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‘Nation First’ policy emerging triumphant

As the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is conferred the prestigious UNEP “Champions of the Earth” award, every Indian is feeling honoured for this great achievement. This award is the recognition of not only our civilizational values which upholds sustainable environmental approach in our daily life but also acknowledges the innovative measures initiated under the farsighted leadership of Shri Narendra Modi. India has taken giant leaps in almost all sectors of governance under the dynamic and visionary leadership of the Prime Minister and it imputes every Indian with a sense of pride on the environmental front that his unique contribution has been recognized globally.

The call for a people’s movement for cleanliness and sanitation given by Prime Minister is another unique programme which is gaining momentum with every passing day. The ‘Swatchta Mission’ launched by Shri Narendra Modi on 2nd October 2014 has come a long way registering massive people’s support for the cause. A movement inspired by the vision of Mahatma Gandhi has led to major transformation in the work culture, sanitation and health consciousness among the people making it one of the most successful

programmes in the world. While the celebrations of its achievements on 2nd October 2018 makes every Indian proud, the pace with which village after village are declared ODF and sanitation coverage is realized, the power of such programmes is now visible to the world. The huge difference that this programme has made among the people can be seen from the fact that today more than 85% of the households have access to toilet, over 400 million Indian no longer defecate in the open and the sanitation coverage is up from 39% to 95%. The ‘Swatchta Hi Sewa’ programme launched on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October will definitely help in achieving the target set for 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in 2019.

The transformation in the life of common people and poorest of the poor is visible in the successful implementation of welfare projects which were never imagined earlier by any government. The ‘Ayushman Bharat’ is such a project which is set to completely transform the health sector while enabling the poorest of the poor to avail free high quality health services in the days to come. When today every household is getting connected to electricity grid, having toilets and getting gas connections, the life in remote villages is getting transformed for the better. This massive transformation is the result of dedicated and untiring work of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who is making possible which was unthinkable few years back.

The country is experiencing a sense of achievement and pride for the political will displayed in decisions taken by Prime Minister both at national and international level. Apart from glowing achievements at the domestic front, under his leadership India has made its’ mark

globally. Who can miss the determination of Shri Narendra Modi in signing S-400 Triumf accord with Russia even in the face of US sanctions? Similarly the diplomatic skills displayed in handling US sanctions on Iran in India’s favour are commendable. Although no one knows about the US approach in future but the firmness displayed by the Prime Minister has ensured that India will continue to take its decisions independent of any external or internal pressures and can protect its interests in the face of any unforeseeable challenges. The policy of “Nation First” is emerging out triumphantly with each decision of the BJP led NDA government at the centre with India gaining its place of pride in the world.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has shown to the world that India is capable of leading from the front and determined to emerge as a developed country. While a huge wave of transformation is sweeping the country by uplifting the poorest of the poor from the morass of poverty, India is emerging globally as a nation capable of taking independent stands on challenges both at domestic and global levels. ■

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'FORTUNATE TO BE A KARYAKARTA OF BJP'



PM Shri Narendra Modi, along with BJP National President Shri Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, addressed the 'Karyakarta Mahakumbh' in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 25 September, 2018.

Addressing more than 5 lakh party workers at the Karyakarta Mahakumbh, PM Shri Narendra Modi began his speech by remembering Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya on his birth anniversary and the late PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He added, "We are proud to be born to serve as workers of the Bhartiya Janata Party."

"It is a matter of pride for us that our party is in power in 19 states of the country, however, it is a matter of greater pride that our party is the largest party in the world," the PM said.

The PM also acknowledged the contributions

made by leaders like Kushabhau Thackerayji and Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia Ji in strengthening the party's organizational foundations in its current strong position in Madhya Pradesh. The Prime Minister also lauded the Madhya Pradesh government led by CM Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, saying that his government has continuously worked for the social empowerment of the people of Madhya Pradesh.

Describing his vision for the country, the PM again reiterated that the mantra of his government is "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas." The Prime Minister also asserted his approach and commitment by saying, "We consider 125 crore people of India as one family and for us, the nation always comes first."

Shri Modi also called upon the party workers to strengthen the party in Madhya Pradesh by spreading the message and vision of the BJP and its

achievements to the people of Madhya Pradesh. He asked each party worker to ensure that the BJP wins at his respective booth and gave them the slogan of "Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot" to strengthen the BJP state organization at the booth level.

He also criticized the Opposition parties, particularly the Indian National Congress for its failure to bring about economic and social development in the state of Madhya Pradesh despite ruling at the state and national levels for a long time. He called upon the people of Madhya Pradesh to decide between the politics of 'Vikas (development)' and politics of vote-bank in the upcoming state and national elections.

PM Shri Modi further elaborated by describing how the practice of 'Triple Talaq' had been banned in several Islamic countries of the world and its banning in India will go a long way in ensuring equal rights and dignity for Muslim women. He expressed shock and anger at the politics of appeasement and vote-bank played by the Congress on this issue and strongly asserted that all women, regardless of their religion, must have equal rights in a democratic country like India.

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leveled on him and his government in the concluding section and remarked, "People can throw as much dirt on us as they want to but they should not forget that the more dirt they throw upon us, the more this Kamal (Lotus, the BJP symbol) will bloom."

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PM'S SPEECH

- It is a matter of great pride that we have governments in 19 states and it is a matter of greater pride that we are the largest party in the world.
 - The BJP government in Madhya Pradesh, under Shivraj Ji's leadership is leaving no stone unturned to serve the people of the state.
 - For us, 125 crore Indians are our family, for us it is always nation first.
 - Inspired by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's ideals, we are devoted to serve this land.
 - We are fortunate - we identify ourselves with Gandhi Ji, Lohia Ji as well as Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Ji because we believe in communion.
 - For 10 years, Congress betrayed the people. It is time to give them a befitting reply.
 - Our vision is very clear - 'Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot'.
 - People have Madhya Pradesh have to choose between politics of development and politics in the name of vote bank.
 - We are committed to empowering Muslim women. On one hand, we are initiating efforts to abolish 'Triple Talaq', but Congress is making it a vote-bank issue.
 - PM Modi remembers the contributions of Kushabhau Thakre, Rajmata Scindia towards development of Madhya Pradesh.
 - The more dirt opposition throws, the more the lotus (BJP symbol) will bloom.
- BJP President Shri Amit Shah, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and several senior leaders of the party and lakhs of karyakartas were present at the event. ■



NRC PROCESS WILL NOT STOP: AMIT SHAH

BJP President Shri Amit Shah welcomed the party workers to the 'Karyakarta Mahakumbh' in Bhopal. Addressing the gathering he remembered Pandit DeenDeendayal Upadhyay and said the party started by Deendayalji is moving forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. "Today the party is serving the 70 per cent of the country."

Speaking to the Karyakartas Shri Amit Shah said, "NRC is the registration for citizens of India. In Assam, we made the NRC and found 40 lakh 'infiltrators' and they will be removed from the country after an investigation. Tell this to every house in Madhya Pradesh. The Congress created a huge hue and cry about the NRC. How much ever noise they create, I want to tell the Congress that NRC process will not stop. For BJP, security of the country is of prime importance".

"The biggest achievement of our government is that PM Modi has taken India to new heights in the world order. The Prime Minister has never done anything that will make us hang our heads in shame. We work for development and not

vote bank politics. Wherever he (PM Modi) goes, people shout slogans of "Modi, Mod, Modi....", it is not for PM, but for the 125 crore Indians," Shri Shah said.

Taking a jibe at Congress, he said the party has an illusion that it will win the elections. Recounting the states that went to polls and where the BJP overpowered Congress government, Shri Shah said, "We have made governments where we were in minority."

Referring to the upcoming elections in the country, Shri Shah said Congress under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi claims to win major polls. "There is no harm in dreaming," Shri Shah said.

"The people of the state gave you (Congress) an option to serve them. But there was no development in the state. Congress made MP a 'bimaru' state. The people then decided the fate of the party and since 18 years the BJP government is striving to develop Madhya Pradesh. Today, the state is progressing at a fast pace.," Shri Shah added, congratulating Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan for the progress in the state. ■



'OPPOSITION WORKING TOGETHER FOR BREAKING INDIA WHILE MODIJI IS BUSY IN MAKING INDIA'



BJP National President Shri Amit Shah slammed the BJD government in Odisha for rejecting the Centre's newly launched flagship Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme, saying Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik did so fearing defeat in the 2019 polls. The Ayushman Bharat programme would be implemented in Odisha if the BJP is voted to power in the state, Shri Shah said after inaugurating the National Executive Meeting of BJP Mahila Morcha on 24 September, 2018 in Puri.

