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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah along with other BJP state leaders waving at the gathering in Kannur rally, Kerala



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah visiting and paying tributes to BJP karyakarta Ramith who was killed by communists in Pinarayi village, Kannur (Kerala)



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressing the BJYM Yuva Maha-adhiveshan in Hyderabad, Telangana

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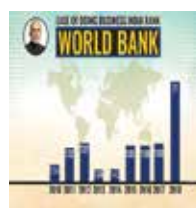


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In the last four years, the spread of technology to rural areas has been unparalleled. Technology is transforming lives in ways more than one.

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We inherited the legacy of India at 142, but in the first 2 years we moved up & retained 130 place. In the third year, we have made a major jump of 30 places to break into 100 and in the 4th year, we have moved to 77. This is a 65 position improvement in the first four years.

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Government has executed the projects of waste water management, solid waste management and development of ghats & crematoria for cleaning ganga river under #NamamiGange Programme. "Let's bring our mother back to glory, let's unite together for the national mission"

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Just got the tragic news of killing of Shri Anil Parihar, Secretary @BJP4JnK, and his brother by terrorists in Kishtwar. This is a cowardly act that shames humanity. I grieve the death of my valued colleague and pray that God gives his family strength to bear this untimely loss.



— **Amit Shah**

Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi has made the country proud by unveiling the majestic #StatueOfUnity, dedicated to great freedom fighter and India's first Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at a function in Kevadia, Gujarat.

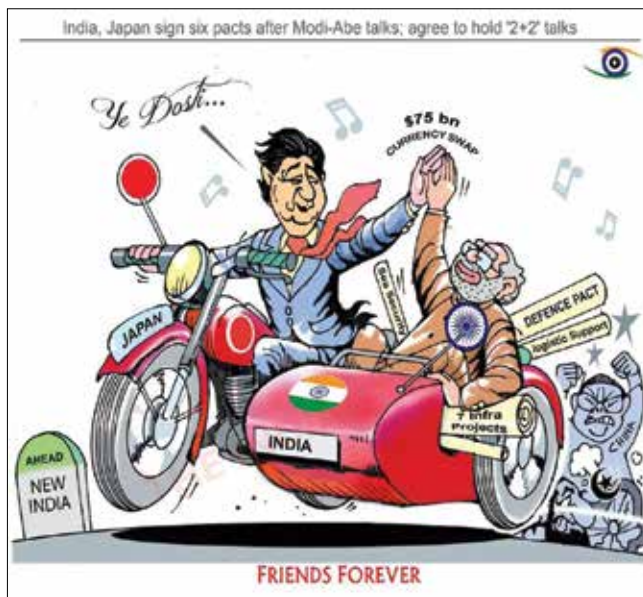
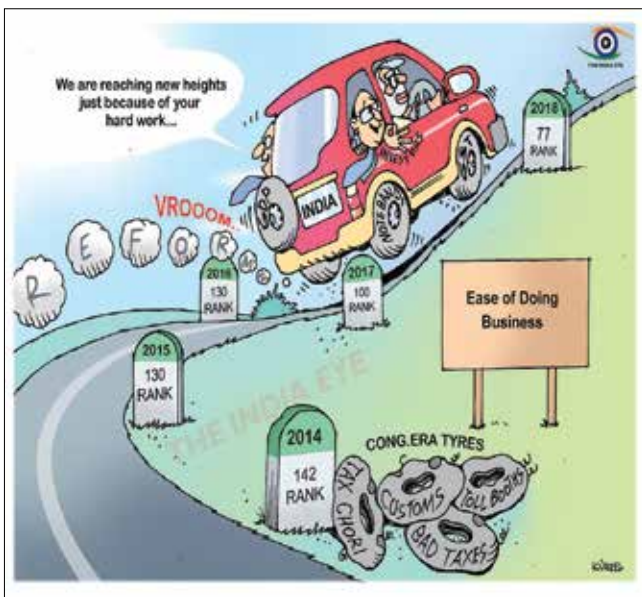


— **Rajnath Singh**

Glad to see that my young friends are talking about the initiatives taken by our govt in the health sector. We have introduced several initiatives for affordable, accessible and quality healthcare services. #PMJAY has assured the poor and vulnerable of good health.



— **Jagat Prakash Nadda**



Stunning achievements under PM Modi

India has once again taken a significant leap on the parameters of 'Ease of Doing Business' improving its position by 23 ranks. If one looks back at last four years of consistent reforms and all round efforts made under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, it appears a miracle. In the UPA era which was known for policy paralysis, massive corruption and Congress misrule, India either registered a slide in its position or remained stagnant at distant 142 in the list of 190 countries. India's performance has been so robust in the last four years that it first improved its rank to 130 in the first two years and then jumped 30 ranks to take 100th position and this year it has again repeated the same feat by jumping 23 ranks to take 77th position in the world ranking. India's performance has been acknowledged on six out of ten parameters where reforms have made an impact on the overall business environment in the country. India has improved its scores significantly on the parameters of starting a business, construction permit, getting electricity, getting credit, paying taxes, trade across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency. It shows the emergence of a confident nation with a leadership capable of taking decisions in making transformations that is acknowledged by the world.

WHILE MEMORIALS ARE INSPIRING EVERY INDIAN TO CONTRIBUTE IMMENSELY IN THEIR OWN WAY, THE CHARISMATIC LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI IS ENABLING INDIA IN MAKING ASTONISHING ACHIEVEMENTS ON ALL FRONTS.

As India is making its mark on almost every parameters of development and good governance, unveiling of the 'Statue of Unity' by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 31st October has further raised the status of India in the eyes of world. It is a fitting tribute to the Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel who is credited with the creation of a united India by his extraordinary leadership skills. 'Statue of Unity' now stands in the midst of river Narmada at Kevadiya in Narmada district of Gujarat as the tallest statue of the world. While Shri Narendra Modi was dedicating the tallest statue of the world to the nation, the nation stood taller with every Indian feeling a sense of pride in honouring one of the tallest leaders of the country. It was an occasion which was marked by celebrations across the country with everyone feeling inspired for a glorious future under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. It was an occasion to once again renew the pledge for safeguarding the unity and integrity of India and to strengthen the nation while marching together as one entity. The 182 meter 'Statue of Unity', the tallest in the world will keep reminding every Indian not only the unparalleled contribution of Sardar Patel in uniting India but also the need to continuously guard against the disruptive and divisive elements in the society who stand against the national unity and Integrity of India.

The memorials, statues and museums are not only fitting tributes to the great leaders and their memories who make immense contribution in the nation but also an inspiration to the people to keep striving for the values for which these leaders stood throughout their lives. Apart from the towering 'Statue of Unity', Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has ensured the building of museum dedicated to Sardar Patel in Delhi, Mahatma Mandir and Dandi Kutir in Gandhi Nagar, the Panchtirtha dedicated to Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, the Statue of Shri Chhotu Ram in Haryana and the memorials of Shyamji Krishna Verma and Veer Nayak Govind Guru in Kutch. The building of a museum dedicated to Subhash Chandra Bose in Delhi, the Shivaji statue in Mumbai and the tribal museums across the country is under progress. While a new India is being build with the mantra of 'Antyodaya' having special focus on poor, farmers, Dalits, tribals, OBCs, women and youth, India's remarkable efforts in systemic transformation and achievements in every field is stunning the world. While memorials are inspiring every Indian to contribute immensely in their own way, the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is enabling India in making astonishing achievements on all fronts. ■

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PM dedicates Statue of Unity to the Nation

'WITH STATUE OF UNITY, INDIA HAS GIVEN A TOWERING INSPIRATION FOR THE FUTURE'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion of Sardar Patel birthday at Kevadiya in Gujarat on October 31, 2018 dedicated the world's tallest statue, the 'Statue of Unity', to the nation.

The 182 metre statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, was dedicated to the nation on his birth anniversary, at Kevadiya in Narmada District of Gujarat. On the Occasion BJP National President Shri Amit Shah Gujarat Chief minister along with his cabinet colleagues and Governor of Gujarat Shri OP Kohli were present. Constructed at a cost of Rs 2,989 crore by construction and engineering company Larsen & Toubro Ltd the statue stands in the midst of the Narmada River, on the islet of Sadhu Bet. Sardar Patel is credited for unifying all of the 562 princely states in pre-independence India to form what is today the Republic of India. Thus,

"The Statue will stand high, not just in meters and feet, but much more in terms of academic, historical, national and spiritual values. My vision is to develop the place as a source of inspiration for ages to come."

SHRI NARENDRA MODI,
Honourable Prime Minister of India

At 182 metre, the mammoth replica of Sardar Patel is the world's tallest statue, leaving behind USA's Statue of Liberty (93 metre), Japan's Ushiku Daibutsu (120 metre) and even China's Spring Temple Buddha (153 metre) statues. The statue has been built to withstand winds of 180km/hour and earthquakes of up to 6.5 Richter scale.

the statue has been named 'Statue of Unity' as a tribute to his role. This project was thought by Narendra Modi when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

At the launch ceremony, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries' poured soil and Narmada water into a Kalash to mark the dedication of the 'Statue of Unity' to the nation. The Prime Minister pressed a lever to commence a Virtual Abhishek of the statue.

He inaugurated the Wall of Unity. At the feet of the Statue of Unity, the Prime Minister performed a special prayer. He visited the Museum and Exhibition, and the Viewers' Gallery. This gallery, at 153 metres height, can accommodate upto 200 visitors at one time. It offers a spectacular view of the Sardar Sarovar Dam, its reservoir, and the Satpura and Vindhya mountain ranges.

The dedication ceremony was punctuated by flypast of IAF aircraft,

and performances of cultural troupes. Greeting the people of India on this occasion, the Prime Minister said that the entire country is celebrating Rashtriya Ekta Divas today.

He said today marks a special moment in the history of India. He said that with the Statue of Unity, India has given itself today, a towering inspiration for the future. He said the Statue will continue to remind future generations of the courage, capability and resolve of Sardar Patel. He said that the integration of India by Sardar Patel, has resulted today in India's march towards becoming a big economic and strategic power.

"The Statue will stand high, not just in meters and feet, but much more in terms of academic, historical, national and spiritual values. My vision is to develop the place as a source of inspiration for ages to come," PM Modi had said.

The Prime Minister also recalled Sardar Patel's vision of the

administrative services as a steel frame.

He described the Statue of Unity as a symbol of the self-respect of the farmers who gave soil from their land, and iron from their farming implements for the Statue. He said the aspirations of the youth of India can be achieved only through the mantra of "Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat." He congratulated everyone associated with the construction of this Statue. He said the Statue would generate considerable tourism opportunities for the region. He said "The contribution of the tribals, farmers and villagers, who helped make this possible cannot be ignored, I thank them from the bottom of my heart. Without your help and contribution, this would not be possible today. With the Statue of Unity, you (tribals and farmers) have enshrined your names in history too."

