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for welfare of poor, tribals, Dalits,
backwards, farmers & women'**

PM Shri Narendra Modi along with other BJP leaders while interacting with BJP booth workers and public during his visit to Varanasi, UP



Taking lunch with BJP Leaders at the meeting ground



PM Shri Narendra Modi flanked by Union Ministers Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Smt. Anupriya Patel, Shri Mahendra Pandey and others laying the Foundation Stone for a Super Speciality Cancer Hospital in Varanasi, UP.

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BJP's landslide win in Chandigarh is yet another instance of people reposing their faith in BJP's development politics and PM Modi's vision.



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The foundation stone for Agra-Etawah 6 lane highway laid, Agra-Bareilly road has been upgraded to a National Highway, Agra ring road work started; these are steps for the development of Uttar Pradesh.



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Passage of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill - 2016 is a landmark moment & will add tremendous strength to Accessible India movement.



— **Narendra Modi**

Homage to the martyrs who laid down their lives while securing Parliament House. Their courage and supreme sacrifice will always be remembered.



— **Rajnath Singh**

Thanks to PM Narendra Modi ji for providing guidance to underground power cabling work under IPDS in Varanasi and inspiring us to explore the potential for a national rollout.



— **Piyush Goyal**



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Congress trapped in the politics of lie, deceit and falsehood

As Congress along with a section of opposition continued to stall parliament, Rahul Gandhi's promised 'earthquake' could not send any tremors across the country. In the process Congress once again became a laughing stock before the nation. If Rahul Gandhi had something to reveal why Congress refused to allow parliament to function for the entire session? And if that revelation was so shocking as to have caused an earthquake, how Congress could not make it an issue to be debated in the parliament? The revelation could have been made in media also, but it has not happened. In fact Rahul Gandhi has nothing to reveal, he wanted to divert the attention of the nation from the real issues. The real issue of huge black money generated under the patronage of Congress rule, the massive scams through which public money was looted and plundered and the system of parallel economy created and nurtured by vested interests and the system so painstakingly built by successive Congress regimes are badly haunting Congress these days. The kind of public support which Prime Minister Narendra Modi is getting on the issue of demonetization is giving sleepless nights to Congress and its cohorts. Rahul Gandhi wants to reassure them that Congress and its leadership is still capable of protecting their vested interests.

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Rahul Gandhi is causing major embarrassments to Congress every now and then. His repeated resort to wild and baseless allegations has made his party run for cover. In place of building a credible and responsible opposition he is bent upon causing irreversible damage to Congress. It's high time that he should realize that the politics of lie, deceit and falsehood cannot retrieve the Congress fortunes. Such politics only exposes the kind of frustration which has taken Congress and its leadership in its grip. In a bid to desperately evade the responsibility as an opposition, Congress is trying to create false narratives to mislead the nation. But the nation is aware of the kind of politics the Congress has been playing with the people who have been punishing the Congress more and more. If the results of the local bodies elections in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and now Chandigarh are any indication, Congress should focus on soul searching exercise and apologize for all the misdeeds it has committed during its rules. In place of cleansing the Congress of corrupt culture, the recent attempts by its leadership to defend the interests of the scamsters, corrupt, black marketeers and money launderers has further exposed its real character.

In a democracy the fate of any political party is decided by the people. The support of the people comes with the credibility enjoyed by the party and its leadership. BJP and its leadership have built its credibility through testing times of hard work, ideological commitment and persistent efforts. Unlike Congress the BJP leadership is not built on the basis of family loyalties and dynastic politics. BJP leadership represents proven track records in ideological praxis, value based politics, national commitment, dedication towards governance and development. If leadership of a political party rests on the fate of dynasty then results are akin to the plight of the Congress. The situation in which Congress finds itself is compounded by its inability to shake off the albatross of dynasty which is tied around its neck. It's bound to face embarrassment after embarrassment and more particularly at a time when a leader like Prime Minister Narendra Modi has risen from the rank and file of a political party to lead the nation. Congress faith in the politics of lie, deceit and falsehood continues to entrap it in the vicious stranglehold of defeat and decline. ■

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Wealth recovered post demonetization will be utilized for welfare of poor, tribals, Dalits, backwards, farmers and women: Amit Shah



Addressing BJP Karyakarta *Sammelan* on the occasion of completion of 13 years in power by the Raman Singh led BJP government in Chhattisgarh on 12 December, 2016 in Raipur BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said, the BJP-led NDA government has given the country a “Prime Minister who speaks”, as against Manmohan Singh, “whose voice the people of this country had never heard”.

He said the BJP believes in politics of performance that ensures repeat mandate for the party in various States. The Opposition, howsoever strong agitation it might launch, BJP’s position on demonetization will not change, he said. “During the Congress regime of 60 years, the nation suffered from paralysis of black money. And without demonetization it can’t be cured. Modi ji understands the discomfort of standing in the queue but like any major surgical treatment the pain is bound to be there”, Shri Shah said.

He said, “The unaccounted wealth recovered following demonetization or the capital regained through stringent penalty imposed on unaccounted money would be utilized for the welfare of poor, tribals, Dalits, backwards, farmers, women and further development of the country”.

Shri Shah said, “Rahul baba asked what the Modi government has given us in two-and-a-half years. Rahul baba, you are asking this? I will list everything else later. First, we gave a Prime Minister who speaks. You had given us a Prime Minister whose voice the people of this country had never heard. We have given a Prime Minister who thinks India’s entire problem is his own. He faces those problems and goes in front of the people and speaks.”

“During our two-and-a-half year rule, there is no allegation of fraud and any graft charges. But the nation witnessed the corruption to the tune of 12 lakh crore during the Congress regime. Our party has launched 92 welfare schemes and the fight against black money” Shri Shah stated.

The nation has witnessed four types of governments, Congress, Left supported, regional parties ruled and BJP governments and the political pundits should analyze which government has worked for poverty eradication and social and economic empowerment of people and which government has faith on development, he said.

During Congress led UPA regime Pakistan was attacking Kashmir valley every day, but people were just waiting for permission from Delhi, he said adding when



Pakistan fired at Indian territory, Prime Minister Modi ordered the army to give a befitting reply. "Today things are totally different. It was never a practice to retaliate. But we have given a befitting reply to Pakistan on its border," he said.

"Things cannot be seen by Rahul Gandhi as he is wearing Italian spectacle. Rahul baba has to replace his Italian eyeglasses with Indian spectacles to see all these changes," BJP National President said amid applause from the BJP workers.

Describing the demonetization move as a major step against corruption, he said the PM and the BJP are pained at the hardships caused to the people. "But, the move is essential to tackle menace of corruption and black money," he said and added that the ill-gotten money recovered would be used for welfare schemes.

Before November 7, all the opposition leaders Arvind Kejriwal, Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee, Mayawati, and Mulayam Singh Yadav all were questioning BJP government what it had done on black money. But from November 8, all these leaders have been asking Modi government "why have you taken action on black money," Shri Amit Shah said. "All those people, who have lost their money, have been opposing the demonetization move. You can see the face of Mamata Banerjee," said BJP President adding "But Modi government will not go back from its fight against black money and demonetization".

The BJP President praised the accomplishments of Raman Singh government. "From the backward BIMARU status, the Chhattisgarh state now is ranked among the most progressive States of the country under the leadership of Dr. Raman Singh," Shri Shah affirmed.

He exhorted the party workers to connect with



Earlier, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah along with BJP General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh and other senior leaders also inaugurated the "Nanaji Deshmukh Memorial Library" in State BJP office in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Highlights of the Speech

- ▶ BJP believes in politics of performance that ensures repeat mandate for the party in various States.
- ▶ During the Congress regime of 60 years, the nation suffered from paralysis of black money. And without demonetization it can't be cured.
- ▶ Modi understands the discomfort of standing in the queue but like any major surgical treatment the pain is bound to be there.
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- ▶ BJP workers to connect with each person and carry the messages and achievements of PM Modi and CM Raman Singh
- ▶ Ensure the party returns to power in Chhattisgarh for the fourth consecutive term in 2018.

each person with the BJP and carry the messages and achievements of PM Modi and CM Raman Singh among the masses to ensure the party returns to power in Chhattisgarh for the fourth consecutive term in 2018.

On the Maoist issue, he said Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh has nearly freed Chhattisgarh from Maoism, which was a good thing for the nation. BJP National President also congratulated the Chief Minister for completing 13 years in office.

Addressing the gathering Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh said it was BJP, which had picked up a simple party worker like him for the Chief Minister of the state, for which he was grateful to the BJP. Dr. Raman Singh also assured the National BJP President Shri Amit Shah that the state BJP government would return to power in 2018 Assembly election and BJP will get all seats in 2019 Lok Sabha polls. ■ (FOC)

Root out corrupt Congress government, says Amit Shah to BJP Karyakartas



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah called upon the party's Karyakartas to force Assembly polls before schedule, wipe out the corrupt Congress government and bring the BJP back to power, while addressing BJP's booth-level workers from Solan, Sirmaur and Shimla districts of Himachal Pradesh, named 'Tridev Sammelan' on 11 December, 2016 in Solan.

At the first such rally in the poll-bound state after demonetization, Shri Shah lashed out at Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh over corruption charges and asked the people of the state, apart from party workers, to "wage such a struggle, which forces the Congress government to collapse under its own weight and corruption charges so that the people don't have to wait for the polls".

He said that the timing of the Himachal polls was such that if the Congress was defeated here, there would not be any chance elsewhere in the country. This would be a true fulfillment of the "Congress-mukt bharat" slogan given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Alleging that the incumbent regime was thoroughly corrupt, he said, "It is for the first time in history that a chief minister has

deposited money acquired allegedly through corrupt means in his accounts. There is also no need for leaders such as former CM Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal or Union Health Minister Shri JP Nadda to allege that the state is not taking advantage of the Centre's welfare initiatives because the local government is not keen on it and the CM is busy on making money."

Thus, there was a need to replace the present dispensation with the BJP government, which will work in tandem with the PM Modi-led government at the Centre, he said.

SCAMS FROM AAKASH TO PATAAL

Shri Amit Shah said the BJP was working to make India corruption free, but the country also needed to be made "Congress free". In his 40-minute address, he said the Congress provided governments riddled with corruption and allowed black money to take roots in the economy. Scams worth Rs 12 lakh crore unfolded during the UPA regime, from the space, sky, sea and pataal (underground). There was a scam happening almost every month. "But now, and during two-and-a-half years of the Modi government, there was not

a single case of corruption. The Prime Minister is coming out with a new scheme every 15 days. Despite this, Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi is still asking what Modi has done.”

