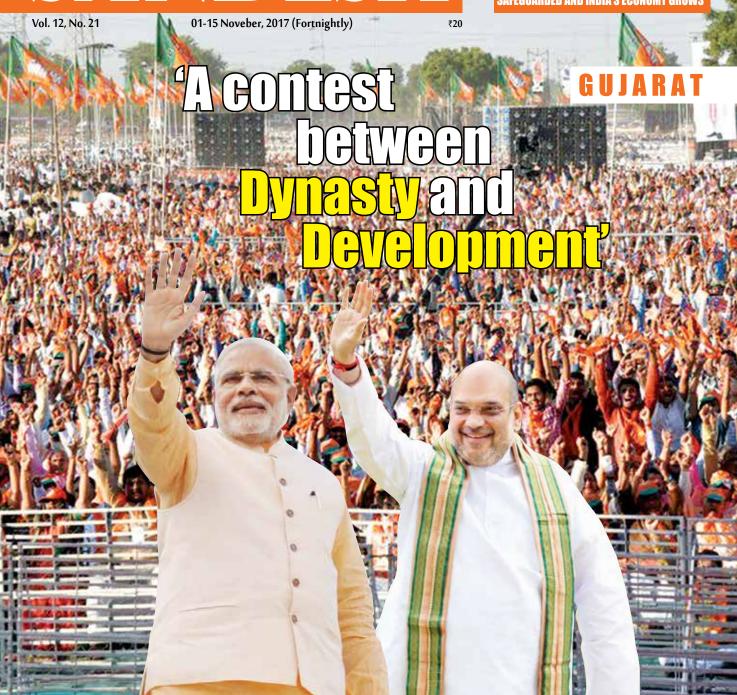




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PM MODI INAUGURATES FIRST ALL **INDIA INSTITUTE OF AYURVEDA** 

Grand view of Gujarat Gaurav Yatra concluding meeting in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. *Inset:* PM Shri Narendra Modi, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Gujarat CM Shri Vijay Rupani and Deputy CM Shri Nitin Patel waving at the crowed.







BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, Kerala BJP President Kummanam Rajasekharan and other senior BJP leaders participating in the concluding day of Janaraksha Yatra in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala







BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing a massive gathering in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala



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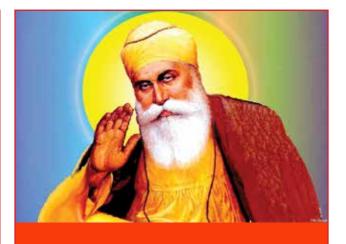


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Kamal Sandesh Parivar
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GURU NANAK JAYANTI
(04 November)
to its readers

# Big blow to doomsayers!

s people surged in massive numbers to attend 'Gujarat Gurarav Sammelan', the scenario of the coming assembly elections in Gujarat became clear. Those who expected to pose soem kind of challenge to BJP were given a message by the people who came forward to express their support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and cheered him for his vision for Gujarat and the development which has dawned on the state under his leadership. Similar responses are visible in Himachal Pradesh, people are coming out in large numbers to support BJP. The politics of performance and urge for development is winning over the Congress politics of dynasty, caste and corruption. People are realizing that the mantra of development is the only way out for the nation to move forward and attain greatness in the days to come. The affection and love of the people which Narendra Modi is getting is making him more determined in carrying forward his agenda of development across the nation. It is his vision and hard work which now inspires the nation in nurturing the aspirations which till a few years back was considered impossible to achieve. The achievements so far appear incredible for a country which just three years back was steeped in corruption, misrule and policy paralysis under Congress led UPA rule.

**TODAY WHILE** NARENDRA MODI AND BJP REPRESENTS HOPE, HARD WORK, POLITICAL WILL AND DETERMINATION TO TAKE INDIA TO **NEWER HEIGHTS MEETING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE** PEOPLE, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO PLUNGE NATION INTO PESSIMISM THROUGH THEIR **FALSE PROPAGANDA** AND MISLEADING ARGUMENTS.

Sometime back the nation suddenly witnessed a crop of doomsayers of the economy criticising the government for showing the political will and determination to implement economic policies set to transform the economy with an eye on longterm goals. They found an opportunity in the wake of some transitional pangs when the mammoth exercise to implement GST was started. It was already expected some short term confusions needed to be dispelled and need based corrective measures were required as part of the process. As the things stand now, the doomsayers have started to run for cover as these reforms are receiving praises across the world. World Bank President Jim Yong Kim while saying that GST will have a huge positive impact on the Indian economy felt slowdown in India's economic growth in first quarter was an "aberration" and mainly due to a temporary disruption caused by preparations for the GST. While echoing the same sentiments and expecting "a very solid track ahead for the Indian economy" IMF chief Christine Lagarde has said, "We very much hope that the combination of fiscal, because the deficit has been reduced, inflation has been down significantly, and the structural reforms will actually deliver the jobs that the Indian population, particularly the young Indian people expect in the future". Predicting on the same line the global financial services major Morgan Stanley has said that August IIP may improve as GST-related impact would wane. In almost all the reports Indian economy has been seen in positive light and won applauses for showing political will to undertake structural reforms.

Today while Narendra Modi and BJP represents hope, hard work, political will and determination to take India to newer heights meeting the aspirations of the people,

there are people who want to plunge nation into pessimism through their false propaganda and misleading arguments. The doomsayers are not the people who believe in genuine and constructive criticism of the public policies but are the ones who want to create doubts for their petty political gains. The doomsayers fail to understand that the politics of pessimism practised by them is further marginalizing them in Indian politics and pushing them to the periphery. Today India is rising as a confident nation which is ready to take bold steps under the charismatic leadership of Narendra Modi and willing to walk with the world with its head held high. The overwhelming support of the people across the nation is getting reflected in elections after elections and people are voting for BJP more resolutely than before. In such a scenario the people of Gujarat and Himachal are set to give yet another blow to the doomsayers!



# Gujarat elections a contest between dynasty and development: Narendra Modi

"The party also sacrificed its own leaders for dynasty politics. Former Chief Minister Madhavsinh Solanki who helped the party get a record number of seats in Gujarat, was made to resign to save one family," PM Shri Modi said. Continuing his speech, the PM said: "I was only a chief minister of Gujarat but they used all kinds of conspiracies to try and put me behind bars...they had resolved to put Shri Amit Shah behind bars in an attempt to trap me. But see the result today, where you are and where we are."

rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 16 October, 2017 said the upcoming Gujarat elections would be a contest between the politics of development pursued by Bharatiya Janata Party and the dynastic politics of the Congress.

PM Shri Narendra Modi's speech at Gujarat Gaurav Sammelan, a rally attended by more than 10 lakhs people on the outskirts of Ahmedabad set the tone for the party's election campaign in Gujarat. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah was also present

at the rally.

The Gujarat Gaurav Sammelan, marked the culmination of the Gaurav Yatra organized by the BJP, covering about 4,500km and 149 assembly seats in two phases of the state.

"The elections for us are about politics of development while for the rivals it is about promoting dynastic politics. And let me tell you that the politics of development will win," PM Shri Modi said in his hourlong speech.



The Prime Minister accused the Congress of having ill-treated leaders from the state, including India's first home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and former Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

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The PM hit out at Congress leaders for halting the development of the Narmada dam for ages and still finding the courage to question the BJP, which he said had worked towards completion of the ambitious project. "Sometimes they called us communal, sometimes we were called anti-Dalits and sometimes anti-tribals but they have failed miserably in their attempts... now when nothing works they have started criticizing us for development. Who says a village does not need roads or schools or that the urban poor do not require basic healthcare facilities? How is

it possible to achieve this without development," Shri Modi said.

Shri Modi further said BJP President Shri Amit Shah is the man of the match of our victories. I appreciate Amit Shah for taking the party to new heights. He is

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the most responsible for BJP's continuous wins; Amit Shah is the man of the match of our victories he said.

PM Shri Modi said that some opposition parties were looking to observe 08 November as Black Day to protest against the invalidation of high-value



banknotes on the same day last year. "This is because they are upset by the fact that their black money is gone," he said.

The PM also accused the Opposition of creating obstacles in the BJP's efforts for development, the way the demons disturbed the saints' "yajna" in earlier times. "While other parties believed in dynasties, muscle or money power, the BJP derived its strength from its dedicated workers." Without naming the Congress, Modi lambasted it for "stooping low", losing the capacity to think positively, fomenting negativism, and being biased towards Gujarat leaders, be it Sardar Patel, his daughter Maniben, Morarji Desai or even its own senior leader Madhavsinh Solanki who had to resign in the Bofors controversy. "Even Amitbhai(Shah) was jailed just to annoy me."