"No one can stop the people of Odisha in availing the benefits of Ayushman Bharat. You cannot stop the BJP from helping the poor. We will implement the Ayushman Bharat programme on the first day if the BJP forms government in the state in the 2019 elections," he said.

Hitting out at BJD Government for rejecting the health insurance scheme, which was launched by the

PM in Ranchi, the BJP President said, "Naveen Babu is afraid that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's popularity will grow further if the scheme is launched in the state. The Chief Minister is worried about his 'kursi' (chair) and not for the poor people of Odisha."

Alleging that Odisha is being governed by officers and not by the people's representatives, Shri Amit Shah said IAS and IPS officers cannot rule the state. "Odisha is not being governed through democracy, but by the bureaucracy," he said.

"I want to tell the officers to stop indulging in sycophancy. This government will not last forever. This government will change very soon and the BJP will form government in Odisha. All corrupt people will have to pay the price for their activities," the BJP President said.

He also said that at least 14 party workers have been killed in the state in the last three years by

“government-sponsored” goons. “Naveen Babu, do not try to terrorize the BJP by killing our workers. Our history says that BJP gets stronger when it is attacked,” he said, while saying that BJP is gaining ground in the state with each passing day.

Shri Shah sought to know how Odisha utilised Rs 4.45 lakh crore funds given by the NDA government at the Centre. “The funds meant for the poor people have been misappropriated by officers and BJD leaders. Though the Centre has formulated 129 schemes, they did not reach the people in the villages,” he alleged.

Highlighting the Modi government’s policies for women, he said it had recently raised the remuneration of ASHA and Anganwadi workers, provided free 5.5 crore cooking gas connections, opened 16 crore Jandhan accounts, gave loan to 13 crore women under the Mudra scheme and constructed 7.5 crore toilets.

Shri Amit Shah called upon the BJP women office-bearers to take message of the Prime Minister to every household in the state to ensure that BJP



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forms government in Odisha as well as in the Centre in 2019.

He appealed to the people of Odisha to give the party only five years to serve them and then see the changes. “You have already given 18 years to Naveen Patnaik. Give us only five years and see changes in the life of common people in the state,” Shri Shah said.

The BJP President also slammed opposition parties, including Congress saying they suffered from “Modi phobia” and lacked any agenda for the country’s development.

All partners of the BJP are united and serious about transforming India

as the number one country in the world, Shri Shah said. “I want to tell the people that the Congress and opposition parties are working together for breaking India while Modiji is busy in making India,” he said.

The Prime Minister is seeking to eradicate poverty, eliminate unemployment and insecurity among people, but the opposition wants his removal as they have no specific agenda, leader or policies, the BJP National President said.

The BJP National President also said that BJP would observe the birth centenary of Vijaya Raje Scindia year-long from October 12 as a tribute to the leader who made significant contribution to uplift women and for the growth of the BJP.

Comparing the 2019 elections with the battle of Panipat, Shri Shah said the poll is going to be a challenge for the BJP but it would be a question of survival for the opposition parties. ■

Amit Shah appoints incharge for upcoming assembly elections

The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah has appointed Union Ministers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Shri Prakash Javadekar and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan as election incharge of Telangana, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh respectively for upcoming assembly elections. ■



BJP WILL WIN ALL LOK SABHA SEATS IN DELHI: AMIT SHAH

Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Amit Shah said the BJP will sweep all seven seats from Delhi in the Lok Sabha elections and that the BJP victory would “open the eyes” of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and help them realize the level of dissatisfaction among the residents of Delhi.

Speaking at the Purvanchal Mahakumbh, an event organised by the BJP’s Delhi unit to address the issues of the migrants from eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Ramlila Maidan on 23 September, 2018, Shri Shah said, “This huge gathering, only from the people of Purvanchal, shows the support (Prime Minister) Narendra Modi has. We are confident that all the seven Lok Sabha seats from Delhi will fall on to our lap.”

Donning saffron caps and scarves, thousands of people hailing from Purvanchal (which comprise 40 lakh or roughly 20% of voters in the national capital) marched to Ramlila Maidan so that they could be a part of the gathering organised especially for them and to celebrate the culture they have brought from their states.

At the rally, Shri Shah said the BJP government’s focus has been on “development” and it has been possible only because of the hard work and sweat of their “brothers from Purvanchal”. “You (Purvanchalis) have moved around to make your contribution towards

nation building... Our government will not rest until the region is completely developed,” he said.

He maintained that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal only knows how to shout out lies before the people of Delhi and repeat those lies several times — hoping voters will believe them to be true. “We do not need to shout, our work speaks for itself. The proof to this is the attendance here today,” Shri Shah said.

The BJP President also attacked the Kejriwal government for not taking a stand against the Rohingya settlements in the city. Calling the Rohingya refugees from Myanmar “termites”, Shri Shah said, that the priority of any government should be the welfare of their own country and not “infiltrators”.

Delhi BJP President Shri Manoj Tiwari said, “The people of Delhi will give their support to Modi ji and the lamp that we have lit today is a symbol of the 2019 victory.”

Shri Tiwari had also announced during the Purvanchal Mahakumbh at Ramlila Maidan that the party will shortly hold three “Maha rallies” at the same venue. He had also said that people attending the rally will vow to help Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi win again. “The mood within the unit is very upbeat after the phenomenal success of the Mahakumbh. We are now preparing for more rallies that will be organised under Scheduled Caste, Mahila and Yuva Morcha wings of the BJP,” he said. ■

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‘THE POOR OF MY COUNTRY MUST GET ALL FACILITIES THAT THE RICH ENJOY’

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 23 launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana-Ayushman Bharat in Ranchi and termed it a game-changer initiative to serve the poor. “PMJAY-Ayushman Bharat is the biggest government-sponsored healthcare scheme in the world. The number of beneficiaries is almost equal to the population of Canada, Mexico and the US taken together,” Shri Modi said.

In an apparent reference to the Congress, he said without empowering the poor, previous governments had indulged in “vote bank politics”. “It is the BJP government that is focused on empowering them (poor people),” he said.

The magnitude of the scheme could be gauged from the fact that more than 1,300 ailments are covered under it, including heart diseases, kidney and liver disorders and diabetes, the PM

said. “People are calling the scheme Modicare and by other names, but for me it is an opportunity to serve the poor. Even the ones living in the lowest strata of the society will benefit from the scheme,” he said.

Congratulating the team that was instrumental in the programme’s implementation, he said, “I hope and pray that the poor don’t have to visit hospitals, but, if they do, the Ayushman cover will be at their service. The poor of my country must get all facilities that the rich enjoy.”

Reiterating the slogan “Sabka saath, sabka vikas” (together for all, development for all), Modi said the Ayushman scheme is not based on any communal or caste lines. “The programme will not differentiate between people, based on religion, caste, location. Every eligible person will be able to avail of the benefits,” he asserted.

The health scheme will set an

example for countries across the world, Modi said. “No one needs to register for the initiative. A health card would be provided to the beneficiaries for availing of the benefits. A toll-free number will be made available to the people for finding out more about the scheme,” he said.

Shri Modi also said that 2,500 modern hospitals would come up in tier-II and tier-III cities and would generate employment opportunities. “A total of 13,000 hospitals have become a part of the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Our government has taken a holistic approach to lay stress on affordable and preventive healthcare,” he added.

Earlier in the day, the PM doled out token health cards to some of the beneficiaries after his arrival at Prabhat Tara Maidan in Ranchi. He also laid foundation stones of two medical colleges at Chaibasa and Koderma in the state. ■

ABOUT AYUSHMAN BHARAT SCHEME

This Ayushman Bharat Yojana targets around 10 crore families that can be categorized as poor also vulnerable population.

Billed as the world's largest government healthcare programme, it will be funded with 60 per cent contribution coming from the Centre and remaining from the states.

The scheme will target poor, deprived rural families and identified occupational category of urban workers' families, 8.03 crore in rural and 2.33 crore in urban areas, as per the latest Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data. It will

cover around 50 crore people and there is no cap on family size and age in the scheme ensuring that nobody is left out.

Over 8,735 hospitals, both public and private, have been empanelled for the scheme, and as many as 31 states and union territories have signed MoUs with the Centre and will implement the programme. Telangana, Odisha, Delhi, Kerala and Punjab are not among the states which have opted for the scheme. Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda, who recently visited the Jharkhand capital, had said

that money would not go to any person. It would go from institution to institution with the Centres contribution being 60 per cent and the states 40 per cent.

