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I bow to the great land of West Bengal for the unparalleled affection and the mammoth turnout in Malda. Bengal is yearning for change. There are huge anger and dissatisfaction among the people of Bengal against the present undemocratic Mamata govt.



— **Amit Shah**

The Congress always used the weaker sections of our society specially the Dalits as mere vote banks. The Nationalist thought and Dalit identity go hand in hand in our country.



— **Rajnath Singh**

People are more intelligent than what politicians may think. They never choose chaos as an option. Aspirational society never commits collective suicide as they do not suffer from a Lemming Syndrome. People want a 5 Year Government, not a 6 Month one.



— **Arun Jaitley**



DEMOCRACY WILL ULTIMATELY WIN IN WEST BENGAL

The democracy is under severe attacks in West Bengal. The Trinamool Congress leadership is playing all the dirty tricks in its book to somehow stop the massive rise of BJP in the state. It has stooped to the level of disallowing BJP National President Shri Amit Shah's chopper to land at BJP rally's venue while creating problems for the organizers. It is really very painful to see that TMC goons have even tried to vandalize the decorations including posters, gates and cutouts of BJP leaders in a bid to vent out their own frustration of losing people's support in the state. The democracy in our country draws strength from people's support who have immense respect for democratic norms and values. It was in line with the same democratic spirit that people responded to the threat of TMC anti-democratic approach in large numbers making the BJP public meeting in Malda a huge success. It's a warning signal for Trinamool in West Bengal.

It is highly unfortunate to see that the TMC which came to power in West Bengal in opposition to Left Front's anti democratic rule is today employing the same tactics to retain power in the state. It now appears convenient for TMC

IT HAS BECOME A STATE WHERE DURGA PUJA PROCESSIONS ARE BANNED AND SARASWATI PUJA IS STOPPED FOR THE POLITICS OF APPEASEMENT. THE STATE WHICH MADE INDIA PROUD FOR ITS INDUSTRIES AND TRADE HAS NOW BEEN LEFT FAR BEHIND IN THE MARCH OF DEVELOPMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE. THE UNEMPLOYMENT IN WEST BENGAL IS FURTHER COMPOUNDED BY ILLEGAL INFILTRATION FROM NEIGHBOURING BANGLADESH.

to rule the state through its goons and even excelling in hijacking the government machinery to serve its vested political interests. It has even exceeded the political atrocities of the Left Front and now believes in crushing opposition with its iron hand. The violence by TMC goons during panchayat polls in which many people lost their lives is a very unfortunate outcome of Mamata Bannerjee's thirst for power. Not only this, in the most deplorable act of violence unleashed by the TMC goons, more than hundred BJP activists have lost their lives. In the fight for democracy in West Bengal, BJP activists are martyred by the mindless violence of TMC. The TMC now represents hooliganism, goondaism, corruption, misrule and violence in West Bengal.

The TMC was voted to power under the slogan of 'Poribortan' in West Bengal. But it is very unfortunate to note that Mamata Bannerjee has led the state to worse from bad. She has failed to revive the rich legacy of the state which led the country on almost every front from culture to economy. When the wave of national movement swept the entire country, Bengal was at the centre of cultural regeneration but where the Left Front and TMC governments have led to West Bengal is for everyone to see. It has become a state where Durga puja processions are banned and Saraswati Puja is stopped for the politics of appeasement. The state which made India proud for its industries and trade has now been left far behind in the march of development and good governance. The unemployment in West Bengal is further compounded by illegal infiltration from neighbouring Bangladesh under the political patronage of TMC government in the state. West Bengal is a case which today sadly represents how a political leadership blinded by its vote bank politics can ruin the prospects of the entire state.

It is highly appalling to see that a leader who has failed to guide its state towards development and good governance has the temerity to nurture a national ambition. West Bengal has witnessed overall decline under Mamata Bannerjee and yet ludicrously she feels that she can be acceptable at national level. Shri Narendra Modi had proven himself by his long and extremely successful stint as Gujarat CM which resulted in massive demand for him as PM in every nook and corner of the country – it was that glorious saga of hard work, vision and commitment that people raised demand for him as PM at national level. But Mamata Bannerjee thinks she can fulfil her national ambition by ruining her state and by gathering a group of leaders who are already fighting for their survival in their respective areas. The people of West Bengal have already made their minds to give their mandate to BJP. The massive gathering at Malda rally addressed by BJP National Present Shri Amit Shah is the sign of the things to come. Mamata Bannerjee wants to stop BJP through anti-democratic means but in the face of everyday increasing support for BJP, the democracy will ultimately win in West Bengal. ■

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THROW OUT THE MAMATA BANERJEE LED TMC GOVERNMENT FROM WEST BENGAL: AMIT SHAH

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah kicked off the party's campaign in West Bengal for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections with a mega rally in Malda on 22 January, 2018.

Addressing the massive public rally at Habibpur in Malda Shri Amit Shah tore into the Trinamool Congress (TMC) for forging an alliance with other parties and running alleged scams and syndicate Raj in the state. He also lambasted the Mamata Banerjee government for not allowing BJP's Rath Yatra in Bengal and not giving permission to land his chopper.

Vowing to uproot the TMC government from Bengal, Shri Shah said, "I have come here to kick off our election campaign in Bengal. We have to take a pledge today to remove this undemocratic, corrupt, anti-people and murderous TMC government from power. This election will mark the beginning of the end for TMC in Bengal which has killed democracy and politicized the administration."

Slamming the state government for denying permission to his party to hold Rath Yatras, the BJP National President said, "Mamata Banerjee got scared and did not allow us to take out Rath Yatras here. She was certain that if we take out the yatras then it will signal her antim yatra (last journey). If you stop us from taking out Rathes, then we will take out rallies and hold meetings. Now her government did not give permission to land my chopper. If you do not let us land the chopper, then I will speak from the helicopter. You cannot stop us from coming to Bengal. The more you stop us and beat up our workers, the more lotuses will bloom in Bengal."

He also hit out at TMC over Saradha, Narada and Rose Valley scams and said half of the central government funds for her government is amassed by Banerjee's party leaders. "Another half of the money is amassed by infiltrators. If we come to power in Bengal then we will not allow infiltration in Bengal. She keeps mum as they are her party's vote bank," he said.



'NOT GRAND ALLIANCE BUT A SELFISH ALLIANCE'

Shifting his focus to TMC's United India rally in Kolkata where 25 Opposition leaders forged a grand alliance against the BJP-led NDA government, Shri Shah described it as a selfish alliance. "What kind of alliance is this? Their agenda is clear. They want to remove Modi. Our agenda is clear. We want to remove poverty and unemployment. Mamata Banerjee cannot remove Modi by holding hands with four to five leaders. This alliance will not work as they want a majboor (helpless) government but we want a majboot (strong) government," he said.

"What is this gathbandhan? It's about power and self-interest. They didn't chant Vande Materam and Bharat Mata Ki Jai in Opposition's Kolkata rally" he said.

'MAMATA NOT ALLOWING BENEFITS OF WELFARE SCHEMES REACH YOU'

"Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led Central government has offered 129 welfare schemes for the people of the country. But Mamata Didi is not allowing the benefits to reach to the people of the state," Shri Amit Shah speaking to the people in the rally said.

He said the Central money is consumed half by infiltrators and the rest half by TMC leaders. He said Narendra Modi-led government gave Rs 3.95 lakh cr to

Bengal where as the UPA Govt gave only Rs 1.32 lakh cr in 5 years to Bengal.

'ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN POLITICIZED'

The BJP National President said, "The administration here has been politicized. There was no permission for my helicopter and for the BJP Rath Yatra".

'NEED TO SHUT DOWN ILLEGAL ARMS AND BOMB MANUFACTURING UNITS'

Shri Amit Shah further said, "We have to start factories in Bengal and shut down illegal arms and bomb manufacturing units" which have grown many folds under TMC rule in West Bengal.

'THROW OUT TMC, NO ONE WILL HAVE TO PAY SYNDICATE TAX'

Assuring the huge gathering in Malda, BJP National President said, "Throw out the Mamata Banerjee led TMC government from West Bengal and I assure you that no one will have to pay syndicate tax in future".

'BENGAL GOVT EMPLOYEES GET 49% LESS DA THAN CENTRAL'

"The Bengal government employees get 49% less DA than their Central government counterparts. Where has

the money gone," asks Shri Shah.

'IF BJP WINS IN BENGAL, NOT A SINGLE COW WILL BE STOLEN'

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said, "Vote for BJP in West Bengal and not a single cow will be smuggled".

'DO YOU WANT A BENGAL WHERE THERE IS NO PERMISSION TO IMMERSE DURGA IDOL'

Shri Amit Shah asked the audience, "Do you want a Bengal where there is no permission to immerse the even the idol of Maa Durga and there is no permission to worship Goddesses Saraswati?"

'REFUGEES ASKING MAMATA WHETHER TMC WILL SUPPORT CITIZENSHIP BILL'

Shri Amit Shah said, "I want to ask Mamata Banerjee, the refugees who have come from Bangladesh are asking you, whether you will support the Citizenship Amendment Bill or not".

Shri Shah further assured that, "I am assuring Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh people living here need not fear NRC".

'TMC HAS TURNED BENGAL INTO A KANGAL STATE'

"TMC has turned Bengal into a kangal state," says Shri Shah while interacting with the people. He said, "In TMC's regime, every 5th person in Bengal is living below poverty line".

