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Union Home Minister & BJP National President Shri Amit Shah along with other senior leaders launching BJP 'Jan Ashirwad Yatra' from Jamtara, Jharkhand



BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda planting a sapling at Bahadurgarh, Haryana on 69th birthday of PM Shri Narendra Modi



Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh addressing the 'Jan Jagran Sabha' at Patna in Bihar on the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A



BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda along with Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari and others lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 'Vijay Sankalp Rally' in Nagpur, Maharashtra

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The step to cut corporate tax is historic. It will give a great stimulus to #MakeInIndia, attract private investment from across the globe, improve competitiveness of our private sector, create more jobs and result in a win-win for 130 crore Indians.

@rajnathsingh

The BJP had never softened its stance on Article 370, irrespective of whether it was in power or not. It was never an election agenda for us but it had always been a part of BJP's national and cultural agenda. Its abrogation has proved that the party is honest and credible.



@nitin_gadkari



I welcome and appreciate the move by the Finance Minister @nsitharaman. It will give further boost to the #MSME sector.

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Rationalisation of corporate tax had been a long pending demand, which is now a reality. This move will make our corporates globally competitive and our markets much more exciting for potential investors.



— **Amit Shah**

Our power to abrogate Article 370 and 35A comes from people's belief and votes. It was driven by the will power of Hon. PM Sh @narendramodi Ji and the political acumen of Hon. Union Home Minister Sh @AmitShah Ji.



— **Jagat Prakash Nadda**

World's two most powerful leaders from oldest & largest democracies talk about radical Islamic terrorism, safer borders & illegal immigrants ... World will really be a safer place to live in .. @narendramodi @realDonaldTrump #HowdyModi



— **BL Santhosh**

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Prime Minister

SHRI NARENDRA MODI JI

a Very Happy Birthday!

Birthday : 17 September



'HOWDY MODI' CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE OF HOPE AND TRUST

The massive response to 'Howdy Modi' programme in Houston once again shows a rising India eager to claim its rightful place by aiming higher and higher under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. A mega event on the soil of US, graced by US President Donald Trump and important personalities cutting across party lines, 'Howdy Modi' enthralled the audience with the right chemistry and encouraging equations between the leaders of both the great democracies of the world. In an atmosphere electrified with the repeated applause and ovations, the speeches by leaders drew enthusiastic response from more than 50,000 strong gathering on the occasion. The remarkable address of Shri Narendra Modi has sent a message of a nation which is confident and determined to meet the aspirations of its people and contribute towards the peace and prosperity of the entire world. It was a moment recorded in the history with indelible imprint when India is watched by the world with hope and expectations. Now there is not an iota of doubt in the minds of the world community that India has arrived, and arrived with full confidence and determination to contribute positively in every sphere of life.

The event met with a remarkable success not only in terms of the venue packed to overflow with enthusiastic audience but also in the way it sent the message both within and without India, domestically as well as internationally. The US president's presence throughout the event and his speech emphasising his determination to fight against "radical Islamic Terrorism" was made with a long standing ovation from the gathering. His mention of the issue of border security also bears immense significance for India. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi rightly drew a parallel between 9/11 terror attack on US and 26/11 terror attack against India to further strengthen the resolve of both countries in the fight against terrorism. The mention of the abrogation of Article 370 by Shri Narendra Modi was greeted with thunderous applause from the audience showing all round approval and support for this historic and courageous decision by the Modi government. He rightly emphasised that this decision to say 'farewell' to the article has granted equal rights to the people of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh along with the citizens of the rest of India. The audience constituting mainly of the Indian Americans gave a standing ovation to the members of the parliament who passed this decision overwhelmingly even with more than 2/3rd majority in both houses of the parliament. The Prime Minister also appealed to the audience to give standing ovation to the President Trump for his determination in fight against terrorism to which a long round of applause was given by the people. The atmosphere was surcharged with the feelings for their motherland displayed by the members of

Indian Diaspora who made the event a huge success with their massive support and presence.

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi reassured the audience of the bright future of India awaiting in wake of Indian government's resolve to change challenges into opportunities. While saying everything was fine with India he recounted various innovative projects and outcomes amid the chants of cheering crowd. While sharing his vision he was able to inspire confidence in the audience about his resolve to meet every challenge with confidence and determination. One of the most important achievements can be seen in the fruition of his consistent efforts at the international forums to bring terrorism at the top of the global agenda. It was the result of such attempts that Pakistan today stands isolated at global level and considered as exporter of terrorism to the entire world. The coming together of India and US, the two largest democracies of the world is sure to send a good message to the world cherishing the ideals of democracy and a peaceful and prosperous world order. 'Howdy Modi' has created an atmosphere of hope and trust about the future. ■

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P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a huge gathering of over fifty thousand people at the 'Howdy Modi' event at NRG stadium in Houston, USA on 22 September, 2019. Prime Minister Shri Modi was joined by the President of United States of America, Donald J Trump.

Addressing the massive gathering, Prime Minister said that new history and new chemistry are being made at the venue in Houston. "The presence of Donald Trump and the senators talking about India's progress is a respect to the achievement of the 1.3 billion Indians", Prime Minister said. He added that the energy at the stadium shows the increasing synergy between India and United States.

"The name of this event is Howdy Modi. But Modi alone is nothing. I am a person working for the wishes of 130 crore people in India. So when you ask - Howdy Modi, I would say all is well in India", Prime Minister Shri Modi said. Saying "Everything is fine" in multiple Indian languages, he said that this unity in diversity is the strength of our vibrant democracy.

"Today, India is determined and working hard

towards creating a New India", PM said. He said that lots of efforts are being provided to build a new and better India. "India is not putting off challenges; we are taking them head on. India is not going for incremental changes, we are working on creating permanent solutions, and making impossible possible", PM said

Highlighting the achievements of BJP led NDA government in the past five years, Shri Modi said, "In the last five years, 130 crore Indians have achieved things which on one could have even imagined. We are aiming high, we are achieving higher". He mentioned about the transformational action done by his government in providing gas connections to households, improving rural sanitation, creating rural road infrastructure, opening of bank accounts etc.

Shri Modi reiterated the commitment of his government towards 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Business'. He outlined the various initiatives undertaken by the government for ensuring 'Ease of Living', including removal of obsolete laws, ensuring faster delivery of service, cheap data rate, strong

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USA LOVES INDIA: DONALD J TRUMP

Addressing the event, the US President Donald J Trump said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is doing an exceptional job for India and its citizens. He congratulated the Prime Minister for his unprecedented election victory. He added that the relationship between India and United States are better than ever.

Hailing Primes Minister's pro-growth policies, Trump said "India has lifted nearly three hundred million people out of poverty under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. That is incredible". He said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the world is witnessing a strong, thriving Republic of India. President thanked the Indian community for their contributions and said that his administration is committed towards the betterment of the community.



MODI THANKS BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION FOR CONFERRING GLOBAL GOALKEEPERS GOALS AWARD

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, thanked Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for conferring upon him Global Goalkeepers Goals Award 2019. He also said that, over the last five years India has taken many efforts to improve cleanliness and sanitation, fulfilling Gandhi Ji's dream of a Swachh Bharat.

 @narendramodi : I thank the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for conferring upon me the Global Goalkeepers Goals Award 2019. Over the last five years India has taken many efforts to improve cleanliness and sanitation, fulfilling Gandhi Ji's dream of a Swachh Bharat.



action against corruption, rolling out of GST etc. He said that under his government development will reach each and every Indian.

Speaking about the abrogation of Article 370, PM asked the gathering to give standing ovation to the parliamentarians for taking such a decisive strong action. He said that Article 370 had kept people of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh away from development and progress. "Now people of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have the same rights as every Indian", PM said.

Prime Minister said that time has come for tough decisive fight against terrorism and those who support terrorism. He praised President Trump's resolve in fighting against terrorism.

He extended an invite for President Trump and his family to visit India. "Our friendship will give new heights to the vibrant future of India and the United States", Prime Minister said.

Terming it as an honour and privilege to welcome Donald J Trump to the Howdy Modi event, Prime Minister Shri Modi said that the U.S President has left a deep and lasting impact everywhere. He hailed the leadership qualities of the President of United States. He said that every time they met, he felt the friendliness, warmth and energy of Donald J Trump.

