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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah paying tributes to Maneswar Basumatary, who made the supreme sacrifice in the terror attack at Pulwama (J&K)



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing a review meeting along with other BJP leaders at Madurai, Tamil Nadu



The Andhra Pradesh BJP welcomes BJP National President Shri Amit Shah at the Shakti Kendra Pramukh Sammelan in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah flanked by Gujarat CM Shri Vijay Rupani and others launching 'Mera Parivar Bhajapa Parivar' campaign by pasting a sticker on the wall of his residence in Ahmedabad, Gujarat



Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh flanked by Union Minister Smt. Maneka Gandhi and others launching the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) in New Delhi. Now persons in distress can dial a pan-India number: 112. Under this system, all the states are setting up a dedicated Emergency Response Centre, ERC



Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari was presented with the innovation award by Global NCAP for Indian Government's legislative action for improving vehicle safety in New Delhi

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@narendramodi



The dastardly attack in Pulwama has anguished the nation. Yes, this is a time of great sadness. But, I assure every family that a befitting reply will be given!

@manoharparrikar

True to its credo, @BJP4India puts India's interest over everything else. Proud to be part of such a family that is #TransformingIndia like never before. #MeraParivarBhajapaParivar.



@Dev_Fadnavis



Maharashtra congratulates Hon PM @narendramodi ji for the #SeoulPeacePrize! This is recognition of his efforts in promoting global peace & harmony through inclusive economic growth & improving quality of life. We the karyakartas & Nation is proud to have such great leadership!

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The Seoul Peace Prize being bestowed upon PM @narendramodi is a matter of great pride for 130 crore Indians. It not only acknowledges the success of PM Modi's progressive policies and reforms but also signals the rise of India on the world stage.



— **Amit Shah**

Do not give an impression to the world that India is divided on how to fight terrorism. When the world is rallying around India, the Opposition in India should not be striking a discordant note.



— **Arun Jaitley**

Under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Sri @narendramodi ji, Our Govt. has decided to stop our share of water which used to flow to Pakistan. We will divert water from Eastern rivers and supply it to our people in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.



— **Nitin Gadkari**



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Kamal Sandesh Parivar
wishes a very happy
MAHASHIVRATRI (04 MARCH)
to all of its readers

SACRIFICE OF BRAVE JAWANS WILL NOT GO IN VAIN

In a most condemnable terror attack 40 CRPF jawans were martyred in Pulwama. The dastardly terror attack has sent a wave of condemnation across the world denouncing terrorism in all its forms. The nation is in anguish filling everyone's heart with intense sense of loss and anger. A fire is burning in everyone's heart against terrorism and its perpetrators. While nation stands with the bereaved family of the martyrs, there is a resolve that such incidents cannot be allowed to be repeated again. The jawans have laid down their lives in the service of Maa Bharati and the entire nation is feeling indebted to their supreme sacrifice. The sacrifice of the martyrs cannot be allowed to go in vain, India is capable of responding to the threats of terrorism. The time has come to find a lasting solution to the threats of terrorism by meting out exemplary punishment to its perpetrators.

It is an established fact that the terror activities in Kashmir are supported and backed by Pakistan. It is very unfortunate to note that Pakistan continues with its designs in Kashmir even after repeated reprimand and condemnation by the international community. It has become a state sponsoring terrorism in other parts of the world and openly backing terror groups giving them all kinds of support. It has become a safe haven of the terror groups like Al-Qaeda, Lashkar-e-Omar, Lashkar-e-Taiba

(LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Taliban. Not only India but Aghanistan also bears the brunt of terror groups aided and abetted by Pakistan and it has been denounced and condemned by all major powers of the world including USA, UK, France and Russia. But inspite of repeated warnings and condemnations by the international community Pakistan shamefully continues with its active support to the terror groups and becoming a state, sponsoring and exporting terrorism in a most inhuman manner.

It seems that Pakistan has not learnt its lessons well even after the surgical strike by Indian security forces in the wake of Uri terror attack. Pakistan is in habit of backstabbing India after having failed in its attempts to fight from the front. It was taught a tough lesson in Kargil and heavy damage was inflicted on it by our brave jawans who crossed over the LoC during surgical strike. As our jawans hands were untied, a large number of terrorists were neutralised and top commanders of various terror groups were eliminated. The terror outfits in the valley were hotly pursued and squarely punished by brave security forces leaving no space for their anti-India and anti-human oprations. It was for the first time that an uncompromising policy was adopted against the terrorist and separatist groups in the valley and the law of the land was strictly enforced. It was perhaps the desperation of terror groups for getting severely punished in the valley that they have resorted to suicide bombings in their attacks. But it seems that they have forgotten that such dastardly acts have always steeled the resolve of our security forces in defending the motherland with greater zeal.

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly said that the sacrifices of our brave jawans will not go in vain. It has to be noted that as soon as Shri Narendra Modi assumed his office, terror groups have been on run and the separatist elements in the valley have been shown thier place. In an uncompromising stand against terrorism, the Prime Minister has brought this issue on the agenda of every international forum

thereby isolating Pakistan globally. Not only this, Pakistan has been warned and its funds were cut by powers like US for aiding and abetting terrorism globally. India has also withdrawn MFN status given to it and raised custom duties to 200 per cent on goods in the wake of dastardly terror attack in Pulwama. While a UN resolution has strongly condemned the dastardly act, every peace loving country has denounced Pakistan for its support to varios terror outfits. Pakistan seems to have forgotten that under the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, retribution from India will be stronger and very difficult for Pakistan to contend with in the time to come. As Pakistan is today under miserable economic condition its support for terror groups may further isolate it globally. India is today united against the evil designs of Pakistan and world opinion is currently swelling in favour of India. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has echoed the national sentiment when he said that the same fire is burning in his heart which is now fired in every Indian's heart. As India responds to the terror threats from Pakistan, it should be calculated, caliberated, stronger and exemplary so that terrorism gets defeated and Pakistan is exposed and punished globally. ■

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AS PAKISTAN IS TODAY UNDER MISERABLE ECONOMIC CONDITION ITS SUPPORT FOR TERROR GROUPS MAY FURTHER ISOLATE IT GLOBALLY. INDIA IS TODAY UNITED AGAINST THE EVIL DESIGNS OF PAKISTAN AND WORLD OPINION IS CURRENTLY SWELLING IN FAVOUR OF INDIA.



TERROR ATTACK AT AWANTIPORA IN PULWAMA, JAMMU AND KASHMIR

PULWAMA TERROR ATTACK DESPICABLE, SACRIFICES SHALL NOT GO IN VAIN: PM MODI

Around 40 CRPF jawans were killed and dozens injured in a dastardly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Awantipora in Pulwama district on 14 February, 2019. Terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed has taken the responsibility of the attack. IED blast was followed by gunshots in Goripora area of Awantipora. The incident took place when some 2,547 CRPF personnel were coming in a convoy of 78 vehicles from the transit camp in Jammu and headed to Srinagar. Police sources said a suicide attacker rammed his vehicle packed with 300kg of explosives, around 3.15 pm.

After the attack Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi strongly condemned the cowardly act of Pak sponsored terrorists. He said that perpetrators of

Pulwama terror attack will be punished. He warned the perpetrators and those aiding and abetting terrorists that they have made a big mistake and will have to pay a heavy price. He said free hand has been given to the security forces to act. The PM dared Pakistan not to live in illusion that it can destabilize India.

He said, "Attack on CRPF personnel in Pulwama is despicable. I strongly condemn this dastardly attack. The sacrifices of our brave security personnel shall not go in vain. The entire nation stands shoulder to shoulder with the families of the brave martyrs."

Shri Modi expressed heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their near and dear ones in this hour of grief. He said the Jawans had laid down their lives for the country. He added, "I know there



PAINED BEYOND THE WORDS: AMIT SHAH

“Pained beyond words by the terror attack on our soldiers in Pulwama (J&K). It is an act of cowardice. My deepest condolences are with the families of our soldiers who have lost their lives. Our forces will remain firm against such acts of terror and defeat them” said BJP National President Shri Amit Shah in a twitter message. He said, “The horrific attack in Pulwama has saddened the entire nation. We strongly condemn the barbaric mentality that speeds such kind of hate and violence. PM @ narendramodi assured the nation that the sacrifices of our martyrs shall not go in vain.”

A STRONG REPLY WILL BE GIVEN: RAJNATH SINGH

“The attack was carried out by Pakistan backed Jaish-e-Mohammed. A strong reply will be given and I assure the people of the country that the brave jawan’s sacrifice will not go in vain. The country pays tribute to the brave jawans who were martyred.”

is deep anger, your blood boils looking at what has happened. At this moment, there are expectations and the feelings of a strong response which is quite natural.”

He added, “We have given full freedom to the security forces. We have full faith in the bravery and valour of our security forces. I am hopeful that the patriotic fervour will ensure that people will provide correct information to our agencies so that we can intensify our efforts to crush terror.”

The PM said, “I want to tell the terror outfits and those aiding and abetting them that they have made a big mistake. They will have to pay a very heavy price for their actions. Let me assure the nation that those behind this attack, the perpetrators of this attack will

be punished.”

He said, “Our neighbor which is already isolated by the global community is in a state of illusion, if it thinks that it can demoralize India with its dastardly acts and nefarious designs. Let me state categorically that the neighbor of ours which is in a state of economic despair should stop day dreaming to destabilize India”.