'TMC DIDN'T LET PEOPLE VOTE IN RURAL POLLS'

Shri Amit Shah in Malda rally said, "You (TMC) did not let people vote in the rural polls. Don't try it this time. The central election commission will be in charge. Their staff will be in all booths. People need not fear".

'YOU CAN STOP OUR YATRAS, BUT CAN'T REMOVE BJP FROM HEARTS OF PEOPLE'

"Mamata Banerjee can stop our Yatras, but can't remove BJP from hearts of people," said Shri Shah. "You don't give us permission for the Yatra. It isn't a big

'TMC WORKERS VANDALIZED POSTERS & GATES AHEAD OF RALLY'

The West Bengal Bharatiya Janata Party BJP President Shri Dilip Ghosh said the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) workers vandalized posters and decorative gates ahead of party National President Shri Amit Shah's rally in Malda.

He said, "Gates, welcome arches, posters, cut-outs, festoons have been vandalised. Gates have set on fire. Vehicles carrying our supporters are being stopped in many places but whatever they do they can't stop BJP in Bengal".

deal. We will work harder, will sweat it out, but will sure dethrone you," he said.

'2019 POLLS WILL DETERMINE BENGAL'S FUTURE AND WHETHER AUTOCRATIC TMC WILL REMAIN'

"I have come here to kickstart the election campaign in Bengal. The 2019 Lok Sabha election is more important for Bengal than for the rest of the country. This election is to determine whether this autocratic TMC government will remain or will be thrown away," Shri Amit Shah said. He said, "2019 polls will also determine Bengal's future".

Addressing on the occasion West Bengal BJP President Shri Dilip Ghosh said I have already given words to Shri Amit Shah ji that we will win more than 22 seats of Bengal out of 42.

"We have given word to our National President that we will win more than 22 seats, including both seats in Malda. And I strongly people in Bengal are so fed off, they will definitely respond positively to us and remove TMC from the State".

Addressing the rally BJP leader Shri Mukul Roy said if TMC crosses 20 Lok Sabha seats in 2019, I will leave politics. He said TMC chief Mamata Banerjee is acting as a roadblock for development schemes. She is opposing a scheme like Ayushman Bharat which is being praised across the world," said Shri Roy. ■



RECORD 1.37 CRORE RURAL HOMES COMPLETED SINCE APRIL 2014

In partnership with States, the Ministry of Rural Development completed 1.37 crore Rural Homes since April 2014. The year-wise break-up of completion (the details of which are available with geo-tagged images of each and every house completed on pmay-g.nic.in) are as follows: -

YEAR	RURAL HOMES COMPLETED [IAY + PMAY-G]
2014-15	11.91
2015-16	18.22
2016-17	32.23
2017-18	44.54
2018-19 (Up till now)	30.45 (likely to reach 65 lakh by March 31, 2019)
Total Homes Completed	1.37 crore

As the table will indicate from completion of 12 lakh homes in 2014-15, we are moving up five times to nearly 65 lakh completed homes in 2018-19. This shows a quantum jump in provision for rural housing.

Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) on November 20, 2016. After registration including geo-tagging, and account verification, the construction began primarily from the Financial Year 2017-18. So far 66.6 lakh homes have been completed under PMAY-G. The remaining 33.4 lakh homes will be completed by March 2019. As the NIPFP study has indicated, the average time taken from the first instalment to completion for a PMAY-G Home is only 114 days, compared to 314 days earlier (IAY). In partnership with States, the Ministry of Rural Development is confident that with a large number of houses nearing completion and the pace of completion improving even in States like Bihar and Assam significantly, the target of 1 crore completed homes under PMAY-G by



March 2019 will be achievable.

PMAY-G has focused on deprived households and the poorest of the poor who live in kutcha houses. It is for this reason that sanction of remaining 4.75 lakh homes in the case of landless has to wait till land is provided by State Governments. There are cases in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Bihar awaiting sanction. Allotment of land to the landless has been prioritized through State Governments to ensure that those most in need of a rural home get it on a priority. A little delay in less than 5 lakh rural homes' sanction in Bihar, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh is only to ensure that the most needy get homes on a priority under PMAY-G. The name of the landless without a home cannot be struck off from the PMAY-G permanent waitlist as their need is most. Through a continuous dialogue with States, efforts are being made to get these sanctions as well.

The success of rural homes programme addresses households directly as the poor not only get a home but also get up to 90/95 days of work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Their homes are also provided electricity connection under Saubhagya programme and LPG connection under Ujjwala programme besides the households' toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission/MGNREGS. Efforts have also been made to provide livelihood development and diversification opportunities to 1.37 crore rural households whose homes have been completed since April 2014 under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM). The use of new housing designs after studying local region specific typologies, the training of rural masons and selection of beneficiaries through a three stage validation (Socio Economic Census 2011, Gram Sabha, and geo-tagging) has ensured selection of the poorest of the poor under PMAY-G. ■

Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana Achieves one crore Milestone

Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY), the flagship scheme of the Central Government for employment generation has crossed the milestone of one crore beneficiaries as on January 14, 2019.

PMRPY was announced on August 07, 2016 and is being implemented by Ministry of Labour and Employment through the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO). Under the scheme, Government is paying full employers' contribution of 12% (towards Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Pension Scheme both), for a period of 3 years in respect of new employees who have been registered with the EPFO on or after 1st April 2016, with salary up to Rs. 15,000 per month.

During 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (up to January 15 2019) 33,031, 30,27,612, and 69,49,436 beneficiaries respectively, have been enrolled with

EPFO under PMRPY. The number of establishments who have benefitted during the implementation of the scheme is 1.24 lakh.

The entire system is online and AADHAR based with no human interface in the implementation of the scheme.

PMRPY has a dual benefit i.e. on the one hand, the employer is incentivised for increasing the employee base in the establishment through payment of EPF contribution of 12% of wage, which otherwise would have been borne by the employer and on the other hand, a large number of workers find jobs in such establishments. A direct benefit is that these workers have access to social security benefit through Provident Fund, Pension and Death Linked Insurance. The terminal date for registration of beneficiaries through an establishment under the PMRPY is March 31, 2019. ■

Cabinet approves expenditure sanction for Integrated E-filing and Centralized Processing Centre 2.0 Project

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to expenditure sanction of Rs.4,241.97crore for Integrated E-filing & Centralized Processing Center 2.0 Project of the Income Tax Department.

The Union Cabinet also approved the expenditure sanction for the consolidated cost of Rs. 1,482.44crore of the existing CPC-ITR 1.0 project upto FY 2018-19.

The broad objectives of this project are faster and accurate outcomes for taxpayer, first time right approach, enhancing user experience at all stages, Improving taxpayer awareness and education through continuous engagement, promoting

voluntary tax compliance, managing outstanding demand.

This approval has significant benefits for the Department and taxpayers through various functionalities such as pre-filing of ITR and acceptance by taxpayer as a means to improve accuracy and to reduce refund/processing turnaround time drastically, facilitation to taxpayers in resolving outstanding tax demands; integrated contact centers for taxpayer assistance and tax payer outreach program through digital media and employer/partner accreditation program to bring significant enhancement in services to taxpayers. ■

GOVERNMENT ALLOTS ALL TIME HIGH AMOUNT OF 61,084 CR FOR MGNREGA

The Government of India has allocated an additional Rs. 6,084 crore at RE stage to MGNREGA. This brings the total allocation to the scheme to Rs. 61,084 crore in 2018-19, making it the highest ever allocation. Governance reforms and thrust on sustainable livelihoods through durable assets has ensured better lives for the poor through wages, incomes and durable assets.

MGNREGA is a flagship programme of the Ministry which addresses poverty in a holistic manner by overcoming social inequalities and creating a base for sustainable & long term development. Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is transforming rural India into a more productive, equitable and connected society. It has provided nearly 235 crore person days in the last three years, each year. This year as well, it will be around the same making it four years of consistent high performance on wage employment with durable assets for sustainable livelihoods.



Over the last 4 years, the Ministry of Rural Development has completed major reforms in the MGNREGA to transform it into a resource for sustainable livelihoods for the poor. Generation of payments within 15 days was done only in 26.85% cases in 2014-15 and barely 29.44 lakh assets were completed in that year. ■

TWO NEW AIIMS FOR J&K AND ONE FOR GUJARAT APPROVED

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for a proposal for establishing three new AIIMS at Vijaynagar, Samba, Jammu at a cost of Rs 1661 Crore; Awantipura, Pulwama, Kashmir at a cost of Rs 1828 Crore and Rajkot, Gujarat at a cost of Rs 1195 Crore.