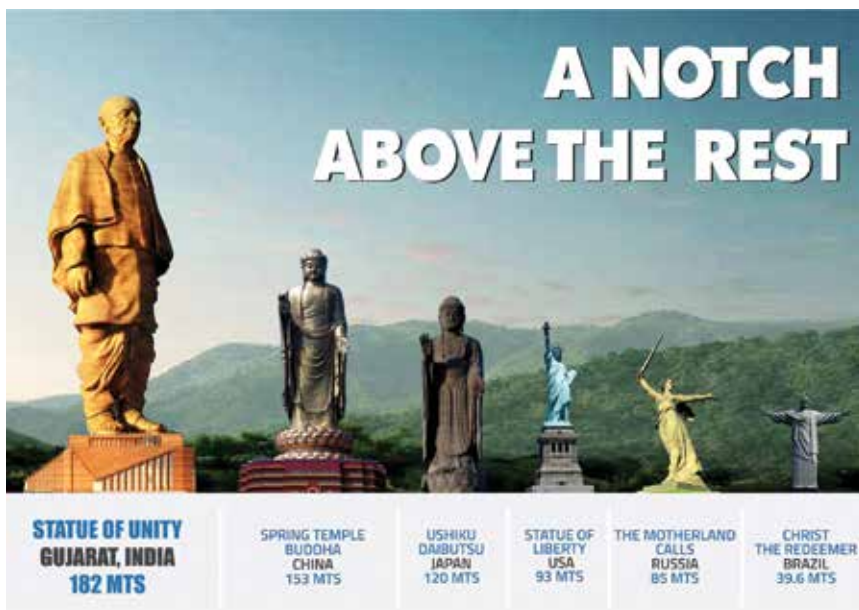
He added, I am amazed when some people of our own country dare to see this initiative from a

political view & criticise us like we have committed a huge crime. Is remembering country's great personalities a crime? PM said further "If it was not for Sardar Sahab's resolve, then we Indians would have had to take visa to see the Gir lions, pray at Somnath, or to see Hyderabad's Charminar".

The Prime Minister mentioned that several memorials have been made to recall the contributions of freedom fighters and great leaders, in recent years. Besides the Statue of Unity, he mentioned the museum dedicated to Sardar Patel in Delhi, Mahatma Mandir and Dandi Kutir in Gandhinagar, the Panchtirth dedicated to Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, the Statue of Sri Chhotu Ram in Haryana, and the memorials of Shyamji Krishna Varma and Veer Nayak Govind Guru in Kutch. He said work is in progress for the museum dedicated to Subhash Chandra Bose in Delhi, the Shivaji statue in Mumbai, and tribal museums across the country.

The Prime Minister spoke of Sardar Patel's vision of a strong and inclusive India, and said the Union Government is working towards making this dream a reality. He mentioned the efforts to provide a home to all, to provide electricity to all, and towards road connectivity and digital connectivity. He also mentioned the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. He said that efforts such as GST, e-NAM, and "One-Nation, One-Grid" have also contributed to integrating the nation in various ways.

The Prime Minister spoke of our collective responsibility to maintain the unity and integrity of the nation, and to counter all divisive forces. ■



Kerala government trying to destroy Sabarimala temple and Hindu traditions: Amit Shah



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah arrived in Kannur on 26 October, 2018 for a day's visit to Kerala. Shri Shah was the first passenger who landed at the new Kannur International Airport, which will be inaugurated on December 09. During this visit the BJP President inaugurated party's district office in Kannur and visited the house of slain BJP Karyakarta Remith in Pinarayi.

Later he travelled to Thiruvananthapuram where he took part in a function at Varkala, being organised by the Bharat Dharma Jana Sena, a prominent partner of the NDA in Kerala. In Thiruvananthapuram he met with various BJP and Sangh leaders of the State.

The party President's visit coincided with the prevailing unrest around the Sabarimala hill shrine following the turmoil as the state government forcefully allowed access to women of other religions and atheists to the shrine. The BJP had strongly protested the rounding up of activists, which has crossed 2,800. 'Court order must be implemented keeping people's sentiments in mind'

Addressing a rally in Kannur, Bharatiya Janata

Party National President Shri Amit Shah said the Kerala government is trying to destroy the Sabarimala temple by suppressing the agitation of devotees of Lord Ayyappa. He said the BJP fully supports the protests that are being organised against the state government's cruelty inflicted on protestors at the Sabarimala temple. "Today in Kerala, a struggle is going on between religious beliefs and state government's cruelty. More than 2,000 activists and workers from BJP, RSS and other organizations have been arrested. BJP is standing like a rock with devotees," Shri Shah said.

Criticizing the Kerala Chief Minister Vijayan, Shri Amit Shah said the efforts by the Kerala government to suppress the agitation of the devotees of Lord Ayyappa amounts to "playing with fire".

He said, "The chief minister must stop the brutality in the name of implementing the Supreme Court verdict". The BJP President said that even women in the state were against the government's move to implement the top court's order.

Shri Shah accused the Left government in Kerala

of trying to destroy Hindu traditions at Sabarimala temple. He said the BJP will not allow the CPI(M) government to gamble with Hindu faith.

"There is no restriction for women to offer prayers in any other Ayyappa temple...The uniqueness of the Sabarimala shrine has to be protected," Shri Shah said. He said the state government is conspiring against Hindu temples, adding that it has created an emergency-like situation in Kerala.

Speaking on the implementation of the Supreme Court verdict, Shri Amit Shah said in the past, the state government has not implemented several court orders. He said the court's order on Sabarimala temple should be implemented by "respecting the sentiments of devotees".

"I warn Kerala's communist chief minister, don't oppress devotees in the name of implementing the

Supreme Court judgment," he said, terming the protests as "aastha ke liye sangharsh (struggle to save tradition)".

He also alleged that the crackdown by the police is part of "a communist plot against temples". "We want to assure the people of Kerala that the BJP will stand like a rock in support of your sentiment. We will always be there for the people of Kerala and the devotees of Lord Ayyappa," he said.

Meanwhile, Kerala had witnessed massive protests from devotees at various places, including Sabarimala, Nilakkal and Pamba, against permitting women of all ages to enter the shrine, where the deity is 'Naishtika Brahmachari' (perennial celibate), when the temple was opened for monthly poojas from October 17-22.

At least 12 women from different other religions and left activists in the 'barred' age group of 10 to 50 had tried to trek the hills to offer prayers but had to retreat following widespread protests by the Lord Ayyappa devotees.

Across the state, 2,825 people have been arrested after the Chief Minister ordered a crackdown on those defying the Supreme Court order on the entry of women in the Sabarimala temple. A total of 495 cases have been registered. Most of the people arrested are Lord Ayyappa devotees and activists of various organizations, including BJP and RSS".

The BJP had strongly protested the rounding up of activists, which has crossed 2,800. The police action has also earned the wrath of the Kerala High Court which warned the government against 'playing to the gallery.' The court has sought explanation from the government over 'arrests of innocent persons' as alleged in a petition. The arrests must be made only after confirming the culpability of the person and correctly identifying him. The state government has also been directed to furnish an explanation, subsequent to which the petition will be taken up for consideration again. ■

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Whoever raises slogans on breaking India will land behind bars: Amit Shah

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha's three-day National Conclave 'Yuva Maha Adhiveshan' got off to a colourful start at the Parade Grounds in Hyderabad, Telangana on 26 October, 2018 as delegates from all over the country attended at the venue. Union Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the conclave and also delivered the maiden speech.

Among others Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari, Assam Chief Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis, BJP National General Secretary Shri P. Muralidhar Rao, BJP State President K. Laxman, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, BJYM National President Smt. Poonam Mahajan and former BJYM President Shri Anurag Thakur were the other speakers at the meet, which discussed the policies and schemes of the NDA government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and taken the message to the doorsteps of the citizens across the country.

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah delivered the valedictory address on 28 October, 2018 which was preceded by a bike rally taken out by the activists from different parts of the State.

Addressing the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) National Convention Shri Amit Shah criticized the opportunistic opposition alliance and said it has no policy or principles.

He described the 'mahagathbandhan' of Opposition parties as a 'dhakosla' and accused it of breaking India, while the Narendra Modi-led government was working for making India.

"Shri Modiji says remove poverty, unemployment, insecurity...but Mahagathbandhan leaders say remove

Modi," he added. Criticising the grand alliance, the BJP President said it "neither has a policy nor a leader nor any principles."

Taking a dig at Congress President Rahul Gandhi over his comments on the recent arrest of activists by the Maharashtra government over alleged links with Maoists, Shri Shah said, "I want to tell Rahul Gandhi that whoever raises slogans on breaking India will land behind bars and they will never be pardoned."

He said the Modi government has launched several schemes and worked for the poor, farmers, women, Dalits and tribals.

Asserting that the BJP is ready to fight the 2019 elections under PM Shri Modi's leadership, the BJP President urged the Yuva Morcha Karyakartas to reach out to people and create awareness about the NDA government's achievements.

On the issue of National Register of Citizens, the BJP National President said, "Rahul Baba talks of their human rights, but is not concerned about human rights of our security forces. Infiltrators explode bombs killing security forces. Are you not concerned about their (security personnel) wives and children?" he asked adding that the issue might be a vote bank matter for the Congress, but for BJP it is security of the nation.

"Once the BJP is re-elected after 2019 polls, I guarantee that the party-led government will initiate the process of evicting illegal immigrants from all parts of the country," he added.

Slamming the TRS government in Telangana for not celebrating the Hyderabad Liberation Day, Shri Shah said it was 'scared' of MIM and its chief Asaduddin Owaisi. ■

India leaps 23 points to 77th on World Bank's "Ease of doing Business"

India improved its ranking on the World Bank's 'Ease of doing Business' report for the second consecutive year, jumping 23 places to the 77th position on the back of reforms related to insolvency, taxation and other areas.

India was ranked 100th in the World Bank's Doing Business report last year. The ranking comes as a shot in the arm for the Modi Government at the Centre ahead of the general elections next year.

In its annual "Doing Business" 2019 report, released on 31 October, 2018 World Bank said India improved its rank on six out of the 10 parameters relating to starting and doing business in a country.

These parameters include ease of starting a business, construction permits, getting electricity, getting credit, paying taxes, trade across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency.

India was ranked at the 142nd position among 190 nations when the Modi government came to power in 2014. It rose to the 100th spot in the last ranking from 131st rank in the previous year. New Zealand tops the list of 190 countries in ease of doing business, followed by Singapore, Denmark, and Hong Kong.

The United States is placed eight and China has been ranked 46th. Neighboring Pakistan is placed at 136. World Bank put India among the top 10 economies to make the most improvements.

