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View of massive crowd at the Yuva Hunkar Rally in Kangra

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With a thrust on equity, efficiency & sustainability, a new energy framework is being created that caters to the aspirations of a New India.

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Sushma ji's unequivocal message reflects Modi government's approach towards terrorism and our efforts to maintain International peace.



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PM @narendramodi's #Swachhata Abhiyan has become people's movement. Over 2L villages ve become open defecation free.

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Pained by the sad demise of Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh ji. I express my deepest condolences to his family and friends. Marshal of IAF Arjan Singh ji led the Indian Air Force through his exemplary leadership. His rich contribution to motherland is venerable.



— **Amit Shah**

My heartfelt gratitude to Hon PM Narendra Modi ji for visionary, pragmatic #Cabinet decision of enhancing retirement age of all docs to 65 yrs. This #Cabinet decision will go a long way to strengthen health services in country by providing experienced doctors at all levels.



— **J. P. Nadda**

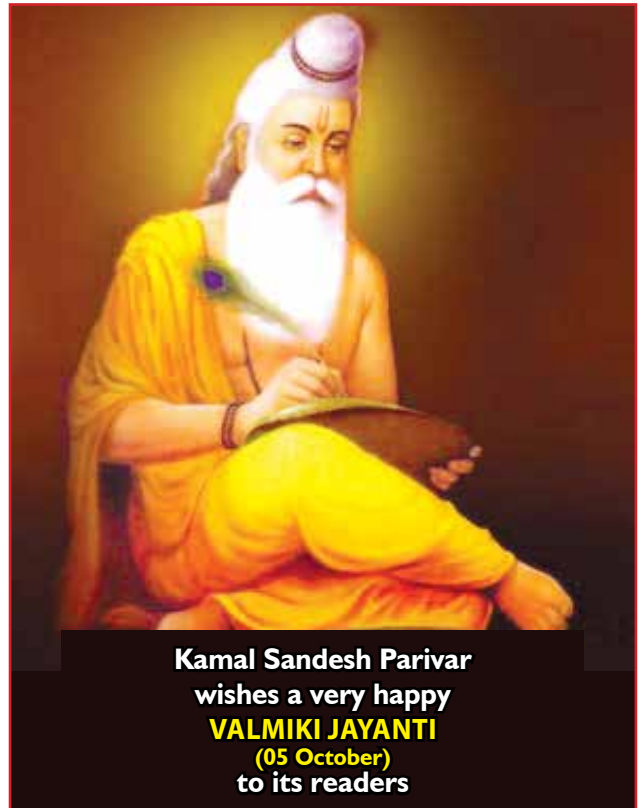
Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya ji's ideals & selfless service to the Nation remains an inspiration for us. Tributes to him on his birth anniversary!



— **Smriti Irani**



Courtesy: Social Media



Karyakartas have enormous responsibility on their shoulders

The National Executive meeting held in Delhi on the occasion of the completion of the centenary celebrations of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya has filled the karyakartas with newfound resolve and determination to rededicate themselves in the service of Maa Bharati. As rightly said by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that BJP and its karyakartas have become hope of the nation as people are increasingly reposing their trust on the party, the karyakartas have enormous responsibility on their shoulders now. While the nation is marching towards the goals of 'New India', the organization is reaching every section of the society connecting the government schemes with the masses. The wave of transformation sweeping the country has the poor, deprived and oppressed sections of the society at its centre aiming to uplift the living standards of poor, farmers and rural sector. The political will to carry out reforms and act against corruption, black money and terrorism is finding unprecedented support among the masses. The nation is showing its resolve to achieve the goals of 'New India'.

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As the BJP led NDA government remains committed to its goals under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the nation is marching ahead on every front. It is first time that the principle of zero-tolerance against terrorism is implemented with such a resolve and separatists have been isolated and punished. The voice of India is getting heard at international foras and getting support across the globe. A large number of pro-poor schemes are transforming the face of rural India and bringing smile on the face of poor. The doors of new opportunities are being opened for youth, women, Dalits and Tribals providing them new avenues for development. The governance inspired by new work culture and technologies are effectively writing new success stories in different parts of the country. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has rightly said that the party in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi has brought an end to the dynastic, caste –based and appeasement politics and heralded an era of politics of performance. The BJP led government has presented an example as to how a transparent, decisive, sensitive and people oriented government can transform the entire system and bring remarkable results. While no one can deny that within three and half years the discourse of governance has completely changed and India has come out from an era of loot, corruption, scams, policy-paralysis and indecisiveness inflicted by misrule of Congress led UPA government, the opposition is busy in raking up baseless controversies. Such a negative approach of the Congress and its allies has further eroded their credibility pushing them to the margins of Indian politics.

The National Executive meeting while welcoming the initiatives taken by BJP led government has resolved to support the movement 'Sankalpa se Siddhi'. BJP

National President Shri Amit Shah in his presidential address has given a call to stand united for a poverty free, terrorism free, corruption free, casteism free, communalism free and clean India. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has appealed to the karyakartas to act as a bridge between the work of the government and the people so that the benefits of various schemes reach to the targeted beneficiaries. The organization is filled with newfound energy and enthusiasm in the leadership of Shri Amit Shah who has infused a new vigour and resolve through his continuous pravachans of different states. As the BJP is expanding across the nation and people are joining it in large number seeing the future of the country bright in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, it is time to rededicate to the service of the nation so that India gets its rightful place in the comity of nations.

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National President's Speech

We are working for the upliftment of poor: Amit Shah

The two days BJP National Executive meeting kicked off in Delhi on 24 September, 2017. On the second day All BJP National Office Bearers, BJP MPs, MLAs, and MLCs; and core group leaders from the States have attended the National Executive meeting at the Talkatora Stadium, Delhi. On this occasion the party wraps up the year-long celebrations to mark the Birth Anniversary of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya. On the first day BJP National President Shri Amit Shah presided over the meeting and met Office-Bearers, State Presidents and key organizational leaders and reviewed the progress of the organisation. On 25 September Shri Amit Shah addressed the opening session of the National Executive Meeting and in his stirring address he said BJP has always worked on politics of performance. We believe on politics of performance and we are working for the upliftment of the poor. He said, "We hope a new India is created under this same leadership in 2019". We are publishing the excerpts of the Presidential speech for our esteemed readers:



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed the opening session of the BJP National Executive Meet in Delhi on 25 September, 2017 and criticized Congress Vice-President Rahul Gandhi's comment of 'dynasty being a part of India' and said it is only the tradition of the Congress. Shri Shah condemned the politics of violence being carried out in Kerala and planned protests in the state. He also talked about Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'New India'.

In his opening remarks, Shri Shah took a dig at Congress Vice-President Rahul Gandhi's statements in Berkeley University, where he said that our country was running on dynastic politics. Shri Shah said,

"Dynasty or family connection in launching careers is a tradition of the Congress and not of India".

He said BJP has always worked on politics of performance. We believe on politics of performance. We are working for the poor. We strongly object to these statements, so does the nation.

BJP National President said the current President, Vice President and the Prime Minister had reached their position due to their hard work, despite their humble origins.

Shri Shah also criticized the TMC government in West Bengal and the Left government in Kerala for alleged political violence targeting BJP workers. He condemned the violence in West Bengal and Kerala.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH

- BJP National President Shri Amit Shah criticized Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi over his remarks on dynastic politics.
- He said President, Vice-President, Prime Minister reached their position due to performance.
- He said the BJP believes in the politics of performance while the Congress banks on the "politics of appeasement and dynasty"
- BJP to launch 15-day padyatra in Kerala from 3 October to protest political violence against its workers.
- BJP will register a historic win in upcoming Gujarat polls.
- The Govt is relentlessly working in the interests of the poor.
- BJP president Amit Shah has urged all party workers to connect with the people to realize the dream of New India.
- Shri Amit Shah has appealed everyone to stand by PM Narendra Modi's Clean India campaign.