On demonetization, he said the Prime Minister had asked only 50 days from the people to clean up the black money mess. We are aware of the problems of the people but it’s surgery to treat a chronic disease spread through the body during 70 years, he added.

The *sammelan*, the first of a total of four proposed by the party in every parliamentary constituency, saw the presence of all top party leaders, including Union minister Shri J P Nadda, former CM Shri Prem Kumar Dhumal, state BJP president Shri Satpal Satti and BJP MP Shri Anurag Thakur, Shimla MP Shri Virender Kashyap, state organizing secretary Shri Pawan Rana apart from workers from Shimla, Solan and Sirmaur districts attended the rally. ■ (FOC)

BJP gets a landslide victory in Chandigarh Municipal Polls

D n the recently concluded municipal elections for which result was announced on 20 December, 2016 the BJP-Akali Dal alliance has scored a landslide victory in the capital city of Chandigarh just ahead of the crucial state assembly polls early next year. The allies have won 21 of the 26 seats - the BJP independently taking 20, Akali Dal one - while the Congress has had to settle for just four. One seat has been won by an independent candidate.

The BJP has made major gains in this poll. Noteworthy, in the outgoing house the BJP held 10 seats and ally Akali Dal had two. The Congress had 11 seats and Mayawati’s Bahujan Samaj Party two.

This victory is a big boost for the BJP & Akali Dal alliance which ruled Punjab for last 10 straight years. BJP MP from the city, Smt. Kirron Kher said, “Demonetization has not affected the polls, people faced some problems but they are very understanding and mature. Therefore, its a mandate for the good works done by Modi ji at the Centre to root out corruption and state government for the development of the State.” ■ (FOC)



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Thank you to the people of Chandigarh for supporting @BJP4India & @Akali_Dal_. This shows the importance people attach to good governance.

Every win after November 08 shows people approve cash ban: Amit Shah

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah congratulated Chandigarh unit of the party for winning the state municipal corporation polls. “I whole heartedly congratulate the president of the Chandigarh BJP unit, the Member of Parliament and all the workers. I am also thankful to the people of Chandigarh for supporting the BJP,” he said.



Thanking the people of Chandigarh he said that every recent election victory of the party shows that people “approve of the demonetization decision.”

Shri Amit Shah said after demonetization was announced, some states have had municipal polls, we have won the Maharashtra municipal council polls, Rajasthan polls, Gujarat polls and people have approved of the BJP. Now, in the Chandigarh polls, the people have supported the BJP whole heartedly, Shri Shah said. He further said that the BJP has won all elections that have taken place post demonetization, which indicates that the public has given its approval stamp to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s demonetization decision.

BJP National President appoints new party Morcha Presidents

After BJP's emphatic victory in the civic polls in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 15 December, 2016 appointed Member of Parliament and BJP National Secretary Smt. Poonam Mahajan as the National President of Bhartiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM). Smt. Poonam Mahajan, daughter of former BJP leader Shri Pramod Mahajan, succeeded Shri Anurag Thakur, MP as the President of party's Yuva Morcha, who had the position for last two terms.

After Shri Pramod Mahajan's murder in 2006, Smt. Mahajan joined the BJP, with the encouragement of her uncle late Shri Gopinath Munde. She is currently representing the Mumbai North Central as Member of Parliament and a National Secretary of the BJP. In 2014, she contested the general election from Mumbai North Central and defeated two-time MP Priya Dutt of the Congress by a huge margin.

Along with the Yuva Morcha, the BJP National President Shri Amit Shah also appointed Presidents of the party's SC Morcha, ST Morcha, Kisan Morcha and OBC Morcha.

Shri Vinod Kumar Sonkar, a Lok Sabha member from Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh has been appointed as the National President of BJP S.C Morcha.



Vinod Kumar Sonkar



Ramvichar Netam



Poonam Mahajan



Virendra Singh Mast



Dara Singh Chauhan

Shri Ramvichar Netam, a Rajya Sabha member from Chhattisgarh has been appointed as the National President of BJP S.T Morcha.

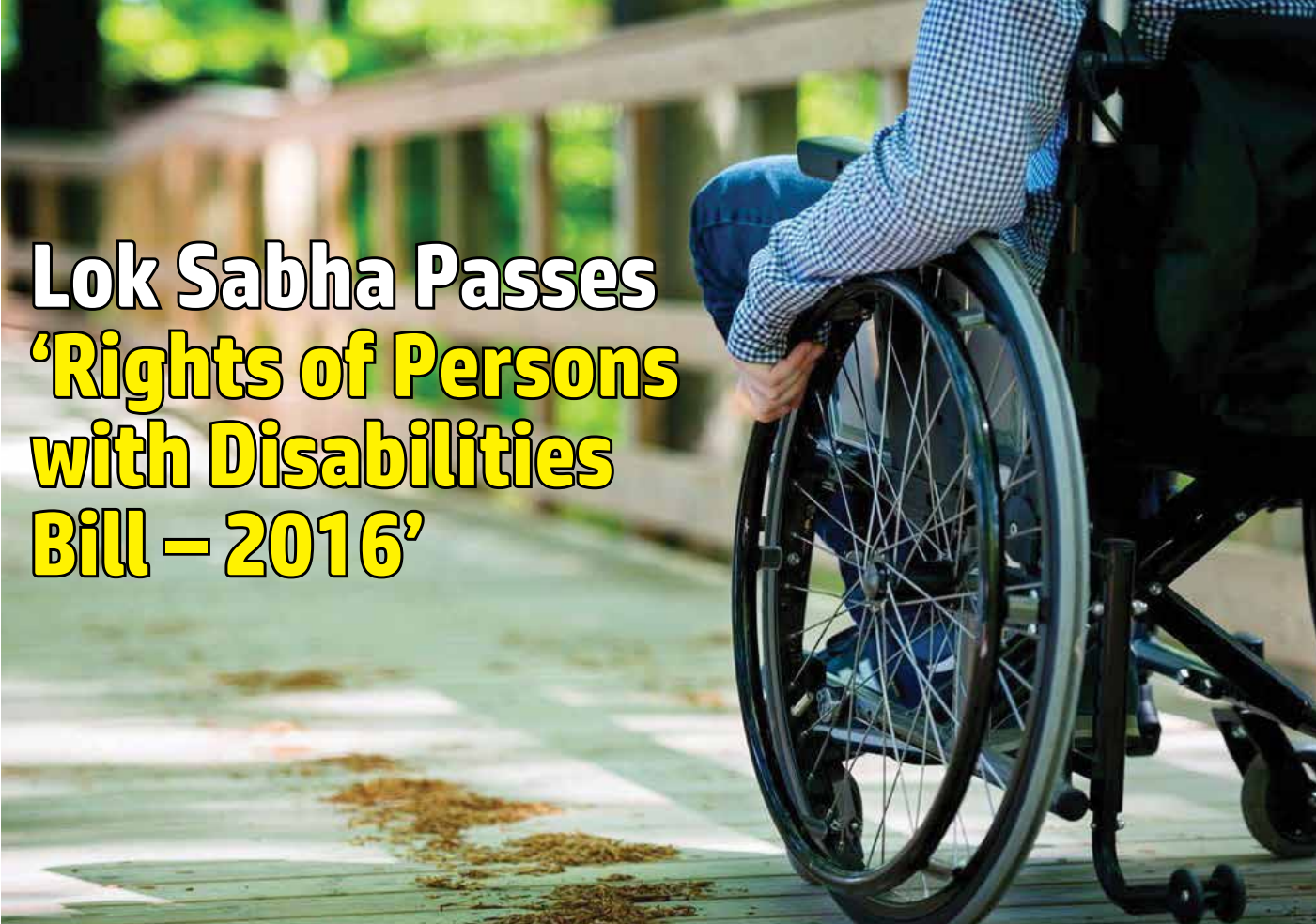
Likewise, Shri Virendra Singh Mast, a Member of Parliament from Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh has been appointed by Shri Amit Shah as the National President of BJP National Kisan Morcha and former MP Shri Dara Singh Chauhan from Uttar Pradesh was named as new National President of BJP OBC Morcha respectively. ■ (FOC)

Ranjit Kumar Das appointed as new Assam BJP president

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 16th December, 2016 appointed journalist turned Assam Assembly Speaker Shri Ranjit Kumar Das, as BJP State President. Shri Das, 50, is a veteran in the state BJP, having joined the party in 1992. He will replace CM Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, who guided the party to power for the first time in the State. It was also under Shri Sonowal's leadership that the BJP won seven of the 14 seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

Shri Ranjit Kumar Das a two-time MLA had won the 2016 Assembly polls from western Assam's Sorbhog constituency and subsequently, he was elected as the Assembly speaker unanimously. As an IIS (Indian Information Service) officer, he had also worked for several English and Assamese dailies. ■ (FOC)





Lok Sabha Passes 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill – 2016'

Disability bill will strengthen PM's Accessible India Campaign

To strengthen Prime Minister's Accessible India Campaign the Lok Sabha on 16 December, the last day of winter session, passed "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill - 2016". The Bill will replace the existing PwD Act, 1995, which was enacted 21 years back. The Rajya Sabha has already passed the Bill on 14 December, 2016.

Disability has been defined based on an evolving and dynamic concept. The types of disabilities have been increased from existing 7 to 21 and the Central Government will have the power to add more types of disabilities. The 21 disabilities are Blindness, Low-vision Leprosy Cured persons, Hearing Impairment (deaf and hard of hearing), Locomotor Disability, Dwarfism, Intellectual Disability, Mental

Illness, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Chronic Neurological conditions, Specific Learning Disabilities, Multiple Sclerosis, Speech and Language disability

Thalassemia, Hemophilia, Sickle Cell disease, Multiple Disabilities including deafblindness, Acid Attack victim, Parkinson's disease.

