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## View of BJP Office Bearer's meeting in Bhubaneswar, Odisha



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, BJP National General Secretary (Org.) Shri Ramlal along with other senior BJP leaders lighting the lamp to inaugurate the BJP Office Bearer's meeting in Bhubaneswar



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and BJP National General Secretary (Org.) Shri Ramlal at Office Bearer's meeting in Bhubaneswar

## Glimpses of BJP National Executive Meeting in Bhubaneswar, Odisha



Odisha BJP leaders welcoming PM Shri Narendra Modi at the airport in Bhubaneswar



PM being welcomed by Odisha BJP leaders with a memento



PM & BJP President being welcomed by senior BJP leaders at the inauguration of BJP National Executing Meeting



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with BJP President Shri Amit Shah, Union Minister Shri Arun Jaitely and Senior Leader Shri L.K. Advani attending the Executive Meeting

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Indeed. There is no place for corruption in India. Those who looted the poor & middle classes will have to return what they have looted.

**@AmitShah**

Today our responsibility is not just winning elections or strengthening the party organisation, but also bring about a positive change in the political system of the country.



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The Kashmiri youth also contribute in the progress of India. Action should be taken by the states against those who target them.

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With the chants of 'Narmade, Sarvade' we welcomed water from the Narmada to Botad. The SAUNI Yojana is a game changer for Saurashtra & is benefitting several farmers.



— **Narendra Modi**

India jumps to 8th place on Global FDI Confidence Index.

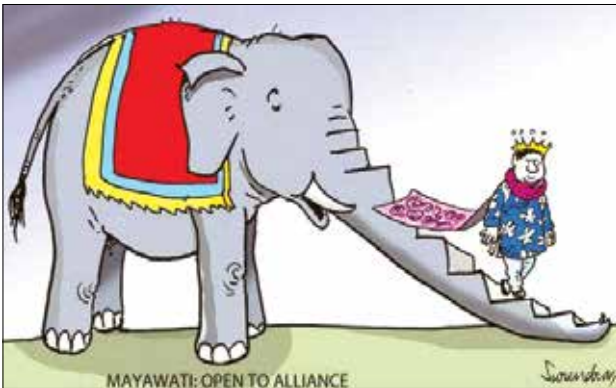


— **M Venkaiah Naidu**

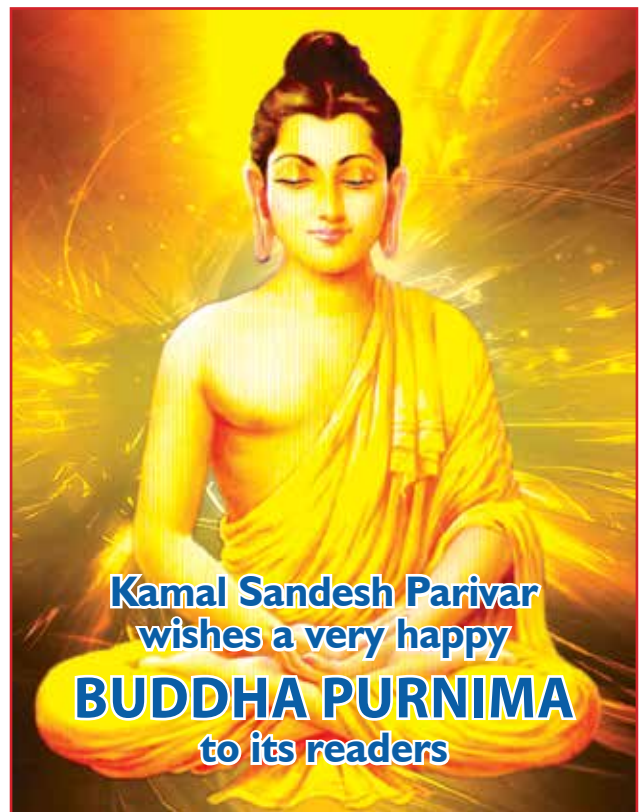
#SwasthaBharat. Under Kilkari scheme over 5.5 crore successful calls have been made to beneficiaries.



— **J. P. Nadda**



Courtesy: The Hindu



## Every Indian is a VIP now

**A**s the red beacon passes into history, another symbol of prevalent VIP culture comes to its end. Usually flaunted as status symbol, red beacons were often misused across the country. In fact continuation of this kind of symbolism can be seen in the backdrop of colonial policies seeking to create a privileged class as the supporters of British rule. The mindset of creating privileged elites as supporters of the ruling class has somehow survived in our democracy. As dynastic rule, nepotism and casteism are castigated as anathema to democracy, so is the VIP culture which stands in complete contravention with the democratic spirit. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi while banning the red beacons has rightly said, 'Every Indian is special. Every Indian is a VIP'. In taking such a strong decision knowing well that it might ruffle the feathers of many high and mighty he observed that it should have gone long ago.

When the PM declared himself to be the 'Pradhan Sevak' of the country from the ramparts of the red fort while delivering his first Independence Day address to the nation, he clearly indicated a change in the work culture and mindset in line with democratic spirit. The message was clear – there cannot be a ruling class in a democracy as all are expected to serve the nation. The mantle of power associated with the idea of being ruler of the country is undoubtedly a colonial legacy readily donned by bureaucracy

and politicians in post independent India. Can there be classifications like ruler and ruled in democracy? The idea of being a ruler is not only opposed to the idea of democracy but it breeds a political culture in which evils of dynastic and family rule along with nepotism and casteism erodes the very fabric of democracy. A class based on special privileges is created to subvert democracy and perpetuate the rule of certain family, caste or group. Indian politics has witnessed such phenomenon when a political party usurped by certain family while seeking to create a supporting privileged class allowed open corruption and loot of public funds to perpetuate its rule. A deep analysis will reveal how VIP culture is linked with larger phenomenon of systemic corruption and subversion of democracy. The day politics was seen as a means to grab power to rule the people, the subversion of democracy began. As long as politics is not seen as a means to serve the people, the nation cannot progress and prosper.

Bharatiya Janata Party was formed with the aim to give a new meaning to politics. In the post independent India as the Congress started becoming synonymous with family rule, its leaders started to see politics as a means to capture power to rule the country. Prevalence of such mindset in Congress brought it to current miserable condition when people now remember it for misrule, corruption and dynastic politics. The people have now found an alternative in BJP which has the responsibility to fulfil the aspirations of the people while restoring the democratic spirit of the country.

While India is taking rapid strides in different fields, the need to revive and restore

the meaning of politics is one of the prime concerns of the party. The Prime Minister has focussed on changing the work culture by instilling a sense of duty in bureaucracy and political leaders while leading by example himself. The politics is not a gateway to power and position, it is a platform to serve the people and take the country towards higher goals. It needs to be underlined that politics is not a refuge of power seekers, corrupt and self serving elements but it's an instrument in the hands of selfless karmayogis seeking to take 'Maa Bharati' to the highest pedestal of glory. The steps like banning red beacons are not only a big jolt to the VIP culture but also imputes a new meaning to the governance which is meant to serve the people, not to rule them. As long as that missionary zeal of serving the people is not infused in the system, India cannot rise to take its rightful place in the comity of the nations. ■

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## BJP's golden era would arrive when it rules across the country, from panchayats to Parliament: Amit Shah

**T**he two day Bharatiya Janata Party National Executive meeting was held after two long decades in Odisha's capital city Bhubaneswar on 15 and 16 April, 2017. This was BJP's first political programme after its sweeping victory in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Apart from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, BJP senior leaders like Shri LK Advani, Dr. MM Joshi, all 13 CM's of BJP ruled states, Union Ministers and all the Executive Members of the party attended the meeting.

Inaugurating the two-day BJP National Executive meeting in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 15 April, 2017 BJP National President Shri Amit Shah hailed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as the most popular political leader in post-independence India.

In the inaugural address Shri Shah said after the British left India, Congress dominated the national polity for many years. The party ruled at the Centre for more than five decades with both Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi serving as PM for more than a decade each. However, PM Shri Narendra Modi emerged as the most popular political leader



in post-independence India both nationally and internationally, he said.

The BJP President asserted that the party has changed the meaning of victory after winning Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand with a three-fourths majority. He also attacked political parties for questioning the reliability of EVMs and asked them to accept defeat gracefully.

He said the BJP now plans to further expand its footprint in Kerala, West Bengal and Odisha, the three big states where the party did not do well in the last general elections.

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that despite being in power at the Centre and in 13 states, the party is yet to achieve its peak and urged them to devote themselves to the cause. He said all National Executive Members have been instructed to spend at least a fortnight at the grass roots and interact with booth level workers in the coming days.

“Many people declared after the 2014 general elections that the BJP reached its peak, but it was not so. They then said in 2017 (after elections to the five states, including Uttar Pradesh) that the

## Highlights of the Inaugural Speech

- The BJP has changed the meaning of victory after winning UP and Uttarakhand with a three-fourths majority.
- BJP now plans to further expand its footprint in Kerala, West Bengal and Odisha
- Despite being in power at the Centre and in 13 states, the party is yet to achieve its peak.
- The BJP will attain its peak when BJP will have Chief Ministers in all the states and it has members everywhere — from panchayats to Parliament.
- Let’s resolve to make BJP a pan-India party from panchayats to Parliament.
- BJP’s golden period should be associated with country’s golden period.
- Party Karyakartas to shun any complacency despite having won power in more than a dozen states now.
- We have done work which other governments would do in two-three terms.
- The people in Odisha want a change from the incumbent government, which is in power since 2000.
- The Naveen Patnaik government has failed to provide basic amenities to the people in the state.