He said BJP vehemently opposes this politics of

violence. We will be conducting padyatras in Kerala to condemn the violence that was seen in the recent times, he added.

Shri Amit Shah said that from October 03-17 BJP workers will do a 'Padyatra' in Kerala and connect with the people. The entire party will be working for the coming years on nation-building.

He further said the UPA regime was riddled with corruption. The Congress party didn't take a single step towards ensuring that black money stashed abroad was brought back. He said no corrupt person will be spared.

On the occasion he said 70 years post-Independence, India is still struggling under a lot of challenges. The BJP President has appealed everyone to stand by PM Shri Narendra Modi's agendas on Clean India and New India.

He said, "We hope a new India is created under this same leadership in 2019".

Shri Shah said the economy was stronger under this government than it was under the UPA and cited figures to make his point.

He also praised the Central government over its handling of Naxalism and terrorism, saying more terrorists were killed in its three years of rule than any other spell of three years. ■

Exports show positive growth

In continuation with the positive growth exhibited by exports for the last twelve months, exports during August 2017 have shown growth of 10.29 per cent in dollar terms valued at US \$ 23818.83 million as compared to US \$ 21597.09 million during August,2016. In Rupee terms, during August 2017 exports were valued at Rs.152365.23 crore as compared to Rs.144570.03 crore during August,2016, registering a positive growth of 5.39 per cent.

During August 2017, Major commodity groups of export showing positive growth over the corresponding month of last year are Engineering Goods (19.53%), Petroleum Products (36.56%), Organic & Inorganic Chemicals (32.41%), Drugs & Pharmaceuticals (4.21%), and RMG of all Textiles (0.56%).



Cumulative value of exports for the period April-August 2017-18 was US \$ 118574.96 million (Rs 763145.37 crore) as against US \$ 109215.44 million (Rs 731420.12crore) registering a positive growth of 8.57 per cent in Dollar terms and 4.34 per cent in Rupee terms over the same period last year.

Non-petroleum and Non Gems & Jewellery exports in August 2017 were valued at US \$ 17742.94 million against US \$ 15500.73 million in August 2016, an increase of 14.47%. Non-petroleum and Non Gems and Jewellery exports during April -August 2017-18 were valued at US \$ 87438.57 million as compared to US \$ 79622.79 million for the corresponding period in 2016-17, an increase of 9.82%. ■

Prime Minister's Speech

Ensure that people's lives are improved and politics is centered around people's benefit: Narendra Modi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the concluding session of the BJP National Executive meeting held at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi on 25 September, 2017. In his inspiring address he said people have taken notice of BJP's positive attitude. The party has now become the focal point of Indian politics. The country looks towards us for its future. Therefore, the BJP must be more involved to ensure that people's lives were improved and politics to be centered around people's benefit. We are publishing the excerpts of the Prime Minister's speech for our readers:

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He said that people have placed their faith in BJP. Therefore, the BJP must be more involved to ensure that people's lives were improved and politics to be centered around people's benefit.

Prime Minister said that opposition was stooping to harsh language to substantiate their point. They are unable to deal with the fact that they are out of power. Harsh language cannot be substitute for any substantive charge against the Government.

Shri Modi assured that the fight against terrorism as well as corruption will continue.

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The fight against terrorism as well as corruption will continue. The steps this BJP government has taken from Day one, have always ensured that we work towards a corruption-free environment. Demonetization, pulling up Benami properties, shutting down shell companies among other measures were some of the big steps we have undertaken till date to root out corruption.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH

- We must take BJP beyond elections and make it an instrument of mass participation.
- BJP is the most important political party in the country.
- No other political party in the country is as active as the BJP.
- People look to BJP for change today.
- BJP to organize 'Run For Unity' on Sardar Patel's birthday on 31 October.
- The battle against corruption is uncompromisable'
- Relations with neighbouring countries are improving continuously.
- Economy has improved under this Government.
- We have successfully highlighted the issue of terrorism in front of the international community and exposed Pakistan.

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Shri Modi said UPA didn't take a single step against black money and corruption; it's obvious their leaders will be uneasy over our measures against it. He said power was means of enjoyment for the opposition when it was in government.

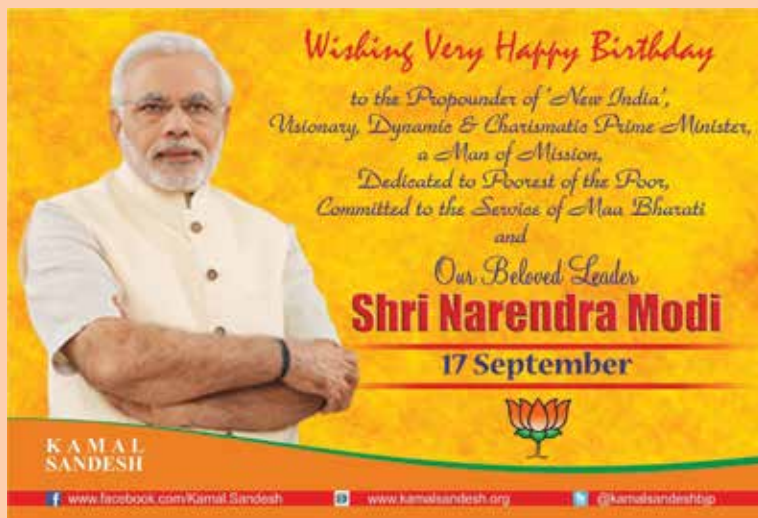
My battle against corruption is uncompromising and no one will be spared; I have no relatives. The Prime Minister said that, 'I had no friends among the corrupt lot. Therefore, the battle against corruption is uncompromisable'.

PM Modi said the government is boosting transparency and curbing black money. So the economy is expected to hail demonetization and GST as revolutionary measures taken in national interest and the economy has been doing better under the BJP-led NDA than it did under the previous Congress-led UPA government. ■

Sewa Diwas observed on Narendra Modi's birth-day

As Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi turned 67 on September 17, 2017. The day was marked as Sewa Diwas or Day of service. On the day ministers and parliamentarians picked up brooms and cleaned the street throughout the country for promoting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. BJP National President Shri Amit Shah tweeted on the occasion "Seva is the best way to celebrate the birthday of Pradhan Sewak Narendra Modi." Across the country people greeted Prime Minister on social media. Tweeter was poured in with the birthday wishes of the prime minister.

Two days before, the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, launched a nationwide sanitation campaign, 'Swachhta hi Seva', at Ishwariganj village in Kanpur. He also administered the 'Swachhta hi Seva' pledge to all present there whereby they resolved to create a clean, healthy and 'New India'. The President honoured village-level champions who contributed to making Ishwariganj village 'Open Defecation Free'.



Let's realise the vision of 'New India'



The Political Resolution was moved by BJP National General Secretary Shri Bhupendra Yadav at the BJP National Executive meeting on 25 September, 2017 in Delhi. This resolution was seconded by UP CM Shri Yogi Adityanath & Bihar Deputy CM Shri Sushil Modi.

The Political Resolution emphasized that the government policies on terrorism & separatism, social justice, foreign affairs, opportunities for dignity of life for women and inclusive economic policies for the welfare of the downtrodden have earned enormous trust of the people. The National Executive commends Hon'ble Prime Minister for his leadership in providing policies dedicated to the all round development of our nation that have yielded great results.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's development centric policies have earned him unprecedented trust & support from among the people. The policies of the BJP Government led by Shri Narendra Modi are forward-looking, dedicated to public welfare & economic well being & also are geared to enhance India's prestige globally.

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1. FOUNDATION FOR A TRANSPARENT ECONOMY

The BJP led Central Government has delivered on its promise made to the people regarding corruption &

black money. In this context, the overwhelming public support for demonetization needs to be underscored.

