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Steps being taken by the Government of India will place India in a new league of unprecedented development and transformation.

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The mammoth turnout at #JanaRakshaYatra in Payyannur reflects the anger among people of Kerala against communist atrocities.



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**Kamal Sandesh Parivar**  
wishes a very happy  
**DIWALI**  
**(19 October)**  
to its readers

# People ready to write obituary of communists in Kerala

**A**s BJP National President Amit Shah launched padyatra against CPM terror politics in Payyannur, a massive surge is visible on the streets of Kerala. It is for the first time the CPM led LDF government is facing toughest challenge on the ground with people coming out in huge numbers to defeat the communist politics of violence, murder, bloodshed and terror. The brutal manner in which BJP-RSS activists are being targeted and murdered shows the faith of communists in the political culture of violence aiming at physical elimination of political adversaries and choking of voice of dissent. It was due to this mindless faith of the communists who practice violence in the name of elimination of class enemy that even in a democratic country like India we have witnessed gruesome violence in every state that they have ruled. In West Bengal and Tripura also their record speaks of their blood thirsty urge for power and belief in their totalitarian rule. The communists in place of taking inspirations from India's democratic culture and ethos preferred to take lessons from totalitarian and extremely violent regime of Stalin, Mao and Pol Pot leading them to embrace violent

communist culture making them unfit in Indian context. The result is for everyone to see, they now stand completely marginalized in West Bengal, on brink of losing power in Tripura and facing toughest ever challenge from BJP.

It is very unfortunate that a section of media has never bothered to raise the issues of communist violence in the country. Similar approach of media was witnessed when the Left Front ruled West Bengal with iron hand and committed political violence openly against its political adversaries in the state. The brutal rape and murder of the likes of Tapasi Malik has not yet faded away from the public memory and many such heinous crimes of the communists still remain unreported. Although the communist rule in West Bengal was fully exposed by the shocking events of Nandigram and Singur, the political crimes committed throughout their regime need thorough investigation and research. In Kerala BJP-RSS activists have been their target and around 120 political murders have been recorded since 2001. Soon after the LDF government led by CPM assumed power last year, the incidence of violence against BJP-RSS activists has increased resulting in the brutal murder of many innocent activists. It's not surprising that the communists under the patronage of their leaders and protection of state machinery are getting emboldened and aiming to annihilate the opposition. The recent rise of public support in favour of BJP and its remarkable improvement in assembly election performance has made it clear that CPM faces a stiff challenge from BJP. While the CPM has responded to BJP's political challenge with violence, murder and bloodshed, BJP National President Amit Shah has shown the resolve of the party to democratically defeat the communist politics of violence and murder.

The 'Janraksha Yatra' flagged by Amit Shah and padyatra in all the state capitals is exposing the communist politics of violence. The massive participation of people across the country symbolizes the fact that the days of communist rule in Kerala and Tripura are numbered. It was due to the faith of communists in the politics of violence, anti-democratic and totalitarian mindset that they have been wiped out from the face of the globe. Wherever they have managed to cling to the power, they are locked in their struggle for survival. It's a pity that the party which should have been celebrating the centenary of their much flaunted 'Bolshevik revolution of 1917', they are facing an existential crisis with the entire world having already written their obituary. As 'Janraksha Yatra' progresses in Kerala, the massive participation of the people clearly points to the fact that people are ready to write its obituary in the state.

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# Selective intolerance not good for democracy: Amit Shah



**B**JP National President Shri Amit Shah on 03 October, 2017 flagged off the Janaraksha Yatra in Kerala where he lashed out at the ruling CPM and blamed it for supporting political violence in the state. “End of CPM will herald the end of political violence,” Shri Shah said.

Shri Shah joined the march from Payyannur to Pilathara where he had also addressed the public in the afternoon. Shri Amit Shah joined the march for a total distance of 21 km of the 42 km stretch of the Yatra in the Kannur district.

As many as 120 BJP and RSS workers had been murdered in Kerala since 2001, Shri Shah said asking the CPI-M-led LDF government to let the people know who was responsible for the killings.

‘I am asking Chief Minister Vijayan, who has killed BJP and RSS workers in Kerala. If he does not have answers, then I am saying that Chief Minister Vijayan is himself responsible for the killings,’ he said.

He further asserted that communism was shrinking in India and across the world. “Wherever CPM ruled, be it Kerala, West Bengal or Tripura, political violence

followed,” he said. He also called out to BJP workers to end the violence in the state.

Shri Amit Shah flagged off the ‘Janaraksha Yatra’ with the theme “All have to live! Against Jihadi-Red Terror” from the Gandhi statue in Payyannur, in the district of Kannur and being led by the party’s State President Shri Kummanam Rajashekhharan.

Shri Amit Shah said intolerance was ‘hotly debated’ during elections. He spoke against “selective” intolerance, saying it was hotly debated





**HIGHLIGHTS OF JANARAKSHA YATRA**

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



during elections but not taken up when BJP workers were killed in Kerala and West Bengal. Selective intolerance was not good for democracy, Shri Shah told Karyakartas.

He said, "When our workers are killed in Kerala or West Bengal, when atrocities take place against them, when Kashmiri Pandits are evicted, then intolerance is not talked about. But whenever we approach elections, intolerance is hotly debated. "If there's no consistency in raising the issue of intolerance then no

one has any right to raise it," he said.

Joining the rally, hundreds of BJP workers, mostly from Kannur and Kasargod districts, raised slogans against political violence under the CPI(M)-led LDF government.

Shri Amit Shah also announced a two-week 'Padyatra' in all state capitals from tomorrow against the CPM's alleged targeting of his party's workers.

The BJP President on a three-day visit to the state led the march after paying floral tributes at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. The march will pass through several parts of Kerala before concluding in state capital Thiruvananthapuram on 17 October, 2017.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath also joined the march on 04 October from Keecheri near Kalliasseri to Kannur, Vijayan's hometown and the hub of the political violence.

**OFFERS PRAYERS AT RAJARAJESWARA TEMPLE**

BJP President Shri Amit Shah offered prayers at the famous Rajarajeswara Temple in Taliparamba.

Shri Shah arrived at Mangalore airport early this morning and reached at the temple by road from Bakel. Shri Shah was accompanied by state BJP leaders.

After arrival Shri Shah was received by temple authorities. The BJP President, spent around 30 minutes at the temple, offered a golden pot to the deity.

The Rajarajeswara Temple at Taliparamba is a famous Shiva temple in North Malabar. After offering prayers, Shri Shah proceeded to Payyannur to launch the 15-day march in the state against the alleged 'red terrorism' unleashed by the Left party against BJP and Sangh parivar workers. ■

# BJP has freed Gujarat of the Congress and its misrule: Amit Shah



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**A**fter 'Adivasi Vikas Gaurav Yatra' and 'Narmada Mahotsav Yatra', the Bharatiya Janata Party began the 'Gujarat Gaurav Yatra', the biggest mass outreach programme in poll-bound Gujarat. The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on 01 October, 2017 flagged off the 'Gujarat Gaurav Yatra' from the birth place of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Karamsad in Anand, Gujarat.

The Gujarat Gaurav Yatra is the BJP's outreach initiative ahead of the Gujarat Assembly elections due in December this year. The Yatra planned in two phases covering 4,657 km and through 149 Assembly constituencies of Gujarat will celebrate development in the state under BJP's rule for over 20 years.

The Yatra comprised of two Rathis (chariots), of which the first was kicked-off from Karamsad, the

birthplace of Sardar Patel in Anand on 01 October and it will cover 1361 km and 76 Assembly Constituencies in Central and North Gujarat regions. This phase is being led by Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitin Patel.

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The Yatra will conclude in Gandhinagar on October 15 with a rally addressed by PM Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah.

While addressing the public at a grand rally on the occasion Shri Shah said, "The emerging BJP will be invincible" while adding that "The party is





not a machine but, a machine for the development of the nation". The BJP National President accused the Congress of meting out injustice to the state for "three generations".

Flanked by Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani and Deputy CM Shri Nitin Patel, Shri Shah invoked icons of Gujarat, including Sardar Patel, to mount an offensive on the Congress.

'Rahul Gandhi, the Congress vice-president who was recently on a three-day visit to Saurashtra, comes here and seeks answers from us as to what has the BJP done for the state. We are seeking an answer from you and the Congress, for injustices that the three generations of your rule did to us," the BJP National President said.

"While the first generation of the Congress insulted Sardar Patel by not giving him his due recognition and the Bharat Ratna, former Congress Prime Minister Indira Gandhi did injustice to Morarji Desai," Shri Shah said. "The third generation of Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi has done injustice to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Gujarat seeks answer for that," he said.

Desai was Deputy Prime Minister under Indira Gandhi before falling out with her. He became the Prime Minister in 1977 when the first non-Congress government was formed after the Emergency.

Shri Amit Shah also said that the BJP, through 'Gujarat Gaurav Yatra', will make sure that the pride of the revolution of development, brought by the BJP across the length and breadth of this state in last two decades, reaches each and every person.

He said Shri Narendra Modi, then Gujarat Chief Minister, had taken out a Yatra by the same name

before the 2002 Assembly elections. This is second part of the Yatra. He said the second phase of this present Gaurav Yatra will start on 02 October from Porbandar, the birth place of Mahatma Gandhi.

