation being wholly unaware that his own Government had entered into the secrecy pact. Rahul has repeatedly shown that he is ignorant of facts. But to insist on disclosure of financial details, which indirectly involves the disclosures of the strategic equipment on the aircraft, is to hurt national interest. Cost gives



away a clue to the weaponry in the aircraft.

Is he unaware of the fact that the UPA proposed GST amendment to the Constitution never included petroleum products as part of the GST? It is only the NDA which brought it within the GST with tax to be levied once agreed by the GST Council. He seems unaware of public issues when he equates declaration of accounts as NPA as a loan waiver. There is no Minister who either desires to change or is constitutionally entitled to change the Constitution of India. The last Indian politician who wanted the power to change the Constitution was Rahul's grandmother and she too failed.

Hallucinations can give momentary pleasure to a person. Therefore, to hallucinate after an embarrassing performance that he has won future election or to hallucinate that he is the reincarnation of Mark Antony being complemented by friends and foes alike, may give him self-satisfaction but for serious observers it is more than just self-praise – in fact a serious problem. Even in dynasties many successors remind you of the virtues of their predecessors. Yesterday I reread two of Panditji's legendary speeches – 'Tryst with Destiny' and 'Light has gone out of Lives'. ■

(The writer is Union Minister, GoI)

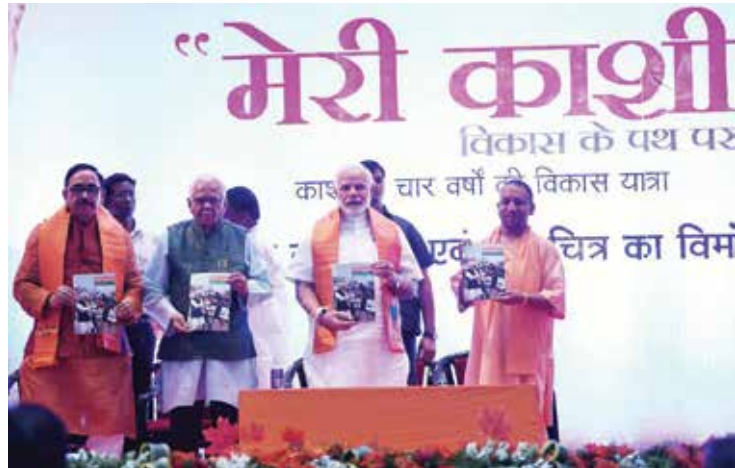
'Glimpses of New Banaras now visible'

PM INAUGURATES VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN VARANASI

In his two day visit to Uttar Pradesh Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of important projects, cumulatively worth over Rs. 900 crore, in Varanasi on 14 July, 2018. Among the projects inaugurated are the Varanasi City Gas Distribution Project, and the Varanasi-Ballia MEMU train. The foundation stone was laid for the Panchkoshi Parikrama Marg, and several projects under the Smart City Mission and Namaami Gange. The Prime Minister also laid the Foundation Stone for an International Convention Centre in Varanasi.

Addressing a public meeting on the occasion, the Prime Minister began by congratulating the young athlete Hima Das for winning the gold medal in the 400 meters event in the Under 20 World Athletics Championship.

The Prime Minister said that for the last four years, efforts are being made to develop the city of Kashi in accordance with the requirements of the 21st century, keeping its ancient identity intact. He said a



New Banaras - a blend of spirituality and modernity - is being developed, for a New India.

He said a glimpse of this new Banaras is now visible all around. He said significant investment has been made in Varanasi over the last four years. He said that the projects worth nearly 1000 crore that

Lays Foundation Stone for Poorvanchal Expressway in Azamgarh

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on July 14 laid the Foundation Stone of the Poorvanchal Expressway in Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh. On the occasion addressing a large public gathering, he described the occasion as the start of a new chapter in the development journey of the State. He praised the leadership provided by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in the State, and said the State Government is working to create an atmosphere conducive for development in the State. He said the State Government is working for the betterment of various sections of the society.

The Prime Minister said that the 340 kilometer long Poorvanchal Expressway would transform the towns and cities that it passes through. It would also provide swifter connectivity between Delhi and Ghazipur, he added. He said new industry, and institutions can

develop along the Expressway. He said the Expressway would also boost tourism in the places of historical significance in the region.