This one major decision has broken the backbone of the black market as well as the black money hoarders. This one major decision has secured unprecedented success in paving the way for strengthening the foundations of a transparent economy, it has also paved the way for honest. Digital cash transfer for schemes such as MNREGA, Gas Subsidies, scholarships, pensions & other social welfare schemes has facilitated transparency in the lives of the beneficiaries. This systemic transformation has led to huge rise in the income tax payers base in the country. Volume of the digital transactions has multiplied, circulation of the high denomination currency notes has reduced considerably.

Central government policies have brought rewards for honesty in public life, the government deserves rich compliments for bringing in a transparent economic system.



Hon'ble Prime Minister & Hon'ble Finance Minister for this great achievement.

3. TOUGH STAND AGAINST TERRORISM & SEPARATISM

Right from the beginning, the Central government led by Shri Narendra Modi has adopted the tough policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism & separatism. Following this policy, the government has taken tough measures in tackling the terrorists & their supporters, the recent actions taken against terrorism along the borders of the country are evident to everyone. In last 6 months, many terrorists have been neutralized, which has led to downfall of the morale of terror establishment. The exemplary sensitivity demonstrated by security forces worth mention and deserves compliment. People of Jammu & Kashmir have also appreciated the work of the government. Hon'ble Prime Minister has given priority to flood relief and developmental schemes in Jammu & Kashmir. The announcement of Rupees 80 Thousand Crore development package, 2 AIIMS, IIM, IIT, 5 medical colleges & an engineering college for Jammu and Kashmir will give an impetus to fast development of the state. These schemes have led to confidence building in Jammu & Kashmir.

2. GST : ONE NATION – ONE TAX

The longstanding demand of the country for “One Nation-One Tax” has been fulfilled by the BJP led government at the Centre.

After demonetization, this is the second historic step in the direction of reforms in the indirect taxes regime. Implementation of GST has increased ease of doing business in the country by resolving the problems faced by the trader community. Besides bringing in ease of business, the burden of taxes on items of day to day use has been considerably reduced. The Government is consistently resolving the difficulties being faced by the people and the traders during the initial period of the implementation of this tax. It is a historic achievement of the central government to take into confidence all the state governments in the true spirit of federalism while implementing the GST. A system of monthly meetings of the GST Council to take people friendly progressive decisions have been put in place. The National Executive wishes to thank

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It has achieved a remarkable balancing act between showing no mercy to terrorists while displaying a marked degree of sensitivity towards the common people of the state who are being used by

the terrorist forces.

The consistent efforts of the Hon'ble Prime Minister in highlighting the dangers of terrorism on the global platform have had a tremendous impact.

The continuous efforts of the government in taking strict action against sources of foreign funding & hawala traders in aid of separatists is commendable. The actions of the current government have confirmed to the common citizen that this government is willing to take tough measures against terrorism. Simultaneously, the government has been working tirelessly on the development aspect.

Shri Narendra Modi led BJP government is to be congratulated for putting the spotlight on terrorism in the international forum, isolating Pakistan & exposing the role of terrorist organizations like Hizbul Mujahiddin in front of the international community.

4. ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A LIFE OF DIGNITY & EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

The National Executive congratulates the government for its continuous efforts for the upliftment of women, and enabling them to live a life of dignity. The women centric schemes of the government like Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, Sukanya Samaridhi Yojana & the Ujjwala Yojana have directly benefitted more than 3 crore women. The governments' efforts in the direction of improving the gender ratio disparity in the country, correcting the narrow minded attitude of society towards women and efforts to educate the girl child are to be appreciated.

The government has taken steps to reform laws for a more secure working environment for women and improved maternity security measures.

The MUDRA scheme has also benefitted women immensely.

The National Executive welcomes the progressive stand taken by the government on the issue of triple talaq in front of the Supreme Court.

Ill practices like triple talaq were responsible for gender injustice as well as violation of the fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution. The government's stand was clear that equality is a part of the basic structure of the constitution and hence cannot be violated. Every section of women including muslim women have welcomed this decision. On behalf of millions of women of this



country, the National Executive wishes to congratulate the government for the historic step in the direction of upholding the dignity of women.

5. GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVES FOR WELFARE OF FARMERS

The government has given the prominent message of doubling the income of the farmers right up to the grass root level. Schemes like Soil Health card & Crop insurance have successfully improved the agricultural production and brought down the inherent uncertainties in the farming sector. To ensure comprehensive coverage of maximum farmers in distress, the government has kept Crop Insurance premiums very low and more drought prone areas have been covered. Started in 2015, the Prime Minister's Irrigation scheme has a mandate to invest over 50 thousand crores in five years. The schemes for basic infrastructure in rural areas by the government have improved the lives of farmers. The National Executive expresses its gratitude to the government for its commitment to double the income of the farmers.

6. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR NATION BUILDING

The National Executive consider this year as inspiring to the youth on the occasion of it being the 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago address. To enable the youth to be part of nation building, the government has not only started a comprehensive dialogue on a new education policy but also is exploring new avenues & opportunities for self employment. Schemes like National Skill Development Mission, new national policies on Skill



development & entrepreneurship and the PM Skill development scheme have been started for the integrated development of the youth. Along with the MUDRA scheme, Startup India and Standup is providing opportunities to the youth in the form of loans for employment generation through 125 lac bank branches; through which at least 1 SC, 1 ST & 1 Women entrepreneur will benefit. National Executive welcomes & congratulates the move by the government for integrated development of the youth.

7. PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DOKLAM

The National Executive congratulates the government for the peaceful resolution of the Doklam stand off aroused between India & China in June this year through diplomatic channels. This is a sign of mature politics & diplomatic victory of the government.

The skill, patience & firmness shown by the leadership while dealing with doklam dispute has not only strengthen the security concerns of the nation but also enhanced the prestige of India in the world. During the doklam crisis, constant communication & coordination with Bhutan has demonstrated India's sensitivity towards the interest of our friendly neighbors and the government's 'Neighborhood First' policy.

8. A STRONG INDIA IN BRICS

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi 10-point agenda to tackle global challenges unitedly at the BRICS Summit is a constructive initiative.

The nations in the world have welcomed Shri Narendra Modi's initiative as a positive step towards the concept of development.

National Executive also welcomes the fruitful dialogue between PM Modi & President Xi Jinping at the BRICS Summit in Xiamen, China. It is significant that both leaders have reiterated their stand at Astana, Kazakhstan that Good relations between India & China are important for maintaining World Peace.

It is the success of Government's foreign policy that terrorism was at the forefront in the Resolution passed at BRICS summit 2017. The resolution has named & shamed several active dreaded terrorist's organizations like Lashkar e Taiba, Jaish e Mohammad, Taliban & Haqqani network active in our neighborhood.

9. PRIMACY OF SENSIBILITY IN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY

BJP Government, by displaying a humane & sensitive approach in diplomacy has improved and strengthened bilateral relations. This was visible during instances like the earthquake in Nepal, water crisis in Maldives, floods in Sri Lanka & Swine flu in Myanmar, where India has earnestly swung into action to help the neighbors during crisis situations.

The Government duly fulfilled its responsibilities when it provided humanitarian relief to Bangladesh for the Rohingya refugees while ensuring that internal security was not compromised for its 125 crore citizens.

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The National Executive congratulates the central government for its many successful Diplomatic efforts like, whether it was rescuing Indian nationals from Yemen, Kerala nurses from the middle east, Father Alex Prem Kumar from Afghanistan, Father Tom from Yemen or freeing Zudit Dsouza of Kolkata from kidnappers in Kabul.

10. STRENGTHENING BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

National Executive congratulates BJP led Government at the Centre for taking infrastructure development in India to a new Horizon & also finishing up the old projects. In this process, final phase of the Sardar Sarovar project on the river Narmada has been completed & commissioned. We congratulate

Hon'ble Prime Minister for laying foundation of the "Bullet Train" project, which is a joint venture project of India & Japan.