He accused the Congress with failing to complete the Narmada project just because Sardar Patel had conceived it, and charged the Opposition party of being "shameless, abusive and a liar".

"As the PM, I have dusted out 90 incomplete dam projects worth Rs.12 lakh crore pending from the Congress era."

Challenging the Congress on the issue of "Vikas", Shri Modi cautioned the people not to be "misled" on this. "The Congress has invented this issue as it has no other poll plank. If the Congress was right, why did a quarter of its MLAs leave it recently?"

Switching to Gujarati, the PM assured the business community to trust the BJP and its government's word on the issue of GST which, he said, had been approved by all political parties. "We are making efforts to sort out pending bottlenecks, if any, in periodical GST Council meetings." He also assured them that their old records will not be scrutinised again. "Some people are trying to incite honest businessmen."

He urged the people of North Gujarat not to forgive the Congress whose then Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, had opposed the bounty of Narmada waters released to the region without permission from the neighbouring State.

Shri Modi also questioned the Congress's reported move to observe Black Day on November 8 when demonetization was announced last year. "We are going to observe it as a Black Money Mukti Diwas".

He said, for the BJP, elections means "Vikasvaad" while for the Congress, the polls mean "Vanshvaad" (dynasticism). "We are going to win. And they are set to lose."

The 15-day Gaurav Yatra that started on 01 October has been the biggest mass outreach programme of the BJP, preceding elections due in December. The BJP, which won 115 seats in 2012, is targeting winning 150 seats or more.



"From 1995 to 2017, BJP has written a new definition for development. Today if someone wants to know what development is, they just have to look at Modi's development model of Gujarat," BJP President Shri Shah said at the event.

Addressing on the occasion BJP National President Shri Amit Shah gave a call to "weed out" the

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Congress and questioned Congress Vice-President Rahul Gandhi's claims on development, saying "I have recently laid the foundation stone for the District Collector's office in Amethi which has traditionally elected the Nehru-Gandhi family". Now you can imagine the pace of development during Congress

rule.

In his speech, Shri Amit Shah enumerated the achievements of Shri Narendra Modi as Gujarat CM and said as the PM the senior leader had ensured that his home state got Rs.1.58 lakh crore as per the 14th Finance Commission, a quantum jump from the Rs. 63,000 crore provided by the preceding 13th Finance Commission. "Our governments have reduced the 16% interest levied on farm loans until 1995 to zero per cent now."

The BJP president reminded party workers that, post-Diwali, our hard work can give us our targeted 150 seats, out of 182, in the Gujarat Assembly. "The BJP is like Angad Ka Pair in Gujarat. Nobody can unseat us!" he announced.

Gujarat Chief minister Shri Vijay Rupani, who was also present at the rally, in his address announced interest-free loans for Gujarat farmers up to Rs3 lakh.

Earlier, Shri Rupani said the State exchequer would incur a burden of over 700 crore following its decision to waive interest on farm loans. This would benefit 25 lakh farmers in the State, he said. So far, they were getting loans at an interest rate of 7 per cent. Of this, the Centre and the State bore 4 per cent and 2 per cent respectively by way of subsidy, respectively, while the farmer paid the balance 1 per cent interest, which has now been waived.



ddressing the valedictory session of BJP's Janraksha Yatra in Thiruvananthapuram, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said it was sad that people with differing political views were not being allowed to function in certain parts of Kerala even 70 years after Independence. The BJP president also slammed Kerala's Pinarayi Vijayan government, stating that the Left Front will be thrown out of power if it continues to indulge in politics of hatred and intolerance.

Addressing the valedictory session of the party's two-week-long Janraksha Yatra in the state capital, on 17 October, 2017 Shri Shah said, "I would like to ask the chief minister if the mandate he received from the people was for developing the state or liquidating his political opponents. It is sad that the maximum number of political murders in the state occurred in his district – Kannur. He has to take responsibility for this," the BJP President said, maintaining that there is no place for violence in a democracy.

"Violence is the trademark of communists, and political murders only multiplied after they came to power in Kerala. Thirty of our workers were killed when it was in power between 1996 and 2001; 28 were killed

between 2006 and 2011; and 13 were killed in the last one-and-a-half years," he said, adding that violence cannot curb the party's growth in the state.

Shri Shah also accused the ruling front of evolving a discreet understanding with the Congress. "There is a secret deal between the two, which is why no action has been taken against former chief minister Oommen Chandy despite his indictment by a judicial commission," he said.

The BJP President said the Left government will soon succumb to its own politics of violence, just like the Congress capitulated to its "legacy of corruption and dynastic politics". "The CPI(M) can unleash as much violence as it wants, but it can't stop our ideology. The more mud chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan slings, the better will the lotus bloom in Kerala," he said.

He also criticized CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury for objecting to the BJP organizing rallies outside the headquarters of rival parties. "We only talk about development, and that's because we are concerned about the country. But Yechury's party destroyed our state office using bombs," he said.

Noteworthy, Shri Amit Shah had flagged off the Janraksha Yatra from Kannur in north Kerala on 03

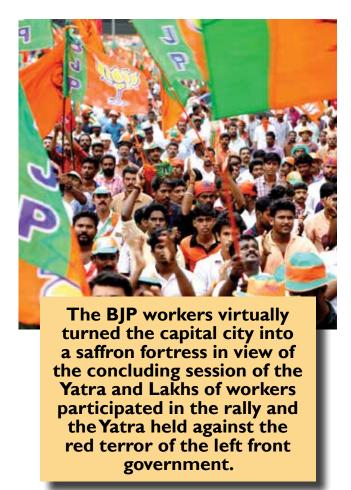
October, 2017 and joined the concluding session of the party's Janraksha Yatra at Thiruvananthapuram. The two-week-long campaign against "red and jihadi terror" triggered an intense war of words between the CPI(M) and the BJP in the state during this time.

National General Secretary (Organisation) Shri Ram Lal, Union Ministers Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Shri Pon Radhakrishnan; and Bharat Dharma Jana Sena (BDJS) President Shri Thushar Vellappally also spoke on the occassion.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF JANARAKSHA YATRA

- On the concluding day of the Janaraksha Yatra, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said this Yatra will focus attention on 'red and jihadi terror' in the Kerala
- Shri Amit Shah asked Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to explain why 14 BJP workers were killed in the State after his government came to power.
- If the Congress at the national level was imploding under the impact of 'corruption and family rule', the CPI(M) in Kerala would cease to exist due to its obsession with politics of violence.
- BJP President said the Yatra had rattled Mr. Vijayan.
- He should take the moral responsibility for killing Sangh Parivar workers in his home district Kannur, Shri Shah said.
- The BJP and the Centre are ready for a debate on development. Mr. Vijayan should clarify whether he is willing to take up the debate, Shri Amit Shah asked.
- Kerala BJP President Shri Rajasekharan said the CPI(M) had lost its moral ground to educate the BJP on the lessons of democracy and the politics of the





State would hereafter be known as one before and after the Yatra.

- Earlier Shri Amit Shah flags off The 'Janraksha Yatra' from the Gandhi statue in Payyannur (Kannur)
- Shri Shah also addressed a rally in the CPM bastion, and the home town of Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan, he held Vijayan responsible for the violence in the state.
- He said, "CPM leader and Kerala Chief Minister Vijayan is directly responsible for all political murders in Kerala".
- As many as 120 BJP workers, 84 in Kannur alone, have been killed in the state since 2001.
- 14 people were killed in Kannur since the CPM came to power last year, he said.
- BJP workers were victims of "political murders", he added
- He said BJP would use democratic means to fight Left rule in the state.



# BJP GOT A MASSIVE VICTORY WITH 1,311 SEATS, CONGRESS GETS 312

he results for the second phase of Maharashtra Gram Panchayat Elections were announced on 18 October, 2017. The Bharatiya Janata Party, which got majority of seats in the previous phases, won emphatically claiming a total of 1,311 seats and gained a huge support from rural Maharashtra as well.

The Congress party won only 312 seats. The Shiv Sena claimed victory on 295 seats while Sharad Pawar's NCP won 297 seats. Others managed to grab win in 453 seats.

Reacting to the results, Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked the people of Maharashtra for their "continued faith in the BJP".

In Sangli the BJP won 137seats whereas in Amravati 150 seats. In Nagpur and Kolhapur the saffron party secured 126 and 111 seats respectively. In Satara's Mayani village, Sachin Mohan Rao Gudage was elected as the Sarpanch. This is the first victory of BJP Sarpanch in that village in 60 years. 3,692 gram panchayats, spread over 16 districts, went to polls in the second phase. The BJP had registered an impressive victory in the first phase of Gram Panchayat Elections as well.