Welcoming Prime Minister to Houston, House Majority leader Steny Honer said that United States is inspired by modern India. He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi leads the nation while being mindful of the challenges, undeterred as India reaches into a new frontier of space and equally determined to lift millions out of poverty back on earth.

Earlier, Mayor of Houston Sylvester Turner presented the 'Key to Houston' to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as a mark of respect, solidarity and long standing India-Houston relationship. ■

PM MODI SPEAKS IN EIGHT REGIONAL LANGUAGES TO SAY 'EVERYTHING IS FINE' IN INDIA

Prime minister Shri Narendra Modi turning the title of the event into a question said "Bharat mein sab achha hai (everything is fine in India)."

He then proceeded to repeat the phrase in eight other Indian languages—Punjabi, Gujarati, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Odia, Bangla and Marathi among others.

PM MODI MEETS INDIAN COMMUNITY IN HOUSTON

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Indian community in Houston on 22 September, 2019. He met delegations belonging to the Sikhs, Kashmiri Pandits and Dawoodi Bohra communities and interacted with them.

The Sikh delegation thanked PM for development initiatives and Kartarpur efforts. They congratulated PM Modi for the path breaking decisions being taken by the Government.

Dawoodi Bohra community thanked PM Modi for the various development works. They highlighted strong bond between PM Shri Modi and Syedna Sahib and also recalled the PM's visit to Indore last year to attend a programme of their community.

A delegation of Kashmiri Pandit community expressed their gratitude to the development works under PM Shri Modi. They supported the steps being taken for the progress of India and empowerment of every Indian.

@PMOIndia: In Houston, a delegation of the Kashmiri Pandit community met the Prime Minister. They unequivocally supported the steps being taken for the progress of India and empowerment of every Indian.



Meeting a delegation of the Kashmiri Pandit community



Sikh community in Houston welcomes PM



Dawoodi Bohra community felicitates PM

PM MODI ADDRESSES COMMUNITY RECEPTION IN HOUSTON

Addressing a community reception in Houston, PM Shri Narendra Modi thanked the Indian community in the city for having set the stage for a glorious future as far as India-India-USA ties are concerned. The PM also made a special request to the Indian community. He urged them to encourage at least five non-Indian families to visit India.



@PMOIndia: You all have set the stage for a glorious future as far as India-USA ties are concerned. I thank you all: PM @narendramodi tells the Indian community in Houston.

'Howdy Modi' testimony of New India's power under PM Modi's leadership: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that the 'Howdy, Modi' event in Houston was a testimony of New India's power on the international platform under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Shri Amit Shah also said that the soaring popularity of PM Shri Modi was a recognition of the people of India.

Shri Amit Shah's remarks on the 'Howdy Modi' event came just after PM Shri Narendra Modi and United States President Donald Trump ended their address to the Indian community in Houston, Texas.

In a series of tweets after the mega Houston event, Shri Amit Shah also thanked PM Shri Narendra Modi for "presenting a stronger India" which, he said, was every Indian's dream.

"PM Modi's popularity has soared across the globe. It is a recognition of the people of India. The grand #HowdyModi event is a testimony of #NewIndia's power under the leadership of PM @

narendramodi. I thank PM Modi for presenting a stronger India, a India of every Indian's dream," Shri Amit Shah tweeted.

Shri Shah further said that the 'Howdy Modi' event was "unprecedented" and has "left an indelible footprint of a stronger India on the world map".

The Home Minister said, "A historic day in world politics! Leaders of the two most powerful democracies shared their ideas & dreams for a prosperous world together in a way that one has never seen before. #HowdyModi was unprecedented. It has left an indelible footprint of a stronger India on world map."

"The message to the world is loud and clear that this #NewIndia will leave no stone unturned to keep our country safe and united. Thanks to PM @narendramodi ji's leadership, entire world today stands firmly with India in its decisive fight against the menace of terrorism," Shri Amit Shah said. ■



PM MEETS LEADING ENERGY SECTOR CEOs IN HOUSTON

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held fruitful talks with leading energy sector CEOs in Houston on 22 September, 2019. They held discussions on methods to harness opportunities in the energy sector.

The Prime Minister also witnessed the signing of MoU between Tellurian and Petronet LNG.

@narendramodi : It is impossible to come to Houston and not talk energy! Had a wonderful interaction with leading energy sector CEOs. We discussed methods to harness opportunities in the energy sector. Also witnessed the signing of MoU between Tellurian and Petronet LNG.

'WE GAVE FAREWELL TO ARTICLE 370'

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his address at the mega Howdy Modi event on 22 September, 2019 said the BJP government in India gave farewell to Article 370, which had deprived people of Jammu and Kashmir of development. "Article 370 had deprived people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh of development. Terror and separatist elements were misusing the situation. Now people there have got equal rights," he said.

Hitting out at Pakistan, PM Shri Modi said some people had problems with the abrogation of Article 370. "These are the same people who could not govern their own country properly. These are the same people who shield terrorism and nurture it. The whole world knows them very well," he said.

Talking about terror activities in the state, the PM said in J&K, terrorists and separatist elements were misusing the situation. "Now after abrogation, people



there have got equal rights," he added.

For Article 370, PM Shri Narendra Modi also requested for a standing ovation for parliamentarians who cleared the move last month from Houston Crowd and the crowd responded positively. ■

PM MODI HAS ESTABLISHED INDIA ON WORLD STAGE: JP NADDA

Hailing Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the grand success of 'Howdy Modi' event in Houston, BJP National Working President Shri J P Nadda on 23 September, 2019 said that he has shown that India has established itself on the world stage. "Yesterday PM Modi showed that India has established itself on the world stage," said Shri Nadda while addressing a workers' meet in Pune (Maharashtra).

Shri Nadda praised Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for dedicating his life to the welfare of the country's citizens. "When the world is witnessing an economic slowdown, then it is PM Shri Modi who thinks that India will rebate tax for crores of citizens."

"Thousands of crores have also been transferred to millions of farmers throughout India under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna. Small traders and entrepreneurs, too, have been brought under a new pension scheme, that will help them



after they attain the age of 60," he said.

He said only for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Today, we can proudly say that Kashmir is ours, Kashmir is for every Indian. The abrogation of Article 370 was done by Prime Minister Shri Modi's will power and the political acumen of Home Minister Shri Amit Shah." ■

How Indian media covered #HowdyModi



How foreign media covered #HowdyModi

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (WSJ)

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It reported how the joint appearance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump before a strong crowd of 50,000 Indian-Americans underscores the growing strategic significance of the relationship between the two largest democracies of the world.

“The joint appearance also underscores the growing strategic significance of US-India ties. The world’s two largest democracies are a vital check on China’s ambitions to dominate the Asia-Pacific region, as Mr. Trump recognizes and Barack Obama did as well,” The Journal said in an op-ed, hours after the event got over.

It further said, “As Trump arrived at the event, the two leaders held hands as they took the stage to a mix of drumbeats and cheers. Many spectators in the crowd of wore white T-shirts with “Howdy, Modi”

written on them. Modi introduced Trump as “my friend, a friend of India” and as someone who “has left a deep and lasting impact everywhere”.

THE WASHINGTON POST

The Washington Post

The Post wrote, “The leaders of the world’s two largest democracies took the stage together in Houston before a roaring crowd of tens of thousands of Indian Americans, where Modi delivered an unmistakable endorsement of Trump’s presidency and cast their joint appearance in historic terms”.

THE BBC



BBC has covered the mega event with the headline: ‘Howdy, Modi!’ Trump hails Indian PM at ‘historic’ Texas rally.



NATION CELEBRATES PM NARENDRA MODI'S 69TH BIRTHDAY

As Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi completed his 69th year on September 17, the whole nation has celebrated his birthday with commitment to serve the country.

While the Bharatiya Janata Party decided to observe the whole week as Seva Saptah, different states celebrated the occasion in their own unique way.

PM Shri Modi visited his home

state Gujarat and witnessed the milestone of the Sardar Sarovar Dam which reached full capacity.