Ayushman Bharat Yojana project comprises two major health programs also they include Health and Wellness Centers Establishment and National Health Protection Scheme. The registration process for Ayushman Bharat Yojana needs to do online. The online mode makes life really easy for the applicants and the government. ■

PM ADDRESSES CONCLUDING SESSION OF MAHATMA GANDHI INTERNATIONAL SANITATION CONVENTION

INDIANS HAVE MADE THE SWACHH BHARAT MISSION THE WORLD'S BIGGEST "PEOPLES' MOVEMENT"

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 2 addressed the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention (MGISC) in New Delhi. MGISC has been a 4-day international conference that has brought together Sanitation Ministers and other leaders in WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) from around the world. The Prime Minister visited a Digital Exhibition, accompanied by the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Antonio Guterres. From the dais, the dignitaries launched commemorative postage stamps on Mahatma Gandhi, and a medley CD based on Mahatma Gandhi's favourite hymn – "Vaishnav Jana To." The Swachh Bharat Awards were also distributed on this occasion.

In his address, the Prime Minister mentioned the emphasis that Mahatma Gandhi placed on cleanliness. He recalled Mahatma Gandhi's "Constructive Programme", published in 1945, where



rural sanitation was an important subject.

The Prime Minister said that an unclean environment, if not cleaned, leads to a situation where one starts accepting circumstances. On the contrary, if one cleans up dirt in the surroundings, he gets energized, and then does not resign himself to existing adverse circumstances.

Swachhta Hi Sewa' was observed from September 15 to October 2

'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan' is a mission that has brought together the entire country to fight against the stubborn evil of insanitation and to ensure a clean India. The fight took on renewed energy through the efforts of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to ensure an open-defection free, clean India.

'Swachhta Hi Sewa' a yearlong campaign has started in 2018 as part of Swachh Bharat, to commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and to encourage more and more people to participate in the movement. It has brought together the entire country to fight against the stubborn evil of insanitation.

Various government departments participated in 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaign

62 Cantonment Boards under Ministry of Defence actively participated in 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaign from September 15, to October 02, 2018.

'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaign was also celebrated in all Naval Areas at New Delhi between 15 September to 02 October 2018. Celebrations of 'Rashtriya Swachhta Diwas' on 02 October 2018 marked the culmination of the event. Residents of all residential areas undertook 'Shramdan' in cleaning the common areas and open spaces, planting of trees, sprucing up the area besides removal of roadside vegetation. A poster cum slogan competition for children on the occasion also saw huge enthusiastic participation.

Ministry of Railways was observed 'Swachhta Hi Sewa Pakhwada' across its entire network from 15th

September to 2nd October 2018 to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation.

The Pakhwada commenced with the administration of Swachhta pledge to all Railway personnel. Then onwards, each date of the 'Pakhwada' was associated with a particular theme pertaining to cleanliness. Two days each were proposed to be devoted to Swachh Station, Swachh Train, Swachh Neer, Swachh Parisar, Swachh Samwad, Swachh Awareness across the entire network of Indian Railways.

Detailed guidelines for the 'Pakhwada' were formulated and circulated to each unit of Indian Railways and the entire network observed the 'Pakhwada' in the most effective manner.

During the Swachhta Pakhwada, tree plantation on over 100 kms on railway track was done. Cleaning of approaches to 43 stations associated with Mahatma Gandhi & 28 stations near iconic places & golden triangle Delhi, Agra, Jaipur was undertaken during this fortnight. Railway stations associated with Mahatma Gandhi were painted thematically. Swachhta Logo & National Flag was displayed on all coaches by 2nd October, 2018.

To make "Swachhta Hi Sewa" initiative a grand success, intensive awareness campaign were organised using social media, Nukkad Natak, audio/video clips to motivate and involve passengers, students, families, pensioners, SHGs and other stake holders to also participate in the various activities of the "Swachhta-Hi-Sewa Pakhwada". ■



He said it was Mahatma Gandhi's inspiration, that led to the Swachh Bharat Mission. He added that inspired by Mahatma Gandhi, Indians have made the Swachh Bharat Mission the world's biggest people's movement. He said that rural sanitation, which stood at 38 percent in 2014, has now reached 94 percent. More than 5 lakh villages are now ODF, he added.

He expressed satisfaction at the changing lifestyle of people in India, following Swachh Bharat Mission. He said India is on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. He highlighted the importance of the "4 Ps" in making the world clean: Political Leadership, Public Funding, Partnerships, and People's participation. ■

THE RATIONALE OF JANA SANGH



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DHARMA IS THE KEY

In order that every individual may lead his life in accordance with 'Swadharma', it is essential that he should be provided with gainful employment. Full employment, therefore, should be the basis of all economic planning. It means that we cannot import foreign patterns of industrialization. We should evolve our own technology to suit our factor-availability. Small-scale industries, mechanised

and power-driven, will suit us most. Almost all consumer goods can be produced by them. Producer goods should be manufactured by large scale concerns.

Socialism and capitalism are both foreign concepts. Jana Sangh rejects both. It is only when we take to large-scale enterprises that theist ideological questions assume some importance. It, however, our industrial structure is broad-based on a decentralized family, self-employed or on small co-operative pattern, it will not materially affect social relationship, if most of the other industries are left to individual enterprise under state regulation and supervision. The State should of course step into

such field as are not likely to be explored by individuals or should not, in the interest of security, be handed over to them. Family has been in India the primary and most important unit of society. If it can be made a unit of production, and not only unit of consumption, its place can be restored. With well-organised family, it will not be difficult to inculcate other values of Bharatiya culture, the individual merging his self in the family, can, without destroying his individuality, sublimate himself into a social constituent.

I need not go into the details of the Jana Sangh programme. Its opposition to cooperative farming, to planning in a totalitarian manner—without taking into consideration the

realities of the situation, the resources available and needs of the nation—are well know. Its opposition to a policy of appeasement towards Pakistan and not towards China, even at the cost of national honour and integrity needs no reiteration. What we need today is to reaffirm faith in the principles that people have kept before them throughout the ages. Nothing but these ideals can catch the imagination of the people. Secondly, the people should develop a faith in the party. Emergence of new parties, by defection or amalgamation, may be hailed by some, but it confuses the masses, especially when the top leaders of these parties can hardly give cogent reasons for their new step. It is not polarisation. Alliances at the top hardly broaden the base. All party fronts or national coalitions will only lead to greater chaos in the political field, will not educate

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gods with feet of clay. They have lost faith in political workers. Jana Sangh has to re-establish this faith. Idealism and stead-fast devotion of our workers to their cause can do this miracle. Acts of apostasy though rare and ineffective as far as the organisational strength is concerned, greatly diminish people's confidence in the organisation. While, therefore, recognising the need of increasing its numerical strength, Jana Sangh emphasises more on qualitative aspect of its

cadre, Discipline in the party will lead to discipline in the nation.

The problems before the nation may be great and many, the danger imminent and grave, but there is no short cut to tide over them. It may be possible to achieve some electoral victories by political alliances and adjustments. Congress may be replaced in some provinces, or even at the centre. But that will not lead to better results unless the new comers can place before the people principles and programmes in line with the national ethos and inspire them by their example of service and sacrifice. Jana Sangh intends to combat the present situation in this positive manner, and from the support that it is getting from the people, it should not be surprising if it's seemingly long cut may turn out to be the shortest cut possible. ■ (end)

[Organiser, 23 January, 1960]



'Babosa' Bhairon Singh Shekhawat

Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was a founder member of the Bharatiya Janata Party and was a respectable political leader of the country. 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), Shri 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, he 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. ■

KR Malkani : An author and journalist in politics

Kewalram Ratanmal Malkani (November 19, 1921 – October 27, 2003) was a journalist, historian and politician. Born in Hyderabad, Sindh, (now in Pakistan), he received his education at D.G. National College, Hyderabad, Fergusson College, Pune, School of Economics and Sociology, Mumbai. He was Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, USA from 1961-62.

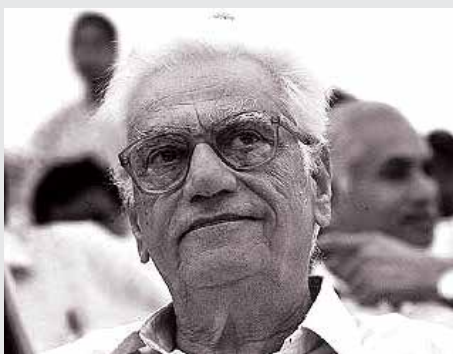
He was the Vice-President of the Bharatiya Janata Party from 1991 to 1994. He was Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from 1994-2000 and served as Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry from July 2002 till his death in October 2003.

Malkani ji is believed to be the first person to be arrested in the country, in the emergency, just two hours after it was declared at midnight on 25-Jun-75. He was among the last to be released, after election results were declared in March 1977.