Before the Gaurav Yatra a chariot was flagged off by Shri Amit Shah. Shri Rupani, Shri Nitin Patel and

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other senior BJP leaders also addressed a gathering of party workers in Karamsad.

BJP President Shri Amit Shah also launched a video campaign song titled Hun vikas chhu, hun chhu Gujarat' (I am development, I am Gujarat).

Earlier in the day, the BJP National President visited Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel memorial in Anand district of Gujarat where he paid floral tribute to Sardar Patel.

### **SECOND LEG OF 'GUJARAT GAURAV YATRA', PORBANDAR**

BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said that BJP has freed Gujarat of the Congress and its goons. The BJP government has ended the days of law and order problems. Launching the second leg of 'Gaurav Yatra' in Porbandar, the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his birth anniversary on 02 October. Shri Shah said, "People have seen the time when the law and order would end with the border of Porbandar. Names of goons and gangsters like Mamu Miyan, Punju Miyan, Ijju Shaikh and Latif were known. Congress gave communal riots and curfews. But the BJP's rule in the past two decades brought an end to this. We cleaned up the state of Congress and





its goons. We freed Gujarat from curfew.”

He said Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi “could not see any of this. He still asks what we have done in these three years.” Owing to Sonia Gandhi’s Italian origins, he said, “Rahul can’t see it because he is wearing Italian glasses. To be able to see the development, he needs to remove those spectacles and wear Gujarati glasses.”

Shri Shah also criticized Rahul’s recent US trip. He said, “If you are dreaming of winning polls, you cannot go for a vacation to the US. To win the polls, you need to remain with the people of Gujarat”.

He said people of India have accepted Modi Model of development which is corruption free, allocation of funds to Gujarat from the Central Government increased substantially after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of India.

Congress Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru laid foundation stone for the Narmada Project way back in 1961 but the Congress Governments kept on

delaying the project for four decades, he said adding that the project completed only after BJP-ruled Modi Government came into power in 2014.

“Right from freedom up to 1995 under Congress rule electricity production in Gujarat was nearly 36700 MW which under BJP rule in the past two decades has already crossed 1 lakh MW. Till 1995 there were 73.78 lakh vehicles in the State but in the past 20 years the figure has cross 2 crore,” said Shri Shah adding that the production of cotton was around 24 lakh bales till 1995 which has gone up to 1.24 crore in 2017.

He said Production of fruit in the State jumped from 21.29 lakh metric tons to 85 lakh metric tons during the corresponding period. Milk production too increased considerably from 46.9 lakh metric tons to 122.26 lakh metric tons. During the period of 1995 to 2017, Gujarat became number one state in the country; he said adding that it could become possible because of pro-people policy of BJP Governments under Narendra Modi, Anandiben Patel and now Vijay Rupani.

In 1995 there were only 26,000 doctors, now the figure touched 61,000. Same success story for the number of engineering seats which has increase 14 times in the State. The most encouraging development parameter was per capita income which was Rs 13,665 in 1995 but now increase to Rs 1,14,504 in 2017 said Shri Shah.

“With Narendra Modi as Prime Minister the development process of Gujarat will continue in future too. Already approvals for international airport and AIMS in Rajkot have given. Investments are flowing in the state due to Vibrant Gujarat summits. The State has become curfew free and peace has been prevailed,” he added.

Talking to reporters about the Gujarat Gaurav Yatra, Union Railways Minister Shri Piyush Goyal said in Ahmedabad that the party’s agenda for Gujarat elections will be development and that the party has substantial statistical data to showcase sustained growth over the past 22 years of its rule.

The BJP has also released a series of short video campaigns under the tagline Hun chhu vikaas (I am Development) on social media platforms. These videos talk about how development under Shri Modi’s leadership has transformed Gujarat. ■



## India registers significant decline in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)

**GENDER GAP REDUCING: BIG BOOST TO 'BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO'**

**W**ith effort made by Modi government, India has registered a significant decline in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR). According to the just released SRS bulletin, IMR of India has declined by three points (8% decline), from 37 per 1000 live births in 2015 to 34 per 1000 live births in 2016, compared to two points decline last year. Not only this, India also recorded a major drop in birth cohort, which has for the first time come down to below 25 million. India has registered 90000 fewer infant deaths in 2016 as compared to 2015. The total number of estimated infant deaths have come down from 930000 (9.3 Lakhs) in 2015 to 840000 (8.4 lakhs) in 2016.

According to the SRS Bulletin the gender gap in India for child survival is reducing steadily. The gender difference between female and male IMR has now reduced to <10%, giving a major boost to the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme of the Government.

The results signify that the strategic approach of the Ministry has started yielding dividends and the efforts of focusing on low performing States is paying off. Among the EAG States and Assam, all States except Uttarakhand have reported decline in IMR in comparison to 2015. The decline is reported as 4



points in Bihar, 3 points in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand and two points decline in Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Rajasthan.

These remarkable achievements in merely one year is also the result of a countrywide efforts to increase the health service coverage through various initiatives of the Government that includes strengthening of service delivery; quality assurance; RMNCH+A; human resources, community processes; information and knowledge; drugs and diagnostics, and supply chain management, etc. ■

## Excise duty cut on petrol, diesel by Rs. 2 per litre

**T**he Union government on October 3 cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs. 2 a litre to tame rising inflation and to shield consumers from the surging price of auto fuels. Fuel prices have started moving up owing to refinery shutdowns in the US following recent hurricanes. The duty cut came on the eve of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) monetary policy review and is likely to send a signal to the central bank that the government was doing its bit to control inflationary pressures. "The revenue loss on account of these reductions in excise duty is about Rs26,000 crore in a full year and about Rs13,000 crore during the remaining part of the current financial year," said a statement from the finance ministry. ■



## Number of tax payers increased significantly from 4.72 crore in 2012-13 to 6.26 crore in 2016-17

**T**he Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Shri Arun Jaitley said that Income Tax Department of the Ministry of Finance has taken various initiatives in the last 2-3 years in order to bring about efficiency, transparency and fairness in tax administration. Highlighting the initiatives, the Finance Minister said that a Single Page ITR-1 (SAHAJ) Form was introduced for tax payers having income up to Rs. 50 lakhs. Rate of tax for individuals having income of Rs. 2.5 lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs was reduced from 10% to 5%, which is one among the lowest in the world, the Finance Minister added. The Finance Minister Shri Jaitley further said that the concept of 'no scrutiny' was introduced for the First Time Non-Business Tax Payers having income up to Rs. 5 lakhs so that more and more people are encouraged to join the tax net and file their IT returns and pay the due amount of taxes. The Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley was addressing the Second Meeting of the Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Finance on the subject of "Initiatives of IT Department" in the national capital here today.

Highlighting the other initiatives of the income Tax Department, the Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley said that corporate tax was reduced to 25% for companies with turn-over up to Rs. 50 crore thereby covering almost 96% of the companies. The new manufacturing companies incorporated on or after 1st March 2016 were given an option to be taxed at 25% without any deduction. The MAT credit was allowed to be carry forward up to 15 years instead of 10 years as part of procedural reforms, the Finance Minister added.

Highlighting the initiatives of the Department in the field of E-Governance, the Finance Minister said that 97% of the income tax returns were filed electronically this year, out of which 92% returns were processed within 60 days and 90% refunds were also issued within 60 days. The Finance Minister further said that the Income Tax Department also introduced Grievance Redressal System- E-Nivaran which integrated all the online and paper grievances and tracks them till their resolution. Every grievance is acknowledged and



resolution is intimated through email and SMS. The Finance Minister said that 84% of 4.65 lakh E-Nivaran grievances have been resolved so far.

The Finance Minister, Shri Jaitley said through E-Sahyog, all cases of information mismatch are handled in non-intrusive manner to avoid full investigation. The Finance Minister further added that about 1.9 crore salaried tax payers are being informed every quarter by the Income Tax Department of the amount of TDS deposited by their employers. The Finance Minister Shri Jaitley said that all these E-governance initiatives of the Department have helped in having minimum direct interface between the tax assessing authorities and the assesses which in turn helped in minimizing harassment, curbing the menace of corruption and time saving among others.

The Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley also highlighted the initiatives of the Income Tax Department as far as Ease of Doing Business and promoting Financial Markets are concerned. In this regard, he specifically mentioned about introduction of Presumptive Taxation Scheme for Professionals having income up to Rs. 50 lakhs. Similarly, threshold for Presumptive Taxation Scheme for business



income raised from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 2 crore and companies located in International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) have been exempted from Dividend Distribution Tax and to pay MAT @ 9% only.

The Finance Minister informed that India has entered into Foreign Collaboration with 148 countries as far as Exchange of Information for tax matters is concerned and with 39 countries for criminal matters. He said that changes in the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) with Mauritius and Singapore have been incorporated to allow for source based taxation of capital gains on shares and interest income of banks.

As far as the drive against black money is concerned, the Income-tax Department has taken various initiatives since the present Government came to power. In this regard, the Finance Minister mentioned about the enactment of the Black Money Act, 2015, Comprehensive Amendments to the Benami Act 1988 and Operation Clean Money among others. The Finance Minister said that after the intense follow-up of demonetization data from 9th November 2016 to 10th January, 2017, about 1100 searches were made resulting into seizure of Rs. 610 crore including cash of Rs. 513 crore. He said that undisclosed income of Rs. 5400 crore was detected and about 400 cases have been referred to ED and CBI for an appropriate action.