He also visited his mother Heeraba and took her blessings.

Non-governmental organisation Sulabh declared PM Shri Modi's birthday as 'Swachhta Diwas'.

Several exhibitions organised at BJP Headquarters and other places to showcase the social work done by PM Shri Modi. These exhibitions were organised in every district by BJP Karyakartas also displayed the feat of the Central government under PM Shri Modi's leadership.

The Seva Saptah was kicked off by BJP President Shri Amit Shah along with Working President Shri JP Nadda, Shri Vijay Goel and



Shri Vijender Gupta sweeping the floors at AIIMS in New Delhi.

AMIT SHAH KICKS OFF BJP'S 'SEVA SAPTAH' TO MARK PM SHRI NARENDRA MODI'S BIRTHDAY, SWEEPS FLOORS AT AIIMS

Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah along with BJP National Working President and other senior leaders on 14 September, 2019 kicked off the party's "Seva Saptah" (service week) as part of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's birthday celebrations.

Shri Shah, along with Shri JP Nadda, senior party leader Shri Vijay Goel, Shri Vijender Gupta and others swept the floors at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi as part of the 'Seva Saptah' campaign.

The party leaders also visited the patients admitted in the



hospital.

After cleaning the floors at the AIIMS, Shri Shah told the media, "BJP workers across the country will begin celebrating 'Seva Saptah' from today. Our Prime Minister has dedicated his entire life to serve the nation and has worked for the poor."

"So, it is appropriate that we celebrate his birthday week as 'Seva Saptah'."

Shri Shah also asked the party workers to go among the poor across the country and highlight the works of the Centre.

Later BJP National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh said that from September 14-20, the party has undertaken innumerable social initiatives across the nation.

He added that the BJP has also organised several exhibitions to showcase the social work done by PM Shri Modi.

These exhibitions have also organised in every district by the



BJP cadres to display the works of the Centre Government under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi.

ON PM'S BIRTHDAY, DELHI BJP CELEBRATES WITH GIANT LADOO & 370 KG CAKE

From cutting cakes weighing 69 kg and 370 kg to organising

"bhandara" and yagna, BJP leaders and workers in the national capital celebrated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 69th birthday with fanfare on 17 September.

Several Union ministers joined the celebrations, which highlighted the achievements of the Modi government like the Swachh Bharat campaign and the abrogation of special provisions of Article 370.

The celebrations for PM Shri Modi's birthday began at midnight with Delhi BJP president Shri Manoj Tiwari and the party's Yuva Morcha activists cutting a cake at the India Gate.

A 569-kg laddoo was also unveiled at an event organised by Sulabh International, a non-profit organisation, to celebrate PM Shri Modi's birthday as "Swachhta Diwas".

Jal Shakti Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also attended the event.

Shipping Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya took part in a sanitation drive organised by the Delhi BJP's Slum cell at the Wajirpur industrial area. ■



'POK WOULDN'T HAVE EXISTED IF NEHRU HADN'T DECLARED CEASEFIRE': AMIT SHAH

Delivering the keynote address on removal of Article - 370 in J&K in Mumbai, Maharashtra on 22 September, 2019 Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah said three generations of Bharatiya Janata Party have given their lives for Kashmir.

Addressing the huge gathering Shri Amit Shah launched a blistering attack on the Congress and said India's first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's untimely ceasefire led to the creation of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

"PoK wouldn't have come into existence had Nehru not declared untimely ceasefire with Pakistan. Sardar Patel should have handled Kashmir, instead of Nehru," he said.

Shri Shah hailed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his bravery and grit in removing Articles 370 and 35A from Jammu and Kashmir. "I congratulate Prime Minister Shri Modi's bravery and grit. He removed Article 370 and 35A in the very first session of the Parliament as soon as we formed the government for the second time with 305 seats," Shri Shah said.

He then put the Congress and the Nationalist Congress party (NCP) in his line of fire for their stand on Kashmir. "Rahul Gandhi and Sharad Pawar should tell people if they support or oppose removal of Article 370," Shri Shah asked.

The Home Minister said the Congress sees politics behind Article 370 abrogation and targeted former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, insisting that for the BJP scrapping of the controversial Article was fuelled by a desire to keep the country united. "Rahul Gandhi says Article 370 is a political issue. Rahul Baba, you have come into politics now, but

three generations of BJP have given their life for Kashmir, for abrogation of Article 370. It's not a political matter for us; it is part of our goal to keep Bharat maa undivided."

Without naming the Abdullahs and Mehbooba Mufti, he also hit out at them saying, "Three dynasties which ruled Kashmir didn't allow anti-corruption bureau to be set up there. Those who indulged in corruption in Kashmir are now feeling the heat despite the cold there."



Shri Shah said there is no unrest in Kashmir. "Not a single bullet has fired in Kashmir after Article 370 abrogation. In the coming days, terrorism will be finished."

The BJP National President began his speech by endorsing Shri Devendra Fadnavis as chief minister once again after Maharashtra votes in the Assembly polls on October 21.

"The Fadnavis government worked alongside Shri Narendra Modi government at the Centre. The Modi government got a second term and I am sure voters have made up their minds to give Shri Fadnavis another term," Shri Shah said. ■

Abrogation of Article 370 will help J&K people join mainstream of nation: JP Nadda



The abrogation of Article 370 would pave the way for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, so far leading lives of second class citizens, to join the mainstream of the nation, BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda said in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 22 September, 2019.

It is not only a joyous moment for the people of India, but also for those in Jammu and Kashmir because they were leading the lives of second class citizens. Now they can join the mainstream of the nation," he said addressing a gathering on the topic "One nation, one constitution at the Palace Grounds.

Shri Nadda said important laws passed by Parliament over the years, including the Right to Information Act, SC/ST act and those pertaining to domestic violence, will now be implemented there.

"With the abrogation, Gujjars and Bakharwals can also contest elections. There will be reservations for SC/ST in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly," he said.

He said abrogation of Article 370 would also give Dalits the right to join the judicial and administrative services, something which they were not allowed to do previously.

"There were provisions that Dalits from Punjab who went to Jammu and Kashmir cannot do any work other than being sanitation workers. This was the injustice committed on them," he said.

Stating that the world has stood by India on its action of abrogating provisions of Article 370, giving special status to Jammu and Kashmir, Shri JP Nadda said Pakistan stands isolated in the world today.

He flayed the opposition parties for 'spreading lies' for seven decades that Jammu and Kashmir enjoyed special status. "It is not true that Article 370 gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir. It is a historic lie spread by political parties.

If you read the Constitution and Article 370, it's clearly mentioned there that it is temporary and transitional," Shri Nadda said. ■

BJP Working President meets Rahul Dravid, Chandrashekar Kambar



Under party's nationwide Sampark Abhiyan, BJP Working President Shri JP Nadda met former cricketer Rahul Dravid at the latter's residence in Bengaluru on 22 September, 2019. Shri Nadda and the BJP team briefed Dravid on the issue of abrogation of Article 370 and the reasons why it was scrapped.

Shri JP Nadda also met Gyanpith Awardee Shri Chandrasekhar Kambar at his residence in

Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The BJP Working President discussed how the abrogation of Article 370 & 35(A) will help in connecting the people of Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh with mainstream development.

Note, these meetings are part of the party's nationwide Sampark Abhiyan to meet prominent personalities and explain to them the issue of scrapping Article 370 and clarify their doubts, if any.

Sanjay Jaiswal and Satish Punia appointed as new BJP Presidents of Bihar and Rajasthan

The BJP National President Shri Amit Shah on September 14, 2019 appointed Lok Sabha MP Shri Sanjay Jaiswal as party's Bihar unit President, while appointing MLA from Amber Shri Satish Punia, as the party's Rajasthan unit President, a party statement said.

Shri Jaiswal replaced Union Minister (State) Shri Nityanand Rai, as the President of BJP's Bihar unit. Shri Punia, a seasoned organization man,



Sanjay Jaiswal



Satish Punia

has been appointed President of the Rajasthan BJP after the death of state BJP President Shri Madan Lal Saini recently.