Reacting on BJP's victory in both phases of gram panchayat polls Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis said the party had emerged as @narendramodi Great result in Phase 2 of the Gram Panchayat polls! Thank you Maharashtra. The continued faith in BJP inspires us to work even harder.



the clear winner and the number of seats we won was much higher.

"In order to prove our victory and celebrate it, the BJP is holding a Sarpanch convention next month, which all our triumphant Sarpanches will attend. That will demonstrate the scale of our victory," Shri Fadnavis said.

State BJP President Shri Raosaheb Danve attributed the spectacular BJP victory to the policies of PM Shri Narendra Modi at the centre and CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis government in Maharashtra. Describing the results as a rural mandate for the BJP, Shri Danve said the BJP agenda of governance and development was coming good for the party.

# 71% Growth in Foreign Tourist Arrivals on E-Tourist Visa

inistry of Tourism compiles monthly estimates of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) & FTAs on e-Tourist Visa on the basis of Nationality-wise, Port-wise data received from Bureau of Immigration (BOI). As per the report the number of FTAs in September, 2017 was 7.23 lakh as compared to FTAs of 6.08 lakh in September, 2016 and 5.43 lakh in September, 2015.

The growth rate in FTAs in September, 2017 over September, 2016 is 18.8% compared to 12.1% in September, 2016 over September, 2015. The percentage share of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during September 2017 among the top 15 source countries was highest from Bangladesh (29.65%) followed by USA (10.24%), UK (7.04%), Sri Lanka (3.98%), Australia (3.50%), Malaysia (3.32%), Germany (2.57%), Japan (2.50%), China (2.46%), Canada (2.40%), Nepal (2.30%), France (1.86%), Singapore (1.77%), Rep. of Korea (1.40%)



and Afghanistan (1.21%).

During the month of September, 2017 total of 1.18 lakh tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 0.69 lakh during the month of September 2016 registering a growth of 71.0%. During January-September 2017, a total of 10.67 lakh tourist arrived on e-Tourist Visa as compared to 6.75 lakh during January- September 2016, registering a growth of 58.0%.

### **GOVERNMENT'S DIWALI GIFT TO THE SOLDIERS**

# Monthly fee of 500 will be 'Zero' and telephone charges of 5 per minute will be 1

oldiers and officers of various army and Paramilitary units like CRPF, BSF, BRO, ITBP, etc. are deployed in remote and far flung areas to protect Borders of India. The soldiers and officers are working day and night without bothering about difficult weather conditions and as they are posted away from their homes and headquarters, there is a constant requirement for them to speak to their family and also to their Headquarters. They use only DSPT service provided by BSNL because there is no other means of communications available in those areas.

The Minister of Communications Shri Manoj Sinha said that in order to use the facility of DSPT, the soldiers & officers at present are required to pay monthly fee of Rs.500/- and call charges of Rs.5/- per minute. But, looking at the requirement of Soldiers & Officers and also the heavy cost they have to incur for talking to their family members, government has taken an important decision on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. Shri Sinha said, from Diwali day (19th October, 2017), no monthly fee will be taken for using DSPT service. The current monthly fee of Rs.500/- will be 'Zero' from this day onwards he said. And also, the present telephone charges of Rs.5/-per minute are being reduced to Re.1/- per minute. With this special Diwali Gift from NDA Government at Center, Defence personnel can now talk without worrying for more expenses to their home and their Headquarter.

## Exports soar 26% in September to \$28.6 bn

ountry's exports increased by 25.67 per cent to \$28.61 billion in September on the back of rise in shipments of chemicals, petroleum and engineering products, official data released on 13 October, 2017 showed. Imports too rose by 18.09 per cent to \$37.6 billion in September from \$31.83 billion in the year-ago month, according to the data released by the commerce ministry.

Trade deficit stood almost flat at a seven-month low of \$8.98 billion in September 2017 against \$9 billion in September 2016. Gold imports dipped by 5 per cent to \$1.71 billion last month. Oil and non-oil imports grew by 18.47 per cent and 17.98 per cent to \$8.18 billion and \$29.4 billion, respectively in September.

Cumulative exports during April-September 2017-18 increased by 11.52 per cent to \$147.18 billion, while imports grew by 25.08 per cent to \$219.31 billion, leaving a trade deficit of \$72.12 billion. In continuation with positive growth exhibited by exports

- Trade deficit narrows to 7-month low of \$8.98 bn in Sept; exports rise 26%
- India-China trade balance agreement remain a non-starter after 3 years
- Exports rise 3.94% to \$22.54 bn in July; trade deficit widens to \$11.45 bn
- Trade deficit widens to 30-month high in May at \$13.8 bn
- Led by gold imports, May trade deficit jumps to 30-month high

for the last thirteen months, exports during September 2017 have shown growth of 25.67 per cent in dollar terms," the ministry said in a statement.

In September, petroleum, engineering and chemicals exports grew by 37 per cent, 44.24 per cent and 46 per cent, respectively.

### Over 69 lacs subscribers join Atal Pension Yojana

tal Pension Yojana currently has over 69 lacs subscribers with contribution of Rs. 2690.00 crores. Chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) however emphasized the need of increasing the pension coverage in India at a recently concluded conference on Atal Pension Yojana.

A large section of the society still does not have access to pensions and this is a cause of concern for PFRDA and Government. On an average, a little less than 2% of the eligible population is covered under APY and hence a lot has to be done to provide people a regular access to old age income.

While the government has a pension scheme for the BPL persons but the amount is meager and is not sufficient for old age needs. 9% of the population of India, i.e 110 million people is over 60 years and by 2030 this figure is expected to cross 180 million. The 60 plus age groups is the fastest growing demographic in the country. With increase in longevity of the people, disintegration of the joint family system in India, there is greater need for old age income than ever before. Currently pension benefits are available in India basically to the organised sector.

Atal Pension Yojana introduced in 2015 by Modi Government provides a self- contributory savings pension scheme with guaranteed pension of Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- with a very low contribution by the subscriber. All banks and Department of Post have pushed the product to the interiors of the country. APY has option for increasing the pension amount from Rs. 1000/- to any other amount up to Rs. 5000/- as per the savings capacity of the subscriber, and further allows the spouse to continue the account in the event of the death of the subscriber before the age of sixty years. PFRDA has also been engaging with various State Governments for providing co-contribution under the scheme. With the introduction of e-APY through Aadhaar, the banks will be able to effectively utilise the digital platform for greater coverage.

# Wholesale inflation eases to 2.6% in September as food items soften

he annual rate of Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation eased to 2.60 per cent in September 2017 as prices of food articles, led by vegetables, softened.

Compared with the same month last year, however, the rate of inflation saw an increase from 1.36 per cent in September 2016. The government data released on 16 October, 2017 showed that inflation in food articles tapered to 2.04 per cent during the month, against 5.75 per cent in August on an yearly basis. Inflation in vegetable prices cooled to 15.48 per cent in September, against a high of 44.91 per cent the previous month.

Onion prices, however, continued to rule high, with 79.78 per cent increase in September. In the egg, meat and fish segment, the rate of price rise was 5.47 per cent. Inflation in manufactured products witnessed a slight increase to 2.72 per cent, against 2.45 per cent in August. In the fuel and power segment, inflation cooled to 9.01 per cent, against 9.99 per cent in August. Fuel inflation has remained high in the past two months, as petrol and diesel prices have continued to rule high

relentlessly on global crude oil rates, while power rates have shot up on lower domestic production.

Pulses continued to witness deflation, at 24.26 per cent. Similarly, potato saw a deflation at 46.52 per cent and wheat at 1.71 per cent.

The final print of July WPI inflation remained unchanged from the provisional estimate of 1.88 per cent. Data released earlier this week had shown retail inflation at 3.28 per cent in September, unchanged from August, even as vegetable and cereal prices softened. Besides, industrial production grew at a nine-month-high rate of 4.3 per cent in August, mainly on account of robust performance of mining and power sectors coupled with higher capital goods output.

Earlier this month, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had kept benchmark interest rate unchanged on fears of rising inflation while lowering growth forecast to 6.7 per cent for the current financial year. It also raised its inflation forecast to a range of 4.2 to 4.6 per cent during remainder of current fiscal as against 4 to 4.5 per cent previously.

# Cabinet nod for Rs. 6,655 crore schemes to boost Skill India Mission

n a major boost to Skill India Mission, the Union cabinet on 11 October, 2017 approved two schemes envisaging an investment of Rs. 6,655 crore and gave nod to a proposal to send 3 lakh youth to Japan for on-job training.