In order to promote less cash economy and digital transactions, the Finance Minister said that the Income Tax Department took various initiatives including penalty for cash receipt of Rs. 2 lakh or more, limit of cash donation to charitable trusts reduced from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 2000/- and no cash donations of Rs. 2000/- or more to political parties.

Highlighting the impact of demonetization and the proactive initiatives of the Income Tax Department, the Finance Minister said that the revenue collections in case of direct taxes rose to Rs. 8,49, 818 crore during the Financial Year 2016-17 at a growth rate of 14.5 per cent. The Finance Minister further said that net collections up to 18th September, 2017 in the Current Financial Year 2017-18 rose to Rs. 3.7 lakh crore with a growth of 15.7%. He said that the number of tax payers increased significantly from 4.72 crore in financial year 2012-13 to 6.26 crore during the Financial Year 2016-17. ■

## GST will have huge positive impact on Indian economy: World Bank

**T**he World Bank on October 5 has said that the recent slowdown in India's economic growth is an aberration mainly due to the temporary disruptions caused by the introduction of goods and services tax (GST), pointing out that it will get corrected in the coming months. World Bank President Jim Yong Kim also said that the GST is going to have a hugely positive impact on the Indian economy. He told "We think that the recent slowdown is an aberration which will correct in the coming months, and the GDP growth will stabilize during the year. We've been watching carefully, as Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi has really worked on improving the business environment, and so, we think all of those efforts will pay off as well." On India and human capital, Mr Kim said Prime Minister Modi has made a huge commitment to sanitation issues, and called 'Swachh Bharat' one of the "most effective programmes" anywhere.

"I know that Prime Minister Modi himself personally is very committed to improving opportunities for all of India. But, India has a lot of challenges. We look at some of the educational



outcomes, we've looked at some of the health outcomes, and India has room to improve, like most other countries," he said.

"Our job is to take the political will and commitment that Prime Minister Modi has clearly demonstrated and has communicated to everyone, and then bring to India the most effective intervention that will, as quickly as possible, improve the stock of human capital," Mr Kim added. ■

# Ideal Swayamsevak

## I MADHAVRAO MULEY

**T**HE greatness or otherwise of a man depends upon the way in which he leads his life. In the case of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, the source of inspiration for his work in the political field, as also for the fundamental philosophy that he gave to Bharat, was the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh founded by Dr. Hedgewar. Deendayalji's entry in the political field was also the result of a desire of the late Sri Guruji, Sarsanghchalak of the Sangh, who had been requested by Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee to give hint workers for a political party that he wished to found and which would work according to Indian ideals.

## ALWAYS A SWAYAMSEVAK

The person that Sri Guruji selected or considered suitable for this work was Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya. But even in the midst of his political activity Deendayalji never forgot that he was a Swayamsevak. He always remembered that all his inspiration for service of the nation came from the Sangh.

It would be proper here to say something about the great philosophy that Deendayalji evolved. During the past one thousand years of India's history the one thing that is very clear is that Mahatma Gandhi was the last man to conceive of the development of this country on the basis of national ideals. All great men before him made similar efforts to reawaken the soul of India. But unfortunately after Gandhiji the history of this country took a new turn and our politics began to follow western political thought.

Had Gandhiji been alive, the situation would have been certainly different. Dr. Hedgewar, who founded the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in 1925, was also a contemporary of Gandhiji. Gandhiji once had the opportunity to see the work of the Sangh for himself. In the year 1935 a camp of the Sangh was going on in Wardha very near the residence of Shri Jamnalal Bajaj, where Gandhiji was staying. Gandhiji saw the



disciplined activities of the Swayamsevaks in the camp from the terrace of the house and felt like knowing more about this organisation. He invited the head of the camp, Shri Appaji Joshi, for a talk, and during the conversation with him was glad to know that nearly 800 Swayam-sevaks had come to participate in the camp at their own expense. Gandhiji then expressed a desire to visit the camp and was cordially invited by Appaji to do so. During his visit to the camp Gandhiji was very much impressed with the efficiency and discipline that the Swayamsevaks showed in all activities from drill to cooking. Realising during his talks with Appaji that the Sangh was a Hindu organisation, Gandhiji asked, "How many Harijans do you have in this camp?" Appaji

replied that he did not know, because no one was ever asked in the Sangh whether he was a Harijan. It was enough that they were all Hindus. No information about the castes to which they belonged was ever kept in the Sangh. But Gandhiji insisted on knowing this, and as a result of his own questioning it was found that there were nearly 60 Harijan youths in the camp.

This made Gandhiji very happy and he said, "You have been this to do what I have been trying to do but have not been this to do so far." He then asked about the founder, and when told it was Dr. Hedgewar, expressed a desire to meet him. In response to his desire, Doctor Sahib specially came down from Nagpur and the two had a long talk.

## INFLUENCE OF SANGH

What want to point out here is that Deendayalji's realisation of the equality of all mankind was the result of the influence of the Sangh. It was this influence that he developed on the strength of his incomparable intellect into the great philosophy of Integral Humanism.

What are man's basic necessities? Socialism says they are food, clothing and a roof over his head. But these are the needs of the body. Is man body alone? Man is a combination of body, mind, soul and intellect. Thinking of man without thinking of his intellect or mind



or soul is not thinking of him in reality. Only thinking of all aspects together is thinking of the genuine, complete man. This comprehensive thinking is nothing but Integral Humanism.

Deendayalji thought deeply over this comprehensive character of the human being and propounded the philosophy of Integral Humanism. The human body has various limbs, but they are controlled by one force known as the soul. Only this control makes man a complete being, possessing limbs, senses, mind and intellect.

### ADVOCATE OF HARMONY

And if all limbs and other parts of the human body are controlled by one force, it is obvious that they must

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be complementary. One limb will not work against another, nor will one hand strike another. This harmony between various parts of the human body is also the basic principle of man's social life. As units of the same society, all men must be complementary to one another. It is true that our society is full of diversities. We have different castes, different languages, different modes of living, dressing and eating, and different modes of worship. But these are diversities, not differences. And when we talk of diversities, we presuppose a basic harmony. For instance, all Indian languages, in spite of their different appearances, have a basic harmony. So also there is a harmony the life of all our people living in different parts of the country, and it is this harmony that we call nationalism.

On a higher level than nationalism people talk of humanity and universal brotherhood. But the day is not yet near when one man will consider another his brother. The dream of universal brotherhood will take a long time to come true. But if at all we see the seeds of this universality anywhere, we see it in the culture of Bharat. People of the world talk about the equality of man and man, but no thinkers of the world have reached those heights in this philosophy that the thinkers of this country have scaled. The principle of the brotherhood of man is advocated everywhere in the world. But how many have thought or advocated man's brotherhood with all other living beings? It was only Bharat that produced the lofty advocates of this universal brotherhood.

### UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

When our seers invoked blessings on all creatures of the world, they meant that as man was blessed with greater intelligence and more knowledge, it was his responsibility to bring happiness to all living things. All creatures in the world had an equal right to happiness and if man decided that his right was greater than that of other beings it was only his presumptuousness. When man decides to be happier than other creatures and uses them for his own happiness, he is indulging in clear exploitation. We talk of economic exploitation of one section of human society by another and raise our voice against it. But who gave man the right to exploit other creatures for his own ends? It was only the thinkers of Bharat who thought deeply on this question. Hence Deendayalji held that Integral Humanism was the first step towards making man's view really comprehensive. He wanted that all human beings in the world should become really human and form an integrated human society. This would be possible only if the great principle of complete identification with the other person was put into practice. This was Deendayalji's conviction. It was on the basis of this principle that Swami Vivekanand and Shri Aurobindo had propounded the philosophy of universal brotherhood. Deendayalji held that every aspect of life in this country should develop on the basis of this philosophy and so he advocated the theory of Integral Humanism in an effort to mould politics in accordance with this principle. ■

To be continued...

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

# Sardar Patel's vision of a strong and United India

**V**allabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel (31 October 1875 – 15 December 1950), popularly known as Sardar Patel, was the first Deputy Prime Minister of India. He played a leading role in the country's struggle for independence and guided its integration into a united, independent nation. In India and elsewhere, he was often addressed as Sardar. At the time of Independence, India comprised British India and the Princely States. The Princely States covered about two fifths of the geographic territory. While the Indian Independence Act ceded control of British India to the Indian Government, rulers of the Princely States were given the option to decide whether they wanted to accede to India or Pakistan or neither. In these circumstances, Sardar Patel took up the monumental challenge of accession of the princely states and integrating them into the Union



of India.

Sardar Patel envisioned of a strong and United India. The peaceful accession of over 560 Princely States into the Union of India is one of Sardar Patel's most lasting legacies. ■

## 'Babosa' Bhairon Singh Shekhawat

**S**hri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was founder member of the Bharatiya Janata Party, a leading member of the National Democratic Alliance at the time of election. He served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan three times, from 1977 to 1980, 1990 to 1992 and 1993 to 1998.



Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat (23 October 1923 – 15 May 2010) was also the 11th Vice President of India. Referred to as "Rajasthan ka ek hi Singh" (The only lion of Rajasthan) or "Babosa" (Head of the family of Rajasthan), Bhairon Singh Shekhawat entered politics in 1952. In 1952 he was MLA from Ramgarh, in 1957 from Sri Madhopur, 1962 and 1967 he was MLA from Kisan Pol. In 1972 elections he lost but in 1973 he was elected to Rajya Sabha from

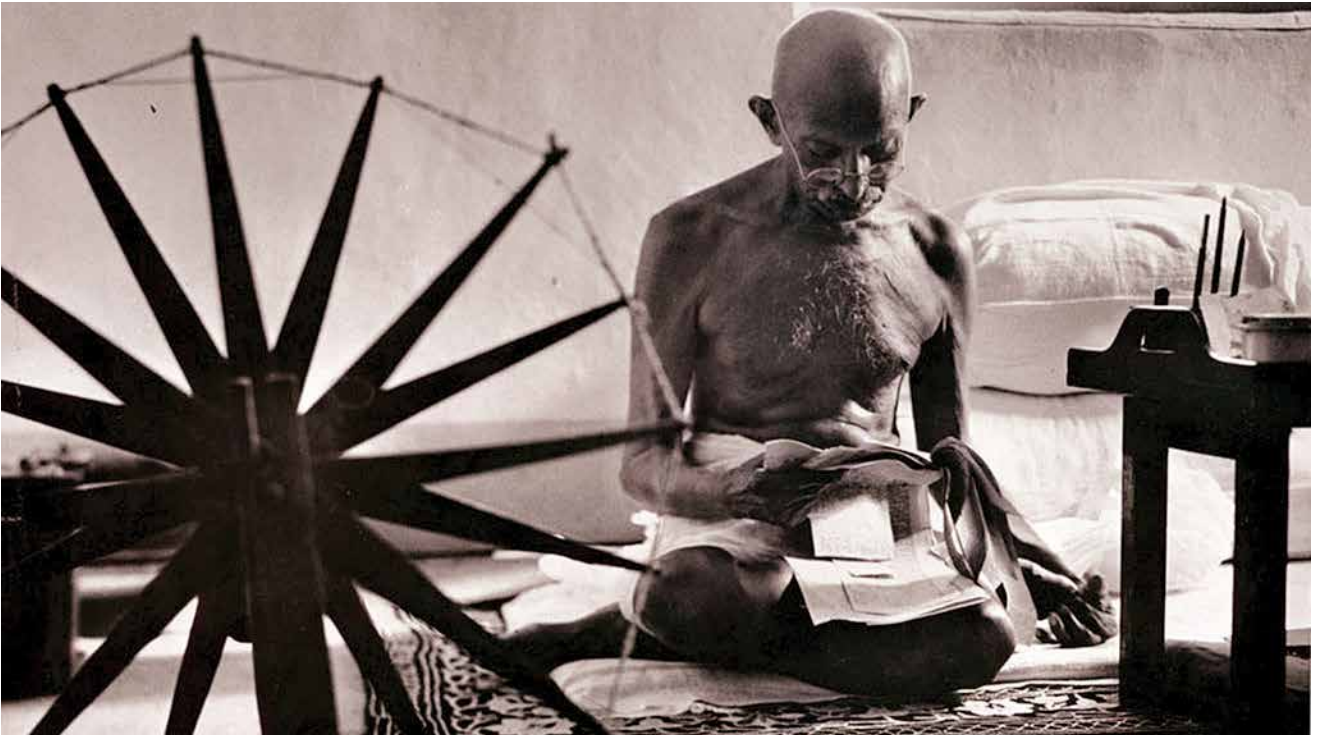
Madhya Pradesh. In 1975 during emergency he was arrested and sent to Rohtak jail.

When Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was Chief Minister started the "Antyodaya Yojna" scheme, which was intended to uplift the poorest of the poor. The chairman of the World Bank, Robert McNamara, referred to him as the Rockefeller of India. Shekhawat was also known for his control over bureaucracy and the police. He had involvement in policies designed to improve literacy and industrialisation in Rajasthan, as well as tourism centered on the themes of heritage, wildlife and villages. He was also lauded by both, national and international leaders for his historic conduct of the Rajya Sabha. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat passed away on 15 May 2010. ■



# Building Gandhi's India

LET US STRIVE TO USHER IN HIS RAM RAJYA — EGALITARIAN, CLEAN, NON-SECTARIAN



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**I M VENKAI AH NAIDU**

**A** grateful nation paid rich tributes and celebrated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. I would call upon every citizen to take a vow to fight various pervasive social evils like poverty, corruption, illiteracy, casteism, black money, gender discrimination, atrocities against weaker sections and the lack of sanitation and hygiene. It is a matter of concern that 70 years after Independence, the country's progress is being hindered by such evils. Let us all strive together to realise the dreams of Gandhiji and usher in “Ram Rajya” where all are equal and there is no discrimination of any kind.

Gandhiji's thoughts are immortal. His wish for Ram Rajya should be understood in the proper perspective and governments and the people must work to realise that dream.

“The Ram Rajya of my dream ensures equal rights alike of prince and pauper”, observed the Mahatma. “There can be no Ram Rajya in the present state of iniquitous inequalities in which a few roll in riches and the masses do not get even enough to eat,” he said. With around 22 per cent of people in the country living below the poverty line, there has to be a concerted effort from governments as well as non-governmental organisations to ameliorate their living conditions by adopting a clear-cut developmental

strategy with a strong emphasis on inclusive growth. It should be noted that ensuring proper education to all, including the most marginalised, will go a long way in combating poverty.

I would like to recall what the father of the nation said: “The Swaraj of my dream is the poor man’s Swaraj. The necessities of life should be enjoyed by you in common with those enjoyed by the princes and the moneyed men. But that does not mean that they should have palaces like theirs. They are not necessary for happiness. You or I would be lost in them. But you ought to get all the ordinary amenities of life that a rich man enjoys. I have not the slightest doubt that Swaraj is not Poorna Swaraj until these amenities are guaranteed to you under it”.

Gandhiji also said, “If Swaraj was not meant to civilise us, and to purify and stabilise our civilisation, it would be worth nothing. The very essence of our civilisation is that we give a paramount place to morality in all our affairs, public or private.” These words, with an emphasis on giving a paramount place to morality in all our affairs, public or private, should be the guiding light for every Indian. Honesty and upholding high moral values should be the leitmotif in the life of every individual, irrespective of whether he is a politician, government servant, industrialist or a street vendor. The foundation for a strong moral character has to be laid from early childhood by parents and teachers.

What the father of the nation had stated on education is relevant even today. He said: “Literacy in itself is no education. Literacy is not the end of education or even the beginning. By education, I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in the child and man — body, mind and spirit.” “Basic education,” he said, “links the children, whether of the cities or the villages, to all that is best and lasting in India.”

The biggest tribute we can pay to Gandhiji is to follow his ideals in letter and spirit. His statement that sanitation was more important than political independence clearly reflected the utmost importance he attached to cleanliness. He had also stated that a lavatory should be as clean as a drawing room. I am happy that the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has turned into a people’s movement with celebrities and commoners joining hands to usher in a clean India by the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji. I would like

the people, particularly the youth, to display a similar kind of passion and determination in building a new and resurgent India in the near future.

It is ironic that at a time when scientific and technological advancements are shrinking barriers in a truly globalised world, some people are trying to use religion as a tool to divide people and create strife. Religion should serve as a bridge for promoting harmony and peaceful co-existence of various faiths and religious fundamentalism should not be allowed to spread its tentacles in any form. Again, I would like to recall the sagacious words of the Mahatma who said, “Religion can be defended only by the purity of its adherents and their good deeds. Never by their

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quarrels with those of other faiths.” He also said, “For God-fearing men, all religions are good and equal; only the followers of different religions quarrel with one another and thereby deny their respective religions.” He further pointed out that “the essence of true religious teaching is that one should serve and befriend all.”

Finally, I would like to emphasise that progress and prosperity cannot be achieved without peace. In this context, I would like to appeal to the Maoists and other Naxal groups to lay down arms and join the mainstream of society. I will end by quoting the Mahatma, who had said “non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man”. ■

(The writer is Vice-President of India)

# We have some people having the Mahabharat's character of Shalya: PM



**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 4 delivering the speech at Golden Jubilee Year Celebrations of ICSI has given befitting reply to doomsayers. Prime Minister said the fundamental of economy is strong and is on track. He lambasted the critics of Shalya mentality. Here is excerpt of the speech:

Acharya Chanakya had said: *Eken Shushka Vrikshena, Dahya Manen Vanhi Na; Dahyate Ta Vanam Sarvam Kuputren Kulam Yatha.*

It means, 'Even if a single dry tree in the forest catches fire, the entire forest is engulfed in the fire. In the same way, even if one member of the family does wrong, the reputation of the entire family is at stake'. Friends, this axiom applies in the context of

the nation as well. A handful of people in our country have been engaged in harming its reputation, they have been trying to weaken our honest social fabric. The Government has launched a campaign to clean-up the system and the institutions from such elements once it assumed office.

Under this campaign immediately after the formation of the government, a Special Investigation Team – SIT, has been set up by the Cabinet in its first decision. It was suggested by the Supreme Court several years ago. -Black Money Act was put in place to tackle the black money stashed abroad.