BJP has now attained its peak, but it is not the case,” he said.

The BJP is yet to be at its peak. The BJP will attain its peak when BJP will have Chief Ministers in all the states and it has members everywhere — from panchayats to Parliament,” Shri Shah added.

“Let’s resolve to make BJP a pan-India party from panchayats to Parliament. BJP’s golden period should be associated with country’s golden period,” Shri Shah said.

The Party President in his speech sought party



Karyakartas to shun any complacency despite having won power in more than a dozen states now.

Noting that the government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will complete three years in office on May 26 and had worked hard during this period, he said, "We have done work which other governments would do in two-three terms."

The BJP National President also said that earlier there was a perception that BJP was doing well only where there was Congress and not against the regional parties, but the recent election results of Uttar Pradesh has proved this perception wrong.

Targeting the opposition for questioning EVMs, Shri Shah said despite making excuses these parties should have honestly introspected the reasons. "It was expected from the defeated parties that after their defeat, these parties should have honestly accepted it but they began making excuses. Among the excuses, EVMs are being discussed. "Such talks are not only about accepting defeat honestly but to dishonor the Election Commission," he said.

In a sarcastic attack, he said that when the United Progressive Alliance won the 2004 and 2009

general elections or the Bahujan Samaj Party and Samajwadi Party won the Uttar Pradesh elections in 2007 and 2012, then there was no problem, but now all of the sudden questions are being raised about EVMs.

Shri Amit Shah has given a clear signal in the executive meeting that the party would work relentlessly to grab the eastern state in the 2019 elections.

"We were weak in Odisha. But, our workers fought relentlessly and we came to the second position in the panchayat polls. Shri Amit Shah has asked the party workers to work harder and we will continue our work in the coming days as well," he said.

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Before his concluding remark Shri Shah once again asked party Karyakartas to resolve to make BJP a pan-India party from panchayats to Parliament. ■



# ‘Government worked very hard to ensure that benefits of development should reach the poorest of the poor’

The Resolution 01 was moved by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis at the BJP National Executive meeting on 16 April, 2017 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This resolution was seconded by BJP National Vice President Shri Satya Pal Malik.

The Resolution 01 revealed that the Government has worked very hard to ensure that benefits of the process of development should reach the poorest of the poor at the lowest level of the society. It further said on one hand the Government has made sincere efforts to get the GST bills passed in the Parliament so that the whole country benefits from economic development, on the other, it has achieved success in bringing a discipline in the budget so as to accelerate the economic activities across all sectors. We are publishing the full text of the Resolution 01 for our esteemed readers:



**T**he Last three years of BJP-led Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister of Sh. Narendra Modi has led India to the path of fast and sustainable economic development. Our Government's people-oriented policies and firm decisions towards making India a self-reliant, self-confident and progressive Nation have instilled faith and confidence amongst the common people towards the political leadership of the Country. These policies and decisions have established India's credibility on World

forums as a fast growing and progressive Nation. Our Government under the able leadership of our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has been diligently working towards fulfilling aspirations and expectations of all the downtrodden and marginalized sections of our society. Majority of the schemes and policies launched by the Central government are aimed at benefitting people at the bottom of the society.

It is for the people's friendly policies and schemes that the government has rolled out, the poor have

started feeling a sense of trust and belonging in the present Government. People reposed faith and respect in the leadership of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi because the policies and people's oriented schemes have delivered what the Government has promised. This trust and faith in the minds and hearts of the millions of common people across the country, has been proved again in the mandate and overwhelming support given to the Party in the last many elections. Our Government is committed to bring inclusive development of all sectors and sections; and it has been very careful in identifying the priorities while achieving those goals. The Government has worked very hard to

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ensure that benefits of this process of development should reach the poorest of the poor at the lowest level of the society. The government has without any doubt accomplished an unprecedented task.

On one hand the Government has made sincere efforts to get the GST bills passed in the Parliament so that the whole country benefits from economic development, on the other, it has achieved success in bringing a discipline in the budget so as to accelerate the economic activities across all sectors. In the field of science and technology, the Bharatiya Janata Party Government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, has achieved unprecedented successes especially in the field of Communications and Defense sector.

The milestones achieved in these two fields will strengthen India's position as a powerful Nation in the World. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken key steps in bringing transparency in politics and electoral process. Even his political opponents are appreciating his achievements in these fields. Under his able leadership, the Government has been successful in bringing out the National Health Policy 2017. This policy is a commendable step towards making India a healthy nation with a healthy society. This policy will go a long way in ensuring good health for every Indian and it will also help realize the dream of a healthy India. The country has long been striving to be self-reliant. The success of Make-In-India scheme that was envisioned by none other than our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has put India on the World's economic map. Be it in the field of manufacturing, construction and other sectors, the Make-In-India scheme is achieving phenomenal success and is helping India in becoming self-reliant in many sectors. India is now firmly competing with many developed nations across the globe.

**GOVERNMENT SCORES HIGH ON EVERY PARAMETER: ELECTION RESULTS ARE THE PROOF**

Results of the recently held Assembly elections in five states across the Country has established Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as the most effective and popular leader after Independence. His popularity among the people of India has confirmed that he is the most admired and respected leader since the time of Independence. This mandate becomes all the more important with the fact that Bharatiya Janata Party- led Central Government is celebrating the Birth Centenary Year (2017) of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya ji as the Poor Welfare Year. Success in assembly elections in as many states will help the Central Government reach the downtrodden and demonstrate inclusive growth. The success of the Party in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur and local bodies / panchayat elections in Maharashtra, Gujarat



and Odisha is the victory of people's belief in the government. Party commends the organizational strategy of National President Shri Amit Shah ji and hard work of all karyakartas due to which party has won more than three fourth majority.

In 2017 Uttar Pradesh assembly elections, the Party has got huge public support (in terms of votes) in comparison to the 2012 assembly elections. This time the Party (along with NDA partners) has received overwhelming 41 percent vote share, which translated into 325 seats from 403. Historically this is the biggest victory in Uttar Pradesh assembly elections. This victory in the assembly elections of Uttar Pradesh is also important because of the fact that the Bharatiya Janata Party MLAs by and large represent all the sections of the society and all areas too are well represented. The representation of all sections of the society be it rich-poor, urban-rural, backward, youth, women and peasants shows the widespread reach of the BJP. In Uttarakhand too, the Bharatiya Janata Party has achieved historic and unprecedented success. In Uttarakhand assembly elections, BJP got 46.5 percent of the votes and won 57 seats out of the total 70 assembly seats in the state. Here too, the Bharatiya Janata Party has got the mandate with over three fourth majority. The success of BJP in the Northeastern state of Manipur also proves that the trust in policies of the Central government under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji have also reached the far flung areas of the Country. Bharatiya Janata Party did not enjoy much support in North Eastern states previously but things are changing now. People of the North Eastern States too have shown trust in the policies and schemes launched by the Central Government under the able leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. In Manipur, during the assembly election before the last one, BJP got mere 2.1 percent of the votes and the Party's representation in the state assembly was zero. There was not a single BJP MLA in the state assembly in the previous assembly but in the Assembly elections in 2017, BJP got 36.3 percent

of the votes and won 21 seats. At present, there is a government of BJP-led coalition in Manipur. The Bharatiya Janata Party has also made a comeback in Goa.

The party received highest vote percentage in the last assembly elections in Goa. In the Municipal Corporation elections in the State of Maharashtra, Bharatiya Janata Party won eight of the nine municipalities, while in the Mumbai Metropolitan Municipality BJP won 82 seats, which is Party's best-ever tally.

In the recently concluded Panchayat elections in Odisha, BJP strengthened its position as the main opposition party in the State. The Party won

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all 9 seats in Kalahandi. In the elections of other States too, party has done well. Victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the assembly by-election in Rajasthan, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Assam proves that more and more people have reposed their faith in BJP and its people centric policies. The increase in Party's vote percent in West Bengal by-election is also a pleasant development.

After the results of these assembly and other elections, it has become clear that BJP, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has established its reach across the country by gaining confidence of the people because of



### Highlights of Resolution - 1

#### Government scores high on every parameter. Election results are the proof

Results of the recently held Assembly elections in five states across the country have established PM Shri Narendra Modi as the most effective and popular leader after Independence.

#### BJP's development pledge along with 33 parties of NDA

BJP's developmental policies are getting the support of 33 political parties of National Democratic Alliance. This coalition of 33 parties is BJP's partner in its journey for the development pledge.

#### Successful Implementation of Welfare Schemes for the Poor within Three Years

The Central Government has achieved success by connecting the poor with the mainstream economy by opening 27.97 crore bank accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana.

#### Wheel of Economic growth moving fast and firm

**Breakthrough on GST:** The BJP congratulates PM Shri Narendra Modi and FM Shri Arun Jaitley for the passage of GST bill.

**Budget 2017-18:** The BJP commends the Budget presented by the Central government for 2017-18, that is a reflection of the basic spirit of public welfare and will help strengthen the financial structure of the Indian economy

**Electoral reforms and transparency in donations:** The Central Government has taken a concerted initiative by reducing the cash limit of donation to political parties to Rs. 2,000 as compared to Rs. 20,000 earlier.

#### Step towards self-reliance in defence sector and India's achievements in space

Under the leadership of our PM Shri Narendra Modi, successful test of indigenously made Super Sonic Interceptor was conducted on 1st March 2017. ISRO also set the world record by successfully launching 104 satellites in space in one go.

