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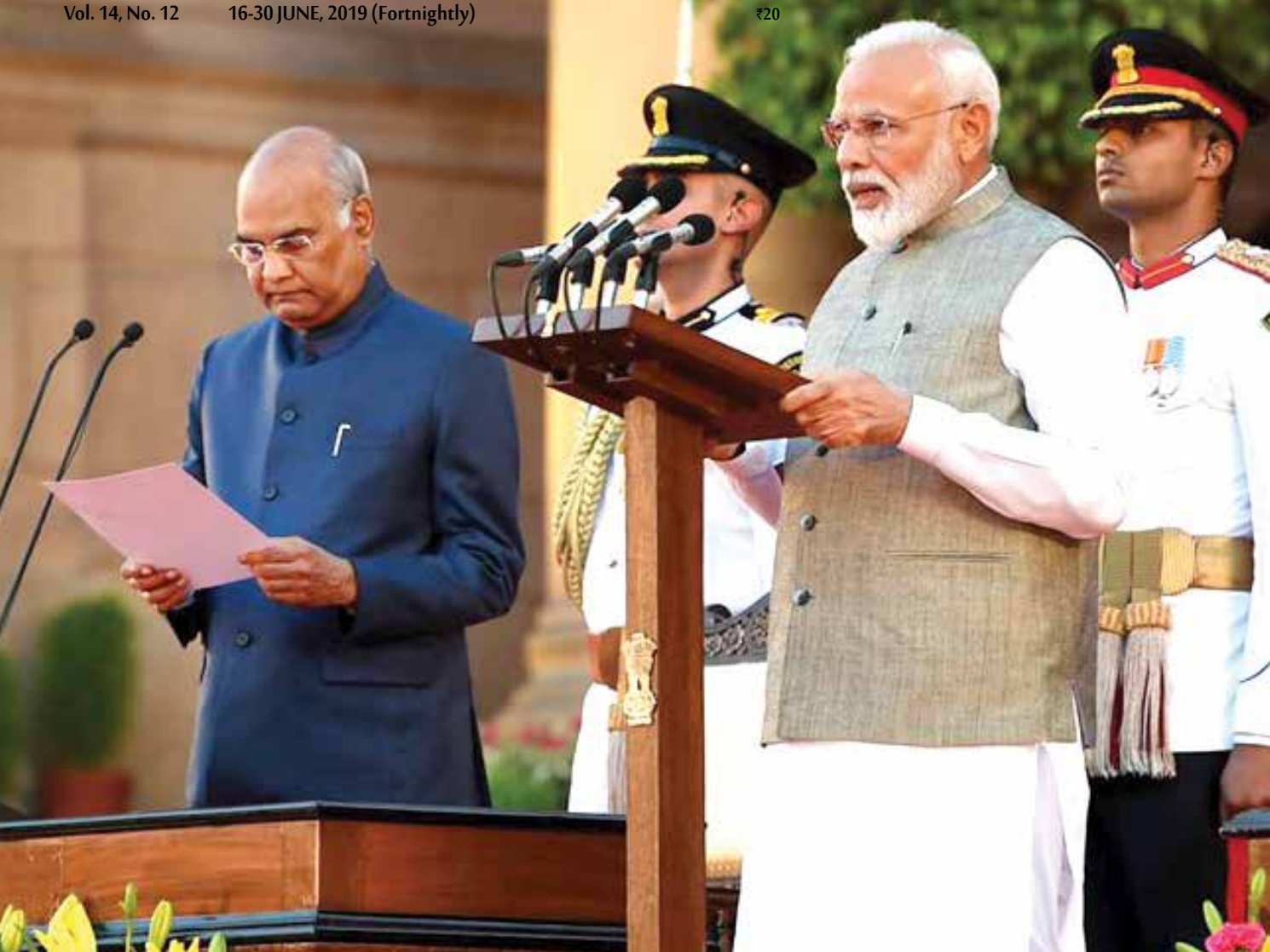
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SPECIAL INTERVIEW: SHRI RAM LAL, BJP National General Secretary (Organization)



PM Shri Narendra Modi paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat and Sadaiv Atal Samadhi of late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The PM later visited the National War Memorial where he paid homage to the country's fallen heroes. Senior BJP leaders including BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and others accompanied Shri Narendra Modi during his visit to Raj Ghat, Sadaiv Atal Samadhi and National War Memorial.



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Our Government's first decision dedicated to those who protect India! Major changes approved in PM's Scholarship Scheme under the National Defence Fund including enhanced scholarships for wards of police personnel martyred in terror or Maoist attacks.

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In a landmark decision to provide universal social security, Modi government has approved a new scheme, which assures all shopkeepers, retail traders and self-employed persons a minimum monthly pension of Rs. 3000 per month after the age of 60 years.

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We have introduced value education in Zilha Parishad schools as it is the need of the hour. We need to teach them importance of society & Nation. Education is like a tool with which we can create beautiful beings out of the students.

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— **Amit Shah**

I am proud of all Army personnel serving in Siachen who are leaving no stone unturned to defend our motherland. I am also proud of their parents who have sent their children to serve the nation by joining the Armed forces. I will personally send a thank you note to them.



— **Rajnath Singh**

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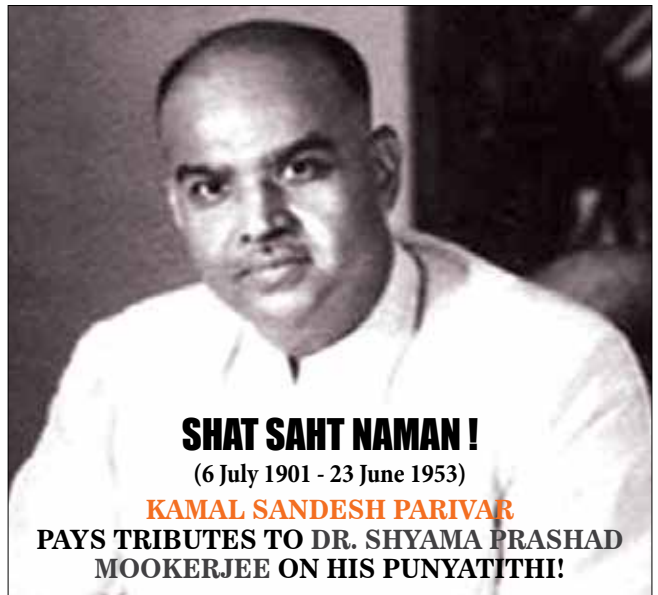


— **Nirmala Sitharaman**



KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR

*wishes a very happy
INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY (21 JUNE)
to all of its readers*



SHAT SAHT NAMAN !

(6 July 1901 - 23 June 1953)

**KAMAL SANDESH PARIVAR
PAYS TRIBUTES TO DR. SHYAMA PRASHAD
MOOKERJEE ON HIS PUNYATITHI!**

A GLORIOUS FUTURE AWAITS INDIA

As Shri Narendra Modi takes the oath of office of the prime minister of India, the country looks forward for the dawn of a new era in politics. The new era can be seen as the arrival of the politics of performance, good governance and development. It is an era which is based on the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, with the aim of making 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. It is an era which is set to realise the goals of 'Antyodya' and committed to the upliftment of the poorest of the poor as its first priority. It is an era which has its focus of SCs, STs, women and youth as the fulcrum of all round economic development of the country. It also signifies an era where rural sector is prioritised and agricultural economy is modernised, where farmers and labourers are facilitated with innovative measures ensuring their overall advancement in every walk of life. It is an era of massive infrastructure development with an eye on India of future, which is advanced in every sector, developed and strong. The swearing-in of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has unfolded an era wherein the dream of a New India is set to be realised.

THE IMPACT OF THE COMMITMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI TO THE NATION WAS SEEN IN A CORRUPTION FREE GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS ABLE TO DELIVER THE FRUITS OF WELFARE PROGRAMMES DIRECTLY TO THE POOREST OF THE POOR EVEN IN THE REMOTEST PART OF THE COUNTRY.

The massive mandate in favour of BJP led NDA is the result of hard work and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who rescued India from the quagmire of corruption, policy paralysis, misgovernance and economic slowdown with high rates of inflation and burgeoning budget deficit of Congress led UPA era. The nation saw a hope in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi and gave him a decisive mandate with BJP getting majority on its own in Lok Sabha elections 2014. It was the first time after around three decades that a single party was given full majority on its own by the people of India. It was the five years of positive approach, persistence and perseverance, innovative ideas and result oriented policies while heralding a new work culture in governance, restoration of institutional mechanism, timely actions and sometime tough decisions that helped in restoring credibility of the government. The impact of the commitment of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the nation was seen in a corruption free government which was able to deliver the fruits of welfare programmes directly to the poorest of the poor even in the remotest part of the country. It was for the first time that the last men in the society became direct beneficiary of the government welfare projects and his basic needs were addressed in the form of pucca house, free electricity connections, gas cylinders, toilets, bank accounts and other basic amenities while bringing him under social security net and providing health security cover upto five lac to 10 crore families. There is no doubt that as Shri Narendra Modi had dedicated his government to the poorest of the poor, SCs, STs, oppressed and exploited in his first speech after getting elected as leader of NDA parliamentary party in 2014, he not only lived upto his commitment but even went beyond all the expectations – the result is the massive mandate, even bigger than 2014, in the form of the blessings of the poorest of the poor of the country who voted rising above caste, region and religious divisions while ensuring that India remains in the safe hands for a glorious future in the days to come.

The massive mandate of 2019 has not only reposed massive trust on the Modi government but also enhanced responsibilities to carry forward the hopes and expectations of the largest democracy of the world. India is a nation which represents a civilization manifested through numerous traditions celebrating pluralism and diversity since ancient times. The massive mandate shows the national urge to rise above the divisive politics and come out in support of the politics of performance, good governance and development. It is an immensely welcome sign for the Indian democracy that people are now not only voting for their aspirations but eager to build a strong and prosperous India which can claim its rightful place in the comity of nations. The people know that under the charismatic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, as nation stands united in its aspirations, a glorious future awaits India. ■

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‘HONoured TO SERVE INDIA’

PM NARENDRA MODI AND 57 MINISTERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE AND SECRECY

After a landslide victory in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the leader of NDA Shri Narendra Modi has been sworn in as the Prime Minister of India for the second term on 30 May, 2019 in New Delhi. Hon’ble President Shri Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of office and secrecy to Shri Narendra Modi and his cabinet at a glittering and grand swearing-in ceremony. Shri Modi took the stage dressed in his trademark white kurta-pyjama and read the oath of office in Hindi.

The grand ceremony was held at the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the same venue as in 2014.

Over 8,000 guests attended the swearing-in

ceremony of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Apart from the leaders of BIMSTEC countries, including Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan, heads of the states from Kyrgyzstan and Mauritius graced the ceremony touted as the biggest ever event that to be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, Bhutanese Prime Minister Lotay Tshering, Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid, Special Envoy of Thailand, Minister Grisada Boonrach, Myanmar President U Win Myint also attended the ceremony.

The leaders from the opposition parties including



@AmitShah
 Historic moment for entire India. Congratulations to Shri @narendramodi ji on being sworn in as the Prime Minister of India for a second consecutive term. I am sure India will continue to scale new heights under your able leadership.



@rajnathsingh
 Congratulations and my best wishes to Shri @narendramodi on taking oath as the Prime Minister of India once again. I am confident that under Modiji's stewardship India will reach to newer heights of peace and prosperity. Looking forward to my new innings as the Union Minister.



@arunjaitley
 Congratulations to Sh. @narendramodi ji on taking oath for the second time as the Prime Minister of India. I wish the very best to all the members inducted in the Union Council of Ministers. India is moving steadfast on the path of progress under leadership of PM @narendramodi ji.



@SushmaSwaraj
 "Prime Minister, you gave me an opportunity to serve our countrymen and overseas Indians as the Foreign Minister for five years and personally, also, gave me respect throughout my tenure. I am very grateful to you. I pray that our government becomes very successful."



former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Congress President Rahul Gandhi and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Chief Ministers of different states, ambassadors, diplomats, industrialists and celebrities from all walks of life also attended the event.