Observing that the two economies with the largest populations, China and India, demonstrated impressive reform agendas, the World Bank said the India also focused on streamlining business processes.

India, it said, made starting a business easier by integrating multiple application forms into a general incorporation form. "India also replaced the value-added tax with the GST for which the registration process is faster," it said. Also, "India made paying taxes easier by replacing many indirect taxes with a single indirect tax, the GST, for the entire country.

India also made paying taxes less costly by reducing the corporate income tax rate and the

employees' provident funds scheme rate paid by the employer," the World Bank said.

Stating that a well-designed insolvency framework is a vital determinant of debt recovery, it said the establishment of debt recovery tribunals in India "reduced non-performing loans by 28 per cent and lowered interest rates on larger loans, suggesting that faster processing of debt recovery cases cut the cost of credit."

Further, India reduced the time and cost of export and import through various initiatives, including the implementation of electronic sealing of containers, the upgrading of port infrastructure and allowing



electronic submission of supporting documents with digital signatures, it said.

World Bank said India has further streamlined the process of obtaining a building permit and made it faster and less expensive to obtain a construction permit. It also improved building quality control by introducing decennial liability and insurance.

A Commerce and Industry Ministry statement in New Delhi said, "India's leap of 23 ranks in the ease of doing business ranking is significant considering that last year India has improved its ranking by 30 places, a rare feat for any large country of the size of India." ■

PM Narendra Modi announces 12 historic decisions to boost MSMEs

Now MSMEs will get loans up to Rs. 1 crore in 59-minutes

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced 59-minute loan sanctions, relaxation in labour laws, easier compliance with environmental rules and changes in company laws for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to give a boost to the nation's second-biggest employing sector on 02 November, 2018.

Shri Modi said the GST-registered MSMEs would be sanctioned a loan of up to Rs. 1 crore in just 59 minutes through a new portal. They would also get 2% subvention or rebate on incremental new loans of up to Rs. 1 crore. Interest subvention on pre and post shipment credit for exports by MSMEs had been increased from 3% to 5%.

To rid the sector of Inspector Raj, the PM announced that inspections of factories in the sector would be sanctioned only through a computerised random allotment and inspectors would have to upload reports on the portal within 48 hours. "No inspector can now go anywhere. He will be asked why he went to a factory," he said.

Easing compliance with environmental rules, the MSMEs would need single air and water clearance and just one consent to establish a factory.

The MSMEs would have to file just one annual return on eight labour laws and 10 central rules, he said, adding that an ordinance had been promulgated to simplify levy of penalties for minor offences under the Companies Act.

PM Shri Modi termed the 12 new measures "historic" that will make Diwali brighter for the sector and its millions of entrepreneurs and employees.

Public sector companies, which were mandated to source 20% of their annual procurement from MSMEs, would now source at least a quarter of

their requirement (25%) from the sector. Three % of sourcing by PSUs would have to be done from the MSMEs run by women. Also, all central public sector enterprises should take membership of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to facilitate online procurement of common use goods and services by various government departments and organisations.

Shri Modi announced Rs. 6,000 crore for the creation of 20 hubs and 100 tool rooms for technology upgradation. Clusters for MSMEs in pharma sector



would be created to boost production in the sector, he said.

All companies with a turnover of more than Rs. 500 crore would have to now come on Trade Receivables e-Discounting System (TReDS) platform so that there was no cash flow problem for the MSMEs.

Talking of India jumping 23 places on the World Bank's latest 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking, PM Shri Modi said in four years the NDA government at the Centre had achieved what many did not believe and what no other nation had done — leaping from 142 rank in 2014 to 77th position. ■

'To double farmers' income, agriculture budget enhanced by 74.5%'

Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is being implemented with a view to promote organic farming in the country

Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh has said that with an aim to double farmers' income, the budget outlay of the agriculture sector has been enhanced by 74.5% to Rs 2,11,694 crore during 2014-2019 as compared to Rs 1,21,082 crore during 2009-2014. On the occasion of inauguration ceremony of Krishi Kumbh 2018 organised in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on October 26 he said that the Government is implementing various schemes to ensure higher gains for farmers. The Soil Health Card (SHC) ensures judicious use of fertilizer application thus saving money for farmers. Neem-coated urea is being promoted as it enhances availability of nitrogen to the crop and reduces cost of fertilizer application. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is being

implemented with a view to promote organic farming in the country. This will improve soil health and organic matter content, and by receiving premium prices, net income of farmer will also increase. Realizing the possibility of organic farming in the northeast, Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCD-NER) has been initiated.

He added that the National Agriculture Market scheme (e-NAM) has revolutionized agri-markets by ensuring better price discovery, bringing in transparency and competition in order to enable farmers to get better remuneration for their produce thereby moving towards 'One Nation One Market.' The Minister said that Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) & Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWCIS) provide insurance cover at all stages of the crop cycle including post-harvest risks to farmers at very low rates of premium. ■

Twelve projects worth Rs 929 Cr. approved under Namami Gange

The Executive Committee (EC) of the National Mission for Clean Ganga on October 29 approved 12 projects worth Rs. 929 Crore under the Namami Gange programme in its 16th meeting.

Two Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) have been sanctioned for Delhi for creating 340 MLD waste treatment capacity at a cost of Rs 580 Crore.

For Uttar Pradesh many projects have been approved with total cost of Rs 128 Cr. One existing Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) of 6.25 MLD capacity for textile printing units in Mathura Industrial Area has been taken up for upgradation. Apart from this, one project for treatment of Rampur Drain in Rampur, using NSN-Technology based Bio Oxygenation and another project for treatment of 30 drains and third party inspection of 123 drains in the state has been approved.

For inspection and monitoring of industries, STPs and CETPs by third party technical institutions, an amount of 0.98 Cr has been sanctioned for

strengthening of UP Pollution Control laboratories. This project will enable UP Pollution Control Board to better monitor and inspect all Grossly Polluting Industries, STP & CETPs situated in the catchment area of River Ganga and its tributaries.

For West Bengal, two projects have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 50 Cr. One project has been approved for upgrading the STP in Kancharapara from 13 MLD to 18 MLD capacity, along with its operation and maintenance for the next 15 years. Another project has been sanctioned for Hilsa fisheries improvement at Farraka barrage.

Two more projects have been sanctioned in this EC meeting under CSR category which will be funded by corporate groups. INDORAMA Charitable Trust is funding the Ghat and Crematoria Work at Badrinath and Gangotri in Uttarakhand at a cost of Rs 26.33 Cr. Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is taking up renovation and beautification of Ganga River Bank at Katwa, West Bengal at a cost of Rs 0.35 Cr. ■

National Democrats, Democratic Socialists & National Socialists



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WHERE INDIAN PARTIES STAND

As you march forward on the road to socialism, more power gets concentrated in the hands of the ruling cliques, bureaucracy expands to unimaginable proportions and in practice it gradually becomes impossible for the citizen to exercise his freedoms. Thus as socialism expands, democracy shrinks. The former becoming the real aim, the latter is ignored. Thus

all those who sear by democratic socialism will have to give up the one or the other in the end. As things are, democracy alone will be the casualty. The PSP and the Socialist Party do not differ in this respect from the Congress except that the former place greater emphasis on democracy

and the latter on socialism.

These parties till very recently did not care about nationalism. They took it for granted. However, the Socialist Party did pay some attention to it. But still it remains to be seen whether all this is tactical or ideological.

JANA SANGH & SWATANTRA

Parties that have faith in democracy naturally belong to the non-socialist group. Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the Swatantra party can be placed in this group. But there is a difference in emphasis in the two parties. The Swatantra Party is non-socialist to the extent of opposing all acts of the Government that seek to change that status quo in an effort to better the lot of the under-privileged. The Jana Sangh is non-socialist so far as it does not subscribe to the totalitarian concept of socialism

THE JANA SANGH IS NON-SOCIALIST SO FAR AS IT DOES NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE TOTALITARIAN CONCEPT OF SOCIALISM BUT IT DEFINITELY STANDS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, REDUCTION OF INEQUALITIES, CHANGING OF THE STATUS QUO IN MOST MATTERS. BY NON-SOCIALISM IT DOES NOT MEAN CAPITALISM OF LAISSEZ FAIRE VARIETY.



Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya with leaders of the Jana Sangh



Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji, Kedar Nath Sahni ji and other leaders participating in the 'Kutch Bachao Andolan' (30 June, 1965)

but it definitely stands for social justice, reduction of inequalities, changing of the status quo in most matters. By non-socialism it does not mean capitalism of laissez faire variety.

The Swatantra Party does not visualise any other growth process except that of the industrial West. It also does not care about nationalism. It is therefore a democratic party but it cannot be called national democratic. Bharatiya Jana Sangh places equal reliance on nationalism and democracy and recognises that socialism too has some part to play in the present stage of development of the country.

Thus we have the Communist

Party which is wholly socialist and therefore neither democratic nor nationalist; the Congress, the PSP and the Socialist Party and some other minor parties which are democratic socialist and therefore do not think about nationalism; the Swatantra Party which is wholly democratic and wholly non-socialist and to a great extent indifferent to nationalism; and Bharatiya Jana Sangh which is primarily nationalist and democratic and non-socialist in its wider scientific concept but socialist in its emotional and ideational appeal.

There is also a difference in the concept of nationalism avowed by Jana Sangh, and as conceived by others. All except

Jana Sangh believe in territorial nationalism. Jana Sangh believes in cultural nationalism. Others feel that in India a nation has to be made Jana Sangh believes that Bharat is a nation from times immemorial. It can therefore seek inspiration and guidance from the current of national life while others, except for occasional impulses, fail to tap the nation's vast sources of strength and inspiration. Thus, they look to the West not only for guidance in modern science and technology but also for all ideas of economy, polity and society. Jana Sangh is, of all parties, the most Bharat-based. ■

[Organiser, Diwali, 1963]

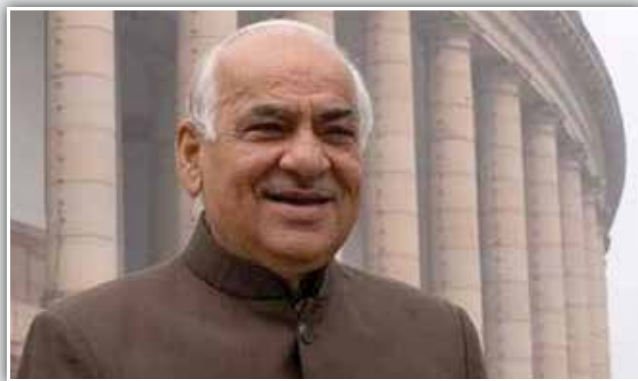
Former Delhi CM Madan Lal Khurana passes away

Former Delhi Chief Minister Shri Madan Lal Khurana passed away on October 27 after a prolonged illness. Shri Khurana, who was 82, is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters. A veteran of the BJP, Shri Khurana was the Chief Minister of Delhi from 1993 to 1996 and was appointed the governor of Rajasthan in 2004. He breathed his last at around 11 pm at his Kirti Nagar residence in Delhi.