AJAY KUMAR APPOINTED AS GENERAL SECRETARY (ORG.) OF UTTARAKHAND

A BJP statement said the party has also appointed Shri Ajay Kumar as General Secretary (Organisation) of Uttarakhand. Shri Ajay Kumar's appointment comes into force with immediate effect. Shri Kumar was serving as the General Secretary (Organisation) of Western Uttar Pradesh. ■



Ajay Kumar

MODI GOVT'S HISTORIC MEASURES TO BOOST ECONOMIC GROWTH

CORPORATE TAX RATES SLASHED TO 22% FOR DOMESTIC COMPANIES AND 15% FOR NEW DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING COMPANIES



The Government has brought in the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019 to make certain amendments in the Income-tax Act 1961 and the Finance (No. 2) Act 2019. This was announced by the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt Nirmala Sitharaman during the Press Conference in Goa on 20 September, 2019.

Elaborating further she said, "In order to promote growth and investment, a new provision has been included in the Income Tax Act, that allows any domestic companies an option to pay income tax at the rate of 22% without exemptions. Amendments will be made through an ordinance to IT Act".

She further announced companies which pay corporate tax at 22%, without any exemption or incentives, would not be required to pay Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT). Making the announcement, the finance minister said the new tax rate would be applicable from the current fiscal which began on April 1.

The FM said that the revenue foregone on reduction in corporate tax and other relief measures would amount to Rs 1.45 lakh crore annually. This, she said, was being done to promote investment and growth.

The Finance Minister elaborated further, the salient features of these amendments, which are as under:-

a. In order to promote growth and investment, a new provision has been inserted in the Income-tax Act with effect from FY 2019-20 which allows any domestic company an option to pay income-tax at the rate of 22% subject to condition that they will not avail any exemption/incentive. The effective tax rate for these companies shall be 25.17% inclusive of surcharge & cess. Also, such companies shall not be required to pay Minimum Alternate Tax.

b. In order to attract fresh investment in manufacturing and thereby provide boost to 'Make-in-India' initiative of the Government, another new provision has been inserted in the Income-tax Act with effect from FY 2019-20 which allows any new domestic company incorporated on or after 1st October 2019 making fresh investment in manufacturing, an option to pay income-tax at the rate of 15%. This benefit is available to companies which do not avail any exemption/incentive and commences their production on or before 31st March, 2023. The effective tax rate for these companies shall be 17.01% inclusive of surcharge & cess. Also, such companies shall not be required to pay Minimum Alternate Tax.

HISTORIC, SAYS PM MODI

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has hailed his government's decision to slash corporate tax rates. "The step to cut corporate tax is historic. It will give a great stimulus to Make in India, attract private investment from across the globe, improve competitiveness of our private sector, create more jobs and result in a win-win for 130 crore Indians," he tweeted.



The announcements in the last few weeks clearly demonstrate that our government is leaving no stone unturned to make India a better place to do business, improve opportunities for all sections of society and increase prosperity to make India a \$5 Trillion economy, he said.

c. A company which does not opt for the concessional tax regime and avails the tax exemption/incentive shall continue to pay tax at the pre-amended rate. However, these companies can opt for the concessional tax regime after expiry of their tax holiday/exemption period. After the exercise of the option they shall be liable to pay

HOW WILL A COMPANY BENEFIT

The current effective tax rate for companies is 30 per cent. That rate is now 22 per cent. For new manufacturing companies the tax rate was 25 per cent. That has been brought down to 15, says Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey

There will be no sunset clause for the tax benefit to new manufacturing companies of 15 per cent. The effective rate was 34.9 per cent taking all surcharges into account, he says.

For new manufacturing companies, the effective rate with surcharges was 29.1 per cent. Now, the basic rate is 15 per cent, and effectively a company will pay only around 17 per cent.

tax at the rate of 22% and option once exercised cannot be subsequently withdrawn. Further, in order to provide relief to companies which continue to avail exemptions/incentives, the rate of Minimum Alternate Tax has been reduced from existing 18.5% to 15%.

d. In order to stabilise the flow of funds into the capital market, it is provided that enhanced surcharge introduced by the Finance (No.2) Act, 2019 shall not apply on capital gains arising on sale of equity share in a company or a unit of an equity oriented fund or a unit

SENSEX ZOOMS OVER 2,000 POINTS AFTER GOVT SLASHES CORPORATE TAX RATE

Immediately after Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman announced government's proposal to cut tax rate for domestic companies and for new domestic manufacturing companies, Sensex jumped by 2,102.40 points touching 38,195.87 on September 20, 2019. This gain marked the highest single-day gain since May 2009.

Domestic equity benchmark BSE Sensex which opened to a rebound of 100 points, zoomed following Smt. Sitharaman's announcements whereas, Nifty rallied 562 points to 11,267.70. The 30-share index was trading at 119 points, or 0.33 per cent, higher at 36,212.74 at 0930 hours, while the broader Nifty



rose 23.90 points, or 0.22 per cent, to 10,728.70 as reported by the media.

"New domestic manufacturing companies incorporated after October 01 can pay income tax at 15 pc rate without any incentives or can pay income tax at a rate of 22 pc subject to the condition that they will not avail any incentive," the Finance Minister announced.

Domestic investor wealth soared by Rs 2.11 lakh crore in morning trade. Led by the spike in equities, the market capitalization of BSE-listed companies climbed Rs 2,11,086.42 crore to Rs 1,40,79,839.48 crore.

WHAT EXPERTS SAY ABOUT THE FINANCE MINISTER'S CORPORATE TAX CUT

It is a bold step and a highly positive one for the economy.

-Shaktikanta Das, RBI Governor

This is a brilliant move and I think this is the way forward. It will push manufacturing in India. More importantly, these are all measures to establish that the government is determined to take India forward and that it understands what is happening on ground. I believe this was the right time to introduce these measures, the RBI and government have worked together and this is the 4th booster and will revive the economy.”

-Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog

Corporate Tax Rate Cut From 30% To 25.2% To Spur Growth- this is a great move which will firmly revive growth n investment. My hats off to FM for this bold but most needed move.

-Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

What the government has done is a very major step. Suddenly the focus is on the importance of manufacturing, making it a very attractive avenue for investment. Ultimately what you want is a lot more investments and what they have said about taxation on new companies coming in is a very innovative and

extremely important step.

-R C Bhargava, Chairman, Maruti Suzuki

There cannot be a better day for India than what has happened today, it is amazing what a bold move by Sitharaman and Modi government. What they have done has not happened anywhere in the world....

-Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta

“This is an extraordinarily good announcement, it is the big bang reform we have been asking for it and glad that this was announced. It is a positive sign that the government is aware of what is happening and is aligned towards revival of animal spirits. It will encourage the FII’s”....

- Ajay Piramal, Piramal Group

“The current reduction in Corporate Tax by Finance Minister is an excellent step that was needed for Indian economy revival and manufacturing sector .. This would certainly help put businesses back on track, generate more employment and most importantly, keep India as the principal investment destination amidst global slowdown.

-Gopichand P. Hinduja, Co-Chairman

of a business trust liable for securities transaction tax, in the hands of an individual, HUF, AOP, BOI and AJP.

e. The enhanced surcharge shall also not apply to capital gains arising on sale of any security including derivatives, in the hands of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs).

In order to provide relief to listed companies which have already made a public announcement of buy-back before 5th July 2019, it is provided that tax on buy-back of shares in case of such companies shall not be charged.

f. The Government has also decided to expand the scope of CSR 2 percent spending. Now CSR 2% fund can be spent on incubators funded by Central or State Government or any agency or Public Sector Undertaking of Central or State Government, and, making contributions to public funded Universities, IITs, National Laboratories and Autonomous Bodies (established under the auspices of ICAR, ICMR, CSIR, DAE, DRDO, DST, Ministry of Electronics and Information

Technology) engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting SDGs.

The total revenue foregone for the reduction in corporate tax rate and other relief estimated at Rs. 1,45,000 crore.

INDUSTRY, MARKET CHEER SLASHING OF CORPORATE TAX RATE

Industry, stock market and experts cheered slashing of corporate tax rate and other announcements by Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman saying the big bang reforms will push economic growth and investments.