Malkani Ji was associated with the Bharatiya Jana Sangh since its formation and was one of the founders of

the Bharatiya Janata Party in 1980. He was Vice-President of the Deendayal Research Institute, New Delhi from 1983 to 1990. He served as editor of many newspapers and was General Secretary of the Editors Guild of India from 1978 to 1979. He edited BJP mouth piece BJP Today. He has written several articles and books including "The Midnight Knock" (1977), "The R.S.S. Story" (1980), and "The Sindh Story" (1984), his most popular book on history. His book India First (2002) is a compilation of several of his articles over the years.

His last book, Political Mysteries, explores several major Indian political assassinations including that of Mahatma Gandhi, Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, the "Kashmir Princess", "Kanishka aircraft" bombing and the Purulia arms dropping case. The book is a result of his nearly ten years of research. He died on 27 October 2003. Malkani was also chief editor of both Organiser and Panchjanya. Even being active politician for a long six decades he is remembered more as an author and journalist. ■



THE GREEN STATE OF MIND

The world needs to shift to a paradigm of environmental philosophy that is anchored in environmental consciousness rather than merely government regulations. India can be at the forefront of change.



NARENDRA MODI

Yesterday, the United Nations honoured me with the 'Champions of the Earth Award'. While I was extremely humbled at receiving this honour, I do feel that this award is not for an individual. Instead, it is a recognition of Indian culture and values, which have always placed emphasis on living in harmony with Mother Nature.

It was a proud moment for every Indian to see India's proactive role in mitigating climate change being acknowledged and appreciated by the United Nations Secretary General, António Guterres and Erik Solheim, the Executive Director of the UNEP.

Human beings and nature have a very special relationship. Mother Nature has nurtured and nourished us. The first civilisations were established on the banks of rivers. Societies that live in harmony with nature flourish and prosper.

Today human society stands at an important crossroads. The path that we take hereon will not only determine our well being but also that of the generations who will inhabit our planet after us. The

imbalances between our greed and necessities have led to grave ecological imbalances. We can either accept this, go ahead with things as if it is business as usual, or we can take corrective actions.

Three things will determine how we as a society can bring a positive change.

The first is internal consciousness. For that, there is no better place to look than our glorious past. Respect for nature is at the core of India's traditions. The Atharvaveda contains the Prithvi Sukta, which contains unparalleled knowledge about nature and the environment. It is beautifully written in the Atharvaveda, "यस्यां समुद्र उत सिन्धुरापो यस्यामन्नं कृष्टयः संबभूवुः। यस्यामिदं जिन्वति प्राणदेजत्सा नो भूमिः पूर्वपेये दधातु ॥३॥" It means: Salutations to Mother Earth. In Her is woven together Ocean and River Waters; in Her is contained Food which She manifests when ploughed; In Her indeed is alive all Lives; May She bestow us with that Life.

The ancients write about the Panch Tatvas — Prithvi (Earth), Vayu (Air), Jal (Water), Agni (Fire), Akash (Sky) — and how our life systems are based on the harmonious functioning of these elements. The elements of nature are manifestations of divinity.

Mahatma Gandhi wrote extensively on the environment

and even practised a lifestyle where compassion towards the environment was essential. He propounded the Doctrine of Trusteeship, which places the onus on us, the present generation, to ensure that our coming generations inherit a clean planet. He called for sustainable consumption so that the world does not face a resource crunch.

Leading lifestyles that are harmonious and sustainable are a part of our ethos. Once we realise how we are flagbearers of a rich tradition, it will automatically have a positive impact on our actions.

The second aspect is public awareness. We need to talk, write, debate, discuss and deliberate as much as possible on questions relating to the environment. At the same time, it is vital to encourage research and innovation on subjects relating to the environment. This is when more people will know about the pressing challenges of our times and ways to mitigate them.

When we as a society are aware of our strong links with environmental conservation and talk about it regularly, we will automatically be proactive in working towards a sustainable environment. That is why I will put proactiveness as the third facet of bringing a positive change.

In this context, I am delighted

to state that the 130 crore people of India are proactive and at the forefront of working towards a cleaner and greener environment.

We see this proactiveness in the Swachh Bharat Mission, which is directly linked to a sustainable future. With the blessings of the people of India, over 85 million households now have access to toilets for the first time. Over 400 million Indians no longer have to defecate in the open. Sanitation coverage is up from 39 per cent to 95 per cent. These are landmark efforts in the quest of reducing the strain on our natural surroundings.

We see this proactiveness in the success of the Ujjwala Yojana, which has significantly reduced indoor air pollution due to unhealthy cooking practices that were causing respiratory diseases. Till date, over five crore Ujjwala connections have been distributed, thus ensuring a better and cleaner life for the women and their families.

India is moving at a quick pace in cleaning its rivers. The Ganga, which is India's lifeline, had become polluted in several parts. The Namami Gange Mission is changing this historical wrong. Emphasis is being given to proper treatment of sewage.

At the core of our urban development initiatives such as AMRUT and the Smart Cities Mission is the need to balance urban growth with environmental care. The over 13 crore soil health cards distributed to farmers are helping them make informed decisions that will boost

their productivity and improve the health of our land, which helps the coming generations.

We have integrated the objectives of Skill India in the environment sector and launched schemes including the Green Skill Development Programme for skilling about 7 million youth in environment, forestry, wildlife and climate change sectors by 2021. This will go a long way towards creating numerous opportunities for skilled jobs and entrepreneurship in the environment sector.

Our country is devoting



unparalleled attention to new and renewable sources of energy. Over the last four years, this sector has become more accessible and affordable.

The Ujjwala Yojana has led to the distribution of nearly 31 crore LED bulbs. The costs of LED bulbs have reduced and so have the electricity bills and the CO₂ emissions.

India's proactiveness is seen internationally. It makes me proud that India remained at the forefront of the COP-21 negotiations in Paris in

2015. In March 2018, world leaders of several countries converged in New Delhi to mark the start of the International Solar Alliance, an endeavour to harness the rich potential of solar energy and bring together all nations that are blessed with solar power.

While the world is talking about climate change, the call for climate justice has also reverberated from India. Climate justice is about safeguarding the rights and interests of the poor and marginalised sections of society, who are often the biggest sufferers from the menace of climate change.

As I have written earlier, our actions today will have an impact on human civilisation much beyond our time. It is upto us to take on the mantle of global responsibility towards a sustainable future. The world needs to shift to a paradigm of environmental philosophy that is anchored in environmental consciousness

rather than merely government regulations. I would like to compliment all those individuals and organisations who are working assiduously in this direction. They have become the harbingers of a monumental change in our society. I assure them all possible support from the government in their pursuits. Together, we will create a clean environment that will be the cornerstone of human empowerment. ■

(The writer is Prime Minister of India)

WHY SHASTRI MATTERS TODAY

Lal Bahadur Shastri's stress on character and moral strength acquire special significance



M VENKAIAH
NAIDU

We pay homage to our heroes and great leaders on their birth anniversaries. More often than not, such events pass in a ritualistic manner. But at times, the nation must not only pay homage to its leaders, but also make the younger generation aware of their stellar contribution to the good of the country.

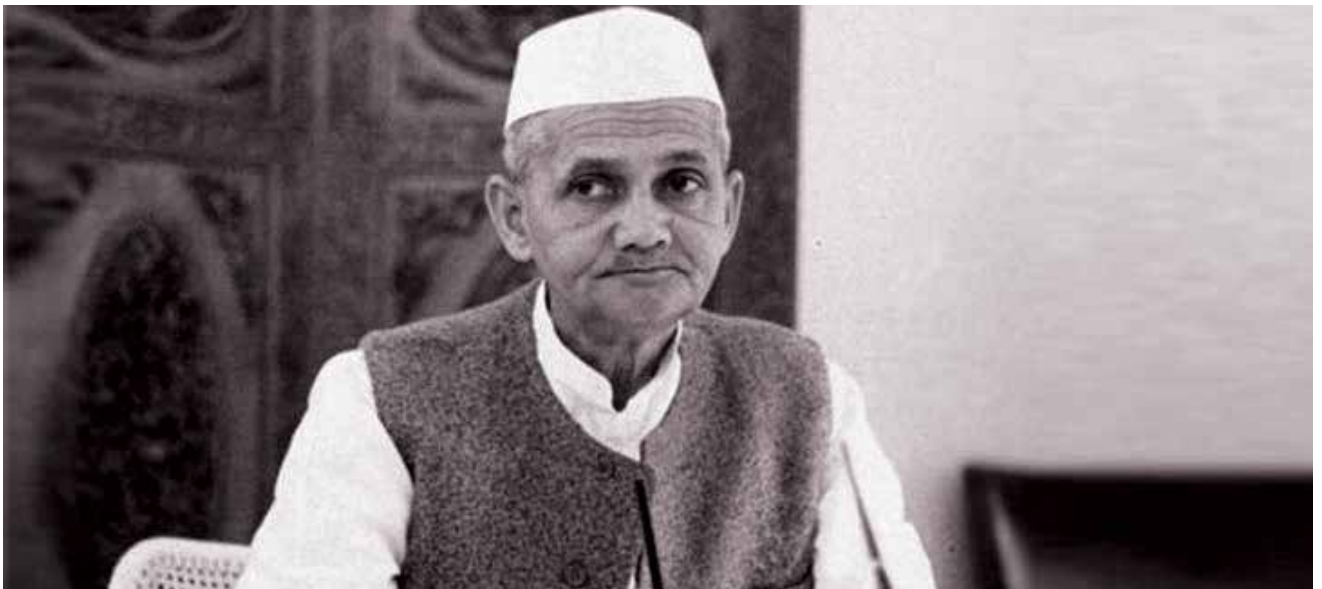
One such statesman is Lal Bahadur Shastri, who is remembered every year along with the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, on October 2. Like millions of Indians, Shastri drew inspiration from the Mahatma and plunged