The Prime Minister criticised attempts by certain elements to stall the law which would provide protection to Muslim women from "triple talaq." Lambasting the Congress for stalling the law which provides protection to Muslim women from triple talaq Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said "I read in the newspapers that naamdaar (entitled) said the Congress is a party of the Muslims. I am not surprised... When the previous prime minister was in charge, he said openly that the first use of natural resources should be with Muslims." Prime minister added, he had no issues if this is how the Congress president wanted his party to be. "But I want to ask the Congress - are you a party of only Muslim

were either inaugurated, or for which the Foundation Stone was laid today, is a part of this ongoing exercise.

The Prime Minister elaborated upon his vision of Transformation through Transportation, and said the Foundation Stone of the Poorvanchal Expressway at Azamgarh today was part of the same exercise.

The Prime Minister said that Varanasi is emerging as a centre for medical science in the region. He said BHU will work with AIIMS to develop a world class health institute.

The Prime Minister spoke of initiatives taken for better connectivity in Varanasi and the region. He said Kashi is emerging as an important international tourist destination. In this context he mentioned the International Convention Centre, the Foundation Stone for which was laid today. He thanked the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe, for this gift from Japan to the people of Varanasi. He appreciated the initiatives taken by the people and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for tourism, and under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Speaking of the city gas distribution project, the Prime Minister said that 8000 houses in Varanasi have already received piped cooking gas connections. He also mentioned the use of CNG as fuel for public transport in the city. ■



men but also of Muslim women," he said, before lambasting the opposition of blocking the law in parliament that would make triple talaq a crime.

The Prime Minister said that the Union Government has also taken initiatives for the weavers of this region. In this context he mentioned modern machines, loans at low interest, and the Trade Facilitation Centre in Varanasi. He also mentioned initiatives taken by the State Government. ■

Dedicates Bansagar Canal Project in Mirzapur

During the second day of his visit to UP on 15 July, 2018 the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, dedicated the Bansagar Canal Project to the Nation in Mirzapur. This project will provide a big boost to irrigation in the region, and will be greatly beneficial for the farmers of Mirzapur and Allahabad districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Narendra Modi also laid the Foundation Stone of the Mirzapur Medical College. He inaugurated 100 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the State. He also dedicated a bridge over the River Ganga at Balughat, Chunar, which will facilitate connectivity between Mirzapur and Varanasi.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the area of Mirzapur holds immense potential. He recalled his last visit to Mirzapur, with French President Macron, for the inauguration of the solar plant.

The Prime Minister mentioned the various development projects and works that he has either inaugurated, or laid the Foundation Stone for, over the last two days.

He said the Bansagar project had been first conceptualized about four decades ago, and the Foundation Stone was laid in 1978, but the project was unduly delayed. He said that after 2014, this project was made a part of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, and all efforts were made to complete it.

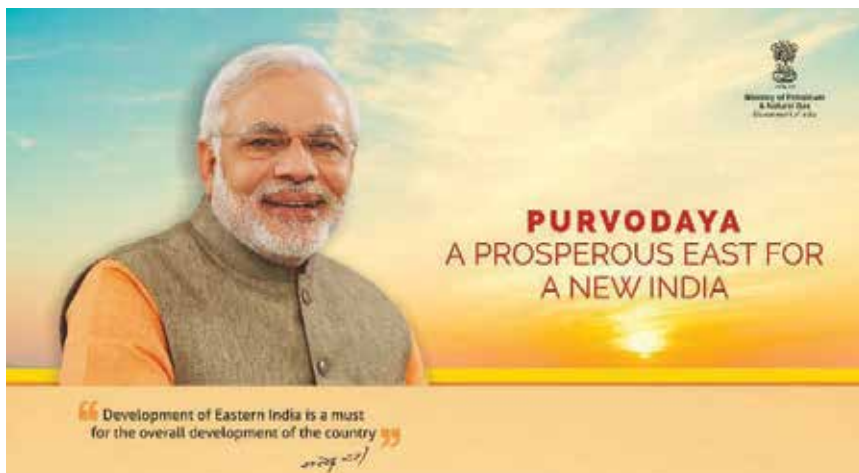
Talking about measures taken for the welfare of farmers by the Union Government, the Prime Minister also mentioned the recent increase in MSP for Kharif crops. He spoke of the measures taken to provide affordable healthcare to the poor, including Jan Aushadhi Kendras. He said the Swachh Bharat Mission is also proving effective in controlling disease. He said the health assurance scheme - Ayushman Bharat would be rolled out soon. He also spoke of other social welfare schemes of the Union Government. ■