It was an eclectic gathering. Among those invited were the families of the BJP workers killed during political violence in West Bengal as well as those of one of the martyrs of the Pulwama terror attack.

After Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Rajnath Singh, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Shri D V Sadananda Gowda, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan and former foreign secretary



Shri S. Jaishankar were administered the oath of office.

Others who took oath of office as cabinet ministers were — Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Shri Thanwar Chand Gehlot, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal, Shri Arjun Munda, Smt. Smriti Irani, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Shri Prakash Javadekar, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Shri Prahlad Joshi, Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey, Shri Arvind Sawant, Shri Giriraj Singh and Shri Gajendra Shekhawat.

Those who took oath as minister of state with independent charge are — Sarbshri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Rao Inderjit Singh, Shripad Yesso Naik, Jitendra Singh Kiren Rijju, Prahalad Singh Patel, Raj Kumar Singh, Hardeep Singh Puri Mansukh L Mandaviya.

The ministers of state are — Sarbshri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Arjun Ram Meghwal, V K Singh, Krishan Pal, Danve Raosaheb Dadarao, G Kishan Reddy, Parshottam Rupala, Ramdas Athawale, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, Babul Supriyo, Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Dhotre Sanjay Shamrao, Anurag Singh Thakur, Angadi Suresh Channabasappa, Nityanand Rai, Rattan Lal Kataria, V Muraleedharan, Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta, Som Parkash, Rameswar Teli, Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Kailash Choudhary, Smt. Debasree Chaudhuri.



@smritiirani

My heartiest congratulations to PM @narendramodi ji on taking oath as Prime Minister of India for the second time in a row with a historic mandate. Under his stewardship, India will scale greater heights. #ModiSwearingIn.

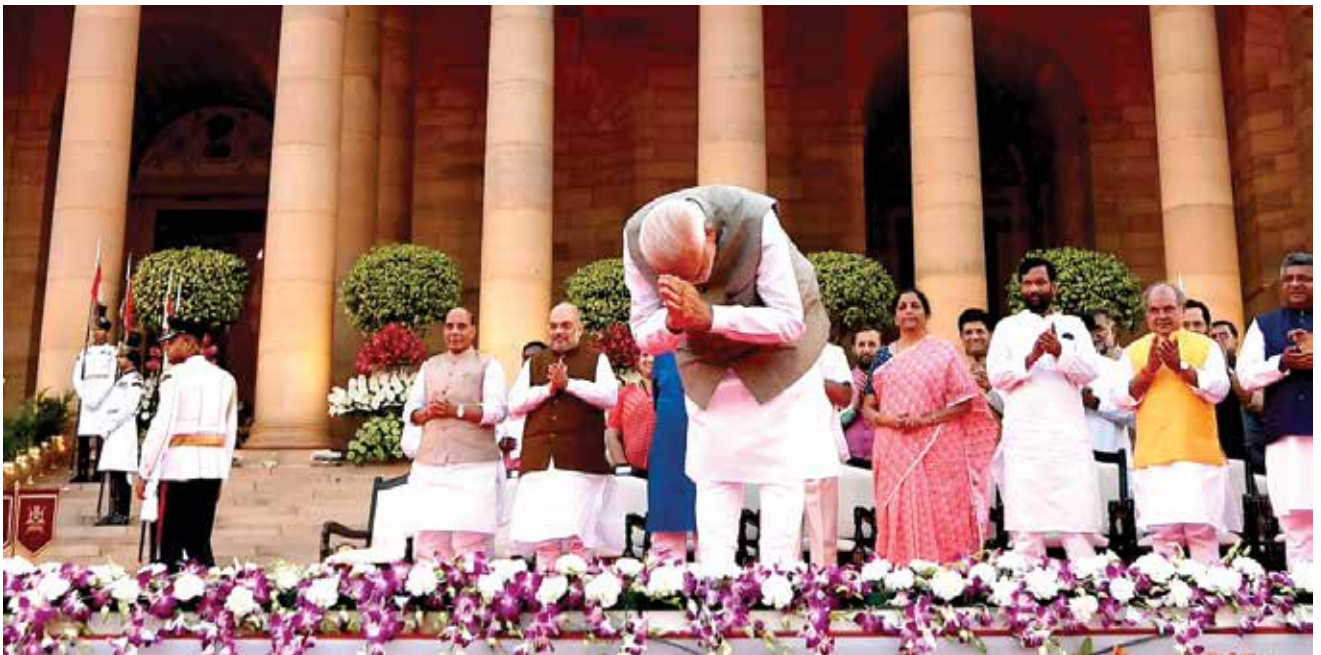


@sureshprabhu

Congratulations to all the members of the just sworn in Council of Ministers led by @narendramodi I am sure the new team will do a great job together. All the best #ModiSwearingIn #SwearinginCeremony #OathTakingCeremony.

After taking the oath PM Shri Narendra Modi tweeted, "Honoured to serve India!"

Prior to the oath taking ceremony Shri Narendra





Modi also visited Rajghat, Sadaiv Atal Samadhi and National War Memorial to pay homage.

This is the second time Shri Modi took the oath at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan. He was sworn in by the then President Shri Pranab Mukherjee in 2014 in the presence of over 5000 guests including the heads of SAARC countries.

Earlier, Chandra Shekhar in 1990 and Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1999 were sworn in at the sprawling forecourt.

Notable, with a massive mandate in the Lok Sabha elections 2019, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won 353 of 543 seats in the lower house of Parliament.

PM Shri Modi can have as many as 80 ministers in the 543-member Lok Sabha. As per the Constitution, the total number of Union Ministers, including the Prime Minister shall not exceed 15 per cent of the number of members in the LS. ■



@himantabiswa
Sri @narendramodi ~ You inspire like no one has ever in past. As India admire your exemplary leadership, and robust vision, I join millions in extending my very warm wishes to you on taking over as 16th Prime Minister of India. बहुत शुभकामनाएं।@PMOIndia #ModiSarkar2.



@k_satyarthi
"Humbled to be a part of the grand celebrations of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's oath-taking ceremony along with his Council of Ministers. I look forward to working with the new Government for Safe Childhood - Safe India."



@INCIndia
Congratulations to PM @narendramodi and his new Cabinet Ministers. We wish them the best & look forward to working with them on the growth & development of India & all its citizens.



@OmarAbdullah
Congratulations to all the ministers who were administered oath of office this evening. Best wishes as you begin a new term serving the citizens of our country. #ModiSarkar2.



UNION COUNCIL OF MINISTERS



Shri Narendra Modi

Prime Minister and also in-charge of: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; and All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister

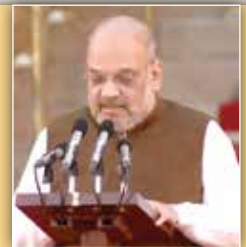
Shri Raj Nath Singh

Minister of Defence



Shri Amit Shah

Minister of Home Affairs



Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari

Minister of Road Transport and Highways; and Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises



Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda

Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers





Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

Minister of Finance; and
Minister of Corporate Affairs



Shri Ramvilas Paswan

Minister of Consumer Affairs,
Food and Public Distribution



Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

Minister of Agriculture and
Farmers Welfare; Minister
of Rural Development; and
Minister of Panchayati Raj



Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

Minister of Law and Justice;
Minister of Communications;
and Minister of Electronics
and Information Technology



Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal

Minister of Food Processing
Industries



Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot

Minister of Social Justice and
Empowerment



Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Minister of External Affairs



Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

Minister of Human Resource
Development



Shri Arjun Munda

Minister of Tribal Affairs



Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani

Minister of Women and Child
Development; and Minister of
Textiles





Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Minister of Science and Technology; and Minister of Earth Sciences



Shri Prakash Javadekar

Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of Information and Broadcasting



Shri Piyush Goyal

Minister of Railways; and Minister of Commerce and Industry



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Steel



Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

Minister of Minority Affairs



Shri Pralhad Joshi

Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines



Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey

Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



Shri Arvind Ganpat Sawant

Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise



Shri Giriraj Singh

Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries



Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Minister of Jal Shakti





MINISTERS OF STATE (Independent Charge)

**Shri Santosh
Kumar Gangwar**

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment



Rao Inderjit Singh
Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning



**Shri Shripad Yesso
Naik**

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); and Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence



Dr. Jitendra Singh

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space



Shri Kiren Rijiju

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs



**Shri Prahalad
Singh Patel**

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Culture; and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Tourism



**Shri Raj Kumar
Singh**

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Power; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

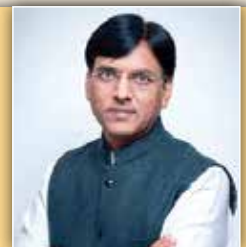


**Shri Hardeep Singh
Puri**

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry



**Shri Mansukh
L. Mandaviya**
Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Shipping; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers





MINISTERS OF STATE

**Shri Faggansingh
Kulaste**

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Steel



**Shri Ashwini
Kumar Choubey**

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Health and Family
Welfare



**Shri Arjun Ram
Meghwal**

Minister of State in the Ministry of
Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister
of State in the Ministry of Heavy
Industries and Public Enterprises



**General (Retd.)
V. K. Singh**

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Road Transport
and Highways



Shri Krishan Pal

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Social Justice and
Empowerment



**Shri Danve
Raosaheb Dadarao**

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Consumer Affairs,
Food and Public Distribution



**Shri G. Kishan
Reddy**

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Home Affairs



**Shri Parshottam
Rupala**

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Agriculture and
Farmers Welfare



**Shri Ramdas
Athawale**

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Social Justice and
Empowerment





Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti

Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development



Shri Babul Supriyo

Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change



Shri Sanjeev Kumar Balyan

Minister of State in the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries



Shri Dhotre Sanjay Shamrao

Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development; Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology



Shri Anurag Singh Thakur

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs



Shri Angadi Suresh Channabasappa

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways



Shri Nityanand Rai

Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs



Shri Rattan Lal Kataria

Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment



Shri V. Muraleedharan

Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs



Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta

Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs





Shri Som Parkash

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Commerce and
Industry



Shri Rameswar Teli

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Food Processing
Industries



Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi

Minister of State in the Ministry
of Micro, Small and Medium
Enterprises; and Minister of
State in the Ministry of Animal
Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries



Shri Kailash Choudhary

Minister of State in the
Ministry of Agriculture and
Farmers Welfare



Sushri Debasree Chaudhuri

Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development



Abu Dhabi celebrates PM Modi's swearing-in, lights up Adnoc tower in tricolour

The iconic Adnoc Group tower in Abu Dhabi was lit up in celebration on 30 May, 2019 evening after Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was sworn-in for a second term in office.

The skyscraper depicted the strong bilateral ties between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by showing flags of the two countries and portraits of its leaders- Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed with PM Shri Narendra Modi.

Last week, Mohammed bin Zayed, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE's Armed Forces congratulated PM Modi. "I was pleased to talk to



my dear friend Narendra Modi, India's PM, over the phone to congratulate him on his party's election win," said Mohammed. ■



PATH BREAKING DECISIONS IN FIRST CABINET

BIG BOOST FOR FARMERS, TRADERS AND STUDENTS



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 31, 2019 headed the first Cabinet meeting with the Union Ministers during which a bevy of decisions were taken in the field of education and agriculture.

"Glad that path-breaking decisions were taken in the cabinet, the first in this tenure. Hardworking farmers and industrious traders will benefit greatly due to these decisions," Shri Narendra Modi tweeted after the meeting of the cabinet. He said the decisions will enhance dignity and empowerment of several Indians.

Here's a look at the key decisions that were taken at the Prime Minister's Office.

NOW, 14.5 CRORE FARMERS TO BE COVERED UNDER PM KISAN SCHEME

In a major push to boost rural consumption, the Modi government in its first Cabinet meeting decided

- **NOW**, 14.5 crore farmers to be covered under PM Kisan scheme;
- Farmers will get pension for a period of three years and the Centre would spend 10,774.5 crore
- Pension scheme for traders under which 3 crore retail traders and shopkeepers will stand to benefit
- The Cabinet approved an ambitious scheme with a total outlay of 13,343 crores to fully control these diseases amongst the livestock
- Under 'Prime Ministers Scholarship Scheme' from the National Defence Fund the rates of scholarship have been increased from 2,000 per month to 2,500 per month for boys and from 2,250 per month to 3,000 per month for girls.
- The quota of new scholarships for wards of state police personnel will be 500 in a year.



to cover all the farmers, irrespective of their land holdings, under PM Kisan scheme that promises to transfer 6,000 in their bank accounts. The revised scheme envisages to cover 2 crore more farmers with an estimated expenditure of 87,217.50 crore in 2019-20. The previous government had estimated annual expenditure of 75,000 crore in the earlier version of the scheme.