Speech and Language Disability and Specific Learning Disability have been added for the first time. Acid Attack Victims have been included. Dwarfism, muscular dystrophy have been indicated as separate class of specified disability. The New categories of disabilities also included three blood disorders, Thalassemia, Hemophilia and Sickle Cell disease. In addition, the Government has been authorized to notify any other category of specified

disability. Responsibility has been cast upon the appropriate governments to take effective measures to ensure that the persons with disabilities enjoy their rights equally with others. Additional benefits such as reservation in higher education, government jobs, reservation in allocation of land, poverty alleviation schemes etc. have been provided for persons with benchmark disabilities and those with high support needs. Every child with benchmark disability between the age group of 6 and 18 years shall have the right to free education. Government funded educational institutions as well as the government recognized institutions will have to provide inclusive education to the children with disabilities.

For strengthening the Prime Minister's Accessible India Campaign, stress has been given to ensure accessibility in public buildings (both Government and private) in a prescribed time-frame. Reservation in vacancies in government establishments has been increased from 3% to 4% for certain persons or class of persons with benchmark disability.

The Bill provides for grant of guardianship by District Court under which there will be joint decision – making between the guardian and the persons with disabilities. The bill has provision to set up Broad based Central & State Advisory Boards on Disability to serve as apex policy making bodies at the Central and State level.

Office of Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities has been strengthened who will now be assisted by 2 Commissioners and an Advisory Committee comprising of not more than 11 members drawn from experts in various disabilities. Similarly,

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The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities and the State Commissioners will act as regulatory bodies and Grievance Redressal agencies and also monitor implementation of the Act.

According to passed act, district level committees will be constituted by the State Governments to address local concerns of PwDs. Details of their constitution and the functions of such committees would be prescribed by the State Governments in the rules.

National and State Fund will be created to provide financial support to the persons with disabilities. The existing National Fund for Persons with Disabilities and the Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will be subsumed with the National Fund.

The Bill provides for penalties for offences committed against persons with disabilities and also violation of the provisions of the new law. Special Courts will be designated in each district to handle cases concerning violation of rights of PwDs.

The New Act will bring our law in line with the United National Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), to which India is a signatory. This will fulfill the obligations on the part of India in terms of UNCRD. Further, the new law will not only enhance the Rights and Entitlements of Divyangjan but also provide effective mechanism for ensuring their empowerment and true inclusion into the Society in a satisfactory manner. ■ (FOC)

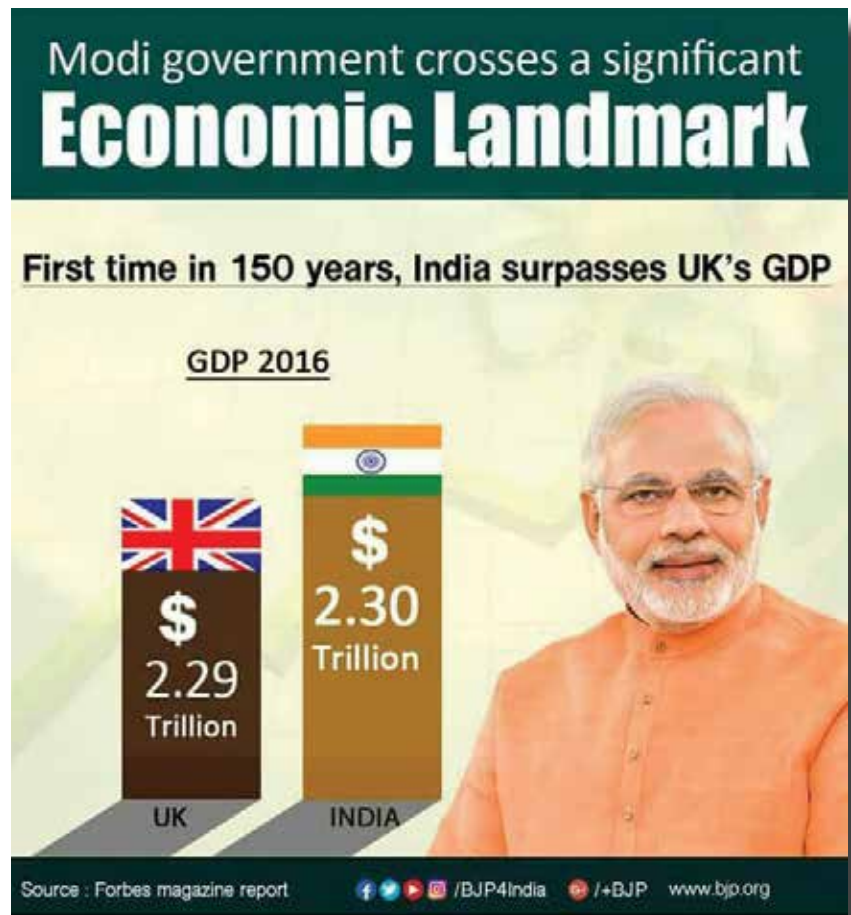
India's merchandise exports up for the third consecutive month

India's merchandise exports grew for the third consecutive month in November. 20 out of the 30 export sectors registered growth. A data released by Government of India showed that in November, exports added \$20 billion compared with \$19.5 billion a year ago, an increase of 2.9%. The overall exports in April-November also turned positive showing a growth of 0.1% during the period. ■ (FOC)



India's Economy Surpasses UK's: Forbes

India's economy will be larger than the UK's, for the first time in 150 years, says a report published in Forbes magazine. The magazine says "This dramatic shift has been driven by India's rapid economic growth over the past 25 years as well as Britain's recent woes, particularly with the Brexit. Once expected to overtake the UK GDP in 2020, the surpass has been accelerated by the nearly 20% decline in the value of the pound over the last 12 months, consequently UK's 2016 GDP of GBP 1.87 trillion converts to \$2.29 trillion at exchange rate of GBP 0.81 per \$1, whereas India's GDP of INR 153 trillion converts to \$2.30 trillion at exchange rate of INR 66.6 per \$1. Furthermore, this gap is expected to widen as India grows at 6 to 8% p.a. compared to UK's growth of 1 to 2% p.a. until 2020, and likely beyond. Even if the currencies fluctuate that modify these figures to rough equality, the verdict is clear that India's economy has surpassed that of the UK based on future growth prospects." ■



India signs Open Skies Agreement with six countries

India signed Open Skies Agreements with six countries at International Civil Aviation Negotiations (ICAN) - 2016 held in Nassau from 5th to 9th December, 2016. The six countries are Jamaica, Guyana, the Czech Republic, Finland, Spain and Sri Lanka. The Agreements allow an unlimited number services to Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Chennai. The new arrangement will encourage connectivity and passenger travel between India and these countries.

India held negotiations with 17 countries and "Memorandum of Understanding" was signed with 12 countries. The ICAN Conference was attended by 106 countries out of ICAO membership of 191 countries. India renegotiated traffic rights with Oman increasing the entitlements with 6,258 seats effective from Summer 2017 as the existing entitlements were nearly exhausted. The points of call remained unchanged. India agreed with Saudi Arabia to increase the capacity by 8000 seats per week

from IATA season when Indian carrier's utilization reaches 80%. This was in response to the needs of increasing traffic between the two countries where Indian carriers have been utilising open sky in Damman to mount more flights than the Saudi Arabian side. Indian also agreed with Ghana to increase the present allocation of 2 frequencies to 7 frequencies per week to encourage connectivity between the two countries. New Air Service Agreements were also signed with Jamaica and Guyana. ■ (FOC)

DEENDAYAL

The symbol of dedication

There may be persons who call themselves followers of Deendayalji but a person who has watched him from close quarters would know that he did not make any followers. He had only co-workers. He created innumerable co-workers.

I LATE BHAURAO DEORAS

IN 1952, when the all India session of the Jan Sangh was held at Kanpur, though there were many others, the choice fell upon Deendayal Upadhyaya. He was chosen the General Secretary of the Party. The reason for this is not that he was a very competent politician. In fact, he was by much different from the ordinary run of politicians. Who marked him out from others for being chosen the General Secretary were the qualities he acquired as a swayamsevak and as a pracharak, from 1938 to 1951 which made him eminently successful as an organiser. For a successful worker of the RSS, the quality of collecting and keeping people together, known as the quality of Lok Sangrah is of utmost importance. Without this quality, one cannot be a successful worker of Sangh. For one to have this quality of Lok Sangrah special type of life style is needed. He must be utterly devoid of egoism. Life should be simple and straightforward; his conduct should be in consonance with his profession. A person in whom there is no harmony between his conduct and his profession cannot do Lok Sangrah. After collecting people, if their life is to be transformed in a particular direction, if they are to be imbued with “the qualities of dedication for the nation and the society, this can be done only by personal example. Lok Sangrah is not possible merely by virtue of oratory, intellectuality or scholasticism. These do not help in building up men.

Whether as a Sangh pracharak or the General Secretary of the Jan Sangh, Deen-dayal Upadhyaya could inspire his workers, not because he was a great intellectual, not because he spoke with authority on

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



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

NO FOLLOWERS: ONLY COLLEAGUES

There may be persons who call themselves followers of Deendayalji but a person who has watched him from close quarters would know that he did not make any followers. He had only co-workers. He created innumerable co-workers. And it was with their cooperation that he set up the countrywide



organisation of the its Sangh. But even while setting up such an organisation he was particularly keen about developing the qualities required for Lok Sangrah. He never desired anything for himself, neither name, nor fame nor power nor pelf. His was a life totally dedicated to the nation and the society. Because of that, he could build up such a huge organization. Had there been in him the slightest desire for name or fame or power, if he had any son of selfish ambition. Jan Sangh, after the demise of Shyamaprasad Mookerjee would have met the same fate as the Janata Party. Deendayal Upadhyaya built up a grand political party through the medium of excellent co-workers. So, whether as a Sangh Pracharak or its Sangh General Secretary or its President, the secret of Deendayal Upadhyaya's success was not in his oratory, in his intelligence nor in his ability to expound any thesis, but in the exemplary life he lived. There are people who can deliver beautiful lectures on the problem of poverty, quoting facts and figures but that can hardly influence any individual life. What transform lives is the great agony one feels about the condition of the poor and the downtrodden. What is the inspiration behind a dedicated life, intelligence or heart? In our country, there is no dearth of intelligent people, those who can deliver faultless speeches on the problem of poverty, but they do not feel the pinch themselves. Their sleep is not disturbed even for a night 'on account of the thought of the misery of their people. How many ' of these intelligent people are prepared to effect some cut in their personal standard of life so as to contribute a little to alleviate the sufferings of the poor? Has many of them are prepared to devote some time for their service? Do the thoughts they express, in anyway reflect in their conduct? True inspiration comes from the heart. Only those people are inspired to act, who experience the agony of the people's suffering in their heart. The intelligent only talk; they do not live a dedicated life. Deendayal Upadhyaya belonged to the former category.