India's east and northeast brim with enormous potential, government's Purvodaya vision will ensure it bears fruit



DHARMENDRA PRADHAN

Odisha in the 70s – the years of my childhood – was a place of much enchantment and innocence even as it was characterised by crumbling infrastructure, potholed roads and shoddy bridges. The same held true for most of the east and northeastern region (NER). Undoubtedly, much has changed since. However, it seems to me that the region remains pulsating with unmapped potential even as the rest of the country has moved forward.



If India's eastern and northeastern flank (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Bengal) were to be a country it would be the fifth largest bauxite producer, the seventh largest coal

producer and the fourth largest iron ore producer in the world. Moreover, the east and NER has a young population while southern and western India is seeing an ageing population, in fact at a rate comparable to that of European nations.

To take advantage of these opportunities the need of the hour is to equip the population with market relevant skills aligned to our current needs. Our attempt is to provide the physical and intellectual infrastructure to empower youth. Around 2,578 ITIs with seat capacity of 6.18 lakh have been set up for 13 of these states. Additionally, for those seeking shorter training courses, there are more than 900 training centres spread across these regions offering courses under our flagship Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

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We have also established 154 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras to serve as multi-skill centres of excellence, with employment and self-employment linkages. Alongside, we have six National Skill Training Institutes in the region to drive training of trainers' programmes; and an Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship to promote the "animal spirits" of entrepreneurial motivation for local youth. Further, towards recognising the diversity and uniqueness of our heritage we are pushing for certification of local artisans and craftsmen. We recently established a Skill-cum-Common Facility Centre in Cuttack to upskill and support the local filigree artisans and to provide training in this world-renowned art form to anyone interested.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has justifiably declared that the growth of India is incomplete without the development of the east and NER. This conviction is articulated through the vision of Purvodaya – or re-emergence of the east – consisting of a range of policy reforms that fundamentally change the drivers of development in the region.

While we often disagree on many issues, central and state governments must work together for development to reach the people. We have walked the talk with implementation of the 14th Finance Commission (FC) recommendations. In an unprecedented change of tax devolution the share of east plus northeast India in the divisible pool of Union taxes is 35.75% of the total pool, a big jump from

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13th FC recommendations. States like Odisha have seen a quantum jump of tax devolution at 42% from the 32% recommended by 13th FC. Moreover, in the past two years, of the total number of LPG connections that have been released under PMUY more than half – 2.76 crore new connections – have gone to the east and NER.

To consolidate a trade platform in the region, work is ongoing as part of a \$20 billion investment in Paradip and Dhamra ports, in areas like refinery, petrochemical, LNG terminal, a multimodal logistics park and port expansion. For energy security, work on the ambitious 2,655 km Jagdishpur-Haldia & Bokaro-Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) project – also known as the 'Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga' project – is proceeding at full speed. GAIL is implementing the 721 km Barauni-Guwahati Pipeline (BGPL) to connect NER with the national gas grid.

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I hope that in looking at our larger eastern region – which has much to offer in terms of a young demography, economic and trade opportunities, leapfrogging capabilities and human and natural resources – we see a region that has begun the journey of becoming what it is meant to be, where its people exude well-being. ■

(The writer is Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas; Skill Development & Entrepreneurship)

'Congress kept the tribal and poor population underdeveloped'

The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah was on a one-day pravas to Jharkhand on 11 July, 2018 to tone up the party organisation ahead of next year's Lok Sabha election and addressed a function of intellectuals of Janjatiya Samaj.

Besides meeting the intellectuals, the BJP President held meetings with BJP's assembly constituencies in-charge and office-bearers of the party at party office. He also met volunteers of the party's social media unit.

Party National President said the Congress merely talked of "garibi hatao" (remove poverty) during its 60-year rule whereas Prime Minister Shri Narendra

philosophy of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' (collective efforts, inclusive growth)," he said.

Accusing the opposition of misleading the people against the Centre and the BJP-ruled state governments, he said, "What the four-year-old Narendra Modi government did, the Congress failed to do in 60 years of its rule."