#### Bhim App

To promote and encourage digital transactions after demonetisation, PM Shri Narendra Modi launched Bhim App, which became quite popular in no time.

#### National Health Policy

The BJP congratulates the Union Council of Ministers for proposing and thereafter approving the National Health Policy 2017 to create a healthy India, where everyone has access to quality healthcare

#### India: The Brightest Nation on the Globe

India's credibility has also significantly increased in the trade, strategic and diplomatic forums. India's goodwill has increased at a global level. The world is now looking towards India.



effective implementation of the policies of public welfare. This belief and faith towards Bharatiya Janata Party Government, which is seen in people living in most states of the Country, is actually a result of faith towards the Central Government's policies, schemes and its leadership.

The overwhelming public support that the party has received in most of the elections post-Demonetization reflects the public support to replacement the notes of Rs 1000 and Rs 500. It clearly means that the public fully supports Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's drive against corruption. The public support for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi remains intact even after all major opposition political parties criticized the move to demonetize Rs 1000 and Rs 500 notes. Today, BJP and the NDA is ruling over 70% geographical area of the country. In as many as 17 states, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the National Democratic Alliance is running governments. As on date, the BJP not only has the highest number of Member of Parliaments across the country, but the Party also has the most number of MLAs across the states.

### **BJP'S DEVELOPMENT PLEDGE ALONG WITH 33 PARTIES OF NDA**

Bharatiya Janata Party's developmental policies are getting the support of 33 political parties of National Democratic Alliance. This coalition of 33 parties is BJP's partner in its journey for the development pledge. The National Democratic Alliance having the representation of political parties, which represent every state, region, and society of our country, is working with complete unity under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. In the states where Bharatiya Janata Party is part of the coalition, the party is following the policy of coalition and participating in government. In states where BJP has the majority government of its own, the Party is taking its NDA partners in governance. In Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Northeastern states there is constant increase in the number and strength of parties supporting NDA. In the political history of

India, this is for the first time under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that a coalition is working wholeheartedly for the welfare of the people.

### **SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF WELFARE SCHEMES FOR THE POOR WITHIN THREE YEARS**

The Central Government has achieved success by connecting the poor with the mainstream economy by opening 27.97 crore bank accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana. The mega scheme was aimed at bringing the poor into the mainstream of economic activity. The government has been able to achieve what was not even thought of in the last seven decades of independence. The credit goes

**To improve the standard of living of women in remote villages and poor households, the Central Government has given around 2 crore free LPG connections under the Ujjawala Scheme.**

to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Opening of bank accounts under Jan Dhan Yojna initiated positive action at the ground level and Rs 63,885 crore were deposited in these accounts under Jan Dhan Yojna. To help the economic activity rolling, the government has also given 6.6 crore loans or 33 lakhs crore under Mudra Yojna. These loans are aimed at promoting employment through startup and standup schemes.

To improve the standard of living of women in remote villages and poor households, the Central Government has given around 2 crore free LPG

connections under the Ujjawala Scheme. Idea behind this scheme is to help improve the living conditions of poor women. They are exposed to harmful smoke during cooking which affects their lungs and overall health. Having LPG connections will help them use safe mode of cooking thereby improving their health. In the field of electrification also, the government has done a wonderful work. Despite seven decades of independence, there were over 18,000 villages across the country where there was no electricity. These villages were living in the dark and every activity would come to a halt at the sunset. However, the Government is making fast progress in providing electricity to these villages. The aim is to have electricity in all the 18,000 villages

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by 2018. The government has already completed the work of providing electricity to 12,586 villages. The government is also promoting use of energy efficient LED 4 bulbs to save electricity. By saving electricity, it will be able to supply electricity to more and more villages. The government has already distributed about 11.8 crore LED bulbs under the LED lighting scheme. By distributing energy efficient LED bulbs, the government has saved electricity worth Rs 11,330 crore. The government has achieved unprecedented success in passing the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill. The Government has kept special focus on

fishermen in the coastal regions. Farmers have benefitted from schemes like crop insurance, soil health and Prime Minister Irrigation scheme. Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government has been able to successfully roll out and implement schemes of public welfare. The continuing successes of the Bharatiya Janata Party in assembly and other elections have proved the faith of people in the party.

### **WHEEL OF ECONOMIC GROWTH MOVING FAST AND FIRM**

**Breakthrough on GST:** The Bharatiya Janata Party congratulates Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley for the passage of GST bill. It was a historic day when the BJP Government at the Centre was successful in getting the GST bill passed. Implementing this system will help improve economic activity in the country. The move will bring ease in doing business across sectors and will reduce barriers in economy. GST's implementation is an important success in terms of business facilitation. It will have a positive effect on the common man and the business sector will grow, which in turn will create many employment opportunities. Due to GST, inflation will also be reduced. The passing of GST in terms of economic reforms is a historic achievement of the Central Government.

**Budget 2017-18:** The Bharatiya Janata Party commends the Budget presented by the Central government for 2017-18. On one hand this Budget is a reflection of the basic spirit of public welfare, on the other, it also takes care of the provisions that will help strengthen the financial structure of Indian economy. This time, the Central Government presented a single budget rather than presenting the railway budget separately. Idea is to have One Budget for One Nation. Since the Budget was presented on February 1st, there is an increased efficiency in implementation of schemes. The Central Government has been working on providing



more employment and jobs to people in rural areas; this Budget has increased MNREGA allotment by Rs 11,000 crore to Rs 48,000 crore. This is done under the Employment Guarantee Scheme for rural areas. This means youth and job seekers living in rural India will have enough jobs at their doorstep. The Government's decision to increase exemption limits in income tax slabs especially to the lower middle class is commendable. In the total outlay of 21.47 lakh crore in the Budget, preference has been given to the poor, labor, differently abled, women, child, construction sector, defense sector, infrastructure, health and medical, insurance and social security. The Budget has made provisions of Rs 2.74 lakh crore for the defense sector, Rs. 3.96 lakh crore for development of infrastructure, Rs 64000 crore for highway development, Rs 1.86 lakh crore for women welfare fund and one lakh rupees for railway safety. Clearly, the Budget has carefully allocated funds for high priority areas that will help country achieve higher economic growth where the poor also gets her/his due share in the development. Apart from this, the Budget has made provisions for other important schemes such as providing electricity to all the villages of the country till May 1, 2018. Rs 10 lakh crore have been provisioned towards giving easy loan to farmers. Funds have also been provisioned towards development of affordable housing for 1 crore families under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna till 2019. Separate fund have also been allocated for bringing more than 1 crore poor families above the poverty line till Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary. Similarly, the Budget has made provisions towards dedicated goals for all the public welfare schemes. On one hand this budget reflects the commitment and dedication of the Central government towards public welfare, while on the other hand it aims at strengthening infrastructure and accelerating developmental activity across sectors. For the first time since independence the Budget was passed and implemented before 31st march which is a big step towards fiscal discipline and economic growth.

## **ELECTORAL REFORMS AND TRANSPARENCY IN DONATIONS**

The Bharatiya Janata Party has always been in favor of bringing political clean money and transparency in electoral processes. Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Central Government has made a concerted initiative in this direction, reducing the cash limit of donation to political parties to Rs 2000 as compared to Rs 20,000 earlier. This is a historical step taken by Central government towards electoral reforms and bringing in clean money in political funding. For this historic decision, the Bharatiya Janata Party welcomes the decision taken by the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister

**To promote and encourage digital transactions after demonetization, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched Bhim App, which became quite popular in no time.**

Shri Narendra Modi.

## **STEP TOWARDS SELF-RELIANCE IN DEFENSE SECTOR**

Bharatiya Janata Party has been the strongest supporter of achieving self-reliance in the defense sector. In this direction under the leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi successful test of indigenously made Super Sonic Interceptor was conducted on 1st March 2017.

## **INDIA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPACE**

Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, ISRO has set the world

record by successfully launching 104 satellites in space in one go. This has happened for the first time in the World that any space agency has successfully launched so many satellites in space. Earlier Russia had launched 37 satellites in the space. Under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi these steps of progress in space research have put our country at a higher pedestal. There was a time when India was dependent on other countries for launching the satellites in space, but Bharatiya Janata Party government is determined to achieve selfreliance in activities related to space and visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is commendable in this regard.

### **BHIM APP**

Since Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi assumed office in 2014, there has been wide-ranging and crucial work happening on Digital India. To promote and encourage digital transactions after demonetization, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched Bhim App, which became quite popular in no time. Even in the initial phase, the number of people who used this app was more than 1.25 crore.

### **NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY**

The Bhartiya Janata Party congratulates the Union Council of Ministers for proposing and thereafter approving the National Health Policy 2017. The Policy marks a historic moment in our endeavor to create a healthy India where everyone has access to quality healthcare. Under this policy for major diseases the Central government plans free help, to make tests and medicines cheap and easily available, integration of AYUSH systems, health facilities for old, reduce the cost of treatments and make them affordable for the poor. This policy has a fine balance of advanced technology and the benefits of traditional systems of medicines. The National Health Policy 2017 will prove to be an efficient program to create a healthy India.