11. POLITICAL VIOLENCE – CURSE FOR DEMOCRACY

National Executive welcomes the assurance given by the Prime Minister to the public to keep the ideological violence & narrow-mindedness in check.

The violence against our Karyakartas by opposition party workers in Tripura, Kerala & West Bengal is disheartening & against the democratic ethos of the nation. In last 14 months, 14 of our karyakartas were brutally killed in Kerala, National Executive condemns

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this deadly act of violence. The National Executive strongly condemns the violence and killings of journalists in a democracy like India.

12. COMMITMENT TOWARDS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF BACKWARD CLASSES

BJP led Government has a clear vision of achieving the objectives of Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas. In this direction there was long pending demand for the constitutional recognition of Socially & educationally backward classes. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took up this matter with all seriousness and

decided to extend the constitutional status to the OBC commission. The constitutional amendment bill was passed by Lok Sabha, but due to obstructionist behaviour of Congress in Rajya Sabha, it could not become a reality. BJP is committed in getting constitutional status to OBC Commission and also condemns Congress for taking Anti-OBC stand in Rajya Sabha.

13. MISSION OF PT. DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAY BIRTH CENTENARY YEAR

Bharatiya Janata Party celebrated the Birth Centenary Year (25 September 2016- 25 September 2017) of Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay as Year of upliftment of downtrodden. BJP led governments at the Centre as well in the states have further economically empowered the exploited and the weaker sections through various schemes for welfare of the downtrodden.

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To increase the party base, National President Shri Amit Shah started Deen Dayal Vistarak Yojana from Naxalbari in Bengal. It is a matter of pride that from Ladakh to Lakshadweep 4 Lakh short term Vistaraks were dispatched & more than 4 Thousand longterm Vistaraks were deployed across the nation to expand the party base.

To strengthen the party base of the Bharatiya Janata Party at booth level, these vistaraks were commissioned to encourage people from across society to join the party, booth committee formation and converting 6 booth level activities into permanent features. This would enable the BJP to make its slogan of "Shashakt BJP-Samarth BJP" into a reality.

Extensive organizational tour of the National President has conceptualized various activities of the party like Administrative foundation, Office building, interaction with intellectuals, decision making style of the core committee, road map for the various BJP governments, honoring the veterans of the Jana Sangh. It also created a system to ideologically train the elected representatives as well as laid the ground



work of the responsibilities of their roles. This tour Programme will be a milestone in organizational & qualitative strengthening of the party.

14. NEW INDIA – SANKALP SE SIDHI

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has set the mission for building a New India by 2022, when India completes 75 years of its independence.

The Sankalp se Sidhi programme will forward the country to a New India by 2022, the National Executive is of the firm view that if the 125 crore countrymen adopt the pledge of the New India, nobody can stop it from becoming a reality.

New India consists of six pledges:

• POVERTY FREE INDIA :

Under the aegis of New India Mission, we are committed to making India free of poverty by 2022, where everyone has a house to live, proper healthcare facilities accessible to every citizen, ample opportunities of self employment for everyone. In this direction. Central government has started & implementing various schemes of public importance to realise our commitments towards 'Antyodaya'.

• CLEAN INDIA

The sign of a good society & a prosperous nation is cleanliness. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has shaped the "Swacha Bharat Abhiyan" as a public movement by connecting it with moral responsibility of every citizen. We pledge for a New

India with clean society & clean India.

• TERRORISM FREE INDIA

Terrorism is a biggest threat for the entire world. Central government is strictly dealing with terrorism at all levels. We pledge to make India free from this

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• CASTEISM FREE INDIA

Trading the path of Social justice, our Prime Minister has pledged to eradicate the evil of social disparity in the New India. Equality in society will act as a catalyst in building a better & strong Nation by 2022.

• COMMUNALISM FREE INDIA

In building New India, we pledge for communal harmony in the society.

• CORRUPTION FREE INDIA

Hon'ble Prime Minister has taken various epoch making steps towards eliminating corruption. We pledge to make India free of corruption by 2022.

The National Executive heartily congratulates Hon'ble Prime Minister for his Vision of New India. National Executive also welcomes Prime Minister's popular public movement "Sankalp se Siddhi" and the initiatives taken up to eliminate poverty, corruption, terrorism, casteism & communalism by 2022.

BJP appeals to 125 crore citizens of India to walk hand in hand under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister to realise the vision of New India. ■



‘Atal Ji created Jharkhand and Modi Ji will help it prosper’



As part of his Nationwide Pravas, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah arrived in Ranchi on a three -days visit to Jharkhand on 15 September, 2017. He was received at the Birsa Munda Airport by Chief Minister Shri Raghuwar Das, BJP State President Shri Laxman Gilua and other senior leaders of the party. After his arrival Shri Shah paid his respects to the legendary freedom fighter of Jharkhand Birsa Munda by garlanding his statue. He then inaugurated 'Swachhata Pakhawara'. During his three-day visit to the state the party National President attended around 19 meetings.

While addressing party Karyakartas, Shri Amit Shah called upon workers to strengthen the party's Jharkhand unit. He said in his 110 days of the journey across the country, Jharkhand is the 22nd state. The aim is the expansion of organizational works of the party, he said.

He said that the BJP has been getting support from the people as seen in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, but the party has to reach its peak. He

added there is no need for over-enthusiasm. He said constructive results are being seen and there is enthusiasm among the workers.

The BJP President also said that there was no place for merit in the Congress party and it indulges in family fiefdom since Independence. He said that only the BJP and the left parties had internal democracy.

Referring to Jharkhand, Shri Shah asked the gathering, "Who will run the party after Guruji (Jharkhand Mukti Morcha president Shibu Soren)? Does anyone have any confusion about it? He took a dig at the Congress and said that the BJP party polls were held every three years and anyone could become its president as the person was not elected on the basis of which family he belonged to.

He said the top post in the saffron party was all about commitment and merit and on the basis of that, he, who was a booth-level president of the party years ago, had become its National President.

He said the BJP was not in politics to grab power and described it as the most Democratic Party in the

'SEVA DIVAS' AT ARGORA

'Credit to make 'Swachhata Abhiyan' a people's movement, entirely goes to PM Narendra Modi'

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 17 September participated in 'Swachhata Karyakram' at Argora, Ranchi (Jharkhand) organized on the occasion of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's birthday which is being celebrated as 'Seva Divas' by the party. He also addressed a public meeting on this occasion.

Shri Shah said that the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi does not celebrate his birthdays but given the fact that his entire life has been devoted to the service of this nation, the BJP has decided to celebrate his birthday as 'Seva Divas' across the country. The BJP president said that on behalf of crores of party workers, he prayed the almighty to bless Shri Modi with health and long life so that he can successfully accomplish all the public programmes he has undertaken and take them to the people at the lowest ladder of our society. The BJP workers and the people of this country have organized several programmes on the occasion and various service projects have also been undertaken. There can be no better way than this to celebrate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's birthday, he said.

Shri Narendra Modi initiated cleanliness drive when he was Gujarat Chief minister and after taking oath as the Prime Minister, he had launched the cleanliness drive across the country. Taking a dig at the opposition for raising questions about the efficacy of cleanliness drive, the BJP president said that making a cleanliness conscious society is a long process but there is a visible change in the society today and that even a child stops those who throw litter on the streets instead of a dustbin. Those who rose to power in the successive years after independence, never bothered about cleanliness, Shri Shah said. Unless ordinary citizens come forward to tackle the problems faced by the society, there can be no lasting solution, because Government alone cannot solve the problems, Shri

Shah emphasized.