He said that when the NDA government was formed, PM Modi had promised that the government would be of the poor, the Dalits and the tribals and it had worked in that direction only. And it has shown results as vaccination for all most all the downtrodden including ST families has been completed, crores of bank accounts have been opened under the Jan Dhan Yojana, 10 crore poor families, that is, 50 crore people are being insured under the new health insurance scheme for Rs five lakh, he said listing the NDA government's achievements.

Shri Shah added most of the districts of Jharkhand, which were lagging behind in development, have been included in the central government's scheme for development at par with the other developed districts. The central government has disbursed over four lakh crore of rupees in the last four years to the Jharkhand government for its all round development. Out of the four lakh crore rupees, given to Jharkhand, Rs 1.7 lakh crore was given against the auction of mines.

He informed that the Modi government has electrified 20,000 villages of the country that remained without electricity even after 60 years of Independence and most of these villages were tribal-dominated or remote.

Shri Shah said that it was a historic decision on the part of the Modi government to raise the minimum support price (MSP) for Kharif crops to one-and-half times the cost of production.

He appreciated the works being done by the Raghubar Das government in Jharkhand. The state government was committed to providing electricity to all homes in Jharkhand by this year-end. ■



Modi took various initiatives to transform the lives of tribal and poor people as he, having lived in poverty, knew what it was to be poor.

Shri Shah said the Congress kept the tribal and poor populations underdeveloped, but the Narendra Modi government gave them priority in development leading to their all-round progress in just four years.

Shri Shah said, "How life is without electricity? What happens to the poor when he or his family is struck by any disease? And this is the reason his government is administering the country on the



BJP will work for Tamil pride if elected to power: Amit Shah

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah arrived in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 9 July, 2018 for one-day visit to the state. During his Pravas Shri Shah interacted with members of the Sakthi and Maha Sakthi Kendras, addressed a huge gathering in Chennai, energized grassroots level functionaries and met a cross-section of party leaders and Karyakartas. While a Sakthi Kendra in-charge is vested with the responsibility of overseeing the party work of five booth level functionaries, a Maha Sakthi Kendra office-bearer is the overseer for five Sakthi Kendra functionaries.

Shri Shah also met with an administrative committee of the party set up for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls in Tamil Nadu and interacted with those in charge of the party in each of the 39 Parliamentary seats in Tamil Nadu and the lone seat in neighbouring Puducherry.

Party cadres along with the senior leaders of BJP gave a rousing welcome to the BJP National President when he landed at the Airport. Hoardings, festoons and banners welcomed Shri Shah along the route from the airport till the venue of the meeting on East Coast Road in the suburbs.

Addressing a gathering of party cadres from various districts and Puducherry in the evening, Shri Shah highlighted on resisting a “false campaign”

against the BJP in Tamil Nadu and to list out the number of schemes and money spent by the NDA government in the state.

He said, “There is a false campaign against BJP in Tamil Nadu. Let me tell you, it was the Narendra Modi government that first introduced railway tickets in Tamil language and BJP is the only party that can protect Tamil culture and Tamil language”.

He said let me promise you, if BJP is elected to power in Tamil Nadu, Tamil pride will go beyond the borders, reaching across India.

“All of you have to return to your native place and tell people about our government’s schemes and in October, we will have a much bigger rally in Tamil Nadu addressed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi himself,” he said, adding that the party will take decisions about electoral alliance in September and October, ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. He said the alliance will include “non-corrupt parties” in the state.

He said, “Maybe Tamil Nadu is one of the states with maximum corruption. Every voter should join BJP to make Tamil Nadu a corruption-free state”.

Tamil Nadu BJP President Smt. Tamilsai Soundararajan termed the visit of the party’s National President a “big morale booster” for party Karyakartas. ■

Youth must join PM Modi's mission to build a New India by 2022: Amit Shah

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 14 July, 2018 opened the two-day 'Youth Parliament' in Gujarat's capital Gandhinagar and urged the youth of the country to contribute in the nation building. Addressing the gathering at the 'Youth Parliament' organised in the Karnavati University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat Shri Amit Shah criticizing the Congress and the Gandhi-Nehru family said that a party which failed in establishing internal democracy can never preserve India's democracy.

Before the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2014, India was lagging behind other countries in most key areas such as economic growth, agriculture and on social sector indicators, he said. However in the past four years, things have improved considerably, Shri Shah said,

"Before 2014, a particular party remained in power for the maximum period after Independence. But the way these governments functioned, a large part of population remained deprived of development. "These people had a feeling that independence brought no benefit for them," he said. Shri Shah then highlighted the achievements of the BJP-led government at the Centre.