In a statement the MEA calls international community to list JeM’s Masood Azhar as designated terrorist. The statement said, Government of India condemns in strongest possible terms the cowardly terrorist attack on our brave security forces in Pulwama, J&K. This heinous act has been perpetrated by Jaish-e-Mohammed, a Pakistan-based & supported

GLOBAL LEADERS CONDEMN THE ATTACK

“IMMEDIATELY END” ITS “SUPPORT” TO ALL TERROR GROUPS AND NOT TO PROVIDE “SAFE HAVEN” TO THEM: US

In a stern message to Pakistan, the White House has asked Islamabad to “immediately end” its “support” to all terror groups and not to provide “safe haven” to them.

“The US calls on Pakistan to end immediately the support and safe haven provided to all terrorist groups operating on its soil, whose only goal is to sow chaos, violence, and terror in the region,” White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said in a statement. “This attack only strengthens our resolve to bolster counterterrorism cooperation and coordination between the US and India,” she said in the statement issued by the White House.

WE STRONGLY CONDEMN THIS BRUTAL CRIME: VLADIMIR PUTIN

Condemning the attack, Russian President Vladimir Putin said perpetrators and sponsors of the attack should be brought to book and reiterated his country’s support for further strengthening counterterrorist cooperation with India. In a message to President Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Putin said, “Please accept the most sincere condolences in connection with the loss of Indian law enforcement officers in the terrorist act in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. We strongly condemn this brutal crime. The perpetrators and sponsors of this attack, undoubtedly, should be duly punished.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE INDIAN PEOPLE: SCOTT MORRISON

Australian political leaders also condemned the “heinous” terror attack. Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison tweeted, “We convey our deepest condolences to the families of the victims, and all those injured. Our thoughts are with my friend Prime Minister @narendramodi and the Indian people.”

Australian Opposition leader Bill Shorten said it was an atrocious attack. “To the family and friends of the soldiers killed and injured — we send our deepest condolences, support, and hope for a timely recovery for the injured,” he said in a statement.

THE WORLD MUST CONDEMN SUCH BRUTAL TERRORIST ATTACKS: MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena in a tweet addressed to PM Narendra Modi said, “Extremely saddened about dastardly terror attack killing 40 CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) Jawans in Balawanapur, South Kashmir (J&K State). The world must condemn such brutal terrorist attacks and take effective action to prevent such incidents in future.”

BANGLADESH STANDS BY THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF INDIA: SHEIKH HASINA

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, “At this sad moment, we stand by the people and government of India. We offer our condolences to the members of the families who lost their dear ones. Our thoughts and prayers are for the speedy recovery of those who got injured.”

“Bangladesh remains steadfast in its commitment against terrorism of all forms and maintains a zero-tolerance policy against any kind of terrorist activities. We would continue to work and cooperate with international community including India to eradicate the menace of terrorism,” Hasina added.

MALDIVES CONDEMN PULWAMA TERROR ATTACK: ABDULLA SHAHID

Strongly condemn the suicide terrorist attack on the convoy carrying Indian security forces in Jammu and Kashmir. I extend my prayers and condolences to the bereaved families of the dead and injured: Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid

WE STOOD WITH INDIA’S FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM: SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia said it stood with India’s fight against terrorism and extremism and denounced as “cowardly” the suicide attack.



IN LESS THAN 100 HOURS OF ATTACK TOP JeM LEADERSHIP OF J&K ELIMINATED: ARMY



The Indian Army said that all the top leadership of the Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) outfit have been eliminated by security forces in the Kashmir Valley within 100 hours of the terror attack in which 40 CRPF troopers were killed.

Addressing a joint press conference with the state police and the Central Reserve Police Force at the Badamibagh Cantonment Headquarters of army's 15 corps, Lieutenant General, K.J.S. Dhillion, commander of the Chinar Corps said, "In less than 100 hours of the terror attack in Pulwama we have eliminated the top leadership of the JeM that was being directly handled by the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and the Pakistan Army.

"We were tracking the top JeM cadres ever since February 14. The Pulwama terror attack was coordinated by the JeM cadres in Pakistan and the Pakistan Army," he said. They killed three militants of the Pakistan-backed JeM, two of them Pakistani nationals identified as Kamran and Abdul Rashid alias Ghazi Umar. Besides, a Major, three soldiers and a civilian were also killed in the initial burst of gunfire by the militants.

The army also made a request to parents especially mothers in the Valley to ensure that their children who have picked up guns come back to the mainstream by surrendering their weapons. "Mothers have an important role in ensuring that their children remain safe. They must ask those children who have picked up guns to give them up," he added.

UNSC STRONGLY CONDEMNS 'HEINOUS AND COWARDLY' PULWAMA ATTACK BY JEM

In a strong show of international solidarity and support for India, the UN Security Council comprising 15 nations, including China condemned in the "strongest terms" the "heinous and cowardly" terror attack perpetrated by Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed in Pulwama and stressed on the need to hold organizers and financiers of such "reprehensible acts" accountable and bring them to justice.

Significantly, the press statement, issued by the most powerful UN body, names the Pakistan-based terror group headed by Masood Azhar. The UNSC, which includes China as a veto-wielding permanent member that in the past has blocked India's bids in the Security Council Sanctions committee to designate Azhar as a global terrorist, also called on the global community to "cooperate actively" with the Indian government in holding the organisers and sponsors of such attacks accountable.

"The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the heinous and cowardly suicide bombing in Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in over 40 Indian paramilitary forces dead and dozens wounded on February 14, 2019, for which Jaish-e-Mohammed has claimed responsibility," the UNSC press statement on the 'Suicide Bombing in Jammu and Kashmir' said.

"The members of the Security Council underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice, and urged all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, to cooperate actively with the Government of India and all other relevant authorities in this regard," it said.

हम वीर जवानों का बलिदान व्यर्थ नहीं जाने देंगे: RAMLAL

#Pulwama कायराना आतंकी हमले में शहीद वीर जवानों को भावपूर्ण श्रद्धांजलि। हमले में घायल जवानों के शीघ्र स्वास्थ्य लाभ की कामना है। इस दुःखद परिस्थिति में पूरा देश सेना व उनके स्वजनों के साथ खड़ा है। हम वीर जवानों का बलिदान व्यर्थ नहीं जाने देंगे, दोषियों को सजा मिलकर रहेगी।

INDIA DECIDED TO STOP OUR SHARE OF WATER TO FLOW TO PAKISTAN: NITIN GADKARI

Under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Sri @narendramodi ji, our Government has decided to stop our share of water which used to flow to Pakistan. We will divert water from Eastern Rivers and supply it to our people in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.

TERRORISTS WILL BE TAUGHT UNFORGETTABLE LESSON:

ARUN JAITLEY

Union Minister Shri Arun Jaitley said that the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorists will be taught an unforgettable lesson. "Attack on CRPF in #Pulwama, J&K is a cowardice & condemnable act of terrorists. Nation salutes martyred soldiers and we all stand united with families of martyrs. We pray for speedy recovery of the injured. Terrorists will be given unforgettable lesson for their heinous act".

INDIA STANDS WITH CRPF, ITS MARTYRED JAWANS & THEIR FAMILIES: MANOHAR PARRIKAR

Goa CM Shri Manohar Parrikar in a tweet said the attack on CRPF jawans at Pulwama is an act of extreme cowardice & disregard for human life. India's resolve for peace mustn't be counted for weakness & passivity. India stands with CRPF, its martyred jawans & their families.

COWARDLY TERROR ATTACK WILL BE AVENGED IN ALL WAY POSSIBLE: KIREN RIJIJU

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said the cowardly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir will not go unpunished and it will be avenged in "all way possible". "We will definitely give befitting response to this cowardly

attack. It will not go unpunished. We will avenge in all way possible," Shri Rijiju said in a tweet.

बलिदान को कोटि-कोटि नमन: YOGI ADITYANATH

जम्मू कश्मीर के पुलवामा में एक कायराना आतंकी हमले में सी.आर.पी.एफ. के 41 जवान शहीद हुए हैं, इनके बलिदान को कोटि-कोटि नमन। पूरा देश इन शहीदों के परिवारों के साथ खड़ा है। हमारे बहादुर जवानों का बलिदान व्यर्थ नहीं जाएगा।

कायराना आतंकी हमले से स्तब्ध हूँ: MANOHAR LAL

#Pulwama में हुए कायराना आतंकी हमले से स्तब्ध और विचलित हूँ। हमले में शहीद हुए जवानों की शहादत को अश्रुपूर्ण श्रद्धांजलि। शहीदों के परिवार को ईश्वर संबल प्रदान करें। घायलों के जल्द स्वस्थ होने की कामना करता हूँ।

कायराना हरकत है: TRIVENDRA SINGH RAWAT

कश्मीर के अवंतीपुरा में @crpfindia के काफिले पर आतंकी हमला एक कायराना हरकत है। दुःख की घड़ी में सभी देशवासी अपने जवानों के साथ खड़े हैं।

शहीदों की शहादत को नमन करता हूँ : JAIRAM THAKUR

कश्मीर के पुलवामा में आतंकवादियों द्वारा CRPF के काफिले पर किए गए हमले में शहीद एवं घायल हुए सैनिकों के दुःखद समाचार से आहत हूँ। आतंकियों द्वारा घटित यह एक निंदनीय घटना है। मैं शहीदों की शहादत को नमन करता हूँ। दुःख की इस घड़ी में पूरा देश वीर सैनिकों के साथ खड़ा है।

THE ENTIRE NATION STANDS UNITED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERROR: RAMNATH KOVIND

Hon'ble President of India Shri Ramnath Kovind strongly condemns the terrorist attack in Pulwama, J&K. Thoughts and prayers with the families of martyrs and wishing an early recovery to those injured. The entire nation stands united in the fight against the forces of terror and evil #PresidentKovind.