Briefing reporters about the Cabinet meeting, Union Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said the two schemes Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) and Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) will be supported by World Bank. SANKALP and STRIVE are outcome focused schemes marking a shift in government's implementation strategy in vocational



education and training from inputs to results. Shri Pradhan said Indian recruits will receive training in Japan for a period of three to five years. They will get accommodation and job opportunities in Japan.

# Ideal Swayamsevak

#### MADHAVRAO MULEY

### **HE LIVED HIS PHILOSOPHY**

eendayalji not only advocated Integral Humanism, he also lived up to it. No philosophy can spread in our society unless life is led according to it. The most obvious experience these days is that people talk of big things but do not live according to them. At least in the political field this effort is not seen. As it is, such an effort is also not made in our social life, but its absence in political life has the greatest impact on the society, because today our political leaders have become the leaders of the

society. Those who hold political power are considered ideal beings.

These days we talk of a revolution in this country. We say we want to build a new society. But what sort of a new society we do want to build? Do we want an American society or a Russian one? What are our ideals? When we think upon these things we must not forget to ponder upon Deendayalji's Integral Humanism. For we want the reconstruction of our society on the basis of our own ideals. But Bharatiya ideals will not

necessarily mean accepting everything that is old. Those who equate our ideals with everything old do so only on the basis of their study of western books and cannot be called intellectuals. During the last one thousand years our cultural traditions became vitiated by certain deficiencies, and this led to our becoming a slave nation. But we have had a glorious history for thousands of years before this period. During that period our country had attained glorious heights of progress in various fields of science and art, from mathematics and astronomy to music and sculpture. Foreigners have

stayed here for years together to study this glorious history. Then should we take pride in all this glorious past or should we spend our life in condemning what crept into our life during the it one thousand years? That is the basic question.

#### SENSE OF SELF-RESPECT

A society that keeps thinking only of its deficiencies will never make progress. A society that takes pride in condemning its ancestors, its scriptures and its culture, and says that everything ours is bad while everything belonging to others is good can never rise. It is obsessed with self-denigration and has lost all sense of self-respect. Not that we want to preserve our faults. We



must endeavour to remove them, but there is nothing bad about taking pride in what is good within us.

Without this sense of self-respect we cannot assimilate Integral Humanism. We can understand Deendayalji's philosophy only if we have deep loyalty to our great culture. This philosophy, which is a great gift of a great man to this country, merits deep thought.

My sincere homage to revered Deendayalji.

(Concluding part of the article)

(Based on speech delivered by Shri Madhavrao Muley, Sarkaryawaha of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, on the occasion of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Birthday Celebrations at Simla on 25th September, 1977)

# 'Rajniti ke Ajatshatru'-Kailashpati Mishra



hri Kailashpati Mishra (05 October, 1923 - 03 November, 2012) was a great social servant and political leader. He was leader of the BJP and a former Governor of Gujarat and Rajasthan. He was born in Dudharchak, Buxar, Bihar on 05 October, 1923. He was a bachelor and popularly called the "Bhishmapitamah" of Bihar BJP. In the political circle people also called Shri Kailashpati Mishra as 'Rajniti ke Ajatshatru'. Shri Kailashii always maintained a cordial relation even with the leaders of other parties.

He was affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) from 1944 onwards, and was even jailed after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. He took part in the Quit India Movement in 1942 and was arrested for the same and was associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh from 1943. He won the Assembly election for Bikram, Patna, and was Finance Minister in Bihar Government led by Janata Party, Shri Mishra was appointed Bihar's Finance Minister in 1977-78 when the Janata Party government was in power.

Shri Kailashpati Mishra died on 03 November, 2012 at the age of 89, in Patna, Bihar.

#### POLITICAL JOURNEY

- Shri Mishra had served as finance minister in the government of Karpoori Thakur in Bihar in 1977. In 1980, he became the first Bihar BJP President.
- He also served as BJP National Vice-President from 1995 to 2003.
- While studying in class X, Shri Mishra was arrested for picketing at the main gate of his school at Buxar in support of 1942 Quit India Movement.

# Ro-Ro Ferry Service & Its Impact on Transportation and Logistics

India has nearly 14,500 Km of navigable Inland Waterways and around 7,517 Km of coastline, which on being developed effectively for transportation purpose, shall help decongest roads and rail networks and offer multiplier effect to the overall economic development of regions.

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rime Minister Narendra Modi's launch of the first of its kind, state of the art Ro-Ro Ghogha-Dahej and subsequently Hazira project (in phase-2) marks the beginning of a radical transformation of the transportation and logistics sector in India. The logistic costs in India are extremely high and tapping the full potential of waterways will provide a huge impetus to movement of people, goods, commodities and vehicles. By reducing cost and time this will have an immensely beneficial impact on India's manufacturing and exports. For example, the highly challenging infrastructure project of Ro-Ro ferry plying the Gulf of Khambhat between peninsular Saurashtra and South Gujarat will reduce the time of travel from 8 hours to a mere 1 hour and the distance would be reduced to 31 km from the current distance of 360 km.

India has nearly 14,500 Km of navigable Inland Waterways and around 7,517 Km of coastline, which on being developed effectively for transportation purpose, shall help decongest roads and rail networks and offer multiplier effect to the overall economic development of regions. Coastal shipping and inland water transport are fuel efficient, environment friendly and cost effective modes of transportation, especially for bulk goods. Emissions from container vessels range from 32-36 g CO2 per ton-km while from heavy duty road transport vehicles it ranges from 51-91g CO2 per ton-km. Also the road transportation on average costs Rs. 1.5 per ton-km, for railways it is Rs. 1.0 per ton-km, for waterways it would be 25 to 30 paisa per ton-km only. One litre of fuel can move 24 ton-km cargo through road transport and 85 ton-km through rail transport, while it can move as much as much as 105 ton-km through water transport. These figures strengthen the assertion that waterway offers a much more economical and



environmentally friendly mode of transportation vis-àvis surface transportation. Country can save \$50 billion per year if logistics costs reduce from 14 per cent to 9 per cent of GDP. Reduced logistics costs would in return bring down prices of products.

Out of total stretch of navigable inland waterways in India, nearly 5,200 Km (36%) of major rivers and around 485 Km (3%) of canals are conducive to the movement of mechanized vessels. Inland waterways provide several advantages over rail and road transportation by virtue of their operational cost effectiveness (60-80% lower per ton-km), lower environmental impact, convenient interoperability and fewer issues in relation to land acquisition and infrastructure development. Currently only 4,500 Km of inland waterways is being commercially utilized and waterways carry less than 1% of domestic cargo in India.

Government's objective has been to develop and operate inland waterways transportation by working towards harnessing this tremendous potential under National Waterways Act 2016. For the holistic development of India's coastline, the Government has launched 'Sagarmala' program in March 2015 and a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for the comprehensive development of India's coastline has been prepared



under it.

Roll-on & Roll-off ("Ro-Ro") waterways projects comprise of Ro-Ro ships/vessels which are designed to carry wheeled cargo, such as cars, trucks, semi-trailer trucks, trailers and railroad cars that are driven on and off the ship on their wheels or using a platform vehicle. It also comprises of jetties, with related port terminal and approach connectivity infrastructure. While passenger jetties are used solely to ferry passengers, Ro-Ro jetties have built-in or have shore-based ramps that allow the cargo to be efficiently rolled on and off the vessel when in port. The Ro-Ro project in Gujarat will be able to carry up to 100 vehicles (cars, buses and trucks) and 250 passengers between the two terminals. Historically with limited alternatives available road transport in the region has always been congested and packed. Also as the Ro-Ro ferry operator have proposed fares which are at par with prevalent bus fares, the facility shall provide the much needed respite to the passengers in the region.

In India, various Ro-Ro projects in Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala have the potential to fully open-up the vast potential of India's interior areas which have been geographically disadvantaged. Linking up with waterways will transform this disadvantage into a massive advantage.

Most of these Ro-Ro projects in India are being implemented either on EPC mode, with operation and maintenance being undertaken by the State Government or, with more recent projects like the one in Maharashtra, on Public Private Partnership (DBFOT) mode with construction, along with operation and maintenance being undertaken by the private concessionaire. In view of the global competition for pricing of goods and the need to bring about social and economic prosperity to regions, it is imperative that the Government develops integrated and efficient modes of transportation system comprising of several layers, each of which needs to be developed in an vibrant and efficient manner. One such layer of transportation is waterways.

One of the key attributes of the investment in water based transportation is that, unlike many land-based transport systems which require complex land acquisition, rights-of-way, resettlement and other issues, the water based transportation project proposal is a relatively straightforward initiative. It also steers clear of many legal, regulatory, social and environmental issues which normally affect other transport projects.