"After assuming office (in May 2014), the first task Modiji took up was to uplift 50 crore people. In these four years, he brought 30 crore citizens in the formal economy by opening their bank accounts. More than 4.5 crore women were given LPG connections, while 7.5 crore toilets were built during that period," Shri Shah said.

Continuing his attack on the Congress, the BJP President said though many people sacrificed their lives during the freedom struggle, attempts were made to give credit for Independence to one party or a particular family. The party which came to power immediately after Independence has abolished internal democracy in the party. It has become family-centric. A party which has failed to preserve its own internal democratic structure, can never preserve the country's democracy, Shri Shah said.

"If we want to preserve democracy in our country, we must establish internal democracy in politics. Since that did not happen in the past, our country could not achieve desired results post independence," the BJP President said.

He further said the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) realized its full potential after the Modi government came to power. This was reflected in the ISRO sending a record number of satellites in space in one go in early 2017, he added.

Commenting on the surgical strikes across the LoC in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, the BJP President said Modiji's go-ahead to the armed forces for the 2016 raid put India in the league of nations such as the US and Israel, which are known to avenge the killing of their soldiers.



Shri Amit Shah urged the youth to join PM Modi's mission to build a New India by 2022. He said the New India will be a society free of casteism, poverty, community divisions, dynastic political system, corruption and politics of appeasement.

Let's take a pledge to build a New India as envisaged by Modiji, who is the most charismatic and popular leader in the world. We all are lucky to have him at the helm of affairs in the country," Shri Amit Shah added.

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani and state BJP President Shri Jitu Vaghani were also present on the occasion. ■

Special attention is given to skill development of rural youth through Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana

PM interacts with beneficiaries SHG & Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana through video bridge

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on July 12 interacted with the members of Self Help Groups from across the country and beneficiaries of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, through video bridge. The interaction covered over one crore women representing various Self Help Groups. This is the ninth interaction in the series by the Prime Minister through video conference with the beneficiaries of various Government schemes.

Expressing happiness in interacting with women from Self Help Groups of various states, Prime Minister said that each member is an inspiring example of resolution, collective efforts and entrepreneurship. He said that women are enterprising, have enormous inner strength for self-reliance during odd circumstances, and they need only opportunities to perform. He added that it is impossible to imagine many sectors especially agriculture and dairy, without the contribution of women. This is the true spirit of women empowerment all over the country.

Narendra Modi during the interaction said that Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission has been started in all states. He added that the aim of the scheme is to reach crores of poor households in 2.5 lakh gram panchayats and provide them sustainable livelihood opportunities. He also congratulated all States and Officials in the successful implementation of the scheme.

Talking about Self Help Groups (SHGs), PM said that Self Help Groups play a very important role in the economic and social advancement of poor, especially for women from rural strata of society. He said that the number of SHGs have quadrupled over the last four years compared to 2011-2014 period, generating employment and creating entrepreneurs in rural areas. In three years between 2011 and 2014, only five lakh Self Help Groups were formed covering 52 lakh families whereas additional 20 lakh Self Help Groups covering 2.25 crore families were formed since 2014.

Government is also providing training, financial assistance and opportunities to promote Self Help

Groups throughout the country. Through Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojna, training has been given to over 33 lakh women farmers. At present there are 45 lakh Self Help Groups with active participation of around five crore women all over rural India.

Prime Minister said that special attention is given to skill development of rural youth through Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana. Training is given for employment as well as self-employment to meet the aspirations of youth for a better life. He added that about 28 lakh youth have been trained in skill development through 600 Rural Self-Employment Training Institute and around 19 lakh have been employed.



During the interaction, Prime Minister talked about the importance of value addition and value chain approach. He urged the Self Help Groups to register in the Government e-Market Place (GeM) to sell their produce.