HAD HE BEEN ALIVE TODAY!

Today the Jan Sangh, which Deendayal built up brick by brick is no more. One is naturally tempted to ask as to that he would have done, had he been alive today. It is difficult to answer the question. Under the present political situation, probably he would have taken to political sanyas. In fact, at no time did he have any

liking for politics. He entered politics because of circumstances. After the formation of the Janata Party, seeing the state of affairs, he would have kept away from all positions of power. Not only that, he would have tried to come out of it and return to Sangh. If he had still continued in it, he would definitely have bid goodbye to it the moment questions like dual loyalty were raised, saying 'I am basically a swyamsevak: my source of inspiration is the Sangh and whatever I am is the gift of the Sang!'. But if due to pressure of circumstances he still continued in politics, he would not have spent his time in Delhi. He would never have taken interest in the political gymnastics of party leaders. He would have been continuously on the move, keeping constant touch with his innumerable co-workers in the country, placing before them his thought and ideas regarding the people and the situation. Contact with workers, constant contact with people—that is that he always aspired for. He would not have taken part in the type of politics

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going on. Slowly he would have built up a worthy political structure, because for him political party was not just an instrument to capture power. Power without principle was not his aim. Keeping away from power, he would have built up a principled party or an organized structure, however small it may have been.

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

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Swami Vivekananda

The embodiment of youth, dynamism and vibrancy

Swami Vivekananda expressed this confidence in the youth of this country exactly 50 years before the end of Colonial Rule while speaking to a mammoth gathering of youngsters in Madras. Swami ji himself was the embodiment of youth, dynamism and vibrancy. The life and ideals of Swami ji are the greatest inspiration for the youth of our nation. In a short life of 39 years, 5 months and 22 days, this great man conquered the entire world with his message. Many great personalities both in India and across the world became deeply inspired by Swami ji.

The writings of Swami ji can ignite the minds of the reader. Someone rightly pointed out that if you are lying down and reading Swami ji's work you will instantly sit upright. If you are sitting and reading his writings then you will stand up and if you read him standing, you will at once set out towards your mission. This is nothing but the influence of Swami Vivekananda's lively message. Anybody who has come into either direct or indirect contact has witnessed an ocean of change in his or her life.

PURPOSE OF LIFE

Swami ji always held that the real birth of the individual takes place when the purpose of his life germinates. He believed that he who does not have a purpose is nothing but a walking-talking corpse. Till the purpose

“MY FAITH IS IN THE YOUNGER GENERATION, THE MODERN GENERATION, OUT OF THEM WILL COME MY WORKERS. THEY WILL WORK OUT THE WHOLE PROBLEM, LIKE LIONS.

is not recognized, life is absolutely useless.

Our youngsters should decide what they want to do in this life. Right from our childhood, we are constantly chained by the thought of careers, or what we want to be and in that process forget some of the finer aspects that life has to offer. It is extremely important not to decide the purpose of life with the narrow objective to be something or the other. Think of doing not



becoming and in this process you will certainly become something. Once the purpose of life is clear, all actions of life become driven by that purpose.

SELF-CONFIDENCE

A precursor to do anything in life is to have confidence in the self. Swami Vivekananda attached more importance to self-confidence than even faith in God! “He is an atheist who does not believe in himself. The old religions

said that he was an atheist who did not believe in God. The new religion says that he is an atheist who does not believe in himself,” he famously stated. Unfortunately, we have limited ourselves without knowing our capabilities. Many times we feel that we can do ‘only this much’ despite being blessed with tremendous capabilities. If our youth is determined, there can be nothing impossible for them to achieve in the world! But, for this we must regain our self-confidence. Swami ji always believed that everything that is happening around us be it small, big, positive or negative gives us the opportunity to manifest the potential within.

DEDICATION

For any endeavor to attain the pinnacle of success, dedication to the cause is absolutely essential. Swami Vivekananda once said, “To succeed, you must have tremendous perseverance, tremendous will. ‘I will drink the ocean’, says the persevering soul; ‘at my will mountains will crumble up’. Have that sort of energy, that sort of will; work hard, and you will reach the goal.”

TEAMWORK

This era belongs to organization and teamwork. Be it any sector from science, technology to business, teamwork constitutes a major cornerstone to attaining the desired results. When he was in USA, Swami Vivekananda was greatly impressed by the spirit of teamwork there and he thought of the need to revitalize this spirit of teamwork in India. Leading by example, he founded the Ramakrishna Mission and organized Sanyasis to work towards nation building. ■

Despite Opposition uproar in winter session, entire session of 2016 remains fruition

On 16th December the winter session of parliament came to the end. From 16th November to 16th December the Session had 21 sittings. Amidst opposition uproar the Parliament managed to pass four bills out of the 10 introduced bills in Lok Sabha. The four bills passed in both houses include two financial bills (The Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2016 & The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2016) and other two important bills are the Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016 & the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016. One Bill namely the the Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016 was deemed to have been passed by both the Houses of Parliament.



WINTER SESSION

BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

The Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill, 2016
 The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016
 The Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016
 The Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2016.
 The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2016
 The National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016
 The Constitution (Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2016
 The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2016
 The Merchant Shipping Bill, 2016
 The Major Port Authorities Bill, 2016

BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

The Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016
 The Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2016.
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 The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016

BILLS PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016

BILLS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2016
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 The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016

BILLS WITHDRAWN

The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2015

The Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2016 and the Appropriation (No.5) Bill, 2016 as passed by Lok Sabha and transmitted to Rajya Sabha for its recommendation, are not likely to be returned to Lok Sabha within the period of fourteen days from the date of their receipt in Rajya Sabha. The Bills will be deemed to have been passed by both Houses at the expiration of the said period in the form in which they were passed by Lok Sabha under clause (5) of article 109 of the Constitution on 23.12.2016. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2016 has also been passed by the Houses of Parliament.

During the Session, Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 2016-17 and Demands for Excess Grants (General) 2013-14 and their related Appropriation Bills, were discussed and passed by the Lok Sabha. The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2015 was withdrawn in Lok Sabha.

In Lok Sabha, one Short Duration Discussion under Rule 193 was initiated on 'Demonetization of currency notes to weed out black money' by Shri A.P. Jithender Reddy on 05.12.2016 and the same could not be concluded. In the Rajya Sabha, Discussion under Notice under Rule 267 was held on 'Demonetization of currency' which remained inconclusive.

During the Session, the productivity of work done in Lok Sabha has been 17.39 % and that of Rajya Sabha has been 20.61%. In nutshell, Due to Opposition uproar, the winter session was not so fruition as entire session of 2016. In view of Parliamentary business the 2016 remained successful year. It passed approximately 80 bills. ■



Shaping a New Political Culture through Party Library

| AMIT SHAH

D keep travelling to various states for organization related work but this time, my visit to Chhattisgarh was particularly important. I visited the state on 12th December, to inaugurate a library cum reading room dedicated to Nanaji Deshmukh besides attending to usual organization related matters. This is the first of the series of libraries and reading rooms that will be built in Bharatiya Janata Party's State and District offices. The Chhattisgarh library will provide the template for other such centres across the country. The first centre has been named after Nanaji Deshmukh since we are celebrating RSS ideologue and renowned social activist's birth centenary this year. The library, equipped

with modern day technology, was built in a short period of two months, and has 10,255 books across various categories. It houses documents related to the BJP, rare manuscripts, copy of the Constitution, books on history and several other subjects. The wifi-enabled library has ample space, where people can study for hours at length. I have no doubt that this library will prove to be a model for other states to follow.

Such libraries are now being built in all States and District centres of the party. Earlier this year on 5th February, I got an opportunity to inaugurate the central library situated at the party's national headquarters. This well organized and well stocked library was built after many months of tireless work. When we



started building this centre, we wanted it to be useful, informative and serve a wide range of readers including party karyakarta, journalists, researchers, university students and just about anyone. We worked towards this objective. Modern technology and latest equipments have been deployed to manage the library at the national headquarters. We have also created a digital library, and it can be accessed at www.bjplibrary.org. Currently, we have 3,620 books in the e-library and this is first such attempt by any political party in the world. This e-library is also linked to various social media platforms for wider dissemination. We are also working to link the central library, situated at the national headquarter, with libraries across various States, so that we have a vast network at our disposal. This will create huge wealth of knowledge for the party in the years ahead.

Someone may question the need for a library and reading facilities in a political party's office? Offices of political parties are meant for formulating strategies, keeping a close tab on political rumblings or meeting the media. I must mention here that both in pre and post Independence era, there has been a healthy and rich tradition of 'thinking' politicians in India. From Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Mahatama Gandhi, Veer Savarkar, Ram Manohar Lohia, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Atal Bihari Vajpayee to current Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a number of politicians have been writers, thinkers, poets or ideologues. This is the key reason why India still has trust and belief in the democratic values and systems. If we want to maintain this tradition in the current era across our States, it is necessary that well read and educated people join politics and politicians continue to read and write. If we have to achieve this goal, it is imperative that political parties have a tradition of libraries, which become centers of learning and put political karyakarta on the path of self education. I am confident that we will be able to usher in a positive change in the political character of the country with these libraries.

As far as BJP is concerned, the party was born with its core rooted in an alternate ideology. The foundation of BJP's political ideology is based on the principles of thoughts, reflection, and analysis. We are an ideology based party and believe in politics that is based on values, morals and principles. Hence, it is critical that our karyakarta remain committed to the party's ideology

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and principles and relentlessly work towards achieving the same. I hope these modern day centres of reading and learning will provide guidance and help to our party karyakarta across the nation. These libraries will make our karyakarta more aware, sharpen their intellect and make their thought process more mature.