"The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the extension of PM-Kisan Yojana to all farmers. Nearly 14.5 crore farmers would now benefit from the scheme".

PENSION SCHEME WORTH 10,774 CRORE FOR FARMERS

The Union Cabinet also approved a proposal to provide pension cover to crores of farmers. The Centre would spend 10,774.5 crore for a period of three years on this. The decision is expected to address the farm sector distress that has gripped the rural economy for some time now. One of the key contributors to the GDP growth, the agriculture and allied activities shrank in the financial year 2018-19.

As per the official data released, the agriculture sector grew at 2.9% in FY-19 as against the growth rate of 5% in the previous year.

PENSION SCHEME FOR TRADERS: 3 CRORE RETAIL TRADERS AND SHOPKEEPERS TO BENEFIT

The Modi 2.0 government in its first Cabinet meeting approved a new scheme, which assures minimum monthly pension of 3,000 to all shopkeepers, retail traders and self-employed persons after attaining the age of 60 years, fulfilling its poll promise.

The decision taken at the Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi here will benefit 3 crore retail traders and shopkeepers.

Five crore traders are expected to join the scheme in the next three years, Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar said while briefing reporters at a press conference. "All shopkeepers and self employed persons as well as retail traders with GST turnover

below 1.5 crore and aged between 18-40 years can enroll for the scheme".

Interested persons can enroll themselves through over 3.25 lakh common service centres spread across the country. The government will make matching contribution in the subscribers' account, the statement added.

CABINET APPROVES 13,343-CRORE TO CONTROL DISEASES AMONG LIVESTOCK

The Cabinet approved an ambitious scheme with a total outlay of 13,343 crores to fully control these diseases amongst the livestock in the country in the next five years, by subsequently eradicating them.

While briefing media, Shri Javadekar said the scheme is in the interest of the farming community. "This is an existing vaccination scheme under which the Centre and state governments contribute funds in the ratio of 60:40. In a rare instance of departure, the Central government has decided to now bear the entire cost," the minister said.

The disease of food and mouth disease (FMD) and brucellosis are common among the livestock -- cow, bulls, buffaloes, sheep, goats and pigs. The scheme envisages vaccination coverage to 30 crore bovines (cows-bulls and buffaloes) and 20 crore sheep/goat and 10 million pigs.

"THE UNION CABINET CHAIRED BY PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF PM-KISAN YOJANA TO ALL FARMERS. NEARLY 14.5 CRORE FARMERS WOULD NOW BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME".

MAJOR CHANGES IN THE 'PRIME MINISTER'S SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME'

In its first decision of its second tenure, the government has enhanced the amount to be paid as part of 'Prime Ministers Scholarship Scheme' under the National Defence Fund.

The rates of scholarship have been increased from 2,000 per month to 2,500 per month for boys and from 2,250 per month to 3,000 per month for girls.

The ambit of the scholarship Scheme has also been extended to the wards of state police personnel who "were martyred during terror/naxal attacks".

The quota of new scholarships for wards of state police personnel will be 500 in a year. ■



RESOLUTION PASSED IN BJP PARLIAMENTARY BOARD MEETING

The BJP Parliamentary Board passed a resolution on 24 May, 2019 thanking the voters for their support to form the NDA government second time at the centre under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. In the resolution, the party described the victory as a positive mandate in support of Shri Narendra Modi's pro-poor policies, clear stand on national security and its mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas. It said the work of the government boosted India's profile in the world. The highest decision-making body of the party expressed confidence that under the leadership of Shri

Narendra Modi a strong, prosperous, developed and inclusive India will be built when India will celebrate 75 years of independence in 2022.

The party also criticized the opposition for its efforts to spread confusion over the electoral process saying the people have rejected their negative agenda. It also thanked people of West Bengal and other Eastern and North Eastern states for supporting the party despite violence targeting BJP workers. It also thanked the people of Arunachal Pradesh for giving massive support and majority to BJP in the State Assembly Election. ■

Newspapers on PM Modi's Swearing-in





'I AM ONE AMONG YOU, EQUAL TO YOU AND WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER'



Amid thunderous applause and chanting of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and Modi...Modi...in the central hall of Parliament, 353 newly elected lawmakers on 25 May, 2019 chose Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as the leader of the BJP's parliamentary Party and the NDA.

Before addressing the NDA members of the 17th Lok Sabha, PM Shri Narendra Modi touched the feet of party veterans Shri LK Advani and Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi and bowed before a copy of the Constitution of India.

Describing the 2019 elections as a watershed moment that left the world awestruck because of its scale and magnitude, PM Shri Modi stressed the need to inculcate the spirit of service in an inclusive manner. The polls helped break walls and joined hearts, he said.

"As the spirit to serve increases, it automatically reduced the lure for power and soon the spirit to serve will become the central theme of your personality," he said stressing that the people voted for them because of spirit to serve and not because of Modi.

Describing the electoral campaign as a pilgrimage for him and crediting crores of people for keeping faith in his spirit to serve he said, "2019 elections were very different in one respect. The BJP and Modi were not fighting elections but the public was fighting elections."

In a clear message to the NDA allies that their importance was not going to diminish despite the BJP getting massive mandate with 303 MPs, Shri Modi said, "I am one among you, equal to you and we have to work together. This is the power of NDA."

He said the Gathbandhan or politics of alliance is there to stay and needs to be the part of principle



PM Modi bows down before Constitution of India

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi bowed and respectfully touched the Constitution of India with his forehead, as he walked towards the podium after being elected as the leader of the NDA and BJP parliamentary party.

Prime Minister Shri Modi humbly greeted the newly elected MPs with folded hands in the Central Hall of the Parliament before walking towards

the Constitution, which was placed atop a risen platform with a white cloth. The gesture reminisced of his action in 2014.

As he stepped into the Parliament for the first time after storming the BJP into power, Shri Narendra Modi bent down with his forehead touching the stairs, to register his high respect for the “temple of democracy”.

of governance and if possible, be extended further. “To develop and achieve its full potential, the country picks up speed on the two tracks of – NARA - national ambition and regional aspiration. This should be our ‘Nara’ or what you call slogan,” he said, adding that the most important lubricant of NDA is trust that keeps it strong.

In a message that could go a long way to control

vigilante groups and lower the apprehensions among minorities, he said, “We are with those who war with us and also with those who will be with us. Nobody is alien to us no. Those who vote for us are ours and those who oppose us strongly are also ours.”

Making himself more specific, he said, “It is unfortunate that like the poor, minorities of this country have also been deceived and fed fear. It would have



been better if their education and health were kept as priorities. In 2019, I expect from you to break this deception in. We have to win their faith.”

Shri Modi also cautioned the first time MPs and old motor mouths not to fall into the trap of touts in Delhi as well as not to do loose talk before the media, especially television, as that has often dented the party's image.

“Advaniji kehte the ki ye chhapas and dikhaas ka rog ek prakar ka nashaa hota hai. Issey bachkar rehna hai. (Advaniji used to say that the disease to see the name in print and on television is a kind of dope. And one should keep away from it,” Shri Modi said.

Shri Modi said country's minorities have been deceived and fed fear for years. He urged the party MPs to shatter this deception. ■



PM NARENDRA MODI HOLDS BILATERAL TALKS WITH BIMSTEC LEADERS

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 31 held separate meetings with Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, Nepalese Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli and Bhutanese Prime Minister Lotay Tshering, exploring ways to further strengthen bilateral ties.

A day after taking charge as prime minister for a second term, Shri Narendra Modi also held extensive talks with Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth.

The foreign leaders came to India to attend Shri Modi's swearing-in ceremony.

In the meeting between Shri Modi and Shri Sirisena, both leaders noted that terrorism and extremism continue to pose a threat to humanity and expressed commitment for closer bilateral cooperation for peace and security in South Asia and the Indian Ocean region, the external affairs ministry said.

Sri Lanka was hit by a wave of bombings last month in which over 250 people were killed.

"The Prime Minister warmly thanked President Sirisena for his gesture of attending the ceremony and also for his good wishes. He conveyed his government's continued commitment to further foster friendly bilateral ties with Sri Lanka," the MEA said.

On the meeting between Shri Modi and Shri Jugnauth, it said both leaders agreed to work together to achieve the shared vision of security and growth of the two countries and the Indian Ocean region.

"Prime Minister Modi thanked Prime Minister Jugnauth and reiterated his commitment to further

strengthening the fraternal and enduring bilateral ties between the two countries in all spheres," said the MEA.

Shri Modi also held talks with his Nepal counterpart K.P. Sharma Oli during which both leaders expressed their commitment to further deepen relations.

On Shri Modi's talks with Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering, the MEA said the two leaders discussed bilateral commitments and agreed to further solidify the traditionally strong ties.

The Prime Minister also held a bilateral meeting with Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid during which they exchanged views on matters of mutual interest.

In his first engagement after being sworn in, the Prime Minister held a meeting with Kyrgyz President Sooronbay Jeenbekov, who attended the oath-taking ceremony as the Chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

"Recalling that India and Kyrgyzstan have warm and friendly relations, the Prime Minister expressed satisfaction at the strengthening of bilateral cooperation over the years," the MEA said.

India invited leaders of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries as well as Jeenbekov and Jugnauth for Modi's swearing-in ceremony.

Besides India, BIMSTEC comprises Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan.

Founded in 1997, BIMSTEC currently represents over 1.5 billion people and has a combined gross domestic product of USD 3.5 trillion. ■

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“PEOPLE HAD FAITH IN ‘SAAF NIYAT, SAHI VIKAS’ APPROACH OF BJP GOVERNMENT”



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a large gathering of BJP Karyakartas in his constituency Varanasi on May 27, 2019, in his first visit to the holy city after a massive victory for the BJP in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha elections.

At the gathering, PM Shri Modi thanked the millions of BJP Karyakartas for their constant hard-work which ensured that the people became aware about the government's achievements and thus voted in support of the BJP.

Acknowledging the importance of the organizational support provided by Karyakartas in strengthening the party and by extension, the government, the PM said, "The BJP relies on its cadre of hard-working, dedicated Karyakartas to reach out to the people and this is what makes us different

from the rest because as we have seen this times in states like Bengal and Kerala, BJP Karyakartas have even sacrificed their lives for the cause they believe in. And that is why satisfaction of our workers is our guiding mantra."

Expressing his humble gratitude for the overwhelming support he has received from the people during the Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Shri Modi asserted that such a large support from across the country was made possible because the people had faith in the 'Saaf Niyat, Sahi Vikas' approach of the BJP government and added that the numbers given to the BJP this time are unprecedented and reinforce his commitment to work even harder for the betterment of people's lives. ■



PM offers prayers at Kashi Vishwanath Temple



PM Shri Narendra Modi also offered prayers at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi on 27 May, 2019. This is PM Shri Modi's first visit to Varanasi after the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were also present during the Puja at the Temple.



BJP DELEGATION FROM VARANASI PRESENTS ELECTION CERTIFICATE TO PM MODI

A BJP delegation from Varanasi called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 24, 2019. The delegation presented to the Prime Minister, the official certificate of election from Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency, in the just completed 2019 Parliamentary elections.