Interacting with the Prime Minister, the members shared their experiences and success stories associated with Self Help Groups. Prime Minister appreciated how poor women with their self-confidence and strength fought against all adversities. Women beneficiaries also explained how Self Help Groups have ushered in a positive change in their lives. Prime Minister asked the beneficiaries to send their success stories with photos along with their ideas through Narendra Modi App. ■



KISAN KALYAN RALLY IN MALOUT, PUNJAB

‘For 70 years, Congress betrayed the farmers and used them as a vote bank’

Addressing a massive Kisan Kalyan Rally in Malout, Punjab on 11 July, 2018, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched scathing attack at the Congress party and held them responsible for not thinking about welfare of farmers. He alleged that for 70 years, the Congress party thought only about its own welfare, betrayed the farmers and used them as a vote bank. The Prime Minister asserted that the NDA Government was committed to welfare of farmers and hence it fulfilled the promise regarding the Minimum Support Price and approved historic increase of 1.5 times in the MSP for kharif crops. Shri Modi said that the move would significantly add to farmers' income and empower them. He also slammed the Congress for spreading lies and rumours regarding MSP.

The Prime Minister expounded several farmer

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At the rally in Malout, elaborated on the steps taken by the NDA Government for the welfare of farmers. Spoke about the increase in MSP, steps taken to improve soil health, neem coating of urea and ensuring better markets for our farmers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PM'S SPEECH

- For 70 years, the Congress party thought only about its own welfare, betrayed the farmers and used them as a vote bank
- NDA Government is committed to welfare of farmers and hence has fulfilled the promise regarding the Minimum Support Price.
- Historic increase of 1.5 times in the MSP for kharif crops would significantly add to farmers' income and empower them.
- Congress is spreading lies and rumours regarding Minimum Support Price.
- Initiatives like Jan Dhan Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Mudra Yojana and Fasal Bima Yojana have benefitted farmers immensely.

friendly measures being undertaken by the Centre like 100 per cent neem coating of urea, Kisan Sampada Yojana and e-NAM. He also highlighted how initiatives like Jan Dhan Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Mudra Yojana and Fasal Bima Yojana were empowering the farmers. ■

TRAINING IS A MUST FOR EVERY KARYAKARTA : RAMLAL



The BJP's Training Department in view of coming general election has advised the office bearers to complete the training programme all over India on time. In coming days the focus point of the training will also be 2019 general election. It was informed by the party Training incharge and National General Secretary Shri Murlidhar Rao in a meeting attended by senior office bearers of training from all over India. He said that all responsible officebearers pertaining to training should not consider themselves separate from election activities. Being a part of democratic system it is our duty to gear up to face the challenges ahead.

Apart from training convenors and co-convenors from states, National General Secretary(Organization) Shri Ramlal attended the the day-long meeting of the training department at the party's central office. Besides them Joint General Secretary (Organization) Shri V. Satish, National Training Convenor Shri Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Co-Convenor Shri Sunil Pandey, senior members of national training Dr. R Balashankar, Shri Panchanan Raut, Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi (In-Charge, Journals & Publications) of

National Training Department and Hemant Goswami also participated in the meeting.

Talking to the participants the National Convenor of Training Department Shri Mahesh Chandra Sharma enquired about the progress of the Training program from the in-charge of states. National Co-Convenor of Training Shri Sunil Pandey presented the progress of the second and third phases of the program. He especially highlighted the preparations made for the training of different Morchas and informed about the successful training programmes already organised by the department in different states of the country.

The meeting concluded with the address of BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ramlal. He said for a political party training is a must for every Karyakarta and with simple examples he elaborated the art of training to the participants of this program. Shri Ramlal said to keep the health of the organisation fit and fine and for the smooth functioning of the organisation the Training Department must take its work more seriously and must work in a mission mode throughout the country. ■

Multi Modal Terminal on Ganga at Varanasi Nearing Completion

The Rs 169.59 Crore Multi Modal Terminal (MMT) being built at Varanasi by Inland Waterways Authority of India under Jal Marg Vikas project is set to be completed by November this year. This would be a major landmark for the project. The construction of the Rs 280. 90 Crore MMT at Sahibganj is to be completed by May, 2019, and the one at Haldia, being constructed at a cost of Rs 517.36 Crore, is scheduled to be completed by December 2019. In addition to this the work on the Rs 359.20 Crore state-of-the-art navigational lock at Farakka is to be completed By June, 2019. Contract for maintenance dredging in the Farakka-Kahalgaon stretch of the river was awarded in April, 2018, for Rs 150 Crore, and work on this has started. The work for construction of two Inter-Modal Terminals (IMT) on NW-1, at Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh and Kalughat in Bihar will be awarded this year.