SHOCKED BY DASTARDLY TERRORIST ATTACK: M VENKAIAH NAIDU

Vice-President of India Shri M Venkaiah Naidu said, "Shocked by the dastardly terrorist attack in which CRPF personnel were martyred. My heartfelt condolences to bereaved families and prayers for speedy recovery of the injured".



terrorist organisation proscribed by the UN & other countries.

This terror group is led by international terrorist Masood Azhar, who has been given full freedom by Government of Pakistan to operate and expand his terror infrastructure in territories under the control of Pakistan & to carry out attacks in India and elsewhere

with impunity.

We reiterate our appeal to members of international community to support proposal to list terrorists, including JeM Chief, as a designated terrorist under 1267 Sanctions Committee of UN Security Council & ban terror organizations operating from territories controlled by Pakistan, the statement said. ■



BJP FLAG, A SYMBOL OF DEVELOPMENT, BELIEF AND NATIONALISM: AMIT SHAH

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 11 February, 2019 launched the nationwide “Mera Parivar, Bhajapa Parivar” campaign by hoisting the party flag at his residence in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The exercise will last till March 02 and it will be concluded with ‘Vijay Sankalp’ Yatra on March 03 with bike rallies across the country. The campaign seeks to unfurl party flags at five crore houses of workers and sympathizers as part of the drive ahead of the announcement of the schedule for Lok Sabha polls.

Under this programme Party office bearers will also launch vigorous door-to-door campaign presenting voters with achievements of the BJP led NDA government at the centre. A sticker declaring ‘Mera Parivar, Bhajapa Parivar’ will be stuck on doors of party workers, sympathizers’ houses in addition to flying the BJP flag on their respective houses with their permission.

The campaign was formally kicked off from Pandit

Deendayal Upadhyay auditorium, where the BJP National President addressed party workers on the preparation of the Lok Sabha elections, due in April-May this year.

Launching the campaign Shri Shah said, “This BJP flag is a symbol of development, belief and nationalism, and shows how appeasement, casteism and family rule is ending in the Modi era”.

Shri Shah said among other measures, the party workers will reach out to beneficiaries of different government schemes, like Jan Dhan bank accounts, toilet beneficiaries under the Swachh Bharat scheme, Mudra loans and LPG connection scheme, to mobilize people in our support.

The BJP had received over 17 crore votes in 2014. Now we have details of 11 crore members in our record. There are 35 crore beneficiaries of Jan Dhan bank accounts, seven crore under Mudra and over six crore under Ujjwala scheme to give free LPG

connection to the poor and we will reach to every house to get their support, he said.

Shri Amit Shah in his address said, "On 3rd March, over 3 crore motorcycles will campaign in every Vidhan Sabha constituency across the country for Vijay Sankalp rally."

He also said, "Main desh bhar mein ghumta hoon. North-East se lekar Kanyakumari tak aur Assam se lekar Gujarat tak, desh ki janata Narendra Modi ji ke sath chhattan ki tarah khadhi hai. Jan samarthan logon ki aankhon mein dikhai padta hai."

Shri Shah also made an appeal to the people of Gujarat to bless PM Shri Narendra Modi by giving 26 out of 26 seats to BJP again with an increased margin this time.

The party sources have described the "Mera Parivar, Bhajapa Parivar" drive as a part of the mass mobilization campaign of the party for Lok Sabha elections, expected to be held in April-May, claiming it may touch up to 20 crore people if a house has

on an average four residents. The Party have already verified details of over 9.5 crore new members out of the 11 crore it had enroll during its membership drive following its victory in 2014. The party has also targeted different groups for mobilization ahead of the polls.

Later in the day, Shri Amit Shah attended a cluster of meeting of party leaders in Godhra for Panchmahal, Dahod and Chhota Udepur Lok Sabha seats in central Gujarat.

In-charges of the three Lok Sabha seats, party office-bearers, sitting and former MLAs and MPs from the region attended the meeting. A large number of party leaders and workers joined the campaign and shared pictures on social media platforms.

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani and Deputy CM Shri Nitin Patel, BJP National Vice-President and Gujarat in-charge Shri Om Mathur, State BJP President Shri Jitu Vaghani and others attended these programmes. ■

'SAMARPAN DIWAS' PROGRAMME AT PT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY PARK, NEW DELHI

'OUR AIM IS TO MARCH FORWARD WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF ANTYODAYA'

Nationwide the Bharatiya Janata Party observed the Punyatithi of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya (11 February, 2019), the source of inspiration of the party, as 'Samarpan Diwas' to commemorate his contributions and his emphasis on 'honesty' in public life. The main function was organised at Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Park in front of the party national headquarters in New Delhi.

Giving his donation to the party organization via "NaMo App" on Samarpan Diwas, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah appealed to all the party Karyakartas to donate a sum of Rs.5 to Rs.1,000 through "NaMo App" to the party.

Addressing on the occasion he said from being a Party Karyakarta to the President of Jan Sangh, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay never thought about himself, his entire life was devoted to the cultural nationalism



and national interest. Salute to such a nationalist and fine organizer on his death anniversary!

Shri Amit Shah said the Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is committed to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji's concept of chastity in politics. The sacrifice of Pandit



Deendayal Upadhyaya for the expansion and ideology of the party has always been a source of inspiration.

The BJP President said Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay gave 'Mantras' to the Karyakartas to bring Party first and put self in the last. His philosophy of "Ekatma Manav Vad" (Integral Humanism) is not only capable of solving the problems of India but the whole World.

Our aim is to march forward with the principles of "Antyodaya" for cultural nationalism and welfare of the poor. The BJP is the means to achieve this goal he added. Shri Shah further added nobody should be hungry, ill, illiterate in the country - this principle of 'Antyodaya' should be the basis for national reconstruction. The Country's dignity should spread

throughout the World and we should be able to re-establish our role and status as the Vishwaguru.

Shri Shah informed, 'It should be decided through public debate how cost of elections should be reduced and how purity is brought in the election medium. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken this initiative and he has limited the cash donations up to only Rs.2,000'.

We have fixed a target that two Karyakartas from every booth should contribute Rs. 1,000 each to the party through "NaMo App". Party Karyakartas should donate a part of their earnings to the party he added.

He said every Karyakarta should speak with pride that his party runs with his money and not with the money of capitalists. It is the duty of Bharatiya Janata Party and its Karyakartas to take other political parties in this direction. He said the BJP should create such a pressure with its sincere work and public support that other parties should tread on the path of chastity.

The BJP National President said today, there is a big war going on against corruption by the PM Shri Narendra Modi. The Corrupt and those people who have looted public funds had to flee away from the country because the "Chowkidar" had started sending them in jail. Previously they were part of the Congress party.

On the one hand, the Prime Minister has started a campaign to cleanse the public life of corruption; on the other hand, the BJP is devoted to the service of mother India. We can proudly say that if any culture has promoted and conserved democratic values, it is the Indian culture he said.

The BJP National President said Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji had imagined of a party whose basis was not to praise leaders but party Karyakartas and organisation. He had imagined of a party which should not win elections not by adopting cheap tricks but on the strength of its organisation and ideology. ■

Y SATYA KUMAR APPOINTED AS IN-CHARGE AND NIRMAL SURANA AS CO-INCHARGE FOR KERALA LOK SABHA POLLS

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has appointed BJP National Secretary Shri Y Satya Kumar as in-charge and Shri Nirmal Surana from Karnataka, as co-incharge of Kerala for the Lok Sabha polls on 14 February, 2019.

6.23 CRORE CONNECTIONS RELEASED UNDER UJJWALA YOJANA



Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched by the Government on 1st May 2016. The initial target under PMUY was 5 crore LPG connections, which was subsequently enhanced to 8 crore. As on 28.01.2019, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released more than 6.23 crore LPG connections under the Scheme across the country.

The main features of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) Scheme are as under :-

(i) LPG connection is released in the name of an adult woman of the poor family, subject to the condition

that no LPG connection exists in the name of any family member of the family, including the applicant.

(ii) Under PMUY, cash assistance upto Rs 1600/- is provided for releasing deposit free LPG connection.

(iii) The beneficiary bears the cost of Hot Plate and purchase of first refill. The beneficiary has an option to take the Hot Plate or the first refill or both on loan basis, from Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) at zero interest rate.

Year-wise details of targets fixed, achieved, fund allocated and fund utilised are as under :-

Financial Year	Target	Connections released	Budget Estimates (₹in crore)	Fund utilised (₹in crore)
2016-17	2 crore	2 crore	2500	2500
2017-18	2 crore	1.56 crore	2251	2251
2018-19	2 crore	2.67 crore (up to 28.01.2019)	3200	3200
2019-20	2 crore			

As per report of OMCs, the number of cases of established irregularities in providing gas connections to poor households under PMUY is few. OMCs take punitive action as per the extant Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the Distributorship Agreement

against LPG distributors in established cases of irregularities.

This information was given by Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in a written reply to the Lok Sabha on February 4, 2019. ■

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES HIKE IN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

With effect from January 01, 2019, Central Government has enhanced the fellowship of Ph.D students and other research personnel enrolled in any area of science and technology, including Physical and Chemical Sciences, Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Life Sciences, Pharmacy etc.

Congratulating research scholars, Union Science & Technology Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that Ph.D scholars, working in science and technology, are the most significant contributors to the knowledge

base of the country for its industrial competitiveness, academic vibrancy and technology led innovations. Emphasizing on the commitment of the government Dr. Vardhan said that improving the value of Ph.D research cannot be a one-time exercise but requires constant input and efforts which the Government is fully committed to undertake.