Expressing gratitude to the Prime Minister for his visionary leadership and constant support, Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare said that the approval follows our Prime Minister's vision and upholds the spirit of 'SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas'. "Two new AIIMS, one each for Jammu

PEOPLE IN THE REGION WILL

HAVE SUPER SPECIALTY

HEALTHCARE CLOSER TO

THEIR HOMES: J P NADDA

Region and Kashmir Region in the State of Jammu & Kashmir was announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister under the Prime Minister's Development Package and AIIMS in Gujarat was announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech," Shri Nadda added. ■

OUR NATIONHOOD



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NATION HAS PERSONALITY

THE name Bharat denotes a nation, while the names of such provinces as Uttar Pradesh and Bengal do not denote it. Hence we must be quite clear in our minds that although a definite territory is a must and the first essential of a nation, a territory by itself does not become a nation. The existence of a nation depends upon an element which though invisible is felt with the greatest intensity. A nation has a personality just as an Individual has a personality. It is this national personality that keeps a nation alive. When it grows weak, the nation becomes weak, and when it is forgotten or destroyed the entire nation heads for ruination. This is why many nations of the past have now become mere memories. Their territories are there and their people are still alive and yet ancient Persia, Greece, Egypt-all have faded. In other words they lost their basic national personality. It is in this personality that the nation resides.

THE BODY NATIONAL

THE nation does not come into being for the fulfilment of any selfish ends. The limbs of the human body have their natural

functions and do not have to be tempted or encouraged to perform them. Similarly the units of a nation function as parts of one single whole and maintain its entity. Dissipation of the national feeling leads to a weakening of these limbs of the nation, and if they become completely inactive the result can be the end of the nation. But if the national feeling is aroused in these units they again start performing their natural functions. Hence we would have to accept as the basis of the nation a practical and natural organisation that is stable, strong and self-reliant. If the organisation of the State is strong enough its limbs would be equally strong.

NATION HAS A SOUL

A NATION too has a soul. There is a technical name for it-Chiti. According to McDougal, it is the innate nature of a group. Every group of persons has an innate nature. Similarly every society has an innate nature, which is not the result of historical circumstances.

'CHITI' IS NATION'S TOUCHSTONE

'CHITI' is the touchstone, on which each action, each attitude is tested, and determined to be acceptable or otherwise. 'Chiti' is the soul of the nation. On the strength of this 'Chiti', a nation arises, strong and virile. It is this 'Chiti' that is demonstrated in the actions of every great man of a nation.

An individual is also an

instrument in bringing forth the soul of the nation, "Chiti". Thus apart from his own self, an individual also represents his nation. Not only that, he also mens the various institutions that are created for the fulfilment of the national goal. Therefore he represents these too. The groups larger than nation, such as "mankind" are also represented by him. In, short, an individual has a multitude of aspects, but they are not conflicting; there is co-operation, unity and harmony in them. A system based on the recognition of this mutually complementary nature of the different ideals of mankind, their essential harmony, a system which devises laws, which removes the disharmony and enhances their mutual usefulness and co-operation alone can bring peace and happiness to mankind; can ensure steady development.

NATION'S IDEAL IS 'CHITI'

THE state is brought into existence to protect the nation; produce and maintain conditions in which the ideals of the nation can be translated into reality. The ideals of the nation constitute "Chiti" which is analogous to the soul of an individual. It requires some effort to comprehend Chiti. The laws that help manifest and maintain Chiti of a nation are termed Dharma of that nation. Hence it is this "Dharma" that is supreme. Dharma is the repository of the nation's soul. If Dharma is destroyed, the nation perishes. Anyone who abandons

Dharma, betrays the nation.

‘CHITI’ IS CENTRAL TO NATION

CHITI is fundamental and is central to the nation from its very beginning. Chiti determines the direction in which the nation is to advance culturally. Whatever is in accordance with Chiti is included in culture.

AWAKENING NATION’S ‘VIRAT’

WE have to undertake the task of. away. awakening our nation’s ‘Virat’. Let us go forward in this task with a sense of pride of our heritage, with a realistic assessment of the present and a great ambition for the future. We wish to make this country neither a shadow of some distant past nor an imitation of Russia or America.

OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY

IT is essential that we think about our national identity. Without this identity there is no meaning of independence, nor can independence become the instrument of progress and happiness. As long as we are unaware of our national Identity, we cannot recognise or develop all our potentialities. Under alien rule this identity is suppressed. That is why nations wish to remain independent so that they can progress according to their natural bent and can experience happiness in their endeavour. Nature is powerful. An attempt to go against nature or to disregard her leads to troubles. The natural instincts cannot be disregarded but it is possible to

elevate this nature to the level of culture. Psychology tells us how by suppression of various natural instincts different mental disorders ensue. Such a person remains restless and dejected. His abilities slowly deteriorate, and become perverted. The Nation too, like the individual, falls a prey to numerous ills when its natural instincts are disregarded. The basic cause of the problems facing Bharat is the neglect of its national identity.

CONDITIONS FOR NATIONAL GLORY

IF we have to take the nation to the pinnacle of glory we have to fulfil two conditions. The first is that

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this glory must be the result of our own national endeavour. For this the entire nation’s capacity to work needs to be organised. If we full this condition the prosperity we achieve for Bharat would be considered genuine. The second point is that while achieving this prosperity on the basis of organised capacity, Dharma has also to be protected. Organised force by itself is not enough.

Even thieves may have a strong organization, but it will neither be permanent nor beneficial, hence it is necessary that our organised capacity should protect Dharma even while conquering glory.

EUROPEAN NATIONALISM DESTRUCTIVE

IN European countries nationalism led to ruination. But to call Indian nationalism destructive because of this reason is like being once bitten twice shy. It is wrong to presume that our nationalism would be as calamitous as that of these nations. This is not a mere claim, it is the truth, and this truth is supported by thousands of years of history of Indian nationalism. The history of these countries of the world for about a thousand years is full of scenes of destruction, while in the long history of India there is not a single page describing grief caused to man. The entire history of India is full of goodwill for the whole world. The remains of Indian history found in different parts of the world declare to this day the truth that India has striven only for the good of the entire creation. Hence the truth is that if the world is to be saved from the terrible effects of Western nationalism that have resulted from mutual conflict, hatred and competition, we shall have to organist and strengthen Indian nationalism. This way lies the good of the world. ■

(Excerpts from the book - “Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya A Profile” edited by Sudhakar Raje)

Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was born on 25th September 1916 to Pt. Bhagwati Prasad Upadhyaya and Smt. Rampyari. Deendayal or “Deena” as he was known in childhood was born at his maternal uncle’s home in Dhanakia in Rajasthan, while his father belonged to Nagla Chandrabhan in Mathura, the land sanctified by Sri Krishna. At Nagla Chandrabhan today stands a grand memorial dedicated to the life and contributions of Deendayal Upadhyaya, recounting the saga of his inspiring life. Two years later, Deendayalji’s younger brother Shivdayal was born. Bhagwati Prasad, Station Master at Jalesar Road Station, died suddenly when Deena was just two and a half years old. The family was given shelter by his maternal uncle. But the series of bereavements in Deena’s life did not end with this, his mother Rampyari died when Deena was just four years old and his brother Shivdayal, struck with pneumonia, died in 1934.

Destiny however had something else, something greater in store for Deena. An exceptionally brilliant student, a keen observer with a razor sharp mind and analytical skills, Deendayalji topped examinations, received accolades and prizes and repeatedly earned scholarship through the dint of hard work. Having passed the intermediate examination from Rajasthan, Deendayalji completed his Bachelors from the Sanatana Dharma College in Kanpur and enrolled at the St. John’s College in Agra for his Masters. Despite being a brilliant student Deendayalji chose not to take up a government job and instead focused on further studies, joining a B.T. course in Prayag.

It was at this crucial and formative period of his life that Deendayalji came in touch with the activities of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). This meeting, this discovery and association altered the direction of his life and transformed it altogether.

Henceforth he was determined to dedicate his life and all his energies to the upliftment of Bharatiya samaj and became a Pracharak of the Sangh dedicating his life to national regeneration.



Very soon Deendayalji was given the responsibility of organising RSS work in Uttar Pradesh – then known as United Province – and became district Pracharak of Lakhimpur Kheri in 1942 and eventually rose up to become the Sah Prant Pracharak of entire UP in 1945.

When the Bharatiya Jana Sangh was eventually formed in 1951, Deendayalji became one of its organisational pillars. He was among those select Swayamsevaks that Gurujii Sri Golwalkar sent on request from Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee for organising the new party. Deeply impressed by Deendayalji’s organisational skills, political acumen and leadership qualities, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee selected him as General Secretary of the new party, in the historic Kanpur Conference of the Jana Sangh in December 1952. So moved was Dr. Mookerjee by Deendayalji’s performance and capacities that

he famously declared once that “If I had two

Deendayals, I would have altered the map of Indian politics.” Deendayalji shouldered his responsibilities as General Secretary till 1967 and built the base of the new party, spread its ideals and organisation across the country and successfully articulated a new political vision for India.

It was in the historic Calicut (Kozhikode) session of the Jana Sangh that Deendayalji became the national president of the party. But

his grand and tireless march towards realising the dream of a great and regenerated India came to an abrupt and shocking end when he was found dead, under mysterious circumstances, on the night of 11th February 1968 near Mughalsarai railway station.

His life was cut short just at the moment when he was starting to assume the mantle of an all India leader. Thus ended an inspiring, a dedicated and profoundly committed life of a leader whose sole aim was to rebuild a great Bharat. In his tribute, Sri Gurujii described Deendayalji as an ‘ideal Swayamsevak’ to whom alone the credit must go for “starting from scratch and building up such an imposing organization [like Jana Sangh] from its very foundation up.” He asked all to make Deendayalji “an ideal for the kind of all round perfection he had attained.” ■

FILM AND SOCIETY ARE REFLECTION OF EACH OTHER: PM

PM INAUGURATES NATIONAL MUSEUM OF INDIAN CINEMA

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated National Museum of Indian Cinema in Mumbai on January 19. Governor of Maharashtra Shri C. Vidyasagar Rao, CM of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Union Minister of State Shri Ramdas Athawale and Union Minister of State Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore (Retd.) along with other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that the National Museum of Indian Cinema will provide a wonderful opportunity for the younger generation to understand and learn about Indian cinema. He added that the Museum will have detailed information about the history of Indian entertainment industry, along with tales of struggles of various film personalities.