“Reducing corporate tax rate to 25 per cent is big bang reform. Allows Indian companies to compete with lower tax jurisdictions like the US. It signals that our government is committed to economic growth and supports legitimate tax abiding companies. A bold, progressive step forward, the heads of companies said. ■

INTEGRAL HUMANISM REVISITED

Integral humanism is not a quick-fix solution for electoral success nor is it a convenient strategy for capturing power. It is not even a political philosophy devised to promote and support any political party. It is a comprehensive world-view which originated in India as a result of the profound insight of generations of wise men who are known as the 'Rishis'. It covers every spectrum of human life and its foundations are eternally sound and always relevant. It is from that rich philosophy that the great Indian culture evolved. Any truly nationalist movement can benefit from this all embracing philosophy. It is inclusive of spiritual as well as material progress of mankind.



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India had a perspective vision of the evolution of human society through various stages, from the Man, the Individual, to Humanity the Universal. In between there are a number of stages one evolving into a larger one in successive wider and wider circles. They do not cancel each other. The smaller unit evolves into the next one each accepting the other. Indian concept was of "Akhandanda Mandalakara" in the shape of unbroken evolutionary circle. Each is necessary for the other and fulfils the other. So the individual man evolves into the family, it grows into the society, expands into the nation and then to humanity which comprises of all the nations, embracing each other in a warm and co-ordial relationship. Nationalism is an

important and vital link in this ladder of human evolution. It cannot be set aside or eliminated as long as human society has not evolved into a level of consciousness which makes nations redundant. But things are as they today, it is too farfetched and unrealistic to think that we are anywhere near that stage. What can be the best solution for today's conflict of nations and civilizations is to organize forum where peaceful co-existence of each is assured in the best manner possible. In

this, India with its strong tradition of Universal acceptance can play its role. It is precisely this that the concept of Integral humanism envisages.

"Don't preach big ideas. Give us something practicable, something that will bring immediate results. We are a political party. Tell us how we can come to power at the earliest." This seems to be the demand of everyone who enters political arena, especially from the younger generations. They look upon politics as a career, a

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shortcut of success. Which also means a shortcut to amass wealth regardless of means? Those who are more talented choose placement in global corporate bodies. Those who are not up to the mark choose politics. This approach to politics wipes away at one stroke all claims of being “party with a difference”. Pre-independent politics was service, patriotism and above all mission. Unless we restore that attitude and image, things will go from bad to worse.

Ideology is philosophy.

highly venerated philosophers. At least in India, there should be no dichotomy.

Conclusion

How do we successfully solve the problems which our country faces? Problems are in fact not only national but global. They are critical. The challenge has to be met. If we fail, the cost we have to pay will be too high. What are the problems? Climatic change, ecological destructions, the divide between the rich and the poor, huge unemployment, terrorism and what not? How can Integral

to shift agriculture workers from villages to towns and industrial cities. The country had to be industrialized, means urbanized. After 60 years, we find rural areas stand neglected and backward. While industrialization has not been able to provide employment anywhere near our expectation, sophisticated technology has reduced the demand for employment. Organised sector has failed to provide employment to the skilled labour. Unskilled labour which form the largest chunk of our population are unorganized, incapable of bargaining and are living at the mercy of middlemen who exploit them. Condition of those who were traditionally living in forests, owning, enjoying and also sustaining the forest wealth are now at the mercy of outside capitalist who have no sympathy for the forest dwellers. Maoism and naxalism are thriving in the forest. Deforestation at a rapid rate is destroying the mandatory forest cover and playing havoc with our natural resources. Sacred rivers and water resources are getting depleted and polluted. The deprived lot in large numbers migrates to megacities and creates unmanageable problems including anti-social activities. This overall view shows that the policies often followed have proved not only unsuccessful but positively unhealthy. It is high time that we change the track. ■

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IDEOLOGY IS PHILOSOPHY. PHILOSOPHY ACCORDING TO SOME PEOPLE IS IMPRACTICAL. POLITICS IS THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE. SO HOW DO YOU RECONCILE POLITICS WITH PHILOSOPHY AND IDEOLOGY? THIS IS A QUESTION THAT CONFRONTS THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF THE POLITICAL WORKERS, EVEN THOSE WHO ENTER POLITICS WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS.

Philosophy according to some people is impractical. Politics is the art of the possible. So how do you reconcile politics with philosophy and ideology? This is a question that confronts the younger generation of the political workers, even those who enter politics with the best of intentions. Therein lies the challenge, Bhagavad Gita says “Yogah karmasu kousalam”. Yoga is skill in action. It lies in combining idealism with pragmatism. Our great political leaders were also

Humanism help us in solving these problems? We have to begin by ridding our own house of these complex problems to start with. Most of our assumptions have gone wrong. It was thought that industrialization will bring about fundamental changes by providing more employment, enrichment and empowerment of the poor and peaceful and harmonious society. Our post independent leaders thought that agriculture based economy breeds poverty and backwardness. They wanted

JAITLEY JI WAS A STALWART BLESSED WITH SO MUCH TALENT: PM



A prayer meet was organized by the BJP at JL Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on September 10 for paying tribute to former finance minister and BJP leader Shri Arun Jaitley. Remembering the departed soul Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said ““One shouldn’t face a situation when one has to offer condolences for his friend who was younger than him. I consider myself unfortunate.” PM Modi recounted how, despite the ability to afford 5-star accommodations, during party conventions, Jaitley preferred the one offered to him by the BJP. He said “Arun Jaitley Ji remained a very close friend. He was a stalwart blessed with so much talent. He was a multi-faceted personality. I miss his presence”

He added, “Shri Jaitley was a great friend of his since long but

my only regret is that being out of the country, I could not see him for the last time and pay my last respect to him.” This fact will always continue to burden my heart”, he said.

He said, “Arun ji used his talent to solve the problem of the country and society. Taking inspiration from his trait we should do something good for the country and society.

“If a client spoke to Jaitley Ji in private, the client would be disappointed. Because, he or she would feel Jaitley Ji was not bothered about the case. But, in Court Jaitley Ji was so brilliant, he would know all the facts of the case and ensure that the case is won.” “Whatever work Jaitley Ji got, he added tremendous value to that. We will all remember so many memories with Arun Ji. His life inspires us to work harder for the nation.”

The BJP National President and Home Minister Shri Amit Shah speaking in the prayer meeting said, I was passing through hard times when I came to Delhi . At that time Shri Jaitley always stood by me like an elder brother. I never felt then that I had to leave my state and family. It was all due to Shri Jaitley.”

The BJP National Working President Shri JP Nadda said “The demise of Jaitley ji was irreparable loss to the BJP. His life was devoted to the party. During J.P movement he inspired many youths. He had the ability to solve great difficult problems in minutes.

The BJP senior leader Shri Lal Krishna Advani, union ministers, leader of opposition, MPs and several other dignitaries were present at the event. Jaitley’s family members were also present at the event. ■

MODI GOVT MAKING FANTASTIC EFFORTS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: UN

India is an important actor and “fundamental partner” in international efforts on climate action and is making a “fantastic effort” to grow its renewable energy basket, UN chief Antonio Guterres has said.

UN Secretary General Guterres, who has met Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on several occasions, recalled his leadership of the International Solar Alliance and described India’s gift of 193 solar panels to the world organisation as “very useful.”

“There has been a huge investment in India in relation to solar power. India still has a meaningful amount of coal and we have also discussed that. And he (Modi) has a number of other initiatives of different sorts related to the Clean India (campaign) and many other aspects that will have, we believe and we hope, a strong impact from the point of view of India’s progressive performance in relation to climate action,” Guterres said in response to a question by PTI here on India’s climate action efforts.

Guterres was speaking to a small and select group of journalists at a special luncheon hosted by him ahead of the high-level Climate Action Summit that will open on September 23.

Shri Modi will be among the first set of speakers at the Summit in the UN General Assembly chamber along with Prime Minister of New Zealand Jacinda Ardern, President of Marshall Islands Hilda Heine and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

“So India is a very important actor, an actor with a legacy that is very complex, because of the coal weight in the production of electricity. And so India for us is a fundamental partner in this discussion. And obviously, part of the dialogue was also related to our own efforts and the need to green the UN,” he said.