Further, under a PPP-DBFOT model the concessionaire receives berthing charges from ferry operators, and parking revenue at terminal. A Ro-Ro project in India, due to infrastructure constraints and overall population and economic growth, generates a project IRR in excess of 10% and is thereby financially viable on a standalone level. However, these projects have huge multiplier impact and should therefore be looked at from the perspective of economic and social rate of return. The State Governments can therefore consider awarding of new Ro-Ro projects to private parties on PPP-DBFOT model, while the existing operational projects can be awarded under PPP-Reverse-BOT model. Under a suitable PPP model, the Government retains the ownership and control of critical national infrastructure, while at the same time it reduces the financing burden on the Government and improves the operational efficiency of the asset. In green field projects the terminals need to be constructed by the government so as to make operations commercially feasible for private sector.

Ro-Ro services are also planned to be implemented by Indian Railways on rails too. Indian Railways is launching Ro-Ro service in Bihar for cargo vehicles and in Tripura for petro product. In all these Ro-Ro projects the Government is simultaneously also planning and preparing itself for provision of concrete bridge infrastructure in due course as and when the traffic volume justifies the investment.

The latest, World Bank report 2016, on Logistic Performance Index ("LPI"), now ranks India at 35thposition as against 54th rank it occupied in the previous report published in early 2014. In order to improve on its LPI ranking further, provisions of integrated mobility across different modes are being prioritized. It is also proposed to adopt superior standard engineering consultancy services and a suitable model for project implementation in order to optimally allocate risks and rewards among the stakeholders. With this the government shall be able to increase the efficacy of transport project implementation across the nation. As the Prime Minister said this will reduce India's dependence on import of diesel and petrol and take India to a new trajectory of growth. It will create over one crore job opportunities and give a boost to tourism and transport sector.

(The writer is CEO of NITI Aayog)

# "GST becomes even simpler, ensuring interests of our citizens are safeguarded and India's economy grows"

GST is changing the way businesses is being done in India. For the consumer, it will reduce prices, for the Government it would mean increased revenue collection and creation of a simpler system to administer through GST network (GSTN).



#### GOPAL KRISHNA AGRAWAL

t is now 100 day that Goods and Services Tax (GST) has been successfully rolled out. It is a landmark reform that will transform Indian economy by creating One Market One Tax. Agriculture sector and manufacturing sectors were reeling under fragmented markets. In addition manufacturing sector was bogged down by multiplicity of taxes and lack of Ease of Doing Business (EODB). Complexity of indirect taxes, inspector raj, harrasment of registration and filing returns physically and running around for assessment & refunds and corruption thereoff, have all been removed. The process is online transparent and automatic.

GST is changing the way businesses is being done in India. For the consumer, it will reduce prices, for the Government, it would mean increased revenue collection and creation of a simpler system to administer through GST network (GSTN). Conceptually, GST does away with the multiplicity of tax structures subsuming about 13 central and

state taxes. We are looking at an objective, online, transparent and compliant tax system.

The complete online structure of GST Network, after full implementation, by December 2017, will bring EODB. Once, initial transactions are uploaded into the system, either online or even offline, other informations will be transmitted automatically. With registration, returns, assessment and refund without tax personnel intervention, the day to day life of businessmen will become hastle free.

Demonetisation has pushed people to move business transactions to banking channels, establishing audit trail. This has been a prerequisite for successful implementation of GST. Once the full benefits of GST, such as Input Tax Credit (ITC) and removal of the cascading effects of tax from Maximum Retail Price (MRP) are implemented, consumer prices will come down. With better tax compliance, government can lower indirect tax rates. This indication has already been given by Union Finance Minister.

There has been some criticism on some issues regarding implementation of GST. There is also lot



of misinformation being circulated on social media, therefore we should be careful about them. Many people are quoting wrong figure of Rs 65000 crores as ITC demand, although the returns for claim of ITC has not yet been filed. All these assumption of demand of tax credit are based on Interstate GST figures (IGST) alone and wrong estimation.

Current government is the most proactive government the country had anytime. We are never in denial mode. Prime Minister has his ears to the ground and is always ready to listen and adopt. Prime Minister very graciously indicated at the Institute of Company Secretary (ICSI) function, about the changes in GST laws to accommodate some of these demands.

The 22nd meeting of GST council brought in major changes making GST more people friendly with active public participation, these changes will give major boost to EODB for small and medium entrepreneurs and will unlock new possibilities for these entrepreneurs. These changes will also provide significant relief to the exporters. Council has revised GST rates favourably on 27 items of common use in textiles, manufacturing sector including various yarns, parts of diesel engines, pumps etc. These steps will definitely empower farmers and poor sections of society.

Increasing the turnover threshold for composite scheme from Rs 75 lacs to Rs 1 crore will give further relief to the small businesses. Difficult provisions with regards to Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) and Tax Collected at Source (TCS) have been put on hold and will be operationalised from 1st April, 2018. Even the services provided by goods transport agencies to unregistered persons have been exempted from GST, one of the major demand from transport sector. Demand for suspension of Reverse Change Mechanism (RCM) has been agreed upon and RCM under CGST and IGST have been suspended till 31st March 2018. Now there is no need to pay GST at time of reciept of advances on sale of goods for taxpayers with turnover up to Rs 1.5 crore. Small service providers with trunover of less than Rs 20 lacs per annum have been exempted from registration even if they are providing inter-state taxable services.

Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley said at an international forum that, under GST the government has unveiled attractive schemes to ensure that the

non-compliant in India become compliant. The obvious problem for some, in the GST, is that the noncompliant are going to eventually come in to the tax net. Data has shown that almost 95 % of the tax is just being paid by 400,000 accesses. And there is a need to continue to expand the tax base at the bottom itself. This is what demonetization and GST is accomplishing.

He further said that, 'India's transition to the GST regime has been fairly smooth despite attempts by ill-informed opposition leaders to derail its implementation', he further said that, 'Many attempts have been made by political groups to derail the GST, but I am glad that their own state governments are not listening to them because they know 80 % of the money from GST is going to come to states'. Even the states are being encouraged towards competitive

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federalism and the government is also taking up the ranking of state based on EODB.

The GST Council is India's first genuine federal institution, which meets every month, reviews the monthly situation and takes the final decisions. The global integration of the Indian economy is happening at a time when other economies are becoming more and more protectionist. India is now a better place to do business, because of the series of steps being taken by the government in the last three years. We are sure that with mega structural reforms like GST being, implemented India is now capable of taking big decisions and implementing them at a large-scale.

(The writer is BIP National Spokesperson on Economic Affairs)

# My government's schemes are implemented within time: PM Narendra Modi

rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 14 October, 2017 said his government ensures the schemes launched by it are implemented within a time limit, unlike in the past when projects were announced during election time and forgotten later.

Shri Modi deplored the thinking of many political leaders that projects like roads were not meant for the poor. "We cannot imagine the extent to which this mindset has damaged the country."

The Prime Minister was addressing a gathering after launching development projects relating to highways and sewage treatment in Mokama, about 100 km from Bihar capital Patna.

Bihar Governor Shri Satyapal Malik, Union Ministers Shri Nitin Gadkari and Ram Vilas Paswan and Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar were among those present at the programme.

Shri Modi began his nearly 30-minute speech in Magahi dialect and praised the people of Mokama. He recalled the city's connection with the warrior sage Parashuram.

He also recalled the contributions of poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar and Bihar's first Chief Minister Shri Krishna Singh, pointing that both of them hailed from Begusarai just across the Ganges.

Underscoring his government's commitment to boost inland water transport, the PM said during the British era, "when we had excellent waterways, Mokama was known as 'mini Kolkata'. We must revive the lost glory".

"My government is working tirelessly to provide better road, rail and internet connectivity and power connections and potable water to all. We have launched many schemes with these specific targets in mind," he said.

The Prime Minister said his government launches schemes keeping a roadmap ready and ensures implementation within time limit, unlike past regimes, "which were in the habit of announcing projects during election time, only to forget about these later".

Extending his greetings for Diwali and Chhath -



Bihar's most celebrated festival which falls six days later, Shri Modi said "once the Ganges is cleansed of pollutants, for which we have launched a special project called 'Namami Gange', it would be a real delight to observe the austerities of Chhath".

The PM lauded Shri Nitin Gadkari, who holds the surface and transport ministry, for expanding India's road network. He also had a word of praise for Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar for his cooperation and his concern for the initiatives taken by the Centre.

Shri Kumar urged Shri Modi to undertake key projects like a bridge parallel to the 'Vikramshila Setu' over the Ganges in Bhagalpur and a direct road connecting Buxar with Varanasi, which is the prime minister's parliamentary constituency.