Stating that film and society are a reflection of each other, Prime Minister said that whatever happens in the society are reflected by the movies on screen while the images from the films are also mirrored in the society.

Talking about trends he said there are many films now which depict both the problem and the solution which is a positive sign as compared to earlier years when only the helplessness was displayed.

Shri Modi said that India is now confident of finding its own solutions to the problems it faces and this he said is a sign of a New India which is confident and capable of taking issues head on and resolving them.

The Prime Minister in his address highlighted the global reach of Indian Cinema. In this context he mentioned his interaction with various global leaders who can even sing Indian songs.

He extended best wishes to the film fraternity for creating the characters that have captured the imaginations of young generations. He said that due to global appeal of such characters, India's youngsters are now not just fans of Batman, but also of Bahubali.

The Prime Minister said that the Indian Cinema has a big role in enhancing India's soft power, its credibility and building the Brand India across the world. He said that through Cinema important social issues such as sanitation, women empowerment, sports etc are now reaching to people. Cinema plays an important role in nation Building and strengthens the feeling of Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat. PM said that the film Industry has a huge potential of contributing in the growth of Tourism in the country.

He mentioned that Government is working to provide facility of 'Ease of Filming' by putting in place



a Single Window Clearance system, for Film Shooting approvals in different parts of the country. Prime Minister said Government is working on amending Cinematograph Act 1952 to check the problem of Film Piracy.

PM said Government is also working towards setting up a National Centre for Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that a fully dedicated university for Communication and Entertainment is a need of hour and urged Film personalities to suggest and contribute on this. He also suggested the idea of Global Film Summit similar to Davos Summit which would focus on the expansion of market for Indian Cinema. ■

Political stability, Decisive Leadership and a Clear Mandate – THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GROWTH



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India's post-Independence economic study can be divided into two parts with 1991 as a cut-off line. The regulated economy restricted India's potential for forty years. From 1951-52 till 1990-91, India's GDP grew by 4.2% per annum. The per capita income grew by 2% each year. The Consumer Price Index for almost a two-decade period from 1969-70 till 1990-91 rose by 8.2%. The fiscal deficit of the Central Government from 1980-81 till 1990-91 for a ten-year period was an average of 6.5%. Our external debt was 28.7% of the GDP at the end of the pre-liberalisation period.

The liberalisation of the economy not only improved the GDP growth rates but also brought millions of people out of poverty and improved the quality of life of a large number of Indians.

Post-liberalisation, it is important to analyse the

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GDP growth and the inflation data relatable to various governments under various Prime Ministers. The data reads as under:

Period	GDP Growth	Inflation	Prime Minister
1991-92 to 1995-96	5.1	10.2	P. V. Narasimha Rao
1996-97 to 1997-98	5.8	8.1	H. D. Deve Gowda / I. K. Gujral
1998-99 to 2003-04	5.9	5.4	Atal Bihari Vajpayee
2004-05 to 2008-09	6.9	5.7	Manmohan Singh
2009-10 to 2013-14	6.7	10.1	Manmohan Singh
2014-15 to 2018-19	7.3	4.6	Narendra Modi

While analyzing the above chart, two important facts have to be kept in mind. Firstly, that the average GDP growth of 7.3% during the five years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a much larger base than that of his predecessors. The growth rates are higher. A higher growth rate on a larger base has a multiplier effect. Secondly, during the five years of UPA-2, inflation varied between 12.2% and 8.4%. In 2013-14, the UPA Government left behind an annual inflation figure of 9.4%. It took time for this figure to be moderated. In the five years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the inflation figure has been 5.9%, 4.9%, 4.5%, 3.6% and 3.9%. Once it moderated in the first year of the present NDA Government, it has consistently been kept in check. The Modi Government fixed a Statutory Inflation Target of 4% +/- 2% as range of inflation.

When Prime Minister Modi came to power, India was the tenth largest economy in GDP terms in the world. Presently, the fifth, sixth and seventh economies namely United Kingdom, France and

India are within a very narrow range. A marginal fluctuation of currency values alters the size of the economies. India, of course, is projected to grow next year at 7.5%. This will conclusively ensure that India, at the end of the next Financial Year, could possibly be the fifth largest economy in the world.

Needless to say, India's fiscal discipline during the past five years has been amongst the best as compared to any preceding period. The McKinsey Institute reports that the size of India's middle-class is growing very fast from 14% in 2005 to 29% in 2015. It is estimated to go all the way to 44% in 2025.

With the kind of transfer of resources to rural India which have been made in the past five years, a huge aspirational class is emerging even in the rural areas.

This is an indication of what the social profile, purchasing power and the quality of life of Indians are going to have, in the decades to come. To ensure that this happens as projected, it is a pre-requisite

that India needs a decisive leadership, consistency in policy direction and a strong and stable government. An unworkable alliance with maverick leadership whose longevity is a suspect can never achieve this.

India today is the fastest-growing major economy in the world. Still we are not satisfied with a 7 to 7.5% growth rate. We are increasingly becoming impatient and want to break the 8% barrier. Ease of Doing Business Rankings for 5 years have improved from 142nd position to 77th position. We have now to get into the first 50, if not still lower.

Who should be India's Prime Minister, if India were to achieve this? Should he/she be constrained by his/her rival aspirants who have reluctantly supported him/her out of mere dislike for a common opponent or does India need a Prime Minister with a clear mandate as in 2014. Only such a Prime Minister can deliver growth and satisfy the Nation's aspirations. ■

(The writer is Union Minister, GoI)

'10 PERCENT EWS QUOTA TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20 ITSELF'

Union HRD Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar while addressing a press conference in New Delhi on January 15, informed that in a landmark decision, the Government has decided that from the academic year 2019-20 itself, 10 percent Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota will be implemented across 40,000 colleges and 900 Universities in the country. This 10 percent quota for EWS will be over and above the existing quotas for SCs, STs and OBCs and General seats.

Adequate additional seats will be created in these colleges and universities to implement the quota for EWS. The UGC and AICTE will be provided the operational mandate within a week to implement the quota.

In another major announcement, Shri Javadekar informed that the Government has approved proposal to extend the 7th CPC to the teachers and other academic staff of the State Govt. / Govt. aided

degree level technical institutions in the country, which will have additional Central Government liability of Rs.1241.78 crore.

He said that the Central Government will reimburse 50% of the total additional expenditure (from 1.1.2016 to 31.3.2019) to be incurred by these institutes for payment of arrears on account of 7th CPC implementation.

This will directly benefit a total of 29,264 teachers and other academic staff of State Government funded institutes. Besides, about 3.5 lakh teachers and other academic staff of private colleges/ institutions within the purview of AICTE will also benefit from the approval given today, he added.

The Minister said that the implementation of pay commission recommendation in State Government Aided / funded AICTE approved technical institutes will help them in attracting and retaining the faculty of high academic standards. ■

A CLEAN, TRANSPARENT AND RESILIENT ECONOMY FOR NEW INDIA

Right from its inception, the NDA government led by PM Shri Narendra Modi has been committed to uprooting corruption. It aims to not only eliminate corruption but institutionalize and nurture honesty.

A closer step by step analysis of the various steps taken by the government to make governance transparent, will show the manner in which a transformation has occurred that has not only strengthened the economy from within but also enhanced people's trust in the government.

The multi-pronged approach in fighting the twin evils of corruption and black money has been instrumental in optimising the productivity of the economy while ensuring that the fruits of growth reach the poorest of the poor. From taking legislative action to forming treaties with foreign governments, a wide spectrum of pro-active measures has been taken to make the governance system responsive and accountable.

As the first order of business, the government constituted a SIT on black money to look into the sources of generation and accumulation and suggest ways to combat it. A number of the recommendations made by the committee were adopted by the government. One more challenge that the government faced when it took office in 2014 was the

coal crisis. The Supreme Court had cancelled the coal block allocations, necessitating a fair and transparent auction process. Without wasting any time, government plunged into action resulting in transparent auctions. This brought a windfall for the nation.

A similar procedure was followed for telecom allocation, earning the exchequer significant revenue. In the spectrum auctions too, the government's approach ensured massive gains, in stark contrast to the zero-loss theory of

the past.

The long pending Benami property Act was passed to address the problem of generation of black money through benami properties. The Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill was also cleared to equip the investigative agencies going after absconding economic offenders. It allows the law enforcement agencies to confiscate assets of absconding economic offenders and ensures that banks are able to make higher recoveries from loan defaulters.

Not to be restricted to domestic

Decisive action against Corruption and Black Money
Leading to a Cleaner Economy

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 <p>Agreement with Switzerland to share real time information on accounts held by Indians</p>	 <p>3 lakh shell companies de-registered</p>	 <p>Demonetisation led to massive unearthing of undisclosed income & suspicious transactions</p>

countervailing measures, the government has gone a step further in bringing together a coalition of nation to fight the menace. It has amended the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with Mauritius, Singapore and Cyprus to block rerouting the black money through the tax havens and signed an agreement with Switzerland to share real time information on accounts held by Indian residents in Swiss banks.