into the freedom struggle when he was in his teens. More than 60 years ago, Shastri showed what probity and integrity in public life are all about. Following a train accident at Ariyalur in Tamil Nadu, in which more than 140 people were killed, he resigned as railway minister taking moral responsibility for the incident. Lauding him for his integrity, the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said that he was accepting his resignation because it would set an example in constitutional propriety, although Shastri was in no way responsible for it.

Shastri placed the country's interests above everything else. He displayed a broad outlook at a very young age and dropped his caste-based surname when he was in the seventh standard. His progressive attitude came to the fore when

he asked for khadi cloth and a spinning wheel as dowry.

His maiden Independence Day speech in 1964 is as relevant today as it was then. Shastri observed: "We can win respect in the world only if we are strong internally and can banish poverty and unemployment from our country. Above all, we need national unity. Communal, provincial and linguistic conflicts weaken the country. Therefore, we have to forge national unity. I appeal to all to work for national unity and usher in a social revolution to make our country strong. In the ultimate analysis, the strength of the country does not lie in its material wealth alone. It requires people like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Rabindranath Tagore. It requires the force of character and moral strength. I appeal to our young men to inculcate discipline



in themselves discipline and work for the unity and advancement of the nation". His stress on character and moral strength acquire special significance today, when we see all-round degeneration of values in various fields.

During the Indo-Pakistan war in 1965, Shastri gave the immortal slogan, "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan," which continues to inspire every Indian even today. During his prime ministerial tenure, which unfortunately was cut short by his untimely death, Shastri boosted the morale of the nation by leading India to victory over Pakistan. His vision for self-sufficiency in foodgrains led to sowing the seeds of the Green Revolution, and promotion of the White Revolution. The country owes it to him in no small measure that we are self-sufficient in foodgrains production today. During his speech at the 83rd death anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati in Delhi on October 24, 1965, he said : "The nation cannot afford to relax. It is difficult to say what

the future holds for us. Pakistan had not yet given up her policy of aggression. The duty of the nation is therefore clear. The country's defences have to be strengthened. The people should spare no efforts to strengthen the defences. Side-by-side, food production has to be increased. Food self-sufficiency is as important as a strong defence system. It was for this reason that I raised the slogan, 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan'. The kisan is as much a soldier as the jawan". Many

years later, former Prime Minister A B Vajpayee added "Jai Vigyan" to Shastri's slogan in order to hail achievements of Indian scientists.

Although he was wedded to the principles of peace, Shastri showed that he was made of sterner mettle when it came to protecting India's unity and integrity. His response was swift and decisive in ordering the Indian armed forces to retaliate against Pakistan's unprovoked aggression.

Shastri's love for the motherland was evident when he responded to Mahatma Gandhi's call to join the Non-Cooperation Movement at the young age of 16. I would like to mention an incident from his life which showed him to be a man of deeds. Before appealing to the countrymen to skip one meal a week in the wake of the foodgrain shortage, he implemented the measure at his house.

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country responded positively to his call.

His humane quality was reflected in another instance. As Uttar Pradesh's Minister of Police and Transport, he ordered that the police should use water jets instead of lathis to control unruly crowds. The fact that Shastri was the first transport minister to open the post of bus conductors to women showed how forward-looking he was. His visionary outlook is reflected in the observations he had made at a rural projects meet in Delhi in 1964. "We must inject new elements in the services. Let us introduce professors, economists, teachers, engineers and others, even outsiders, so that there is some freshness, a real exchange of views, a meeting of different approaches," he said. Perhaps, the government's decision to open 10 senior civil services positions for lateral entry is in line with this philosophy.

The present times require every Indian to emulate the simplicity, humility, humanism, austerity, hard work, dedication and nationalism displayed by the unassuming second prime minister of India. Following his ideals would be a fitting tribute to him on his birth anniversary. Along with Jawaharlal Nehru, the nation must always remember the contributions of leaders such as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, B R Ambedkar, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Syama Prasad Mookerjee in independent India. ■

(The writer is Vice-President of India)

THE OIL PRICES AND THE HYPOCRISY OF THE OPPOSITION



ARUN JAITLEY

The challenges thrown up by the increase in the international price of crude oil cannot be resolved by either the tweets or television bytes of some opposition leaders. The problem is serious. The oil producing nations have capped their production, thus creating a demand-supply mismatch.

The political crisis in Venezuela and Libya has adversely impacted the production in those countries. The US sanctions on Iran have increased the uncertainty towards Iran's supplies to its buyers. The commercial supply of shale gas, which was intended to balance the high crude oil cost, is running behind schedule.

The high cost of crude oil has also impacted the currency situation. India's macroeconomic fundamentals with regard to its fiscal deficit, inflation, foreign exchange reserves etc. are fairly stable. Tax collections are encouraging. However, a high cost of crude oil adversely impacts the Current Account Deficit. That, in turn, impacts the currency. Additionally, the hardening of the dollar has further impacted most global currencies. Both the above

factors have an impact on the cost of fuel available to a citizen.

The cost of crude increased in the month of April and May. Thereafter, it softened a bit and then increased to its highest level in the past four years. The cost of oil does not move in a straight line. Depending on the global factors, it increases or decreases. A section of the media excessively reports the increase when the prices rise and blackout

economics. Let me categorically assure all that there is no going back on deregulation of oil prices. Even Rahul Gandhi, whose party had inflicted a double digit inflation on India during the past five years of UPA-II, gave television bytes and released tweets advocating a price reduction.

The NDA Government has an exemplary record of fiscal prudence. We have maintained the gradual glide path since 2014



the reductions when prices fall. Government critics rejoiced the political consequences of the increase of the crude prices. This was evident from their comments. When the price was reduced yesterday, the critics did a volte face and argued that this is bad

to bring down fiscal deficit. We will continue to do so.

No Government can be insensitive towards its people. In the last four Budgets, the Modi Government, to the section of small and middle tax-paying population, has consistently given

some direct tax relief each year. The cumulative effect of these income-tax concessions already given is Rs.97,000 crores each year. The reduction of GST rates in the first 13 months itself with regard to 334 commodities has given a Rs.80,000 crore annual relief to the consumer. Last year, in the month of October, when the oil prices were rising, the Centre cut down its excise duty by Rs.2. We have requested the States to make a similar cut. Most of the BJP-NDA States did so. The others refused to do so. I had always maintained that in extraordinary situation, the capacity of an economy to give relief will depend on its fiscal strength. In view of the increase, particularly in the direct tax revenue, the Centre decided to give between central excise and the absorptions by the OMCs, a Rs.2.5 relief to the consumer. We

requested the States to give a similar relief.