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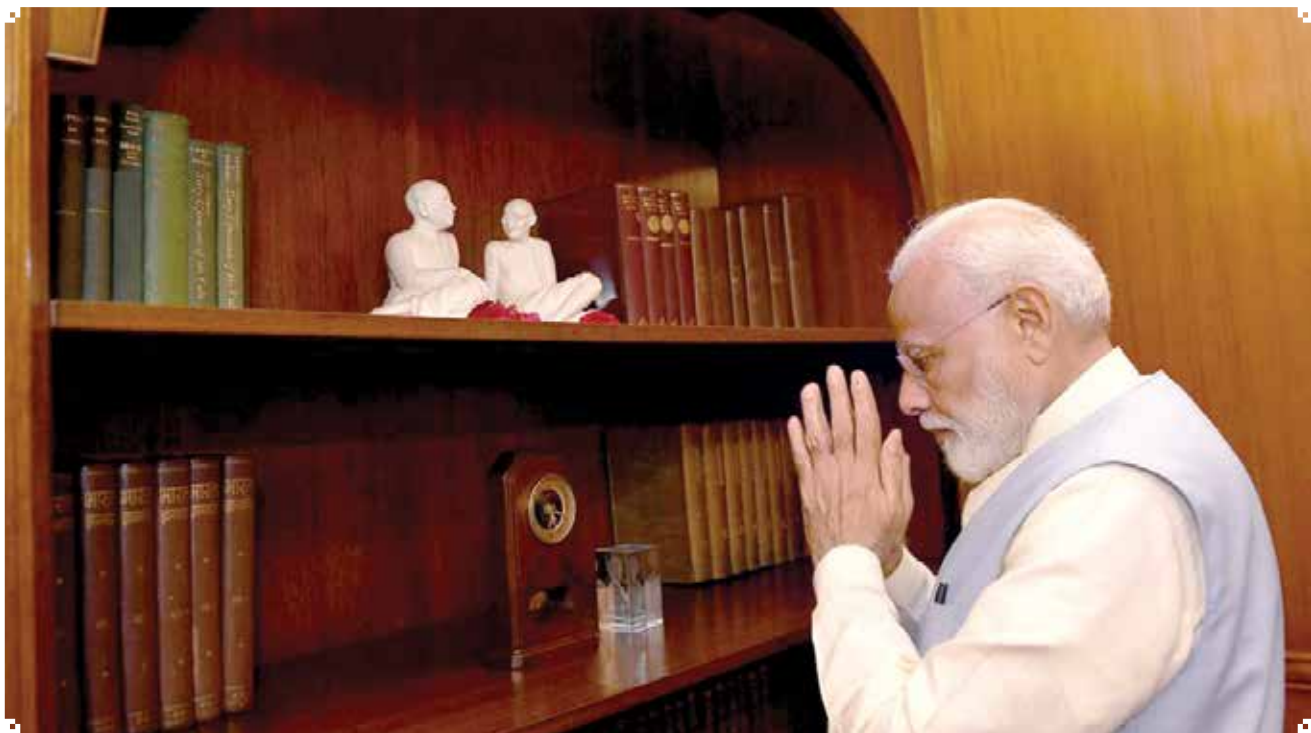
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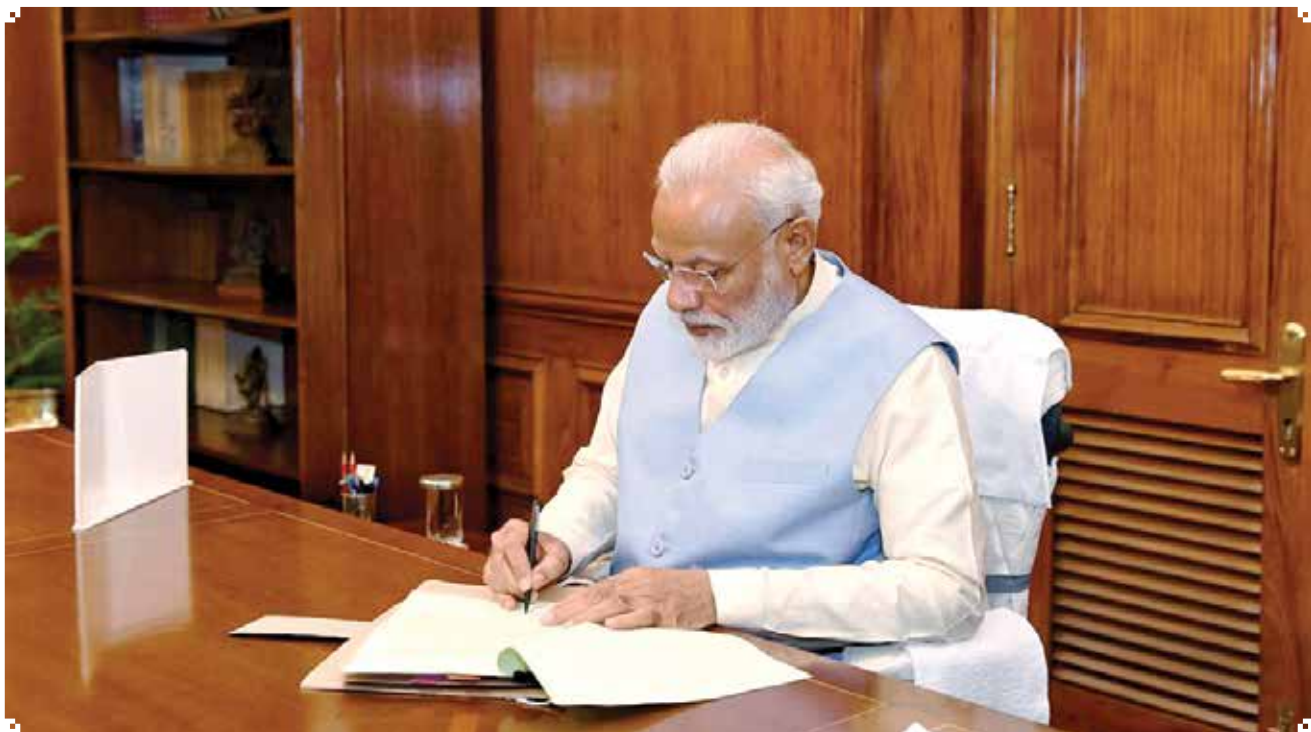
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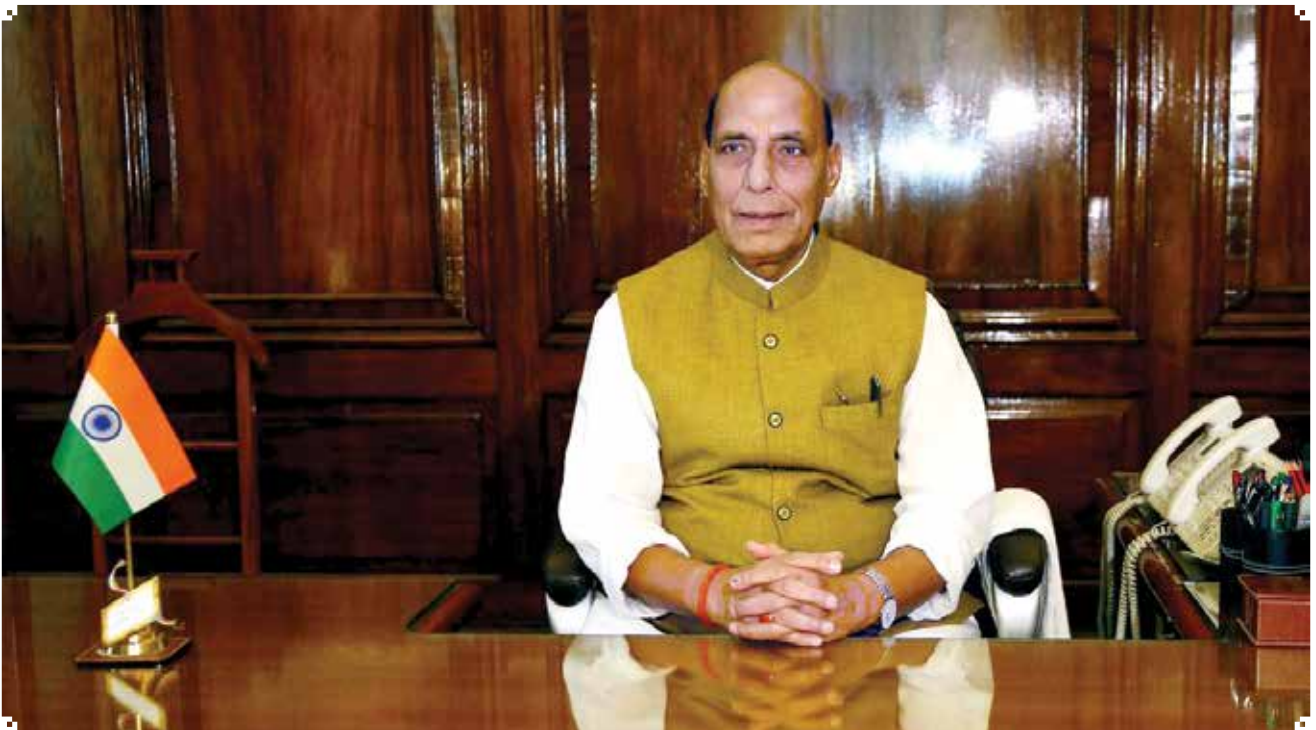
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel at the Prime Minister's Office in South Block, New Delhi before taking charge of office



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi taking charge of the office of the Prime Minister of India at South Block in New Delhi



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah taking charge of office at North Block, New Delhi



Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh taking charge of office at North Block, New Delhi



Coming five years have to be years of Jan Bhagidari and Jan Chetna: PM Modi



After the humongous victory of the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing a public meeting on May 26, 2019 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat said that the state's citizens had always been very special for him.

Reminiscing old days, Shri Modi said, "I am coming back to the land that has nurtured me. I am back to a place with which I have a very old bond. It is from the BJP office here in Khanpur that I learnt the Sanskars of a Sangathan. I remember coming among you all in 2012,

after our party was blessed with the people's mandate."

Highlighting about the BJP led NDA's victory in the Lok Sabha polls, PM Shri Modi said, "After sixth phase of polling itself I had said that it's 300 plus for us. When I said it, people mocked me. But, the results are for everyone to see. It is historic to see such a big mandate being given. The people had decided that they want a strong government again." Shri Modi further added that the vote in 2019 was a pro-incumbency vote and a positive vote.





PM Shri Narendra Modi along with BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and other senior leaders of Gujarat at the Gujarat BJP HQ in Khanpur, Ahmedabad

Shri Modi said that within the first three days of campaigning he was convinced that it wasn't the BJP or NDA fighting the elections but the people of India, who were at the forefront of the campaign. "This big mandate brings big responsibilities. It is important to remain humble and grounded in the wake of such a massive win," he added further.

Encouraging the Karyakartas, Shri Modi stated, "We have to utilize these five years to solve issues of the common citizens. These have to be five years of all-

round development. We have to further enhance India's position at the world stage...The coming five years have to be years of Jan Bhagidari and Jan Chetna."

The PM Narendra Modi also expressed his deep anguish on the recent fire tragedy in Surat and said, "The fire tragedy in Surat has saddened us all. We stand in solidarity with the bereaved families. May Almighty give them strength in this hour of grief. The State Government is further strengthening disaster management infrastructure across Gujarat. ■





OUR IDEOLOGY IS – 'NATION FIRST' : RAM LAL

The massive mandate given by the people in the Lok Sabha elections 2019 has not only manifested the immense trust the country has in the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP but also that the nation looks forward to the Modi-government with lots of hopes and expectations for the future. The stunning mandate has left the political analyst still grappling to decipher the phenomenon that has resulted in such a massive victory of the BJP led NDA while opposition stands decimated at the ground. BJP National General Secretary (Organization) **Shri Ram Lal** highlighted various aspects of this massive mandate and its implications in the days to come along with BJP organizational plans and goals of the Modi government in an interview with Kamal Sandesh Executive Editor **Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi**. Excerpts:

Please accept hearty congratulations for the massive mandate by the people to BJP and NDA in the Lok Sabha elections 2019. What do you think are the reasons that people have given such a huge mandate to BJP in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi?