The hike in fellowship will directly benefit over 60,000 Research Fellows and also provide a template to the States to consider increase in their fellowship rates. Fellowship of the Junior Research Fellows in the first two years of Ph.D programme is increased from the current rate of Rs.25,000/- to Rs.31,000/- per month. Similarly, in the remaining tenure of Ph.D, Senior Research Fellow will get Rs. 35,000/- per month instead of the present Rs.28,000/- per month.

Further, there is substantial 30-35% enhancement in the financial rewards for the scientists involved in the R&D projects as Research Associates. The top bracket of Research Associateship is fixed at Rs.54,000/-. All the research fellows are also entitled to HRA as per Central Government norms. ■



PM FLAGS OFF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS

The inaugural trip of India's first semi-high speed train, Vande Bharat Express, was flagged off by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the New Delhi railway station on February 15, 2019.

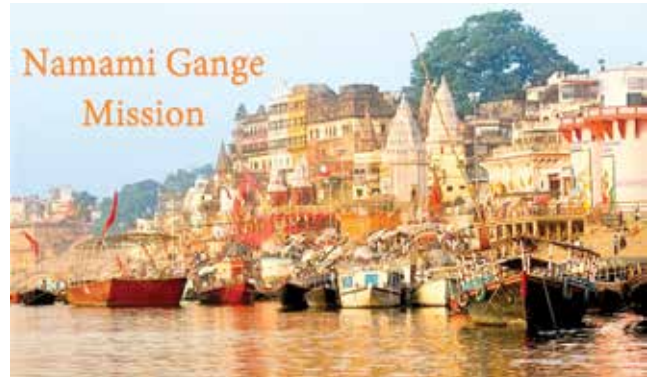
The train, named 'Train 18' at the concept stage, is a plush 16-coach, air-conditioned, self-propelled train set and doesn't have a locomotive. The express train will run between Delhi and Varanasi, with halts at Kanpur and Allahabad. It will complete the 780-km journey in eight hours, slicing off 180 minutes from the current travel time of 11-and-a-half hours. This is India's fastest train to date, capable of commercial speeds up to 160 km per hour. On the Delhi-Varanasi route, however, its top speed would be restricted to 130 km per hour. ■



SEWAGE TREATMENT CAPACITY IN TOWNS ALONG GANGA INCREASED FROM 1305 MLD TO 1822 MLD CAPACITY

Under Namami Gange Programme, a total of 136 sewerage infrastructure projects have been sanctioned and 36 projects have been completed so far; remaining projects are under various stages of implementation.

The Government has launched Namami Gange Programme covering short term, medium term and long term activities. Under short term activities, certain entry level activities which cover development of ghats crematoria & river surface cleaning activities etc have been taken up. Under medium term activities, existing Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) are being upgraded and new STPs & ETPs are being established. Beside, rural sanitation has been taken up in the villages on the banks of river Ganga. The long term action plan involves restoration of wholesomeness of river Ganga and maintaining the ecological & geological integrity of river. The Central Government approved the Namami Gange Program in May, 2015 as a five year program till 2020. However, efforts are being made to achieve substantial progress much before the target date.



Against the estimated sewage generation of 2953 Million Litres per Day (MLD) from the towns along main stem of river Ganga, the sewage treatment capacity in the towns along Ganga has increased from 1305 MLD (2014) to 1822 MLD capacity. In addition to this, STP capacity of 3577 MLD is being created in Ganga basin.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Dr. Satya Pal Singh in a written reply in Rajya Sabha on February 4. ■

INFLATION EASES TO A 10-MONTH LOW OF 2.76% IN JANUARY

The wholesale price inflation (WPI) rate fell to a 10-month low of 2.76 per cent in January, official figures released on February 14 showed. The inflation rate in December had stood at 3.80 per cent, while it was 3.08 per cent in January, 2018.

The trend is in line with the consumer price inflation rate, which declined to a 19-month low of 2.05 per cent in January from 2.11 in December, according to data released on Tuesday.

Among various segments, food items saw an inflation rate of 2.34 per cent in January. These items had witnessed deflation or fall in prices for the previous six months. In December, the deflation rate was at 0.07 per cent.

On the other hand, food items continued to see



a fall in prices in the consumer price index (CPI) in January, even as the deflation rate came down to 2.17 per cent from 2.65 per cent in December. The inflation rate was down at 2.61 per cent, against 3.59 per cent in this period. ■

DEENDAYALJI

AN ASCETIC POLITICIAN

It will be no exaggeration if we consider Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya as an “avatar”. He understood the Indian way of life very correctly and presented an ideology best suited to Indian’s reconstruction. He came out with his philosophy of “integral humanism”. He presented a treatise on “Purusharthchatushtya”. Along with other elements of established life, he laid stress on Antyodaya.



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INDIA has witnessed the advent of many eras in her very long and ancient history. One such era lay between October 1951 and 1967 and that was the era of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. In earlier ages India had to undergo the ravages of foreign invasions and for centuries together had to remain chained to dominance by foreign intruders. Throughout that period the struggle for independence continued to be waged in one form or the other. From the 19th century till the first half of the 20th century many revolutions seeking independence continued to take shape and the situation of win-and-lose continued to persist. In all the revolutions, the desire for independence continued to be the central objective. In the month of August 1947, proclamation of Independence was made which, however was accompanied by several complications. The moments of happiness and celebrations were also tinged with curses as well. The

absence of an eternal solid ideology continued to loom large. First, a unified India was divided into two political entities and later fragmented into three. An orgy of violence and bloodshed commenced in the newly - separated country called Pakistan. Persons displaced from that region made a beeline for India as refugees. The newly - created borders became unsafe and the number of refugees swelled into crores. Conspiracy of intrusion also continued. About 550 princely States recognised and left behind by the British also started raising their heads. Among the rulers who had taken over from the British only the great Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the then Home Minister of India, could visualize the extent of threat to the country. Because of his untiring efforts and farsightedness, merger of these States into the sovereign Indian union commenced at a fast pace. The entire world knows what the great Sardar had to do to make Hyderabad and Junagarh princely entities merge into the Indian mainstream. Sardar Patel was about to succeed in Kashmir too when brakes were applied to his advancing steps by the then Prime Minister. The country had to witness another black day of misfortune when Sardar Patel died. Since then Kashmir

problem has been complicated so much that the country has not been able to come out of it.

The British exploited the country economically to such an extent that it left India a financial wreck. A great chunk of India’s population went below the poverty line. The English had contrived to sap the economic sources of the country. In these circumstances and the course of events that unfolded, the Bhartiya Jana Sangh came into being on October 21, 1951. Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee became its first President and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya its General Secretary. The era of Pandit Upadhyayaji commenced mainly from this date. It will be no exaggeration if we consider this great man as an “avatar”. He understood the Indian way of life very correctly and presented an ideology best suited to Indian’s reconstruction. He came out with his philosophy of “integral humanism”. He presented a treatise on “Purusharthchatushtya”. Along with other elements of established life, he laid stress on Antyodaya. Enunciating his principles for national administrative system he laid stress on attending to the needs of the persons standing on the lowest rung of the ladder of development and to

apply the healing touch by putting balm on the cracks of his feet. That is the cardinal principle of Antyodaya which the country has obtained from him.

The nature of India is based on this philosophy and as long as it will continue to be the guiding principle of our thinking, behaviour and conduct, welfare and upliftment for our people is assured. When this basic principles gets ignored, degradation is bound to set in. Upadhyayaji had laid stress on this thought and he dedicated all his life for the achievement of this objective. When we try to analyse the definition of integral humanism in conjunction with "Purusharthchatushtya", we will be able to appreciate the efficacy of the Antyodaya era in right perspective. Several incidents of his life inspire us to work in this direction.

He had no special interest for foreign travel, yet at times he did succumb to the persistent pressure of his friends. Those who kept company with him were not only acquainted with his nature and conduct, but were also impressed by it. Simple living and high thinking were integral part of his life. Once on the prodding of his friends he consented to visit the USA. He went there but did not foresake Indian dress. He met the President of USA who got highly impressed. He visited many places there. Once the US President continued to ask Upadhyayaji again and again, how could he serve India. For some time he continued to avoid a direct reply. But the President continued to persist with his question. Ultimately, in very sweet words he smilingly said: "If you really want to help India then I request you stop financially helping our country even by a penny". The

President must have been taken aback because at that time Indian rulers had been visiting every corner of the world with a begging bowl and if they succeeded in getting even a loan, they boasted of a victory. On the other hand, India had a great man who for the welfare of the country was urging the US not to give even a penny to India. I cannot say how the thinkers of today will take it, but it is this same principle that the revered Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Deendayalji had shared.

I had some unforgettable personal experiences travelling with Pandit Deendayalji. It was in 1963. We arrived at Farbesganj in Bihar in the afternoon. Panditji addressed a meeting in the evening. He had stayed there for one night. Next day, while returning by the train, about half a dozen people were sitting opposite Panditji in the compartment. Perhaps one of them had heard Panditji the previous evening. He enquired, "Are you Pt. Deendayal"? When smilingly he said yes, the man shot back saying Jan Sangh had no economic policy. In a very clam, sweet tone Panditji replied, "A party which has no economic policy cannot sustain itself." The gentleman then asked, "Are you rightist or leftist"? Panditji smiled again and in his own style replied, "Brother, God has gifted me two eyes. Why do you wish to make me a one-eyed person"? The gentleman then realized he had met a very serious person. Then Panditji explained, "Rightists are those who have have lost their left eye and leftists, their right one. If you want enunciation of Jan Sangh's economic policy, then I would sum it up in two words: "pragmatic and realistic." This small discussion became his

treatise on economic policy, in brief. His words still echo in my mind. The gentlemen sitting opposite became speechless. They got their convincing answers.