1. The Centre's oil tax revenues remain static. The Centre charges a fixed amount. What the Centre gets as tax revenue, 42% of it is passed on to the States. The States independently charge their VAT. The average VAT rate in the country is about 29%. Thus, the States were getting 29% of the lower cost price a few months ago. They now get 29% on the increased price. The States benefit from higher oil prices. The Centre's collection remains the same. Thus, the capacity of the States to give a Rs.2.5 benefit is within their capacity. Their extra tax collection, because of increase in oil prices, is much larger since their taxes are ad valorem. Yet we have a situation where a number of

non-BJP non-NDA States have refused to pass on any benefit to the consumer. What are the people supposed to conclude? Are Rahul Gandhi and his reluctant allies only committed to tweets and television bytes when it comes to give relief to the common man? Depending on the ad valorem rate of VAT in the States and after collecting the VAT and getting 42% of the Centre revenue, 60-70% of the total oil tax goes to the States. Must not the non-BJP States be candid with the people and tell them that both in 2017 and 2018 they refused to give any relief to the people even from their higher revenues. They sent out tweets and gave television bytes but when it came to performance, they looked the other way. ■

(The writer is Union Finance Minister, GoI)

PM Narendra Modi receives UNEP 'Champion of the Earth' award

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 3 received the United Nation's highest environmental honour 'Champions of The Earth' award from the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, at a ceremony in New Delhi. Speaking at the event, PM Shri Modi said, "It is an honour for Indians. Indians are committed to save the environment." PM and French President Emmanuel Macron were jointly awarded the UN's highest environmental honour, the UNEP Champions of the Earth award, for their pioneering work in championing the International Solar Alliance and promoting new areas of cooperation on environmental action. ■



Don't let the Congress get into power in Rajasthan again: PM



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi began his campaigning for poll-bound states with a rally at Ajmer in Rajasthan on 06 October, 2018. In his speech, the prime minister accused the Congress of playing vote bank politics. "On one side there is the politics of vote-bank, and on the other side, you have a government which works with the belief of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. While others believe in breaking society, dividing society, we believe in uniting society and working with all, for the benefit of all", he said.

He asked people not to let the Congress get into power again in Rajasthan.

Shri Modi said vote bank politics is not limited to elections now.

Political parties which do vote bank politics divide the bureaucracy when they are in power and this badly affects governance, he said.

"They allocate the budget as per vote bank politics and therefore overall development does not happen," he said at the meeting which marked the end of Rajasthan Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara

Raje's state-wide political 'yatra'.

"The Congress has established this tradition in the past 60 years," PM Shri Modi said.

"With great difficulty, the country has picked the right direction now after 60 years. Don't give them another chance again," he said.

He said the Congress leaders' high command is a family and they can do politics only by revering it.

He accused the Congress of "low-level" politics.

The Congress leaders were questioning the surgical strikes by the Army across the Line of Control two years ago and "insulting" soldiers, he said.

"They should be ashamed of indulging in such politics, Shri Modi said.

The rally marked the end of 'Rajasthan Gaurav Yatra', an outreach exercise by the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Noteworthy, Rajasthan will go to the polls on December 7. Counting will take place in all five states on December 11, the EC announced.

India-Russia ink 5 Billion \$ S-400 Defence Deal

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Russian President Shri Vladimir Putin held two-day 19th edition of India-Russia annual summit in New Delhi on October 4 & 5.

India-Russia cooperation is based on the solid foundations of the 1971 Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation between the Republic of India and the USSR, 1993 Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the Republic of India and the Russian Federation, 2000 Declaration on Strategic Partnership between the Republic of India and the Russian Federation and 2010 Joint Statement elevating the Partnership to a Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. Cooperation between India and Russia spans across the whole gamut of sectors and rests on the fundamental pillars of political and strategic cooperation, military and security cooperation, cooperation in the spheres of economy, energy, industry, science and technology, and cultural and humanitarian cooperation.

During the summit crucial MoU was also signed on India's ambitious human space mission project Gaganyaan. During the summit India finalized a Rs 39,000-crore deal for five S-400 Triumf air defence missile systems with Russia. The deal has been inked despite the objection by the US, which has slapped sanctions on Russia, about the purchase of the missile systems capable of knocking down jets, missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles at a range of 400km.



LIST OF AGREEMENTS/MoUs EXCHANGED BETWEEN INDIA AND RUSSIA

- Protocol for Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and MEA for the period 2019-2023
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation and the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)
- Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Federal Space Agency of Russia 'ROSCOSMOS' on Joint Activities in the field of Human Spaceflight Programme
- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Indian and Russian Railways
- Action Plan for Prioritization and Implementation of Cooperation Areas in the Nuclear Field
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian Ministry of Transport and Indian Railways in the Development Cooperation in Transport Education
- Memorandum of Understanding between the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), of India and the Russian Small and Medium Business Corporation (RSMB), on Cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Cooperation Agreement in the Fertilizers Sector between the Russian Direct Investment Fund" ("RDIF"); PJSC Phosagro (PhosAgro) and Indian Potash Limited (IPL)

India and Russia have also reached an understanding on the setting up of a nuclear power plant with six light-water reactor units at a second site, going beyond Kudankulam in coastal Tamil Nadu where two reactors set up jointly by the two sides are currently in operational stages and four more units are slated to come up.

Both also agreed to step up cooperation in combating the menace of terrorism and drug trafficking. ■

EC announces assembly election dates for 5 states; results on December 11

The Election Commission of India on 06 October, 2018 announced single phase assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram and two-phase polls for Chhattisgarh.

The counting for all the five states will be held on 11 December, 2018 said Chief Election Commissioner announcing the schedule at a press conference in New Delhi.

While Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram will vote on November 28, Rajasthan and Telangana will go to polls on December 07.

The elections will be held for 230 seats in Madhya Pradesh, for 200 seats in Rajasthan and 90 seats in Chhattisgarh, for 119 seats in Telangana and 40 seats in Mizoram.

The BJP is in power in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. This time in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh the BJP is contesting to be in power consecutively for the fourth term.

The Model Code of Conduct comes into force with immediate effect in four states while in Telangana it was in force from the date of dissolution of the Assembly last month.

The CEC said the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPATs) will be used in the current round of elections for which arrangements have been made to ensure their adequate number.

In Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram, the notification will be issued on November 2 while the last date for

HIGHLIGHTS

- Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram to vote on November 28
- Rajasthan and Telangana to vote on December 07
- Chhattisgarh voting on November 12 and November 20
- Counting for 5 states on December 11

nominations would be November 9. Scrutiny will be done on November 12 and last date of withdrawal will be November 14.

While the term of the Assembly in Madhya Pradesh expires on January 7, the tenure of 40-member Assembly in Mizoram expires on December 15.

In Rajasthan and Telangana which will go to the polls in a single phase on December 7, the notification will be issued on November 12 and the last date for filing nominations will be November 19. Scrutiny will take place on November 20 while the last date for withdrawal of nominations will be November 22. The term of the Rajasthan Assembly expires on January 20, 2019.

In Chhattisgarh, where the Commission decided to go for two phases in view of the Naxal problem, voting will be held in the most affected areas of the 18 constituencies in the southern part on November 12 and in the remaining 72 seats, voting will take place on November 20.

Notification for the first phase will be issued on October 16 and the last date for nominations would be October 23. Scrutiny will take place next day and the last date for the withdrawal of the nominations will be October 26.

The notification for the elections in the rest of the 72 constituencies in the second phase would be issued on October 26, while the last day for nominations would be November 02. Scrutiny will be done on November 03 and the last date for the withdrawal of the nominations will be November 05. The tenure of the Chhattisgarh Assembly comes to an end on January 05, 2019. ■

State	Poll Dates	Results
Chhattisgarh	Nov 12 & Nov 20	Dec-11
Madhya Pradesh	Nov-28	Dec-11
Mizoram	Nov-28	Dec-11
Rajasthan	Dec-07	Dec-11
Telangana	Dec-07	Dec-11

PM inaugurates first Assembly of the International Solar Alliance



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on October 2, 2018 inaugurated the first Assembly of the International Solar Alliance at Vigyan Bhawan. The same event also marked the inauguration of the second IORA Renewable Energy Ministerial Meeting, and the 2nd Global RE-Invest (Renewable Energy Investors' Meet and Expo). The Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Antonio Guterres, was present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that in the last 150 to 200 years, mankind has depended on fossil fuels for energy needs. He said nature is now indicating that options such as solar, wind and water, offer more sustainable energy solutions. In this context, he expressed confidence that in future, when people talk of organisations for the welfare of mankind established in the 21st century, the International Solar Alliance will be at the top of the list. He said this is a great forum to work towards ensuring climate justice. He said the International Solar Alliance could replace OPEC as the key global energy supplier in the future.

The Prime Minister said that the effect of increased use of renewable energy is now visible in India. He added that India is working towards the goals of the Paris Agreement through an action plan. He said that the target is to generate 40 percent of India's total energy requirements in 2030, by non fossil fuel based sources. He said India is developing with a new self-confidence of "Poverty to Power."

The Prime Minister said that along with power generation, power storage is also important. In this context, he mentioned the National Energy Storage Mission. He said that under this Mission, the Government is focusing on demand creation, indigenous manufacturing, innovation and energy storage.