Shri Khurana was suffering from a chest infection and fever from last few days and was feeling breathless since morning of the day of demise. He had suffered a brain haemorrhage about five years ago and was ailing since then.

'KHURANA JI WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR STRENGTHENING BJP IN DELHI'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoling his demise he tweeted "Anguished by the passing away of Shri Madan Lal Khurana Ji. He worked tirelessly for the progress of



Delhi, particularly towards ensuring better infrastructure. He distinguished himself as a hardworking and people-friendly administrator, both in the Delhi government and Centre." He added "Shri Madan Lal Khurana Ji will always be remembered for the manner in which he strengthened the BJP in Delhi. He made unwavering efforts towards serving the post-partition refugees in Delhi. My thoughts and solidarity with his family and supporters".

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah condoled the BJP leader's death. "Learnt of the unfortunate demise of former Delhi Chief Minister and BJP leader Madan Lal Khurana. He will be remembered as an ideal swayamsewak and a dedicated Vidhyarti Parishad worker and a strong pillar of

the Jan Sangh and the BJP," Shri Shah tweeted. He had a key role in strengthening the organisation in Delhi and was popular as the 'lion of Delhi', he said. "On behalf of crores of BJP workers, I convey my condolences to the family of Khurana ji and pray for peace of the departed soul," Shri Shah said.

Transport Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari expressed grief over Khurana's death, saying his contribution to the development of Delhi would be remembered.

Union minister Harsh Vardhan also offered his condolences. "My heartfelt condolences to the BJP parivar and the family of our beloved former chief minister of Delhi & veteran BJP leader Shri Madan Lal Khurana ji who passed away today after prolonged illness. My thoughts and prayers are with his near & dear ones. May his soul rest in peace," he said.

Shri Madanlal Khurana was born on 15 October 1936 in Lyallpur, Punjab Province (British India) (now called Faisalabad in Punjab, Pakistan) to S.D. Khurana and Laxmi Devi. He was barely 12 when the family was forced to migrate to Delhi by Partition and began to piece its life together again at a refugee colony Kirti Nagar in New Delhi. He took his bachelor's degree from Kirori Mal College under Delhi University.

Khurana went Allahabad University for pursuing his post-graduation in economics. He became active in Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). He was general secretary of the Allahabad Students Union in 1959 and became general secretary of ABVP.

After completing his post-graduation he became a teacher with Vijay Kumar Malhotra, at PGDAV (evening) College of Delhi University before deciding to enter politics. Madan Lal Khurana, Vijay Kumar Malhotra, Kedar Nath Sahani and Kanwar Lal Gupta founded the Delhi chapter of the Jan Sangh, which in 1980 transformed into BJP. Shri Khurana was the Jan Sangh's general secretary from 1965 to 1967. He dominated first Municipal Corporation politics and then the Metropolitan Council where he was the Chief Whip, Executive Councillor and Leader of the Opposition by turns. He along with Kedar Nath Sahani and Vijay Kumar Malhotra kept the party afloat in New Delhi for more than four decades spanning from 1960 to 2000. Apart from being Chief minister & governor he also served as Union minister in Atal Bihari Vajpayee led NDA government. ■

‘UNION GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO DOUBLE FARMERS INCOME BY 2022’

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 26 addressed the Krishi Kumbh in Lucknow, via video conference.

The Prime Minister expressed confidence that this gathering of farmers would pave the way for new technology to be imbibed and better opportunities to be created in the agriculture sector.

The Prime Minister appreciated the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, for its efforts in augmenting substantially, the procurement of foodgrains. He asserted that the farmers are the ones, who take the country forward. He reiterated the Union Government’s commitment to double the income of farmers by 2022. In this context, he mentioned the series of steps that the Government is pursuing to reduce input costs and raise profits. He mentioned that a large number of solar pumps will be installed in farms across the country in the near future. He said the Government is working to deliver the benefits of science to agriculture. He said the Rice Research Centre being set up in Varanasi, is a step in this direction.

The Prime Minister also spoke of the importance of value



addition in farming. He mentioned the steps being taken in the Food Processing Sector. He said that after the Green Revolution, the emphasis now is on milk production, honey production, and also on poultry and fisheries.

The Prime Minister called for discussions on matters such as judicious use of water resources, better technology for storage, and use of latest technology in farming, during this Krishi Kumbh. He emphasized the need to evolve new technologies and ways that will help eliminate the need for farmers to burn crop stubble (Parali). ■

92% MGNREGA wage payments generated on time

In the Financial Year 2018-19, so far 92% wage payments under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has been generated within 15 days. This percentage was 26.85% in 2014-15, indicating the remarkable improvement towards making timely payments. The allocation of MGNREGA was also increased to a record Rs. 55,000 crore in 2018-19. So far, the Central Government has released over Rs. 45,070 crore to the States. Including State shares, over Rs. 50,000 crore is available for work so far. On receipt of audited accounts from the State Governments, additional funds are being released this week to ensure sufficient availability in all the States. The thrust on completion of incomplete works is showing with a record Rs. 1.70 crore assets completed in the last 30 months. These assets have been for Natural Resource Management (NRM), Water Conservation works, durable assets, and a very large

number of Individual Beneficiary Schemes including a 90/95 days’ work availability for poor households in the construction of their own houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G). Independent evaluation studies have indicated the success of Natural Resource Management in improving incomes, acreage, productivity, fodder availability, and water table. Similarly, independent assessment of Individual Beneficiary Schemes especially for animal resources has acknowledged their contribution in livelihood diversification and poverty reduction.

So far, 142 crore person days of work has been generated in the current Financial Year. All States and Districts affected by disaster or drought, based on their submissions have been provided additional persondays. 53% of the total persondays generated has been through women workers. 3.57 lakh differently abled persons have also been given work in the current Financial Year. ■

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT UNIFIER: SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL CAN JUSTLY BE REGARDED AS THE MAKER OF MODERN INDIA



NARENDRA MODI

The first half of 1947 was a critical period in India's history. The end of colonial rule was certain and so was India's Partition, but what was uncertain was whether there would be more than one division. Prices were rising, food shortages were common but over and above everything else, the unity of India was under severe strain.

It was in these circumstances that the States Department came into being in June 1947. Among the chief aims of this department was to give impetus and top priority to negotiations vis-à-vis India's relationship with the over 550 princely states, which were as diverse as they could get, be it in size, population, terrain or economic situation. No wonder Mahatma Gandhi remarked, "The problem of the states is so difficult that YOU alone can solve it."

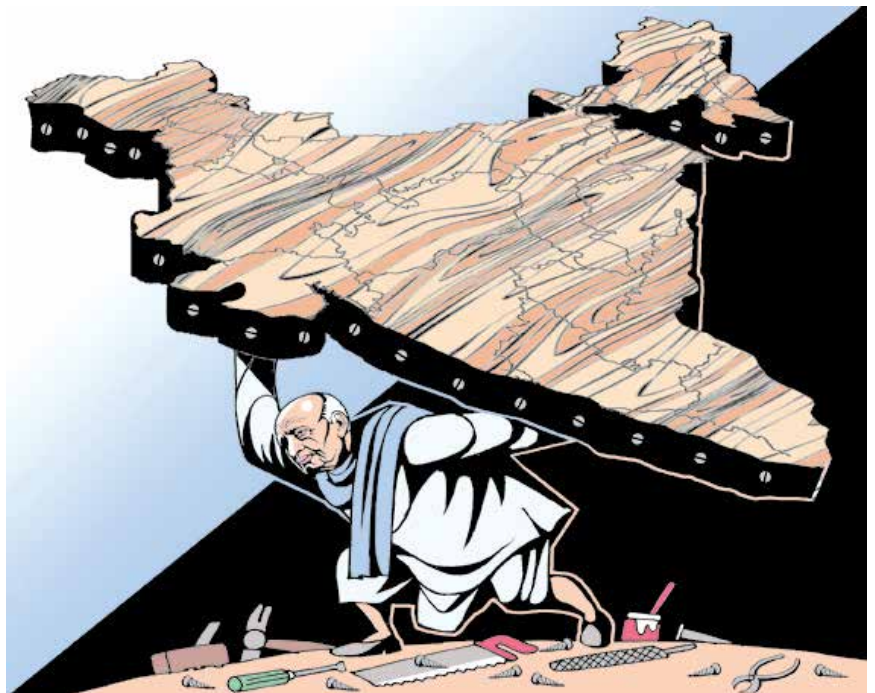
In vintage Sardar Patel style, he went about his work with precision, firmness and administrative

efficiency. Time was less and the task was herculean ... but this was no ordinary person, it was Sardar Patel, who was determined not to let his nation down. One by one, he and his team negotiated with the princely states and ensured that they all became a part of free India.

It was due to round-the-clock effort of Sardar Patel that the map of India is what it is today!

Once freedom was won, VP Menon, it is said, wanted to retire

from government service, only to be told by Sardar Patel that this was neither the time to rest nor the time to retire. Such was Sardar Patel's firm resolve. VP Menon was made the Secretary of the States Department. In his book 'The Story of the Integration of Indian States', he writes about how Sardar Patel led from the front and inspired the entire team to work assiduously. He also writes that Sardar Patel was clear – first and foremost came the interests



of the people of India, there would be no compromise on that.

On August 15, 1947, we celebrated the dawn of a new destiny but the work of nation building was far from complete. As independent India's first home minister, he set the stage for an administrative framework that continues to serve the nation be it in matters of day to day governance or protecting the interests of the people, particularly the poor and marginalised.

Sardar Patel was a veteran administrator. His own experience in governance, particularly in the 1920s when he served the Ahmedabad municipality, was extremely handy when he worked towards strengthening independent India's administrative framework. While in Ahmedabad, he did commendable work in furthering cleanliness in the city. He ensured clean and functioning drainage systems across the city. He also focussed on other aspects of urban infrastructure such as roads, electricity and education.

Today, if India is known for a vibrant cooperative sector, a large part of the credit goes to Sardar Patel. The roots of Amul can be traced back to his vision for empowering local communities, particularly women. It was Sardar Patel who also popularised the idea of cooperative housing societies, thus ensuring dignity and shelter for many.

Two traits synonymous with Sardar Patel are trust and

integrity. The farmers of India had unparalleled faith in him. After all, he was a kisan putra, who led from the front during the Bardoli satyagraha. The working class saw him as a ray of hope, a leader who would speak up for them. Traders and industrialists preferred to work with Sardar Patel because they felt here was a stalwart who had a vision for India's economic and industrial growth.