One important reason for BJP getting such a huge success in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi is the trust of people in the leadership. Trust that the mandate will ensure the respect of the nation, security of the nation, development of the nation, welfare of the



poor, transparent governance, honesty and integrity, sensitivity in the interest of people, tough decisions wherever required and in taking India to newer heights. In the five years the government without discriminating with anyone and with the idea of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas' worked tirelessly and relentlessly to raise the living standard of the people. Those who have got electricity, gas, toilets, pucca houses, health-insurance upto five lac under Ayushman Bharat, Kisan Samman Nidhi in the accounts of farmers, Mudra loan to youth – all of them felt that these things were possible because Modi ji is at the helms of affairs. Modiji is ours and for us. BJP has got 32% votes more. It has received five crore more votes than last time.

After the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, political analysts were of the opinion that to repeat the feat of 2014 was difficult in 2019. But in 2019 the success was even bigger than 2014 – How it was made possible?

In 2014, there were hopes that something will happen. In 2019 this hope got transformed into aspirations that we have to touch newer heights. So people were in favour of continuity. The leadership of other parties neither appeared credible nor sincere. The kind of language that was used for the prime minister of the country is not liked by the Indian mind. People didn't consider the claims made by opposition like 'tape recorder' but they preferred to consider 'track record'. The 'tape recorder' claim was not fit to be believed. Not only

this, the people also experience clearly the difference between the functioning of our governments and other parties' governments in the states.

The people of India also saw that the opposition parties were not able to come out of dynasty, caste and appeasement politics. This mandate was against these evils in the democracy. People chose 'politics of performance'. An elected government got pro-incumbency mandate. It is a positive mandate by rejecting the evils in politics. It is for good leader, good government and a better country.

BJP is an ideology based party and also known for its organizational uniqueness. What kind of work-plan at organizational level has made BJP a unique organization?

Definitely, BJP right from its inception is considered to be an ideology based party. Our ideology is – 'Nation First'. It is therefore we are called nationalist. From 1951 onwards, we have led movements on many such issues which were related to the unity and integrity of the nation and the self respect of the nation. We have always set the agenda. In the beginning it was about national security, about democracy in the 70s, about securing the culture in the 80s, about protecting the national self respect in the 90s and after that good governance, development and

welfare of the poor has become our hallmarks. Our governments are today realizing the principle of Deendayal ji's Antyodaya (welfare of the last man in the society).

The hopes and expectations of the entire country are linked with the new government. What kind of change are we going to see in the country in the coming days?

Definitely, we have made party ideology-based along with cadre-based. We have expanded the organization also through a series of training programmes at all levels, systematic conduct of the meetings of different levels, reach and





participation of all the sections of the society through Morcha/ Cells/ Departments. You must be remembering that after the victory of 2014 while Modiji gave the credit to the blessings of the people, he also said that this victory was dedicated to **the Karyakartas at the booth level**. This time also along with the people he mentioned about the **efforts of the Panna Pramukhs** working at the booth level. When the karyakartas at the smaller units are given credit by the supreme leader then you may well understand how the self confidences of even smaller karyakartas get enhanced.

Any incident that takes place anywhere, whether in Kerala or Bengal or any other place, there is turmoil in the entire party. Everyone feels someone his own has left us. This sense of being a family is our strength. We have kept everyone connected through modern techniques. Live contacts were maintained by making WhatsApp groups and through call centres along with audio/video conferences at every level. The information was going down from higher level and feedbacks were coming up from lower levels. The corrective measures were also taken as per the feedbacks. Contents were made available by the social media and appropriate answers were being given to the allegations of the opponents. Through different programmes karyakartas continuously remained active and kept in touch with the society at large.

Programmes were conceptualized with the aim of enhancing the enthusiasm of the karyakartas, maintain dialogue with

the people and to create positive atmosphere in the country.

In the leadership of national President Shri Amit Shah, the hard work and zeal of the entire team brought success of this scale. Shri Amit Shah has now an image of an adept strategist and one who works like a warrior in adverse circumstances.

The elections management was efficiently done through 'sanchalan samitis' at central, state, Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha levels. Every BJP karyakarta feels that in the party he has scope to reach anywhere. The one who worked a booth can become national president and by working in the organization and grooming his talents one can become even MLA, MP, chief minister and prime minister.

So, here everyone works by connecting and having faith on each other. This sense of togetherness makes BJP a unique organisation and instills confidence in getting success in every circumstances.

Hope, expectation and aspirations are the basis on which governments are made. In the leadership of Hon' ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the new government will definitely march forward with full speed. Earlier also, speed and scale have been the defining features of this government and in the coming days also it will remain so. This government is not which only shows dreams but this government believes in fulfilling those dreams.

It is our effort that people get basic facilities, they get it easily, they get opportunities to work and move forward in their lives, per capita income increases, they get

quality education and health and India will emerge as a secure and respected nation with its glorious cultural traditions – it is our believe.

New India means safe and secure India, respected, glorious, confident and prosperous India.

The expectations of the people are now linked with the BJP. In many more states people's support is increasing immensely – what BJP plans organizationally in this context?

For us politics is not comfort but service. It is not right but duty. It is not enjoyment of power but *saadhana*. The states where our organization is not so strong, there we will strengthen ourselves with full force. The states where we are strong, we will try to become stronger. Success is not an occasion for us to take rest but to maximize our efforts and work even beyond our limits. Each and every karyakarta understands the responsibility reposed by success. Our **membership campaign** is about to start. With it we will go to every section of the society and reach every nook and corner of the country. Along with this, by connecting the people with welfare programmes of the government we will be able to raise watchful, responsible, accountable and strong organization and strong society at every booth.

We all have only one goal – to work tirelessly so that the world says '**Bharat Mata ki Jai**'.

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MAKING INROADS INTO ODISHA



ARUN SINGH

In 2014 general elections the BJP got only one Lok Sabha seat in Odisha with 21.5% vote share. Even performance of the party was not as per our expectations in the simultaneously held Assembly elections in the state. Consequently, the party has realized the necessity of restructuring and strengthening the organisation in Odisha on urgent basis. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah ji have given special attention in this mission and prepared the outline for the future action of the party in the state. The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah ji initiated this process by taking the active membership of the party himself from Odisha.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING

Unfolding the roadmap, at the outset the party primarily expanded the Mandals of the state from 450 to 1001 and conducted elections in every Mandal. Likewise, subsequently the District Committees and the Booth Committees were formed. The state leadership

was unanimously believed in one thing that for better results in the state a robust organisation at the grassroots level having all logistics is essential. The party National President frequently visited the state to properly implement this mission and repeatedly reviewed the developments from the very initiation of the work.

By these continuous effort we were able to prepare the Booth Committee list, Voters list, Fulltimer Karyakartas with motorbike list, the Panna Pramukh list and the beneficiaries of various welfare schemes list as per our schedule. To achieve it fulltimers of the party worked day and night in the village level for all through the past three years.

During this period the Party National President Shri Amit Shah ji continuously guided us, set a mission and target for us and also reviewed every development in the party organisation time to time. Personally he interacted with party leaders, Karyakartas, Shakti Kendra workers and Booth Committee workers in various districts of the state. Personally he launched the campaign "Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot" in Odisha. He visited various houses and put posters on the wall himself. He visited Dalit and poor families in various districts and interacted with them individually to get the first hand information about the problems they have been facing.

Then to protect the public interest and to raise voice for the overall developments of the state the party carried out agitations in every district of the state and all Karyakartas from booth level to the state level actively participated in it. With it the Karyakartas have realized their strength and the Party's mission of enhancement of the organizational strength were accomplished.

MODI GOVERNMENT'S FOCUSED DEVELOPMENT

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji also visited Odisha several times and addressed the long standing concerns of the people by huge budgetary allocations and ensuring proper implementation of these projects. He launched the Fasal Bima Yojana from Bargarh of the state. When Modi government completed three years in office at the centre the Prime Minister celebrated it with the people in Balasore and visited the backward tribal belt in the state several times to create confidence among the Tribal brothers and sisters that the government is with them and for their development.

The successful implementation of various pro poor schemes like providing LPG connection to BPL families under Ujjwala Yojana, providing sanitation under Swachhata mission, providing best health care facilities to the



poor under Ayushman Bharat, providing housing for all by 2022, providing electricity to the last village and every house, bank accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana, network of rural roads, convinced the people of Odisha that BJP is for the development of the state and this party can only take the state to new highs.

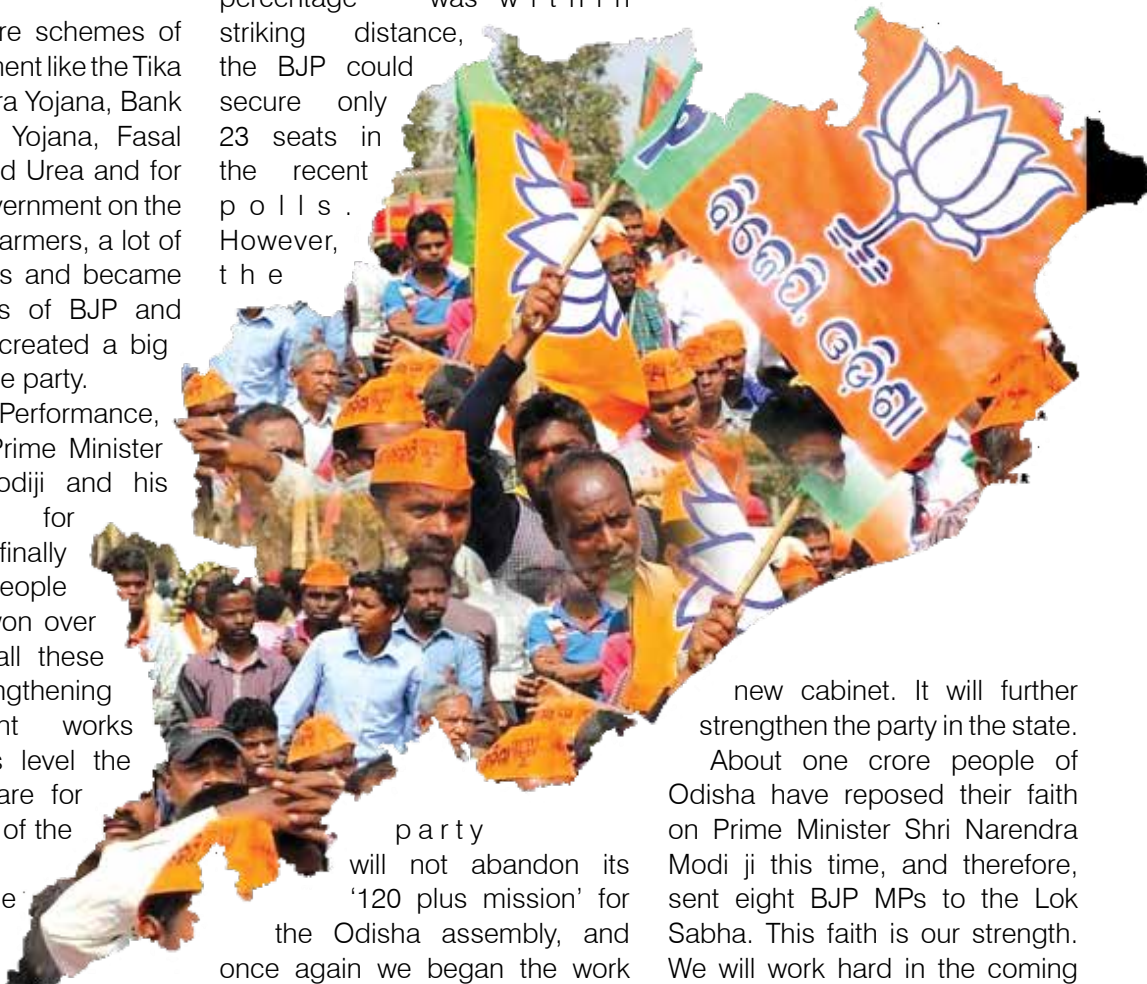
From the welfare schemes of the central government like the Tika karan Yojana, Mudra Yojana, Bank Accounts, Ujjwala Yojana, Fasal Bima, Neem coated Urea and for the focus of the government on the poor, women and farmers, a lot of people got benefits and became diehard supporters of BJP and undeniably it has created a big support base for the party.