### **INDIA: THE BRIGHTEST NATION ON THE GLOBE**

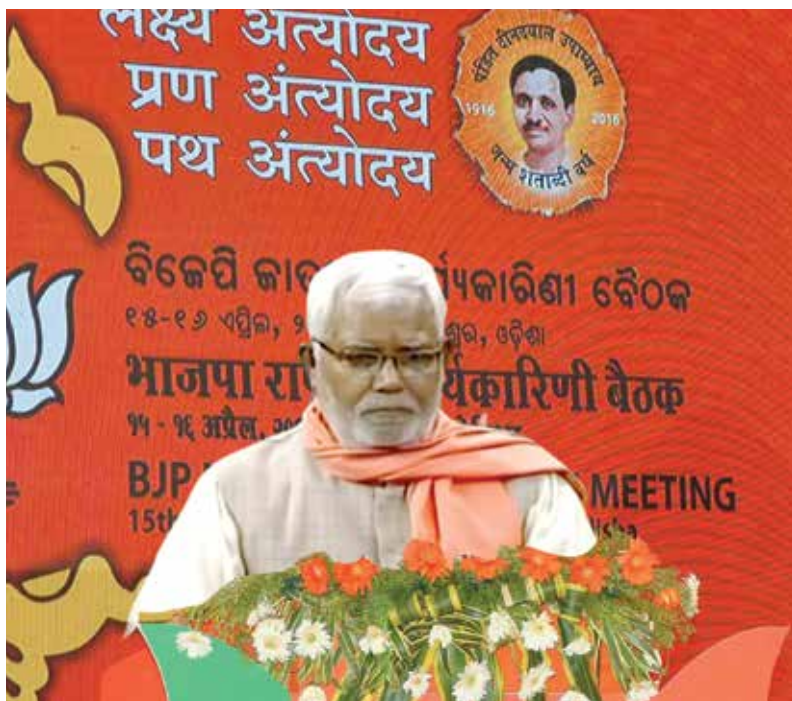
After the formation of BJP government and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi assuming the charge, India's goodwill has increased at global level. The world is now looking towards India. All major reports and analysis emanating from the developed world have started considering India as a land of prospects. India's relations with all the countries in the World have improved. India's credibility has also significantly increased in the trade, strategic and diplomatic forums. The only reason for this change is the fact that there is a strong government in the country and India's leadership is in the hands of Shri Narendra Modi, who is a very strong leader committed to development of his country and welfare of the people. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's style of working, his policies dedicated to public welfare, his strong will and the strong leadership and capability has been accepted and recognized at the global level.

In his address to BJP MPs during the first Parliamentary meet in 2014 organized at the Central Hall of Parliament, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi while making the MPs aware of their responsibilities stated, "We are here not for any post or position but to fulfill hopes and aspirations of 125 crore Indians. That's why post is a very big thing in life, charge and responsibility are biggest things. We will have to dedicate ourselves to complete them". Hon'ble Prime Minister in the last three years of his tenure with his hard work has translated these words into actions and confidence amongst the people. This National Executive Council calls upon the Karyakartas in the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Centenary Year to take a pledge that they will work hard to win the confidence of people through service. BJP calls upon the people of our country to take a pledge to form a government under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi in 2019 in order to have the continuity of development and welfare policies for all in the country. ■



# ‘Justice needs to be delivered to every citizen without any bias or prejudice’

The Resolution 02 was moved by Member of Parliament Shri Hukumdev Narayan Yadav at the BJP National Executive meeting held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 16 April, 2017. This resolution was seconded by Jharkhand Chief Minister Shri Raghubar Das. The Resolution 02 sincerely welcomed and appreciated the decision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to award Constitutional status to the National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes. We are publishing the full text of the Resolution 02 for our esteemed readers:



**O**n his first address in the Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi underlining the goals of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Government said, “We are the people who have grown up with the ideals of Pandit Deen Dayal ji Upadhyaya. He has taught us the principles of ‘Antyodya’. We should empower the poor of this country to fight against the poverty. All the systems of governance should be used to empower and strengthen the poor and all these efforts should lead to that goal of benefitting the people who are sitting at the bottom of the society. We have to work in this direction, only then we will be able to provide any welfare to our society.” Our honorable Prime Minister has made sincere and concerted efforts in this direction in last three years. The Bharatiya Janata Party sincerely welcomes and appreciates the decision of Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi to award Constitutional status to the National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes. It is after 70 years of India’s independence, a government has taken this historic decision aimed at fulfilling the interests of the poor who have been living in remote areas without any basic facilities. It is indeed a very important step forward that will help improve the living conditions of the poor and bring them in the mainstream. This is fulfillment of the long pending demand of providing social justice to the backward classes of our society.

**Advantages of this historic step:** This historic decision taken by the Central government will go a long way in ensuring delivery of justice to all sections of our society. With the award of Constitutional status to National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes it will become as powerful as

National Commission for Schedule Castes and National Commission for Schedule Tribes. Till date the NCBC was a simple legal body, whose job is to advise the government regarding inclusion or removal of caste / community lists. But from now onwards, this Commission can now effectively work towards the welfare and upliftment of people who come from socially and educationally backward classes. This Commission will also discharge other functions related to the protection, welfare and development of backward classes and empower them by utilizing the inherent powers of Articles 16-4 and 15-4 under the Constitution. The BJP has always been committed towards building a society where everyone has equal opportunities and nobody is treated inferior. This step reflects the strong resolve of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to bring equality in the society where nobody is treated badly because of his / her caste or educational backwardness. Justice needs to be delivered to every citizen without any bias or prejudice.

**The anti-backward behavior of Congress and Other Regional Parties:** Today, when the BJP government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has taken this step to bring in equality in the society, the Congress and other regional parties are disappointed and their frustration is so obvious. These parties have always suppressed the interests of the backward classes of the society and only gave them false hopes. The way Congress has opposed the move in the Rajya Sabha shows their real attitude towards backward classes.

It is evident that despite being in power for so long, the Congress Party did not initiate any concrete step towards fulfilling interests of backward classes. Now when the BJP has got the mandate to rule the country, the Bharatiya Janata Party government has achieved the goals by handling these issues on priority. It is perhaps for these reasons, the Congress Party is disappointed and feeling frustrated. Despite the suggestions of Kaka Kalelkar Commission (1950) and Mandal Commission (1979), the respective Congress governments did not take any action in this direction. It is known that the OBC Parliamentary

Committee made a recommendation in this regard and the Members of Parliament from all parties had personally requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to amend the Constitution in this regard. Considering these suggestions, the BJP-led Government took strong steps and was successful in bringing consensus on the issue in the Lok Sabha. But this is unfortunate that the move to empower people of the backward classes and making them independent has been opposed by some political parties in the Rajya Sabha. Opposing ideas is a part of politics and there are allegations and counter allegations too, but to oppose a decision aimed at improving the living conditions of backward people cannot be termed right. People who have been sidelined for long should now get their due in the society. It is not right to oppose such decision only for politics.

While Congress kept opposing the move, the leaders of various political parties under NDA and the chief ministers of BJP ruled states led-by Shri Amit Shah thanked the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for taking this step. This issue is directly linked with the interests of backward classes, so it needs to be supported by every single political party. But the Congress is not supporting it. The BJP criticizes this move of the Congress. The Bharatiya Janata Party calls upon all party workers and every social institution to make people aware of the historic step and ensure equal opportunities to the people of backward classes. It is a noble step taken by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi towards creating an equal society. It is the duty of every leader of the party to reach this message in the remote parts of the country so that justice can be delivered in far-flung areas. Party workers under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi should take a pledge and make efforts towards making backwards aware about their constitutional and legal rights. The Bharatiya Janata Party congratulates and appreciates honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on taking this historic step to award the Constitutional status to National Commission for socially and Educationally Backward Classes. ■

# ‘P2, G2’ – Pro People, Pro Active and Good Governance will fulfill our ‘Mission 2022’: Narendra Modi

## Highlights

- The government will adopt ‘P2, G2’ – Pro People, Pro Active and Good Governance to fulfill our ‘Mission 2022’.
- We will work hard to provide sustainable livelihood to the poor.
- Will bring about a change that will make India one of the top nations in the world.
- PM Modi spoke of providing justice to Muslim women in the triple Talaq matter
- PM Modi wants India free of socio-economic inequality.
- People are now voting for progress and have risen above caste and religious lines.
- Our Muslim sisters deserve justice. We should try to solve this issue at the district level.
- We should also proceed on the formula of a new India.
- We can’t simply move forward on a slow pace, but charge ahead with full speed
- People are now voting for progress and not on the basis of cast, creed or religion.
- In 2014 people voted for the BJP on the basis of hope and now the hope has been converted into trust and confidence.
- The opposition did not support our fight against black money and demonetization, but people showed their support.



**A**ddressing the concluding session of the two day BJP National Executive Meeting in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 16 April, 2017 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said when India marks 75 years of Independence, the government will adopt ‘P2, G2’ – Pro People, Pro Active and Good Governance to fulfill our ‘Mission 2022’.

The PM said, “We will work hard to provide sustainable livelihood to the poor and will bring about a change that will make India one of the top nations in the world.

He further said that earlier too, there were many policies launched to help the country, but “bad governance”, “socio-economic discrimination” and other reasons hampered progress.

On the issue of triple Talaq, the PM said, “if there are social evils, the society should be woken up and efforts should be made to provide justice”.

The PM said, “Our Muslim sisters deserve justice. We should try to solve this issue at the district level”.