His political peers too trusted him. Acharya Kripalani remarked that whenever they faced an issue and if Bapu's guidance

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was not available, they would turn to Sardar Patel. When political negotiations were at their peak in 1947, Sarojini Naidu called him "the man of decision and man of action". Everyone trusted him, his words and his actions. Sardar Patel continues to be respected across caste, creed, faith, age!

This year's Sardar Jayanti is even more special. With the blessings of 130 crore Indians, the Statue of Unity is being inaugurated today. Situated on the banks of the Narmada, the 'Statue

of Unity' is the tallest in the world. 'Dharti Putra' Sardar Patel will stand tall in the skies, to guide us and inspire us.

I congratulate all those who have worked day and night to ensure that this grand statue in tribute of Sardar Patel becomes a reality. My mind goes back to October 31, 2013, when we laid the foundation stone for this ambitious project. In record time, a project of such scale has become ready and this should make every Indian proud. I urge you all to visit the Statue of Unity in the times to come.

The Statue of Unity is a symbol of both the unity of hearts and the geographical integrity of our motherland. It is a reminder that divided, we may not be even able to face ourselves. United, we can face the world and scale new heights of growth and glory.

Sardar Patel worked with astonishing speed to dismantle the history of imperialism and create the geography of unity with the spirit of nationalism. He saved India from Balkanisation and integrated even the weakest of limbs into the national framework. Today, we, the 130 crore Indians, are working shoulder to shoulder to build a New India that is strong, prosperous and inclusive. Every decision is being taken to ensure that the fruits of development reach the most vulnerable, without any corruption or favouritism, just as Sardar Patel would have wanted it. ■

(The writer is the PM of India)

'INDIA AND JAPAN WILL BE FRIENDS FOREVER'



P rime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi visited Japan on October 28-29, 2018 for 13th India-Japan summit. During the visit, recognizing the unparalleled potential for development of relations between the two countries, Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Abe reviewed the significant milestones achieved over the last four years and outlined the following shared vision for the future of India-Japan relations. Japan announced joining the International Solar Alliance (ISA) submitting the instrument of ratification on 29th October 2018. As of now there are 70 countries that have signed the ISA Framework Agreement (ISA FA) and 47 countries that have ratified it. Japan will be the 71st country to sign and 48th country to ratify the ISA FA.

Exchange of Notes concerning the provision of seven Yen loan projects including the Project for the Construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail, Project for Renovation and Modernization of Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Hydroelectric Power Station, Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project (Phase 3), North

East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project, Project for the Construction of Turga Pumped Storage, Project for the Construction of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road and Project for Sustainable Catchment Forest Management in Tripura (total loan provision of up to 316.458 billion yen) took place.

During this trip Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 'Make in India: India-Japan partnership in Africa and Digital Partnership' seminar, in Tokyo. The PM said India and Japan will be friends forever. The Prime Minister explained how the Union Government is focused on improving ease of doing business, and ease of living for the citizens. He expressed happiness at the large presence of Japanese companies in India. Noting that Japan has been a partner in many important industrial projects in India, the Prime Minister explained the strength of India's economic performance over the last four years. He said India is today the fastest growing major economy. He mentioned other major transitions in the Indian economy, including the move from informal to formal economy, digital transactions and GST etc.

INDO- JAPANESE AGREEMENTS FOR BILATERAL CURRENCY SWAP ARRANGEMENT OF SEVENTY FIVE BILLION DOLLARS

The Prime Ministers of India and Japan, building on great friendship between the two countries and to further strengthen and widen the depth and diversity of economic cooperation, agreed during Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's visit to Japan on 29 October 2018 for the Annual Summit, to conclude a Bilateral Currency Swap Agreement for an amount of USD Seventy Five billion. This Swap arrangement particularly reflects the depth of mutual trust and understanding, personal relationship and warmth between the two leaders built over many years.

This arrangement between Japan and India has been the high point of economic and financial agreements between the two countries, during the visit of the Prime Minister of India. This represents an increase of fifty percent over last currency swap arrangement between the two countries. It is indicative of close bonds between the two countries nurtured by the two leaders. As reported, Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe has said that he is friend of India forever.

To address the issues of outward flow of foreign capital, India has also taken various steps towards containing the Current Account Deficit (CAD) and rupee volatility. It has taken various measures to attract foreign capital which include relaxations in the policy for external borrowings and issuance of offshore rupee bonds (Masala Bonds), review of certain restrictions on FPI investment in debt, hike in customs duty for curtailing imports of non-essential items, promoting exports, financing standing working capital of Oil Marketing Companies by long term external borrowings etc.

The decision of entering into currency swap agreement is another important measure towards improving confidence in the Indian market. This facility will not only enable the agreed amount of Capital being available to India on tap for use, it would also help in bringing down the cost of capital for Indian entities while accessing foreign capital market. The arrangement is another milestone in mutual cooperation between Japan and India

Prime minister Shri Narendra Modi along with his Japanese counterpart Shri Shinzo Abe visited the FANUC Corporation, one of the largest makers of industrial robots in the world. Officials of the foreign

ministry said at the motor assembly facility, they witnessed the assembling of a motor by a robot in 40 seconds.

PM Abe hosted PM Modi at his personal villa near Lake Kawaguchi in Yamanashi for a private dinner as a special gesture.

Shri Narendra Modi also addressed during the visit with the Indian Community in Tokyo. During his address, Prime Minister highlighted several aspects of India – Japan partnership.

Shri Modi thanked the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Japanese people for the warm hospitality and reception accorded to him. He also extended warm Diwali greetings to the Indian community in Japan.

Terming the Indian community as ambassadors of India in Japan, Prime Minister urged them to invest in India and to maintain cultural ties with the motherland. ■



INDIA AND THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS



ARUN JAITLEY

The World Bank each year, in the month of October, announces its rankings on the 'Ease of Doing Business' for the next year. The performance of each nation is taken into consideration with the 1st of May being the cut-off date. This is an independent research by the World Bank based on objective criteria where grading are given under ten different heads as per the criteria specified therein. There is no place for generalities. The improvement has to be specific. India has now moved to position No.77 in a list of 190 nations.

INDIA UNDER UPA

India, during the ten years of the UPA, has witnessed high level of corruption, policy paralysis and abandonment of all reforms. UPA-II, for its five year tenure, witnessed a global ranking 134, 132, 132, 134 and finally 142. This was UPA's miserable track record. India was the most difficult to do business with. Investors were wary of coming to India. On the contrary, there was a reverse flight of capital from India by the investors.

THE NDA PERFORMANCE

The Prime Minister in 2014 itself announced that the Government's objective was to ensure that India should be amongst the first fifty nations in the 'Ease of Doing Business'. His call seemed to be a tall promise since India had to move up 92 positions. Amongst the top nations, in each of the ten categories, the competition is extremely tough and many countries with specific changes move ahead. Changes required a legislation, regulation, policy decisions and administrative reforms. They involved technical innovations. Moving up 92 positions is a daunting task. Not many were optimistic. They

of the same is felt on the ground. The World Bank doesn't regard announcements as a worthy improvement. There is always a timeline between the reform and the upgrade.

Having inherited the legacy of position No.142, we moved up, in the first two years, and retained position No.130. In the third year, we have made a major jump of 30 positions to reach position No.100 and in the fourth year, we have moved to position No.77. This is a 65 point improvement in the first four years. We are still 27 positions away from the target. The impossible now looks plausible.

THE UPGRADE OF SPECIFICS

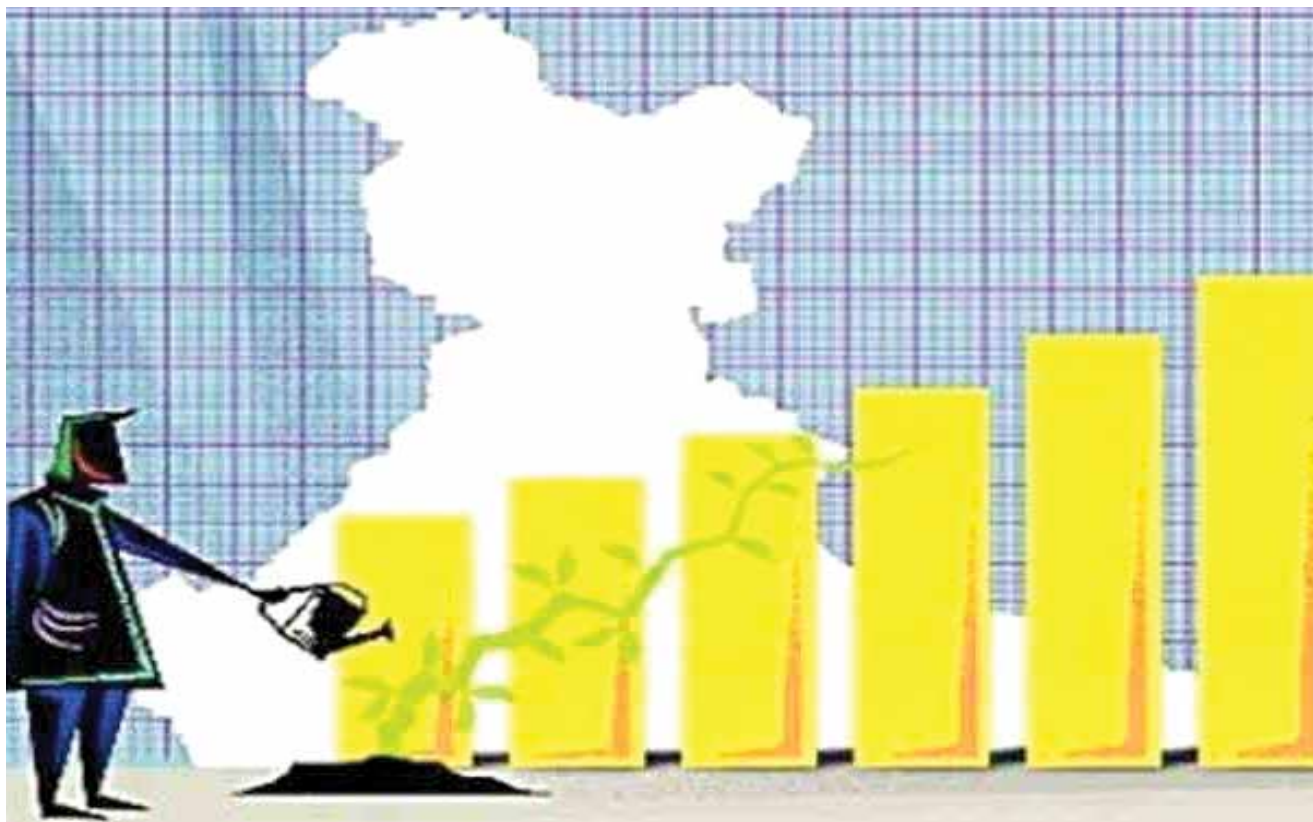
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regarded it as an unachievable goal.