- Tax treaties with several new countries were signed and earlier tax agreements were amended. New ways were found in consultation with them.
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Codes were enacted.
- Benami Property Law that had been lying in limbo for 28 years, was implemented.
- Good And Simple Tax- GST – that was stuck up for several years was put in place.
- This is the government that has shown the courage to take the decision of Demonetization.

This government has worked to strengthen the institutional probity in the country. As a result of relentless hard work by this government alone, we are having a less cash economy. 9th November, 2016 will be remembered as the opening day of corruption free movement in the history of India. The cash to GDP ratio has come down to 9 per cent after Demonetization. It used to be above 12 per cent before 8th November 2016. Was it possible if a new era of honesty had not been ushered in the country, in the economy of the country? Who knows it better than you about the easy exchange of black money earlier, and today people have to think at least 50 times before resorting to it.

There was another character, Shalya in the Mahabharata. Shalya was charioteer of Karna. On the



other hand, Krishna was the Sarathi of Arjuna. This character, Shalya always used to discourage those who were in the battle field and spread despair. He used to say, you don't have the courage, your horses and chariot are weak and how would you fight. Shalya belonged to the Mahabharata era. But still we have some people having the same Shalya mentality. Such people take pleasure in spreading the despair. The slowdown in the GDP even in one quarter has become the biggest news item these days for such people. They are perpetually in a mode of pessimism saying how will you do it and what will happen next.

When the Doklam issue surfaced. They again tried to spread pessimism thinking, nothing can be done. Some people take pleasure in spreading pessimism. They get a good sleep out of it. For them slowdown in GDP in one quarter is like a dose. There is a need to identify such people. Friends, When the data suits their thinking, the institutions and processes appear correct to them. However, the moment, the same data is unsuitable for them, they immediately start questioning the institutions and its processes. It is very important to identify such people before arriving at a conclusion only then we shall tread the correct path of truth.

Friends, do you really feel that this is for the first time when the GDP growth of the country has reached to the level of 5.7% in a quarter? No it's not. The GDP growth slipped to 5.7% or even lower 8 times during six years of the previous government. Nation's economy has seen those quarters when the growth rate slipped down to 0.2 per cent, 1.5 per cent. That kind of slowdown was even more harmful for the economy since during those years India was also struggling with higher Inflation, higher Current Account Deficit and higher Fiscal Deficit.

If you look at the two preceding years before 2014 such as 2012-13 and 2013-14, the average growth rate was around 6%. Now some people may ask why I have picked up those two years only. Because, it won't take much time for people with Shalya mentality to contest it.

Friends, I have referred to those two years because the method to calculate the GDP growth has been during and those two years of the previous government and three years of this government. When Central Statistics Office, CSO released the figure of 7.4% GDP

growth during the tenure of this government, some people dismissed it. It was their view that the GDP data did not match with their own understanding of the ground realities. These people said that they were not able to feel that economy was indeed growing at that rate. It means that it does not fit into their Shalya mentality.

Now when the same parameters have shown marked improvements, development is in the right direction, a handful of people are still having a look at it with their colored vision. They can't see the writing on the wall clearly and I want to bring this to your notice. I am also showing you the slides. Rate of Inflation which was more than 10% has come down and this year the average is around 2.5%. Can you compare 10% with 2.5%. Current Account Deficit which was 4% has come

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down to nearly 1%. You can see it.

While improving upon the parameters, the Central Government has brought down the fiscal deficit from 4.5% under the previous regime to 3.5%. Foreign investors have made record investments in India today. India's Foreign Exchange Reserve has gone up by 25% from around \$30,000 crore to \$40,000 crore.

The reforms in economy, the confidence, the success perhaps do not matter to a handful of people. Therefore it is for the nation to understand whether some people are striving for the interests of the country or just espousing the interests of others. It is correct that despite attaining average growth rate of 7.5% over the past three years, GDP growth rate in April-June period this year saw a decline. We don't deny it.



However, let me tell you that the Government is fully committed to reverse this trend, capable and we are ready to take decisions. Many experts have agreed that the fundamentals of economy are strong. We have taken several decisions and the process is on. The financial stability of the country will be maintained. We would take every step to bring in more investments, and carry forward the momentum of growth.

I would like to assure that the steps taken by the Government would help India move into a new league in the years to come.

I would also like to tell about the GST. It has been three months since it has been implemented. We have seen closely what is working and what is not. We have sought feedback even on minor issues. The GST Council has been told to review all the bottlenecks and problems- related to technology, filling of forms among others and a solution be worked out involving all political parties and state Governments. I assure traders that we are not orthodox and conservative. We also don't know everything. But if something needs to be done, we shall do it.

- What will be you take if the Sale of passenger cars in the country has grown by nearly 12% after June?
- What would you say when you find that the sale of commercial vehicles too has registered a growth of more than 23% after June?
- What would you say when the sale of two wheelers in the country has registered a growth of over 14%?
- What will you say when the number of domestic air travelers has registered an increase of 14% over the past two months?
- What will you say when international air freight traffic has registered a growth of nearly 16%?
- What would you like to say when the number of telephone subscribers has registered a growth of over 14%?
- Brothers and sisters, these developments indicate that people are buying vehicles, new phone connections and using air travel. These indicators reflect the growth in demand in urban areas.
- Hence, if we look at indicators related to rural demand then the sale of tractors has registered a growth of over 34% in the recent months.
- Even in the FMCG sector, the trend of growth in demand is on the upside in the month of September.
- Friends, these things happen when the confidence

among the people of the country grows up. When people of the country feel this thing: yes, the economy is strong.

- The recently released PMI Manufacturing Index reflects the expansive mode. And Future Output Index has crossed the figure of 60.
- If we have a look at the recently released data, the production of coal, electricity, steel and natural gas has registered a robust growth.
- Friends, even the disbursement of personal loan has registered rapid growth.
- The loans given by Housing Finance Companies and Non-Banking Finance Companies have registered significant growth.
- Not only this, there is more investment in the mutual funds and insurance sector in the capital market.
- Companies have mobilized more than 25000 crore rupees in the first six months of this year through the IPOs. During the entire period of last year this figure was Rs. 29000 crore.
- In less than four months, more than 45,000 crore rupees have been invested in Non-Financial Entities through corporate bonds and private placement.
- This data reflects the broad base of financing in the country. It means that financing in India is no longer confined to bank loans alone.
- Friends, This government has continuously emphasized on the proper utilization of both time and resources. One can see a clear difference in the pace of work during the three years of the previous government and this government.
- 80 thousand kilometers long rural roads were constructed during the last three years of the previous government. During the three years of our government, 1 lakh 20 thousand kilometers long rural roads have been constructed. It means a growth of 50% in the construction of rural roads.
- The previous Government during its last three years, had awarded the work to construct 15,000 kilometers long national highways. Our government has awarded the work to construct 34,000 kilometers long national highways in its three years.
- If you talk about the investment in this sector, then the previous government has spent Rs. 93,000 crore during the last three years of its tenure in land acquisition and on construction of the roads. This figure has gone up to Rs. 1.83 lakh crores in this

government. It means this government has nearly doubled the investment.

Even you would be aware that how many administrative and financial steps are needed to be taken by the government for construction of highways. This data reflects that how the government has performed the role of a policy maker and policy implementer after bringing the country out of policy paralysis.

Similarly, if we talk about the railway sector:

- Nearly 1,100 kilometer long new rail lines were laid during the last three years of the previous government. In the three years of this government this figure has crossed 2100 kilometers mark. It means that we have laid the new railway lines almost twice as fast.
- During the last three years of the previous government, 1300 kilometer long railway tracks were converted in the double line. During the three years of this government, 2600 kilometer long railway track has been converted in the double line. It means that we have carried out the work of doubling of railway tracks twice as fast.

Friends, capital expenditure worth Rs. 1.49 lakh crore was made during the last three years of the previous government. During the three years of this government, this figure has gone up to Rs. 2.64 lakh crore. It means a growth of over 75%.

Now if I talk about the development of Renewable Energy sector, then:

- A total of 12,000 megawatt renewable energy capacity was added during the last three years of the previous government. If we talk about the three years of this government, then more than 22,000 megawatt renewable energy capacity has been connected to the grid power. It means that this government's performance in this sector is nearly two times better.
- During the last three years of the previous government, it spent nearly Rs. 4,000 on the renewable energy. Our government has spent more than Rs. 10,600 crores in this sector in the three years.
- If we talk about the growth of shipping industry during the previous government, then the growth in cargo handling was negative during its tenure whereas during the three years of this government,

it has registered an increase of 11%.

Friends, The government has been paying full attention for strengthening the social infrastructure of the country along with the strengthening of physical infrastructure related to important sectors like rail-road and electricity. We have taken major policy decisions and carried out financial reforms in the field of affordable housing which are unprecedented for the sector.

Friends, during the last three years of the previous government, it approved the projects worth Rs. 15,000 crores. While this government has cleared projects worth Rs. 1.53 lakh crores during its first three years. This is a reflection of our commitment to provide houses to the poor people, to the middle class.