## PM NARENDRA MODI MINGLED WITH CROWD DURING ROAD SHOW

Breaking security protocol, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi mingled with crowds as he embarked on a road show soon after landing at Bhubaneswar airport, en route to the BJP National Executive Meet on 15 April, 2017 afternoon. Shri Modi was greeted by the BJP leaders at the airport and he garlanded portraits of noted Odia icons such as Madhusudan Das, Gopabandhu Das, Gangadhar Meher and Krushna Chandra Gajapati.

Chants of 'Modi' 'Modi' filled the air as the PM made his way from the airport to the venue, standing on the footrest of his car for the better part of the 8km journey. During the one-hour



journey, Shri Modi constantly waved to the people who had lined up on both sides of the route despite the scorching sun to cheer him. Overlooking all security paraphernalia, the PM even allowed some to take selfie with him.

We should also proceed on the formula of a new India. We can't simply move forward on a slow pace, but charge ahead with full speed.

PM Shri Narendra Modi also stressed for more inclusiveness among backwards in Muslims.

Intervening in the matter of the backward commission, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that "more inclusiveness is needed for those who are backward among the Muslim community".

Shri Modi said a few days back, Lok Sabha had cleared a bill, which grants constitutional status to an OBC commission which has been completely powerless and has been unable to function effectively for the last 25 years. We bring that bill to safeguards the interests of the socially and educationally backward classes. The Lok Sabha passed it with a voice vote, but opposition has blocked it in Rajya Sabha.

The PM said, "It was a historic moment after the bill was passed in Lok Sabha. Even I met OBC leaders from all parties, including the Congress and the BJD, who promised their support to the bill, but now it's stuck in Rajya Sabha" he said.

Shri Modi said People are now voting for progress and not on the basis of caste, creed or religion. In 2014 people voted for the BJP on the basis of hope and now the hope has been converted into trust and confidence.

Uttar Pradesh has proved political observers wrong. Political pundits used to say that BJP can overcome Congress, but it puts up a poor showing before regional parties. But the assembly election results have changed that perception, he said.

He further added that the opposition did not support our fight against black money and demonetization, but people showed their support. ■

# Conservation of Narmada would immensely benefit states like MP, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan: Amit Shah

**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah and Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal participated in the ambitious Narmada Seva Yatra spearheaded by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan on 17th April 2017 in Jabalpur, MP.

The yatra, aimed at galvanizing the public for conserving river Narmada, which started on December 11, 2016, will culminate on May 15, 2017, with the participation of PM Shri Narendra Modi. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said that after the completion of ongoing Narmada Seva Yatra campaign, the river will be ranked among the cleanest in the world. Praising Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan for launching the initiative, Shri Shah said, "Once this conservation campaign is over, Narmada will be ranked among the cleanest water bodies of the world, like Thames in London and Rhine in Switzerland."

Shri Shah was addressing a gathering at Gwari Ghat on Narmada at Jabalpur after taking part in 'Namami Devi Narmade – Sewa Yatra', a campaign for conservation of river Narmada.

"Like Narmada, one day the Ganga too would be cleaned as the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also launched 'Namami Gange' campaign," he said. Shri Shah added, "We're hopeful that with a BJP government now in UP, the combined leadership of the PM and the UP CM will also work for purging of the river Ganga."

Shri Shah said Just like our PM has been working for the cause of the environment with a missionary zeal, MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan too, has been making conservation of Narmada a public movement. He also recounted how Narmada river water was linked to several rivers, including Sabarmati in Gujarat in the past. "Madhya Pradesh CM have linked the Narmada



river into Kshipra river. Before, this as CM of Gujarat our present PM Shri Narendra Modi linked Narmada river to many rivers in Gujarat, "maintained Shri Shah. Shri Shah also praised the Chouhan government for its drive against liquor shops within five kilometers of Narmada's banks as a part of the campaign

Earlier, addressing the gathering Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that a massive tree plantation drive will be organised on the banks of river Narmada, spanning from river's origin Amarkantak in Anuppur district to Barwani and Alirajpur districts. Lakhs of people will plant crores of saplings of trees like Neem, Pipal and Banyan on Narmada River on 02 July, he said. He added that the annual agricultural growth rate of MP has been as high as 20% since last four years. "We expect it to be 25% this year," said Shri Chouhan.

He further announced a slew of measures to keep river Narmada clean, spanning from setting up a crematorium to establishing changing rooms for women on Narmada river bank. Speaking about sand mining in river Narmada, he said that any vehicle now caught mining sand in the river will be confiscated and won't get away merely with payment of the monetary penalty. ■

# BJP wins in Delhi, MP, Himachal, Rajasthan and Assam

**B**JP registered an impressive win in the by-elections bagging 5 seats out of 10 seats where elections were held on 9 April. Fresh from a massive victory in the recently-held assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand BJP on 13 April, 2017 won the assembly by polls in Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Rajasthan.

By-elections were held in 11 Assembly constituencies in eight states, besides the Srinagar parliamentary seat. Two seats each are in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh and one each in West Bengal, Assam, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.

The thumping victory in the national capital Delhi was sweet music for the BJP ahead of the Delhi Municipal polls. The BJP registered a victory in the Rajouri Garden Assembly bypoll, handing a humiliating defeat to the ruling Aam Aadmi Party,

 @narendramodi

Impressive performance by @BJP4India and NDA in the by-polls in different parts of the country. Congratulations to Karyakartas. I thank the people for the constant support, blessings & unwavering faith in politics of development and good governance.

 @AmitShah

I specially thank the people of West Bengal for making BJP the principal opposition party in the recently concluded by-polls.



managed to get only 10,243 votes, less than one-sixth of the total votes polled.

In Madhya Pradesh, BJP retained the Bandhavgarh Assembly seat after defeating rival Congress by margin of over 25,000 votes while it was a close fight between Congress and BJP in Ater seat.

BJP nominee Shivnarayan Singh defeated Congress' candidate Savitri Singh from the seat in Umaria district by 25,476 votes, an election official said.

In Himachal Pradesh, BJP candidate Dr. Anil Dhiman won the Bhoranj (SC) Assembly seat in Himachal Pradesh by 8,290 votes. The BJP candidate defeated his nearest Congress rival, Promila Devi by 8,290 votes. Dhiman polled 24,453 votes against 16,144 votes polled by Devi. With this, the strength of the BJP has increased to 28 in the 68-member House.

The showing was good for the party in Assam also where its candidate Ranoj Pegu won the Dhemaji Assembly by-election defeating his nearest Congress rival Babul Sonowal by 9,285 votes. While the BJP candidate polled 75,217 votes, his Congress rival garnered 65,932 votes.

In Rajasthan, BJP candidate Shobha Rani won by 22,602 votes after ten rounds of counting in the Dholpur Assembly bypoll. ■

which finished a distant third and even lost its deposit.

BJP-SAD joint candidate Manjinder Singh Sirsa bagged 40,602 votes, over 50 per cent of the total votes polled, in a boost for the BJP.

Congress' Meenakshi Chandela finished second with 25,950 votes while AAP's Harjeet Singh

# Prime Minister launches BHIM-Aadhar, a digital payment platform on Ambedkar Jayanti

## Two new Schemes- Cash back and Referral bonus unveiled

**E**nroute to the digital payments gaining the proportions of a mass movement, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched on April 14 a series of initiatives on the 126th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar in Nagpur. He launched the BHIM Aadhaar platform for merchants, Cash back and Referral bonus schemes for BHIM and declared about 75 townships going less-cash. The Prime Minister felicitated the winners of the Mega draw of the two major incentive schemes to promote digital payments- Lucky GrahakYojana and DigidhanVyapaarYojana..

Launching BHIM-Aadhaar digital payment platform, Prime Minister said that the BHIM App is positively impacting several lives across the nation. He said that the Digi-dhan movement is also a cleansing mission to fight the menace of corruption. BHIM-Aadhaar, the merchant interface of the BHIM App, will pave the way for making digital payments by using the Aadhaar platform. Any Indian citizen can pay digitally using their biometric data like their thumb imprint on a merchants' biometric enabled device which could be smart phone having a biometric reader. Any citizen without access to smart phones, internet, debit or credit cards will be

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able to transact digitally through the BHIM Aadhaar platform. Already, 27 major banks are now on board with 7.15 lakh merchants so that they can start accepting payments using BHIM Aadhaar.

The Prime Minister also launched two new incentive schemes for the BHIM – Cash back and

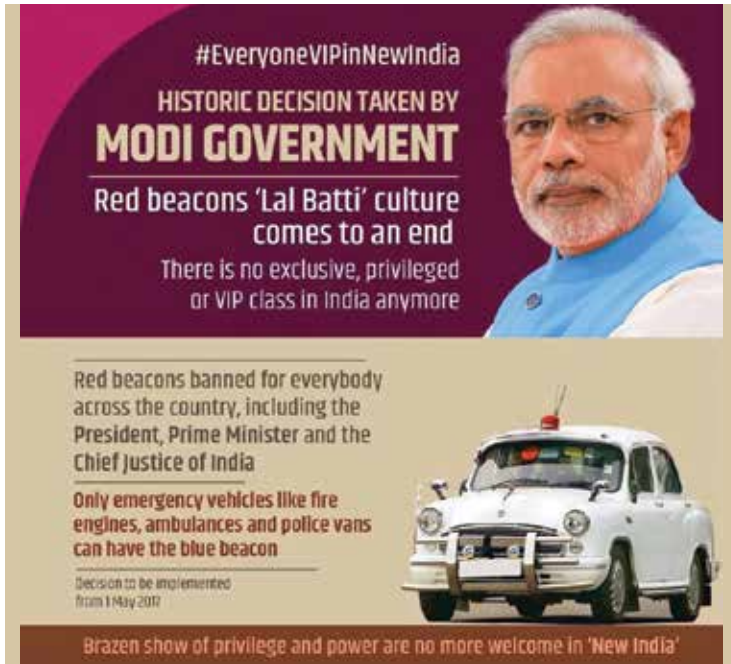


Referral bonus – with an outlay of Rs. 495 crore for a period of six months. This is to ensure that the culture of digital payments permeates down to the grassroots. Under the Referral bonus scheme both the existing user who refers BHIM and the new user who adopts BHIM would get a cash bonus credited directly to their account. Under the Cashback scheme the merchants will get a cash back on every transaction using BHIM. Both schemes are to be administered by MEITY and implemented by NPCI.