Jal Marg Vikas is a Rs 5369 Crore World Bank aided project on National Waterway 1 (River Ganga), aimed at augmenting the navigational capacity of the Varanasi to Haldia stretch of the river, to enable commercial

navigation of at least 1500-2000 ton vessels.

IWAI has also initiated development work on eight new National Waterways. Tendering for these will be done during the current financial year. In addition to



this, Detailed Project Reports (DPR) are being finalised for 18 new NW, DPR studies have been awarded for 2, and hydrographic and feasibility studies are underway for 37 new NW.

Besides commercial development, IWAI is also working to facilitate pilgrimage movement during the 2019 Kumb Mela on the lines of facilitation it has been providing at Ganga Sagar Mela and Guru Purab at Patna Sahib. ■



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PM inaugurates new ASI Headquarters in New Delhi

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated Dharohar Bhawan - the new Headquarters building of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), - at Tilak Marg in New Delhi on July 12, 2018.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the Archaeological Survey of India has performed significant work over the course of the last 150 years or so. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of taking pride in our history, and in our rich archaeological heritage. He said that people should take a lead in knowing about local history, and archaeology of their towns, cities and regions. He said lessons in local archaeology could form part of the school syllabus. In this context, he also mentioned the importance of well-trained local tourist guides, who are familiar with the history and heritage of their area.

He said each archaeological discovery, painstakingly made by archaeologists over long periods of time, has its own story to tell. In this context, he recalled how he and the then French President

had travelled to Chandigarh a few years ago, for a first-hand view of archaeological discoveries made by a joint Indo-French team.

The Prime Minister said that India should showcase its great heritage with pride and confidence, to the world.



The new Headquarters building of ASI has been equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including energy efficient lighting and rainwater harvesting. It includes a Central Archaeological Library with a collection of about 1.5 lakh books and journals. ■

India becomes the Vice Chair of the Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation (WCO)

India has become the Vice-Chair (Regional Head) of the Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation (WCO) for a period of two years, from July, 2018 to June, 2020. The WCO has divided its Membership into six Regions. Each of the six Regions is represented by a regionally elected Vice-Chairperson to the WCO Council.

Being the Vice Chair of AP Region of WCO will enable India to take on leadership role. India is a wealth of experience in promoting security and facilitation of cross border trade. To mark the assumption of

Vice Chair, an event is being organised on Monday, 16th July, 2018 in New Delhi by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). WCO represents 182 Customs administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade. As the global centre of Customs expertise, the WCO is the only international organization with competence in Customs matters and can rightly call itself the voice of the international Customs community. ■



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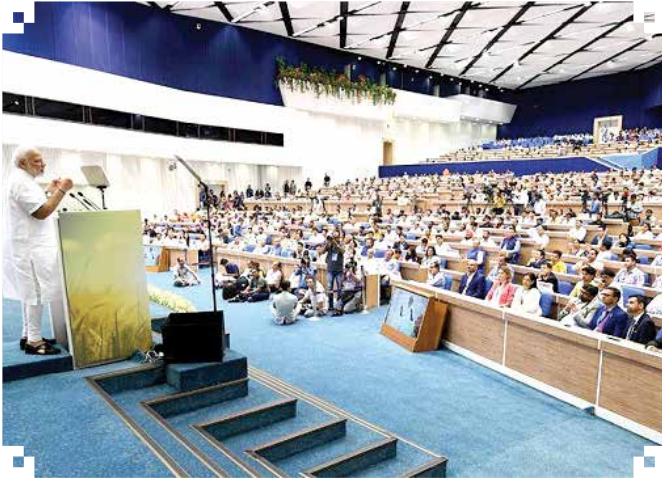
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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing the Y4D New India Conclave in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi with the President of the Republic of South Korea Mr. Moon Jae-in at Hyderabad House in New Delhi



The West Bengal BJP welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi to a huge public meeting in Midnapore.



PM Shri Narendra Modi flanked by UP Governor Shri Ram Naik, UP CM Yogi Adityanath and others dedicates various development projects in Mirzapur



UP BJP leaders presenting a plough to PM Shri Narendra Modi during Kisan Kalyan Rally in Shahjahanpur.



PM Shri Narendra Modi, President of South Korea Moon Jae-in, CM Yogi Adityanath and others inaugurating the biggest mobile manufacturing unit of Samsung in Noida

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