The Government started working on each of the criteria in 2014 itself. Announcement of a change, a legislation or a policy is not enough unless the effect

a deemed sanction. For 'Getting Electricity', we have improved a phenomenal 132 positions. On registration of properties, we are still at position No.166. On 'Getting Credit', we are at position No.22. On 'Protecting Minority Investors',



we are at position No.7 – our highest position in any category. On 'Trading Across Borders', which involves customs, we have improved significantly to position No.80 from an all time high of 146.

After the enactment and implementation of the GST and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, we have improved in 'Payment of Taxes' by 37 positions but are still at 121. In 'Resolving Insolvency', we have improved 29 positions but are still at 108. On 'Enforcement of Contracts', we have improved 23 positions but are still at 163.

THE ROAD FOR NEXT YEAR

On 'Payment of Taxes' and 'Resolving Insolvency', the GST and the NCLT mechanisms are in place. Early results seem to be

quite encouraging and when this full year's performance is taken into consideration, it would be logical to assume that we will move up significantly in these two categories. Similarly, on 'Enforcement of Contracts', the Specific Relief Act has been amended to make the Act enforceable, leaving damages as only exception. Commercial courts have been set up in different districts of the country. The Arbitration Act has been amended to provide for expeditious arbitrations and the least judicial intervention.

The other area where India has to make a special effort to further improve is in relation to 'starting a business'. Current year our ranking of 137 has improved by 21 position in the last four years.

It is still not a satisfactory position. There are several processes which are relevant both at the level of the Central Government and the State Governments. Much improvement is required in these areas.

In each of these criteria, there has to be an emphasis on reducing the time period for any business activity, reducing the cost involved and cutting down the number of procedures. This by itself is not formidable task. If we are able to keep the present pace of reforms in the above areas, the targets set by the Prime Minister would start looking a modest one. Only a focussed and a purpose oriented Government could have achieved this. ■

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SARDAR PATEL: NEW INDIA'S CRISIS MAN



SURESH PRABHU

The real tribute to Sardar Patel would be to resolve to contribute in the making of a New India inspired by the spirit of unification made possible by Sardar Patel.

History has often proved that every crisis would find its own man. India had its crisis man in Sardar Patel in the aftermath of our country's Independence, when a great crisis was staring at the still-to-be-born India. Rulers of about 600 principalities were nursing their own ambitions of becoming independent leaders. Some of them were even thinking of associating themselves with the new-born neighbouring country. Nizam of Hyderabad, right in the centre of our country, was one among them. Such a crisis needed a man with a mind of steel and a great vision. We were indeed fortunate to have found one in Sardar Patel.

To understand the significance of Sardar Patel's vision and his contribution to the unification of our country, one only needs to imagine a situation in Hyderabad, which had toyed with the idea of joining Pakistan, not being a part of

India. But for this great son of our country, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, it is indeed difficult to visualise India of today. One geographical entity of today's India is legacy of Sardar Patel. But has our country done justice to his contributions and legacy?

Do our history books and school curriculum present a fair and balanced account of such legacies? Why were we forced to be so dishonest to the great vision and contribution of Sardar Patel? Should we not give a fair and balanced account of the modern history of our country and its lead actors to the post-Independence generations?

This is the objective of our Government's decision to observe Sardar Patel's birth anniversary as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas'. This is not intended to belittle other legacies and contributions of other leaders. Pure and simple, our intention is just to do justice to the words and deeds of Sardar Patel.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was born on October 31, 1875 in Gujarat. He was born into a farmer's family. In the due course, he passed his matriculation examination and after some years, he passed the Law examination. He practiced as a lawyer at Godhra. He carried on a roaring legal practice. As he was ambitious, he went to England and became a barister-at-law.

In 1923, he became the leader

of Bardoli Satyagraha. Since then, he came to be called Sardar Patel. His elder brother, Mr Vithalbhai Patel, was the President of the Indian Legislative Assembly. He was jailed several times in connection with the freedom movement. He was the right-hand man of Mahatma Gandhi and his most trusted lieutenant. It was Patel who maintained discipline in the Congress ranks. In 1936, the Congress at the General Election won the majority of seats in seven provinces of British India.

Sardar Patel was the most important member of the Central Parliamentary Board. He became free India's first Deputy Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru being the first Prime Minister. He was in charge of the Home Department and administered law and order.

Future historians will marvel at his organising capacity and superhuman ability. The integration of about 560 Princely States and the elimination of the autocratic rule of the Maharajas and Nawabs will ever stand out as his unique and greatest achievement. He did it without bloodshed and in a short span of two years. Was this not a miracle? To him, rightly goes the credit of completely changing the map of India.

He was essentially a man of action. He was India's man of destiny. He was the Iron man



of India. He was the brightest luminary on the home front. He was a walking volcano with fires raging in his heart. He was not a man to be ignored or trifled with. Defeat, he never knew; weakness he never felt, and indiscipline he never tolerated. He was a pillar of fire and enthusiasm, but as a practical statesman, he was also calm and unfathomable. He never hesitated to take a decisive step. He combined quickness of decision with resourcefulness.

He was the greatest administrator and the best statesman that India ever produced. His death on December 15, 1950, left India poorer. By his death, free India has suffered a loss in political leadership that is difficult to repair. Crores of our

countrymen, including myself, still believe today that Sardar Patel had been the first Prime Minister of our country, the course of events would have been totally different. We as a nation need to correct this distortion. Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that we need to look beyond politics, to build an India that lives up to its potential.

Without the creation of the India of today, we would have had no voice in the global order of things. That is why we need to commemorate the legacy and memory of Sardar Patel, and that is what we are doing today.

Sardar Patel symbolised a decisive leadership. In the past and in recent times, we have paid heavily for the indecisiveness

of leaders, in whose hands our destinies have been placed. Today's India needs another Sardar, who can think with clarity and act firmly. We are fortunate to have another leader with such traits in Narendra Modi.

Located alongside the Narmada River in Gujarat, the world's tallest 'Statue of Unity' that is being unveiled today is a real tribute to the Ironman of India. Nearly 30 metres taller than the current record holder — the Spring Temple Buddha in China — and almost double the height of the Statue of Liberty, the statue of unity is "a symbol of India rising", as rightly pointed by our Prime Minister.

Besides unifying the country, Sardar Patel had also laid the foundations of all-India services as a permanent executive and a vehicle of building modern India. On this day, we need to resolve to contribute to the making of a new India inspired by the spirit of unification made possible by Sardar Patel.

Whatever had happened had happened and it is time for every countryman to strive for the unity, integrity, safety and security of our country, inspired by the spirit and vision of Sardar Patel. We do have some issues relating to external and internal security of our country. I am confident, unitedly, we can overcome these challenges under the leadership of our Prime Minister. Let us remember Sardar Patel, whenever we are confronted with a challenge. That shall enable us to meet it with resolve. ■

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COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR THE FALL OF THE LAST MARXIST BASTION

MASSIVE UPSURGE IN KERALA TO PROTECT TRADITIONS



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PANICKER

The Supreme Court verdict on September 28, 2018 allowing women of all ages to enter Sabarimala Ayyappa temple in Kerala has stirred a hornets' nest.

Sabarimala is the one and the only hill shrine where more than five crores of devotees converge for a two-month pilgrim season. Deity of the temple Lord Ayyappa is considered 'Naishtika Brahmachari' (perennial celibate). Age-old customs and observances here demand restrictions for women between 10 and 50 years to facilitate fulfillment of brahmacharya vritha. This tradition has nothing to do with gender discrimination. Hundreds of other Ayyappa temples in Kerala are open to women of all ages. Devotees wear rudrakha garlands, take 41-day penance, carry 'irumudikkettu' (bag with double pouches where a coconut filled with ghee for Ayyappa abhisheka in one and rice and other offerings in the other). Ayyappa devotees are treated as Ayyappa themselves. Each salutes other not by his name, but 'Swami', meaning the 'Lord'.

Those who observe this penance gets training in brahmacharya and realize God is within. Atop the 18 steps that leads to the temple and in front of the entrance it is written, 'Thattvamasi' ("tat tvam asi" - "you are that" - "you are the God").

With the apex court verdict, Hindus feel their fundamental right to observe a particular practice in their own temple is compromised. The CPM-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) Government has taken the verdict as a ruse to further their political agenda. This centre, where pilgrims more than double the population of Kerala converge, was always an eyesore for Marxists and semetic religious groups for obvious reasons. This centre always stood as a fortress against the Marxist materialistic ideology and the nefarious designs of massive proselytisation. In 1957, anti-socials set fire to the temple. A commission was set up to probe the fire. The first ever Communist ministry came to power capitalising the anger and the anguish of Hindus over this incident, promising to publish the report and punish the culprits. But, once they came to power, they did not take any action for fear of backlash from influential groups.

Under the pretext of the apex court verdict and at the behest of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, CPM politburo member and former state

secretary, police forcefully escorted activist women masqueraded as devotees, much to the chagrin of devotees when the sanctum sanctorum of the temple opened for five-day poojas on October 17. Devotees were shocked to see activists who campaigned for the Kiss of Love, Mangalashtra breaking demonstrations pretending to be devotees winding their way to their holy shrine in police dress and escort!

But thousands of devotees stood as one wall chanting Saranam Ayyappa and blocked them. They were forced to retreat. Devotees maintained utmost restraint even after provocation from women atheists and activists supported by the government machinery, including the police. Peaceful protesters were brutally lathicharged by the police and hundreds of vehicles destroyed. More than 3500 devotees who chanted "Swamiye Saranam Ayyappa" were held, including women, and more than 500 cases charged. Most of them were taken into custody, handcuffed like murderers and dacoits at the dead of night, reminding the infamous midnight knock during the Emergency. Decayed body of an Ayyappa devotee Sivadas, 60, missing since the police brutality at Nilackal, was found in the Sabari forest. He has become the

first martyr of the present struggle against the authoritarian regime, forcefully implementing the court order. The Chief Minister presides over the suppression of a peaceful mass movement like Hitler or Stalin. He stoops to the level of a local CPM cadre and forget he is the state's Chief Minister.

Pinarayi Vijayan's selective interest in implementing Sabarimala verdict in haste exposes him and his party's highly partisan approach. There are scores of cases where the government is sitting over court orders without taking any action.

Since the Government had lost its

The party is mobilising its cadres from party villages to parade them as devotees, policemen on duty and temporary staff of Devaswom to facilitate entry of women to temple. Devotees are equally determined that this will happen only over their dead bodies. Hindu leadership had met at Kottayam where 120 Hindu organisations took part chalked out various programmes to thwart the evil designs of the CPM-led government to destroy the sanctity of the temple and its ageold customs.