You might be aware that when the issue of reforms in the insurance sector was first discussed, the newspaper headlines used to say that if such a thing happens, it would be a major economic decision. It was during the previous government. That government completed its term without bringing reforms in the insurance sector. We have brought in the reforms in the insurance sector. It happened during this government. However, this is the mentality of some Shalya mentality people that even this reform doesn't seem big to them since it was not done during that time, and it could not be carried out by a government liked by them

Brothers and sisters, you are from this field. However, the statistics which I am placing before you will leave you surprised. The liberalization time frame began after 1992. If I take it as the basis, let us compare what has been the impact from liberalization till 2014 and then from 2014 to 2017.

- 75% of the total foreign investment in the construction sector has come in the last three years alone.
- Even in the civil aviation sector, 69% of the total foreign investment has come in these last three years.
- 56% of the total foreign investment in the mining sector has come in the last three years alone.
- 53% of the total foreign investment in the computer software and hardware sector has come in the last three years alone.
- 52% of the total foreign investment in the electrical equipments has come in during the three years of this government.
- 49% of the total foreign investment in the renewable





energy sector has come in during the three years of this government.

- 45% of the total foreign investment in the textile sector has come in the last three years alone.
- It may be surprising for you that the automobile industry which has already attracted plenty of foreign investment earlier, even in that sector 44% of the total foreign investment has come in during the last three years.

Growing FDI inflow in the country is proof of the fact that how much faith the foreign investors have in the country's economy.

Our Policies, their implementation and our vision has raised the level of confidence. All this investment is playing an important role in increasing the rate of growth of the country's development and job creation. Increase in road construction, expanding rail lines, doesn't it need creation of jobs? How did it happen? But Shalya mentality goes on.

Friends, This government has laid emphasis on the personal sector along with the private sector and public sector. Otherwise, the discourse was confined only to the private and the public sector. Personal Sector, which is connected to the personal aspirations of the people is equally important. That is why this government is extending every possible help to the youth who want to do something on their own, who want to fulfill their dreams.

- Loans of more than Rs. 3.75 lakh crore have been given to more than 9 crore account holders without any bank guarantee under the Mudra scheme.
- Out of these 9 crore people, 2.63 crores are the youth who are the first time borrowers, it means that this is for the first time that they borrowed a loan under the Mudra scheme to start their business.

The government has been encouraging the self employment through the schemes like Skill India Mission, Stand-up India and Start-up India. Companies have been given financial incentives for bringing more and more people in the formal economy.

Brothers and sisters, If we take a look at some of the indicators related to formal sector employment, then:

By the end of March 2014, there were 3.26 crore employees who have been actively contributing the provident fund money into the Employees Provident Fund Organization every month. In the last three years,

this number has gone up to 4.80 crore. Some people forget this thing that this number cannot go up without growth in employment.

Friends, We have taken steps to ensure that the Government schemes bring in a qualitative change in the lives of poor people, lower middle class and middle class people.

Bank accounts of more than 30 crore poor people have been opened under the Jan-Dhan scheme. More than three crore women have been provided a gas connection free of cost under the Ujjwala scheme. Nearly 15 crore poor people have been brought under the coverage of government insurance schemes. The Saubhagya Scheme has been launched a few days ago to provide free electricity connections to the poor people. These schemes have been empowering the poor people.

Registration of 2.1 lakh companies of the total 3 lakh shell companies, which were suspected of channelizing the black money following the note ban, have been cancelled.

I would like to assure my fellow citizens that we do not take offence to the recent spate of criticisms of the Government on the economic front. The Government is sensitive towards the concerns of the people. We take even the harshest criticism in our stride. We would strive to carry forward the nation of 1.25 billion on the road to growth and development with humility, and keeping in mind the interests of the people with the same rhythm and fast pace.

I would also like to tell our critiques humbly that we do not subscribe to the view that all the critiques are wrong. However, we should desist from creating an atmosphere of pessimism in the country.

I showed you the glimpses of a parameter which reflects the strength of our economy. There are many other parameters which prove how strong is our economy and a clear reflection of the decision making powers of the Government. This is the proof of the direction and momentum of the Government. The economic strength is also reflected in the rising confidence about India both inside the country and abroad.

We should not ignore it. Let us march ahead for building a New India with a renewed vigour, zeal, confidence and culture. ■

# Government reduces GST rates on 27 items

**22<sup>nd</sup>** GST Council under Chairmanship of Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley on October 6 took measures to give relief to small and medium businesses on filing and payment of taxes, eased rules for exporters and cut tax rates on more than two dozen items.

Businesses with annual turnover of up to Rs 1.5 crore, which constitute 90 per cent of the taxpayer base but pay only 5-6 per cent of total tax, have been allowed to file quarterly income returns and pay tax instead of the current provision of monthly filings. 22nd GST Council meeting decided to reduce GST on 27 items. The following changes in GST rates for certain Goods and IGST rates on Imports of specified Goods have been recommended:

## GST RATE FOR FOLLOWING GOODS HAVE BEEN REDUCED

**MODI GOVERNMENT BRINGS BIG RELIEF TO COMMON MAN**  
GST RATES SLASHED FOR 27 ITEMS

**Tax slabs revised in the 22<sup>nd</sup> GST Council Meet**

Items	Present GST Rate	GST Rate recommended
Sliced dried mango	12%	5%
Khakra & plain chapati	12%	5%
Non branded Namkeens	12%	5%
Non branded Ayurvedic & Homeopathic medicines	12%	5%
Nylon, Polyester & Acrylic	18%	12%
Manmade Yarn	18%	12%
Poster Colour	28%	18%
Modelling paste	28%	18%
Stationary Items like clips	28%	18%
Some diesel engine parts	28%	18%

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S. No.	Chapter/Heading/Sub-heading/ Tariff item	Description	Present GST Rate	GST Rate Recommended by the GST Council
1.	0804	Mangoes sliced dried	12%	5%
2.	1905 or 2106	Khakra and plain chapati / roti	12%	5%
3.	19 or 21	Food preparations put up in unit containers and intended for free distribution to economically weaker sections of the society under a programme duly approved by the Central Government or any State Government, subject to specified conditions [Foot note 1]	18%	5 %
4.	21	Namkeens other than those put up in unit container and, - (a) bearing a registered brand name; or (b) bearing a brand name on which an actionable claim or enforceable right in a court of law is available [other than those where any actionable claim or enforceable right in respect of such brand name has been foregone voluntarily [Foot note 2]	12%	5%
5.	2710	Imposing GST only on the net quantity of superior kerosene oil [SKO] retained for the manufacture of Linear Alkyl Benzene [LAB] [Clarification to be issued]	18%	18%
6.	30	Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy medicines, other than those bearing a brand name [Foot note 3]	12%	5%
7.	3213	Poster Colour	28%	18%
8.	3407	Modelling paste for children amusement	28%	18%
9.	3915	Plastic waste, parings or scrap	18%	5%
10.	4004 00 00	Rubber waste, parings or scrap	18%	5%

11.	4017 00 20	Hard Rubber waste or scrap	28%	5%
12.	4707	Paper waste or scrap	12%	5%
13.	4907	Duty credit scrips	5%	Nil
14.	5401	Sewing thread of manmade filaments, whether or not put up for retail sale	18%	12%
15.	5402, 5404, 5406	All synthetic filament yarn, such as nylon, polyester, acrylic, etc.	18%	12%
16.	5403, 5405, 5406	All artificial filament yarn, such as viscose rayon, Cuprammonium,	18%	12%
17.	5508	Sewing thread of manmade staple fibres	18%	12%
18.	5509, 5510, 5511	Yarn of manmade staple fibres	18%	12%
19.	5605	Real Zari	12%	5%
20.	6802	All goods falling under heading 6802 [other than those of marble and granite or those which attract 12% GST]	28%	18%
21.	7001	Cullet or other waste or scrap of Glass	18%	5%
22.	8305	Fittings for loose-leaf binders or files, letter clips, letter corners, paper clips, indexing tags and similar office articles, of base metal; staples in strips (for example, for offices, upholstery, packaging), of base metal	28%	18%
23.	8483	Plain Shaft Bearing 8483	28%	18%
24.	84	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with fixed Speed Diesel Engines of power not exceeding 15HP	28%	18%
25.	84 or 85	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with power driven pumps primarily designed for handling water, namely, centrifugal pumps (horizontal and vertical), deep tube-well turbine pumps, submersible pumps, axial flow and mixed flow vertical pumps	28%	18%
26.	84 or 85	E-Waste	28%/18%	5%
27.	Any Chapter	Biomass briquettes	18%	5%

## President appoints five new governors

**B**anwarilal Purohit was appointed as the governor of Tamil Nadu while Satyapal Malik was appointed as the new governor of Bihar. Jagdish Mukhi took the place of Purohit as the governor of Assam.

The appointments of five governors, including for Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya, and Lt governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands were announced by President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on September 30.

Maharashtra governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao was holding the additional charge of governor of Tamil Nadu and there had been demands of appointment of a full-

time governor in view of the political situation in the state.

Satya Pal Malik, former MP and BJP's national vice president, has been appointed the governor of Bihar. The post had fallen vacant after Ramnath Kovind was nominated as the BJP's presidential candidate.

Admiral (Retd) Devendra Kumar Joshi was appointed the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in place of Mukhi.