He said that Shri Narendra Modi has been successful in making the cleanliness drive a social movement rather than a Government initiative. Therefore, the credit to make 'Swachhata Abhiyan' a people's movement entirely goes to Prime Minister Shri Modi. Shri Shah said that 'Seva Divas' has emerged as a medium to boost and reinvigorate the cleanliness drive initiated by the Prime Minister



to make the dream of Mahatma Gandhi come true. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has ensured a cleanliness budget from Block level to the state Government. NITI Aayog has been working on framing policies for effective disposal of waste. This has converted the cleanliness drive into a people's movement, Shri Shah said.



country. "There should be three important things for a party — internal democracy, functioning on principles and track record," he said.

GARIB KALYAN MELA

Addressing a 'Garib Kalayan Mela' on September 16 2017 in Ranchi Shri Amit Shah said, "Rahul baba speaks a lot in America. But first of all Rahul baba should give 'hisab' (accounts) of his four generations which had ruled the country for 50 years".

Stating that the BJP has launched several development programmes in the last three years, he



said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is standing like a rock with Jharkhand for its development.

He praised Chief Minister Shri Raghubar Das and his team for taking the state on the path of development and giving a corruption-free rule in the state. All round development has taken place in

Jharkhand, he said.

He also praised the Raghubar Das government for bringing Jharkhand to the second position after Gujarat with a growth rate of 8.6%.

Shri Shah said former Prime Minister Shri A B Vajpayee had created Jharkhand and the present central government headed by Shri Narendra Modi is developing it.

He said that in 2014 Shri Modi during his Lok Sabha election campaign used to say that if the party came to power the eastern part of the country would be developed, which did not happen under previous governments.

Notable, as many as 46,325 beneficiaries got benefits worth a total Rs340 crore under various schemes at the 'Garib Kalyan Mela'. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Mudra Health Card, Fasal Bima Yojana and Grameen Bus Seva were some of the schemes.

Addressing a Press conference BJP National President Shri Amit Shah in Ranchi, Jharkhand said every house to have electricity by 2022. Referring to the 'Digital India' campaign he said that BHIM App has emerged as one of the most popular apps for digital transactions.

He said, "Minerals of Jharkhand have potential to benefit the entire country. The poverty here is slowly getting eliminated."

Shri Shah went on to say, "Demand for the separate state of Jharkhand was fulfilled by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He said it was created by him and Modi Ji will help it prosper." ■

PM dedicates Sardar Sarovar Dam to the nation



On his 67th birthday on September 17 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated the Sardar Sarovar Dam to the nation. The dam took 56 years in making.

The Prime Minister said on the occasion “No other project in the world has faced such hurdles as the Sardar Sarovar Dam on the Narmada river. But we were determined to complete the project.”

Addressing a rally some 55 kms from the dam site in Dabhoi town of Vadodara district, the Prime Minister said that the “Sardar Sarovar will become a symbol of India’s new and emerging power and propel growth in the region ... the project is an engineering miracle.”

Shri Modi, while inaugurating the dam said, “Many false allegations were hurled on us. Many people conspired to stop this project. But we were determined not to take make it a political battle.”

“I have knowledge (‘kacha chittha’) of everyone who tried to stall this project, but I will not name them as I do not want to go on that route,” Modi said.

“A massive misinformation campaign was launched against the project. The World Bank which had earlier agreed to fund the project, refused to give loan raising environmental concerns. But, with or without the World Bank, we completed the massive project on our own,” he said.

Shri Modi said the construction of this dam was an engineering marvel and every engineering student

should study it.

Noting that shortage of water was a major factor in slowing the pace of development, the Prime Minister said that the project will also help take water from the dam to the Indo-Pak border in Gujarat to fulfil the water needs of BSF soldiers besides benefitting states like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

He said he was delighted to dedicate the dam to the nation on his birthday and thanked the Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh (Shivraj Singh Chouhan), Maharashtra (Devendra Fadnavis) and Rajasthan (Vasundhara Raje Scindia).

Paying tributes to Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel and B R Ambedkar, Modi said had the two leaders lived longer, the dam would have been completed in the 60s and 70s itself, boosting the economy and combating the problems of drought and floods.

Nearly 56 years after its foundation was laid, the Sardar Sarovar Dam—which was mired in controversies and faced stiff opposition from affected villagers—became a reality today after Modi unveiled the plaque to launch it.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had performed a puja at the site in Kevadia area of the Narmada district.

Union minister Nitin Gadkari and Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani were among the dignitaries present on the occasion. ■

(With inputs from PTI)

In MGNREGA Scheme, 96% of wages are being paid directly to the beneficiaries' bank accounts

Implementation of MGNREGA Scheme has seen major changes in the last two years. Use of ICT tools, space technology, focus on improving livelihood resource base of people, provision of diversified livelihood opportunities through convergent programme implementation are some of the major features of changes brought in programme management. High budget allocation to meet the objectives of the Act and strengthening of monitoring system have been ensured. Measure like electronic fund management system (eFMS), Aadhaar seeding, Geo tagging of assets and strengthening of Social Audit System are some steps towards bringing in more transparency and accountability in the programme implementation. Emphasis on proper work file maintenance, setting up of Citizen Information Boards as part of Janta Information Systems are some of the other measures.

The current Financial Year is marked by the highest ever budget allocation of Rs. 48000 Cr.

To ensure that MGNREGA workers receive their wages on time, National Electronic Fund Management



System (NeFMS) has been put in place. Almost 96% of wages are being paid directly to the beneficiaries' bank accounts. Additionally, intense monitoring and fixing accountability for delays in payments has shown significant result in the current financial year. Around 85% of the wages are being paid to the workers in time. ■

Government provides additional Rs.12000 Crores to tackle malnutrition

The Government has provided an additional Rs.12000 Crores to fight malnutrition over next three years in the country by revising cost norms for supplementary nutrition provided in anganwadis and in the scheme for adolescent girls. The Union government has effected a quantum increase of about 33% in cost norms, which have been revised for the first time since 2011 in the case of ICDS. In the case of Scheme for Adolescent Girls, cost norms have been increased first time since 2010. With this, an additional Rs.9900 Crore have been given for supplementary nutrition in anganwadis over the next three years and Rs.2276 Crores in the scheme for adolescent girls over the next three years, he explained. This reflects commitment of the



government to tackle malnutrition on a war footing as reflected in Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji's vision. ■

The Political Philosophy of Deendayal Upadhyaya

| WALTER K. ANDERSEN

WHEN DEMOCRACY IS A SHAM

Of the various forms of government, he considered democracy the most natural, since it, more than any other, gave the nation a direct voice in the shaping of its destiny. But the 1965 Jana Sangh “Statement of Principles”, based on his concept of Integral Humanism, cautioned that political democracy is something of a sham unless it were also accompanied by economic and social democracy. Without the latter conditions, the political system would be manipulated by the privileged few for their own benefit. Under present conditions, Upadhyaya thought it natural that people would resort to non-parliamentary agitation to improve their lot.

His 1967 presidential address is a fascinating document, for in it he gives his imprimatur to agitation as a legitimate means of mobilising the masses to resist exploitation. I shall quote a part of his speech, for it challenges the accusation of his detractors that his doctrines, however noble, over the long run, had the immediate effect of upholding the status quo.

“We should also be cautious about people who see in every popular agitation the hidden hand of communists and (who) suggest that the agitation must be crushed. In the changing situation at present, public agitations are natural and even essential. In fact, they are the media and expressions of social awakening. It is of course necessary that these agitations should be made instruments of a constructive revolution and not allowed to become violent or adventurist. Therefore we must actively participate in popular movements, and try to guide them. Those who are keen to preserve the status quo in the economic and social spheres feel unnerved by these movements and are wont to create an atmosphere of pessimism. We are sorry we cannot cooperate with them. We think these sections are trying in vain to halt the wheels of progress and avert the destiny of the country.”



UNDERLYING DILEMMA

He concluded this address, his last major public statement before his death, with a stirring expression of support for the poor and the powerless. “Every countryman (sic) is blood of our blood and flesh of our flesh. We shall not rest till we are able to give to every one of them a sense of pride that they are children of Bharatmata. We shall make Mother India *Sujala, Suphala* (laden with fruits and overflowing with water) in the real sense of these words.” He declared himself a karma-yogi seeking to bring about these goals, and he asked the audience to act in like manner.