The Prime Minister said that besides solar and wind power, India is working on biomass, biofuel and bio-energy. He said efforts are being made to make India's transport system clean fuel based. He said that by converting bio-waste to biofuel, India is converting a challenge into an opportunity. ■

HOW BAPU UNITED INDIA: Today we have a similar opportunity to build the India of Gandhiji's dreams

Today (October 02), we mark the beginning of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of our beloved Bapu. He remains a shining beacon of hope for millions of people across the world who seek a life of equality, dignity, inclusion and empowerment. The impact he left on human society has few parallels.

Mahatma Gandhi connected India, in letter and spirit, in thought and action. As Sardar Patel rightly said, "India is a land of diversity. If there was one person who brought everyone together, made people rise above differences, to fight colonialism and enhanced India's stature at the world stage, it was Mahatma Gandhi." In the 21st century, the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi remain as essential as they were in his time and offer solutions to several problems the world faces. In a world where terrorism, radicalisation, extremism and mindless hate are dividing nations as well as societies, his clarion calls of peace and ahimsa have the power to unite humanity.

At a time when inequalities are not uncommon, Bapu's emphasis on equal and inclusive growth can herald an era of prosperity for the millions on the margins. In an era where climate change and environmental degradation have become central issues of discussion, the world can refer to the thoughts of Gandhiji. More than a century ago, in 1909 he differentiated between human wants and human greed. He urged both restraint and compassion while utilising natural resources and, he himself led by example in doing this. He cleaned his own toilets, ensuring clean surroundings. He also ensured minimal wastage of water and when he was in Ahmedabad, he took great care to ensure that unclean water did not merge with the Sabarmati.

Sometime back, a crisp, comprehensive and concise document caught my attention. In 1941, Bapu wrote the 'Constructive Programme: Its meaning and place', which he subsequently modified in 1945,



when there was renewed fervour around the freedom movement. In that document, Bapu has talked about a wide range of topics ranging across rural development, strengthening agriculture, enhancing sanitation, promoting Khadi, empowerment of women, economic equality among other issues.

I would urge my fellow Indians to have a look at Gandhiji's 'Constructive Programme' and make it a guiding light on how we can build the India of Bapu's dreams. Many topics are absolutely relevant today and the government of India is fulfilling many of the points venerable Bapu raised seven decades ago but remain unfulfilled even today.

One of the most beautiful aspects of Gandhiji's personality was that he made every Indian feel that he or she is working for India's freedom. He instilled the spirit of self-belief that a teacher, lawyer, doctor, farmer, labourer, entrepreneur, in whatever they were doing they were contributing to India's freedom struggle. In the same light, today, let us embrace those aspects we think we can act upon that will fulfil Gandhiji's vision. It can start with something as simple as ensuring zero waste of food to imbibing values of non-violence and togetherness.

Let us think about how our actions can contribute to a cleaner and greener environment for the future generations. Almost eight decades ago, when the threats of pollution were not as much, Gandhiji took to cycling. Those in Ahmedabad recall him cycling from Gujarat Vidyapith to Sabarmati Ashram. In fact, I read that one of Gandhiji's first protests in South Africa was against a set of laws that prevented people from cycling. Despite a prosperous legal career, Gandhiji would use the bicycle to travel in Johannesburg. Can we emulate this same spirit today?

The festive season is here and people across India would be shopping for new clothes, gifts, food

items and more. While doing so, remember the wise thoughts Gandhiji gave us in the form of his talisman. Let us think about how our actions can light the lamp of prosperity in the lives of our fellow Indians. By buying what they make, be it a khadi product, or a gift item or foodstuffs, we are helping our fellow Indians in pursuit of a better life. We may never have seen them or may not do so for the rest of our lives. However, Bapu would be proud of us that in our actions we are helping fellow Indians.

Over the last four years, 130 crore Indians have paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi in the form of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Completing four years today, it has emerged as a vibrant mass movement with commendable outcomes. Over 85 million households now have access to toilets for the first time. Over 400 million Indians no longer have to defecate in the open. In a short span of four years, sanitation coverage is up from 39% to 95%. Twenty-one states, Union territories and 4.5 lakh villages are now open defecation free.

An overwhelming majority of Indians today did not have the good fortune of being a part of the freedom struggle. We could not die for the nation then but now, we must live for the nation and do everything possible to

build the India our freedom fighters envisioned. Today we have a great opportunity to fulfil Bapu's dream. We have covered substantial ground and I am confident we will cover a lot more in the times to come.

One of Bapu's favourite hymns was "vaishnav jan to tene kahiye je, peer parayee jaane re," which means "a good soul is one who feels the pain of others." It was this spirit that made him live for others. Today, we, the 1.3 billion Indians are committed to working together to fulfil the dreams Bapu saw for a country for which he gave his life. ■

(The blog was written by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to mark the birth anniversary of the father of the nation on October 2.)

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WE GOT 100% SUCCESS IN FORMING SHAKTI KENDRAS : NITYANAND RAI

Bihar BJP President **SHRI NITYANAND RAI**, an energetic and dynamic leader, is a Member of Parliament elected in the 2014 General Election from Ujjarpur Lok Sabha Constituency. Before being elected for Lok Sabha in 2014, he continuously represented Hajipur constituency in Bihar legislative assembly since 2000. He talks on 2nd of October at length to Kamal Sandesh Associate Editor **Vikash Anand** at the State BJP Headquarters in Patna on Bihar BJP organizational activities, government achievements etc. Here, are the excerpts of the interview for our esteemed readers:

I *nfluenced by leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has NDA in Bihar become stronger with the coming of new partner in the alliance. What is your opinion on the present situation of NDA Coalition in the state?*

Definitely, under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, NDA has become stronger not only in Bihar, but also nation-wide. It is far stronger than before. The parties in NDA are running coalition with mutual cooperation harmoniously. With the development-oriented and corruption free policy, NDA government in the State is making Modi ji's dream of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' successful at the ground level.

In fact, it is a golden phase of the BJP. Our three inspirational and ideological source are Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. With the inspiration of trio and under the leadership of Shri Amit Shahji, the party is continuously getting success. With the government being just in 4 to 5 states, we have been successful in forming our governments in 19 States and it has by far become the largest political party in the world. Not only this, number of our coalition partners has also increased. This has become possible only due to the popularity and acceptability of the BJP among the people.

In the view of the coming Lok Sabha election, how far BJP's organizational preparation in the



State has been completed?

The Bihar BJP unit is fully ready. Like army soldiers we always remain in alert mode. With the formation of the team at booth level, we got 100% success in forming Shakti Kendras and deputed proper in-charges. Although the work of making it stronger continues. Our organization has review system for assessment of the work. Our party workers without any rest work day and night to make the party organization stronger. Election is not a challenge for us as for the entire year we do organizational work. Bihar BJP has pledged before Amit Shah ji to deliver all 40 seats in NDA's

kitty and contribute to re-elect Shri Narendra Modi as our Prime Minister.

How is the organization taking the NDA government achievements among people?

In the Pradesh organization, from top to bottom, all office bearers, leaders and workers are doing pravas and establishing communication with the people. They visit Shakti Kendra to make it stronger and also assess by getting feedback from the people present at the Kendras on the implementation of Central government schemes. During the pravas, they meet with needy and beneficiaries of various central government schemes and make them aware about the achievements of NDA government. In such a way, we are taking Modi government achievements to the ground level. Besides this, we are making aware the people about Modi led NDA government achievements through Karykram of Morchas and Cells at district and block level.

What is present situation of Training programmes in Bihar BJP as election is at hand?

Bihar BJP has completed all training programmes. In addition to this, we are in communication with the people of organization at different level, so that work of organization is taken efficiently from State to booth level.

On 15th September, Prime minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke to the people of Bihar through video conferencing on cleanliness campaign. Today is Gandhi Jayanti. How Bihar BJP is making this constructive movement as successful movement?

In Bihar, Swachhta has been made a prime focus through people awareness. PM Modi did the miracle by making Swachhta as a mass movement and a serious issue among people. Now all Indians, even our children have taken it very seriously. People participation in this movement has increased tremendously. PM Modi has raised the issue of

toilets for our sisters, mothers, & daughters as much seriously, as never before. Swachhta and toilets are becoming issue of our honour. In Bihar, it has been a successful programme.

Modi government has given National Commission for Backward Classes a constitutional status. How do you see the step?

The Congress and RJD are responsible for not giving constitutional status to the Commission in last 27 years. It is not less than a conspiracy by these parties. It is surprising that a commission has been built according to provisions of the constitution and had not yet got constitutional status. But the constitutional status for the commission is the result of our respected Prime Minister Shri Modi ji's emotions for the backward classes. 54% population of backward and extremely backward people is also congratulating BJP National President Shri Amit Shahji for this commendable work.