The popularity, Performance, Charisma of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and his dedicated work for development finally convinced the people of the state and won over their hearts. For all these organizational strengthening and development works on the grassroots level the ground was prepare for a big performance of the party in Odisha.

Finally, the hardwork of the K a r y a k a r t a s brought cheer and it was reflected in the Lok Sabha elections where BJP got success. With a double increase in vote percentage from 21.5% to 38.5% the party got eight Lok Sabha seats from the state.

FUTURE EXPANSION IN ODISHA

The Party has set a mission of 120 plus seats for Odisha Assembly elections but we failed to get good numbers in the assembly elections which was held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections. Though the gape of the vote percentage was within striking distance, the BJP could secure only 23 seats in the recent p o l l s . However, t h e



party will not abandon its '120 plus mission' for the Odisha assembly, and once again we began the work and decided that all our MLAs, MPs and leaders will work hard to attain this target next time.

Secondly, the vote share of BJP was just 3.5% less then BJD's vote share. We will further strengthen the party machinery, work for the penetration of welfare benefits to

the last man in the state and will try our best to achieve our target in the next elections.

For good performance recently two able leaders like Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi have been inducted as ministers by PM Shri Narendra Modi ji in his

new cabinet. It will further strengthen the party in the state.

About one crore people of Odisha have reposed their faith on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji this time, and therefore, sent eight BJP MPs to the Lok Sabha. This faith is our strength. We will work hard in the coming days to reach the goal of 120 plus mission and form the government in Odisha. ■

(As told to the Associate Editor of Kamal Sandesh Ram Prasad Tripathy)

(Shri Arun Singh is BJP National General Secretary & In-Charge of BJP in Odisha)



BJP WILL DEFINITELY FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT IN BENGAL: SURESH PUJARI

The newly elected Member of Parliament from Bargarh, Odisha **Shri Suresh Pujari** who is known for his frankness and sensibility represents the youth leadership of BJP. Starting his political career as a youth leader he held several important positions in Odisha BJP as State Vice-President (2000), State General Secretary (2004) and Odisha Party President (2006) before assuming the responsibility of BJP National Secretary since 2015 till date and the Sah-Prabhari of the party in West Bengal.



As West Bengal is getting exasperated under the burden of Mamata Banerjee led TMC's misrule, Shri Pujari has divulged in an exclusive interview with the Associate Editor of Kamal Sandesh **Ram Prasad Tripathy**, the main reasons behind this majestic feat of BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and the future strategy of the party for the next Assembly elections of the state.

Shri Pujari also revealed how BJP is planning to uproot the TMC from West Bengal and will bring the state out of the vicious cycle of violence, crime and chaos and rekindle the glorious past which has eluded the state in the past four decades. Excerpts;

At the outset let me congratulate you on being elected as the Member of Parliament from Bargarh constituency of Odisha. The BJP has also performed well in Odisha and increased its Lok Sabha seats from one to eight. But in the neighbouring West Bengal, where you are the co-in charge of the party, from just two Lok Sabha seats in 2014, to winning 18 Lok Sabha seats this time and decimating the ruling TMC in its own citadel was really a stunning performance of the BJP. What are the main reasons behind this majestic feat?

First of all, let me thank you for your warm wishes. I am also grateful to the electorate of Bargarh, the people of my state, party elders and the altruistic Karyakartas of BJP, for whom my victory and my party's impressive win in Odisha was possible.

So far as West Bengal is concerned, you have rightly pointed out that from a victory in just two Lok Sabha seats in the last 2014 general election, to winning 18 Lok Sabha seats with massive margins and trouncing the Mamata Banerjee led TMC in its own bastions is a spectacular performance by the BJP.

Numerous reasons are there behind this accomplishment of the party. First of all, the grass root workers of BJP in West Bengal worked really hard since last many years to dethrone the autocratic TMC government from the state. Therefore, unquestionably the main credit of this massive win goes to these selfless Karyakartas of the party.

Secondly, hundreds of our Karyakartas sacrificed their life and got severe injuries during the last panchayat elections and afterwards resisting against



the TMC sponsored violence and terrorism. Resisting the violence even our senior leaders and ministers were wounded. In 2015 even I was severely injured for the violent attack of TMC goons. But courageously we faced these repressive measures of CM Mamata Banerjee throughout our struggle.

Third, the minority appeasement policies of the TMC government in Bengal, hurting the sentiments of Hindus intentionally, creating problems for Saraswati Puja, Kali Puja and Ramnavami celebrations across the state, deliberately creating obstacles for Hindu processions and encouraging the infiltration of Rohingya refugees and Bangladeshis have created a feeling amongst the people that the 'Kashmirikaran' of Bengal is going on by TMC and for these developments the electorate have made-up their mind from the onset of this election to vote Modi ji and to form a strong BJP government at the centre.

Last but not the least, the hard and focused effort of PM Shri Narendra Modi ji and *Margdarshan* of party National President Shri Amit Shah ji, the hard labour of BJP National Jt. General Secretary (Org.) Shri Shiv Prakash ji, BJP National General Secretary and West Bengal BJP in-charge Shri Kailash Vijayvargiya ji and all office bearers of State BJP and the outstanding performance in the last five years of Modi government at the centre have played a pivotal role for this grand performance of the party.

With which core issues the BJP has reached out to the people in Bengal this time?

Principally the 2019 Lok Sabha election rotates around the magnetism and charm of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and his good governance, development and pro poor welfare schemes.

Shri Narendra Modi's immaculate track record, corruption free governance, his pledge towards the nation, his dedication towards his work, his vision for a 'New India', 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' and his commitment for keeping the country safe from the clutches of the anti-nationals has won over the hearts of every Indian.

The popular schemes of the BJP government like providing LPG connection to BPL families under Ujjwala Yojana, providing sanitation under Swachhata mission, Jan Dhan bank accounts, providing best health care facilities to the poor under Ayushman

Bharat, providing housing for all by 2022, providing electricity to the last village of the country, network of rural roads in the nook and corner of the country, strengthening the defense sector and a robust economy etc. have been some of the major talking points and issues which dominated the discourse throughout the course of Lok Sabha elections.

Once upon a time Bengal was known for spearheading cultural and intellectual revolutions that inspired the nation. However, the scenario has completely reversed in past some decades. What factors do you think are responsible for the overall decline of Bengal?

Sadly, I have to agree. Bengal produced some of the greatest human beings of our society like Sri Chaitanya, Ramakrishna, Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Ravindranath Tagore, Subhash Bose, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and many more freedom fighters, social reformers, scientists and Nobel laureates. During the pre-independence period Bengal was the epicenter of the freedom movement and was a major hub for industry and education. However, the decline of the state began with the entry of Left parties to power. In around four decades of Left rule, instead of development and corruption, crime ruled the state.

After the destructive Left rule, power passed to the hands of the TMC. All were hopeful that Under Mamata Banerjee West Bengal will regain its glory and can emerge as a developed state. But regrettably, Mamata Banerjee betrayed Bengal. The Left definitely ruined West Bengal but the TMC Government has taken the State to the point of no return.

Mamata Banerjee came with the slogan of 'Parivartan', but 'Parivartan' has not happened anywhere in the state. Many sectors collapsed, job has dried up and finally people are forced to migrate from the state.

Now, the CM is trying to choke the throat of democracy even for genuine opposition. Even shouting 'Jai Shri Rama' is unbearable for Mamata Banerjee and her leaders. The standard of language and behaviour of the CM stoops so low, it is the talking point at this moment all over the country. Currently under this dispensation Bengal is passing



through a terrible phase of turmoil and there is lot of degeneration in the political culture of the state. Now the common people very much understand this development that Bengal is rapidly deteriorating and it is on the verge of collapse.

As a responsible political party and a major force in West Bengal how BJP will bring the state out of this vicious cycle of violence, crime, chaos and decline.

Post 2019 general elections BJP has emerged as a major force in West Bengal with 18 Lok Sabha seats with more than 40% vote share and Mamata Banerjee is getting scared to see the phenomenal rise of the party. That's why she is instructing her workers to physically attack our leaders, Karyakartas and political activists. However, violence, crime and anti social forces have no future in a democratic setup.

Our leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah ji always believe in constructive politics, 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and they believe that development is the only solution for all problems. Therefore, for us development is the only solution for all the problems at present Bengal is facing.

I believe, in a democracy the public has the last say. They have given fitting reply to this lawlessness and anti-democratic rule of Mamata Banerjee this time and note it down; in the upcoming assembly elections the people of Bengal will through the entire TMC in the Bay of Bengal and will bring the BJP government at the helm of affairs in the state.

The day is not far when BJP will bring the state out of the vicious cycle of violence, crime and chaos

and rekindle the glorious past of Bengal which has eluded the state in the past four decades.

What is the strategy of BJP for its future expansion in West Bengal?

The present performance of the party is just a tip of the iceberg. It reveals the future of BJP is very bright in West Bengal. Common people know it very well that their Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is working round the clock, for their development. For that the popularity of BJP is automatically multiplying day by day in the state.

This time we won 18 seats with huge margins and lost some of the seats with a very thin margin. As per the Lok Sabha results BJP was ahead in 149 Assembly segments of the state. However, our focus is to get all the 40 Lok Sabha seats of the state in the next general election and to establish the BJP government in Bengal. We will do our best to achieve it.

Secondly, in Bengal, people are realising that BJP is the only party which can bring development without any discrimination. If BJP forms the Government in the state it can take the state to new highs. That is our asset.

Thirdly, we will fight further to save Bengal from the clutches of the criminals; we will fight to bring the past glory of the state back, we will fight to stop the 'kashmirikaran' of the Bengal and we will work till the grass roots level to strengthen the party organisation.

With its words and action, the TMC is spreading 'Kichhad' which will create a favorable climate for the lotus to bloom in Bengal. Therefore, I can foresee the bright future of the state and my party and I am confident that BJP will definitely form the next government in Bengal. ■



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A CABINET TO MAKE INDIA SUPER POWER



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The induction of Party chief Amit Shah as number three in the Narendra Modi cabinet marks a definitive generational shift and new verve and vitality for the Modi second innings. The enthusiastic Pan-India participation of people from all walks of life and an array of heads of state from East Asian countries made the swearing in ceremony of Modi after the huge second mandate he received, a historic occasion.

Amit Shah's entry will bring a remarkable dynamism and direction to the new cabinet. His five year stint as party president had transformed the BJP as the most combative, vibrant and winning political formation in the country. He exudes confidence, commitment and great inspirational quotient of strategic edge. This is sure to help Modi achieve his ambitious goal for the second term.

No other Prime Minister in the recent memory had got such a large and distinguished audience to witness his swearing in. It is a measure of his popularity that

the entire nation was keyed up buoyed to be part of the swearing in. The novelty of the Modi team however point to change with continuity.

Modi has retained a large number of old team members, though the performance of many of them was satisfactory. The significant aspect is that many talented veterans of the first term are absent in the new team. Many

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prominent political personalities of the Advani era are now out of the cabinet. Mainly due to health reasons, Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swraj are not part of

the present team. Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swaraj because of their excellent performance had carved out a niche for themselves. Their intelligent and reasoned articulation will be missing now.

During election Sushma Swaraj was in charge of the campaign literature team. She effectively popularized the big achievements of the Modi government through scores of beautifully designed leaflets and audio video inputs. The entire media campaign strategy was monitored through daily intervention by Arun Jaitley.

The Modi second team is a combination of pan-India presence and vitality. Many notable young faces have found a place in the 58 member team. But this looks like a work in progress. Modi's confidence in ex-bureaucrats is evident from the induction of S. Jaishankar, Hardeep Puri and RK Singh in the cabinet. The presence of other political heavy weights, who are rated highly for their performance like Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari, Dharmendra Pradhan have added to the glory of the new cabinet. Another shining star in the new team is the giant killer from Amethi Smriti Irani. Her electrifying presence is infectious and inspirational for taking up the most impossible and insurmountable tasks ahead.



In the poll campaign 2019, one of the most heard slogan was Modi is capable of achieving the most impossible tasks (Modi hai to mumkin hai) . Smiriti Irani has personified this by her victory defeating Rahul Gandhi in his turf.