I appeal to all party karyakarta to visit these libraries and inculcate a habit of reading regularly to enhance their knowledge, build strong reasoning and thought process, and debate and discuss. One who goes regularly to these libraries and reads will move ahead in life. We must strive to read one to two books every month and pen our thoughts and understanding of what we have read. If party karyakarta can also donate their books to such libraries, it will add to our efforts. These steps will encourage a culture of reading in our party. We must not forget that the "Gangotri" to alter the country's political culture is hidden in these libraries. ■

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Drive against Black Money Rattles Opposition

An obsessive, obdurate and obstinate Opposition work to make an entire session of Parliament a total washout. This is what happened to the winter session of Parliament and surprisingly the opposition parties are celebrating and bragging about their so-called achievement.

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There are not many parallels in mature democracies of the world where an obsessive, obdurate and obstinate Opposition work to make an entire session of Parliament a total washout. This is what happened to the winter session of Parliament and surprisingly the opposition parties are celebrating and bragging about their so-called achievement in not letting any transaction of business in the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha.

One member of the House Shri Jay Panda was so pained that he decided to forego all allowances and perks during the session as anatonement to the massive loss to the nation due to House obstruction. But though the member belonged to the opposition BJD party, the other members of the Opposition were so angry with him that they claimed he was so rich that he could afford to forego the substantial sum which otherwise was intended as an insult to the other members. The media and citizens frowned at this affront but our

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Opposition consisting of the Congress, BSP, CPM, Trinamool Congress, DMK, Muslim League, SP, JDU etc is both unashamed and unapologetic to their behaviour in the two houses of Parliament which Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi described as unbecoming of even members of municipal corporations and panchayats. The Prime Minister is not alone in chiding the irresponsible and unruly behaviour of the Congress and its fellow travelers. To a delegation led by Congress President Sonia Gandhi which went to submit a memorandum against the government on demonetization, the President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee is reported to have expressed his anguish about the non-functioning of Parliament. A week earlier, the President had asked the political parties to ensure that the House functioning was not disrupted.

On the last day of Parliament on December 17, Vice President Shri Hamid Ansari who is also chairman of Rajya Sabha expressed his displeasure to



money.

The Rajya Sabha could pass only one bill on disabilities and lost 86 hours of work in the session. There were 19 bills which were slated to be taken up in the Winter session. The Lok Sabha had to bear the brunt of persistent disruption. The scheduled hours were 131 hours of business of which only 24 hours it could transact business. Of the 19 bills none was passed and only three could be introduced and two passed in Lok Sabha. Only two of the 330 listed questions in Rajya Sabha were replied to orally. It was only 11 per cent in the Lok Sabha.

The most amusing aspect of these loss making disruptions was Rahul Gandhi's repeated assertions at the fag end of the session that he was not being allowed to open his mouth in the Lok Sabha. The uproar and obstructions were entirely his party's creation but he had the gumption to claim that the Prime Minister was "afraid of" his speaking and that "if he speaks there will be earthquake". Of course nobody wanted an earthquake but nobody stopped him from speaking. Sadly for Rahul, the claim proved a self goal further damaging his credibility.

The problem with the Opposition was it hugely relied on baseless allegations, unsubstantiated claims and a lot of hauling and shouting. No party had the courage to oppose the high denomination note ban as the majority of Indians viewed it as an effective step to book black money and fake currency. The Opposition did not want to be seen as supporting corrupt, money hoarders and counterfeit currency. But they seemed hand in glove with this section when it came to supporting the PM's bold initiative. They disrupted the House so that they could prevent the government speaking its mind and exposing the double standard of Opposition. They also conspired to weaken and spread disaffection about the government's determined efforts

to unearth black money. At the end of the day the Opposition cut a sorry face as the perpetual obstructionists and obsessive disruptionists who failed to raise genuine public grievances in the House. By this they caused

immense loss to the national exchequer and let down the people who elected them. As Shri Hamid Ansari commented one can only hope they will be more responsible in future, and atone for the present. ■

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the MPs for their churlish behaviour. Of late the Rajya Sabha, because the opposition is enjoying a numerical superiority has become the theatre of Opposition obscurantism and massive lung power display. The Opposition had begun debating the demonetization but after a few hours the Congress and its friends found that the debate was only exposing them in the face of fine oratory and convincing arguments presented by senior ministers like Shri Arun Jaitley and Shri Venkaiah Naidu. So they decided to change the goal post demanding the Prime Minister be present and listen to all the other speeches the Opposition members were making. After a few days of this silly obstruction the Prime Minister in fact went to the House and sat through the debate. But alas, suddenly the Opposition again shifted the goal post and started demanding the Prime Minister's apology for making a speech outside the House where he criticized the Opposition for its negative attitude in fighting corruption and black

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Without Accountability and Sense of Responsibility, Parliamentary Democracy is a Disaster



The way the whole of the one month session of the two houses of Parliament was almost wasted and washed out makes nobody proud – neither the people, nor the government, nor the opposition and above all, nor the democracy. Time is precious for one and all. Once lost it cannot be clocked back. The damage is done for ever. Crores of public money went down the drain.

▮ AMBA CHARAN VASHISHTH

Parliament, we all recognise, is the temple of our democracy. Nothing needs to be done by an individual or group that amounts to desecration of this sacred institution. The way the whole of the one month session of the two houses of Parliament was almost wasted and washed out makes nobody proud – neither the people, nor the government, nor the opposition and above all, nor the democracy. Time is precious for one and all. Once lost it cannot be clocked back. The damage is done for ever. Crores of public money went down the drain.

Our parliamentarians are no less honourable and responsible individuals having been elected to be the representatives of the people in preference to their rivals in the election. In democracy every individual must perform his/her duty diligently and honestly. Can one say so about the just concluded winter session?

The sane advice of President Pranab Mukherjee, who himself had been a distinguished parliamentarian, fell on deaf ears. Expressing distress over what was going on in the two houses of Parliament, he had said, "Disruption is totally unacceptable in Parliamentary system. People send representatives to speak and not to sit on dharna and not to create any trouble on the floor." He told Parliamentarians that they are meant to discuss and transact business and not to disrupt which amounts

to "gagging of majority" by the minority. Prime Minister himself made an appeal but of no avail.

The parliament convening within eight days of the historic and revolutionary decision of demonetisation provided to both the opposition and the government an opportunity to put in their point of view and help the government to take steps to remove the hardship of the people. It was an excellent chance for the opposition to put the government in the dock. But it allowed this occasion to slip out of its hands. It looked the opposition was more interested in making noise outside the house than a constructive contribution within the house by engaging itself in a healthy debate and discussion.

In fact, the die seems to have been cast much before the winter session commenced. From its conduct it appeared that although it had united against the NDA government on the issue, yet actually it did not want a discussion because it had no solid argument to floor the government. First, they charged that demonetisation was PM Modi's brainchild and even Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was not taken into confidence. When Modi government agreed for a discussion, it wanted PM to be present in the House and reply. Having been in power for a long time, Congress and other opposition parties which had shared power at the Centre and States knew very well that, as a rule, it is the minister in-charge who



replies to a discussion and it is the prerogative of the PM or CM to intervene or not in a particular discussion in the house.

When finally PM made his presence felt in both houses of Parliament, yet opposition did not allow the house to function and debate the issue. To wriggle out of the imbroglio, it adopted an uncompromising insistence that the discussion should take place under a particular rule. The opposition seemed to want to eat the cake and have it too.

Actually opposition was following the dictum of "opposition for opposition sake" more interested in creating scenes and din to address the gallery than coming out with some constructive contribution in the matter.

It was only Rahul Gandhi who volunteered a visit to an ATM in the Parliament House to withdraw money in the full gaze of the electronic and print media. No other leader was seen standing in the queue before ATMs or Banks for the purpose. What does it indicate?

On the one hand the Congress Vice-President alleged that he was being prevented from speaking in Parliament and, on the other, it was again the Congress which was in the forefront to disrupt the house. When Parliament was not allowed to function, how could Rahul seize the opportunity to speak? Who was responsible then?

An urchin in the street can be excused for being reckless in his accusations wild, irresponsible and without foundation. Nobody believes him and nobody expects him to come out with a proof. Everybody knows he has nothing to substantiate what he claims and alleges. He feels proud in the treasure of rumours in his possession. But our leaders and public representatives are men of stature and honour having the strength of peoples' following and support.

'Think before you speak' is a wise dictum. But it seems it has now become a fad with some of our leaders to look very aggressive in their words and docile in their actions. They think it is the aggressive shout before the public that appeals to the voter. That is why they do not wish to think before what they speak.

Some of our opposition leaders alleged that the decision was leaked to some favourites in the industry in advance. Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal appeared on the same wavelength; Kejriwal called demonetization the

"biggest scam in Indian history" while for Chidambaram it was the "biggest scam of the year" which must be "probed". The lawyer-turned politician and the then HRD Minister Kapil Sibal had come out with a jugglery of figures to prove that 2G scam brought no loss to the Centre. Subsequent events and court comments gave a lie to his claim. Rahul Gandhi claimed that he had "bulletproof evidence" of PM Modi's "personal corruption" yet he shied away from sharing it even with his party colleagues. On the other hand, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) challenged Rahul to produce the proof, if any, with him.

Corruption is what the Modi government is fighting tooth and nail. If Rahul comes out with concrete allegations with "bulletproof" evidence, NDA will only welcome it. Rahul himself claims to be a fighter against corruption. He needs to prove true to his words, instead of keeping the charges and the evidence stuck to his chest. If Rahul doesn't, it will expose his triviality for political and electoral purposes.

Kejriwal is a politician who has already lost his credibility on a number of occasions. At the solemn occasion of the golden jubilee celebrations of Delhi High Court, he was very bold to allege that telephones of judges were being tapped by government. When the Delhi Police officials went to seek details and proof from him, he was curt — and meek — to tell: "Ask Intelligence Bureau" (IB). Great!

The people do not seem to have been impressed by empty rhetoric of the opposition. The results of the assembly and Lok Sabha by-elections, elections to local bodies in the State of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan polling for which was held after demonetization is a clear indication. BJP-SAD alliance sweeping the municipal corporation elections in the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana winning 21 out of 26 seats, one BJP rebel, Congress reduced from 11 to 4 and the rest drawing a blank is a pointer to the things that may ultimately emerge in elections to Punjab assembly hardly two months away. Everything else could be overlooked but we must hark the voice and verdict of the people.