PM Narendra Modi's government commenced upon a major crackdown on black money ensued with the declaration of demonetisation. The historic move led to massive unearthing of undisclosed income, suspicious transactions and deposits. It further led to action against 3 lakh shell companies that were subsequently de-registered. This move has given a major fillip to a cleaner economy and formalisation while increasing the tax base.

Accompanied with a resolve to end regeneration of black money, a strong start towards a more inclusive economy was made. 50 lakh new bank accounts for the cashless, transparent transfer of wages to workers were opened. Earlier, a big chunk of the government funds disseminated used to get lost in leakages. By linking welfare schemes to the Aadhar card and providing it a legislative framework, the

government has made an earnest attempt to plug the leakages in the Public Distribution System and made direct transfer a viable option for disbursement of government funds. Over Rs 3.65 lakh crore has been directly transferred to the bank accounts of beneficiaries of 431 schemes in the last four years.

The increasing trust has led

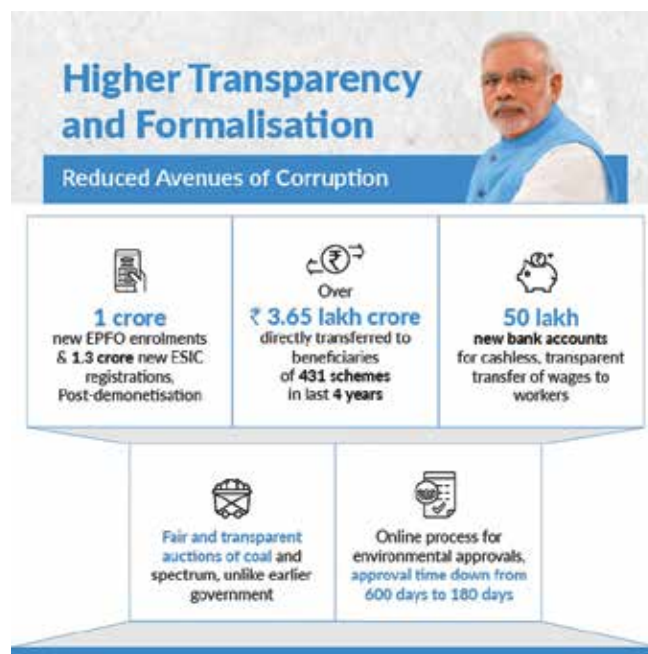
boosting their savings and income security.

The Good and Service Tax (GST), the biggest economic reform post-independence has surpassed expectations in its smooth implementation, transparency and compliance. The people of India have wholeheartedly heralded it, which is evident with the fact that the 50 lakh new enterprises got registered within 1 year of GST as compared to 65 lakh in almost 70 years.

In an innovative step to ensure transparency, Environment Ministry started process of online submission of applications for Environment approvals, bringing down the approval time from 600 days to 180 days. Further, it made it possible for applications to be tracked online, minimising chances

of human intervention to extract bribe for getting project approvals. Similarly, abolishing interviews for on-gazetted posts, has ensured that genuine candidates are selected based on their merit.

A decisive multi-pronged action has not only laid a solid foundation for economy to grow but has also positively impacted the person at the last mile. A clean, transparent and resilient economy is, therefore, setting grounds for New India to take shape. ■



to a higher number of taxpayers' paying their taxes. It is a matter of pride that the number of ITRs filed during FY 2017-2018 are 6.85 crore compared to 3.85 crore in FY 2013-14, thus, helping expand the tax base. Post-demonetisation more than 1 crore new enrolments have been made with the EPFO and 1.3 crore registrations made with the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). Greater transparency and formalisation are ensuring that the hard-working citizens are brought under the safety net, thus,

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‘WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATING A STRONG INDIA’

PM INAUGURATES SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE MUSEUM AT RED FORT

Remembering the heroes of freedom struggle, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi paid floral tributes and inaugurated the Subhas Chandra Bose museum at Red Fort on January 23, 2019 to mark his 122nd birth anniversary.

After visiting the Museum on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Indian National Army Prime Minister Shri Modi said, ‘I bow to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his Jayanti. He was a stalwart who committed himself towards ensuring India is free and leads a life of dignity. We are committed to fulfilling his ideals and creating a strong India.’ He also added that History echoes from these walls. In this very building, brave sons of India, Colonel Prem Sahgal, Colonel Gurbaksh Singh Dhillon and Major General Shah Nawaz Khan were put on trial by the colonial

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rulers. He glanced over the photographs depicting a detailed account of Subhas Chandra Bose and the history of Indian National Army.

PM also saw some of the artefacts associated with Netaji and INA such as wooden chair and sword used by Netaji, medals, badges and uniforms of INA.





The Prime Minister browsed at the photographs, paintings and newspaper clippings depicting the authentic account of Jallianwala Bagh massacre showcased in the Yaad-e-Jallian Museum. The museum intends to take visitors through the history of Jallianwala Bagh massacre of 1919 and sacrifices made by Indian soldiers during World War-1.

He also visited the Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence and saw the portrayal the historical narrative of 1857 war of independence, showcasing the valour and sacrifices made by Indians during the period. These museums to showcase the sacrifice of our freedom fighters.

Prime Minister had a look at the Exhibition on Indian Art at the Drishyakala- Museum organized at the same venue. He said 'To see Gurudev Tagore's works at Drishyakala is a treat for art lovers. We all know Gurudev Tagore as a prolific writer but he also had a strong link with the world or art. He produced lots of works, featuring multiple themes. Gurudev's works were also exhibited internationally.' He also tweeted 'I would specially urge art lovers to visit

Drishyakala, which will take you through the finest aspects of Indian art and culture. Works of eminent Indian artists like Raja Ravi Varma, Gurudev Tagore, Amrita Sher-Gil, Abanindranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose, Gaganendranath Tagore, Sailoz Mookherjea and Jamini Roy are on display at the exhibition.'

PM Shri Modi while inaugurating the museums said that, it was extremely humbling to inaugurate four museums relating to India's rich history and culture. All four museums have been named as Kranti Mandir. This complex includes Museums on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army, Yaad-e-Jallian Museum (on Jallianwala Bagh and World War 1), Museum on 1857- India's First War of Independence and Drishyakala Museum on Indian Art, spanning three centuries, with over 450 works of art!

Kranti Mandir is a tribute to the revolutionary zeal and courage of our great freedom fighters. Ahead of the Republic Day, these will deepen the connect between our glorious history and our youth as well as add to the patriotic fervor among citizens. ■

NRIs ARE INDIA'S BRAND AMBASSADOR: PM



The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the plenary session of the 15th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul in Varanasi on January 22, 2019.

Chief Guest of PBD 2019, Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth, Governor of Uttar Pradesh Shri Ram Naik, External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj along with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Haryana Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, Union Minister of State for Overseas Indian Affairs Retd. General V K Singh and several other dignitaries graced the occasion.

In his address, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said it is the love and affection of the diaspora for the land of their forefathers which has brought them to India. He called upon the NRI community to join hands for building a new India.

PM lauded the role of Indian diaspora in keeping alive the tradition of VasudhaivaKutumbakam. He said the NRIs are not only the Brand Ambassadors of India but also represent its strength, capabilities and characteristics. He urged the diaspora to participate in building a New India specially in research and innovation.

PM Shri Modi said that with its rapid progress, India is being seen on a high pedestal across the world and is in a position to lead the global community. International Solar Alliance is one such example. Mr. Modi added that local solution and global application is our mantra. He termed International Solar Alliance as a step in the direction of One World, One Sun, One Grid.

Prime Minister said that India is on course to become a global economic powerhouse. It has one of the largest start-up ecosystems and world's largest healthcare scheme to its credit. We have moved on

with great strides in Make in India. A bumper harvest production has been our major achievement.

PM lamented that due to lack of will power and proper policies of the previous Government, a large chunk of funds earmarked for them was not available for the Beneficiaries. However today, he said we have plugged the loopholes in the system with the help of technology. The loot of public money has been stopped and 85 percent of the lost money has been made available and transferred directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. PM said that now Rs. 5,80,000 crores has transferred directly into people's accounts over the past four and a half years. PM narrated how 7 crore fake names have been struck off the list of beneficiaries, which is almost equal to the population of Britain, France and, Italy.

PM said these are some of the glimpses of changes ushered in by his Government which reflect the New Confidence of a New India.

Shri Modi said the diaspora is equally important in our resolve for a New India. He added that their safety is also our concern and cited how the Government took upon the challenge of evacuating more than 2 lakh Indians stranded in conflict zones.

Speaking about the welfare of Indians overseas, Shri Modi said passport and visa rules have been simplified and e visa had made it much easier for them to travel. All PravasiBharatiya are now being linked to Passport Sewa and efforts are in to issue chip based E passport.

PM Shri Modi said that a Pravasi Teerth DarshanYojana is being taken up. He urged overseas Indian to invite 5 non Indian families to visit India. PM also requested them to spread the values of Gandhi ji and Guru Nanak Dev ji and become a part of their anniversary celebrations. He said that we feel proud that global community joined us in compilation of Bapu's favourite bhajan, Vaishnava jan.