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How would Backward Classes be affected by this constitutional status of the Backward Commission?

Out going Backward Commission was merely a statutory body whose work was only to give advice to Central government regarding inclusion and exclusion

of cast/communities from the OBC list. But after granting it the constitutional status, it functions at par with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST). Now it will provide safeguards, to take care of the development, progress, and welfare of Backward Class people. The constitutional status provides duties under article 16(4) and 15(4) of the Constitution to give justice by empowering socially and educationally backward people. Now, the commission will not only advice but participate in formulating policies and schemes by the government for the upliftment of Backward Classes. Constitutional status gives power to address the grievances of the people included in OBC list. ■

We have never eyed someone else's territory maliciously: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his radio programme Mann Ki Baat addressed the nation on September 30. In the address, he discussed the exhibitions at various places were organized in the country to remember the surgical strike carried out in 2016. He also spoke how Swachhta Abhiyaan became movement. He also talked about greatman Bapu, Sardar Patel, Lal Bahadur Shahstri and JP. Here, are highlights of the Mann Ki Baat:

We remembered that surgical strike carried out in 2016, where our soldiers gave a befitting reply to the audacity of a proxy war under the garb of terrorism. At various places in the country, exhibitions have been organised by our Armed Forces in order to apprise the maximum number of citizens, especially the younger generation, of the might we possess; how capable we are and how our soldiers risk their lives to protect us citizens. A day such as Paraakaram Prava reminds our youth of the glorious heritage of our Army. It also inspires us to maintain the unity & integrity of the country. I too participated in a programme held at Jodhpur in the land of the valiant, Rajasthan. It has now been decided that our soldiers will give a befitting reply to whosoever makes an attempt to destroy the atmosphere of peace and progress in our Nation.

- We have never eyed someone else's territory maliciously. This in itself was our commitment & dedication towards peace. A few days ago, on the 23rd of September, on the occasion of the centenary of the Battle of Haifa in Israel, we remembered & paid tributes to our brave soldiers of Mysore, Hyderabad & Jodhpur Lancers who had freed Haifa from the clutches of oppressors.
- Indian can proudly claim that in the armed forces, our Army not only man-power but woman-power too is contributing equally. Women are already empowered and now getting armed too.
- A few days ago, Officer Abhilash Tomy of our Navy was struggling between life and death. The whole country was concerned about saving Tomy. You know, Abhilash Tomy is a very courageous, brave soldier. He was the first Indian who set on a

global voyage in a small boat without any modern technology. For the last 80 days, he was moving ahead in South Indian Ocean to participate in the Golden Globe Race maintaining his speed but suddenly a severe cyclonic storm landed him in trouble. Yet, this brave heart from the Navy kept struggling for many days in mid-ocean. He fought to be afloat without food or drink. He did not accept defeat and continued to fight death. A rare example of courage, determination, strength and bravery – a few days ago I talked to Abhilash over the telephone after he was rescued and brought safely ground. I had met Tomy earlier too Despite having faced such a tough situation; his grit & spirit, his determination to make another similar attempt is an inspiration for our younger generation. I pray for Tomy's sound health and I am sure that his courage, bravery and resolve to fight and emerge a winner will inspire our younger generation.

- 1941, Mahatma Gandhi started penning down a few thoughts in the shape of a constructive Programme. Later, in 1945, when the Freedom Struggle gained momentum, he prepared an amended copy of those ideas. Revered Bapu, put forth his ideas on various subjects like Farmers, villages, securing of labour rights, cleanliness and promoting of education. This is also known as the Gandhi Charter. Revered Babu was a people's person. Getting connected with people or connecting people with him was Bapu's special quality, this was in his nature. Everyone has experienced this as a most unique part of his personality. He made everyone feel that he or she was very important and absolutely necessary for the country. His biggest

contribution in the Freedom struggle was that he made it an expansive “Jan-Aandolan” (People’s Movement).

- When Gandhiji said that by maintaining cleanliness, freedom will be won then he probably was not aware how this would happen. But this did happen and India got freedom.
- It is said that Lal Bahadur Shastriji used to preserve old and worn out Khadi clothes because some one’s labour could be felt in the making of those clothes. He used to say that all these Khadi clothes have been woven after putting in a hard labour, every thread of these clothes must be utilized. This spirit of attachment towards the country and fellow countrymen was deeply imbibed in that great person of a very short physical stature.
- Lal Bahadur Shastriji had a unique quality in that, he was very humble outwardly but he was rock



solid from inside. His slogan “Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan” is the hall mark of his grand personality. It was the result of his selfless service to the nation that in a brief tenure of about one and a half years he gave to our jawans and farmers the mantra to reach the pinnacle of success.

- While remembering revered Bapu today, it is quite natural not to skip talking of cleanliness. A movement “Swachhta Hi Sewa” was launched on the 15th of September. Crores of people got connected with this movement and luckily I also got a chance to participate in the voluntary cleanliness shramdaan with the children of Delhi’s Ambedkar School. I went to the school, the

foundation of which had been laid by none other than respected Baba Saheb himself. On the 15th of September, people from all sections across the country connected themselves to this voluntary cleaning movement. Institutions also extended their contribution enthusiastically. School children, college students, NCC, NSS, youth organisations, media groups, the corporate world, all of them offered voluntary cleanliness service on a large scale. I heartily congratulate all these cleanliness-loving countrymen for their efforts. Come on, let us listen to a phone call.

- Swachh Bharat Mission or Clean India Mission has become a success story not only in our country but in the whole world and everyone is talking about this movement.
- There is a Sanskrit quote- उक्त्या लोकाः लज्जितः (Nyayamoolam Swarajyam Syat) meaning justice lies at the root of swaraj and while discussing the subject of justice, the spirit of human rights is inherent in that. This is specially essential for the freedom and peace of the exploited, victimised and deprived people and to ensure justice for them.
- In the Constitution drafted by Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar, many provisions were inserted to protect the fundamental rights of the poor. Inspired by his vision, the ‘National Human Rights Commission’ (NHRC) was formed on 12th October 1993. A few days later NHRC would complete 25 years of its existence. The NHRC has not only protected human rights but has also promoted respect for human dignity over the years. Our most beloved leader, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the former Prime Minister of our country, had clearly said that human rights are not an alien concept for us.
- The month of October heralds, Jai Prakash Narayan ji’s birth anniversary, the beginning of the birth centenary of Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindiaji. These luminaries have been infusing inspiration in all of us and we offer our heartfelt tributes to them. 31 October happens to be the birth anniversary of Sardar sahib, I shall dwell upon his birth anniversary in detail in the next episode of Mann Ki Baat but today I want to mention that for the past few years, the occasion of Sardar Sahib’s birth anniversary on October 31 is marked in every small town and district by organizing the ‘Run for Unity’ race. ■



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PM Shri Narendra Modi along with the Gujarat CM Shri Vijay Rupani and others inaugurating the Mundra LNG Terminal & Anjar - Mundra Gas Transmission Project in Anjar, Gujarat



PM Shri Narendra Modi flanked by Union Ministers Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Shri Manoj Sinha, Sushri Uma Bharti and others inaugurating the Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi being presented the "Champions of The Earth" award by the Secretary General of the United Nations Mr. Antonio Guterres at a function in New Delhi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi along with the Uttarakhand CM Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat and others inaugurating the 1st Uttarakhand Investors Summit at Dehradun

1st Advance Estimates (2018-19)

Record Production of Kharif Foodgrains 141.59 MT

HIGHLIGHTS

Sugarcane	383.89 million tonnes
Rice	99.24 million tonnes
Oilseed	22.19 million tonnes
Maize	21.47 million tonnes

Digital Payments

Growth in the number of Digital Payments through BHIM-UPI

Month	Number of Digital Payments (Million)
July 2018	235.65
August 2018	312.02
Sept 2018	405.87

BHIM UPI

Landmark step in purchase of agricultural commodities

- The government has fulfilled its promise made to farmers. Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshhan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA).
- The scheme includes Price Support Scheme (PSS), Bhavantar Yojana and Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme.
- During 2010-14, total procurement was Rs. 3500 crore only whereas during 2014-18, it has risen 10 times to Rs. 34,000 crore.
- The Cabinet today decided to give additional government guarantee of Rs 16,550 crore making it Rs 45,550 crore in total. In addition to this, budget provision has also been increased to Rs. 15,053 crore.

Empowering the Entrepreneurs

Under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana,
 a total number of **14.16 Crore loans**
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