Former member of Bihar Legislative Council Ganga Prasad has been appointed as the governor of Meghalaya. Brig (Retd) B.D. Mishra was appointed the governor of Arunachal Pradesh. ■



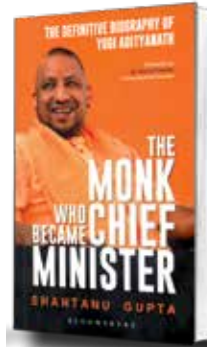
# 'The Monk who became Chief Minister' is exemplary to understand the journey of a Mahant to a Political Leader

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**A** leading publishing house Bloomsbury has brought a book on one of India's most popular Chief Ministers Yogi Adityanath, named 'The Monk who Became Chief Minister'. Shantanu Gupta, communication advisor to Baba Ramdev and an alumnus of the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex has, United Kingdom has authored the book. 'The Monk who Became Chief Minister' is a brief biography of Yogi Adityanath. A renowned American writer PadmaBhushan Awardee and founder of American Institute of Vedic Studies David Frawley has written the preface of this book.

The book briefly covers Yogi's journey from a Mahant to Chief Minister. It is divided into four sections. The first section talks about BJP's win in assembly elections and Yogi's anointment on the throne of the Uttar Pradesh. The author also briefly analyses the strategy on how the BJP grabbed 325 seats out of 403 seats, and secured a 42% of vote share. The section argues how Yogi ji was Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's pick for CM post. It also covers the minutely his initial days in the office. Chief Minister Yogi Aditya Nath did not leave his previous style to connect the people. His connect with the masses though 'Janta Darbar' elucidates the exemplary way of solving people's problems.

The second section of the book contains descriptions of Yogi Adityanath as a parliamentarian, whose performance was way ahead the national average. The author in this section alleges that the mainstream media never reported the multi-faceted intervention of MP Yogi Adityanath in parliament. The section includes electoral history of Gorakhpur Lok Sabha. Yogi Adityanath's electoral politics in the Gorakhpur region succeeded to end the political culture of muscle power. Yogi Adityanath's appointment as Chief Minister has drawn worldwide



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attention of media. In this section, a part is also devoted on the role of international media on Yogi. The author is critical about the ignorance of international media about India. The author writes, "On 12th July, New York Times' South Asia Bureau Chief Ellen Barry wrote an article on the rise of Yogi Adityanath, whose headline on twitter read, "Head of militant Hindu temple ascends India's political ladder. It is not the first time when New York Times published an ignorant article about india but still everyone was left shell-shocked when it called Uttar Pradesh chief Minister a militant."

Section three of the book tells the story how Ajay Bist became Yogi Aditya Nath and the section briefly discuss the Mahant tradition of Gorakhnath Mutt. This section gives a short description of Nath tradition and the contribution of Gorakhnath Mutt in the Ram Mandir Andolan.

The last section narrates the story of Adityanath as Ajay Bisht of Uttarakhand. After finishing schooling in Rishikesh Yogi Adityanath joins college in Kotdwar. The author narrates an incidents how Ajay Bisht chose ABVP over SFI.

Overall, this book provides an interesting read based on actual incidents of Yogi Adityanath's life, and is a must read for anyone interested to know about BJP's success mantra in having an ascetic being crowned the leader of the masses. ■

# Let no child suffer from vaccine-preventable disease: PM

## PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN GUJARAT



**L**et no child suffer from any vaccine-preventable disease". This was stated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as he launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) at Vadnagar in Gujarat on October 8. Through this programme, Government of India aims to reach each and every child under two years of age and all those pregnant women who have been left uncovered under the routine immunisation programme. The special drive will focus on improving immunization coverage in select districts and cities to ensure full immunization to more than 90% by December 2018. The achievement of full immunisation under Mission Indradhanush to at least 90% coverage was to be achieved by 2020 earlier. With the launch of IMI, achievement of the target has now been advanced.

Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anandiben Patel, Ex-Chief Minister of Gujarat, Nitin Bhai Patel, Dy Chief Minister of Gujarat and Shankarbhaji Chaudhary, Minister of State, Gujarat Health and Family Welfare and Medical

Education, Environment and Urban Development were also present at the launch function along with other dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion to a packed audience, Shri Narendra Modi stated that the Government has made immunization a people's and a social movement. The Prime Minister made a strong appeal to all those present in the audience and the country men and women to own the programme in order to make all efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality.

The Prime Minister also highlighted other achievements of the Government including the new National Health Policy 2017 which has been unveiled after fifteen years, and is people-centered. "Regulating of the prices of stents has immensely helped a large section of the country by reducing the cost of healthcare on the middle income group and poor families", Shri Narendra Modi added. The Prime Minister expressed satisfaction at the success of the Pradhan Mantri Matritva Suraksha Abhiyaan where private doctors have volunteered to provide free ANC services to pregnant women on the 9th of every month

along with government doctors.

Speaking at the function, Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, said that the unwavering support of the Prime Minister has always been a source of great inspiration. He added that improving the health status of the children of the country is amongst the top priorities of the Government. Shri Nadda informed that the four phases of Mission Indradhanush have reached to more than 2.53 crore children and 68 lakh pregnant women with life-saving vaccines including 5.21 lakh children & 1.27 lakh pregnant women in Gujarat. Through this mission, we have accelerated our progress towards our target of 90% full immunization coverage, he stated. Earlier the increase in full immunization coverage was 1% per

year which has increased to 6.7% per year through the first two phases of 'Mission Indradhanush'.

With a sharpened focus on high priority districts and urban areas, under IMI, four consecutive immunization rounds will be conducted for 7 days in 173 districts -- 121 districts and 17 cities in 16 states and 52 districts in 8 north eastern states -- every month between October 2017 and January 2018. Intensified Mission Indradhanush will cover low performing areas in the selected districts and urban areas. These areas have been selected through triangulation of data available under national surveys, Health Management Information System data and World Health Organization concurrent monitoring data. Special attention will be given to unserved/low

## PM INAUGURATES MEDICAL COLLEGE, LAUNCHES MISSION INTENSIFIED INDRADHANUSH AT VADNAGAR, GUJARAT

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 8 visited his home town, Vadnagar, for the first time since assuming office of Prime Minister. Residents of the town thronged the streets to welcome the Prime Minister. He offered prayers at the Hatkeshwar Temple. He also stopped briefly at the school in which he had studied as a child.

The Prime Minister visited GMERS Medical College, Vadnagar, and unveiled a plaque to mark its dedication. He also interacted briefly with students.

At a public meeting, the Prime Minister launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush, to accelerate progress towards the goal of full immunization coverage. It will provide greater focus on urban areas and other pockets of low immunization coverage. The Prime Minister distributed e-tablets to health workers to mark the launch of ImTeCHO - an innovative mobile phone application to improve performance of ASHAs. He also launched some development works.

Addressing an enthusiastic gathering, the Prime Minister said that coming back to one's home town and receiving such a warm welcome is special. Whatever I am today is due to the values I have learnt on this soil, among you all in Vadnagar, the



Prime Minister said.

I go back with your blessings and assure you that I will work even harder for the nation, the Prime Minister said to the people of Vadnagar.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that he had got to inaugurate projects related to the health sector, particularly Intensified Mission Indradhanush. He mentioned how the Government had brought down the prices of stents, and said that the Government is working constantly to make healthcare affordable for the poor.

Mentioning his interaction with students from the medical college, the Prime Minister said that as a society, we require more doctors who can serve the people.



## PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF BARRAGE OVER NARMADA AT BHARUCH

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 08 unveiled a plaque to mark the laying of Foundation Stone of Bhadbhut Barrage over the River Narmada. At a public meeting in Bharuch, the Prime Minister also flagged off the Antyodaya Express between Udhna (Surat, Gujarat) and Jaynagar (Bihar). He also unveiled a plaque to mark the laying of Foundation Stone, and Inauguration of various plants of Gujarat Narmada Fertilizer Corporation Ltd.

Addressing the public meeting, the Prime Minister said that the Antyodaya Express is a commendable initiative, which connects people and particularly helps those who are from Uttar Pradesh or Bihar,

and work far from their home. He said the train will make it easier for people from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to go home for Chhath Puja.

Neem coating of urea helped farmers and stopped corruption as well as theft, the Prime Minister said.

Shri Narendra Modi said that Gujarat's strides in animal husbandry have helped farmers. He said that he had asked the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, to send a team to Gujarat and study the Pashu Arogya Melas. He added that a similar Mela had been organised recently in Varanasi, which the Prime Minister had an opportunity to visit.

coverage pockets in sub-centre and urban slums with migratory population. The focus is also on the urban settlements and cities identified under National Urban Health Mission (NUHM).

Intensified Mission Indradhanush will have inter-ministerial and inter-departmental coordination, action-based review mechanism and intensified monitoring and accountability framework for effective implementation of targeted rapid interventions to improve the routine immunization coverage. IMI is supported by 11 other ministries and departments, such as Ministry of Women and Child Development, Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs among others. The convergence of ground level workers of various departments like ASHA, ANMs, Anganwadi workers, Zila preraks under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), self-help groups will be ensured for better coordination and effective implementation of the programme.

Intensified Mission Indradhanush would be closely monitored at the district, state and central level at regular intervals. Further, it would be reviewed by the Cabinet Secretary at the National level and will continue to be monitored at the highest level under a special initiative 'Proactive Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI)'.