This call to agitation underscores a dilemma in his thought : the achievement of social harmony in the future may necessitate a certain amount of disharmony to create a more perfect society (and the dilemma of course is not a unique one). Upadhyaya’s party in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s came increasingly to accept agitation as a legitimate technique for political

change. This policy placed the Jana Sangh in the vanguard of those who opposed the government of the former Prime Minister and provided a tactical basis for cooperation with parties of different ideological standards.

IDEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Even from the ideological perspective, Upadhyaya's views brought the Jana Sangh closer to the other parties that now constitute the Janata. For example, the idea that economic planning should be shifted from urban-based, capital-intensive industry to rural-based labour-intensive, small-scale consumer industries finds support in his thought and was party policy. It was Jana Sangh policy even before the

appearance of Integral Humanism, but it more firmly legitimised the policy within the party. Of course it is a major economic plank of the new government. The same is true for political decentralisation, another key objective of the present government.

Consequently, I do not think it an exaggeration to say that Deendayal Upadhyaya's views played a role in facilitating the political actions which led to the creation of the present government. And I strongly suspect that his views now will receive far closer scrutiny and public attention than was the case in the past. ■

(Based on paper read on the occasion of Deendayal Upadhyaya Birthday Celebrations in New York on 25th September, 1977)

Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana “Saubhagya” launched

Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana –“Saubhagya” a new scheme was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to ensure electrification of all willing households in the country in rural as well as urban areas on 25th September, 2017. The objective of the ‘Saubhagya’ is to provide energy access to all by last mile connectivity and electricity connections to all remaining un-electrified households in rural as well as urban areas to achieve universal household electrification in the country. The electricity connection to households include release of electricity connections by drawing a service cable from the nearest electricity pole to the household premise, installation of energy meter, wiring for a single light point with LED bulb and a mobile charging point. In case the electricity pole is not available nearby from household for drawing service cable, the erection of additional pole along with conductor and associated accessories shall also be covered under the scheme. Poor households would be provided electricity connections free of cost. Other households would also be provided electricity connections under the scheme on payment of Rs.500 only which shall be recovered by the DISCOMs/Power Departments in ten (10) instalments along with electricity bills.



War hero Marshal Arjan Singh is no more

War hero Marshal Arjan Singh, who served as Chief of the Air Staff from 1964 to 1969 died on September 16. Marshal Arjan Singh who led the Indian Air Force during the 1965 India-Pakistan conflict which was won by Indian Air force. For his distinguished service in commanding the IAF during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan and in 1966 became the first IAF officer to be promoted to air chief marshal. After retiring from the IAF, he served as a diplomat, politician and advisor to the Indian government. He was Lieutenant Governor of Delhi from 1989 to 1990. In 2002, he became the first and only officer of the Indian Air Force to be promoted to five-star rank as Marshal of the Indian Air Force, equal to the army rank of Field Marshal.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, on the demise of great war-warrior Marshal Arjan Singh, tweeted "India mourns the unfortunate demise of Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh. We remember his outstanding service to the nation. Marshal of the IAF Arjan Singh's determined focus on capacity building in the IAF added great strength to our defence



capabilities. India will never forget the excellent leadership of Marshal of the IAF Arjan Singh in 1965, when the IAF saw substantial action. Sometime back I met him, who despite his ill health tried to get up to salute even though I said no. Such was his soldier discipline."

On his demise, BJP National President President Shri Amit Shah said "Marshal of IAF Arjan Singh ji led the Indian Air Force through his exemplary leadership. His rich contribution to motherland is venerable." ■

Baba Mastnath Matth head Mahant Chand Nath passes away

He was elected to Lok Sabha from Alwar

BJP MP from Alwar and Baba Mastnath Matth head Mahant Chand Nath passed away at the age of 61 after a prolonged illness in New Delhi on September 17. Mahant Chandnath was the Chancellor of the Mastnath University. He was also the chief of the Nath sect of Hinduism.

He headed Baba Mastnath Matth, Rohtak, had won the Alwar seat in the 2014 parliamentary elections after defeating Congress candidate and former union minister Jitendra Singh. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoled the demise of the MP. He tweeted "Saddened by the demise of LS MP from Alwar, Mahant Chand Nath ji. He will be remembered for his rich social work. My deepest condolences." Rajasthan Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar expressed deep grief over saddened demise of the Mahant.



Seva is the best way to celebrate the birthday of Pradhan Sewak Shri Narendra Modi

| AMIT SHAH

Today, we wish our beloved Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi a very happy birthday and along as well as healthy life in service of the nation.

Ever since I have known him, Narendra Bhai has never celebrated his birthday. It is work as usual. He is in Gujarat dedicating to the nation the Sardar Sarovar Dam that will benefit lakhs of farmers, taking stock of the 'Statue of Unity' project, addressing a public meeting in Dabhoi and interacting with the cooperative sector in Amreli.

I am happy that lakhs of people from all walks of life, across the length and breadth of India are celebrating this day as 'Seva Divas.' Several organisations and NGOs, particularly youth driven groups are undertaking a wide range of social service initiatives.

Service or 'Seva' indeed is the best way to celebrate Narendra Bhai's birthday. Narendra Bhai is someone whose heart beats for the poor, downtrodden, marginalized and the farmers of India. His deep concern for their welfare motivated him to immerse himself in nation building from a very young age. 'India First' is a belief that Narendra Bhai has lived at every point of his life.

In Narendra Bhai, the people of India see a compassionate leader to whom they can relate to. They see him as their own, a person working round the clock for their and the nation's welfare, without any self interest. His popularity has transcended all boundaries.

Narendra Bhai's life, in many ways, is a personification of the spirit of India. When Narendra Bhai says he will live and die for the poor, these are not empty words. He has seen poverty closely and can understand what it means to be poor- he has lived and



seen those struggles. He rose up the ranks through sheer hard-work, determination and blessings of the people. His rise from humble beginnings resonates with an aspirational nation, and inspires the youth to unlock the infinite possibilities of a New India.

It is Narendra Bhai's sensitivity towards the aspirations of the poor that led to historic poverty alleviation initiatives taking shape at a scale unheard of in the history of India. With Jan Dhan Yojana's unprecedented success, the banking system was opened to millions who were isolated from the financial mainstream. Further, the government rolled out the biggest social security outreach for the poor.

There is an unwavering faith that Narendra Bhai has in the innovative zeal and spirit of our youth. MUDRA Yojana originates from his firm conviction and it is a matter of joy that the majority of MUDRA's beneficiaries are from poor households, small towns or rural India. The message to young Indians is clear- if your dream is to fly, the Government will give you wings.

A corrupt system hurts the poor, neo middle class and the middle class the most. It also reduces people's faith in the system. As soon he took office,



the first thing Narendra Bhaidid was to constitute an SIT on black money. Since then, there has been a historic crackdown against black money and corruption through various measures including Demonetisation and Benami law. Honest taxpayers, majority of whom belong to the middle class, finally feel appreciated and valued.

Yes, Narendra Bhai has surely ruffled several feathers by his action against the corrupt and status quo- after all, years of privilege of a select few are now over and the poor are now getting their due. People often ask Narendra Bhai, where do you get the strength to combat so many entrenched groups and in his characteristic style he says, "I am here for the poor. And why should I fear anyone, the nation is my family. I am not here to cement my legacy or have someone inherit it. I will work only and only for India."

Decisiveness has always been a defining feature of Narendra Bhai. If something is good for the nation, it will be pursued with full determination and tenacity. This decisiveness has been seen in the fight against corruption and in the fight against terror. The government has been tough against terror financing and against terrorists. The surgical strikes against terrorists have shown the world what India is capable of. Diplomatically too, today Narendra Bhai has rallied the world in support of India's fight against terror.