Another incident. By that time Panditji's acquaintance with the intelligentsia has started spreading fast. There was a public meeting at Gandhi Maidan in Patna. After sitting at the rostrum for some time I got down to mix with the crowd which included established well-known professors, well-known public figures. Those were the days of shortages and the word "hoarding" was very much common in speeches. In his address Panditji asked people what was the price of tomatoes these days. Someone from the audience said Rs. 15 per ser. Hearing this Panditji said, this means hoarding is also being extended to tomatoes. Somebody from the crowd shouted, "How could there be hoarding of tomatoes? It is a raw, perishable commodity". Panditji asked, "If there is no hoarding, why is it so dear?" Somebody said, "Because of corruption". Then Panditji explained corruption through a mathematic equation, "Corruption is equal to shortage of commodity multiplied by Government Regulations". Hearing this, some scholars could not help saying, "Panditji is great".

I am satisfied that the spirit of Antyodaya which was unleashed by Panditji is still alive. In spite of difficult economic conditions, India continues to march fast forward steadfastly. The speed with which the country will adopt the philosophy of Antyodaya and will take steps to translate it into practice, I am certain, India will come out more confident, more self-reliant. ■

(The writer was leader of the BJP and a former Governor of Gujarat and Rajasthan)

HOW MANY LIES NEED TO BE PEDDLED TO SUSTAIN A SINKING DYNASTY?



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Truth is both precious and sacrosanct. In mature democracies those who deliberately rely on falsehood are banished from public life. There is no doubt that with the changing socio-economic profile of India this will inevitably happen in India.

In modern world dynasties inherently have their limitations. Aspirational societies abhor kingdoms. They insist on accountability and performance. But the grand old party of Indian politics has sadly become a captive of a dynasty. Many of its senior leaders lack the courage and moral authority to advise the dynasts to change course. This trend started in early 1970s; climaxed during the Emergency and has continued ever since. The 'slave' mentality of senior leaders convinces them that they must only sing the song scripted by the dynast. A contrarian opinion will cost them their political career. When the dynast speaks lies, they all join the chorus.

How many lies are necessary to be peddled to save a sinking dynasty? The contagion effect of falsehood is fairly large. It appears to have spread to other colleagues in the 'Mahajhootbandhan'. In

relation to the Rafale deal where thousands of crores of public money has been saved, a new falsehood is manufactured on a daily basis. The latest is in relation to the present CAG and his participation in the decision making process of Rafale. In 2014-15, the present CAG was Secretary (Economic Affairs) in the Ministry of Finance. Being a senior most at one point of time, he was also designated as the Finance Secretary. I say this without fear of contradiction that no file or paper relating to the Rafale transaction ever reached him nor was he in any way, directly or indirectly, associated with the

decision making on defence purchases. Expenditure to be incurred on purchases by various departments of the Government needs the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

Why then is the lie in relation to the CAG having a non-existent conflict of interest being raised? The dynast knows that his 500 crore vs 1600 crore kindergarten argument was a fictional story. No one would ever buy it because facts don't support it. Even before the contents of CAG report are known, a 'Peshbandi' attack on the institution of the CAG is launched. The dynast and his friends have



CAG tables Rafale report in Parliament

NDA'S RAFALE DEAL COST 2.86% LESS THAN UPA'S NEGOTIATED ONE

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) tabled the report in parliament on February 13, 2019. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) says that the Rafale fighter jet deal signed by the NDA government was 2.86 per cent lower than the price negotiated by the UPA government. With regard to India specific enhancements, the deal was 17.08 per cent cheaper, said the CAG report. In the report, the auditor said that there was an improvement of one month in the delivery schedule of the 2016 contract for 36 Rafale fighter jets in flyaway condition than the one negotiated by the UPA government.

According to the report the original delivery schedule offered by Dassault in 2007, first 18 flyaway aircraft were to be delivered between 37 and 50 months of the signing of the contract. The next 18, which were to be license produced in HAL, were to be delivered from 49th to 72nd months of the signing of the contract.

in the past even attacked the Supreme Court when it rejected the writ petition on Rafale. The entire pricing argument was factually wrong. The procedure argument that there was no Defence Acquisition Council, no CCS, no Contract Negotiation Committee was a blatant lie. The Rs.30,000 crore favour to a

private company is non-existent. The use of sliced document by a newspaper is unprecedented in the history. The use of an incomplete document is certainly not in consonance with the spirit of free speech. The 'no integrity pact' argument is belied by the fact that even in earlier purchases through inter-governmental agreement with

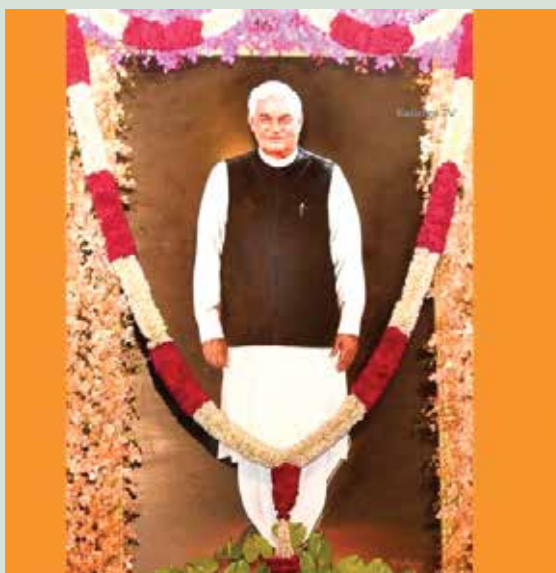
Russia and the United States, such pacts were not there. Now without a shred of evidence, a fictional conflict of interest of the CAG is invented.

How many more lies will be peddled to sustain a sinking dynasty? India, certainly deserves better. ■

(The writer is Union Minister, GoI)

LIFE-SIZE PORTRAIT OF ATAL JI UNVEILED IN PARLIAMENT

Hona'ble President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on February 12, 2019 unveiled a life-size portrait of former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the Central Hall of Parliament House, noting the former prime minister led the nation under trying times. The President also said that the BJP veteran displayed exemplary patience and grit under the most difficult circumstances. Describing Vajpayeeji as a "school of public life", he said the former PM worked hard to speed up connectivity by



pushing for highways, reforms in the IT and telecom sectors.

The President also felicitated Krishna Kanhai, the artist who made the portrait of Vajpayee. The portrait shows a smiling Vajpayeeji in his trademark 'dhoti-kurta' and sleeveless black jacket. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said while people recall the oratory skills of Vajpayeeji, his silence had more power than his words. He recalled the famous pauses Vajpayeeji used to take in his speeches. ■

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‘NDA GOVT. MAKING ALL EFFORTS TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE MEMORIES OF TRIBAL HEROES’

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Hazaribagh in Jharkhand on 17 February, 2019. He unveiled several Development Projects for Jharkhand. Governor of Jharkhand Ms. Draupadi Murmu, Union Minister Shri Jayant Sinha and CM of Jharkhand Shri Raghuvar Das was also present among other dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering the PM said, “I pay homage to Shri Vijay Soreng, the braveson of Jharkhand who laid his life for the nation. At every step we will have to take care of the families of martyrs”.

PM inaugurated the Medical Colleges at Hazaribagh, Dumka and Palamu. The foundation stone of these colleges were laid by PM in 2017. The new Medical colleges are built at a cost of Rs 885 crores. He laid the Foundation Stone for four 500-bedded hospitals at Hazaribagh, Dumka, Palamu and Jamshedpur.

PM said that health and safe drinking water are inseparable. And the water projects unveiled in Jharkhand will ensure good health of its people. PM inaugurated four Rural Water Supply Schemes in Ramgarh and Hazaribagh districts. He laid the Foundation Stone for an additional six Rural Water Supply Schemes in these two districts along with Foundation Stone for water supply schemes in areas inhabited by Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups. He also laid the Foundation Stone for Urban Water Supply Scheme in Hazaribagh. At a cost of Rs 500 crores this project will supply safe drinking water to 56000 households of Hazaribagh.

The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Sahibganj Sewerage Treatment Plant, and the Madhusudan Ghat, under the NamamiGange initiative.

Shri Modi distributed cheques to select beneficiaries to mark the launch of DBT scheme for farmers to purchase mobile phones under e-NAM. The PM said

PM interacts with beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Ranchi in Jharkhand on 17 February, 2019. He interacted with select beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat Yojana. Governor of Jharkhand Ms Draupadi Murmu and CM of Jharkhand Shri Raghuvar Das was also present on the occasion.

The PM said that it is this land of Jharkhand that witnessed the launch of Ayushman Bharat Yojana that has benefitted lakhs of people across India including thousands from Jharkhand. Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) aims to reduce the financial burden on poor and vulnerable groups arising out of catastrophic hospital episodes and ensure their access to quality health services. ■

“the scheme will benefit 27 lakh farmers. With the help of a smartphone they would not only get weather information but information of crop prices, government schemes and new methods of farming also”.

PM e-inaugurated the Only Women Engineering College at Ramgarh. PM said that it is first such college in Eastern India and only third in entire India where only women will study engineering. Foundation Stone for the Centre for Tribal Studies, Acharya VinobaBhave University, Hazaribagh was also laid by PM.

Shri Modi reiterated that his government is making efforts to preserve and promote the memories of tribal heroes of our freedom struggle in museums and memorials. The Birsamunda Museum of Jharkhand is one such example. ■

‘OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND THESE SACRIFICES WILL NOT GO IN VAIN’

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, visited Jhansi on February 15. He laid the foundation stone of Defence Corridor in Jhansi and unveiled various development projects.