Noting that he would like to see environment sustainability and climate action efforts at the UN accelerated, he said “the Indian cooperation on the solar park is very useful,” he said.

In response to another question, he said India is also a huge coal producer but the country is making

a “fantastic effort” in relation to renewables and that also needs to be underlined.”

On a question about nuclear power, Guterres said that for some countries, nuclear energy is an important tool in their efforts to become carbon neutral, and the UN has to respect that option of those countries.

“I mean, I was talking to Prime Minister Shri Modi and one of the things he would like to do is to add more nuclear energy” to the energy scope of the



country. “This is something that we respect,” the UN chief said.

In a first of its kind symbolic India’s effort at the UN, a 50-kilowatt ‘Gandhi Solar Park’ will be inaugurated by Shri Modi during his visit for the high-level UN General Assembly session on 24 Sept., a gesture that highlights India’s willingness to go beyond the talk on climate change and climate action.

At a contribution of about one million dollars, India has gifted solar panels that have been installed on the roof of the UN Headquarters, one panel each for every 193 UN Member States to mark Mahatma Gandhi’s 150th birth anniversary. ■

ACTING FAR EAST: INDIA HAS RAMIFIED ITS ENERGY DIPLOMACY BY BEING A FIRST MOVER IN RUSSIA'S ENERGY-RICH EAST



DHARMENDRA PRADHAN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Vladivostok on September 4. The visit and its outcomes are a peek into how foreign policy has transmuted in the past few years of the Modi regime, affecting every sector and percolating affirmatively into the common person's life.

The highlight of the visit were the inroads made in Russia's Far East region – an underdeveloped part of the country brimming with natural resources, like oil and gas, diamonds, gold, coal and other vital polymetals. 49 MoUs were signed between the Russian and Indian public and private players during the PM's visit.

India and Russia have had a special, privileged and strategic partnership but the relation in recent days has steadily expanded into non-traditional spheres. Before his Vladivostok sojourn Modi sent two Union ministers, including me, and four CMs to scout for investment and trade opportunities in the country.

Here is a snapshot of why



Russia is vital for us, especially as a trade partner. Russia is a global energy powerhouse – it is the largest holder of hydrocarbons and the largest exporter of gas in the world. India, on the other hand, is heavily import-reliant for crude oil and LNG.

It is, therefore, imperative that we diversify our sources in the age of volatile geopolitics. Moreover, in moving towards a \$5 trillion economy, the demand for energy will only go up. Russia has the potential to be a natural and stable partner for fulfilling the needs of an aspirational people, while also benefitting from the partnership.

Our strategy has been twofold: one, to increase Indian assets in the region, and the other, to enter into stable supply contracts.

Towards the first end, we have invested around \$15 billion in Russian assets, including OVL's investment in Sakhalin-I and Vankorneft that have been one of their best investments to date.

For achieving the second objective, Indian companies are now entering into long-term crude contracts with Russian partners. For instance, GAIL entered into a contract with Gazprom for purchase of 2.5 mmtpa of gas. Russia, looking to increase its LNG exports, signed an agreement with the government for increased use of LNG as a transport fuel, which includes preparation and evaluation of readiness of vehicles, information exchange, developing city gas distribution networks and so forth.

The Russian government is taking several steps – that will work to our advantage – to increase the viability of export of hydrocarbons, including through the development of the North Sea Route, development of port infrastructure and the development of an incentive-based tax regime, which will encourage companies to invest in assets in the Arctic. On the other hand, Russia is the largest investor in India's oil and gas sector, with Rosneft-led consortium's investment of \$12.9 billion in 2017.

Additionally, for the first time we found significant openings in sourcing of metallurgical coal – which is not produced in significant quantities in India but majorly feeds into the steel industry – from the Russian Far

East. Non-binding MoUs between NMDC and SAIL with the Russian Far East mining company, that provide for long-term contracts for sourcing, exploring and extracting metallurgical coal resources from the region and also training of experts and joint development of future technologies, have been exchanged.

Owing to the PM's visionary diplomacy India has partaken of the first mover's advantage in the Far East. The government has extended a \$1 billion line of credit to the region, primarily an enabling clause to help our businesspeople set up shop at a place, which lacks infrastructure but is vitally rich in trade potential. This will be a tool for the government to handhold its own commercial interests in the region.

Modi's astute diplomacy has resulted in a paradigmatic shift in India's standing in diplomatic negotiations. It is, indeed, a matter of pride for us that while we have emulated the Soviet model of five-year plans, today, the Russians want to come to India to understand our city gas distribution networks and its implementation strategies. So also for the Ujjwala scheme, where Latin American, African and our neighbouring governments have sent delegations to understand how the scheme was implemented. Moreover, because of our diversification of crude procurement, consumer countries now have a voice in forums like Opec, which have traditionally been producer dominated. ■

(The writer is Union minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel)

INDIA JUMPS 11 SPOTS ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC FREEDOM INDEX

India has jumped 11 spots on Global Economic Freedom index from last year's 96th spot to the current ranking of 79. The latest gain is promising news for the Indian economy which is currently reeling under slowdown, Indian think-tank Centre for Civil Society said on 14 September, 2019. "It is well established that economic freedom fosters economic growth by affecting incentives leading to efficient use of resources. The freedom to choose and supply resources, competition in business, openness to trade, and legally protected property rights are central ingredients for economic progress," said Centre for Civil Society. The Economic Freedom

of the World Report 2019 surveyed a total of 162 countries.



India's current ranking is better than one of the major economies of the world — China — which stood at 113th. Two Asian countries viz Hong Kong and Singapore continue their winning streak of last year with 1st and 2nd position respectively. New Zealand, Switzerland, the United States, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and Mauritius are in the top 10 and have most economic freedom measured via a gamut of factors including levels of personal choice, ability to enter markets, the security of privately-owned property etc. " ■

INDIA WILL RESTORE 26 MILLION HECTARES OF DEGRADED LAND BY 2030: PM MODI

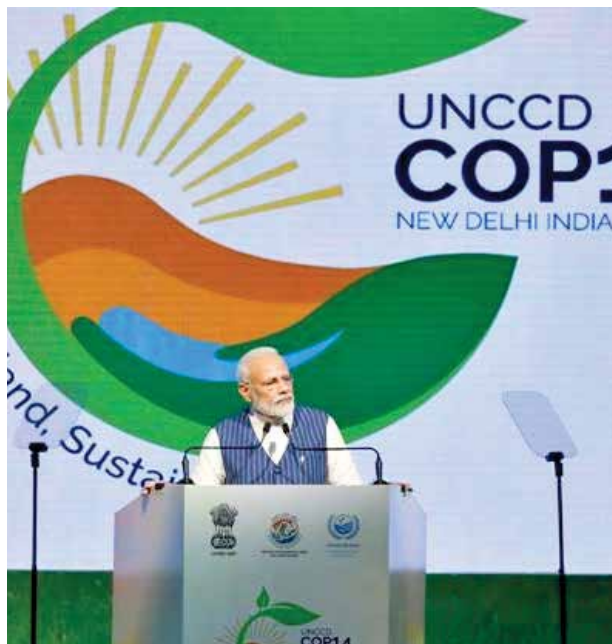
The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on September 9 inaugurated the High-Level Segment Meeting of the 14th Conference of Parties (COP14) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), at Expo Mart, Greater Noida in august presence of Mr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Ms. Amina Jane Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General United Nations; Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD; Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC); Shri Babul Supriyo, MoS, MoEF&CC and other dignitaries.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister reaffirmed India's commitment to addressing all the three main concerns of the Rio Conventions. He also stated that India has hosted global gatherings through the CoP's for all the three Conventions. "Going forward, India would be happy to propose initiatives for greater South-South cooperation in addressing issues of climate change, biodiversity and land degradation", said the Prime Minister.

During his address, the Prime Minister announced "India would raise its ambition of the total area that would be restored from its land degradation status, from twenty-one million hectares to twenty-six million hectares between now and 2030". This will be focused on restoring land productivity and ecosystem services of 26 million hectares of most degraded and vulnerable land, with emphasis on the degraded agricultural, forest and other wastelands by adopting

a landscape restoration approach.