The interest in the new team will also be because of the choice of portfolios for the seniors. Home, External Affairs, Finance, infrastructure, power, Petroleum and Gas were some of the high performance areas of the first Modi government.

The absence of J P Nadda in Health will be felt. The ambitious Modicare, Ayushman Yojana, one of Modi's ground breaking initiatives is very popular and in an early stages of implementation. Under Nadda, the health sector had seen far reaching reforms, from making health care affordable, popular and

accessible. The reduction of drug prices, stent and heart and cancer treatment considerably cheaper for the common man were some of the big achievements that ensured Modi second mandate.

It will be interesting to watch how the presence of Amit Shah is accelerating Modi's execution of his pet welfare schemes for uplifting the poor and making India great. Shah's USP is in setting high goals and achieving them. Another unfinished task is getting new allies and accommodating Janata Dal(U) into the new set up. Nitish Kumar has diametrically opposite views on many important areas of the BJP concern. But it is a winning combination in Bihar. Jagan Reddy's demand for special status for Andhra is another task the government has to deal with immediately. Both Jagan and K

Chandrasekhar Rao were keen on good rapport with NDA. The presence of KCR and Stalin in the Swearing in ceremony was significant.

Modi is beginning his second term with a bigger mandate than in 2014. The new mandate has made him more powerful and widely acceptable. The world at large will be more confident of dealing with him. For the earlier win was described by many as a onetime wonder. The mandate greater than the earlier one after seeing him perform for five years has relevance and meaning far wider than the earlier one. This has ensured Modi his place in history. ■

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ANOTHER JOLT TO TMC IN BENGAL

BJP TAKES CONTROL OF BHATPARA CIVIC BODY

After BJP breached the fortress West Bengal in the Lok Sabha polls winning 18 seats, the party on 05 June, 2019 took control of the Bhatpara municipality 33 km from Kolkata. The BJP has never run a civic body in the state and Bhatpara comes under the Barrackpore Lok Sabha constituency, where the BJP's Shri Arjun Singh recently defeated TMC MP Dinesh Trivedi.

Shri Saurabh Singh was elected the new chairman of Bhatpara municipality after BJP won 26 votes in a confidence motion in the 35 member Councillor body.

We will work for the people of Bhatpara sincerely, said Shri Saurabh on becoming the chairman. ■





GOOD ECONOMICS IS GOOD POLITICS



GOPAL KRISHNA
AGRAWAL

Modi Government has been voted back to power with an unprecedented majority. Modiji is an undisputed leader of not only the BJP or the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) but of the whole country. It is also expected that sometime in 2020 the NDA will also have a majority in the Rajya Sabha as well, something which eluded it during its last term in the Government. This puts the incoming government in a very comfortable position to undertake many more reforms under the decisive leadership of Shri Narendra Modi.

The first term of Modi government was a success so far as macro-economic management was concerned. GDP growth was revived, inflation was tamed, fiscal deficit was controlled and the balance of payment crises was averted. The first term was about cleaning the system and putting things back on track. Looking at the macroeconomic parameters now, they all are in a very good shape. Inflation is under control at around 4.5%. GDP growth is on a higher

growth path, and is about 7.5%. Fiscal deficit at 3.5% is under control. Current account deficit is also healthy. Tax to GDP ratio at 12% has also improved.

Modiji worked hard for five years as prime minister on governance with dedication for 'Sabka saath, sabka vikas'. If you look back, our government has implemented direct benefit transfers (DBT), improved access to energy, healthcare, affordable homes, toilets, and other

and identified 65000 villages as backward area and working on a push model whereas the district collectors have been made responsible for the delivery of seven major government schemes, like Ujjwala, Ujala, Mudra, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna et al to every eligible beneficiaries in the respective areas.

'Benefit to the last person' 'Antyodaya' is our ideology from the start of the Jan Sangh days. Our financial inclusion program has been very much appreciated by The World Bank. At the end of first term, Modi government had reached out to more than 220 million poor households cutting across all social segments. This outreach has created a new constituency for BJP above all caste and religion. Party President Amit Shah's focused and special campaign to connect to these millions of beneficiaries has yielded desired results.

India's aspirational middle class is rising again, looking for opportunities and ease of living. This middle-income group will be driving consumption demand and set up businesses. We proudly remember that in the past 2000 years, India and China together occupied almost 60% of the global trade.

Our focus on the missing link of the manufacturing sector

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infrastructure. There is enhancement in the public spending in the rural areas. The Government has declared 115 district as aspirational district



and MSME sector in particular achieving 77th rank on Ease Of Doing Business (EODB) are bearing good result. Government has E-assessment, helping in removing widespread corruption in the direct tax structure. It will smoothen the process and remove subjectivity. The focus of all the steps is to lower the effective rate for the taxpayers.

Implementation of GST has been a big reform. It does away with the multiplicity of tax structures, subsuming central, state and local taxes, it results in a reduction of indirect taxes for the consumer, it creates ease of doing business by online registration, filling of returns and assesment and creating one tax one market. For the consumer, it reduces prices of manufactured goods, for the Government it means increased tax collection and fiscal consolidation and creation of a much simpler system to administer through GSTN network. Small Businesses with aggregate annual turnover up to Rs 40 lakhs are exempt from GST. And those having annual turnover up to Rs 1.5 crore can avail the benefit of composite scheme by paying 1 percent tax and get out of GST formalities.

Over the last 5 years our government has focused on institutional mechanism to resolve problems. Reforms like IBC, NCLT and other legal changes have been implemented. Many of the large companies facing bankruptcy and NPA problems are now being resolved. The Modiji is also working on projects revival under the 'Pragati' initiative.

Land and labour, being



important for the industrialization of the country, the Centre is pushing for digitisation of land records and land lease agreement; it is helping in establishing ownership of land. On the labour front there has been efforts on the formalisation of labour. 93% of our labour force is in informal sector. The working conditions in this sector are very poor. Government through introduction of Universal Account No (UAN) and reforms in Industrial Acts has implemented Provident Fund (PF), ESI, job security, social security etc. into this segment.

Our Agricultural policies were being formulated with objective of doubling of farmer's income. MSP has been increased to 150 percent of the cost of production. Farmers are getting insurance cover through Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna. Our commodity import export policy is more aligned to ensure that the farmers get better price for his produce. Government has several other

initiatives lined up.

We have a clear-cut road map for 5 trillion economy by the year 2024. We are determined to make India, an economic superpower. The decisive leadership of Shri Narendra Modi has ensured that all the required steps and decisions are taken promptly.

Without resorting to populist spending, Government understands the sanctity of Tax Payer's money. Giving out doles, with this money will be inflationary. Our focus has always been on increasing the efficiency of government expenditure. Better targeting on our social welfare schemes, we did not announce farm loan waiver in our manifesto; and still won with such a huge majority!

In economic terms we are in a very good situation of low inflation with high growth rate. We believe that good economics is good politics. ■

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INDIAN DIPLOMACY IN MODI ERA



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Before analyzing India's foreign policy initiatives under PM Modi, we need to understand the status of our global outreach when PM Modi took over as Prime Minister in 2014. After UPA victory in 2009, India conceded major concession to Pakistan during meeting between Manmohan Singh and Pakistan PM Yusuf Raza Gilani when India agreed that terrorism and talks can continue together. It was the lowest point in India's diplomacy. During his second term, Dr Manmohan Singh's inability to take major policy decisions has also crippled India's diplomatic initiatives. There was no visit of India's Prime Minister to several countries for many years. For example, Indian PM did not visit UAE for 34 years, to Sri Lanka for 28 years, to Canada for 42 years and so on.

BJP government under Modi had first task at hand and that was to fill this large vacuum. PM has not only visited all those countries but also he was the first Indian PM to visit Mongolia and Israel. However, it's noteworthy that before visiting Israel, PM Modi visited all major oil producing countries in Middle East and strengthened our traditional relations. At the same time, breaking the convention,

he didn't visit West Bank during his Israel visit but went there separately, giving clear signal that India will deal with Israel and Palestine independently, and not necessarily always linked.

Energy Security is one of the main agenda of Modi's foreign policy. India's crude oil is traditionally imported from oil rich gulf countries. Under PM Modi, we have diversified our crude oil requirement from multiple sources. In 2015, PM Modi negotiated waiving off penalty of USD One Billion by Qatar for lower intake of natural gas. At the same time, thanks to excellent relations with Saudi Arabia and other oil producing countries, India was successful in not allowing skyrocketing the oil prices in spite of sanctions on Iran from USA.

These are short-term measures. Additionally, India is also working on long-term energy security. Again, due to excellent personal rapport between Crown Prince of UAE and PM Modi, consortium of Indian companies have bought 10% stake in Lower Zakum offshore oil field of Abu Dhabi. It is India's first investment in UAE oil field. Similarly, now India's investment in Russian oil fields has exceeded 10 Billion USD. In a mega investment of 44 Billion USD, Saudi oil company Aramco will set up a refinery in west coast of Maharashtra.

India-UAE cooperation is not confined to only to trade. Recent deportation of offenders from UAE to India and UAE giving

permission and all the cooperation for building a grand Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi also shows the depth of India-UAE relations.

India has faced several security challenges during last four years. Continuous support to anti-India terrorist activities by Pakistan is one of such major challenge. In response, India has not only overcome its "strategic restraint" by commencing surgical strikes and air strikes at terrorist training camps in Balakot, it has successfully isolated Pakistan on a global stage. Recent announcement of United Nations Security Council to designate Masood Azhar as global terrorist is also key success of India's foreign policy.

In this context, it is important to analyse India-US relations. After 2014 victory of BJP, then US President Barak Obama understood importance of strategic relationship with India as a balancing power against China. This has resulted into one of the best partnership story between two countries. Subsequent to Obama's visit to India during republic day celebration, India and US decided to jointly develop and manufacture defence equipment under "Defence Trade and Technology Initiative" (DTTI). By the time Obama's term was over, India was "major defence partner" of US, thus making almost all major US military technologies available to India. When Trump took a charge, there was lot of scepticism if this momentum



would continue or not. But there is no sign of slowing down. In fact, two plus two dialog between two countries has institutionalised the dialog mechanism between two countries. USA has recognised “Indo-Pacific” as an official term replacing “Asia-Pacific”.

India-China relations had some ups and downs in last four years. In spite of successful visits by both PM Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping to each others countries, Doklam posed the greatest challenge to our relations. Thanks to the statesmanship shown by both the leaders, the crisis was not only resolved but ties further strengthened. China has recently announced opening of its market to Indian products.

In the neighbourhood, Ignoring Pakistan, India backed new regional platform BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) comprising of seven countries. In this context, it is noteworthy that during recent swearing in ceremony of new NDA government under the leadership of Narendra Modi, all the leaders of BIMSTEC were present.

PM Modi adapted “India First” policy in dealing with countries. But it didn't shy away from participating multilateral platforms like G20, ASEAN and several other. QUAD, comprising of US, India, Japan and Australia is slowly emerging as a balancing force. During recent G20 meeting at Buenos Aires, Argentina, in addition to several bilateral meetings, there were two tri-lateral meetings. First was USA-Japan-India and second

was Russia-China-India. In short, both the lobbies are interested to keep India as a part of their overall strategy.

In last four years, Modi government has rejuvenated India's ties with African continent. Between PM, Presidents and Vice Presidents (past and current), India's top leadership has visited more than twenty African countries in last four years. India has effectively utilised its rich

Engagement with global Indian Diaspora by Modi government was visible everywhere Prime Minister visited. Significant improvement in resolving grievances, quick processing of visa applications, visa on arrival for citizens of several countries, quick help in emergency situations are some of the measures that has generated enormous goodwill for Modi government in the minds of Indian diaspora.

civilizational heritage to further strengthen relations with different countries. PM Modi's visit to Janakpur (a place where Sita got married with Ram) and Muktinath in Nepal, Dakshwari temple in Dhaka, Gurudwara and temple in Canada, Terracotta sculptures in China, Toji temple in Japan, are some examples in this effort. The enormous success of International Yoga Day is also a reflection of

strength of India's soft power. During recent visit to Argentina for G20 summit, PM Modi attended a unique program “Yoga For Peace” organised by Art of Living, where more than 5000 Argentineans performed yoga.