PM complimented the role of the residents of

Kashi in making PBD successful with their warmth and hospitality. PM said that ahead of upcoming School Board examinations, he will interact with the parents and students through NAMO App in ParikshapeCharcha - at 11am on 29th January, 2019.

Chief Guest of PBD -2019, Mauritius PM, PravindJugnauth invoked the memories of Indian diaspora and their connect with the land of their forefathers. Speaking in Hindi and English, he said such gatherings reinforce the identity of overseas Indians as the members of one family with shared history and culture. He said, if India is unique, Indianness is universal. The Mauritian PM told that an educated and self reliant diaspora can play a major role in nation building and the Diaspora connect can help multilateralism.

He enthralled the crowd with his Bhojpuri dialect and announced that Mauritius will organise the first International Bhojpuri festival.

In her welcome address, External Affairs Minister said India today feels proud under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi. She thanked Indian diaspora for their linkages with the motherland. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath said PBD and

Kumbh in Uttar Pradesh are a reflection of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

Prime Minister Shri Modi felicitated the winners of Bharat koJaniye quiz competition. This is a quiz competition on India meant for the young Indian diaspora.

Closing ceremony of PBD will be held tomorrow on January 23, 2019 where President RamnathKovind will confer Pravasi Bharatiya Samman to select overseas Indians for their contributions.

After the Convention, on 24th January, the visiting diaspora delegates will visit Prayagraj for KumbhMela. They will then proceed to Delhi on 25th January and witness the Republic Day Parade at Rajpath, New Delhi. ■

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'GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO WELFARE OF CITIZENS'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on January 19 inaugurated and laid the Foundation Stone for several development projects at Silvassa in Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

He laid foundation Stone of Medical College in Sayli, Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

Prime Minister released IT policy for Dadra and Nagar Haveli. M-Aarogya mobile app and door to door waste collection, segregation and processing of Solid Waste in Dadra & Nagar Haveli was also launched. He also distributed Gold cards to beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat and distributed Van Adhikar Patra to the beneficiaries.

Addressing the public gathering Prime Minister said today inauguration or foundation stone laying of Projects worth more than Rs 1400 crore has been



undertaken. He added that these projects are linked to various aspects of connectivity, infrastructure health, education etc.

He said New Industrial policy and new IT policy has been launched to give a boost to Industries.

PM reiterated his Government's commitment for the welfare of the citizens of the country. He said, we are working on the mantra of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas.

He noted that both Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli have been declared open defecation free. Both the UTs have also been declared Kerosene Free. He added that today every household in both the UTs has LPG connection, electricity connection, water connection.

PM mentioned that under Pradhan Mantri Awas yojana, poor residents of both the UTs have been allocated houses. Gold Cards have also been

issued to the people in both UTs entitled for benefits under Ayushman Bharat.

He mentioned that over the past 3 years, Investment worth Rs 9000 crores has been made in both the UTs, which has led to a series of development projects. He said that with the foundation stone laying of Medical College, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu have got its first ever Medical College. He added that efforts are being taken to make Medical College functional this year itself. PM added that till date both UTs had only 15 Medical seats in a year and with the setting up of this Medical College, 150 seats will be available now. He said Medical College will provide improved medical facilities to the people.

Speaking on Ayushman Bharat, he said it is the World's biggest Healthcare Project and everyday 10 thousand poor are accessing the benefits of this scheme. In just 100 days since its inception over 7 lakh poor patients have been benefited.

He said that Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, a massive campaign to provide a permanent house to the poor in cities and villages is underway.

He said compared to previous government which built only 25 lakhs houses in 5 years, we have built more than 1 crore 25 lakh houses in 5 years.

Prime Minister also underlined that in Dadra and Nagar Haveli alone, 13000 women have been provided Free Gas Connections. He said efforts are being taken to ensure welfare of the tribal people. Under Van Dhan Yojana, Centres are being established for value addition in Forest Produce while several measures have been taken for preservation of tribal culture.

PM told that Dadra and Nagar Haveli has a huge potential for Tourism. Several initiatives are being taken to bring this area in the map of tourism.

He said under Blue revolution work is being done for increasing the income of Fishermen. A special Fund was set up to improve the fisheries sector. Rs. 7500 crores was arranged under this fund to give a boost to the sector.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that 125 crore Indians are his family and he is committed to working for their welfare. ■

CONNECTIVITY TRANSFORMS RESOURCES INTO OPPORTUNITY: PM

LAUNCHES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WORTH RS. 1500 CRORE FOR ODISHA

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Balangir in Odisha on January 15. He launched several development projects worth Rs. 1500 crores and laid foundation stones of various Projects.

The Prime Minister arrived at the Swami Vivekanand Airport in Raipur this morning and then left for Balangir. In Balangir, he dedicated Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) Jharsuguda to the Nation. The MMLP will make Jharsuguda the prime hub of logistics in the region. Giving a boost to rail projects, Mr. Modi inaugurated the Balangir-Bichhupali railway line built at an estimated cost of Rs. 115 crore.

In a reflection of his commitment towards the people of Odisha, the Prime Minister said that it was his third visit to Odisha over the past three weeks. Addressing a gathering at the Railway Yard in Balangir, he said that the "Government is making continuous efforts for the development of Eastern India and Odisha. Launch of a series of development projects at Balangir is a step in this direction."

The PM also dedicated to the nation, the new bridge over Nagavali River, Doubling of Railway Lines between Barpali-Dungaripali and Balangir-Deogaon and Electrification of 813 km of Jharsuguda-Vizinagaram and Sambalpur-Angul lines. The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Odisha's Sonepur at an estimated cost of Rs.15.81 crore. Highlighting the importance of connectivity and education, he said, "Education leads



to human resource development. But, it is connectivity that transforms such resources into opportunity. Inauguration of 6 railway projects is an effort of our endeavour to enhance connectivity. It will facilitate movement of people, make mineral resources more accessible to industry and help farmers to take their produce to far-off markets, furthering 'Ease of Living' for Odisha's citizens".

Citing his commitment for the preservation of culture and heritage, the Prime Minister said that it will strengthen our cultural links and enhance the tourism potential in the state. He expressed his happiness over the renovation and restoration works at the Nilamadhav and Siddheswar temples in Gandhaharadi (Boudh). Mr. Modi also inaugurated restoration and renovation work of Ranipur Jhari group of monuments in Balangir & Asurgarh Fort in Kalahandi. ■

Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2019 notified in the Gazette of India

T he Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2019 which was passed by the Parliament on 3rd January, 2019 received the assent of the President of India on 10th January, 2019. It has been notified in the Gazette of India. ■





‘GURU GOBIND SINGH JI WILL CONTINUE TO BE SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR MANKIND

P rime Minister Narendra Modi released on January 13 a commemorative coin of Rs. 350 in the national capital to mark the birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh jee. He lauded the lofty ideals and values of the Guru Gobind Singh jee – the selfless service to humanity, devotion, heroism and sacrifice and urged the people to follow his path.

The Prime Minister was addressing a select gathering at his residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg after releasing the commemorative coin to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh jee. Shri Modi said that Guru Gobind Singh ji was a great warrior, philosopher

poet and guru. He fought against oppression and injustice. His teachings to people focused on breaking the barriers of religion and caste. His message of love, peace and sacrifice are equally relevant today.

The Prime Minister said that Guru Gobind Singh Ji , his values and teachings will continue to be the source of inspiration and the guiding spirit for the mankind in years to come. He added that the Commemorative Coin is a small effort on our part to show our respect and reverence to him. He urged the people to make a resolve to walk the talk on the 11-point path shown by Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj. ■

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PM launches Gangajal Project to Provide Better and More Assured Water Supply in Agra



Giving a major push to develop and enhance Tourism infrastructure in Agra, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a series of development projects worth Rs. 2900 Crores for the Agra city and the adjoining areas.

The Prime Minister on January 9 dedicated to the nation, Gangajal project, which will provide Agra with better and more assured water supply, at an estimated cost of Rs.2880 crores. Gangajal project aims to bring 140 cusecs of Ganga water to Agra. This will help meet the drinking water demands in the city.

Prime Minister laid the foundation Stone of Integrated Command and Control Centre for Agra Smart City. In this project CCTVs will be installed throughout Agra City for monitoring and surveillance for the purpose of safety and security. This will help to develop Agra as a modern world class smart city, befitting its stature as a premium tourist destination, at a total cost of Rs.285 crores.

Addressing a rally at KothiMeena Bazaar in Agra today, the Prime Minister said, "With the projects like Gangajal project, and facilities like CCTV cameras, we are taking steps towards making Agra a Smart City." The Prime Minister added that these facilities will also attract tourists.

Under Ayushman Bharat Yojana, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the upgradation of SN Medical College in Agra. It will result in creation of 100 bed maternity wing in the Women's hospital, at an estimated cost of Rs.200 Crore and add to the health and maternity care for the weaker sections of the society. The Prime Minister lauded Ayushman Bharat Yojana and said that more than 7 lakh people have availed the benefits under the scheme within a span of 100 days.

The Prime Minister said, "I have been trying to live up to the full potential of the mandate you have given me four and a half-years ago against corruption. This is the reason why some people have begun to gather against this chowkidar". Emphasizing the priorities of his Government, the Prime Minister reiterated that Panchdhara - five facets of development hold the key to the progress of nation. These include education for children, irrigation for farmer, livelihood to youth, medicines for elderly, grievance redressal to everyone.

Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of sewerage network project for the western part of Agra, under AMRUT scheme. The project will lead to improved sanitation facility in over 50000 houses. ■

‘ITS BUDGET FOR DEVELOPMENT’

TWO MORE MEDICAL COLLEGES, SUBSIDY TO PILGRIMS OF KAILASH MANSAROVAR, FARMERS ASSISTANCE AND MANY WELFARE SCHEMES ANNOUNCED

Jharkhand Legislative Assembly Passed Budget with an estimate of Rs 85,429 crore for the year 2019-20 brought by BJP Government led by Shri Raghubar Das on January 22. Terming it as the Budget for Development, the Chief Minister Shri Raghubar Das said that out of the total budget, Rs 65,803 crore is on the head of revenue expenditure, while Rs 19,626 crore is on capital expenditure. Shri Das has announced several pro-people schemes to provide assistance to people involved with agriculture and allied activities, besides several other development plans just ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

- Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna Ayushman Bharat, the state provided health insurance of 57 lakh poor families.
- Prior to 2014, the state has merely three medical colleges, but now three medical colleges are under construction while two more have been announced.
- To provide better health facilities, construction of AIIMS is going on at Devipur in Deoghar district.
- From this financial year of 2019-20, Mukhya Mantri Medha Scholarship will be introduced to benefit 7,230 male and female students.
 - Jharkhand now has facilitated bench desks in all 34,939 schools, while in 2014 merely 3,269 schools had this facility.
 - With 8.73 per cent increase for the year 2019-20 on the current price, the per capita income has been assessed at Rs 83,513. The per capita income in 2018-19 was Rs 76,806 and in 2017-18 it was Rs 70,728.
- Under Mukhya Mantri Aashirvad Yojna, farmers will be provided economic assistance of Rs 5,000 per acre.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna, so far 3,61,861 residential units have been constructed. In the next financial year the target is to construct 1,50,000 houses.
 - Cold rooms are under construction at 48 blocks in the financial year 2018-19, while in the FY2019-20 the target is to do the same in 100 blocks.
- All the districts in Jharkhand will have cold storage with a capacity of 5000 metric tonnes for better marketing of agriculture products.
- For the state's women comprising half of the population, Rs 8,898.47 crore has been earmarked as gender budget which is more 85% in comparison to the last year. ■

The following are brief highlights of the budget:

- Under Mukhya Mantri Sukanya Yojna, economic assistance of Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 will be provided to a girl child from birth to 18 years in different intervals.
- The budget has provisioned a subsidy of Rs 1 lakh each for 100 pilgrims of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.



'INDIA HAS NOW ONE OF THE LARGEST ECOSYSTEMS IN THE WORLD'

HE INVITES BUSINESS LEADERS TO INVEST IN INDIA SAYING DOING BUSINESS WITH INDIA IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

P rime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Summit at Mahatma Mandir Exhibition cum Convention Centre in Gandhinagar on January 18. 5 Heads of States from Uzbekistan, Rwanda, Denmark, Czech Republic and Malta along with the captains of industry from various sectors & over 30,000 delegates from India and abroad are taking part in the event.

The Prime Minister invited global business leaders and companies to come and invest in India where the business climate is more investor friendly now with the required infrastructure and facilities in place. PM said, "India is now ready for business. In the last four years, we have jumped 65 places of global ranking of ease of doing business. I have asked my team to work harder to ensure India is on the top 50 next years."

Mr. Modi said that International Institutions like the World Bank, IMF and Moody's have shown confidence on India's economy and the reforms taken in recent times. He added, "We have also made Doing Business cheaper. The implementation of GST and other measures of simplification of taxes have reduced transaction costs and made processes efficient. We have also made Doing Business Faster through digital processes and single point interfaces."

Underlining the importance of India's growth and its strong economic fundamentals, the Prime Minister said, "At 7.3 per cent, the average GDP growth has



been the highest of any Indian government since 1991. At the same time, the average rate of inflation at 4.6 per cent is the lowest for any Indian government since 1991 when India began its process for liberalization."

He told the gathering that those, "who visit India regularly will feel a change in air, in terms of direction and intensity. Over the last four years, the aim of my government is to reduce government and increase governance. We wish to take deeper structural reforms to strengthen our economy. We continue to remain one of the fastest growing economies in the world,"

Prime Minister said that India has now one of the largest ecosystems in terms of start-ups and with its world-class research facilities provides the right kind of atmosphere for investment. He added that, "We have worked hard to promote manufacturing to create jobs for our youth. Investments through our 'Make in India' initiative, have been well supported by programmes like 'Digital India' and 'Skill India' "

The PM added, "We were among the highest growing tourist destinations in the world in 2017. India had a growth of 14 percent over 2016, while the world grew at an average of 7 percent in the same year. We have also been the fastest growing aviation market in the world, with double-digit growth in passenger ticketing terms, for over four years". He summed it up saying "India is thus, a land of immense opportunities.



It is the only place which offers you Democracy, Demography and Demand”.

About Vibrant Gujarat Summit, he said, “It has now emerged as a global platform and presence of so many leaders shows that international cooperation is no longer limited to national capitals but is also extended to state capitals,”

Gujarat CM , Vijay Rupani lauded PM Modi for his policy driven governance and visionary leadership and assured the captains of industry all possible support to facilitate easy business.

Five Heads of States who graced the occasion were the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev along with the Prime Ministers of Denmark, Lars Løkke Rasmussen; Czech Republic, Andrej Babis & Malta, Dr Joseph Muscat.

One of the highlights of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit-2019 was a special message by the Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu via video-conferencing who said, “Gujarat symbolises the powerful connection between our two people. Together we’re building limitless possibilities for the future.”

Major events during the three-day meet include a Round-table interaction with the heads of global funds, ‘Africa Day’, MSME convention, Roundtable

for Opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education & Research. In addition, Exhibition on Futuristic Technologies and Space Exploration, Seminar on Port Led Development & Strategies to establish India as the Trans-shipment Hub of Asia and On Make in India to showcase the Success Stories of Make in India & key interventions by the Government have been organized.

First edition of Vibrant Gujarat Summit was held in 2003 under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who was then the Chief Minister of Gujarat, to give a spur to the investments in Gujarat. Since then it has played the role of a catalyst leading to several other such summits annually in states across the country.

During this period, bilateral interactions of PM with the visiting President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Prime Minister of Czech Republic Mr. Andrej Babis, Prime Minister of Malta Dr. Joseph Muscat and Prime Minister of Denmark Mr Lars Løkke Rasmussen were in the limelight on 18 January 2019. It was followed by 3D laser projection show at Dandi Kutir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Captains of industry announced a series of investment projects to mark the Vibrant Gujarat Summit. ■

PM dedicates Armoured Systems Complex in Hazira to the nation & lays Foundation stone of a Cancer hospital at Navsari

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on his two-day-visit to Gujarat dedicated L& T Armoured Systems Complex in Hazira to the nation January 19 . He also visited the Complex and showed keen interest in the innovative spirit behind the project. Prime Minister also laid foundation stone of Nirali Cancer Hospital at Navsari. It will benefit people of the region in accessing preventive and curative aspects of cancer treatment. First day of his visit PM the inaugurated the flagship Global Trade Show at the Exhibition centre in the run up to Vibrant Gujarat Summit. PM unveiled the state of art,

super-speciality public hospital - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Institute of Medical Sciences and Research in Ahmedabad. Addressing on the occasion, he said that in keeping up with its commitment towards equal opportunity for all and for the development - Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas is the way forward for New India.

Inauguration of Ahmedabad Shopping Festival-2019 at the Sabarmati Riverfront by the PM was yet another attraction. Speaking on the occasion, he said, the Government is constantly working to create a conducive environment for business in the country. ■

'SAMRASTA KHICHDI SENDS A STRONG MESSAGE OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY'

The SC Morcha of Delhi State BJP organised the 'Bhim Mahasangam Vijay Sankalp' rally, an outreach programme on 06 January, 2019 at Ramlila Maidan, New Delhi.

There are four main features of the event. The first feature is 'Samrasta Khichdi'. Under this programme, the party Karyakartas collected a fistful of rice and lentils each from 3 lakh families of SC community as a symbol of support and pledge to make Shri Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister again. This exercise took three months time before the programme.

Secondly, the BJP Karyakartas taking the help of Nagpur-based chef Vishnu Manohar cooked 5,000 kg Khichdi in one utensil using the rice and lentils collected from 3 lakh SC families to create a world record.

Thirdly, the Delhi BJP has prepared 14 lakh Sankalp Patras, to make this campaign successful.

The SC Morcha workers contacted 14 lakh people through the Sankalp Patra. They have also apprised them of the public welfare schemes run by the Central government.

The fourth feature was the massive 'Bhim Mahasangam Vijay Sankalp' rally, at Ramlila Maidan, New Delhi aimed to spread positivity and harmony in the society.

Thousands of people gathered on the Ramlila ground for the 'Bhim Mahasangam Vijay Sankalp' rally and cries of Jai Bhim, Jai Hind, Bharat Mata ki Jai resonated at the Ramlila Maidan where party leaders said the event was more of a harmony-building exercise in the society rather than a political event.