India remembers Sardar Patel for the territorial integration of our nation and we recall the role of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in our social integration. Through initiatives starting from the Jan Dhan Yojana to the GST, Narendra Bhai has set the ball rolling for the economic integration of India.

Narendra Bhai is also the ideal organisation man, blessed with a keen sense of direction, the will to get things done and an eye for detail. From campaigning in remote areas to being a spokesperson or General Secretary, there is no aspect of organisational work that Narendra Bhai has not done successfully. Due to his extensive organisational work, he has lived in almost all districts of India and has experienced first-hand the rich diversity of India.

Ever since his days with the BJP in Gujarat and as General Secretary in Delhi, Narendra Bhai groomed young, self-made and grass root level leaders, instilling in them the drive to serve as opposed to a desire to rule. Think not of becoming someone

but of doing something of value, he would often tell youngsters.

I first met Narendra Bhai as a young BJP Karyakarta. That time, the BJP was still an upcoming force in the Indian polity. None of us were drawn to power...in fact it never matters. What matters is that we devote every moment of our time for the welfare of India. Later, I got to work with him closely during the 1995 Gujarat elections, 1998 Gujarat elections and other party forums. I also had the privilege of serving as Home Minister under Narendra Bhai for over seven years, when I witnessed first-hand his grip on administration and how he transformed Gujarat into a model state of development and good governance.

Once again, I join my fellow Indians and the family of BJP Karyakartas in wishing Narendra Bhai on his birthday. We will continue to serve the nation and support him as he takes India to new heights of success and glory.

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Let us devote this day, and the coming days to a mission that is very special to Narendra Bhai- the Swachh Bharat Mission. Let us strengthen the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' movement with our active and continuous participation so that we can fulfil Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a clean India. I urge you all to organise or join any cleanliness initiative and share your photos on the Narendra Modi Mobile App. This way, others will see the good work you did and will get inspired to emulate you.

Vande Mataram! ■

Economics of Swachh Bharat



The Swachh Bharat Mission has a budget of more than \$20 billion over five years from central and state governments. Additional investments have been coming in from the private sector, developmental agencies, faith based institutions and citizens.

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As they say, no one can stop an idea whose time has come. Amidst the backdrop of a bloody world war, when violence was the order of the time, India achieved independence through non-violent civil disobedience, through Satyagraha. The entire nation rallied behind the Mahatma's call and India achieved her independence setting an example for the world. It was an idea whose time had come.

Likewise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a Swachh Bharat with universal sanitation by 2 October 2019, at a time when India leads the infamous list of countries with the highest number of people practising open defecation, is an idea whose time has come.

Open defecation dates back to the beginning of human civilisation. It has been a way of life for millions of people in India for centuries. Successive

governments have been running national sanitation programmes since the 1980s, but till 2014 only 39% of Indians had access to safe sanitation facilities.

This is because access to sanitation is not an infrastructure problem, there is a deeper behavioural and socio-cultural context at play. Influencing a change in behaviour for 60 crore people is a challenge that has probably never been undertaken by anyone in the world.

This could only be achieved through an intensive, time-bound intervention, spearheaded from the highest level, and involving all sections of society and government alike. The Swachh Bharat Mission's Swachhagraha has caught the nation's imagination just the way the Mahatma's Satyagraha had, many years ago.

The importance of sanitation is well documented, with its effect on child mortality due to diarrhoeal



diseases, and the safety, security and dignity of women being clearly established. But the underlying costs of the lack of sanitation are a lot more than meet the eye.

A study by the World Bank estimates that nearly 40% of India's children are physically and cognitively stunted, primarily because of the lack of sanitation. Such a large proportion of our future workforce not being able to reach their full productive capacity poses a serious threat to our biggest strength — our demographic dividend.

Solving this problem is at the core of our developmental agenda and to our potential of becoming a global economic superpower. The World Bank also estimated that the lack of sanitation costs India over 6% of our gross domestic product (GDP).

A recent study by UNICEF on the economic impact of sanitation has estimated that in an open defecation free village, each family saves over Rs 50,000 per year on account of avoided medical costs, time savings and lives saved. Additionally, there is a huge potential of generating wealth from waste through good solid and liquid resource management.

The study also concluded that the economic benefits of sanitation per household outweigh the cumulative investment (government spend plus other modes of financing including household contribution) by 4.7 times over a 10 year period. There is clearly an overwhelming case for investments in improving sanitation access.

The Swachh Bharat Mission has a budget of more than \$20 billion over five years from central and state governments. Additional investments have been coming in from the private sector, developmental agencies, faith based institutions and citizens.

The Swachh Bharat Kosh has already collected and released over Rs 660 crore for specific sanitation projects. These funds have been raised through private contributions by individuals, companies and institutions, with the single highest contribution of Rs 100 crore coming from a faith leader, Mata Amritanandamayi.

Several private companies have worked especially for sanitation in schools through their CSR funds. But there is still a large potential to leverage the private sector's creativity and innovation for the Swachh Bharat Mission. All the ministries and departments of

the government of India are attempting to mainstream sanitation in their respective sectors, and they have also committed a specific budget for sanitation and cleanliness, totalling to over Rs 12,000 crore for FY 2017-18.

The Swachh Bharat Mission is fast becoming a mass movement, or in the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi a jan andolan. It has already successfully brought down the number of people defecating in the open in India to a little over 30 crore, with over 68% Indians now having access to safe sanitation.

But there is still a long way to go. To further intensify this momentum, the government has initiated the

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Swachhata Hi Seva fortnight between 15 September and 2 October.

During this fortnight all sections of society — ministries, parliamentarians, central and state government officials, celebrities, organisations, corporates, local leaders and citizens — will dedicate themselves to Swachhata by offering shramdaan, thus spreading the infectious energy of the Swachh Bharat Mission far and wide.

It is time for everyone to roll up their sleeves and play their part in creating a Swachh Bharat, an India that the Mahatma had dreamed of. If you are reading this, go ahead and do your bit. ■

(The writer is Union Finance Minister of India)



PM Modi and Japanese PM Abe lay foundation stone for India's first High Speed Rail project

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was on two-day-visit to India from September 13 to 15 to attend fourth India-Japan annual summit meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During the visit Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on September 14 jointly laid the foundation stone for India's first high speed rail project between Mumbai and Ahmedabad. Speaking on the occasion, at a large public meeting in Ahmedabad, the Prime Minister spoke of the high ambition and willpower of "New India." He congratulated the people of India on the occasion, and said that the bullet train project will provide speed and progress, and deliver results quickly. He said the Government's focus is on increasing productivity through high speed connectivity. The Prime Minister thanked Japan for

the technical and financial help given to India, for this project. He praised Prime Minister Abe for the fact that this project is being launched within such a short time.

The Prime Minister said that this high speed railway would not only bring two cities closer, but



also bring the people living hundreds of kilometers away, closer to each other. He said a new economic system is being developed along the Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor, and the entire area would

- The 508km-long Mumbai to Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) is scheduled to inaugurate on August 15, 2022 to mark India's 75th year of Independence..
- The ambitious project would cost around Rs 1.10 lakh crore. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will fund it at a low rate of interest of 0.1% per annum. This loan has to be repaid to Japan in 50 years, with 15 years grace period.
- The train will have a top speeds of 320-350 km per hour and it is expected to reduce travel time between the two cities to around 2 hours from the existing 7-8 hours.
- The proposed route will only require around 825 hectares of land for the project as 92% of the route will be elevated, six per cent will go

through tunnels and only the remaining two per cent will be on the ground. India's longest tunnel -- 21-km-long -- will be dug between Boisar and BKC in Mumbai, 7km of which will be under the sea. The train tracks will be elevated to 18 metres for most of its route to ensure the train runs over the existing railway route. The remaining, less than 40km, stretch will be under sea between Thane and Vasai, and underground in Mumbai.