Strength of democracy lies in its sense of discipline, responsibility, transparency and accountability. Without these traits, it stands just reduced to a fish market. Let us persevere to prevent it from drifting to that situation. ■

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Government takes various measures to raise India's ranking in 'Ease of Doing Business'

For improving the business climate of the country and also to improve country's ranking in the World Bank's report on Ease of Doing Business a meeting on December 20, 2016 under chairmanship of the Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley was held. The meeting was attended by Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development; Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law and Justice; Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Commerce & Industry; Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Finance). Secretaries of various Departments of Central Government also participated. The major decisions taken during the aforesaid meeting were:

- ▶ eBiz portal shall be mandated for starting a business which shall include three services of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Registration for PAN and TAN and also for EPFO & ESIC.
- ▶ Ministry of Corporate Affairs, CBDT, Ministry of Labour & Employment will work towards reducing the number of procedures for starting a business to 4 and the number of days to start a business also to
- ▶ Shram Suvidha Portal shall be the only portal for filing returns, challan and making online payment for EPFO & ESIC contributions as well as other filings and payments.
- ▶ Department of Revenue and Ministry of Shipping shall work towards increasing the number of direct delivery consignments to 40 percent by end of this month. The Departments shall also ensure that the cost and time to export and import gets reduced



substantially to bring India within top 50 ranks.

- ▶ Ministry of Corporate Affairs shall work with the concerned stakeholders so that the provisions recently enabled under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code are implemented through NCLT.
- ▶ To further improve the country's rank in the indicator 'Getting Credit', Department of Financial Services and Ministry of Corporate Affairs shall work towards integrating CERSAI database with ROC Registry of Charges to create a single registry of assets.
- ▶ In the indicator 'Enforcing Contracts', the Union Commerce and Industry Minister mentioned that country ranks poorly at 172 on this indicator and efforts are required on many reforms to bring the country among the top 50 nations. She also mentioned that the initiative of eCourts should be expedited for electronic filing of complaints, summons and payments especially in the Commercial Courts.
- ▶ On 'Construction Permit', Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development mentioned that the procedures shall be brought down to 8 which will be completed within 60 days. However, the Finance Minister desired that the Department should explore the possibility of commencing the construction on architect's certification and approval being granted only at the time of the occupancy of the building.

The next review of the progress made on reforms shall be done in the end of January to ensure their implementation within the timeframe agreed upon. ■ (FOC)



'CM Akhilesh will have to answer for the wrongs done during five years of his government'



BJP President Shri Amit Shah equated the Samajwadi Party, the Bahujan Samaj Party and the Congress to poisonous snakes and said that they were stalling the development of Uttar Pradesh, forcing its youths to migrate to other States for menial jobs. Shri Shah lashed out at these parties and the Trinamool Congress for ganging up against demonetization. He was especially critical of Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, saying Central assistance was usurped by chacha-bhatija (State party chief Shivpal Singh Yadav and Mr. Akhilesh Yadav) and the Chief Minister will have to answer for the wrongs done during his five-year rule. “The SP, BSP and Congress and at some places, Ajit Singh’s RLD are together, stalling the development of Uttar Pradesh as ‘saapnath’ and ‘naagnath’,” Shri Shah said at a BJP Parivartan rally in Etah on December 16, 2016.

Central assistance for the welfare of the poor and farmers in the State went in vain as the benefits did not reach the targeted people and instead swelled the coffers of Samajwadi Party leaders “as you can see that their dwelling units had changed to palaces during

their rule,” he said.

“The Chief Minister will have to first answer to the public for the wrongs done during the five years of his government,” he said. “Mr. Akhilesh will first have to answer for Mathura, where government land was encroached for years, Bulandshahr where a gang rape was committed and his minister Azam Khan made mockery of it and here in Etah 100 people lost their lives in hooch tragedy,” Shri Shah said.

Youths of U.P. were involved in development of the entire country, but lacked the facilities in their own State. Over the past 15 years, those committing corruption have changed but the situation here has not improved. “It is corruption, corruption and nothing but corruption in Uttar Pradesh,” he rued.

He said, “I feel bad to see youths from UP drive taxis and work as labourers in other states as there is no opportunity in their home State,” he said. “Only a BJP government can ensure that they work in their native district, stay with their parents and family”.

Shri Shah said Rahul baba is undertaking padyatras daily. It will be better if Rahul takes out yatras against unemployment, poverty and starvation. ■ (FOC)

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FACTS ON DEMONETISATION: and roadmap ahead

NDA TAKES TOUGHER STAND ON CORRUPTION

- 150% increase in tax rate** for unexplained credit, investment, cash and other assets with and a penalty provision introduced.
- 200% increase in penalty** for search seizure cases.
- 50% tax** on income disclosed till 30th December.
- 90% tax + severe punishment** for disclosures post 30th December.

New Garib Kalyan Deposit Scheme - an opportunity to declare money and contribute to rural India's development.

₹ 500 1000 NOTES CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER

■ GOPAL KRISHNA AGARWAL

The recent announcements on demonetization have created a new dimension in the economic ecosystem of the country. There is a debate in the country, whether it will help us in curbing corruption and eliminating black money in circulation. What will be its impact on the economy in the short, medium and long term; particularly in the important segments, like rural and agriculture sector; micro, small & medium enterprises and unorganized sector

like small traders, shop owners & daily wagers etc. But Big Bang reforms require this, we are moving towards new revolution of Digital Economy. Demonetisation has to be seen in a larger prospective.

Bringing economic growth to the country and curbing corruption and elimination of black money, were the two important mandates on which our government came to power. Some of the important aspects that have to be kept in mind are:

- ▶ According to the World Bank report 20% of wealth is stashed across all assets class i.e. real

estate, gold and currency etc.

- ▶ Global wealth report 2016 shows that 1 % of population has more than 58% of the wealth of the country. In the concentration of wealth India ranks 2nd after Russia across globe.
- ▶ 97% of our population is having wealth of less than \$ 10,000 i.e. approximately Rs 7,00,000.
- ▶ Cash currency ratio to GDP, of 12 % in India is very high compared to international standards.
- ▶ Budgetary resources of the government are very limited. Planned expenditure of approximately Rs 5.5 lakh crores is not enough for the government to undertake infrastructure developments and meet social security requirements.
- ▶ Every citizen of the country is paying taxes in the form of indirect tax, but if it is properly accounted for, it is not reaching government revenue coffers. Proper recording of transactions in system is necessary.

Demonetization cannot be analysed in isolation. It is a part of the series of measure under taken by Shri Narendra Modi's government since its inception, keeping in mind the above ecosystem.

The very next day Shri Modi came to power, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was set up to suggest steps to curb corruption from the country. Starting that day, several steps have been taken by the government to achieve these objectives:

1. Foreign illegal assets declaration scheme.



2. Re negotiation of bi-lateral treaties with Mauritius, Cyprus and Singapore where most of the hawala transaction were taking place.
3. Treaty with America for sharing of financial information under FATCA.
4. Initiatives with OECD and G20 countries for information exchange.
5. Income disclosure scheme (IDS)
6. Passing of Benami Properties Act.
7. Amendment to prevention of corruption Act and placing of Whistle blower protection Act in the current session of Parliament.
8. Now Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna has been announced for penalizing those who deposit black money in the banking channels.
9. In last two and a half years about 92 senior officials have been penalized for corruption which is much more than such action in the past.

Demonetisation is part of the larger plan of eliminating Black Money and fight corruption. It is the part of the whole process to create an ecosystem of equal and transparent opportunities for economic growth, to the common men in all segments of the society across all geographical areas.

BENEFITS OF DEMONETISATION

- ▶ Due to huge currency in circulation, economy was having inflationary pressure and value of housing etc. were getting out of common man's hands. Demonetisation will reduce prices in real estate and bring down inflation further.
- ▶ Bring resources to the Government for social benefit schemes for the poor and low-income groups and infrastructure development in particular in the rural sector.
- ▶ Helping us to move towards low interest rate economy. With loans for housing sector, poor and rural sector of society at lower rates.
- ▶ Create infrastructure for smooth implement of GST, which in turn will help us reducing indirect taxes.
- ▶ Curbing terrorist activities and other criminal activities like Maoist insurgency and extortions in north Eastern area etc.
- ▶ Removal of Fake currencies in circulation.
- ▶ Lower cost of transaction (cost of online payments and mobile banking are much cheaper)
- ▶ Many awareness programs and incentives by the government on online payments.
- ▶ Higher tax compliance. Third quarter tax collection report shows;

26% increase in indirect tax collection

15% increase in direct tax collection.

The Government is well aware of the liquidity crunch, but this will be sorted out by 30th December. We are asking people to move towards less cash economy through online payments and mobile banking but we will do this through creating awareness and not make it compulsory. Government will bring liquidity back into the system, but with reduction to about 8 to 9 % of GDP.

The government is well aware that, there is a chance that this squeeze in liquidity can affect the economic activities in the country.

The government has a roadmap to revitalize the growth of GDP.

- ▶ The current account and savings accounts deposits (CASA) of banks will increase. This will reduce their cost of funds and will also result in increased availability of funds.
- ▶ Focus on credit off take through startup, standup, mudra loans to medium & small sector and rural sectors of economy at reduced rate of interest
- ▶ Real estate price to fall further and with fall in rate of EMI, housing will come within the reach of the common man and will boost construction industry.
- ▶ With more tax compliance government can move towards lower of rates of taxation, and create premium on honesty.
- ▶ With the black money in circulation not coming to the banking channels, can bring several benefits to the economy. But all this will be achieved only when

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black money is not recycled.

- ▶ Through increased tax collection and enhanced resources, Government will go for huge capital investments and social sector spending to improve quality of life of the common men and catalyze growth.
- ▶ Implementation of GST (which will lead to low indirect taxation) requires right ecosystem, the government is creating an atmosphere so that transactions are recorded properly and transparently.
- ▶ With supply of black money being checked, government will go for electoral reforms for curbing use of black money. ■

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Close relations with Malaysia are integral to the success of our Act East Policy: Modi

Addressing the ET Asian Business Leaders Summit on 14th December 2016 at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia Prime Minister Shri Narendra said, "In recent times, we have forged a Strategic Partnership. My visit to Malaysia in November last year served to reinforce this strategic engagement across a range of areas. Close relations with Malaysia are integral to the success of our Act East Policy. India's initiatives including a Project Development Fund and Line of Credit have given a huge fillip to India-ASEAN cooperation." We are polishing the Excerpts of the speech for our esteemed readers.