He also recalled his connection with Mokama, which forms a part of the Barh Lok Sabha seat, which he has represented a number of times in the parliament.

Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Modi said this was the "first time in 27 years when the same dispensation rules both at the Centre and in Bihar." To use an expression of the Prime Minister, Bihar now has two engines to propel it on the path towards progress, Shri Sushil Modi said.

Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister attended a function held to celebrate 100 years of establishment of Patna University followed by a brief, unscheduled visit to the newly-opened Bihar Museum.

# Morgan Stanley bets on India, says world's fastest growing economy to grow 10% per year for 10 years

organ Stanley's report says that India's economy will grow by more than 10% annually in the coming decade, buoyed by demographics, reforms and globalization. According to the global research firm, India, which was already on its way to growing at a brisk pace over the next decade, has found excellent growth triggers due to two major initiatives—digitizing its predominantly cash-based economy and reforming its archaic tax system— "which have the potential to amplify India's expansion, making it one of the

world's fastest-growing large economies over the next 10 years," says a report.

"The country was already on a strong trajectory, but digitization puts India's nominal **GDP** growth on track to compound annually by more than 10% in U.S. dollar terms over the coming decade," says Anil Agarwal, Head of Asian Financial Research at Morgan Stanley. "The result could be a multitrillion-dollar opportunity, he observed.

Earlier last month, Ridham Desai, Head of

Equity Research and India Equity Strategist at Morgan Stanley said, "We estimate that digitization will provide a boost of 50-75 basis points to GDP growth and forecast that India will grow to USD 6 trillion economies and achieve upper-middle income status by 2026-27."

Not just the GDP, Morgan Stanley also estimates benchmark Sensex to cross the 1 lakh-mark by 2028. According to it, Indian stock markets are likely to remain robust as a stronger economic growth should drive stronger corporate earnings growth. The global brokerage firm noted that there is scope for visible shifts in economic activity starting in 2018 which would eventually lead India to be the top five equity

"We believe Internet access will double in the next 10 years and we estimate that 915 million Indians will be on the Internet by 2026," says Ridham Desai, Head of India Research. Further, Morgan Stanley sees demographics as a further boost to digitization.



India has among the highest numbers of young people entering the work-force over the next two decades. "These individuals are not attached to old banking habits and they will have access to mobile phones and smart phones," it says. Finally Morgan Stanley says, "We expect India to continue to be among the world's best-performing markets, with a potential 24% CAGR in U.S.-dollar returns over the coming five years."

# PM Modi inaugurates first All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi



he Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17 October, 2017 dedicated the All India Institute of Ayurveda, in New Delhi to the nation. Speaking on this occasion, the Prime Minister congratulated the gathering on the celebration of Dhanvantari Jayanti as Ayurveda Divas. He complimented the Ministry of AYUSH for the establishment of the All India Institute of Ayurveda.

Shri Narendra Modi said that Ayurveda is not just a medical practice, but encompasses public health and environment health as well. That is why the Government has laid stress on integrating Ayurveda, Yoga and other AYUSH systems into the public healthcare system.

He said that the Government is working towards establishing an Ayurveda hospital in every district of the country. He said that more than 65 AYUSH hospitals have been developed in the last three years.

The Prime Minister said that herbal and medicinal plants can be a significant source of income, globally, and India should leverage its capabilities in this regard. He said the Union Government has approved 100 percent FDI in healthcare systems.

Shri Modi said that the Government is focused on

providing affordable healthcare for the poor. He said the stress has been on preventive healthcare, and improving affordability and access to treatment. He said Swachhata – or cleanliness – is a simple mechanism of preventive healthcare. He said the Union Government has got 5 crore toilets built in three years.

The All India Institute of Ayurveda, set up on a total area of 10.015 acres on a budget of Rs 157 crore, is the first medical institute under the AYUSH ministry to hold the coveted National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) accreditation.

Set up as an apex institute under the Ministry of AYUSH, the AllA will bring in the synergy between traditional wisdom of Ayurveda and modern diagnostic tools and technology, Minister of State for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik said on the occassion.

"In a short time, the AIIA has gained wide national and international recognition. It has started working towards facilitating quality patient care and research, bridging gaps in scientific information about quality, safety and efficacy of Ayurveda products, and developing benchmarks of Ayurvedic education, research and healthcare," Shri Naik said.



The present clinical specialties of hospital block include neurological and degenerative disease care unit, rheumatology and musculoskeletal care unit, diabetes and metabolic/allergic disorders care unit, Yoga, Panchakarma clinic, Kriya Kalpa, diabetic retinopathy clinic and infertility clinic. It also has pathology, biochemistry, microbiology and radiology laboratories and diagnosis facilities.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PM'S SPEECH**

- Let's take the vow of living for Ayurveda, says PM Shri Modi.
- We respect every healthcare system and want the growth of all.
- The government wants that the poor to get access to India's healthcare system.
- More investment is needed in this sector for better growth, says PMModi. He appeals to the private sector to contribute towards the development of yoga and Ayurveda by contributing parts of their CSR funds.
- PM Modi says India's coastal areas should be explored for new discoveries in the field.
- The farming of medicinal plants will give new employment opportunities.
- Herbal medicines are becoming popular worldwide.
- Need research on medicines providing instant relief without side effects, says PM Shri Modi.
- Better and modern packaging of Ayurvedic medicines required.

- PM Modi supports certificate after every level of Ayurveda education.
- PM Modi says the existing ayurveda education structure should be revisited.
- The supporting chains of ayurveda must be developed, says PM Shri Modi.
- Ayurveda and yoga can be effective for our soldiers, says PM Modi, adding that it can boost their immunity.
- There's a long list of benefits of ayurveda, says PM Modi, adding people are showing interest in traditional medicines.
- Expect an environment of wellness so that people don't have to visit hospitals, says PM Shri Modi.
- PM Modi hopes that the All India Institute of Ayurveda will become popular in the coming days.
- In every district of this country, there must be a good hospital having links with traditional treatment, says PM Shri Modi.
- PM Modi talks about the government's efforts in integrating traditional medicinal practices and the modern healthcare.
- Yoga has spread across the world and the AYUSH ministry has done a good job, says PM Shri Modi.
- We forgot our legacy for a long time...but now we have started remembering it again, says PM Shri Modi.
- No country can't progress by forgetting its legacy, says PM Shri Modi.
- A country can't move forward if it isn't proud of its legacy, says PM Shri Modi.

# Himachal Pradesh Assembly Election 2017: BJP releases full list of candidates

he Bharatiya Janata Party, released its first list of candidates on 18 October, 2017 for the Assembly election to be held on 09 November, 2017. The party held several meetings, twice with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and thrice with BJP National President Shri Amit Shah, to come up with a list of candidates for the 68-member House.

The Election Commission had announced the poll schedule for Himachal Pradesh on 12 October. The votes will be cast in one phase on 09 November.

Counting of votes will take place on 18 December. The filing of nomination will start on 16 October. The last date for filing nomination is 23 October. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be held on October 24 while the last date for withdrawal of nomination is 26 October.

Noteworthy, in 2012, the Assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh were also held in one phase on 04 November. The results were announced on 20 December.

# Central government set to give legal status to domestic workers in the country

he Labour and Employment Ministry, Government of India is set to give legal status to domestic workers in the country by formulating a national policy that will ensure minimum wages and equal remuneration for around 47.5 lakh domestic workers in India including 30 lakh women.

"The aim is to explicitly and effectively expand the scope of applicable legislations, policies and schemes to grant domestic workers rights that are enshrined in laws for other category of workers," the ministry said in a notice, seeking comments from the public on the policy.

According to the notice, a national policy would facilitate recognition of domestic help as 'workers,' with the right to register with the state labour department. "Ministry of labour and employment is considering formulating a national policy for domestic workers under which part-time, full-time and live-in workers, employers, private placement agencies will be clearly defined," the ministry said.

An institutional mechanism will be set up to provide for social security cover, fair terms of employment, grievance redressal and dispute resolution for domestic workers. Besides, the policy will seek to regulate recruitment and placement agencies to avoid any harassment.

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- The policy will seek to regulate recruitment and placement agencies to avoid any harassment.

Placement agencies charge a certain proportion of domestic workers' salary every month, over and above one-time fees they charge from the employer for providing such help. The new policy, though, is likely to make it mandatory for placement agencies to charge a one-time 15-day salary from domestic workers and in turn provide them with social security cover, including medical and health insurance.

"The policy aims to promote right to fair terms of employment relating to minimum wages, protection from abuse/harassment and violence, access to social security benefits such as health insurance, maternity benefits and old age pensions as provided by existing and upcoming schemes of central and state government, which may include contribution from employer/workers," the notice said.