Addressing a public gathering on this occasion, he said, “Our neighbours’ intentions will be given a befitting reply by the people of India. All major world powers are standing with us & supporting us. The messages I have received show that they are not only sad, they are angry too. Everyone is in favour of ending terrorism.”

PM said, our brave soldiers have sacrificed their lives and these sacrifices will not go in vain as he promised that the perpetrators of Pulwama attack will be punished. He said, “Our neighbouring country has forgotten that this is a new India. Pakistan is roaming around with its begging bowl but it’s not getting help from the world.”

Laying the foundation stone of Defence Corridor, PM told that the Defence corridor in Jhansi Agra stretch would create a lot of direct and indirect employment to the youths of this region. Many Foreign and Domestic defence related companies will invest in this region. They would impart skill development to the workforce in this region, he added. PM underlined the importance of the project saying that the youth can earn from near their hometown and need not migrate. The defence corridor will also help in making India self-reliant in defence production, he added.

PM laid Foundation Stone of Piped Water Scheme for the rural areas of Bundelkhand Region. He said that this is not only a pipeline project but a lifeline to this drought prone region. It will save the efforts of our mothers and sisters to fetch water from far off places and drinking water would be provided through piped connection to every house.

Under AMRUT scheme, PM laid the foundation Stone of Jhansi City Drinking Water Scheme Phase-II. He told that a Rs 600 crore project is coming up to use Betwa river water for drinking purpose for Jhansi

and adjoining villages.

Foundation stone of doubling of 425 km long Jhansi-Manikpur and Bhimsen-Khairar railway lines and Coach Refurbishing Workshop in Jhansi was also laid by the PM on this occasion.

PM inaugurated the electrification of 297 km long section of Jhansi- Khairar section. The projects would create lot of employment opportunities and would lead to the overall development of Bundelkhand region. Speaking on this occasion PM wished that Bundelkhand region will develop like Kutch in Gujarat which is similar to this region.

West- North Inter-Region Power Transmission Strengthening Project to ensure uninterrupted power



supply to Western Uttar Pradesh was dedicated to the nation. today. would go a long way in meeting the power demand in this region.

Another highlight was the inauguration of the Pahari Dam Modernization Project. The project will benefit farmers by reducing the water leakage from the dam and make more water available for the farmers.

PM also said that under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana about Rs. 7.5 Lakh crore will be deposited in the bank accounts of the farmers directly. Similarly transferring the subsidy, scholarship, etc directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries have saved Rs.1 lakh crore in leakages, he added. ■



‘OUR FOCUS IS ON DEVELOPMENT OF BIHAR AND EASTERN INDIA’

In a significant boost to development of infrastructure, connectivity, energy security and health care services in Bihar, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 17 unveiled projects worth Rs.33,000 crores in Barauni. Governor of Bihar, Laljee Tandon, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi Union Minister of Food and Consumer Affairs Ramvilas Paswan along with

several other dignitaries were present on this occasion. PM addressed a public gathering after launching the projects.

Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of Patna Metro Rail Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 13,365 crores digitally by press of a button. It will have two corridors -- Danapur to Mithapur and Patna Railway Station to New ISBT and is likely to be completed in five years. The project will ease the public transport in Patna and adjoining areas. It (Danapur Cantt to Mithapur corridor) will pass through the heart of city and connect densely populated areas Raza Bazar, Secretariat, High Court, Law University Railway Station.

Shri Modi inaugurated the Phulpur to Patna stretch of the Jagdishpur-Varanasi Natural Gas pipeline on this occasion. Citing it as yet another example of his vision that projects for which foundation stone is laid by him are kickstarted by him, PM reminded that he had initiated the project in July 2015. PM said, “It will ensure the supply of gas to the local industries and to the revived Barauni Fertilizer factory besides the start of piped gas supply in Patna. A gas based ecosystem will create employment opportunities for the youth in the area.”

In a reflection of his priorities for the region, PM said, “Government is committed for the overall development of Eastern India and Bihar.” Under Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Yojana, Varanasi, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Patna, Ranchi and Jamshedpur are being connected through gas pipeline. PM inaugurated Patna the Patna City Gas Distribution project which will provide piped gas supply in Ptana city and adjoining areas.

These projects will enhance connectivity, especially

PATNA METRO PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

The length of Danapur to Mithapur corridor is 16.94 km, which is mostly underground (11.20 km) and partly elevated (5.48 km) and comprises of 11 Stations (3-Elevated and 8-Underground).

The length of Patna Station to New ISBT corridor is 14.45 km, which is mostly elevated (9.9 km) and partly underground (4.55 km) and comprising of 12 stations (9-Elevated and 3-Underground).

The existing population of 26.23 lakh of Patna agglomeration area is expected to be benefitted by Patna Metro Rail Project directly and indirectly.

The approved corridors will be having Multimodal Integration with Railway Stations & ISBT Station and will have feeder network of Bus, Intermediate Public Transport (IPT) and Non Motorised Transport (NMT). The Project will have non-fare box revenue from rental & advertisement as well as Value Capture Financing (VCF) through mechanism of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDK).

in the city of Patna and nearby areas and augment the availability of energy in the city, and the region.

Expressing his commitment to uplift the poor, PM said, “ NDA government’s vision of development is on two lines, infrastructure development and upliftment of the marginalized sections of society who have been struggling to avail basic amenities for over 70 years.”

Unveiling the expansion of health care system in Bihar, he said, “ It is a historic day for Bihar in terms of health care infrastructure development. New Medical Colleges will now be coming up in Chapra and Purnia while Medical colleges in Gaya and Bhagalpur are being upgraded. He added that AIIMS has come up in Patna while work is on to set up another AIIM in the state to meet the healthcare needs of the people.”

PM inaugurated the first phase of River Front Development at Patna . He also laid the foundation Stone for the Karmalichak Sewerage Network spanning 96.54 kilometres. Works related to Sewage Treatment Plants at Barh, Sultanganj and Naugachia were kicked off by PM. He also laid the Foundation Stone for 22 AMRUT projects at various locations.

Referring to the pain, anger and grief in the country

after the terror attack in Pulwama, PM said, “I feel the same fire in my heart that’s burning inside you” PM paid tributes to martyr Constable Sanjay Kumar Sinha from Patna and Ratan Kumar Thakur from Bhagalpur who laid down their lives for the country and said the entire nation stands with the family of martyrs in this hour of grief.

Foundation Stone of the 9 MMT AVU of the Barauni Refinery Expansion Project was laid by PM. He also laid the foundation Stone for the augmentation of the Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur LPG pipeline from Durgapur to Muzaffarpur and Patna. PM also laid the foundation Stone for the ATF Hydrotreating Unit (INDJET) at Barauni Refinery. These projects will significantly augment the availability of energy in the city, and the region.

Ammonia-Urea Fertilizer Complex at Barauni foundation stone was laid by PM during this visit. It will boost fertilizer production.

PM also inaugurated the electrification of Railway Lines on the following sectors: Barauni-Kumedpur, Muzaffarpur-Raxaul, Fatuha-Islampur, Bihar Sharif-Daniawan. Ranchi-Patna AC Weekly Express train was inaugurated on this occasion. ■

GST Revenue Collections for the month of January 2019 crosses Rupees One Lakh Crore Mark

The total gross GST revenue collected in the month of January, 2019 is Rs 1,02,503 crore of which CGST is Rs 17,763 crore, SGST is Rs 24,826 crore, IGST is Rs 51,225 crore (including Rs 24,065 crore collected on imports) and Cess is Rs 8,690 crore (including Rs 902 crore collected on imports). In FY 2018-2019, it is for the third time that GST Revenue collection has crossed One Lakh Crore. The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for the month of December up to 31st January, 2019 is 73.3 lakh.

The government has settled Rs 18,344 crore to CGST and Rs 14,677 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue earned by Central Government and the State Governments after regular settlement in the month of December, 2018 is Rs 36,107 crore for CGST and Rs 39,503 crore for the SGST.

The collection in January 2019 is a significant increase from the collection of Rs 94,725 crore in



December, which was a decline from Rs 97,637 crore in November and Rs 1,00,710 crore in October. January 2019 collections are 14% above the January 2018 collections of Rs 89,825 crore. This jump has been achieved despite various tax reductions having come into force that provided major relief to the consumers. The gross GST collections over the last three-month period has been 14% higher than the corresponding period last year. ■

TODAY, INDIA'S VOICE IS HEARD ON GLOBAL FORA: MODI

Speaking in the motion of thanks on the President's address Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 7, 2019 said that India galloped from number 11 to number 06 in terms of rating on economic front and urged members of parliament to motivate maximum number of poor people to take the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme. Here, we are publishing the synopsis of the speech for our esteemed readers.

I am in attendance here to thank the hon. President for his Address. Many hon. Members have put forward their views. When we talk of new India, this carries with it an inherent hope and confidence. It is also true that only those who are laced with hope and are brimming with confidence can talk with conviction and clarity. It is hope and forward looking approach that can lead the nation to the path of progress even when faced with unfavourable condition. Over the last four and a half years, India has galloped from number 11 to number 06 in terms of rating on economic front. Foreign Direct Investment has also registered a quantum leap vis-a-vis the previous regime. The power of Make in India is establishing new bench marks in manufacturing sector. Today India is the second largest producer of steel and manufacturer of mobile phones in the world. India is the 4th largest manufacturer of automobiles in the world. India is making record production of vegetables and milk today.