Shri Narendra Modi also announced India's proposal to setup a global technical support institute for the member countries of the UNCCD for their capacity building and support regarding the Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Program. "I am happy to state that India would be happy to help other friendly countries develop land restoration strategies through cost effective satellite and space technology", said the Prime Minister.



Acknowledging the importance of the role of water, Shri Narendra Modi called upon the leadership of UNCCD to conceive a global water action agenda which is central to the Land Degradation Neutrality strategy. "When we address degraded lands, we also address water scarcity. Augmenting water supply, enhancing water recharge, slowing down water run-off and retaining moisture in the soil are all parts of a holistic land and water strategy", said the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister also advocated on the need to eradicate the menace of single use plastic, he stated "My Government has announced that India will put an end to single use plastic in the coming years. I believe the time has come for even the world to say good-bye to single use plastic".

Shri Prakash Javadekar in his opening remarks lauded the Prime Minister's efforts towards green activities, "Prime Minister played a leading role in Paris Summit; he has been the guiding force behind India's ambitious program of achieving 175 GW of renewable energy production".

The Environment Minister pointed out that the COP14 has emerged as a global platform to discuss matters of great importance concerning the environment, he stated "More than 190 Countries, 100 Ministers and 8000 participants from all across the globe came together to discuss and work on promotion of land restoration and climate resilience at UNCCD COP14".

The Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Mr Ralph Gonsalves also spoke at length on climate change and desertification. He also acknowledged the Prime Minister for his concerted efforts in addressing these issues. "We all should stand united to resolve the Climate Change issue and make UNCCD COP14 path breaking. I acknowledge the role of Government of India & initiatives of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for environment".

Noting the five summits to be held in New York soon, Ibrahim Thiaw, UNCCD Executive Secretary, said "the agreements we reach here about how to restore, protect and manage our land on a massive scale and how to trigger a seismic shift in private sector partnerships to make it happen can immediately help ramp up the ambition of action plans for everyone involved".

Over the past week, various deliberations were conducted on restoration of degraded land, the Environment Minister in a Press Conference later today also announced that the Delhi declaration will be announced tomorrow which will be accountable for the actions by various countries, "The draft Delhi declaration is almost ready, discussions throughout last week was very productive; this is one area where there is more unanimity than divergence of views". ■

PM Modi and PM Oli Inaugurats of Motihari-Amlekhganj (Nepal) pipeline

PM Shri Modi and PM Shri Oli of Nepal on September 10 jointly inaugurated a cross-border petroleum products pipeline via video conference. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Nepal, Right Hon'ble K.P. Sharma Oli today jointly inaugurated South Asia's first cross-border petroleum products pipeline from Motihari in India to Amlekhgunj in Nepal through video conference.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Oli expressed appreciation for early implementation of this important connectivity project, completed much ahead of schedule.

Prime Minister Modi said that the 69-km Motihari-Amlekhgunj pipeline, having a capacity of 2 million metric ton per annum, will provide cleaner petroleum products at affordable



cost to the people of Nepal. He welcomed the announcement made by Prime Minister Oli to reduce the price of petroleum products by Rs. 2 per litre in Nepal.

Prime Minister Modi noted that regular exchanges at highest political levels have laid down a forward looking agenda for expanding India-

Nepal partnership. He expressed confidence that bilateral relations between India and Nepal will continue to further deepen and expand across diverse sectors.

Prime Minister Oli extended an invitation to the Prime Minister Modi to visit Nepal, which was accepted by Prime Minister Modi. ■

2021 CENSUS TO BE CONDUCTED DIGITALLY: AMIT SHAH

Union Home Minister and BJP National President Shri Amit Shah mooted the idea of a multipurpose identity card for citizens with all utilities like Aadhaar, passport, driving license and bank accounts.

The Home Minister also said that a mobile app will be used for the first time in the 2021 census and the country would be moving from the pen and paper census to digital data, which will be a big revolution in the country's census exercise.

"Why can't we have just one card for all utilities like Aadhaar, passport, bank account, driving licence, voter card. There should be a system that all data should be put together in a single card. This is a potential. That is why digital census is very important," he said after laying the foundation stone of a new building of the Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner in New Delhi on 23 September, 2019.

For the 2021 census, the reference date is October 1, 2020, for Jammu and Kashmir and snow-bound areas of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand while for the rest of country, it is March 1, 2021. Census will be carried out in 16 languages and at a cost of Rs 12,000 crore.

Shri Shah said the Census 2021 data will be the base for the country's future planning, development initiatives and welfare schemes and people's wholehearted participation is key to the success of the exercise. "India's total 130 crore population should be informed about its

benefits. How the census data could be used for future planning, development initiatives and welfare schemes. The utilization of census data is multi-dimensional and will be a significant contribution in nation's progress," he said.

The home minister also said the census will help in demarcating boundaries of municipal wards, assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies.

He appealed to census officials to carry out the exercises sincerely as this is an opportunity for them to do 'Punya' (holy deed), which will help in nation building.



Shri Amit Shah said earlier the government used to do welfare schemes on a piecemeal basis and no comprehensive planning was done by previous governments. "The whole approach was changed when Narendra Modi became the prime minister in 2014. The approach has been changed completely, the thinking has been changed. Goals have been set to completely eradicate the problems," he said.

The Home Minister said on the

basis of the 2011 Census, the Modi government had planned 22 welfare schemes related to electricity connection to every homes, gas connection, construction of roads, houses for the poor, toilets, bank accounts, opening of bank branch etc.

He cited the example of the government's flagship 'Ujjwala' scheme of providing free LPG connections to poor families, saying it has been successful as the scheme was prepared on the basis of the 2011 census data. "By 2022, there will not be a family which will not have a gas connection," he said.

Shri Shah also said the 2011 census reflected the poor sex ratio of male and female in some states. That's why the programme of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' was launched. Under this scheme, the Haryana government has done so much work in the last five years that the state's sex ratio is now among the best in the country, he said.

He said India's population is 17.5 per cent of the world's total population while the geographical area is just 2.4 per cent of the total geographical area of the world. "So, naturally, India has limited natural resources in comparison to the population. Therefore, to fill up this gap of inequality, we will have to work hard," he said.

He also said the data for the National Population Register (NPR), a list of usual residents of the country, will also be collected along with the census exercise. ■

Rajnath Singh scripts history by becoming the first Raksha Mantri to fly 'Tejas'

During his day-long visit on September 19 to Bengaluru, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh visited Centre for Airborne Systems, DRDO, where he was shown several indigenous products of various DRDO labs. The products included AEW&C, Radar Systems, EW Systems, UAV's, Nirbhay Missile, Robotic vehicles, Indigenous Aircraft Engine, Small Turbofan Engine, Bio Medical Systems, Microwave transmitters for missiles, semiconductor components and several other products.

Earlier in the day, Shri Rajnath Singh scripted history by becoming the first Raksha Mantri to fly the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas'. He undertook 30-minute sortie in the indigenously-built multi-role fighter aircraft with Air Vice Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari, at the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Airport.

Addressing the DRDO fraternity at Centre for Airborne

Systems, Raksha Mantri said it was a very proud and memorable moment for him to fly the indigenously developed fighter aircraft. He appreciated the constant effort put forth by the scientists and technicians in the development of



indigenous defence systems. Shri Rajnath Singh stated that continuing success of ASTRA missile, LCA Tejas and successful utilization of NETRA in Balakot has re-imposed the confidence of country in DRDO. He declared that with continuing efforts, country should aim at meeting the requirement of our Defense Services through indigenous efforts.

Eminent dignitaries such as Chairman HAL, Director General (ECS), Director General (Aeronautics Systems), Director General (PC& SI), Director General (Med&Cos) financial advisers, DRDO Scientists, Service Officers from armed forces, HAL and other agencies were present on the occasion. ■

CABINET APPROVES PROMULGATION OF THE PROHIBITION OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ORDINANCE

In a major health and wellness initiative for the country, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 19 has approved the Promulgation of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution, storage and advertisement) Ordinance, 2019.