# World Bank President lauds PM Modi's reform agenda

orld Bank President Jim Yong Kim on 12 October, 2017 lauded reforms by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and indicated it would be reflected in India's ranking in the Ease of Doing Business report. "Prime Minister Modi took a very different approach to the Doing Business report and took substantial reforms. We are very encouraged by this," he said in response to a question by BusinessLine.

While declining to give a policy prescription for India as the "government has already prioritized its agenda", Kim said that economic growth in the medium and long term will reflect the progress from the reforms.

He said that GST will be good for Indian economy. "Companies are waiting for it to stabilize before taking more action on investments and expansion," he said. "India has been talking about GST for a long time,"



he noted, adding that the GST will boost growth as it will cut down delays in truck movement and integrate the country into a national market.

Addressing a press conference at the launch of the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, Kim said the global economy is picking up and trade is also increasing but private investment remains weak.

# British Finance Minister Reposes faith in Indian reforms, says note ban, GST will drive growth

eposing faith in Indian economy, British Finance Minister Philip Hammond on 14 October, 2017 said that the twin exercises of demonetization and GST implementation after temporary negative impact on the GDP would

be strong supporters or drivers of higher growth.

Hammond, after a meeting with his Indian counterpart Shri Arun Jaitley on the sidelines of the ongoing World Bank and IMF annual meetings, said that the India story remains engaging for UK as the country leaves the European Union for bigger trade relations.

Backing the reform measures initiated by PM Shri Modi, he said, "The reform measures including demonetization and GST -- both are welcome moves



and their impact will start showing. We fully back these measures initiated by PM Shri Modi and his Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley."

He added that the current government in India has taken considerable steps on improving the

ease of doing business.

Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, addressing a group of investors, had said, "We can't expect investment and have too many conditions lined up at the same time. India consistently is figuring among improved nations with ease of doing business."

On relations with India, Hammond said, "The India story remains engaging for UK. UK remains committed to partnership with India as we leave the European Union for bigger trader relations."

# Indian Economy on 'Very Solid Track': International Monetary Fund Chief

MF chief Christine Lagarde on October 15, 2017 said the Indian economy is on a "very solid track" in the mid-term. "We believe that India is for the medium and long-term on a growth track that is much more solid as a result of the structural reforms that have been conducted in India in the last couple of years," the IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said. Describing the two major recent reforms in India - the note ban and Goods and Services Tax (GST) - as a monumental effort, Ms Lagarde said it is hardly surprising that there "is a little bit of a short-term slowdown" as a result. "But for the medium term, we see a very solid track ahead for the Indian economy," she said to a question on India.

"We very much hope that the combination of fiscal, because the deficit has been reduced, inflation has been down significantly, and the structural reforms

- Long-term growth track much more solid, she says
- A little bit of a short-term slowdown was not surprising.
- Structural reforms will actually deliver the jobs



will actually deliver the jobs that the Indian population, particularly the young Indian people expect in the future," Ms Lagarde said. ■

## Pranab Mukherjee praises PM Narendra Modi

ormer President Shri Pranab Mukherjee has lavished praise on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, saying he has a 'unique capacity to work very hard'.

Speaking to a mediapersons Shri Mukherjee said while the current Prime Minister has a "unique capacity to work very hard", it is complemented with a strong determination to achieve his goals.

PM Modi has clarity of vision – he knows what he wants to achieve and he works hard to achieve that, Shri Mukhrjee told. He said Shri Modi has managed to capture the intricacies of administration, political dynamics and foreign policy despite having no prior experience of being in Parliament.

"One should remember, it was not easy for him coming straight from the state not even serving the Parliament as a member for few years," Shri Mukherjee said.

Shri Mukherjee referred to Shri Narendra Modi's decision to invite the heads of governments of SAARC



countries for his swearing-in in May 2014, and said it showed his grasp of neighbourhood relations. "This was a unique suggestion and I readily agreed," the former President said.

In fact, PM Shri Modi had written a farewell letter to me which touched my heart, he said.

# PM inaugurates Birth Centenary Celebration of Nanaji Deshmukh

he Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on October 11, 2017 attended the inauguration of the birth centenary celebration of Nanaji Deshmukh at Pusa in New Delhi.

The Prime Minister visited an exhibition on the theme "technology and rural life." The exhibition showcases good practices and applications, as well as schemes and initiatives of the Ministry of Rural Development. He interacted with some innovators and beneficiaries.

The Prime Minister offered floral tributes to Nanaji Deshmukh and Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan. He released a commemorative postage stamp on Nanaji Deshmukh.

Shri Modi launched the DISHA Portal - a smart governance tool developed for MPs and MLAs for monitoring of implementation of various Programmes and Schemes of different Ministries in their constituency through a single portal. As on date, integration of datasets of 41 programmes and schemes of 20 Ministries has been achieved on this Portal.

He also launched Gram Samvaad - a citizen centric mobile app to serve and empower the rural citizens of India, by facilitating single window access for citizens to information at Gram Panchayat level, on various Rural Development programs. The App presently covers seven programs of the Ministry of Rural Development.

The Prime Minister digitally inaugurated 11 Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI) Buildings and a Plant Phenomics Facility at IARI.

On the occasion he addressed an audience of over 10,000 people, drawn from Self Help Groups, Panchayats, water conservation innovators, and beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

He said that today marks the birth anniversary of two great leaders - Nanaji Deshmukh and Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, who devoted their life to the betterment of the nation.

The Prime Minister said that Loknayak Jayaprakash



Narayan was deeply popular among youth. The likes of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Dr. Lohia were active during the 'Quit India' movement, inspired by the clarion call of Mahatma Gandhi, he added. The Prime Minister said that Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan was never interested in power politics, and fought corruption. He said Nanaji Deshmukh also preferred to devote himself towards rural development and making our villages self-reliant, and free from poverty.

Just having the best ideas for development are not enough, the Prime Minister said. He added that initiatives have to be completed on time and the fruits of development must reach the intended beneficiaries. Efforts have to be comprehensive and 'outcome driven', not 'output driven', the Prime Minister said.

He said that facilities that are associated with cities must also be made available to our villages. He said that the real essence of a democracy is Jan Bhagidari and integrating people in the development journey of cities, and villages. Regular interaction with governments is required, he added.

Noting that lack of sanitation facilities is adversely impacting the development journey of villages, the Prime Minister said that is why the Government have been working to build toilets in rural areas.

# Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana to provide a permanent solution from drought



overnment is investing Rs 50,000 crore for a period of five years to develop complete irrigation supply chain, water resources, distribution network and farm-level application solutions to achieve the target of providing water for every farm

Agricultureand Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh said on October 17 the government started PMKSY to provide a permanent solution from drought. Three ministries are implementing this scheme in mission mode and the Ministry of Water Resources is leading the project. PMKSY aims not only to create irrigation sources but also to create protected irrigation by harnessing rainwater at micro level through 'Jal Sanchay' and 'Jal Sinchan'. He said it today at the concluding session of India Water

Week-2017 organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The theme of the program at the concluding session was "Water and Energy for Inclusive Growth".

Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation,; Dr. Satyapal Singh, Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Minister of State in the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation; Shri Arujn Ram Meghawal Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resource, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, and Dr. Amarjit Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, were present on the occasion.

The Minister said that India is home to 17% of



the world population and 11.3% of the livestock population and only 4 percent of the world's water resources are in the country. In such a situation, we have an unprecedented challenge of providing water to such a large human and livestock population.

He said we have a total of 200.8 million hectares of agricultural land in the country out of which only 95.8 million hectares is irrigated, which is only 48 percent of the total. Therefore, it is a challenge to provide water to 52% of non-irrigated land and make it suitable for adoption of advanced farming. It's possible only through proper water management.

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He said that the government is investing Rs.50,000 crore for a period of five years (2015-16 to 2019-20) to develop complete irrigation supply chain, water resources, distribution network and farm-level application solutions to achieve the target of water for every farm.

He said that for the year 2015-16, Rs 555.5 crore has been released for drought mitigation and district irrigation scheme. Under this, Rs.175 crore has been allocated for the material for construction of water harvesting structures under MNREGA and Rs.259 crore was allocated to the states for water recharge, drought mitigation and micro-water storage construction in 219 drought-affected districts and 1071 highly drugged blocks identified by the Central Ground Water Board.

In the year 2016-17, Rs.520.90 crore was released for drought mitigation measures. So far, 56,226 water harvesting structures, 1,13,976 hectare irrigation capacity and 675 district irrigation schemes have been prepared.