- The railways would run about around 35 bullet trains when it starts operation with about 70 trips per day. The number of trains would be increased to 105 trains in 2050.
- At the outset, the train would have 10 coaches with a total seating capacity of 750 passengers. Later, it is proposed to have 16 coaches with a seating capacity of 1,250 passengers. ■



become a single economic zone.

The Prime Minister said technology is useful only if it provides benefit to the common man. He said the technology transfer envisaged in this project will benefit Indian Railways, and boost the "Make in India" initiative. He said the project would be eco-friendly as well as human-friendly. He said "high-speed corridors" would be regions for rapid growth in the future.

The Prime Minister said that the Government is

working to ensure that infrastructure is developed keeping in mind futuristic requirements. He expressed confidence that everyone would work together to complete this project in the shortest possible time.

Earlier, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said that the India-Japan partnership is special, strategic and global. He said that he hopes to see the beauty of India through the windows of the Bullet Train, a few years hence. ■

Throw the corrupt Congress out of power: Amit Shah

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The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah addressed the Yuva Hunkar Rally in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh on 22 September. On the occasion, Himachal BJP also launched its digital campaign for the upcoming assembly elections in the state. The Party President announced a mobile number (7574068068) and urged all those present in the rally to give a missed call to it, to voice their disapproval of the present Congress government.

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Shri Amit Shah highlighted the issues of Gudiya rape case, the murder of forest guard Hoshiar Singh in Mandi and the corruption cases against Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh during his address at the rally.

Targeting the Chief Minister, the BJP President said that former BJP CMs in Himachal, Shanta Kumar and Prem Kumar Dhumal were known as 'Paniwala CM' and 'Sarakwala CM', respectively. However, Virbhadra Singh would be known for the corruption cases against him.

He also said that the Chief Minister was puncturing most of the schemes being allotted to the state by the union government. While the revenue of other states was increasing the revenue of Himachal



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- There were about 50,000 BJP workers present in the rally
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had reduced by Rs 4,200 crores. The revenue has reduced due to corruption practices of the present Congress government, he said. Shri Amit Shah asked the people to throw the corrupt Congress government of Himachal out from power.

Former CM Shri PK Dhumal, while addressing the rally said that it was pity that High Court had to order CBI probe in both Gudiya rape and murder case and murder of forest guard in Mandi. The integrity of the state agencies was now under question and Himachal had been defamed. The insensitive statements of the Chief Minister in Gudiya rape case had further hurt the people of the state. When the opposition MLAs went to meet the family of Gudiya, her elder sister asked, 'would Virbhadr Singh term it as ordinary criminal case in case such crime had happened with his daughter'? "We had no answer", Shri Dhumal said.

Addressing the rally former CM Shri Shanta Kumar said he had been in politics of Himachal for the past 64 years. However, Himachal had not been defamed to such an extent. Many Congress leaders from Himachal, including Virbhadr Singh, former union minister Sukh Ram and AICC secretary Asha Kumari, were on bail in corruption cases. Shri Kumar urged

the people to give a fitting reply to the Congress for defaming the Himachal in the forthcoming elections.

Union Minister Shri JP Nadda praised Shri Amit Shah for evolving BJP into the biggest political party in the country. He said that it was Amit Shah's strategy that brought BJP to power in 18 states in the country. It was only under his leadership that party was voted to power on its own for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra and Haryana.

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Shri Satpal Satti addressing the rally said if voted to power the BJP would revoke controversial appointments in Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission and Staff Selection Commission of state.

The party in-charge for Himachal Pradesh and Union Minister, Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot and Bihar Minister Shri Mangal Pandey, BJP MPs Sarvshri Ram Swaroop, Anurag Thakur, Varinder Kashyap and all other senior leaders were present in the rally. ■

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BJP National President Shri Amit Shah visited Uttarakhand for two days starting from 19 September, 2017 as part of his 110-day nationwide tour to strengthen and take stock of organizational work of the party in the states. Shri Shah, who visited the state for the first time after piloting it to a big victory in the state assembly elections in March, landed at the Jollygrant Airport in Dehradun. He was welcomed by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, state BJP President Shri Ajay Bhatt and other senior BJP leaders at the airport. Outside the airport he was greeted by supporters, party Karyakartas and common people along the way.

During his stay Shri Shah has presided over several meeting of MPs and MLAs from the state, party's office-bearers, core group members, Morcha Presidents and General Secretaries. He also addressed Party's District Presidents, Zila Parishad presidents and Chairmen of Co-Operative Banks. On the last day Shri Shah also inaugurated a library at the BJP office.

Addressing meetings Shri Shah said the Centre will ensure that Uttarakhand does not face dearth of funds for development works and expressed the hope that the state government will fulfill all its poll promises.

He said six months was a short period for any government to prove itself. He said all unaddressed issues such as migration from border villages in the hills will be resolved by the Trivendra Singh Rawat government during its five-year rule.

He said while there was no provision for an economic package for any state in the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, allocations and grants to Uttarakhand had been substantially increased. The Centre will see to it that there is no dearth of funds for development works in the state, he said.

Asked if 'achhe din' as promised by the Modi government had arrived; addressing a Press conference in Shri Shah said the party leaves that for the people to decide, but added that the BJP-led NDA dispensation has done a lot in the past three years.



"2.80 crore poor mothers have been provided with LPG cylinders free of cost. One-rank-one-pension, which had been pending for over 40 years, has been implemented. 4.5 crore toilets have been built across the country and the process is still underway. By 2022, every home will have toilets and power connectivity. All this is highly commendable," he said.

He said both the organisation and the government were moving in the right direction in the state. He said during this period the loot by mining mafia has come to an end, the liquor mafia has also been reined in and the party is getting active on the grassroots right up to the booth level.

On the last day of his two-day Pravas to the state Shri Shah inaugurated a library and e-library at the state party headquarters followed by a meeting of different departments and organizational projects. Addressing the meeting Shri Amit Shah lauded the Trivendra Rawat government's performance over six months in Uttarakhand. "The government and the organizations are committed. In the past six months the (Rawat) government has done all that was possible for the state's development, he said." The Trivendra Rawat government is working according to the BJP's vision document for the state," he added.

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has brought revolutionary changes in Governance during the three years in office, the party President said. Emphasizing, how Modi Government made transparency as the centre of its governance model, Shri Shah said that it has been more than three years since we ascended

to power at the centre, yet, even our staunchest opponents and critiques cannot level a single allegation of corruption against our Government.

The BJP president said the Prime Minister has provided India a corruption free, transparent and decisive government which in turn altered the world view on India favorably. Shri Modi has successfully created a globally recognized new brand-India due to which every nation is yearning to build close and harmonious bilateral relationship with our country, he said. This uplift in country's image will certainly boost our development and economy. We have considerably controlled the spiraling prices essential commodities whereas economic indicators are improving fast.

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LUNCH AT A DALIT WORKER'S RESIDENCE

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah along with BJP National Vice-President and state in-charge Shri Shyam Jaju, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat and BJP State President Shri Ajay Bhatt have lunch at a Dalit party worker's residence in Dehradun on the last day of the two-day visit to the state on 20 September, 2017.

Shri Shah also held closed-door meetings with the heads of 19 'vibhag' or departments and 10 'prakalp' or projects in the BJP's state unit, and asked them to explain their role. The BJP's state unit has various projects including those for office modernization, e-library creation, cleanliness drive, Namami Gange and training. Similarly, the state unit has departments dedicated to research on policy matters, national programme and meetings, publicity literature creation and election management, among others. ■

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PM Shri Narendra Modi receiving Japan PM Mr. Shinzo Abe at Ahmedabad airport, Gujarat



PM Shri Narendra Modi and the PM of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe at Sabarmati Ashram, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the India Cultural Road Show organised in honour of the Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe in Ahmedabad, Gujarat



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Sardar Sarovar Dam in Gujarat



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