Electronic-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that produce aerosol by heating a solution containing nicotine, which is the addictive substance in combustible cigarettes. These include all forms of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, Heat Not Burn Products, e-Hookah and the like devices. These novel products come with attractive appearances and multiple flavors

and their use has increased exponentially and has acquired epidemic proportions in developed countries, especially among youth and children.

Upon promulgation of the Ordinance, any production, manufacturing, import, export, transport, sale (including online sale), distribution or advertisement (including online advertisement) of e-cigarettes shall be a cognizable offence punishable with an imprisonment of up to one year or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh or both for the first offence; and imprisonment of up to three years and fine up to Rs. 5 lakh for a subsequent offence. Storage of electronic-cigarettes shall also be punishable with an imprisonment up to 6 months or fine up to Rs 50,000 or both. ■

PM LAUNCHES PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN MAAN DHAN YOJANA

Rashtriya Pension Yojana Launched for Traders & Self-Employed



In another major effort to secure the lives of the farmers, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 12 launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana at Ranchi, the Capital of Jharkhand.

The Scheme shall secure the lives of 5 Crore Small and Marginal Farmers by providing a minimum pension of Rs 3000 per month, to those who attain 60 years of age.

Prime Minister also launched the National Pension Scheme for the Traders and The Self-Employed.

The scheme aims at providing a minimum assured pension of Rs 3000, to small traders and self-employed after attaining the age of 60 Years. Around 3 Crore Small traders would be benefitted from the scheme. PM stated that the electoral promise of a strong government that will fulfill your aspirations is delivered.

"I said that every farmer family of the country will get the benefit of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi after the formation of the new government. Today, more than

21 thousand crore rupees have been deposited in the accounts of about six and a half crore farmer families of the country. There are also 8 lakh farmer families of Jharkhand, in whose account about two hundred and fifty crores have been deposited."

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi reiterated "Development is our priority as well as commitment. Our government is trying to provide a shield of social security to every Indian."

"Government is becoming the companion of those who need it the most. Since March this year, a similar pension scheme is going on for crores of unorganized sector workers of the country."

"More than 32 lakh laborers have also joined the Shramayogi Manadhan Yojana. More than 22 crore people have joined Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, out of which more than 30 lakh beneficiaries are from Jharkhand only. Also under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, about 44 lakh poor patients have been benefitted, out of which about 3 lakh are from Jharkhand."

In an effort to empower all, the Prime Minister today launched 462 Ekalavya Model Schools across the country in Tribal Dominated Areas. The schools would focus to provide quality upper primary, secondary and senior secondary level education to ST Students in these areas.

"These Ekalavya schools will not only serve as medium of education for tribal children but there will also be facilities for sports and skill development along with protection of local arts and culture. In these schools, the government will spend more than one lakh rupees a year on every tribal child."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also inaugurated the Multi-Modal Transport Terminal at Sahibganj.

"Today I also have the privilege of inaugurating the Sahibganj multi-modal terminal. This is not just another project, but is giving a new option of transportation to this entire region. This waterway will connect Jharkhand not only with the whole country, but also with foreign countries. From this terminal, the tribal brothers and sisters, farmers here, will now be able to access their produce in the markets across the country more easily, PM added."

The Prime Minister also inaugurated the New Vidhan Sabha Building of Jharkhand.

"Today, nearly two decades after the formation of the state, the temple of democracy is being inaugurated in Jharkhand. This building is the holy place where the foundation of the golden future of the people of Jharkhand will be laid and dreams of present and

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on September 12 inaugurated the newly constructed three-storey building of the Jharkhand Assembly at Kute gram in Ranchi.
- PM Modi also inaugurated a multi-modal cargo terminal and laid the foundation of a secretariat building in Ranchi.



future generations will be realized". PM also laid the foundation stone of the new building of the Secretariat.

The Prime Minister exhorted the country to reduce the usage of Single-Use Plastic.

Referring to the Swachhata Hi Seva Programme launched on the 11th September 2019, the Prime Minister said, "Since yesterday, the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign has started in the country. Under this campaign, by October 2, we have to collect single-use plastic in our homes, schools, offices. On October 2, the day of Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary, we have to remove that plastic pile". ■

Amit Shah congratulates ABVP for sweeping Delhi University (DUSU) elections

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) dominated the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) elections as it won three of the four seats, while the Congress-affiliated National Students' Union of India (NSUI) bagged only one. The results were announced on 13 September, 2019.

As per the election results ABVP's Ashwit Dahiya defeated NSUI candidate Chetna Tyagi for the top post by a margin of over 19,000 votes. Pradeep Tanwar and Shivangi Kharwal, both from the ABVP, secured the maximum number of votes for the posts

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of President, Vice-President, and joint secretary, respectively. ■



‘SENSITIVITIES AND ASPIRATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO BE RESPECTED FOR BETTER RELATIONS’

An eleven-member BJP delegation visited China from 26 August to 01 September, 2019 led by BJP National General Secretary Shri Arun Singh at the invitation of the Communist Party of China. They visited Beijing, Guangzhou and other places of China. During their interaction, the delegation made it clear that “sensitivities and aspirations” of both countries were to be respected for better relations, while making a pitch for a reduction in trade deficit and more cooperation in the fields of pharmaceuticals, agriculture and tourism.

The visit between political parties comes after a gap of nearly a decade and in the run-up to the second edition of an informal summit between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, to be held in Mamallapuram between 10-12 October, 2019.

Shri Arun Singh was accompanied by In-Charge of BJP Foreign Affairs Department, Shri Vijay Chauthaiwale, National Spokesperson on Economic Affairs Shri Gopal Agarwal, party MPs Shri Shivkumar Udasi (Karnataka), Shri Suresh Pujari (Odisha), Shri Raksha Khadse (Maharashtra), Shri Vivek

Narayan Shejwalkar (Madhya Pradesh), Shri Mahesh Poddar (Rajya Sabha), Chandigarh BJP president Shri Sanjay Tandon, Delhi BJP spokesperson Shri Ashok Goel and Delhi BJYM secretary Neetu Dabas.

The delegation met with CPC standing committee member Ye Zhenqin, Guo Yezhou (vice minister of IDCPC) and Song Tao, minister IDCPC, to whom a letter from Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed to President Xi Jinping was also handed over. The delegation members said the dilution of Article 370 was raised in the meetings held with members of the CPC, but that the Indian side had conveyed that “each one should respect the other country’s sensitivities and aspirations” and that no territorial change affecting relations with any country had taken place. The BJP delegation also said that it would “hurt Indian sentiments” if China was seen to take the side of any country “fostering and promoting terror” against India, a reference to Pakistan.

The BJP delegation urged China to take measures to increase imports from India so that the \$57.86 billion trade deficit could be brought down.

Talking to media later Shri Arun Singh said, “We maintained that there is no change in the territory of any country. And the whole purpose of the move of Article 370 was the welfare of the people in the state”.

Shri Vijay Chauthaiwale, who was part of the delegation, said the BJP’s decision to go ahead with this visit despite the developments at the UNSC showed that the ruling party “was keen to have dialogues”.

Another highlight of the visit, Shri Chauthaiwale said is that BJP’s National President Shri Amit Shah had written a letter meant for Chinese President Xi Jinping. The letter, which was handed over to the CPC leadership, apparently said that there should be more interactions between the two parties. ■



Shri Arun Singh, who described the visit at the invitation of CPC as “extremely successful”, said that ruling party leaders have suggested agriculture products, pharmaceutical and tourism sectors as the areas where Beijing can work to bring down the huge trade deficit between the two countries.



PM Shri Narendra Modi with the President of USA Donald Trump at the Howdy Modi in Houston, USA



PM Shri Narendra Modi in a group photograph with the CEOs in Houston, USA



PM Shri Narendra Modi and the President of Mongolia Khaltmaagiin Battulga unveiling a statue of Lord Buddha at the Gandan Monastery in Mongolia at a programme in Delhi



PM Shri Narendra Modi flanked by the Governor of Jharkhand Smt. Droupadi Murmu and CM Shri Raghubar Das at the newly inaugurated Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha complex



PM Shri Narendra Modi at the Animal Health Fair in Mathura, UP

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