Under the leadership of His Excellency the Prime Minister, Malaysia is moving towards its goal of achieving developed country status by 2020. It has also shown resilience in coping with the global economic situation. The timeless ties between India and Malaysia are reinforced by the presence of a large Indian community. A recent symbol of our historic links is the Torana Gate in the heart of Kuala Lumpur which connects two great nations and two great cultures.

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The leaders of ASEAN countries have led efforts

for better integration among the countries of the region. This initiative to bring the business leaders of Asia together is therefore very timely. I have said on many occasions that the twenty first century is the century of Asia. Asia where there are Hands to work, Homes to Consume and Heads have the Humility to learn. Despite unfavourable and uncertain global economic environment, the growth prospects of the Asian region have been a ray of hope.

India is currently witnessing an economic transformation. It is not only one of the fastest growing large economies in the world. It is also marked by initiatives centered around: Ease of doing business; making governance transparent and efficient; reducing regulatory overburden.

Presently, cleaning the system from black money and corruption is very high on my agenda. This comes closely after digitisation and introduction of GST. The outcomes of our efforts are visible from India's global



rankings on various indicators. India's rank has gone up in World Bank's Doing Business Report. We are fast closing the gap between business practices in India and the best in the world. We are ranked third in the list of top prospective host economies for 2016-18 in the World Investment Report 2016 released by UNCTAD. Our rank improved by 32 positions in World Economic Forum's 'Global Competitiveness Report 2015-16 and 2016-17';

We improved 16 places in 'Global Innovation Index 2016' and 19 positions in the World Bank's 'Logistics Performance Index of 2016'. We have opened up new sectors for FDI and enhanced caps for existing sectors. Our concerted efforts on major FDI policy reforms continue, and conditions for investment have been simplified. The results are there for all to see. Total FDI inflows in the last two and a half years have touched US Dollars 130 billion. Highest ever FDI inflows were received during the last year. The increase in FDI equity inflows in the last two financial years was 52 per cent as compared to previous two financial years. Sources and sectors in which FDI is coming have also greatly diversified. Our 'Make in India' initiative which celebrated its second anniversary this year, is aimed at making India a global hub of manufacturing, design and innovation.

I would like to highlight some of our achievements: We have now become the sixth largest manufacturing country in the world; Our Gross Value Added in manufacturing has recorded a growth of 9.3 per cent in 2015-16; 51 cold chain projects have been completed in the last two years and six Mega Food Parks have been opened since 2014; 19 new textile parks have been sanctioned and 200 new production units have come up in existing textile parks in the last 2 fiscal years. This year saw 90 per cent jump in number of mobile phone units manufactured in India; Leading global players in the auto sector have setup various new assembly lines and Greenfield units.

Our efforts to ensure 'Ease of Doing Business' in India have been comprehensive and wide ranging, including legislative and structural. I am happy to share that: The constitutional amendment for Goods and Services Tax has been passed. This is expected to be implemented in 2017. We are moving towards a digital and cashless economy. Our licensing regime has been greatly rationalised. We have launched Single Window Interfaces for registering a business, EXIM clearances

and Labour compliance. Procedures involved in getting utilities like water and electricity are being simplified. An investor facilitation cell has been created to guide and assist the investors. Our partnership with the State Governments has also enhanced considerably since the launch of Make in India.

In association with the World Bank, the States were ranked on the basis of their business policies and procedures on agreed parameters in 2015. This was further expanded in 2016. We have adopted for the first time ever, a comprehensive National Intellectual Property Rights policy to lay a future roadmap for intellectual property. We have also taken major steps to kick-start the process of 'creative destruction'. We are making it easier for companies to restructure and exit. The enactment and implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code is a crucial step towards ease of exit in India. New Commercial Courts are being set up to fast track resolution of commercial disputes. Arbitration laws have also been amended to fast track the proceedings. India is currently buzzing

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with entrepreneurial activity like never before. Start-ups are the next big economic force in India and are no less than a revolution. Our Start-up India program aims to unleash our potential in this area. Our economic process is being geared towards activities which are vital for generating employment or self-employment opportunities. This is the only way to reap the demographic dividend. Through the 'Skill India' initiative and its various components, we are trying to synergise the skills to the market requirements. Building futuristic infrastructure is the biggest task at hand. We are developing a pentagon of industrial corridors across the country. There is immense focus on removing the logistic constraints across the country. Roads, railways, ports are being upgraded across the country. To finance such infrastructure, we have set up the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund in collaboration with foreign funds. This is a time for integration. Integration cannot happen without openness.

India has always been open at the heart. Now, at the level of economy also, we are among the most open and integrated economies. We welcome those who are not there in India so far. I personally assure you that I shall be there when you need me. India is not only a good destination; It is always a good decision to be in India. ■

Not a tragedy, but the remedy

Narendra Modi is correcting the monumental mismanagement of the economy by the economist Dr. Manmohan Singh



I S. GURUMURTHY

In his article (“Making of a mammoth tragedy”, *The Hindu*, December 9), Dr. Manmohan Singh attacked the demonetisation of high denomination notes (HDNs) by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government as the “making of a mammoth tragedy”. In his prose, Dr. Singh speaks less as an economist in which capacity he is respected more than as the former Prime Minister, the role which has actually dented his image. Yet it is best to respond to him on economic issues which he has kept away from, not to his political verses. Undisputed facts, not alluring rhetoric, should decide whether demonetisation is a tragedy or a remedy. Is it a monumental mismanagement of the economy as Dr. Singh charges? Or is it a remedy for the accumulated filth as Prime Minister Narendra Modi claims? To know the answer, the story of the Indian economy from 1999 to 2004 under the NDA and from 2004 to 2014 under the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) needs to be recalled.

REAL VERSUS STATISTIC

During the NDA rule (1999-2004), real GDP grew by 27.8 per cent, annually 5.5 percentage points. Annual money supply, that fuels inflation, by 15.3 per cent. Prices by 23 per cent, annually 4.6 per cent. Asset prices rose only moderately in those five years. Stocks rose by 32 per cent; gold by 38 per cent. Taking Chennai as an illustration, land prices by 32 per cent. Jobs rose

phenomenally, by almost 60 million. The NDA also turned in a surplus of \$20 billion in 2002-04 in the external sector, after decades of unending deficits, save in two years in the late 1970s.

Now come to the UPA rule under Dr. Singh, the economist Prime Minister. In the first and best six years of the UPA (2004-05 to 2009-10), before it was hit by scams, real GDP grew by 50.8 per cent, annually 8.4 percentage points — one-and-a-half times NDA’s. The world celebrated Dr. Singh. The UPA was intoxicated by the “high growth” story. But how many jobs did UPA’s high growth produce? Believe it or not, just 27 lakhs against 600 lakhs during NDA’s five years, according to NSSO data. UPA achieved one-and-a-half times NDA’s GDP growth, but just 5 per cent of its job growth. Dr. Singh now bemoans that Mr. Modi’s demonetisation will stifle jobs!

Move on. In the six years, prices rose by 6.5 per cent (4.6 per cent under NDA). The external sector deficit was \$100 billion (against NDA’s \$20 billion surplus). Did high petroleum prices force it? No. Zero-rated customs duty-led capital goods imports which topped petroleum imports was the culprit.

ASSET INFLATION

Why was the UPA’s high growth jobless? The well-kept secret is that huge asset price inflation, not production, passed off as high growth. In the first six years of the



UPA, stock and gold prices jumped by three times — annually by 60 per cent. Property prices doubled every two-three years. In Gurgaon, not on the property map in 1999, land prices rose by 10-20 times. Asset inflation in six years was three times the annual nominal GDP growth. The asset inflation not the result but the cause of the UPA's "high growth"! How? Modern economics deducts the non-asset price inflation from nominal growth to know the real growth. But it sees asset price rise as wealth and prosperity and adds it to GDP. See how this economics worked for the UPA.

UNMONITORED RS.500/1,000 NOTES

Economics says money, growth, prices and jobs are inter-related. Apply this rule to the NDA and UPA periods. During 2004-10, average money supply grew annually 18 per cent (15.3 per cent under the NDA). But asset prices rose by several multiples of it. The moderate rise in money supply over the NDA's number does not explain the huge asset inflation. The clue hides in the rising unmonitored HDN cash stock with the public which made black money deals easy. In 1999, the cash with the public was 9.4 per cent of nominal GDP. By 2007-08, instead of falling due to rising bank and digital payments, it jumped to 13 per cent of nominal GDP. Later it began hovering around 12 per cent. More critically, the HDNs with the public more than doubled from 34 per cent in 2004 to 79 per cent in 2010. On November 8, 2016, it was 87 per cent. The average annual rise in HDNs was 51 per cent between 2004 and 2010 and the annual rise was 63 per cent by 2013-14. The Reserve Bank of India noted that two-thirds of the Rs.1,000 notes and one-third of the Rs.500 notes — that is over Rs. 6 lakh crore now — never returned to banks after they were issued. The unmonitored HDNs roaming outside banks began driving up the gold and land prices by black cash and the stock prices through Participatory Notes (PNs) — which are largely hawala transfers out of India — that came back pretending as foreign investment in stocks. The PNs rose from Rs.68,000 crore in 2004 to Rs.3.81 lakh crore in 2007.

How did the asset inflation lead to the UPA's "high growth"? Inflated asset prices to the extent realised by sale got accounted as part of income and included in GDP. Large part of the gains on stock sale got added to GDP with very little tax under Securities Transaction Tax. The spurious wealth effect also led to high-end

consumption. The annual private consumption growth averaged 18 per cent till six years to 2009-10 — 80 per cent over the NDA average. The fake wealth effect, powered by HDN cash, scripted the UPA's "high growth" story. HDNs outside banks took refuge in stocks, gold and land, produced capital gains-led growth and consumption. Had the HDNs circulated through the banking system, it would have multiplied through the fractional reserve model, reduced the inflation and interest, and funded the small-and-medium enterprises starved of organised funding.

CATCH-22 SITUATION

The curse — asset inflation inspired jobless growth — seems irreversible till unmonitored HDNs roam and fuel fake growth. Dr. Singh had had enough wake-up calls when the share of HDN cash was escalating year after year from 2004. He could have de-escalated the hugely growing cash economy had he remonetised the HDNs by lesser denominations without demonetisation — sparing the people of discomfort and economy of short-term damage. Of course, he would have lost the "high growth" brand that made UPA rule an economic success. To unmask this deception and revive job productive growth, the unmonitored HDNs needed to be brought to account forcibly. By his inaction, undeniably, Dr.