The cheapest internet data and its maximum consumption is in India. Start up eco system has firmly established its roots. Aviation sector is making progress at the fastest speed. It is alleged that the Government is undermining the institutions. To my mind, this deserves serious consideration. The imposition of emergency, humiliation of Defence Forces, denigrating the Election Commission and threatening the judiciary etc are ascribed and attributed to the Congress Party. The Congress Party had once termed Planning Commission as 'Bunch of Jokers'. It was during the Congress regime that there had been misuse of Article 356 almost 100 times. Not

just that, the Congress leaders tore up the Cabinet Note in a Press Conference.

During the last 55 months, our Government has carried out unprecedented work in the areas of cleanliness, construction of toilets, distribution of gas connection, opening of bank accounts for the poor, rural electrification and many more. A slew of initiatives undertaken in the right earnest has sent a clear and unequivocal message across the board that a Government in majority is able to take concrete decision. Thanks to implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer, money is being directly credited to the accounts of the poor and the role of middle men has become a thing of the past.

There is no dispute about the fact that the Congress initiated the work of providing optical fibre network way back in 2004. However, it moved on at a snail's pace and broad band connectivity in most of the villages was still a far cry if the statistics available has anything to go by. The fact remains that optical fibre network accessibility in villages had been available in merely 59 villages till 2014 whereas it is just within 55 months of our dispensation that as many as 1 lakh 16 thousand villages have been provided with broad band connectivity. Your regime was scam ridden which witnessed so many scams -2G spectrum, commonwealth scam to name a few. In the Banking System, the culture of corrupt practices at the behest of high and powerful politicians reigned supreme.

Since Independence till the year 2008, banks had to lend a total of Rs.18 lakh crore which got enhanced to Rs.50 lakh crore in 6 years i.e. between the year 2008 and 2014. This was the repercussions of phone

banking. What is remarkable to note here is that after 2014, there has been zero addition to the NPA inherited from the previous dispensation. We have brought in such laws that have helped recovery of Rs.3 lakh crore. We lent Rs.7 lakh crore under Mudra Yojana that has gone a long way in providing self employment to the people. In a way, the Congress had made the Defence Forces armless. In the year 2009, Indian Army had made demands for bullet proof jackets which was not procured till 2014. It is in the year 2016 that we have procured 50000 bullet proof jackets. In July 2016, we had accorded approval for the acquisition of 83 Tejas aircraft. It merits considerate attention here that the previous Government simply chose to ignore and overlook the needs of the Army, Air Force and Navy for 10

it black money or easy money or corruption of any other kind and even cases of impropriety in public life for that matter. We have been able to show 8 crore people the door who used to be involved in the role of intermediary and middle men by espousing Aadhar enabled system.

We enacted Benami Transaction Act leading to the attachment of benami property. Post demonetisation 3 lakh shell companies have been closed down. Thanks to a flurry of initiatives having been undertaken by our Government over 20 thousand organisations have been compelled to close their shops down who would allegedly receive funds from abroad. These institutions were influencing bordering villages, Parliament and even the judicial process. A few of the Members have raised the issue of price rise today. When Shrimati Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister, the rate of inflation had crossed 20 per cent. During the previous regime, inflation was recorded to be more than 10 per cent.

Over the last 4 years and 5 months, the rate of inflation has been 4 per cent. Prior to the introduction of GST average tax used to be exceeding 30 per cent. Currently 99 per cent or even more goods attract 18 per cent or even less taxation. We have given tax exemption upto Rs.5 lakh in the assessment of individual income tax. The interest chargeable on education loan has also been reduced from 15 per cent to 11 per

cent. Likewise the rate of interest on housing loan has also been reduced. The price of LED bulbs has been reduced from Rs.300 to the region of Rs.60-70. This has resulted in lowering of electricity bills of Rs.50 thousand crore in the country.

The price of stent used in cardiac disease has been made cheaper. Knee implant surgery has also become affordable. Free of cost dialysis facility has been made available at the district level. More than 5 thousand Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been set up by us. More than 15 thousand people belonging to poor section of society are taking the benefit of Ayushman Scheme on daily basis. I would like to urge upon all



years whereas the military power of our neighbouring countries was on the rise continuously. It was a betrayal of trust with the country.

On Rafael, all I have to say is that the Congress Party is quite against strengthening our Air Force. In so far as black money or corruption is concerned, we still continue to stay committed to our vision of tackling these issues with zero tolerance. The fact of the matter is that we are not at all involved in any corrupt practices nor have we any obligation to fulfill or favouring any individual providing us the basis for survival which empowers us to wage fight against all evil practices that sadly crept in our system-be

the Members of Parliament to motivate maximum number of poor people residing in their respective constituencies to take the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme. 10 per cent reservation has been extended to the poor youth of our country. Between September 2017 and November 2018 around 1 crore 80 lakh people have got employment in the organised sector.

Over the last four years, nearly 6 lakh 35 thousand new professionals have been added in the country. On the other hand, in the informal sector, more than 27 lakh new autos have been sold. In the transport sector itself, almost 1.25 crore people have got new employment opportunities during the last four and a half years. Likewise, there has been generation of as many as one and a half crore new jobs in the hotel industry. Taxi aggregator service has expanded hugely which has generated employment opportunities. For the first time the number of persons given loan under Mudra Yojana has gone up to more than 4 crore. More than 2 lakh new common service centres have been set up in the rural areas of the country. Highways are being constructed at double pace.

New airports are being constructed, railway stations are being upgraded. Crores of new houses are being built. The youth of our country is self-reliant today. Skill India, Start-Up India, Stand-Up India, Mudra Yojana are our novel initiatives of silk employment. The concerns of the farmers have also been taken care of. In the year 2009, the farmers were burdened with a farm loan of Rs.6 lakh crore, out of which mere 52 thousand crore had been waived off. Under Pradan Mantri Sinchai Yojana 99 schemes which had been hanging fire for long have been implemented and have seen the light of the day. We have laid emphasis on building Mega Food Park and new cold storage.

The mission of setting up of 22 thousand Grameen Hats is also at an advanced stage of being accomplished in the near future. We have equipped

the farmers with the facility of online sale of their produce through e-Nam. A budgetary provision of Rs.6000 per annum for the farmers has been made in the budget presented this year. This move will result in the direct transfer of money into the accounts of nearly 12 crore farmers. A few of the Members have spoken about loan waiver in the State of Karnataka. It covers 43 lakh beneficiaries but merely 60 thousand people have actually been benefitted from this scheme. You used to go for loan waiver once in 10 years whereas the scheme launched by us shall be rolled out every year. We have made a special budgetary provision aimed at those engaged in pisciculture under the proposed Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog.

The farmers who had been equipped with Kisan Credit Card, the same kind of benefit is going to be extended to those engaged in cattle breeding and fisheries. On vaccination count, we introduced 'Mission Indradhanush' and the vaccination drive has been allowed to gain momentum beyond measure. Under Skill India drive, we have been able to impart a training to the lakhs of youth. Under Pradhan Mantri Shramyogi Maandhan Yojana, we have made budgetary provision for the pensionary benefits to the unorganised labourers.

Our Government have proposed a separate Ministry for the fishermen. Our Government has set up a department to take care of the affairs of the traders. It has been for the first time that we have embarked on a decision to set up a board for the welfare of the nomadic community. Today, India's voice is heard on global fora. It is after my sincere endeavors that the NRIs have received the attention of all the political parties. In the recent past, Pravasi Bhartiya Divas was hosted in Varanasi in which maximum number of NRIs participated. It is a matter of great pleasure for all of us that Kumbh has been recognised as a world Heritage. This is the soft power of India. All the Amendments moved were negated. ■

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PRODUCTIVITY OF LOK SABHA WAS 89% IN INTERIM BUDGET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT 2019

4 BILLS PASSED BY BOTH THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The Interim Budget Session 2019 has been a successful session in terms of wide participation of all political parties in discussions on various issues of national importance, said Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Mines on February 13, while addressing the media. Shri Vijay Goel, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics and Programme Implementation, and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, were also present on the occasion.

Giving the details for the tenure of 16th Lok Sabha, the Minister informed that for Lok Sabha, number of sittings were 331, 205 bills were passed and the productivity was 85%. For Rajya Sabha,



number of sittings were 329, 154 bills were passed and the productivity was 68%.

Shri Tomar informed that the Interim Budget Session, 2019 of Parliament which commenced

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING THE 17TH SESSION OF 16TH LOK SABHA AND 248TH SESSION OF RAJYA SABHA (INTERIM BUDGET SESSION, 2019)

I - BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

1. The Finance Bill, 2019
2. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2019
3. The Appropriation Bill, 2019

II - BILLS INTRODUCED IN RAJYA SABHA

1. The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Amendment) Bill, 2019
2. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 2019
3. The Registration of Marriage of Non-Resident Indian Bill, 2019
4. The International Financial Services Centres Authority Bill, 2019
5. The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
6. The National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2019.

III - BILLS PASSED BY LOK SABHA

1. The Finance Bill, 2019
 2. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2019
 3. The Appropriation Bill, 2019
 4. The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2018
 5. The Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill, 2019
- #The Personal Laws (Amendment), Bill, 2019

IV - BILLS PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA

1. The Finance Bill, 2019
2. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2019
3. The Appropriation Bill, 2019
4. The Personal Laws (Amendment), Bill, 2019
5. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Third Amendment) Bill, 2019

V - BILLS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

1. The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2019
2. The Appropriation Bill, 2019
3. The Finance Bill, 2019
4. The Personal Laws (Amendment), Bill, 2019



on 31st January, 2019 has been adjourned sine die on, 13th February, 2019. The Session provided 10 sittings spread over a period of 14 days. The productivity of Lok Sabha was 89% and that of Rajya Sabha was 8% approximately.