The initial two incentives schemes viz., Lucky GrahakYojana and DigiDhanVyaparYojana, came to an end after a rigorous 100 day information, education and communication campaign led by NITI Aayog to make digital payments a mass movement in India. Under the scheme Rs.258 crore of prize money was won by 16 lakh winners, including customers and merchants belonging to different corners of the country and from varied walks of life.

The lucky winners the Mega Draw were felicitated by the Prime Minister on this occasion. ■

# Modi Government decides to do away with Red Beacons for all categories of vehicles



**W**ith a view to strengthening healthy democratic values in the country, the Central Government took another historic step on April 19. The Union Cabinet, in its meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi decided to do away with beacons of all kinds atop all categories of vehicles in the country. The government is of the considered opinion that beacons on vehicles are perceived symbols of VIP Culture, and have no place in a democratic country. They have no relevance whatsoever. Beacons, however, will be allowed on vehicles concerned with emergency and relief services, ambulance, fire service etc. In the light of this decision the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways will make necessary provisions in the law. ■

## Digital Payment Revolution : Facts & Figures

### DIGITAL PAYMENTS PROGRESS

- Lucky Grahak Yojana and Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana launched on December 25, 2016.
- 100 Digi Dhan Melas held in 100 cities all over the country.
- 100 day long information, education and communication campaign led by NITI Aayog to make digital payments a mass movement in India.
- At least 15,000 institutions have gone cashless across just these 100 rural and urban cities across each one of the 27 states and 7 UTs.
- With a turnout of over 15 lakh from cities, small towns and villages, the melas have enabled lakhs to open new bank accounts as well as



- create new Aadhaar cards.
- Rs.258 crore of prize money won by 16 lakh



winners, including customers and merchants belonging to different corners of the country and from varied walks of life.

- The lucky winners of the Mega Draw felicitated by the Prime Minister in Nagpur.
- BHIM App and QR Codes launched
- BHIM App has already created a new world record by registering 1.9 crore downloads in just four months since its launch in December, 2016.
- India has seen an unprecedented increase in number of transactions made using several user-friendly digital payment methods viz. UPI, USSD, AePS.
- Volume of various digital transactions (including UPI, USSD including BHIM) increased by about 23 times with 63,80,000 digital transactions for a value of Rs. 2425 crore in March 2017 compared to 2,80,000 digital transactions worth Rs.101 crore in November 2016.
- Aadhaar Enabled Payments have increased from 2.5 crore in November 2016 to over 5 crore in March 2017.
- Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) transactions have also increased from 3.6 crore to 6.7 crore during the same period.

### **BHIM-AADHAAR, THE MERCHANT INTERFACE OF THE BHIM APP**

- It will pave the way for making digital payments by using the Aadhaar platform.
- Any Indian citizen can pay digitally using their biometric data like their thumb imprint on a merchants' biometric enabled device which could be smart phone having a biometric reader.
- Any citizen without access to smart phones, internet, debit or credit cards will be able to transact digitally through the BHIM Aadhaar platform.
- Already, 27 major banks are now on board with 7.15 lakh merchants so that they can start accepting payments using BHIM Aadhaar.

### **ONBOARDING**

- Total Onboarding (including syndicate update): 7.15 lakhs , Transactions: 12.62 lakh
- Aadhaar:1.75 Lakh
- BHIM/UPI: 4.79 lakh
- QR Code:1.68 lakh

### **BHIM – CASH BACK AND REFERRAL BONUS SCHEMES**

- To ensure that the culture of digital payments permeates down to the grassroots.
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- Under the Cashback scheme the merchants will get a cash back on every transaction using BHIM. Both schemes are to be administered by MEITY and implemented by NPCI.
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### **75 TOWNSHIPS DECLARED LESS CASH TOWNSHIPS**

- In order to achieve the target of 2500 crore digital transactions during the current financial year, the Prime Minister announced about 75 townships spread all over India as 'less-cash townships'.
- A less-cash township is one where the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure is complete, all the families in the township are covered under training programs.
- Selected townships on the basis of third party assessment by Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC)
- Townships with more than 80% of the total number of transactions being done through digital modes of payments during the review period are included in this list.
- These townships are likely to generate over 1.5 lakh digital transactions every day thereby leading to about 5.5 crore digital transactions in a year. ■

# Similarity in Objectives but Divergence in Means

-Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya

**"S**ocialist parties seek to better the lot of the common man by adopting programmes of State participation in the economic activities of the nation, while the BJS wants to be achieved but allowing, and helping, fuller utilisation of the creative urge of the individual, subjects of course, to the social needs of preventing any concentration of power." The Economic Programmes of the various political parties hardly differ in their objective. All seeks to raise the living standard of the common man and reduce inequalities of income and wealth. However there is a vast difference in their means for the realisation of these objectives. The socialist parties seek to do it by adopting programmes of State participation in the economic activities of the nation, while the non-socialist parties want it to be achieved by allowing and helping fuller utilisation of the creative urge of the individual, subject of course to the social needs of preventing any concentration of power.

## CONGRESS

The Congress manifesto thus reiterating its stand of a socialist state, writes- 'The fundamental problem of India is not only to increase greatly the living standards of the people, but also to bring about progressively social and economic equality. Existing inequalities and disparities in the social fabric are ethically wrong and will obstruct progress on all fronts and produce considerable strains. The objective aimed at can therefore only be derived by a socialist and cooperative approach.'

## PSP & CPI

The Praja Socialist Party's manifesto stressing the need for equality says- 'The Praja Socialist Party believes that in India the urge for freedom expresses itself in the fight for equality. This fight that the party wages is directed against class distinctions of all kinds, whether they relate to economic position, social status or cultural

advantages.'

In another paragraph it declares- 'The Praja Socialist Party places its unshakable faith in the concept of socialism that challenges the present social order and accepts in its place an order based on equality of opportunity, on reduction in the disparities of incomes, on genuine participation of people in the control of social levers and on social mobility that helps every citizen in the country in the development and full utilising of all that is the most creative and enterprising within him.' The Communist Party has not cared to define its objectives or reaffirm its faith in socialism in the election manifesto. Their character is perhaps too well known to need any reiteration.

## SWATANTRA

The Swatantra Party expresses its concern about the common man in the following words- In pursuance of its fundamental policies, the Swatantra Party stands first and foremost, for the common man; for providing him with food, clothing and shelter, as the primary obligation of Government, for fuller employment, production of more food grains, more irrigation works, more schools, and more small industries producing goods which the common man consumes. The party, however, does not say anything with regard to the reduction of inequalities but definitely declares its opposition to monopolies. It says- 'The party is opposed to monopoly and concentration of power in the State or in the free sector. It will promote antimonopoly legislation whenever necessary and will end the monopoly at present enjoyed by Government corporations such as the State Trading Corporation in certain fields of trade and the Life Insurance Corporation.'

## BJS STAND

The Bharatiya Jana Sangh is not wedded to either socialism or capitalism. It has, therefore, not cared



to philosophise attitudes towards the solution of the economic problems of the people. It has clearly said that the doctrinaire distinction between public and private sectors should be abolished. What we need is increased production so that the necessities of the people and defence needs of the country can be satisfied. However, production programmes has got to be so planned that it does not result in a concentration of economic power and further increase in the existing inequalities. Inequalities, in fact, lead to a restricted market and then to a fall in production and employment. If the purchasing power of the common man is increased by provision of work for all and by adequate returns for the services or commodities produced, the social and economic imbalance can be rectified. Increased productivity and wages at the bottom will automatically a mean employment to others. If there is to be capital formation it must be out of the savings of those who are above the national minima. Capital-accumulation by depriving labour of an adequate wage deprives the industry of a potential market. It thus leads to increased unemployment. The Bharatiya Jana Sangh, has therefore, placed before itself, the guarantee of a minimum living standard, equitable distribution and full employment as objectives for any plan.

### **BASIC ATTITUDES TO PLANNING**

The need for a planned approach to the economic problems of the country is recognised by almost all the political parties. The Swatantra Party, too, which had earlier declared itself against all planning, has, in its election manifesto, not stated so unambiguously. On the contrary it 'stands for planning carried out within the limits of the Constitution.' There are, however, differences with regard to the mode, method and machinery of planning. While on the one extreme there is the Congress satisfied with the present plans and the Planning Commission, on the other stands the Swatantra Party which would like to abolish the Planning Commission and confine planning to the formulation of policies and the annual programme of the Government. The Swatantra Party challenges the constitutional authority of the Planning Commission and considers it as one thwarting the supremacy of the Parliament. 'The Party will seek', the manifesto says 'to restore the real and effective supremacy of Parliament and the people by abolishing the much boosted Planning Commission which has tended in effect to bring into

being a non-responsible supergovernment at the Centre and the State Governments from the extra-constitutional dictation of the Planning Commission.' The Swatantra Party may be correct so far as the Constitutional position is concerned. But they forget that in country with a federal from of constitution there is definitely need for some co-ordination machinery. Moreover, economic planning cannot be effectively done at lower levels. Even granting the usefulness and necessity for micro-planning, we cannot dispense with the need for macro-planning. If the fiscal and monetary levers of macroplanning are to be regulated, there must be some machinery which can provide the necessary knowledge. Moreover, if the States are not to be subjected to constant direction and dictation by the Centre in all matters, there must be some machinery for mutual consultations and decision-making. The National Development Council has accordingly been devised.