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Singh had landed the economy in a Catch-22 situation. The Modi government could either opt to continue the status quo of jobless growth or force temporary decline in growth to reinstate real growth and jobs. It opted for the latter. Even an undergraduate student in economics will tell you that it will cause hardship and hit growth in the short run. A Cambridge economist is not needed to write a column on that. It is already late. If the status quo of unmonitored HDNs were to last for another five-six years, the size of HDNs would have become so huge that no government may have been able to act against it — inevitably inviting a huge crisis, both internal and external. Prime Minister Modi has rightly called the demonetisation as "kadak chai" (bitter pill). That HDNs promoted high bribery and helped terror funding through fake HDNs cannot be disputed at all. Far from doing a monumental misappropriation or making a "mammoth tragedy", Mr. Modi is correcting the monumental mismanagement of the economy by the economist Dr. Singh. ■

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Rupani led BJP government in Gujarat completes 100 days

We takes forward initiatives envisioned by Narendra Modi : Vijay Rupani

After taking over responsibilities on August 7 as Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani have taken several steps to take forward the initiatives envisioned under the inspirational leadership of Shri Narendra Modi to make Gujarat a model state. For all-round and inclusive development of the state, the present dispensation during last 100 days has taken several policy decisions for betterment of the State and its all sections including the farmers, youth, tribal, deprived, poor, women, rural as well as urban dwellers. Some major decisions are as follow:

▶ In the wake of scanty rainfall in Saurashtra and Central Gujarat regions electricity was supplied up to 10 hours to save standing crops. In another decisions farmers can own up to two motors within their present electricity consumption limit.

▶ In addition to the existing 5% premium given by Union Government, the Gujarat Government decided to 3% more premium benefit to the State's farmers.

▶ For better method of farming & irrigation Gujarat government has decided to allot 32 hectares land to set up a Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute.

▶ State government allotted Rs.100-crore for supporting farmers. With this allotment, Civil Supply Department, NAFED, GUJCOMASOL and CCI will purchase groundnut at minimum support price so that farmers receive a sustainable price of their produce.

▶ Perhaps first time in the country, Gujarat Government has allotted a major fund of Rs.1,000 crore for the education, skill development and employment of the youth irrespective of their caste, community and creed.

▶ Now, Divyang persons who are having 100% blindness will also be eligible for recruitment for position of Vidya Sahayak in the cadre of Primary School Teachers.

▶ In 95 Garib Kalyan Melas for uplifting the underprivileged worth of Rs. 3,862 crore was provided as assistance to 14.88 lakh beneficiaries. Assistance under Babasaheb Ambedkar Awas Yojna was also increased from Rs.45,000 to Rs.70,000.

▶ Due to poor health condition or any other reason if a poor person passes away in a government hospital, the State Government will take financial responsibility to transport body of the deceased to his/ her native place



with dignity and sympathy.

▶ As part of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary celebrations, 25,000 families under *Vikasti Jati Kalyan Yojna* in four corporations to be given relief totalling to Rs.170 crores as one time settlement scheme.

▶ The State government decided the scheduled caste families traditionally engaged in leather industry would be officially recognized as 'Rohit Community' in the social fabric of the state.

▶ Fishermen and boatmen working on the coastline between Porbandar and Navsari will be provided diesel subsidy of Rs.80 crores.

▶ Special and separate wards to be created for the patients of Sickle-cell anaemia in Surat, Valsad, Navsari, Vadodara and Ahmedabad. Moreover, the Government will provide medical assistance of Rs.500 to the patients every month.

▶ Ashram Shalas (Ashram schools) in tribal areas will receive SOR 90% grant aid for school's construction work.

▶ Financial assistance given to 1.55 lakh pregnant women under *Janani Suraksha Yojana*.

▶ The State Government has given 33% quota for women in all Government posts including police force and ensured the successful implementation of the same.

▶ Under a joint venture of Central Government's National Institute of Electronic & Information Technology (NIELIT) & State Government, Worth of Rs. 67 crore has been allocated for setting up Centre of



Excellence in L.D College of Engineering.

▶ Owing to Gujarat Chief Minister's request to Union Government, decision has been taken to conduct NEET examination in Gujarati language in the state from next year.

▶ Chief Minister has implemented a project of connecting 6000 villages of the state with high speed digital connectivity.

▶ 3 districts, 30 talukas, 170 towns and 3000 villages of Gujarat are now open-defecation free.

▶ Provisions have been made for rainwater harvesting, grey water recycling & waste management across all urban local bodies giving a push to the cleanliness mission in the state.

▶ Decision taken to form "Gandhinagar Railway Station Integrated Development Company Ltd." to redevelop and modernize the railway station of the capital city Gandhinagar.

▶ Gujarat State Transport Corporation, Surat Municipal Corporation & Indian Railways signed joint MoU to make Surat Railway Station as the first 'Multi-model Transportation Hub' of the world.

▶ Two cities of Gujarat viz. Surat and Rajkot in a survey by the Union Government, came among the top 10 clean cities of the nation.

▶ As many as 500 to 600 fair price medicine stores will be opened by Government of Gujarat across the state to provide about 1000 generic medicines at 40 to 80% reduced price to the poor people.

▶ Under Chiranjeevi Yojna 11 lakh deliveries of pregnant women were facilitated.

▶ Effective implementation of providing free-of-charge medicines for lifetime to Blood Pressure and Diabetes patients.

▶ Concrete planning for result-oriented implementation of 'Mukhyamantri Nidaan Yojna' providing modern diagnostic healthcare facilities at Government Hospitals.

▶ To convert 4497 sejas including 3954 panchayat (seja) at village level and 543 (seja) panchayat at city level to secretariat, the state government has ordered the Mehsuli (Revenue) Talati to remain compulsorily present from Monday to Wednesday at the headquarters of their respective regions.

▶ Government has made a strong resolution to update the revenue related documents with the latest technology.

▶ The Government is determined to complete the Sardar Sarovar Narmada Yojna as soon as possible. Currently installation of gates is in progress. On completion of this

project, numerous municipalities will be supplied with clean drinking water. Farmers will benefit from better water supply and the state will prosper.

▶ 'SAUNI' yojna was inaugurated with the supply of water to 10 reservoirs of Saurashtra. With this scheme, farmers of all 11 districts of the area will get water for irrigation and will no longer need to rely on rainfall. This project aims to supply water of Narmada to 115 dams and reservoirs and will end the farmers' plight.

▶ With the construction of 13,900 new reservoirs and 183 Water Treatment Plants, Gujarat's water storage capacity has increased by 300 crore liter.

▶ Rs.418 crore worth of Dantiwada-Sipu Water supply scheme is successfully implemented and it supplies water to over three lakh Gujaratis.

▶ Rs.110 crore worth Water Supply scheme based on the Dantiwada Dam has started providing clean drinking water to 123 villages in Banaskantha district.

▶ Employees working on a fixed pay with state government to receive benefit of cashless medical assistance upto 2 lakh rupees in case of severe medical emergencies/ conditions.

▶ The state government has taken a giant leap forward in resolving the grievances of people by providing access to 28 public-oriented services on its portal www.portal.gujarat.gov.in

▶ Gujarat has the largest network of seismography and

GPS in India for better and efficient disaster management related to earthquake and tsunami.

▶ Through UJALA scheme Gujarat became the first state in the country to sell 2 crore LED bulbs at extremely affordable price. Till now 42 lakhs families in the state got benefit out of the scheme.

▶ Under the Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, approximately 18000 villages and 16,254 suburbs were connected by good quality all-weather roads.

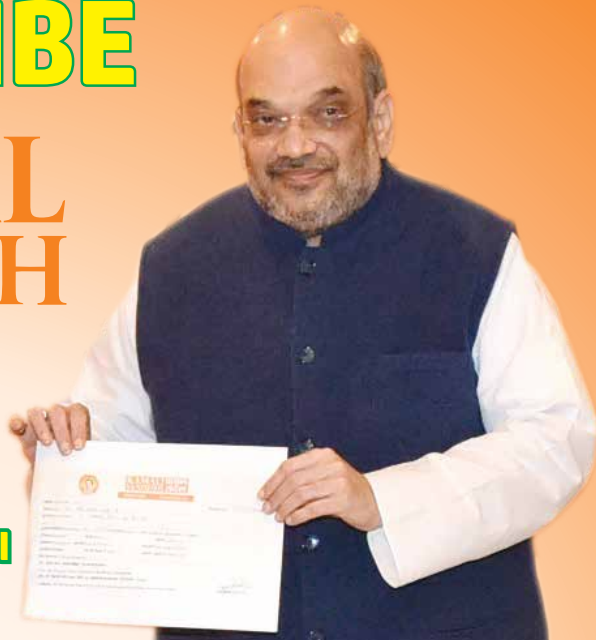
▶ For cattle breeders & animal husbandry the State government took many decisions like to set up new nano-technology based testing to prevent usage of detergent, urea and malt dextrin in milk, a new dairy science college and 15 new multi-purpose Animal Healthcare Institutions. To accomplish the mission 'food for all' the government has allocated Rs. 129.78 crore.

▶ The state, under the regional connectivity scheme, has signed an MoU with the central government for 11 small airports in the state. The government has laid plans worth substantial amount of Rs. 834 crore for development of Gujarat in pilgrimage and civil aviation sector. ■

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Cheque/Draft No. : Date : Bank :

Note : * DD/Cheque will be made in favour of "Kamal Sandesh"
* Money order and Cash accepted with details

(Subscriber's Signature)



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10% discount for toll payment on National Highways using RFID card/Fast Tags in 2016-17.



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 Free accidental insurance upto Rs 10 lakh on buying online ticket in Railways



No service tax on digital transaction charges/MDR upto Rs.2000 per transaction



Discount or credit of upto 10% on the insurance premium sold through the customer portals of public sector insurance companies on digital payment.



Rural Regional Banks and Cooperative Banks to issue "Rupay Kisan Cards" to 4.32 crore Kisan Credit Card holders. Government will support this through NABARD.



2 POS devices will be deployed in 1 Lakh villages with population of less than 10,000. Government through NABARD will extend financial support.



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