This being the first Session of the year, the President addressed both Houses of Parliament assembled together in terms of Article 87(1) of the Constitution, on 31st January, 2019. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha was moved by Shri Hukmdev Narayan Yadav and seconded by Shri Jagdambika Pal. This item engaged the Lok Sabha for 11 Hrs 16 minutes against allotted 08 Hours. Hon'ble Prime Minister replied to the debate. In Rajya Sabha it was moved by Shri Bhupendra Yadav, seconded by Shri Vijay Goel and was adopted on 13.02.2019.

The Session, being the Budget Session, was mainly devoted to transaction of Financial Business.

During the Session, the Interim Budget for 2019-20 was presented on Friday, the 1st February, 2019. General Discussion on the Interim Budget was held in Lok Sabha. This engaged the Lok Sabha for 7 Hours 32 minutes against allotted 8 Hours. Due to constant interruptions in the House, the Rajya Sabha could not take up the Interim Budget for discussion.

In Lok Sabha, the Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2019 and the Appropriation Bill relating to Third Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2018-19 were introduced, considered and passed on 11.2.2019 while the Finance Bill, 2019 was passed on 12.02.2019. In the Rajya Sabha these Bills were returned on 13.02.2019.

During this Session, a total of 9 Bills (3 in Lok Sabha and 6 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced. 5 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha, 5 Bills were passed by Rajya Sabha and 4. ■

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI RECEIVES THE PRESTIGIOUS SEOUL PEACE PRIZE FOR 2018

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 22, 2019 received the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize for 2018 for his contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth.

The award was presented to him by the Seoul Peace Prize Foundation at a grand ceremony in Seoul. A short film on the life and achievements of Shri Modi was screened at the event.

While conferring the award on Shri Narendra Modi, the award committee recognised his contribution to the growth of Indian and global economies, crediting 'Modinomics' for reducing social and economic disparity between the rich and the poor.

The committee also pointed to his contribution to regional and global peace through a proactive policy with countries around the world.

Shri Modi is the 14th recipient of the award and the past laureates include former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and renowned international relief organizations like



Doctors Without Borders and Oxfam.

The Prize was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the 24th Olympic Games held in Seoul. The award was established to crystallise Korean people's yearning for peace on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of the world. ■

GOVERNMENT IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE LIFE EASY AND BETTER FOR EVERY CITIZEN OF INDIA: PM

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, visited Dhule in Maharashtra on February 16, 2019. He unveiled multiple projects in the state. Shri C. Vidyasagar Rao, Governor of Maharashtra, Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari, Dr. Subhash Bhamre, Union Minister of State for Defence and CM of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis was also present on the occasion.

Lauding the brave hearts who sacrificed their lives in Pulwama, PM said the nation stands by them in this hour of grief and mourning. In a strong message to the perpetrators of the terror attack, he said it has been the policy of India not to interfere in other's business. However, if someone meddles in India's affairs, it will not go unpunished. "I salute not only to the brave sons of India but also their mothers who gave birth to such bravehearts. The perpetrators of Pulwama attack will be brought to justice and world will realise that this India is New India with a New Vision and every tear will be avenged."

PM inaugurated Lower Panazara medium Project under PMKSY It will irrigate about 7585 hectares area of 21 villages of Dhule and surrounding areas, acting as a lifeline to the water deficient region. He said that Prime Minister Irrigation Project has been started to improve the status of irrigation of Maharashtra and other parts of the country, including Dhule. "In last 4 years 99 irrigation projects have been fast tracked to completion. 26 of such projects belong to Maharashtra only, Panzara project is one of them. It was started 25 years back with just 21 crores but now it is completed entailing a cost of Rs 500 crores. It is the result of our efforts to bring water to the parched areas of Maharashtra", he added.

PM dedicated Jalgaon-Udhana Doubling and electrification Rail Project to the nation. Rs 2400 crores project was fast tracked during last 4 years to ease the movement of goods and people. The rail line connecting North and South India will give a fillip to growth of surrounding regions.

Bhusawal- Bandra Khandesh Express Train was flagged off by PM through video link. The train will provide direct connectivity between Mumbai and

Bhusawal. PM also flagged off Nandurbar-Udhana MEMU train and Udhana-Paladi MEMU train.

Foundation stone of 51 Km Dhule-Nardana railway Line and 107Km Jalgaon – Manmad 3rd Railway Line was laid by the PM with the press of a button. These projects will help in better time and rail traffic management.

PM said that these projects will usher in connectivity and development in the region and soon Dhule will give competition to Surat in terms of development.

Sulwade Jamphal Kanoli Lift Irrigation Scheme was also unveiled by PM. It will bring water from Tapi river and supply linked dams, ponds and canals



benefitting 1 lakh farmers of 100 villages..

PM laid the foundation stone of Water Supply Scheme and Underground Sewer Project under AMRUT for Dhule City with an estimated cost of around Rs 500 crores. The Water Supply Scheme will provide safe drinking water to address the water woes of water deprived Dhule region..

The PM said that his government is making every effort to make life easy and better for every citizen of India. He said that Ayushman Bharat has benefitted about 12 lakh people in such a short span, including 70,000 patients from Maharashtra and 1800 are from Dhule and it has been a ray of hope for the people who are poor and marginalised. ■

SECURITY OF MAA BHARATI IS OUR TOP PRIORITY: AMIT SHAH



Making national security an issue for the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah exhorted his party's booth level workers to help the BJP-Sena alliance to win as many as 45 out of 48 seats in Maharashtra so that it could identify and throw each and every infiltrator settled across the country.

Slamming the various Opposition parties for showing undue concern about infiltrators settled in various parts of the country, Shri Shah said, "Let NCP or Rahulbaba's party raise hue and cry or shed tears over infiltrators, I will guarantee you if give us 45 seats in Maharashtra, we will identify and throw out each and every infiltrator living across the country. We do not indulge in vote bank politics. For us, the security of Maa Bharati is our top priority".

Speaking at a meeting of party workers and leaders from Pune, Shirur and Baramati Lok Sabha

constituencies at Ganesh Kala Krida auditorium in Pune on 10 February 2019, Shri Shah said, "When I say this that this election will have a bearing on the future of the country, I know that these people (opposition parties) will not do this job. They see vote banks in infiltrators, while in infiltrators I see termites eating into the fabric of the country. That is the difference between the Opposition parties and the BJP," he said.

Calling form a resolve among the party workers to ensure the return of the Narendra Modi government with a bigger majority than the one won in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, he said that the BJP would not settle less 45 seats in the state and its aim was to win Baramati seat the home constituency of Sharad Pawars ji--in the 2019 polls.

"No one will accept our victory if our alliance wins less than 45 out of 48 seats in the state. The 45 seat

PANAJI (GOA)

'UPCOMING ELECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR BJP BUT ALSO FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY'

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 09 February, 2019 said Bengal and Odisha would be added to the list of the states being governed by BJP after upcoming elections. Addressing a convention of the booth level workers near Panaji, Shri Shah said the BJP has made inroads into the North-East.

Goa Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar, who is not keeping good health, was also present at the 'Atal Booth Karyakarta Sammelan', which was attended by around 10,000 workers.

"Today we have gathered here for the 2019 elections. We are here to resolve that Goa will again give both the seats (South Goa and North Goa) to PM Shri Narendra Modi," Shri Shah said.

He said the upcoming elections are important not only for the BJP but also for the entire country. "The BJP has now reached up to North East. We are already in 16 states, but after the coming elections we will also be there in Bengal and Odisha," he said.

Lok Sabha elections are due in April-May this year while assembly polls are slated to be held in Odisha during the same period and in West Bengal



in 2021. Shri Shah said, "If we want to spread the BJP in the South till Hind Mahasagar, till Vivekananda memorial, then we will have to win the polls and re-elect Modi ji as the Prime Minister".

"The BJP is the only party which keeps the borders safe and take country's culture across the globe," he added. The BJP has emerged as a major political force in the northeast since its victory in Assam in the last three years. The BJP has since formed governments in four of the region's eight states including Tripura, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Manipur he said.

winning tally is something that can be cherished only if the BJP wins the Baramati seat. You should not give any seat in Maharashtra for 15 years to those indulging in corruption and not give any seat for 10 years who have contributed to backwardness in the country. And no seat should be allowed to be won by those protecting infiltrators or weakening national security," the BJP President said.

Shri Shah who addressed the booth-level party workers along with Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis and other senior leaders said if the "thugs" (the Opposition parties) came to power in 2019, the country would slide once again and the pace of development would be derailed.

He said that Prime Minister gave a new direction of development in the country since assuming power

in 2014 and the 2019 polls would decide the future of the country. "What could not be achieved in 55 years has been achieved by Modiji in the past 55 months of our government... The BJP has all along laid stress on 'Vikaas'. The latest budget has done justice to all sections of society"

Shri Shah said that during in the past five years, the BJP rule had wiped out the influence of 'one family', crushed casteist-communal type of politics, rid the country of corruption and has led the country on the path of fast-paced development.

Castigating the Mahaghathbhandan for various fronts, Shri Shah said that no party or alliance could stop the BJP's victory chariot in the 2019 elections since it was proceeding with corruption-free development agenda. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi with the Crown Prince, Vice President of the Council of Ministers of Defence of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud at Hyderabad House in New Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi interacting with the Divyangans at an event in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



PM Shri Narendra Modi flagging off the first Semi High Speed Train "Vande Bharat Express" at New Delhi Railway Station