Another significant aspect of this story is the number of top awards conferred to PM Modi by various countries. In last five years, PM Modi received six prestigious awards, namely King Abdullaziz Sash Award of Saudi Arabia, Amir Abdulla Khan Award of Afghanistan, Grand Collar of the State of Palestine, Champions of the Earth Award, United Nations Champions of the Earth award, Seoul Peace Prize 2018 and recently announced Zayed Medal of UAE. The latest addition is the highest order of the Russian Federation “The Order of St Andrew the Apostle”.

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In short, under the leadership of PM Modi, India has worked as an effective balancing force in global affairs, secured its strategic interests and emerged as a force to reckon with. ■

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LOK S

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AFTER JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AND INDIRA GANDHI, NARENDRA MODI IS THE THIRD PRIME MINISTER OF THE COUNTRY WHO HAS BEEN ABLE TO RETAIN POWER FOR A SECOND TERM WITH FULL MAJORITY IN LOK SABHA.

02

THE HIGHEST-EVER NUMBER OF WOMEN HAVE BEEN ELECTED IN THE 2019 LOK SABHA POLLS. OUT OF 542 MPS, 78 ARE WOMEN WITH UTTAR PRADESH AND WEST BENGAL LEADING AT 11 EACH.

04

THE CONGRESS DID NOT GET SINGLE SEAT IN 18 STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES -- AN INDICATOR OF ITS DECIMATION IN THE LOK SABHA POLLS. THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ROUTED IN ANDHRA PRADESH, ARUNACHAL PRADESH, CHANDIGARH, DADAR AND NAGAR HAVELI, DAMAN AND DIU, GUJARAT, HARYANA, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, LAKSHADWEEP, MANIPUR, MIZORAM, NAGALAND, DELHI, RAJASTHAN, SIKKIM, TRIPURA AND UTTARAKHAND.

07

TIRONG ABOH, THE NATIONAL PEOPLES PARTY (NPP) CANDIDATE WHO WAS GUNNED DOWN BY SUSPECTED NSCN MILITANTS, HAS RETAINED THE KHONSA WEST ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH.

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NARENDRA MODI SWEARING-IN CEREMONY WAS BIGGEST EVENT HELD IN RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN. THEN AGAIN, IT IS A HISTORIC WIN. NARENDRA MODI IS NOT ONLY THE FIRST PM IN NEARLY FIVE DECADES TO WIN A MAJORITY IN CONSECUTIVE POLLS, BUT HE HAS ALSO ACHIEVED THE RARE FEAT OF RETURNING TO POWER AT THE CENTRE WITH AN EVEN BIGGER MAJORITY. MOREOVER, HE IS THE FIRST BJP LEADER WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED FOR A SECOND TERM AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS FIVE-YEAR TENURE, A FEAT SO FAR ACHIEVED ONLY BY THREE CONGRESS LEADERS - JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, INDIRA GANDHI AND MANMOHAN SINGH.



SABHA ELECTIONS RESULTS 2019

03

THE BJP SAW ITS VOTE SHARE SOAR PAST 50 PER CENT IN AT LEAST 13 STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES, A FEAT WHICH THE RIVAL CONGRESS COULD MANAGE ONLY IN PUDUCHERRY. THE BJP GOT CLOSE TO 50 PER CENT IN UTTAR PRADESH AND EVEN HIGHER IN HARYANA, MADHYA PRADESH, RAJASTHAN, CHHATTISGARH, UTTARAKHAND, GUJARAT, JHARKHAND, HIMACHAL PRADESH, GOA, KARNATAKA, DELHI, CHANDIGARH AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH.

05

A TOTAL OF 197 SITTING MPS, INCLUDING 27 WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS, FROM THE 2014 LOK SABHA POLLS HAVE MANAGED TO RETAIN THEIR SEATS THIS GENERAL ELECTION.

06

THE BJP HAS WON 62 OF 65 LOK SABHA SEATS IN THE THREE HINDI HEARTLAND STATES OF MADHYA PRADESH, CHHATTISGARH AND RAJASTHAN THAT THE CONGRESS WON IN THE ASSEMBLY POLLS BARELY FIVE MONTHS AGO.

09

FOUR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES HAVE MADE IT TO THE LOK SABHA THIS TIME COMPARED TO THREE DURING THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ELECTIONS IN 2014. THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF WINNING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WAS SEEN IN 1957, WHEN THEY BAGGED 42 SEATS, FOLLOWED BY 37 IN 1952. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WON 20 SEATS IN 1962 ELECTIONS, 35 IN 1967, 14 IN 1971 AND 12 SEATS IN 1989. IN ALL THE REST 10 LOK SABHA ELECTIONS, THEY COULD NOT CROSS SINGLE DIGITS. THE LOWEST COUNT WAS OBSERVED IN 1991 WHEN ONLY ONE HAD WON OUT OF TOTAL 5,514 INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.

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OVER 8,000 GUESTS ATTENDED THE CEREMONY. THAT'S ABOUT 3,000 MORE ATTENDEES THAN THE TURNOUT DURING MODI'S FIRST OATH-TAKING CEREMONY IN 2014. APART FROM THE LEADERS OF BIMSTEC COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BANGLADESH, MYANMAR, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, NEPAL AND BHUTAN, HEADS OF THE STATES FROM KYRGYZSTAN AND MAURITIUS GRACE THE CEREMONY. THE FAMILIES OF BJP WORKERS WHO WERE KILLED IN POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN WEST BENGAL IN THE LAST ONE YEAR HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED. THE GUEST LIST INCLUDED CELEBRITIES FROM BOLLYWOOD.

Uttarakhand Finance Minister Prakash Pant is no more

Uttarakhand Finance Minister Shri Prakash Pant passed way at the age of 58 in the US on June 5 after a prolonged illness. He had been in the US for some time for treatment.

Shri Pant was senior BJP leader in Uttarakhand and also minister for parliamentary affairs and finance besides being in charge of a host of other portfolios. He was a BJP lawmaker from Pithoragarh in the state assembly and was considered one of the most important and knowledgeable members of Rawat's cabinet.

At a very young age, Pant was made the first speaker of Uttarakhand Assembly when the state was created out of Uttar Pradesh in 2000. Initially a pharmacist, his political career started in 1977.

He became a member of the Legislative Council of Uttar Pradesh for the first time in 1998 and represented Pithoragarh in the state assembly for two consecutive terms in 2002 and 2007. He lost the seat in 2012 but bounced back in 2017 reclaiming it from the Congress.

Prime minister Narendra Modi condoled the demise of the leader. He said in a tweet, "Anguished by the

passing away of Uttarakhand Finance Minister Shri Prakash Pant. His organisational skills helped strengthen the BJP and administrative skills contributed to Uttarakhand's progress. My thoughts are with his family and supporters."

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Trivendra Singh

Rawat condoled the untimely death of his cabinet colleague said "For me it is like losing a younger brother. The void created by his passing away will always hurt. His ability to respond to the sharpest of attacks by the opposition in the state assembly with a disarming smile will remain lodged in our memory forever.

"He played a great role in giving a direction to the development of the state after its creation. It is a great loss for the state and the BJP." He prayed for peace to the departed soul and fortitude to his family to bear the immense loss.

A three-day state mourning was declared on the demise by Government of Uttarakhand. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended last rites of the departed soul and paid last respect at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand. ■



BJP leader Sheela Gautam passes away

Sheela Gautam passed away on June 8 at 88 in Delhi. She was four times BJP MP from Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh and the founder-chairperson of the famous mattress company Sleepwell.

She started politics with the Congress party in 1980. She joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in 1991. BJP National President and Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah condoled her demise. In a tweet he praised her commitment to the party. He expressed his sympathy to bereft family and relatives and prayed for solace of the departed soul.



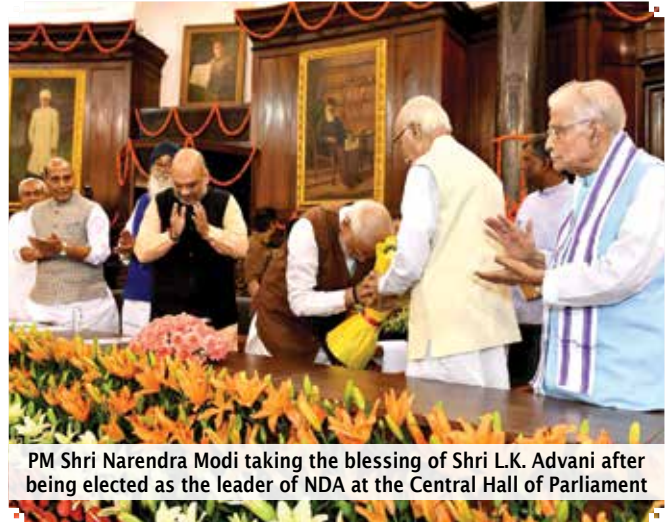
@narendramodi

Sheela Gautam Ji will be remembered for her monumental service and efforts to make the BJP stronger. She served her constituents with immense dedication. Her demise is saddening. My thoughts are with her family and well-wishers. Om Shanti.

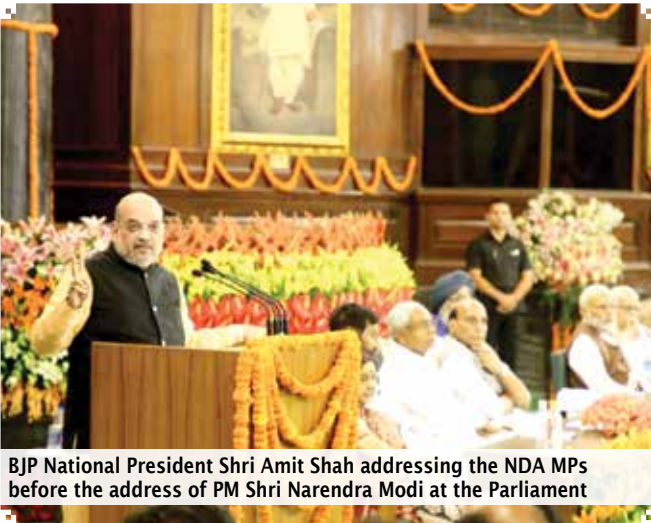
Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath condoled her death and said, she was a leader admired by everyone who actively led the constituency towards progress. "She also always helped the poor and the needy. We have lost a popular leader whose shoes no one can fill," he added in his condolence message. ■



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the Central Hall of Parliament



PM Shri Narendra Modi taking the blessing of Shri L.K. Advani after being elected as the leader of NDA at the Central Hall of Parliament



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing the NDA MPs before the address of PM Shri Narendra Modi at the Parliament



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Senior Leaders Shri LK Advani, Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi and other NDA leaders at the Parliament

GLIMPSES OF THE NEWLY ELECTED NDA MEMBER OF PARLIAMENTS MEETING AT THE CENTRAL HALL OF PARLIAMENT TO ELECT ITS LEADER AFTER THE MASSIVE VICTORY IN LOK SABHA ELECTIONS 2019



Former Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee greets PM Shri Narendra Modi after getting elected as the leader of NDA following the huge victory of BJP in the lok sabha election 2019



The Vice-President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu greets PM Shri Narendra Modi after getting elected as the leader of NDA following the massive victory of BJP in lok sabha election 2019

FIRST CABINET MEETING OF MODI GOVERNMENT 2.0

Promised

We will expand the coverage of PM KISAN to include all farmers in the country

We will expand the coverage of immunisation and eliminate Foot and Mouth disease and Brucellosis in livestock

We will launch a pension scheme for all small and marginal farmers in the country

We will launch a pension scheme to cover all small shopkeepers

BJP Manifesto,
8th April 2019

Fulfilled

PM KISAN extended to include all farmers, this benefitting 14.5 crore farmers

Special scheme launched to eliminate Foot and Mouth disease and Brucellosis in livestock in 5 years

Scheme launched to ensure social security for small and marginal farmers

Scheme launched to cover all small shopkeepers & traders with turnover below Rs 1.5 crore, to benefit about 3 crore people

1st Cabinet Meeting,
31st May 2019