The BJS, taking into account the needs of planning and the present form of our Constitution, has therefore suggested changes in the Constitution of the Planning Commission and the NDC the Jana Sangh manifesto reads. 'The Bharatiya Jana Sangh will reconstitute the Planning Commission and the National Development Council. The Commission will be made an expert body, freed of political elements.' 'The NDC will include besides the Central Cabinet and the State Chief Ministers, members from Parliament and State legislatures elected on a proportional basis.' The reconstitution of these two bodies on this basis will free the plans of their partisan character and make them truly national. The need for it has largely been felt and the Prime Minister appointed an all-party consultation Committee. But this Committee has failed to work effectively. The Watimates Committee of the Lok Sabha in one of its reports had also suggested the need for such a reconstitution of the planning machinery.

The Communist Party of India has not said anything with regard to the planning machinery, but the PSP opines that 'Democratically organized district administration has to be principal unit of the economic planning.' Evidently it means little more than a cliché, because to these agencies the PSP proposes to hand over the implementation of the land reform programme. But they forget that economic planning means more than land reforms. ■

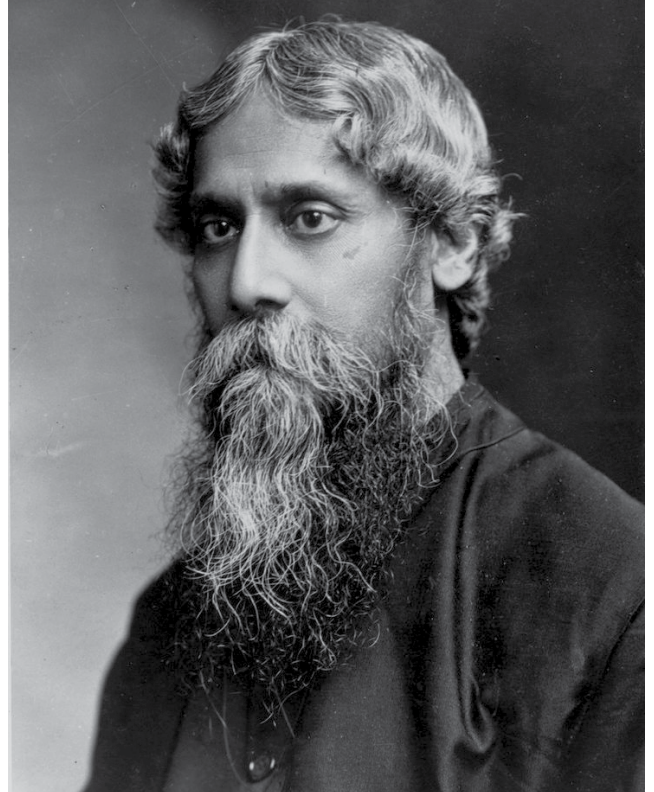
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# Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore

**G**urudev Rabindranath Tagore (7 May 1861 –7 August 1941) was born in the Jorasanko mansion in Kolkata to parents Debendranath Tagore (1817–1905) and Sarada Devi (1830–1875). Famous Bengal renaissance leader Dwarkanath Tagore was his paternal grandfather. He was one of the harbingers of Bengal renaissance and played an important role in Indian national movement.

He was a polymath who reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Author of *Gitanjali* and its “profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse”, he became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913. In translation his poetry was viewed as spiritual and mercurial, his “elegant prose and magical poetry” is celebrated almost everywhere. Tagore introduced new prose and verse forms and the use of colloquial language into Bengali literature, thereby freeing it from traditional models based on classical Sanskrit. He was highly influential in introducing the best of Indian culture to the West and vice versa, and he is generally regarded as the outstanding creative artist of the modern Indian subcontinent. A Pirali Brahmin from Kolkata with ancestral gentry roots in Jessore, Tagore wrote poetry as an eight-year-old.

At age sixteen, he released his first substantial poems under the pseudonym *BhânusiCha* (“Sun Lion”), which were seized upon by literary authorities as longlost classics. He graduated to his first short stories and dramas—and the aegis of his birth name—by 1877. As a humanist, universalist internationalist, and strident nationalist he denounced the Raj and advocated independence from Britain. As an exponent of the Bengal Renaissance, he advanced a vast canon that comprised paintings, sketches and doodles, hundreds of texts, and some two thousand songs; his legacy endures also in the



institution he founded, Visva-Bharati University. Tagore modernized Bengali art by spurning rigid classical forms and resisting linguistic strictures. His novels, stories, songs, dancedramas, and essays spoke to topics political and personal. *Gitanjali* (Song Offerings), *Gora* (FairFaced) and *Ghare-Baire* (The Home and the World) are his bestknown works, and his verse, short stories, and novels were acclaimed—or panned—for their lyricism, colloquialism, naturalism, and unnatural contemplation. His compositions were chosen by two nations as national anthems: India’s *Jana Gana Mana* and Bangladesh’s *Amar Shonar Bangla*. The original song of Sri Lanka’s National Anthem was also written and tuned by Tagore. We pay our respect to Gurudev on his birth anniversary! ■

# India and Bangladesh ink 22 pacts



**B**angladesh Prime Minister Smt. Sheikh Hasina in her recent visit from 7 April to 10 April to India signed 22 pacts in areas spanning civil nuclear cooperation, defence among others. During the visit She also condemned Pakistan sponsored terrorism and radicalism without naming the South Asian nation.

India and Bangladesh inked 22 pacts on Saturday after a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina. Among the decisions taken was a credit line, opening transportation channels with progress signalled on defence and water-sharing deals.

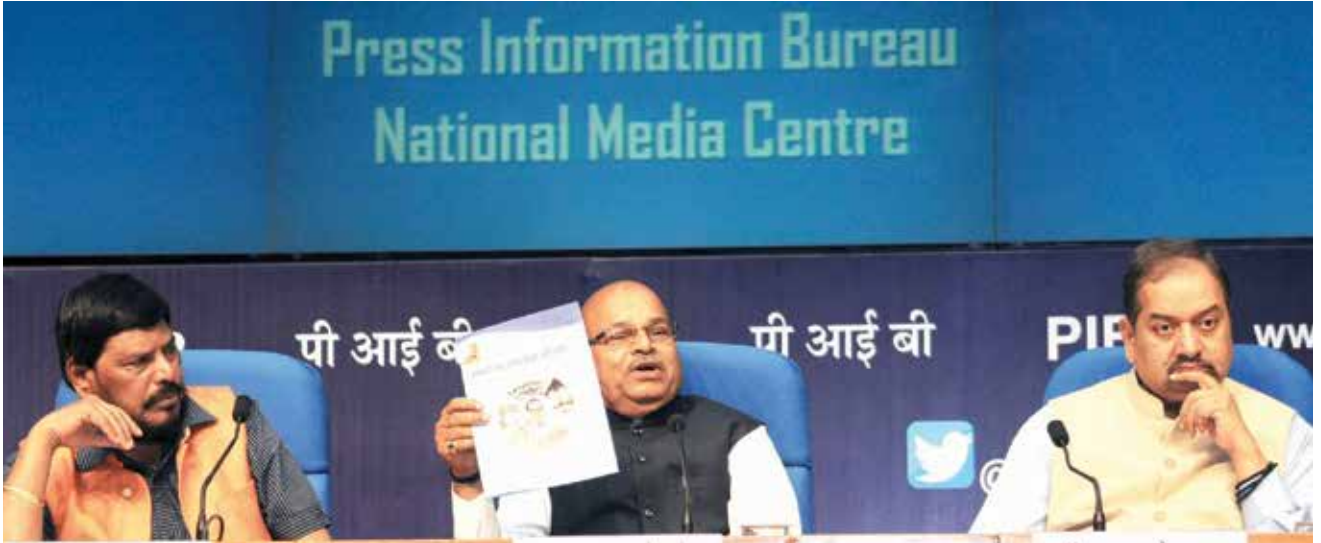
India announced a concessional credit line of \$4.5 billion for the completion of priority sectors in Bangladesh, and another \$500 million for buying military equipment. This is the single highest credit ever announced by India for another country. In total, India has extended \$8 billion in credit to Bangladesh over the last six years.

## **SOME IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF VISIT:**

- Bangladesh PM condemned Pakistan sponsored terrorism and radicalism without naming the South Asian nation.