The state is witnessing protest rallies, public meetings and chants

were spearheaded by saints and reformers like Narayana Guru, Chattampi Swami and Ayyankali much much before the advent of the communist movement.

BJP national president Amit Shah on October 27 categorically stated that the party will stand by devotees. "Today in Kerala, a struggle is going on between religious beliefs and state government's cruelty. More than 2,000 activists and workers from BJP, RSS and other organisations have been arrested. BJP is standing like a rock with devotees," Shah said. The efforts by the Kerala government to suppress the agitation of the devotees of Lord Ayyappa amounts to "playing with fire," he said. He was in Kannur to inaugurate the district headquarters of the party.

Shah accused the Left Government of trying to 'destroy' Sabarimala temple and the "Hindu traditions". He said the BJP will not allow the CPI(M) government to "gamble with Hindu faith". "There is no restriction for women to offer prayers in any other Ayyappa temple. The uniqueness of the Sabarimala shrine has to be protected," Shah said. He said the state government is "conspiring" against Hindu temples, adding that it has created an "emergency-like situation in Kerala". He said the court's order on Sabarimala temple should be implemented by "respecting the sentiments of devotees".

RSS Sarsanghachalak Mohan Bhagavath in his Vijayadasami talk said that the Supreme Court should've considered the feelings of the devotees before pronouncing the judgment.



face in the first phase, the arrogant Chief Minister is determined to win the second phase. As we file this report, it is learnt that 12 CPM-backed women have sought police protection to climb Sabarimala. Now Pinarayi is determined to bring these women atop Sabarimala on November 5 at any cost when the sanctum sanctorum opens again for a one-day "Chithira Attavishesham," the birth anniversary celebration of Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma, the head of Travancore royal family.

of Ayyappa Saranamantira all over Kerala. Lakhs of devotees, especially women, voluntarily took to streets, chanting Ayyappa Saranam.

Chief Minister accuses the peaceful agitators as anti-socials and retrogrades who sabotage all progressive steps brought out by communist movement. But history reveals that most of the social changes like temple entry, right to walk on streets, against untouchability and many more

Now, the Marxists have a design in this. First, they want to show that they are the torchbearers of gender equality. Second, Pinarayi wants to prove he is a crusader against the Sangh Parivar who wholeheartedly supports the devotees' peaceful agitation. And, last but not the least, he is bent upon galvanizing support from all anti-Sangh Parivar forces to his fold for safeguarding the last citadel of the Left.

The demand for entry of women of all ages came not from any devotee, but from Young Lawyers Association. When the case came up in the court, neither the State Government having clearcut political interest, nor the State controlled Travancore Devaswom Board that administer the temples effectively presented the case before the apex court, ditching crores of devotees. Unfortunately, in this case, interests of the plaintiff and the accused converged and the third parties had no

role. And finally, when the judgment came, both refuse to file revision petition since the verdict suits their nefarious designs to destroy a unifying pilgrim centre. Their famous quote is "when one place of worship is destroyed, that much superstition is lost".

Reports say, around 40 review petitions are before the apex court against its ruling. Unless the Supreme Court pronounces a positive judgment on review petitions on November 13, it would be a Herculean task to implement

the apex court ruling when lakhs of pilgrims converge during two-month long pilgrim season beginning on November 16.

"The CPM government is trying to destroy the temple, which is a centre of Hindu reformation. There is a Communist conspiracy against Sabarimala," BJP state president P.S. Sreedharan Pillai said. BJP wants the state government to pass an ordinance to continue the traditions.

State NDA took out Sabarimala Samrakshana Yatra to force the state

resistance. Taking ladies pretending to be devotees to Sabarimala under Government patronage is to provoke devotees," Sreedharan Pillai who spearheaded the Yatra said. "Majority community should stay united to carry forward this struggle," BJS state president Thushar Vellappalli said.

"Devaswom Board, supposed to stand by devotees, are challenging Pandalam Royal family, Sabarimala Tantri and waging war against devotees at the behest of the CPM and the LDF Government. BJP stand behind devotees," BJP state general secretary M.T.Ramesh said.

"When police removed a huge concrete cross erected by encroachers at Pappathichola in Munnar a few months ago, Pinarayi was furious. 'Orders from government should be implemented without hurting the sentiments of believers,' Pinarayi then said. Why he has double standards when it comes

to Sabarimala," Ramesh asked.

Pinarayi has not learnt lessons from history. On two earlier occasions, politicians had to bow before the might of devotees. First it was in Thali Temple at Malappuram, where the then Communist Chief Minister E.M.S. Namboodirippad did not allow the renovation of a temple vandalized by Tippu, the erstwhile Mysore ruler. Through relentless struggle led by freedom fighter K.Kelappan Hindus could succeed in building a magnificent temple at Thali. During

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government and the Devaswom Board to file review petitions in the Supreme Court. Yatra commenced from the birthplace of Ayyappa at Pandalam to Thiruvananthapuram where a massive congregation of devotees took place.

NDA held peaceful upavas against the massive arrests and the draconian steps of the state government. "Communist Party wants to turn Sabarimala into a battle ground on the pretext of ladies entry into Sabarimala. This will not work. BJP will hold passive

K.Karunakaran's regime, some Christian groups planted cross at Nilakkal in Sabarimala garden comprising of 18 hills. There was an unprecedented struggle led by the present Mizoram Governor Kummanam Rajasekharan and they were forced to remove the cross from the Hindu pilgrim area.

The Sabarimala issue has exposed the double standards of the Opposition Unite Democratic Front led by the Congress. Opposition Leader Ramesh Chennithala suggested that the Devaswom Board, which manages the temple, file a review petition against the verdict. "The order created grave concern among the faithful and

Vijayan.

Pandalam Royal family member R.R. Varma, said, "Sabarimala was the family temple of Pandalam royal family. We handed it over to the government. The court has not fully analysed the situation in Sabarimala. The verdict has insulted the faithful."

Actor Rajinikanth a staunch devotee of Ayyappa said there should be no "interference" in temple traditions being followed for a long time. "When you talk about a temple, every temple has its time honoured rituals, besides traditions being followed for a long time. My humble opinion is that no one should interfere in that," he said.

who speak and write for anarchy and anti-Indian stand received patronage and protection. And the government cleverly hid the fact that lakhs of women devotees come every season in Sabarimala and there is no gender discrimination. Now, the Marxists want a unique place of worship where devotees flock due to that uniqueness to be degraded to an ordinary place of worship. Marxists realise that until this faith flourishes, their material ideology has no chance for survival. Hence they target this centre in vain.

Congress had its first jolt when KPCC executive committee member and former Devaswom Board president G.Raman Nair who inaugurated NDA's Sabarimala Protection March at Pandalam and later removed from the party joined BJP along with other four veterans, including former ISRO chairman G.Madhavan Nair in the presence of Amit Shah.

Temple issue will be Pinarayi Vijayan's Waterloo. If he goes ahead with his plans, traditional Hindu voters who so far stood with the CPM will forsake the party. Pinarayi's calculations to compensate this with polarizing SDPI, Popular Front and Christian votes in favour of the party are a day dream. Thousands of CPM cadres are defying party diktats and join the temple movement.

Unless Kerala Chief Minister behaves like a statesman, all the cultural values the state earned through centuries of hard work will be swept away in no time. Once it happens, it will be very difficult to rebuild this great tradition. ■

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the government should not hastily implement the order," former Chief Minister Oommen Chandy said. But Congress president Rahul Gandhi differed. He battled for the entry of women of all ages to Sabarimala. Congress wants the benefit of both the worlds, but devotees feel the party had ditched them in the middle.

Devaswom Board president is A.Padmakumar, a CPM nominee refuses to file review petitions under threat from his boss Pinarayi

Noting that the top court verdict should be "respected", the actor indicated that caution should be exercised when it came to matters of religion and related rituals.

This is the last among a series of denigrations against every Hindu religious beliefs by the CPM and its brigade. Hindu gods and goddesses, wearing of sandal and kumkum paste on forehead, temple worship, family bonds, Indian culture all were targets of their ridicule. Only those

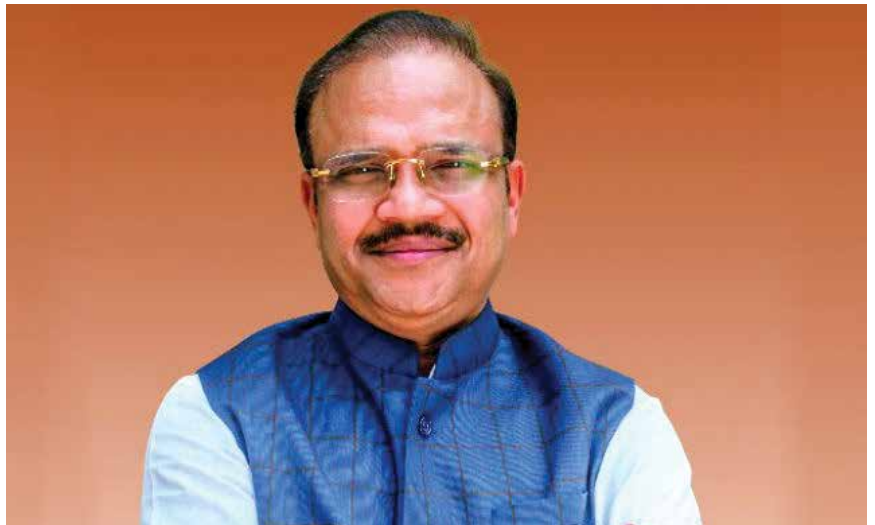
BJP will register a thumping victory for the fourth consecutive time in Chhattisgarh: Dr. Anil Jain

BJP National General Secretary and In-charge of Chhattisgarh and Haryana Dr. Anil Jain firmly believes that BJP will register a thrashing victory in Chhattisgarh this time with 65 or above seats and form the government in the state for the fourth conjugative time. In an interview to the Associate Editor of Kamal Sandesh, Ram Prasad Tripathy and Member BJP Media Cell Chhattisgarh Hemant Panigrahi, Shri Jain said for its lies Congress has exposed itself thoroughly. Therefore, Congress is not a challenge anywhere in the state for us. Excerpts;

In the upcoming assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, the BJP has been making all round efforts to register a thumping victory consecutive for the fourth time. How the party is strategizing to face the elections?

Look, in the last 15 years the BJP government under the leadership of Dr. Raman Singh has made remarkable works for the all round development of Chhattisgarh. If you compare the development scenario of the state between 2003 and now you can notice a hell and heaven difference came during this period. So far as development is concerned, Chhattisgarh is now one of the leading states of the country only for the hard work of BJP government.

Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh has successfully delivered development at the doorsteps of the last man in the society during his one and half decades rule and after 2014 the NDA government led by PM Shri Narendra Modi ji at the centre has been giving constant



support to Chhattisgarh for its swift development. Therefore, we are optimistic that this time BJP will cross 65 out of 90 seats and register a thrashing victory for the fourth time in a row and form government.

Which are the key issues of BJP for the upcoming assembly elections?

Development will be the major election issue of the party for Chhattisgarh. Schemes relating

to Rice, Salt & Gram for the poor has created a worldwide identity for the BJP government. The state has an environment of free from fear and free from hunger. Schemes like telecom revolution, Tendu leave bonus, Charan Paduka and farmers' welfare etc. have given enormous benefits to the people. The party will also take these achievements of the state government to the people.

How you see the challenges posed by the Congress in the state?

Now Congress became a party of lies. It has also thoroughly exposed itself. Starting from naxal problems to the CD episode Congress has only taken the help of lies. For its dirty politics this party has earned disrepute for the state and stooped so low for cheap politics, nobody is willing to trust it anymore. Therefore, Congress is not a challenge anywhere in the state for us.

The state assembly elections will be followed by the Lok Sabha elections in 2019. Do you think the BJP will repeat the feat of 2014 once again in the state?

Under the dynamic leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi ji the BJP led NDA government at the centre has made significant performances. The nation is marching ahead with all round development and India is getting good name and fame in the comity of nations. Therefore we are confident; that from Chhattisgarh we will get full out of full and at

the national level this time BJP will independently cross 300 seats in the upcoming general elections and break the earlier record and work for the prosperity of the nation once again.

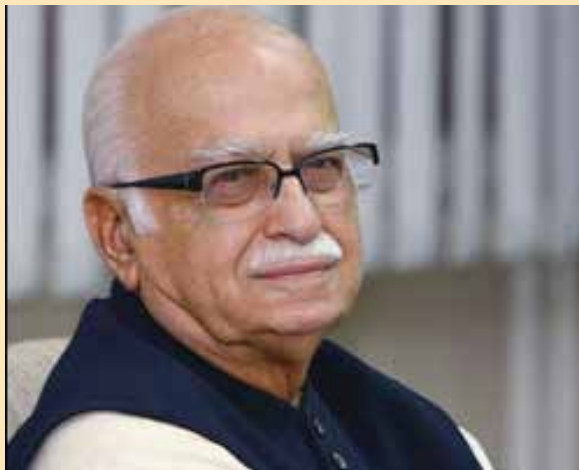
Apart from Chhattisgarh, you are also in-charge of Haryana. Recently, the BJP government in Haryana has completed four years in office. How can you rate the achievements of BJP government?

Under the leadership of Shri Manohar Lal Khattar the BJP government in Haryana is doing development for the welfare of all sections of the society. Prior to BJP government, rule of muscle and corruption was there in the state. But when we came to power our priority was development with empathy. The state got accolades for the steps it has taken for the welfare of the women, girls, sportspersons, farmers, the poor and others. For all these improvement Haryana is creating its own identity among the states

of the country.

What are the major achievements of BJP which you want to highlight? What will be the performance of party in the next year's general elections?

Under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi ji, the wind of development is blowing everywhere and in every sector of the country and Haryana is also experiencing this fast pace of development. Central government's thrust on Strong Economy, Swachh Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana, Mudra Bank, Ayushman Bharat, Minimum Support Price, House for all and Electricity for all etc. and coupled with the development works of Haryana government, which has changed the perception of the state will be the major issues in the upcoming general election. And undoubtedly, both in the Lok Sabha and in the next Assembly Elections BJP in Haryana will register a massive victory. ■



JEEVEM SHARDAH SHATAM !

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Kamal Sandesh Parivar wishes former Deputy Prime Minister of India Shri Lal Krishna Advani a very Happy Birthday and prays for his good health and long life.

‘NORTH EAST MADE GRAND PROGRESS IN ORGANIC FARMING’

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his monthly radio programme-Mann Ki Baat on October 28 addressed the nation. He mentioned India's contribution in world World War I and organic farming of North east. He remembered Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's role in unification of India. Here are we giving highlights of the address for our esteemed readers:

The 31st of October is the birth anniversary of our beloved Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This year too, the youth of the country is all set, to take part in the 'Run for Unity'. Six months or so before Independence, on the 27th of January, 1947, the world – famous international Magazine 'Time' had a photograph of Sardar Patel on the cover page of that edition. In their lead story, they had depicted a map of India; it was nowhere close to what the map looks like now. It was the map of an India that was divided into myriad fragments. There existed over 550 princely states. The English had lost interest in India; they wanted to leave India fragmented into pieces. Time Magazine had opined that hovering over India then were the dangers of problems like partition, violence, food scarcity, price rise and power-politics. The magazine further observed that amidst that plethora of problems, if there was anyone who possessed the capability to unite the country and heal wounds, it was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The story also brings to the fore other aspects of the life of the Iron Man of India... the manner in which he had managed relief operations during the Ahmedabad floods in the 1920s; the way he steered the Bardoli Satyagrah. Such was his sense of honesty & commitment that the farmer, the worker right up to the industrialist trusted him with full faith. Gandhiji considered Sardar Patel as the only one capable of finding a lasting solution to the vexed issue of the states and asked him to act.

- I respectfully bow before all of them who are part of the Indian Armed Forces. I also salute the families of our soldiers. But, do you know why we Indian citizens commemorate this day as Infantry Day? This is the very day when Indian Forces landed in Kashmir and saved the valley from the clutches of aggression. This incident

too is directly related to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I was reading an old interview with the celebrated Army officer Sam Manekshaw. In that interview, field Marshal Sam Manekshaw was reminiscing on times when he was a Colonel. Around this time, military operations commenced in Kashmir. Field Marshal Manekshaw has mentioned how in a meeting, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was irked on the delay in sending troops to Kashmir. During the proceedings, Sardar Patel gave him a characteristic glance and reiterated that there should be no delay in our Army operation and that a solution should be sought swiftly. And immediately after that, our troops flew to Kashmir... we've seen how our Army was successful. The 31st of October also is the death anniversary of our former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Our respectful tributes to Indira ji too.

- You may recall that we had successfully organized FIFA Under- 17 World Cup in the year 2017. The whole world acclaimed this as a very successful tournament. FIFA Under -17 World Cup had created a record in terms of the number of viewers on the ground. More than 12 lakh enthusiasts enjoyed the romance of Football matches in various stadia across the country and boosted the morale of the young players. This year also, we have been fortunate to be the hosts of the Men's Hockey World Cup 2018 in Bhubaneswar. The Hockey World Cup will commence on the 28th November to be concluded on the 16th December. Each Indian who plays any game or has interest in any game has a definite interest in Hockey. India has a golden history in Hockey. India has won gold medals in various tournaments and has been the World Champion once. India has produced many great hockey players. Whenever there will be reference

to Hockey, the story will remain incomplete without a mention of these legends. Hockey maestro Major Dhyan Chand is a renowned name all over the world. Then, from Balbeer Singh Senior, Leslie Claudius, Mohammad Shahid, Udham Singh to Dhan Raj Pillai, Indian Hockey has had a very long journey. Even today, players of Team India are encouraging the younger generation through their hard work and focused attention.

- I attended a programme where a portal was launched, its name is 'Self 4 Society', MyGov and the IT and Electronics industry of the country have launched this portal with a view to motivating their employees for social activities and providing them with opportunities to perform in this field. Their dedication and vigour can make each Indian feel proud.
- This is a fact that the tribal community believes in very peaceful and harmonious co-existence but, if somebody tries to harm and cause damage to their natural resources, they do not shy away from fighting for their rights. There is no wonder that our foremost freedom fighters were the brave people from our tribal communities. Who can forget Bhagwan Birsa Munda who struggled hard against the British Empire to save their own forest land.
- A few days ago, I was reading about a farmer brother Gurbachan Singh from Punjab. The son of this hard working farmer Gurbachan Singh ji was to be married. Gurbachan Singh ji had told the bride's parents that the marriage would be performed in a solemn manner. There is absolutely no need to spend much on wedding reception or any other item. We have to keep it a very very simple event. But then he suddenly said that he had one condition. And, when a condition is put these days, generally it is thought that the other side is going to make a big demand which will be really difficult for the bride's family to fulfill. But, you will be surprised to know that Bhai Gurbachan Singh was a simple farmer and what he told the bride's father and the condition he placed reflects the true strength of our society. Gurbachan Singh ji asked him to promise that they will not burn parali or stubble in their fields. You can well imagine the social strength this statement had. This point made by Gurbachan Singh ji appears quite ordinary but this reveals how tall and strong his personality is and we have seen that there are many families in our society who connect their individual matters with the benefit of the society as a whole. Shriman Gurbachan Singh ji's

family has presented one such example before us. I have also read about a village Kallar Majra which is near Nabha in Punjab. Kallar Majra came into lime light as the farmers there mix the stubble with the sand by ploughing their fields rather than burning the stubble and adopt the necessary technology for the process. Congratulations to bhai Gurbachan Singh ji ! Congratulations to the people of Kallar Majra and of all those places who are making their best efforts to keep the environment clean and pollution free. All of you are carrying forward the Indian tradition of a healthy life style as a true successor. Just as a sea is formed by collection of tiny drops, similarly, a small constructive step, plays a vital role in creating a positive environment.

- Wherever there will be a talk of world peace, India's name and contribution will be written in golden letters. For India, 11th of November this year has a special significance because on 11th November a hundred years back the World War I had ended. Rightly speaking we had no direct connection with that war. Despite this, our soldiers fought bravely and played a very big role and made the supreme sacrifice. Indian soldiers showed it to the world that they are second to none if it comes to war. Our soldiers have displayed great valour in difficult areas and adverse conditions. There has just been a single objective behind it- Restoration of peace. The world witnessed a dance of death and devastation during the World War I; According to estimates, around one crore soldiers and almost the same number of civilians lost their lives. This made the whole world realize and understand the importance of peace. The definition of peace has changed in the last hundred years. Today, peace does not only mean 'no war'. There is a need to work unitedly to address issues such as terrorism, climate change, economic development to social justice through universal cooperation and co-ordination. Development of the poorest of the poor is the real indicator of peace.
- North east is one region that has made grand progress in organic farming. A few days ago Sikkim won the prestigious Future Policy Gold Award, 2018 for encouraging the sustainable food system. This award is given by the UN body 'Food & Agriculture Organisation' – FAO. You will be delighted to know that this best policy making award is equivalent to an Oscar in the sector. Not only this, our Sikkim outperformed 51 nominated policies of 25 countries to win this award. For this, I heartily compliment the people of Sikkim. ■



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