Among others BJP National General Secretary (Org.) Shri Ramlal, Union Ministers Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, Shri Vijay Goel and Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Delhi





BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari and other leaders of Delhi State BJP participated in the programme.

Addressing the huge gathering Union Minister Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot said Dr. BR Ambedkar was a patriot who returned to his country to work towards removing disparity. He spent his entire life on creating an atmosphere of harmony. He was a patriot. If he

was not a patriot, he would not have come back to India despite being educated abroad where he also had the option of getting high-paying jobs.

“He came back to India but did not opt for a highly-paid job, instead he chose to work towards removing disparities,” Shri Gehlot said.

Union Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan said by collecting a handful of rice and half a handful of lentils, the Delhi BJP is sending out a strong message of “unity in diversity”.

Addressing on the occasion Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari said this event sent a message to political parties not to indulge in divisive politics, but spread unity. “The dal and rice for this event has been collected from three lakh households and if they were not happy with us they would not have contributed. This khichdi has the message that PM Shri Narendra Modi will again become the Prime Minister,” he said.

Taking a dig at the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party, he said, “Arvind Kejriwal and Rahul Gandhi are you upset about the event? We had even invited every political party to be a part of the event. If they were concerned about harmony, Mamata Banerjee, Kejriwal, and others would have come,” he said.

He said it was a befitting reply to those who divide the country on the basis of caste, region and religion.

Speaking further about the Bhim Mahasangam, Delhi BJP SC Morcha President Shri Mohan Lal Gihara said the khichdi, which was cooked at the venue was served to around 25,000 people who thronged the Ramlila Maidan. ■

‘Samrasta khichdi’ creates World Record

Almost 5000 kilogram of ‘Samrasta khichdi’ was prepared at Ramlila Maidan on the occasion. The khichdi was prepared with 400 kg rice, 100 kg lentils, 350 kg vegetables, 100 kg desi ghee, 100 litres of oil, 2,500 litres of water and 250 kg spices, one of the cooks said. The 5,000-kg was cooked in one utensil, with rice and lentils collected from around 3 lakh Dalit households in the national capital with an aim to set a world record. Chef Vishnu Manohar from Nagpur, who had earlier attempted a world record by preparing 3000 kilogram of khichdi in Nagpur, prepared the khichdi in a single vessel.

The representatives from the Guinness Book of World Records were here to register the World Record and 5,000 kilogram of khichdi was eaten by around 25,000 persons.

10% RESERVATION FOR POOR AMONG GENERAL CATEGORY

Passing of 124th Constitutional Amendment Bill 2019 by both houses is a historical achievement of the winter session of 2018. The amendment provides 10% reservation in jobs and educational institutions to economically weaker sections from the general category. The cabinet under Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the bill on January 7, 2019. It has been seen as Modi Government's pledge of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that this is a step in the right direction. He made it clear that the Government will be adding more number of seats in the educational institutions to ensure that the other category students will not be affected. The Prime Minister said, "We have taken a major step to provide education facilities at the higher educational, technical and professional institutions in addition to the reservation for the poor from general category. We have also increased the number of seats in the higher education institutions by 10%. We won't have have a system which takes away the right of anyone."

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah congratulated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Union Cabinet for taking this legitimate decision. Shri Shah added it shows the government's efforts towards making people from all sections economically self-reliant.

"I congratulate the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his entire cabinet for this legitimate decision, which was pending for decades," he said in his tweet.

"The commitment of the Modi government towards the economic self reliance of every section of the country is not only appreciable but also a lesson for the parties doing appeasement politics for years," said the BJP President.

He added the government has given this reservation by keeping the current reservation for schedule castes, schedule tribes and other backward classes intact. The decision to provide 10 per cent reservation to the economically weaker in other classes is not just historic but it is a strong step towards bringing



positive change in the lives of the people from a large section of our country".

Union Social Justice Minister Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot on January 8 introduced the bill in Lok Sabha for 10 per cent reservation for economically backward section in the general category.

While concluding day of the session the amendment bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha. The President of India gave assent to the bill January 12.

During the Session, 17 Bills (12 in the Lok Sabha and 05 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced. The Lok Sabha passed 14 Bills and while the Rajya Sabha passed 04 Bills during the session. Five Bills were passed by both the Houses of Parliament. The Lok Sabha passed two important Bills namely the Aadhar and other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019. Three Bills replacing the Ordinances, namely, (i) the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance, 2018 (ii) the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 and (iii) The Companies (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 which were promulgated by the President, were considered and passed by Lok Sabha. The Bills are presently in Rajya Sabha.

The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Central Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple (Disabilities) Amendment Bill, 2018; the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and National Council for Teacher Education (Amendment) Bill, 2019 were passed by both Houses of Parliament. ■



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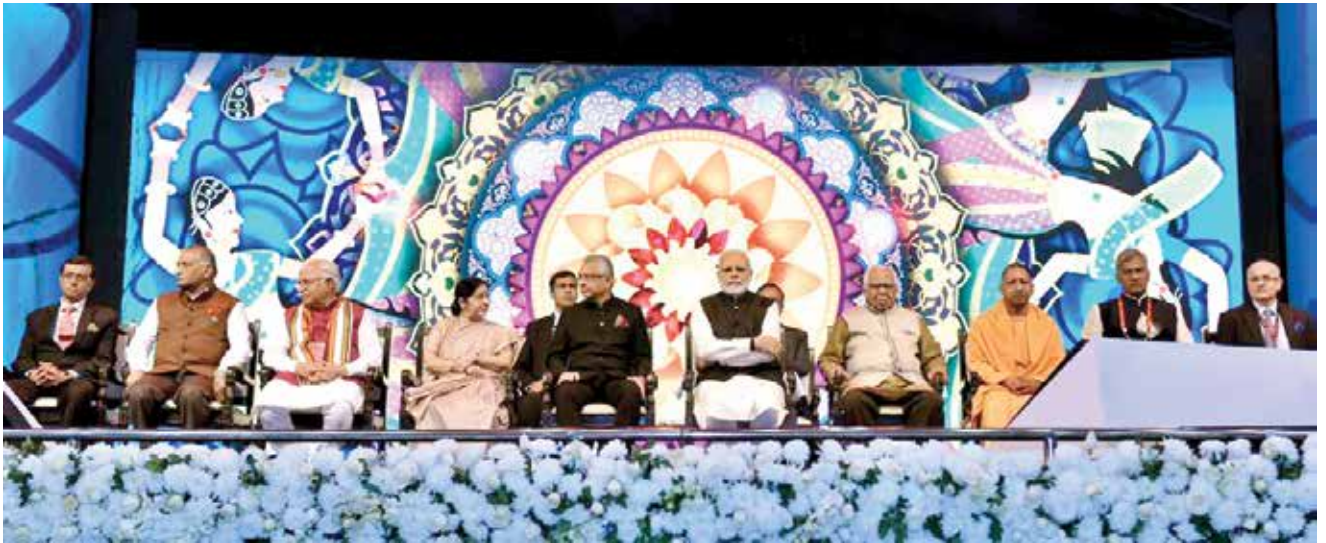
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PM Shri Narendra Modi and the PM of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Jugnauth at the inauguration of the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2019 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



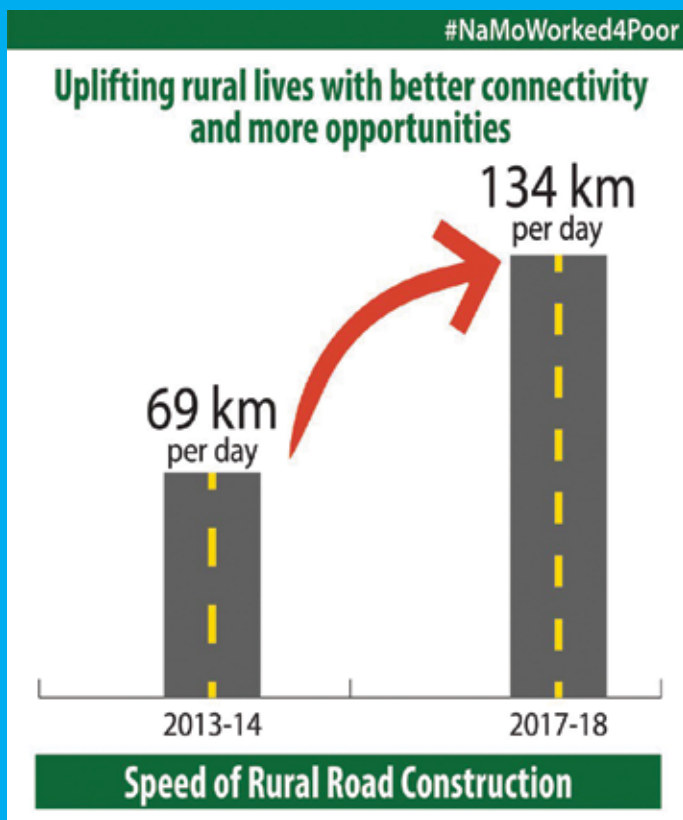
PM Shri Narendra Modi unveiling the plaque to inaugurate the Kollam Bypass on NH 66 in Kerala



PM Shri Narendra Modi visiting the Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence at Red Fort, Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the inauguration of Ahmedabad Shopping Festival - 2019 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat



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- Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana**
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