- A bus service between Kolkata, Khulna and Dhaka was announced. A new passenger train service from Khulna to Kolkata through Petrapole in India and Benapole in Bangladesh was finalised. A rail link between Radhikapur and Birol for running goods trains.
- Three defence sector pacts were signed in the form of an umbrella framework agreement on various aspects of defence cooperation. Three other pacts aimed at aiding Bangladesh in various aspects of the civil nuclear energy programme, from setting up nuclear power units to addressing issues related to nuclear safety, were signed.
- India said it would finance a diesel pipeline from Numaligarh to Parbatipur. Indian companies will also ink a long-term agreement with Bangladesh for supplying high-speed diesel.
- A bilateral education cooperation programme and a cultural exchange programme was announced. Memorandum of Understanding between University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India. Memorandum of Understanding between University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh and Jamia Milia Islamia. ■

# New scheme “Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana” launched for senior citizens



**T**he Government has undertaken a series of initiatives for social justice and empowerment. Ekattmakta, Samata and Samajik Samrasta are the guiding principles in this direction. This was stated on April 15 by Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment while addressing a Press Conference on “Major Social Welfare Initiatives” to mark the Birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. Shri Ramdas Athawale, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment was also present.

Shri Gehlot informed the media persons that 14 scholarship schemes for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) / Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (DNTs) students covering 3.54 crore students are under digital payment. All Scholarship amount are released to students’ bank account and there is 60% Aadhaar seeding in SC student bank account. Educational Empowerment for SCs is through scholarships, hostels for students, coaching facilities, capital for

creation/upgradation of premises, institution etc. The Government of India believes that Education for all is the key to empowerment. M/o SJE implements seven different types of scholarships, which include: Post and Pre-Matric Scholarships; Top Class Scholarship; National Overseas Scholarships; National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes administered by the UGC; Pre-Matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in unclean occupations; Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes and OBCs (70: 30 ratio); and Upgradation of merit. Nearly 54 % of Budget of the M/o SJ&E is incurred on scholarships for Scheduled castes.

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 has been amended and enforced with effect from 26.1.2016. It is now mandated that the trial for atrocities against SC/ST be completed within two months from the date of filing the charge sheet. The amended Rules, 2016 under the Act came into effect from 14th April, 2016. Relief for new offences and existing offences has been enhanced. For the first time, offences of



rape and gang-rape have been included.

Referring to Skill Development and Entrepreneurship of SCs, Shri Gehlot said that the scheme of Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes was launched in 2014-15 with unique feature of higher level of loans from Rs.50 lakhs to Rs.15 crores for SC entrepreneurs. Till date Loans amounting to Rs.236.66 crores to 65 Scheduled Caste entrepreneurs has been sanctioned in different areas.

Shri Gehlot said that under Entrepreneurship, over 17 lakh people have benefitted from subsidy given for loan taken for economic activities in the last three years under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan. Over 8.12 lakh beneficiaries have been given loans by the Corporations for entrepreneurships in the last three years.

He informed that a new scheme "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana" has been launched recently for distribution of Aids and Assisted Living Devices to Senior Citizens, which will help them to overcome their age related physical impairment and to lead a dignified and productive life with minimal dependence on care givers or other members of the family. The ambitious Scheme, first of its kind in the country is expected to benefit 5,20,000 Senior Citizens over a period of the 3 years.

He said that in memory of Dr. Ambedkar, his Ministry launched following three schemes in 2014-15: (1) Dr. Ambedkar Pre And Scholarship Scheme for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (DNTs) for facilitating the nomadic community students to pursue education; (2) Dr. Ambedkar Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) for providing assistance in form of scholarship to Economically Backward Classes students pursuing higher education; and (3) Dr. Ambedkar Interest Subsidy Scheme for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) to study abroad. The scheme aims to help the needy OBCs and EBCs students to pursue higher studies abroad.

Shri Gehlot further said that under the Dr. Ambedkar

Medical Aid Scheme, medical aid is provided to the patients suffering from serious ailments requiring surgery of kidney, heart, liver, cancer and brain or any other life threatening diseases including organ transplant and spinal surgery to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe persons.

He said that the following places relating to Dr. Ambedkar such as Janam Bhoomi, Mhow, Shiksha Bhoomi 10, King Henry Road, London, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur, Parinirvan Bhoomi, 26, Alipur Road, New Delhi and Chaitya Bhoomi, Dadar, Mumbai were declared 'Panchtirth' by the Government of India.

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finalized a plan for developing prominent places associated with Dr. Ambedkar. An amount of Rs.1,36,000,00/- has been approved for development of Memorial at Mahad. Mahad Satyagraha was led by Dr. B.R.Ambedkar on 20th March, 1927 to allow downtrodden to use water from a public tank. An amount of Rs.4,36,90,685/- has been released to DM, Nagpur for Museum Building at Chincholi, Maharashtra. ■

# First time in Indian Legislative history, Parliament completes all financial business of Government by 31st March

**T**he Budget Session 2017 has been historic in many ways, said Shri Ananthkumar, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Chemicals & fertilizers, while addressing the media. The Minister informed that the Budget Session, 2017 of Parliament which commenced on 31st January, 2017 has been adjourned sine die on 12th April, 2017.

- *Shri Ananthkumar noted that three main highlights of the Budget Session, 2017, that are historic achievements are*
- *Preponing of the Union Budget and completion of all financial business of Government before the start of next financial year by 31st March;*
- *Passing of all the enabling acts of the Goods & Services Tax (GST);*
- *Presenting and passing of an Integrated Budget.*

This has been possible due to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley along with the participation of all members of both Houses of Parliament in constructive debates held on various issues of public importance, the Minister added.

Shri Ananthkumar informed that this is for the first time in Indian legislative history that all financial business of Government has been completed before the start of next financial year by 31st March and that too without any short cuts by following due process of general discussion, scrutiny by Standing Committees, discussions on some individual Ministries etc. Whenever in the past financial business was completed before 31st March, those were either election years having interim budgets or in other cases scrutiny by Parliamentary Committees was dispensed with. This is a big financial reform so as to make full funds available to line Ministries for execution of their developmental projects. This is the

first time when Vote on Account was dispensed with during the Budget session.

Speaking on the occasion Shri S.S. Ahluwalia, Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Parliamentary Affairs, explained in detail about the advantages of preponing the Budget, merger of General and Railway Budgets, and how it will facilitate the efficient deployment of financial resources for carrying social development works.

Minister of State for Minority Affairs (IC) and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi informed the media that the Government followed the policy of 'Sampark, Samvaad, Samanvaya' and ensured that all issues of wide public importance debated upon in depth by giving all members of both Houses a chance to present their views and derive a constructive consensus to move forward. He noted that 3 important bills namely, Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 for giving Constitutional status to the backward classes commission, Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017 and Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016, could not be passed by both Houses. Shri Naqvi said that the opposition to these bills was not on merit but still the Government respected the consensus in Rajya Sabha to refer them to the Select Committee. The Minister noted that the delay in passage of these socially important bills will prevent the common people to derive benefits for some more time.

Regarding the Legislative Business carried out during the Budget Session 2017, it was informed that the first part of the Budget Session yielded a total of 7 sittings of Lok Sabha and 8 sittings of the Rajya Sabha. In the second part of the Session there were 22 sittings of Lok Sabha and 21 sittings of Rajya Sabha. During the entire Budget Session, 2017 there were in total 29 sittings each of Lok Sabha and Rajya



Sabha. The productivity of Lok Sabha was 113.27% and that of Rajya Sabha was 92.43%. Approximately 8 hours were lost in Lok Sabha and 18 hours in Rajya Sabha due to interruptions, which was made up by sitting late for approximately 19 hours and 7 hours respectively.

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, 2017 and informed the Parliament of the causes of its summons. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address were moved, discussed and adopted by the two Houses during the first part of the Session. Both the Houses also adjourned for

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recess for a period of 27 days on Thursday, the 9th February, 2017 to reassemble on Monday, the 9th March, 2017 to enable the Departmentally related Standing Committees to examine the Demands for Grants relating to various Ministries/Departments.

During the first part of Session, the Union Budget for 2017-18 was presented on Wednesday, the 1st February, 2017. This time Budget for Railways was also merged with General Budget. General Discussion on the Union Budget was held in both Houses. During the second part of the Session, after scrutiny and presentation of reports by concerned Standing Committees, Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministries of (i) Railways; (ii) Home Affairs; (iii) Defence; and (iv) Agriculture were

discussed and voted individually by the Lok Sabha. The Demands for Grants of the remaining Ministries/Departments which could not be discussed were put to the vote of the House and were voted in full on Monday, the 20th March, 2017. The related Appropriation Bill was also introduced, considered and passed and subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha.

Appropriation Bill relating to Supplementary Demands for Grants was also introduced, considered and passed on the same day and subsequently returned by the Rajya Sabha. The Finance Bill, 2017 was passed by Lok Sabha on 22.03.2017 and Rajya Sabha returned it with recommendations on 29.03.2017. Lok Sabha rejected the recommendations made by Rajya Sabha in the Bill on 30.03.2017. The Finance Bill got the assent of the President on 31st March, 2017.

A major highlight of this Session, among others, is the passing of four historic Bills namely, the Central Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017, the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017, the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017 and the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Bill 2017 by both Houses of Parliament to enable implementation of Goods and Services Tax across the country w.e.f. 1st July, 2017.

During this Session a total of 24 Bills (24 in Lok Sabha) were introduced. 23 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha and 14 Bills by Rajya Sabha. Total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the Session is 18. A list of Bills introduced in Lok Sabha, Bills passed by Lok Sabha, Bills passed by Rajya Sabha, Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament, Bill withdrawn is attached in Annexure.

Some important Social Sector Bills like the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2017, the Mental Health Care Bill, 2017, and the Employee's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 2017 were also passed by both Houses of Parliament in this Session. The Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2017 was also passed by both Houses of Parliament ■

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