This Intensified Mission is driven based on

the information received from gap assessment, supervision through government, concurrent monitoring by partners, and end-line surveys. Under IMI, special strategies are devised for rigorous monitoring of the programme. States and districts have developed coverage improvement plans based on gap self-assessment. These plans are reviewed from state to central level with an aim to reach 90% coverage by December 2018.

An appreciation and awards mechanism is also conceived to recognize the districts reaching more than 90% coverage. The criteria includes best practices and media management during crisis. To acknowledge the contribution of the partners/Civil Society Organization (CSOs) and others, Certificate of Appreciation will be given.

At the function, the Prime Minister also dedicated the GMERS Medical College, Vadnagar to the nation and launched the Innovative Mobile Phone Technology for Community Health Operation (ImTeCHO) for improving coverage of community based maternal, neonatal and infant health services to reduce neonatal and infant mortality in Gujarat by empowering health staff through use of innovative mobile phone application. GMERS Medical College serves nearly 400-500 outdoor patients and 80-100 indoor patients daily. ■



## “Not just GDP growth but improving the quality of life of people is our approach”

**A**ddressing the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in New Delhi, BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said one of Modi government's biggest achievements were its battle against bank NPAs and boosting brand India by enhancing the scale of aspirations. He said that in contrast to the Congress led UPA government, the BJP regime under Shri Modi pursues policies eyeing long term gains.

He said we don't associate our policy decisions with vote banks. We have continued trying taking hard steps for the betterment of the economy. Demonetization is the biggest example of that. There can be debate on

this issue but everybody has to admit that because of demonetization, formal economy has expanded, Shri Shah said.

Money that was hitherto hidden in safes and godowns, is now back in the system and is being used for the development of the country, he said.

Shri Shah said that to understand the progress that has taken place under the Modi government, one should look into the 10 years of UPA.

From GDP growth rate plummeting to 4.7 per cent to current account deficit touching 5 per cent (of the GDP), there was economic disarray. With inflation at the highest, coupled with scams after scams, the credibility



bad loans will be visible in the next 5-10 years. “By hiding a disease you cannot cure it. If NPAs are there, they are there. Simply not showing them in books or resorting to statistical jugglery doesn’t help. We took this hard measure of bringing all NPAs on record. The difficulties that are being faced will be solved, we will find ways to tackle them, and we will speak to all stakeholders, industrialists, banks and states to deal with the problem.

We don’t believe in hiding things, clearing the banks’ balance sheets is more important. No political leader except for Modi had the guts deal to with bad loans. Benefits of the bad loan battle will be visible in the next 5-10 years, he said. He said earlier the government was always in a dilemma over whether to go for welfare or reforms, whether to look for agriculture development or industry, whether the bureaucracy was important or parliament. But the Modi government has done away with this dilemma. This government is taking a balanced approach where reforms and the welfare go hand in hand.

Shri Shah said that the number of total direct taxpayers has doubled in the last three years from 3.7 crore to 6.4 crore besides over seven crore people benefitting from the Mudra bank initiative.

“Today thanks to the Mudra bank scheme, job seekers have become job providers,” he said.

He also said that the connecting all Indians with the banking system through the Jan Dhan Yojana has helped in effective implementation of direct benefit transfer. Because of the effective implementation of the direct benefit transfer, the number of beneficiaries has gone up to 36 crore from 8.5 crore in 2014.

We are able to save Rs 59,000 crore in subsidy because ghost beneficiaries have been eliminated. You can imagine the scale of corruption earlier by looking into the fact that Rs 14,000 crore has been saved which earlier was siphoned off. Very few people knew about this corruption and even the CAG couldn’t detect it. All this was possible because of Jan Dhan Yojana,” he added.

He also said the GST will ensure uniform growth for all the states and help them become more competitive.

BJP National President said that industry bodies like FICCI should change their approach and instead of just acting as an interface between the government and the industry, they should encourage research and development work in the country. ■

of the UPA government and the India’s image was at the lowest. There was complete policy paralysis during the Congress led UPA, it was a strange government where every minister considered himself/herself to be the Prime Minister and did not consider the Prime Minister (Manmohan Singh) to be the Prime Minister,” he said.

He said that in contrast to the UPA government, the BJP regime under Modi pursues policies eyeing long term gains.

The Modi government doesn’t believe in policies which people like rather policies which actually benefit people. The first thing which this government did was changing the approach towards GDP. Earlier GDP was only linked with agriculture growth, services and industrial growth and infrastructure had a confined meaning. We expanded that ambit.

Our approach is not just of ensuring GDP growth but also improving the quality of life of 1.25 crore people. If every house has a toilet, electricity and LPG cylinder, will GDP increase or not?” he asked

Shri Shah asserted the benefits of the battle against





## PM lays foundation stone for AIIMS & IIIT in Himachal Pradesh

**P** rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 3 laid the foundation stone for the Rs 1350 crore AIIMS project. The Prime Minister has also laid the foundation stone for the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) at Una and a steel processing plant at Khandrori in Kangra district via video conference from Bilaspur.

Addressing a public meeting on the occasion Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted about the Mission Indradhanush and how it covered significant ground in vaccination. He also lauded Health Minister Shri JP Nadda for his efforts in this regard. PM Modi said that IIIT does not just mean setting up of a college, it is a stepping stone towards a more modern Himachal.

Remembering One Rank One Pension (OROP) issue. He said, "I had announced during the Mandi rally that we will give one rank one pension. Three installments have been given till now. Close to Rs 8,500 crore has been distributed."

The Prime Minister highlighted several initiatives of the Central Government aimed at empowering



and transforming lives of people across the country. He remarked that earlier there used to be only news about scams & corruption. Since NDA Govt came to power, there has been no news of corruption.

The PM applauded the work done by the people of Himachal in terms of cleanliness. He also asked people to continue their work in terms of Swachh Bharat as it would attract more tourism for the state.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also spoke about Pradhan Mantri Saubhagya Yojana, the scheme is aimed to provide power connections to all the estimated 4 crore households which currently did not have a power connection. ■





# FROM NEWSPAPERS

## GROWTH IS ON TRACK: MODI

Armed with more than two dozens of slides and data, PM Modi in a combative speech slammed his government's critics and made the case that growth is on track, policymaking is robust and economic fundamentals are strong. In a highly significant observation, addressing concerns of the business community, the PM said, "Businessmen and traders now returning to mainstream may be worried that old records will be checked. We will not allow that to happen... I welcome you now, leave the old things behind and do not be worried. I am with you in the future." The PM said the union government "will take all required steps to improve growth", adding "our steps will put country in a new league of development."

— (ECONOMIC TIMES)

## EC CAN HOLD SIMULTANEOUS ASSEMBLY-LOK SABHA POLLS

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given the proposal to holding state assembly and Lok Sabha polls together to save money and time, the Election Commission of India after thorough examination now planning to hold assembly and Lok Sabha polls simultaneously after September next year. Election commissioner sources said this move could cut poll costs by hundreds of crores. Election Commissioner O P Rawat said, "We told the government what we have and what we need. We told the government about the electronic voting machines (EVMs) and other related things that we need and how much money will be required for the same," and added that the commission would require 40 lakh election-related equipments.

— (TIMES OF INDIA)

## INFRASTRUCTURE OUTPUT SHOWS IMPRESSIVE GROWTH

In a sign that could be seen as economic revival, India's annual infrastructure output grew at its fastest pace in five months in August, driven by higher coal and electricity production, government data showed on 03 October, 2017. The output grew 4.9 per cent in August compared with a revised 2.6 per cent year-on-

year growth in July. During April-August, the annual output growth was 3 per cent, data showed. Eight infrastructure sectors include coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, electricity, steel, cement, and fertilizer, accounting for about 40 per cent weight in index of industrial production. Electricity production grew 10.3 per cent in August from a year ago, while coal output grew 15.3 per cent.

— (ECONOMIC TIMES)

## EXCISE DUTY ON PETROL AND DIESEL SLASHED

The government on Oct 3, 2017 slashed the excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 2 per litre, effective from 4 October, in a bid to boost slowing economy and dispel the Reserve Bank of India's worries about inflationary pressures that are holding back interest rate cuts. "This decision has been taken by the government in order to cushion the impact of rising international prices of crude petroleum oil and petrol and diesel on retail sale prices of petrol and diesel as well as to protect the interest of common man," the Finance Ministry said, while announcing the duty cut.

— (TIMES OF INDIA)

## SWACHH BHARAT MISSION NEEDS POPULAR SUPPORT TO SUCCEED

Seeking popular participation to make the Swachh Bharat campaign a success, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said even a 1,000 Gandhis and a lakh Modis and all the CMs will not succeed unless the mission is adopted by India's 125 crore population. "Just because there are difficulties, should we let it be?" he asked and reiterated his government's resolve to take the Swachh Bharat Mission forward. He asked his critics not to "politicize and make fun" of the cleanliness initiative. He said people's participation in the initiative will ensure the mission is successful despite skepticism in some quarters. "You have thousands of topics to criticise Modi. I give you something every day, utilize them. But don't make fun or politicize an issue which is essential to bring change in our society," Modi said at an event to mark the third anniversary of the government's flagship mission.

— (TIMES OF INDIA)



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