He informed that the Ministry of Agriculture has been given the responsibility of implementing Per Drop More Crop scheme. During the Financial Year 2011-14, Rs. 3699.45 crore was distributed to the states for micro-irrigation and 16.14 lakh hectare area was brought under micro-irrigation. While Rs.4509

crore was released during 2014-17 and a total of 18.38 lakh hectare area has been brought under micro-irrigation, which is the highest area so far.

He said that during the year 2016-17, Rs1991.17 crores was allocated for Per Drop More Crop under PMKSY which is 28% more than the Rs1,556.73 crore allocated in the year 2015-16. In 2015-16, 5.7 lakh hectare area was brought under micro-irrigation, while 8.39 lakh hectare area was brought under micro irrigation during 2016-17, which is the highest so far.

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The Minister said Rs.3400 crore has been distributed for Per Drop More Crop scheme for the year 2017-18, and till September Rs1601.40 crore has been released. The target is to bring 12 lakh hectare area under micro-irrigation during 2017-18.

PMKSY Scheme is being implemented in the mission mode with the help of Command Area Development to complete 99 major and medium irrigation projects covering 76.03 lakh hectares in a phased manner till December 2019.

# Sampoorna Bima Gram (SBG) Yojana launched

he Minister for Communications Shri Manoj Sinha on October 13 launched the Sampoorna Bima Gram (SBG) Yojana and an initiative for expansion of clientele base of Postal Life Insurance. Talking to media after launching the schemes, the Minister said that the vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to provide banking services through the postal network needs to be taken forward to provide affordable life insurance services to people living in rural areas of the country. He said that all villages under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana will be brought under its ambit.

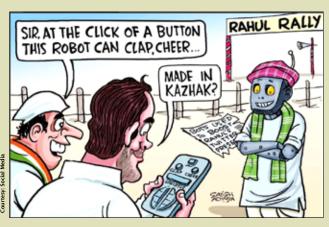
The Minister said, under Sampoorna Bima Gram (SBG) Yojana, at least one village (having a minimum of 100 households) will be identified in each of the revenue districts of the country, wherein endeavour will be made to cover all households of that identified village with a minimum of one RPLI (Rural Postal Life Insurance) policy each. Coverage of all households in the identified Sampoorna Bima Gram village is the primary objective of this scheme.

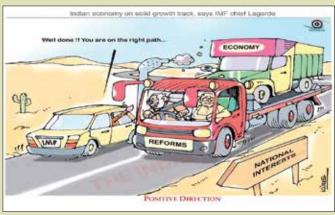
Shri Sinha said, under the scheme expansion of clientele base of PLI, it has now been decided that benefits of PLI will no more be confined to Government and semi-Government employees, but will also be available to professionals such as Doctors, Engineers, Management Consultants, Charted Accountants, Architects, Lawyers, Bankers

etc. and to employees of listed companies of NSE (National Stock Exchange) and BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange). The decision has been taken to enlarge the cover of social security and bring maximum number of people under the protection of Postal Life Insurance (PLI). He said that the postal policies have low premium and high bonus, unlike the Private ones.

The Minister added that the Government is committed to the cause of complete wellbeing of citizens of this country. Expansion of clientele base of Postal Life Insurance (PLI) and ensuring coverage of Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) to all households of Sampoorna Bima Gram villages in each district of the country is a step in that direction. These two major initiatives being undertaken by Department of Posts will serve as an instrument of securing lives of people as well as enhancing financial inclusion.

Postal Life Insurance (PLI), introduced in 1884, is one of the oldest life insurance schemes for benefit of Government and semi-Government employees. Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI), introduced on March 24, 1995 on recommendations of Malhotra Committee, provides insurance cover to people residing in rural areas, especially weaker sections and women living in rural areas. Low Premium and High Bonus is the unique feature of PLI and RPLI schemes. As on March 31, 2017, there were 46.8 lakh PLI and 146.8 lakh RPLI policies across the country.





### PM MODI CELEBRATES DIWALI IN KASHMIR, CALLS JAWANS HIS FAMILY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with Indian Army and Border Security Force personnel near the Line of Control (LoC) in North Kashmir's Gurez sector on 19 October, 2017. In his address, the Prime Minister said that like everyone else, he too wished to spend Diwali with his family, and had visited the Jawans whom he considers "his family". Appreciating their sacrifice amid harsh conditions, Shri Modi said he gets new energy when he spends time with the soldiers. This is the fourth successive Diwali that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has celebrated with troopers on the border and LoC.

- (TIMES OF INDIA)

### **RS 133 CRORE AYODHYA FACELIFT PLANNED**

The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh is planning to embark on a drive to give a major face-lift to Ayodhya. The plan is to develop ghats in Ayodhya and provide the temple town with much needed amenities. Ram Katha Gallery and Park, Queen Heo Memorial, Ram Ki Paidi and Lakshman Kila Ghat all figure in plans for Ayodhya's transformation. Apart from these historical and religious places, the state government has also laid out an elaborate plan "Ayodhya street rejuvenation – main road and footpath".

Under this plan, the government plans to spend Rs 133 crore. Speaking to media-persons, UP CM Shri Yogi said, "Ayodhya is the epi-centre of our belief and it is my duty to develop Ayodhya". He also slammed the Opposition for criticizing the grand Diwali celebrations which took place in Ayodhya.

- ( HINDUSTAN TIMES)

### NEW TRANSPARENCY RANKING PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MINISTRIES

The Central Information Commission (CIC) is planning to rank the various government departments and ministries according to their transparency record. "The ranking will be of all ministries under the Centre which have done suo-moto disclosures. This information will

help the departments do better, especially in terms of information being provided under section 4 of the RTI Act," said chief information commissioner R K Mathur. The commission plans to come out with the ranking annually. Work on the ranking has already started. It should be available soon. Welcoming the proposed move, RTI activists and social service groups said with over 60 lakh RTIs being filed every year, a ranking or ease of getting information from various ministries and departments is going to go a long way in helping people.

- ( TIMES OF INDIA)

### RETAIL INFLATION STEADY, INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT SURGES

India's consumer price inflation numbers remained steady in September while industrial production rose favorably. According to preliminary data released by the Central Statistics Office on 12 October, 2017, the consumer price index (CPI) increased 3.28 per cent year on year against the August numbers of 3.36 per cent. Meanwhile, the index of industrial production (IIP) increased to 4.3 per cent in August against July's figure of 1.2 per cent. Since June, IIP has also recovered from a negative position to a favorable number now indicating waning impact of GST as well. Experts and economists predicted a rise in inflation from the August figures though it was widely projected to remain under 4 per cent.

- (FINANCIAL EXPRESS)

### DIRECT TAX COLLECTIONS JUMP 16 PERCENT TO RS 3.86 LAKH CRORE

ndia's net direct tax collections for April-September, the first half of the current financial year, grew 15.8 percent from last year to Rs 3.86 lakh crore, data released by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) showed. This amounts to 39.4 per cent of the total budget estimate for direct taxes for 2017-18. The rise in direct tax collections was primarily driven by a 11.5 per cent growth in advance tax collections that were recorded at Rs 1.77 lakh crore up to 30 September.

( TIMES OF INDIA)(Compiled by Pankaj Anand)

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### Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi offering prayers at Kedarnath Temple in Uttarakhand





Shri Narendra Modi interacting with the people at Kedarnath



Shri Narendra Modi addressing a public meeting at Kedarnath



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi celebrating Diwali with the jawans of the Indian Army and BSF in the Gurez Valley, near the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir



PM Shri Narendra Modi along with Bihar CM Shri Nitish Kumar and other senior state leaders waving at the gathering for centenary celebrations of Patna University, Bihar



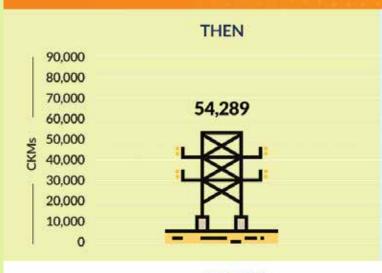
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at an event to dedicate first ever All India Institute of Ayurveda to the nation on the occasion of 2nd Ayurveda Day, New Delhi

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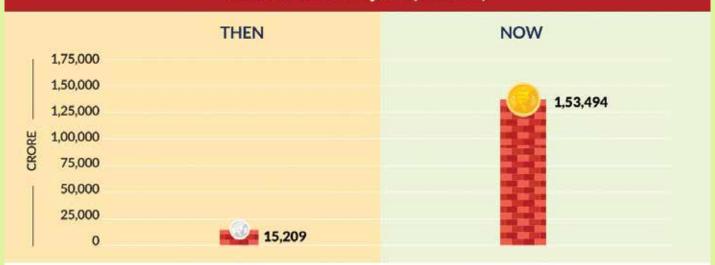
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